

1 Sunday ~ Ireni Mota Sao Paulo, Brazil Restoration Ministries

We are encouraged in our daily lives to celebrate God's grace & mercies, with a thankful heart, & to be thankful for who He is, and for everything He has blessed us with. Despite all the challenges around us, we have a lot to be thankful for.

2 Monday ~ Ireni Mota Sao Paulo, Brazil Restoration Ministries

God treats Paulo and me in such a gracious way. There is not enough gratitude to honor God's love, miracles and care for us. We are thankful for Daniel and Sofia; they are doing very well. In college Sofia is adapting well and studying hard for long hours. Daniel is working, playing soccer, and continues to be a stronger believer! He is engaged to Kaylin. They are planning to get married next year. They love Jesus deeply, and they are a blessing to us. Our children are our greatest treasure. To God all the praises!

3 Tuesday ~ Ireni Mota Sao Paulo, Brazil Restoration Ministries

Paulo & I were reflecting on when we first started ministry many years ago. It was a time of many challenges, scarcity of resources--none sometimes. But we knew that the God who called us would provide somehow & would give us the strength & protection when we needed it.

4 Wednesday ~ Ireni Mota Sao Paulo, Brazil Restoration Ministries

God brought people to walk side by side with us, who help us to walk side by side with the people we were called to work with. We shared the Gospel, made disciples of Jesus, invested in broken people and invested in training the people we were working with to be leaders passionate for Christ. It's awesome to see the people we invested in impact the lives of many more people that we never could have reached.

5 Thursday ~ Ireni Mota Sao Paulo, Brazil Restoration Ministries

Thousands & thousands of children & teenagers & adults have gone through Restoration Ministries. Among them, some are today leaders in different churches, different states, & different countries. We are so immensely grateful to the Lord that most of our team leaders today were children who grew up in the ministry & today are reaching & discipling the new generations.

6 Friday ~ Ireni Mota Sao Paulo, Brazil Restoration Ministries

All honor and glory to God, our LORD, through whom we see the transformation of generations. We have seen hope for the afflicted in darkness in many places, and lives have been nourished by the power of God. Can you thank the LORD with us? Amen!

7 Saturday ~ David Brickner San Francisco Jews for Jesus

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9 Monday ~ David Brickner San Francisco Jews for Jesus
And "Baruch haba b'shem Adonai" is exactly what the nation of Israel will say again to welcome back the King Messiah. He will come like a bridegroom ready to meet the ones He loves.

10 Tuesday ~ Women Of Faith

What are some choices you currently make that may not entirely align with your professed values or beliefs? Allow me to simply share a few here with you because sometimes it is difficult to understand what are some common false identities we may find ourselves in. My hope in sharing just a few examples is that you could self-evaluate and even ask trusted friends around you where you may be misplacing your identity sometimes.

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A good first example is a **Controller**. This person seeks to control every situation and the people around them. They fear the fallout of what will happen if they aren't in control. So, instead of trusting God, who is in control of all things, they become obsessive, anxious, and overstressed.

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A **Dependent** is someone who looks to other people, positions, and possessions to identify who they are. Everything depends on what they have, what they do, or who they know. However, the things they depend on for their identity could be removed, lost, or taken away, resulting in a devastating blow to their identity.

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A **Performer** is someone who seeks praise and affirmation by putting on a show or doing a task as perfectly as possible. Performers are often highly stressed and exceptionally busy as they are almost always "on." They don't know who they are unless immersed in a project, task, or role.

14 Saturday ~ Linda Lowry -> Open Doors USA

When Layla was 9, her parents left Islam to follow Christ. Soon after, they fled their home in Egypt for safety from their Muslim family members. Layla remembers how the students and teachers in her new school relentlessly bullied her because her parents weren't Muslim.

15 Sunday ~ Linda Lowry -> Open Doors USA

She tells us how ridiculed and isolated she felt. That's when our local partners met Layla and her family. They invited her to attend a Christian children's camp and for the first time since moving, she felt welcomed by her peers. Surrounded by new friends, Layla trusted Jesus for the first time.

