



It has been 1 month here in Kona and God has done and shown me so much. It's always my pleasure and honor to write and update you. Thank you for believing in me and the call God has on my life. I could not do what I do without your faithful giving each month.

One of the main things YWAM teaches is that intimacy with Jesus is what will keep you going as a missionary. This message isn't just for missionaries, this is for you or anyone in any calling or stage of life.

Imagine if you were CONVINCED that God the Father loves you with the same intensity that He loves God the Son...  
what couldn't you do?  
what couldn't you face?

If we have to do something dangerous, God's trinitarian love is with us... If we have to do something foolish in the world's eyes, God's love is with us... when we suffer, we fellowship with Christ.

**The point of life is deeper union with Christ and reflecting it to the world.**

This is how Paul was able to say "*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*" Paul writes this statement from prison... he found the secret to life-- fellowship with Christ. Everything could be stripped from him and he would still have everything. This is a power that the world doesn't have. The world has to have nice things, a nice home, a bright future, a relationship, a

great career...

These are great things that point to God's goodness, creativity, and present/future redemption of the world, but they just pale in comparison to God himself. Too often I find myself valuing those awesome things God created more than God himself. And the funny thing is-- those things I revolve my life around don't know me personally, don't care about me as an individual, and don't love me unconditionally. Yet, there is such a temptation to give my *all* to those things!

Let's give our *all* to someone who really cares about us and knows the human experience first hand... Christ knows what it's like to be taken advantage of, he knows what it's like to be abused, he knows what it's like to be misunderstood, he knows what it's like to experience poverty, he knows what it's like to be let down by someone you love.

There is no one like Jesus. There is no one else who loves us like He does. He has nothing to gain from us-- He is God. What could we give him? He still chooses to love us-- just because.

I'm learning that God's love it is not so much a feeling, most of the time, but it's a resolve-- a resolve to believe that *nothing can separate me from his love.*

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Meet my outreach team! We are preparing and talking to contacts right now praying about how God wants us to spend our 3 months. If you don't know where I'm being sent and want to know-- please email me back, or call/text me! You should have received a postcard from me. I forgot to put my name on it 😊.

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We love to stay sharp with the gospel. You'll see us standing on chairs preaching in all types of made up scenarios. Next week we are going out to evangelize on the streets! I will update you next newsletter on how it went!

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The last thing I want to highlight from this month is listening to the stories and teachings from long term missionaries. Some of their content is really challenging! The most challenging thing to me was a missionary who spoke about Jesus' great commission in the book of John:

*Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."*

Jesus was sent into a broken world as a poor, immigrant, with no where to lay his head, and not a lot of material possessions-- to die for people who hated him. He loved sacrificially. He didn't do it begrudgingly. He had something so potent and valuable that he could do anything—The Love of the Father in heaven.

Please pray that I could love an ounce like Jesus did!

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### **Philippians 1:3-5**

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

### **1 Thessalonians 2:8**

So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

*Zach Hallow*

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