

For strangers' kindness.

I've written in the past about "paying it forward" and what a great thing that can be. Well, during our recent trip, we had occasion to be on the receiving end.

While having breakfast at the hotel first day into our vacay, we were approached by a couple who offered us their cooler bag. They were at the tail end of their travels and had no more use for it. I suppose they could've picked anyone in that café, but they picked us. Maybe we looked like we needed a cooler, I don't know, we were dressed to hike after all. But, since our adventures take us on roads less traveled, the first thing we usually do after picking up the rental is to go buy a cooler (you know, the squeaky styrofoam kind), so we already had one. Nevertheless, we didn't want to decline their kind gesture so we accepted the bag and stuck it in the back of the Jeep.

Two days later, lo and behold, our styrofoam cooler broke! Can I tell you that the cooler bag the couple gave us saved us? Thanks to them, we were able to transfer the contents without missing a beat, and continue to stay happily hydrated and fed along now squeaky-less traveled roads.

Although tempted to bring the cooler bag home with us (it was really an awesome bag), we chose to pass it on to someone else before flying back and, in the process, you see, pay it forward. Never underestimate the power of a kind gesture. For theirs, I am grateful.

What are you thankful for today?

Until next Thursday's post…si Dios quiere.

"Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are."
-Harold S. Kushner

“Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.”

-Princess Diana



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