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A Mission of Constant Denial

"The brick walls are there for a reason. The brick walls are not there to keep us out. The brick walls are there to give us a chance to show how badly we want something. Because the brick walls are there to stop the people who don't want it badly enough. They're there to stop the other people." — Randy Pausch

Throughout our lives, I am sure we have all heard wise people harp on the importance of perseverance. Although I have been constantly reminded of this importance, I do not think it ever *really* sunk in until recently.

Since the beginning of the Peace Stamps mission, there has been constant



COUNTRIES VISITED THIS MONTH

Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Germany, Belgium, Poland, Spain, England, Ireland 13

COUNTRIES NEXT MONTH

Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Czech Republic, France, Italy, San Marino



The number of countries is constantly changing. While Katelyn was in Barcelona, the state of Catalonia held a referendum vote to become a separate nation from Spain. The government and police blocked the vote, so you can see the citizens protesting in the streets above.

denials, whether it is denied visa applications, denied grant applications, denied sponsorship opportunities, the inability to find volunteer projects, or just the general disapproval of people I tell about my mission. After my most recent denied grant application, I was wondering to myself why I am even trying to achieve this goal. World peace and cultural empathy is such a lofty goal. Is it really achievable?

I believe it is! I believe in this mission so much that I am willing to persevere through the constant denials and hurdles because the end goal is worth it.

If you truly believe in something, do not let any amount of impediments stop you from pursuing your goals and dreams. There will always be

obstacles and set backs; but when you overcome them, it makes that end goal so much more worth it!

I know it sounds cliché, but I hope that each and everyone of my readers will do what makes them happy and not stop until they have achieved their dreams.

-Katelyn

TRAVEL TIP OF THE MONTH

Lie your a\$\$ off!

Ok, do not go around lying all the time, but sometimes it is justified while traveling. I find that during taxi rides, the drivers ask many questions. Most times this is harmless, but sometimes there could be ulterior motives. Whenever someone starts to make me feel uncomfortable with too many questions, I start to fabricate false responses.

One of the most common questions I get is, "Are you traveling alone?" This is a question, to which I always responded with a lie. I usually say that I am meeting friends at the hostel. To make it even more believable, sometimes I will even fake a phone call to my imaginary friends to let them know I am on the way in a taxi.



In conclusion, it is okay to lie while traveling, if you feel uncomfortable and it is for your own safety.

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