One of those days
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Being in a foreign county speaking a foreign language everyday of the week is exhausting. Living in a community house in a neighborhood you don’t know is hard. Working in a place you have never been before is challenging. But this is what a voluntary service is about. You go to a place to see something different from what you have seen before.

No one says it’s easy and it’s not easy for anyone. Everyone knows it … so “Why would you do it then?”

“It’s because of the moment when a family in our shelter got into housing. It’s because of that day when they signed the lease and got their keys. It’s the happiest moment of their time with us and you know that it was worth working with and encouraging them, for this one moment when they are able to leave our place and don’t have to come back.”

One of those days (Life of a volunteer):
If its one of those days when you can’t remember
why you’re here,
why you wanted it,
why on earth you made this decision!
If it’s one of those days when you
don’t want to stop dreaming,
don’t want to get out of bed,
don’t want to go and see the office!
If it’s one of those days when you’d wish
it all to be perfect,
it all to be easy,
it all to be back to normal again!
Then it’s one of those days that you have to remember
The look in their face,
The sparkle in their eyes,
The laughter in their voice
Of the day when they leave to go home.