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"My eyes were opened to the truth," she says. "I believed in Jesus' words when He said the truth sets us free." Although Layla can't share the joy of Christmas with her Muslim classmates at school, she will celebrate Christ's birth privately with friends and family. She's excited to play the piano at her church's Christmas worship service.

17 Tuesday ~ Linda Lowry -> Open Doors USA

I hope as you celebrate our Savior's coming this you'll think about and pray for Layla—and so many children like her who may feel isolated this time of year because of their faith or their parents'.

18 Wednesday ~ Linda Lowey -> Open Doors USA
Your prayers and gifts mean more than you'll ever know. You give them hope and remind our sisters and brothers they're not alone—that they have a global family who's standing beside them.
“In my hopelessness, Jesus stepped into my life and made all the difference,” Layla says at the end of our visit.

19 Thursday ~ Dean and Cindy Lindgren Turkey
WorldVenture
We asked you to Pray and God provided meals for most of the weeks this Fall! He has also urged a young couple from our church to begin opening their home once or twice a month to share the load with us and it has worked out great! We're also beginning to see our volunteers taking more initiative to meet with students during the week. Thanks for Praying!

20 Friday ~ Dean and Cindy Lindgren Turkey
WorldVenture
Last weekend we had a great Friendsgiving event where students and scholars from all the house groups gathered together. A church provided the traditional meal, and their pastor shared the Gospel in a message on "Gratitude Changes Everything". We recognized the 24 countries represented by displaying their flag and cheering for each one. 188 attended.

21 Saturday ~ Dean and Cindy Lindgren Turkey
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Global Missions Weeki. We're so thankful our church is missions -minded. Every year we set aside two Sundays and weeknights to focus on the nations. We just took on the leadership of the global-missions team and our theme last week was "Saved and Sent".

22 Sunday ~ Dean and Cindy Lindgren Turkey
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Our global prayer and worship night was last Wednesday. In the photo you see our tradition of closing the evening praying for our "Goer's", those who meet at our house monthly and are grappling with going to the nations themselves. Our current Goer's are 3 couples and a single. Another is currently in Indonesia for 6 months and we sent our first longer term couple to Thailand this summer. Exciting for a church that's just 5 years old!

23 Monday ~ Ireni Mota Sao Paolo, Brazil
WorldVenture
There are so many things to praise God for! He is good all the time. All glory to Him .
We rejoice with you for what God is and has done in our lives and in the ministry. We are grateful to the Lord for what he has done in the lives of the kids.

24 Tuesday ~ Ireni Mota Sao Paulo, Brazil
WorldVenture
It is joyful to see how many kids are coming to the after-school program, English class and small groups bible studies (we call clubinhos).
We have seen them get interested in the word of God, learning, and growing in their faith. Praise the Lord. This year we are teaching and studying with the kids “How to be a true Christian”.

25 Wednesday ~ Ireni Mota Sao Paulo, Brazil
WorldVenture
We had a very blessed and happy time in California , attending Daniel's graduation as well as seeing friends and visiting some churches in California. Unfortunately, it was not possible to visit everyone, and we are sorry for that.

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This month has been a month of great emotions. On June 4 th , Sofia finished high school. She is going to Biola University. I am taking her in August and helping her to set up.

29 Sunday ~ Ireni Mota Sao Paulo, Brazil
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It is with mixed feelings! We are very happy for Sofia in this new cycle in her life, but also we are with a tight heart just thinking about having an empty nest.
Paulo and I will learn how to live by ourselves.

30 Monday ~ Pioneers USA
Pray for seven families in a Southeast Asian village who decided to follow Jesus. May they boldly share Him with friends, family and neighbors.

31 Tuesday – Pioneers USA
A handful of Muslim-background believers live in a certain African city, but many obstacles keep them from gathering to encourage each other and grow. Pray for revival.

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