

... Where is your cow???



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Hello my friends!

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It's been another incredible week in Anaheim! And my first full week here!

I've really enjoyed my time here in Anaheim so far, and I'm worried that because I'm enjoying it, they're gonna yank me out of here and send me to Brazil. Which is not something I'm



complaining about AT ALL, I just find it a tad funny

Notable Events:

- I participated in 3 exchanges this week. So I had four different companionship pairings in 4 days, which was fun! It's been a blast to meet and get to know the Elders in my district here in Cypress.

- Halloween was so much fun! We had to be in our apartment by 6pm, so we ended up calling some of our friends and I did some language study for a bit. Definitely not my favorite Halloween, but not my least favorite either!

- There was a Día de los Muertos Family History event in Orange, and we were told that if we had a friend coming to it, we could go for an hour. We texted like 50 people asking if they were coming and we saw our recent convert, Mark, and his niece and mom there. It was an awesome event! They had live music, authentic Mexican food, and it was all outside of the OC Family History Center! I had a churro with some Mexican Hot Chocolate. O evento foi muito bom e eu o amei muito.

- We had Zone Conference!!! Our Mission Leaders, President and Sister Galotera had such an incredible conference planned for us. They asked me to introduce myself because I was new,

and because I wasn't expecting to speak or say anything, I forgot one of my companion's names. But we talked about putting in "All That We Can Do" to get our friends to church and help them feel the Spirit.

- Fun Fact: The California Anaheim Mission used to be known colloquially as "The Singing Mission". Let's just say that we're bringing it back, because we've been challenged to sing in every single in-person lesson that we have. Our weekly training meeting was even about singing. It's a lot of fun, because my companions aren't singers at all (and they will be the first ones to tell you that) and it's inspiring to see how willing they are to do something that they don't feel 100% comfortable doing.

- We had a meal with some members yesterday, and they cooked up a bunch of steaks and had corn and mashed potatoes and it was sooooo good. One of the members is a sweet old woman with dementia. I sat next to her and at one point she leaned over to me to ask a question, and the entire room was silent to hear what she had to ask, and she asked me, "Where is your cow?" And that was one of the few complete sentences that she said the entire meal! She was so funny and very very sweet. I didn't have the heart to tell her that I because I don't have a cow, I had absolutely no idea where it was.

Spiritual Thought:

This week was a weird week, because it's the first week my entire mission where I didn't already have a Spiritual Thought in mind to share, so I had to do some reading through my journal to see if anything stood out. Thankfully, something did!

During Zone Conference, our Mission Leaders spoke a lot about the Celestial Kingdom. At one point, Sister Galotera said that "You may be looking at a Celestial topic with Telestial eyes". This basically means that you may be trying to understand God's plan using your limited viewpoint.

It's important that we trust in the Lord's plan. I struggle a lot with trusting in the Lord's plan. I struggle a lot with patience and being able to wait for things that have not yet come. It's something that has become increasingly apparent since I've become a missionary.

I really enjoyed Sister Tracy Y. Browning's talk from October 2024, entitled, '*Seeking Answers to Spiritual Questions*'. I encourage y'all to read it! Here's a quote from it that I really enjoyed:

"Heavenly Father's plan of happiness for all of us is designed to help us progress despite our limitations and accomplish what we cannot accomplish on our own, *even without a complete knowledge of all things.*"

I know that when we have questions that we don't have answers to, it's important that we have faith and trust in the Lord. It's not easy, but we can pray with faith for the strength to overcome this challenge. We cannot see all of the things that the Lord has planned for us. So when we feel stuck and that we don't understand why things happen, it's important to remember that we're looking at a Celestial topic with Telesstial eyes.

I love you all dearly! Please reach out and let me know how you are. It brings me such joy when I get to read your emails. Let me know if there's anyone I need to pray for as well.

Tchau Tchou!!

- Elder Gee

Pics this week include:

- Churro and Mexican Hot Chocolate (I can die a happy man)
- The Día de los Muertos event
- The West Grove Trio at the DDLM event
- One of the many great drawings in the Primary room of a building in our stake
- West Grove Trio at Wingsaholic (I'm gonna miss Wingsaholic y'all)





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