**Longer Devotions (about 14 days)**

**From numerous foreign mission trips.**

**Wednesday July 5**

*Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Why was this one of the last thing Jesus said to His disciples?

What were some of the challenges that you faced as you decided to do it?

Why don’t people do it?

**Thursday July 6**

*“Therefore GO”*

Hey you did! Why did you go this time?

Do you think this is part of a long-term plan Father God has for you?

**Friday July 7**

*“make disciples”*

Why not just tell them about Jesus?

How do you become a Disciple?

How can we be a part of that here in Spain?

**Saturday July 8**

*“baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”*

How are they different? (Father, Son and Holy Spirit)

How are they the same? (Father, Son and Holy Spirit)

Why is each one important?

**Sunday July 9**

*“teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you”*

Jesus 101 are the Gospels, find one right now!

What would it take to learn how to do that?

Could that take a while?

Might you need some help?

**Monday July 10**

*“surely I am with you always”*

Surely is not a girls name …. It is more than a promise

How is HE (the THREE) with us?

How did they show themselves to be with you on preparing for this trip?

**Tuesday July 11**

*“to the very end of the age”*

Always is a big word … does this help describe it?

If HE (the THREE) are with us, what did that look like this week?

What does that look like forever?

What is something you learned in your week here?

What will that look like at home?

**Wednesday July 12 (Best guess on the day off at this point!)**

*Mark 6:31 Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some****rest****.”*

Why do we need to rest, even when we are here such a short time?

How many of you need some “by yourself “ time periodically?

What happens if you don’t make this a part of your life?

Why do we need to eat?

**Thursday July 13**

*Matthew 9:35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.****36****When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.****37****Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.****38****Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”*

What has it been like to go through all the parts of Torrejon?

How have you had compassion on the crowds?

**Friday July 14**

Read yesterday’s scripture again.

How were they harassed and helpless?

What has it been like to be a worker here?

What would it take to be one of those “workers in the harvest field?”

**Saturday July 15**

Read the Matthew 9 passage again

What does it take to be effective as a worker in the harvest field?

How well prepared do you feel to be that person?

If you don’t go could you pray for someone to be that person?

**Sunday July 16**

*John 15:1-4**“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.****2****He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+15&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26702a)*] so that it will be even more fruitful.****3****You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.****4****Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.*

What kinds of fruit have we seen in our time here as workers?

What kind of seed have we planted for fruit to grow long after we are gone?

What kinds of fruit have appeared in our own lives?

**Monday July 17**

Read the John passage again.

How have we tried to stay connected to the vine while here?

Has he pruned anything from you during our time here?

How can we stay connected to the vine when we return home?

**Tuesday July 18**

*Luke 15:7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.*

What are some things we can rejoice about in regards to our time here?

What are some individual things we can rejoice about during our time here?

**Wednesday July 19**

*Matthew 25:21 His master replied, ‘****Well******done****, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’*

The joy of obedience, not the joy of results

He says to us, “well done”

Here is what we did over the last almost two weeks!

**Thursday July 20**

You are home! Continue to live for Jesus in the third largest mission field there is: the USA.

# Friday June 24 Acts 13.1Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. 2While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” 3So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

# The whole idea of actually going into, “all the world,” was hard for the Jews to believe at first. Even though Jesus had commanded it they tended to want to stay put. What was the biggest push to go for you and the biggest challenge not to stay?

**Saturday June 25** Acts 16.9During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” 10After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Paul left on a boat and had a long journey to go just a few miles but even though ours is much quicker we are going for the same reason; “help us.”

What is life like for those who don’t know the Lord? Think of how Jesus described it not how we sometimes think about it.

**Sunday June 26** Philippians 2.25But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. 26For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. 27Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow

Okay, I am not suggesting we will get sick or die but I do know we have to help each other to drink enough fluids, get enough sleep and eat what is set before us. Those basic things will help keep us healthy as we work very hard for the Lord in one of the potentially hottest, most humid climates you will ever work in. Therefore do you hereby pledge to be a water buddy to everyone, a nagger for wearing a hat, a silent partner at rest time and a grateful eater of all that is set before you? Right response … I do.

