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My three goals for this Internship were: (1) I wanted to be free from my past sins; (2) I wanted to become a better witness; and (3) I wanted my heart to be in the right condition for God to be able to speak through me. The first time I felt God speak through me while in the Internship was a few weeks ago. Kim and I were driving somewhere, and Kim was telling some of her concerns and frustrations to me. She asked a question (not directly to me) and, immediately, I felt the answer in my heart! I was so surprised by it that I immediately told Kim what God told me. Immediately after I told her that, I could feel God's Spirit in me! We had a prayer service the week before our trip, and I asked for prayers that I'd be free from my past, and that my heart would be in the right condition for God to speak through me. So, as I was being prayed for, a thought occurred to me that in order for me to be free from my past sins, I had to confess what those things were to my fellow interns. As Kim and I went home that night, I kept getting this feeling that God wanted me to confess to the interns, and it had to be done before the trip. I told Kim about it, and she gave me some advice. I continued to pray about it, and then I decided to let Sugar know, the next day, what I needed to do. Then I realized that if I waited until tomorrow to let her know, I wouldn't actually tell her that day. So, that night, I quickly sent a text to her, and waited for a response, but I didn't get a response. Turns out, she was already asleep, but I didn't know that. You can imagine how I felt throughout the night. The next day, though, Sugar allowed me to confess to everyone. It was the hardest thing I had ever done in my life! As I was confessing, I felt like someone was trying to cover my mouth, but once I let it all out, I no longer felt it. After that, I felt this tremendous weight lifted off me, and I realized something truly amazing—I was finally free and forgiven!