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Texas Week 2

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Howdy Y'all!

So I've really come to like Midland Texas now, it is so great to finally be in the field!

Missionarywork is such a fun job!

Did you get my last email that I sent you?

Today we have P-day on Wednesday instead of Thursday because of Thanksgiving

So it has been pretty awesome, we teach a lot of Mexican people here in Texas and it is nice because I can understand mostly what is being said in the lessons that we teach people but I still can't talk to them easily yet but eventually I'll be able to. Most of the Branch members speak English as well as Spanish too so its all good, but I like listening in on Spanish lessons.

Texas is quite the place! It has been around 77 degrees this whole past week, I've heard that it is supposed to get cold though so it was fun while it lasted. We play football on P-Days and tomorrow we have Thanksgiving off because proselyting isn't fruitful on holidays so we'll just be visiting members houses who have invited us over. Yesterday I was on exchanges with a Zone Leader in the Odessa Ward. I went to Odessa and he came here to Midland. I like Midland more though, my companions are cool I am used to how they teach and we get along pretty well.

So at this one investigator's house we ate rattlesnake. It was very weird! He had killed it in his backyard, he lives in a trailer. He gave the skin to Elder Simmons and he put it on the binding for his spanish scriptures. The missionaries here have this cool thing where they rebind their scriptures with a leather case. I am going to combine my Portuguese Book of Mormon and Bible together and give them a leather case because it looks cool and it would be nice to have.

This morning before we came to email, Elder Simmons was saying how my hands smelled and all and that I should wash my hands, then I took a drink from a cup and he said to wash it, turns out that he wanted me to turn on the sink because he taped the gun attachment closed so then I got soaked, it was pretty funny though.

When I was on exchanges with the ZL's, (Elder Yorgason is with them in Odessa) we were tracting and then we came to this one house and they said it was my turn so I

knocked on the door and then 2 children opened it and said "Come on in" and then I looked at my companions and they were like "Okay, sweet" just really cool about it but you don't do that normally so I was confused. I then asked if their parents were home and they said "My grandma is, hold on" and so we were waiting and then they told us to go into their grandma's room. Turns out it was a members house. Missionarywork is fun. It reminded me of God's Army with the pranks they pulled on them.

We had a baptism last Saturday, Andrez, a 9 year old kid of a recent convert/activated family. This weekend we have Obed scheduled for his baptism, and the week after we have a mexican man named Jesus scheduled. We're booked with baptisms and its exciting! I love teaching people and seeing the changes that come into their lives when they begin to recieve the blessings from accepting the gospel.

On Monday we went and did service for a member of the ward, we helped him empty a big trailer from brush from this yard he was cleaning and so we were at that for 6 hours, and then because of the help we gave him he bought us lunch at a place just like grand buffet called Taste of China. It was very good food and they had a cool pond inside with lots of koi fish.

I hope you all have a good thanksgiving, Christmas Lights are already getting put up around here, I wonder if there will be anything like that in Brasil for Christmas. Who is setting up lights at the house this year or are you not going to have any set up? There are some pretty decked out houses here, but no snow to finish the scenery.

Do you remember the Ramos family? They lived in Nashua, NH about 20 years ago, well that is what they said. They hadn't remembered when they lived in Nashua for a while but they are members. Brother Ramos was the High Priest group leader for a bit, and he is a doctor and worked in Boston. I dunno, it was pretty cool though, very small world.

Well I hope everything is doing alright back in NH, was kind of bumbed that I didn't get to hear from you yet but timing is really weird right now didn't know P-Day was going to be today until after I emailed you last.

Oh, by the way the address I gave you for the mission home you won't want to send packages to that because they won't forward them. Send any packages or mail to the apartment address that I gave you last week, that will go directly to me instead of needing to be forwarded.

Love you all and miss you, hope everything is going well, and that you're enjoying the holiday season!

Love,
Elder Phillip Larsen

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