

"No, sadly, I am not 6'7" 😞 I'm sorry to disappoint"

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Hello my friends, I hope you are well!

This week has been such a long week but that's to be expected when there's a lot of change happening.

We had transfers here in Anaheim! I did not move from my stay here in West Grove, but changes did happen. One of my companions went home on Wednesday, so I have a brand new companion — Elder Sorensen! He's pretty chill and a great missionary.

Because this week was such a long week and lots of things happened, I'll give a short summary of each day.

Notable Events:

- Last Monday, we had an extended P-day because we did service at a Baptist Church in Yorba Linda. So our p-day was all day and we ended up getting no work done 😞. The Cypress Zone played some volleyball (which I'm very bad at) and said goodbye to the 3 people leaving the zone. Then we visited some members in the ward that Elder Morrison wanted to say goodbye to.

- On Tuesday I got to go to the Newport Beach Temple! Every missionary that's leaving gets to have a 'Departure Session' in the temple, and their companions get to attend as well! The Newport Beach Temple is absolutely beautiful and I'm thankful that I was able to attend. We also had a lesson with our friend Johnny, who is getting baptized on the 29th. He's progressing really well.

- Wednesday was transfer/new arrivals day! We woke up at 3:30am to take Elder Morrison to the Mission Office and say goodbye, then had to come back to the Mission Office at 9am so we could do transfers. It was so much fun talking to a bunch of other missionaries! We didn't start our planning that day until 2pm so not a ton of work done. Later that night, I went to the Mission Home for my arrival dinner because I'm a new arrival for the mission. Sucks that I'm leaving in a few weeks but what can you do other than enjoy the ride?

- Thursday was somewhat insignificant. Yes, we had District Council and all of that awesome stuff, we got a car wash (Thank goodness, because White Shadow was Dusty Shadow after that

last transfer), and we found out Steven, our recent convert is alive! He dropped his SIM card in the toilet, so he can't text and he was sick so we didn't see him at church two weeks in a row.

But he's alive and well 😁 Then we had a member meal and they wouldn't stop feeding us ice cream afterwards. But they were very sweet and incredible

- Friday was the first day of the torrential downpour!! We had exchanges with the La Palma area so Elder Boyle, our District Leader, joined us in West Grove. Elder Boyle is so awesome and we had a great lesson with one of our recent converts, Mark, about Family History. The Spirit was so strong. We had a lesson with Janet's family, but Janet, our friend that I mentioned last week, was going through some things and couldn't participate. But Janet's sister and her daughters participated and we had a feeling that we needed to invite them to be baptized??? And two of them said yes??? So we currently have two people on date for December 6th! Miracles

- Saturday was torrential downpour pt. 2!! Very thankful that I'm in a car and not on bike. We exchanged with a different district in the zone and because Elder Sorensen is new to the area, so I basically led the area? 'Twas scary. The rain was INSANE. Streets were nearly flooding. Also one of the Elders in our zone dropped his phone behind a painting in the church building, and so we had to unscrew the painting from the wall... Don't ask me how in the world that happens.

- Sunday was a great day! We usually don't have a lot of friends at church, but this week we had 6 friends come to church. That's equal to the number we had for the entire month of October so we were very excited. We stopped by a lot of members and invited them to make a plan to invite somebody they know. We also had a referral and she literally said she would come to church in the first 5 minutes of meeting her, and we didn't even bring it up. So many little miracles man 😁

Spiritual Thought:

Truthfully, we didn't have a lot of time for our personal study hour this week. I think we went a full week without doing our 8:30am study block. Kind of sucks but it's okay. Now I know how much I need my studies 🙏🙏🙏

But something that I did a lot was read General Conference talks in Portuguese because apparently I'm going to be speaking it again in a few weeks. Note to self: When choosing a

conference talk to read in Portuguese, don't choose the Apostle who is from Brazil, Elder Ulisses Soares. He uses a lot of big words that I don't understand...

But I love this part (that comes from the original English) in Elder Soares' most recent General Conference talk about Temperance

"[Disciples of Christ] strive not to act impulsively but choose to act with spiritual wisdom, guided by meekness and the gentle influence of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they become less vulnerable to spiritual erosion because...they know that they can do all things through Christ, who strengthens them even in the face of trials that could shake their testimony of Him."

I know that as we learn more of Christ and strive to be like Him, we can more easily discern the guidance of the Holy Ghost. That, in turn, will strengthen our testimony of the Savior and we will slowly become more like Him. A favorite song of mine is, "If The Savior Stood Beside Me" because it helps me think about who I would be/what I would do if I want to represent the Savior accurately. I know that if we dedicate ourselves to learning the attribute of temperance, we will be somebody who can better represent the joy that the Savior brings

I love you all, and I miss you! Please send me emails throughout the week so I don't forget about you 🙏 Kidding, I could never. But I do want to hear about you and what's been happening in your lives! Even a small email/update will be fine.

Com amor e com sapatos molhados,

-Elder Gee