

The End of the MTC/Reassignment... again???

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Hello my friends!!



Alternative Title: God throws curveballs, but we hit dingers

(shoutout Elder Harrison)

Please hop on the best Google Photos album this side of the Mississippi: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4P9d4ozmNzrznkWr7>

This week has been an awesome week full of learning and growth. It has also been a fantastic week to learn how to better trust in the Lord and His plan for me.

This week was also my last week here in the MTC! I'm so thankful for my experience here. I've learned a lot. I think I'll write and reflect about my experience here in the MTC next week, so stay tuned for that.

I'm so thankful for my teachers and my district and the friendships I have made while I was here. I'm so thankful for the support of my Heavenly Father and my Savior, who I know will support me as I go to the field.

Speaking of the field, last week, I shared that I would be serving a temporary reassignment in the California Anaheim Mission (the mission my mom served in when she was a missionary, as I neglected to mention last week). I am here to share that this week, I am no longer serving in Anaheim.

No, I did not receive my visa. That would've been cool. But no, something MUCH funnier came to pass. On Friday, I received an email saying that I am not able to arrive in Anaheim this week because their transfer cycle does not line up. So I am being reassigned from my reassignment.

While I would LOVE to tell you where I am going, I do not know myself. In fact, nobody currently knows where I am going. I'm stuck here in the MTC until I get my reassignment, and then they'll be getting me out of here as soon as possible. This is a true whirlwind of storms, but I know the Lord has a plan for me, and I know that He will bless me.

Without further ado, here is some (other) highlights/lowlights from this week:

- Last Monday, we started FSL/SYL (Fala Sua Língua/Speak Your Language). This is where we're not allowed to speak English at all during our last week of the MTC. I've definitely tried, but I'm not very good at it. This is both a highlight and a lowlight!!


- On Tuesday, some of our district got to go to the Provo City Center temple! It was awesome to do a session there. We felt like such disobedient missionaries because we literally walked out of the MTC



campus and took public transit but like then again it's Provo, so the whole city is like the MTC campus. Anyway, I have an incredible testimony of the peace that The House of The Lord brings.

- Also on Tuesday, we heard from President Emily Belle Freeman for our devotional. She spoke about listening to the words of prophets and heeding their calls. I especially loved when she shared a quote from 2 Kings 20, which reads, "I have heard your prayer. I have seen your tears. Behold, I will heal thee." Her husband spoke about the days when we don't want to get up, and how those are the days when we have to rely solely on Jesus Christ. I loved both of their messages dearly.



- We took the EI  The EI is a language test that shows how good we are at Portuguese after ~5 weeks of learning. I am positive that I got cooked by it. So positive, in fact, that I wrote this blurb before I even took the EI (no I will not update this paragraph with how well I did).

- On Saturday, we were playing some Ultimate Frisbee at the MTC field, when one of the other Elders decided to throw the Frisbee over the fence directly into the Rock Canyon Temple Construction Zone. It's not a big deal, like at all, I swear. I just wanted to elicit a feeling of shame from that Elder, since he's on



the email list.

- Also on Saturday, The Holy War™ Football Game between UofU and BYU took place here in Provo, so we could see the game going on during our evening class. Let's just say that not a lot of work got done while that was happening... (shoutout to OG for game updates)

Spiritual Thought:

I had a really nice spiritual experience when reading one of my favorite scriptures in Portuguese this week. I thought I'd share a little (or a lot; I've never been brief),

I absolutely adore Luke 5:12-13. Two verses about The Savior healing a man with leprosy. Jesus was walking on the road when a man with leprosy saw Him, and then fell on his face. The man with leprosy says to Him, "*Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean*"

In verse 13, it says, "*And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.*" One of my favorite things about these verses is the fact that in between verse 12 and 13, there's no indication that the man with leprosy moves anywhere closer to Jesus. Which means that for Jesus to touch him and heal him, He had to walk up to man with leprosy. The Savior was the one to close the gap, and heal him. That's why these verses are some of my favorites, because Christ closed the gap. I know that Christ will do the same for you, if you seek His comfort. Anything you struggle with, ask for comfort or assistance, and The Savior will close the gap, and make us clean, and a little bit better than we were before.

On Friday, I read these verses in Portuguese for the first time and something very special spoke to me. In verse 13, instead of The Savior saying, "*I will; be thou clean*", it has Jesus saying, "*Quero: sê limpo*". The word *Quero* means "I want". Jesus didn't heal the man out of a duty or responsibility, or because the man was just there in front of Him. Jesus healed the man because He **wanted** to heal him. And I know that Jesus wants to heal all of you, too. He wants you to be happy. He wants you to be clean. He wants to help you. He will close the gap and heal you, because He wants to. I'm so thankful for a Savior that closes the gap, and wants to close that gap.

I'm so thankful to be in a place that facilitated this learning. I'm so thankful for the people who around me, and those who have been around me, who have blessed me with their lives and their passion and their testimonies. I don't know where I would be without their presence in my life.

Make today a good day! Let me know how you have been! I miss all of you so much and I hope you are doing well. Please feel free to reach out and ask me questions!

I love you all and I hope that you have had a good week. ***Please know that you are loved, and you are***



wanted.

Keep an eye out for miracles! Maybe you just might see one today.

Tchau Tchau!!
-Elder John Gee

Pics include:

- The best district in the world (I defy you to name a better district)
- MTC campus yesterday morning after Elder's Quorum

- Napisinha (no, the Portuguese word for nap is not napisinha, but I do not care)
- Elders at the ProvoCC temple





