

A day in Kyle's life

(Note: not every day is like this one)

Waking up to our view of the Rocky Mountains is one of the most amazing gifts from God. It inspires me. I walk over to turn on some worship music on my iPod speaker and a song rings out that tells it like it is: "Savior, He can move the mountains, my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save!" I get the Italian stovetop espresso maker started to make French vanilla lattes. Nell and I are not really awake until the caffeine kicks in. Even grinding the beans makes my mind start to wake up.

"Boo!" Kayla and Elena, for some reason, always try to surprise me in the mornings. It works most times due to the precaffeinated state that I'm in. Next, I'm on to making "Daddy's eggs," which is a popular breakfast among the girls in the house.



Today, I'm participating in a unique opportunity. Four of our Brazilian leaders are here in Colorado to learn about our personnel process for training and sending missionaries worldwide. Steve, OC's Director of Training, has asked me to get things started this morning, setting the tone for the rest of the three-day retreat. As I'm driving over to the Hideaway Retreat Center owned by a longtime, Biola friend of mine, I'm still listening to worship music.



The next song's lyrics begin to impress a thought in my mind: "You're the God of this city, you're the King of these people, you're the Lord of this nation. There is no one like our God ... **For greater things have yet to come, and greater things are still to be done in this city.**" I played the song for the group of North Americans and Brazilians that morning, challenging them to consider, "What greater things does God want to do among us today? What greater things does he

want to do in the USA? What great things does he want to do in Brazil? What greater things does he want to do in and through OC International?" Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even **greater things** than these, because I am going to the Father" (John 14:12).

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It's an amazing experience to be a part of what the Lord of the nations is doing around the world. He is sending out his people from many different nations to reach the lost and needy. The Lord's harvest workers are from Brazil, the Philippines, Guatemala, and the USA, just to name a few. I got a glimpse of that today as I worked side by side with my Brazilian friends in learning how best to send out our missionaries.

My phone starts to ring and the caller ID says "unknown." In my case, that usually means that Skype is forwarding an international call to my cell phone. It's a call from Kenya and a missionary is considering moving his family back to the States after many years of faithful service. It's a conference call between our Africa area director, the missionary, and me. We pray together on the phone and I let him know that Personnel will walk alongside his family in their re-entry process.

Before the next session, I respond to some e-mail inquiries from our field leadership about some of our new candidates heading to Guatemala, Spain, and North Africa.

I leave the retreat center and drive over to Starbucks in Monument to meet Sean and Bekah Moule, who are receiving prefield training at Mission Training International, run by another friend of mine from Biola. They will be serving as missionaries in a country in Central Asia. I'm encouraged to connect with this young couple and hear their passion for missions. Sean was in a high school Bible study that I led while I lived and worked with youth in Grass Valley, California, back in the '90s.



As I drove away from Starbucks, I was reminded of God's faithfulness in my life and ministry over the last 20 years among the next generation. In many ways, I've been a part of mobilizing missionaries worldwide most of my life. Even before I became one myself! For me, my motivation comes from knowing that my day was full of seeing how the Almighty God is at work in sending out his people to do greater things in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Europe.

Thanks for being a part of my daily life and ministry through your prayer and support:

- Pray that I will serve faithfully in my role as a husband and dad.
- Pray that my role as Director of Personnel at the U.S. Mobilization Center will be a blessing to my staff and OC field leadership.
- Pray that I will meet Jesus daily through creation, worship, and word.
- Pray for funding for my next international trip to the Philippines in May.

Thank you for partnering with me,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kyle".