**Monday June 27** Philippians 2.1 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

How will looking out for others actually be good for us? It’s just basic math.

How important is unity on something like this? How does looking out for others increase unity?

**Tuesday June 28**  Philippians 2.14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky 16as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

What does grumbling or arguing accomplish?

If we don’t do this why would we “shine like stars in the sky?”

**Wednesday June 29** 1 Corinthians 3.6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. 7So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. 8The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. 9For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.

What is like to be a “co-worker” in God’s service?

Have we done mostly planting, watering, or harvest while we are here so far?

What do we tend to do at home?

**Thursday June 30** 1 Corinthians 12.7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

What kind of different gifts have you seen during the ministry so far?

Do you ever want what you don’t have gift-wise?

How can embracing your gift and appreciating others change things for you? For others?

**Friday July 1**  Acts 17:22 Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. 23For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

How are the people down here “very religious?”

How have we proclaimed to them the “unknown God?”

In the USA are people “very religious?”

How can we proclaim to them the “unknown God?”

**Saturday July 2** Matthew 19.13Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them.

14Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” 15When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

How many “little children” have we seen this week?

Why are the “little children” so important?

Sunday July 3 Luke 17:7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Take a moment to rejoice over at least one particular “sinner” who repented this week.

Do we rejoice over these kinds of things normally?

**Monday July 4** Acts 20.36When Paul had finished speaking, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. 37They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. 38What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship.

Is it easy to say goodbye to people you have come to know and worked with through so much?

Do you have to say goodbye forever?

How can the fact that you all know each other help you when you get back?

Tuesday July 5 Acts 28:13 From there we **set** **sail** and arrived at Rhegium. The next day the south wind came up, and on the following day we reached Puteoli.

How far will we travel today?

How did travel work back in Paul’s day?

Are you grateful for the travel opportunities we have today?

**Friday Acts 13:1-3**

What did you learn through the process of getting ready to go?

If you were going to be a full time missionary what other preparation do you think would be needed?

**Saturday Matthew 28:16-20**

What doubts did you have about getting here?

What doubts do you have about being here?

**Sunday Matthew 7:24-27**

What new things have you already begun to put into practice?

Why are new things difficult to put into practice?

**Monday Ephesians 6:12**

What kind of people are the hardest to get along with?

What happens if we can’t get along with people?

**Tuesday Ecc. 4:12**

What have we been able to accomplish together?

What other areas of life work better with more than one person?

**Wednesday 1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

“Common Good;” do we usually think of others or ourselves?

Do we get to choose the gifts and abilities?

**Thursday 1 Corinthians 3:5-9**

Have you ever worked on a farm?

What is more fun the planting, watering or harvest?

Which is more important?

**Friday Hebrews 12:1-2**

How do you run with endurance?

What kinds of things hinder us?

**Saturday Galatians 6:9-10**

What does it take to “not grow weary?

Have we ever given up on something where a little more time and effort would have accomplished it?

How has working hard for a week challenged us?

**Sunday Luke 15**

What happens in all three stories?

What is one thing we can know for sure about Heaven?

What is the difference between the Joy of results and the Joy of Obedience?

**Monday Mark 6:31**

Why do you think the Sabbath is such a big deal?

What would happen if we didn’t take a day off?

How does a day off help you in the long run of life?

**Tuesday Matthew 25:21**

What difference did we make while we were here?

Did people find out about Jesus who would not have without our help?

How can we take this home and change things there?

**Wednesday Luke 15:7**

Do we rejoice for the same things that Heaven does?

How can we continue this when we get home?

**Thursday Acts 28:13**

How long would it take to get from here to home by boat?

Is there any place in the world we can’t go for them to talk about him?