



# A NICKEL FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

final preparations

Enjoying my last few days of work at Georef in Waterloo

## FINAL PREPARATIONS

*t-minus one week*

There is much to be thankful for. It can be easy to find things to complain about, so it is important (now more than ever) that our hearts are filled with gratitude and thanksgiving towards God and for the things He has done. A few weeks ago I booked my flight to Mexico for October 3rd! It will be a long 16-hour day of travel. I will have one full day to settle in on the YWAMQ base before I start studying in the SLMD (School of Leadership and Ministry Development) on October 5th. From what I've heard, a good number of students will be native Spanish speakers, which will get me using my Spanish right away!

Sadly, I have already begun saying some "last goodbyes" and this upcoming week will be filled with many more. I've been asked many times "How are you feeling about moving?" and generally I respond with "I'm feeling everything." It's hard to explain exactly what I'm feeling because there are a lot of different emotions all mixed together. I'm sad to be leaving family and friends and all of the comforts and familiarities of home, but I'm excited to be joining the team in Queretaro with all of the opportunities that God has prepared. I'm admittedly a bit nervous about the implications of moving during a pandemic. But through it all, I am extremely grateful for the peace that only God can provide.

I was blessed last Sunday with the opportunity to update my church family about my plans and they took time to pray for me. It is extremely encouraging to know that, as Christians, we are never alone. Being adopted by God into His family means we have a Heavenly Father who cares and provides for us and it also means that we are surrounded by brothers and sisters in Christ!



Sharing at Grandview (my home church) on Sunday, September 27



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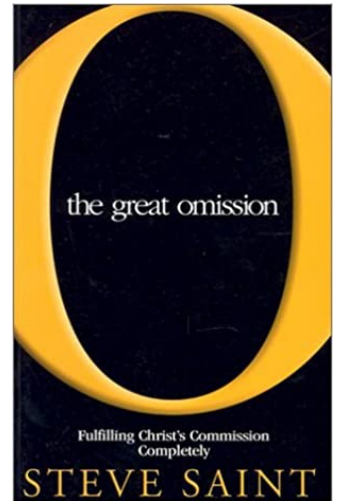
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## THE CHURCH AND MISSIONS

*Disciple-making disciples*

I have been reading "The Great Omission" by Steve Saint. He encourages readers to consider the importance of empowering local believers in the mission of building the kingdom, sharing his personal experience of seeing a newly saved people group become completely reliant on the missionaries for spiritual growth and development. This book challenged me and caused me to question the way that I am approaching this upcoming season. Am I living with a mindset of making true disciples of Christ (who, by nature will also make disciples), or am I simply going to 'be a missionary'?

I am very excited about the opportunities on the horizon. One of the visions that Rob Harryman has discussed with me is a Mexican missionary movement. The goal is to equip and mobilize Mexican missionaries to be sent out into their own country and others around the world to go and make more disciples! I hope to see God develop this vision in the future and will keep you posted about it!



### Financial Update

Thank you very much to those of you who have committed to financially partnering with me, whether through a one time gift or monthly. I deeply appreciate your support! I am currently just over 65% of the way towards my monthly support goal. If you would like to give towards what God is doing in Mexico, please get in contact with me for more information or click on the links in the box to the right! →

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray that people would turn to God instead of the world for their peace, comfort and hope
- Pray that Bonnie would be able to come back to Mexico
- Pray that God would keep me healthy and safe as I travel to Mexico

Thanks for reading! Lord willing, my next newsletter will be written from Mexico!

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