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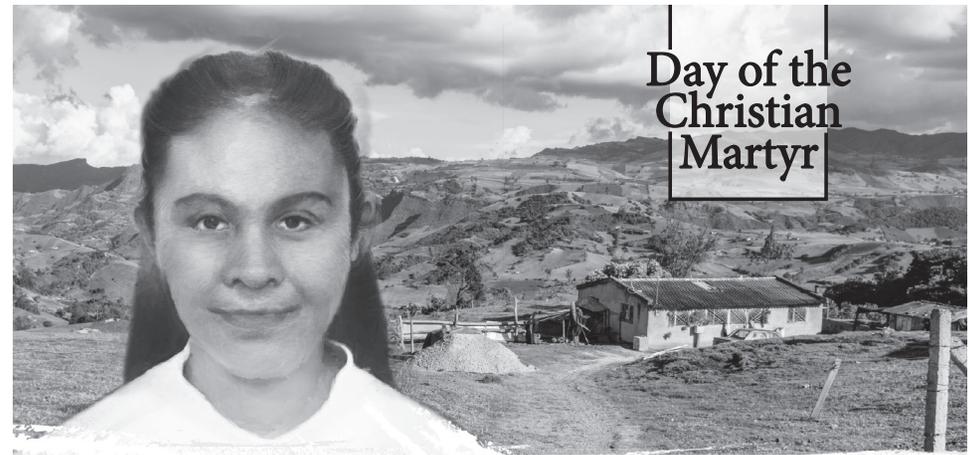
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For Personal Reflection:

When did you first read the passage in Matthew 28, often referred to as the Great Commission?

Check one: today months ago several years ago
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What about Jesus' words inspires you as you obey the Great Commission?

It is a command I go in Jesus' authority Jesus is with me
 Other: _____

What part of the Great Commission is the most challenging to your obedience?

Check one: Going Making disciples All nations Baptizing
 Teaching them Other: _____

What is one way Rocio's story of sharing Christ at any cost inspires your own obedience today, even in the face of any fear you have?

Who is one person you know who is not yet following Christ?

Would you pray for this person and consider sharing your own story (how you trusted Jesus) with them this week?

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