

Hello my friends!

I have finally finished the 2nd full week of my mission! I made it to Utah on Tuesday and checked into the Provo MTC on Wednesday.

This week has been so long that I don't really remember what day was what and whether or not. But I'll do my best!

We had a lot of classes and bad food but those aren't highlights if they're routine. I'm gonna get a blister on my thumb with how much notes I've been taking.

Highlights of this week:

- Got on my flight to Utah on Tuesday morning. There were like 6 other missionaries on my flight! And two of them I already knew (not beating the allegations that I know everybody) which was super fun!
- My Grandpa picked me up from the airport and I hung out in Salt Lake with my family for my last day before entering the MTC. Missing my family a lot but I get to call with them later today!
- On Wednesday, I checked into the MTC and met my companion, Elder Kaylor in person, as well



as the rest of my district. They're even cooler in person

- I got voted as the loudest missionary in my district (not like an official vote or anything, they just said point to the loudest Missionary in your district and like 5 people pointed at me



- On Thursday morning, Elder Kaylor and I went on a run. It was pretty awful. Running is the worst. I know it's good for you but at what cost?

- Thursday night, a ladder revolution was started. Somebody on our floor had 20 bunk-bed ladders THAT THEY STOLE under their beds and a ton of people stole the ladders for their rooms (most rooms only had 1 ladder for 3 bunk beds). When we woke up the next morning, there were like 5 ladders just in the middle of the hallway

- I've ran into like 15 people that I know this week, either from Utah State or Texas. Once again, never beating the "I know everybody" allegations.

- I don't remember much from Friday but I'm sure it was eventful! I think we went to play Volleyball with the sisters in our district but then we never did???

- Português is going! I've learned the First Vision in Portuguese and we learned the standard conjugations and that fried our brains, but I'm on that TALL Embark grindset so I'll be fluent in



like 16 years



- Got into an argument about a pink pen (I wasn't gonna steal it, I swear )

- DUDE Sunday was so incredible and there's so much to talk about but I'll try to keep it brief. We had our Go and Do experience which is just studying in the scriptures for like 90 minutes and it was fire! We had choir practice and that was so much fun (missed choir a lot). We had a devotional and that was awesome; Our devotional review afterwards as a district was even awesome-r. Then after we got to the dorms we goofed off with the District, we tried learning a back bend (pic included), I skinned both of my knees and bruised my hip (No pic included, gross...). Shenanigans are always a blast

- Today to begin our P-day we went to the Mount Timpanogos Temple and did some ordinances! There were a bunch of missionaries there and it was a lot of fun. My district is also so cool (have I mentioned that before??) and I love chatting with them! I also took a photo of a flower in honor of Carson (I gotchu dude)

A spiritual thought:

There's been a lot of spiritual thoughts this week. So much so that it feels bad to narrow it down to only one but I feel like this one is pretty fantastic:

***2 Nephi 25:26 - And we talk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ, we preach of Christ, we prophesy of Christ, and we write according to our prophecies, that our children may know to what source they may look for a remission of their sins***

I love this scripture so much. Every little thing that we do is because of Christ, and every little bit of our eternal progression is all because of Jesus Christ. We have the atonement because of Him, and we are able to become better because of Him. We are literally called: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Sorry this was so long, y'all. If there's something I'm NOT known for, it's brevity. Please email me if you have any questions or if you just wanna tell me how your week (or few weeks) was, because I would love to hear it! I can only respond on Mondays, but I will read it the day you send it, usually.

If you wanna be on the Google photos album, please use this link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4P9d4ozmNzrznkWr7>



I love you all so much! Have the best of weeks!!

Pics included:

- The Elders trying to do a back bend
- Elder Kaylor and I in front of the Mount Timp Temple
- Picture of a flower (I've got photography skills, don't let anybody tell you otherwise)





