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Hobbs NM - Week 6?

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Querido Familia,

I can never remember the number of weeks I've been here off hand.

This week has been pretty good, better than last weeks weather for sure. Took some getting used to doing missionary work again, well having a busy schedule. Those days off were unusual.

Zone Conference is this week in Roswell. It was going to be yesterday but because of potential bad weather, it got postponed to tomorrow (Friday the 11th)

The weather has been pretty cold here though, I was with Elder Kenyon and Elder Olvera in Lovington on Tuesday, (Lovington is like a suburb of Hobbs) and when we were there, the wind really picked up and it got very very cold. Wind Chill was awful. It has been quite the adventure though. Wednesday, yesterday, was pretty cold too and we didn't get to complete too much work which stunk, but we got to watch the Testaments with the Rodriguez's, that was cool. Still trying to figure out how to reactivate them. Its hard to talk about the gospel when we're there, the mom isn't too open to talking we think, even though she's been a member for her whole life and the rest of the family was baptized only a year ago, but God let us find them so we will figure it out, we just need to rely on him.

Sara's baptism was postponed to this Saturday (12th) and we're hoping that everything will all work out. She got pneumonia this week though and we haven't been able to teach her since Monday. She really has a desire to be baptized and have her son Jacob be baptized as well.

President Robison has been wanting the Hobbs house to have one of the companionships to move out so that we can be more focused. Right now 5 of us live there and it is understandable why President wants us to move out but it stinks. I don't know what is going to happen about all this because they found an apartment in the area but I don't know who is moving out. We'll find out eventually. I might end up switching areas to Spanish/English for the time being... I don't know.

We had Stake Conference this last Sunday and it was really cool. It was a broadcast from Salt Lake City, and we heard from Thomas S. Monson, Elder Jensen of the Seventy, Elder Ballard, and Thomas S. Monson's daughter. After the broadcast I had the opportunity to be in the circle for Joe Ponder's ordination to the Melchezideck priesthood. I didn't know that that was happening but it was really exciting. Also what added even more to my excitement that Sunday was that the entire Prieto family, except their oldest son who isn't a member, was at church on Sunday! Keith finally was able to get off of work and it was so cool to see them.

We also had some really awesome lessons on Sunday with those that we were teaching as well. It was a very cool day.

Dad, I know the problem with the pictures that I sent last week. The reason why it was messed up was because I attached them from my Camera instead of attaching them after bringing them through Windows Media whatever. I'll make sure to do that so they work. That really stinks about the power company and that whole mix up. Sounds like a fun family home evening time though! But dang... We had some house trouble this past week too. Heh funny story actually: We went to do email and our pipes at home were frozen and so we had it on so that it would thaw out, well we didn't know that our drains were frozen as well so when we got back from emailing, the kitchen and nearby bathroom were covered in water and we had a waterfall coming out of our sink! Then the next day outside we had a pipe burst and had to get water shut off and then a member came out and did the plumbing job. It was an easy fix which was convenient and we haven't had trouble since. We had to borrow Milla's shopvac to clean up the water though.

Mom, I guess even if I ask this I'll find out soon enough but did you send something last week then? Or did you wait and send it today instead? Just wondering, here in Hobbs we've been having a mail famine :/ I also thought your comment that dad emailed me about the gym was funny. "Its like a playground for adults, just without the bullies!" I'm glad you're enjoying doing that. I am not the best with keeping up with morning excersizes. I ride a bike though so that counts right? I am eating better too. I have been working on my stirfry skills and I've been experimenting with various foods too and making dishes with what I had. I've been staying healthy though so don't you worry! Milla takes care of us too.

Heather, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** I remembered Crisis Core, but I hadn't remembered the name of the song. I was wondering because Elder Miller is a final fantasy fan and I was working on some songs playing them by ear but it would be nice to have sheet music. (AWE) is happening already!? That is a yearly thing right? Seems like it wasn't too long ago since it happened the last time. That is also good about your car. You had just had it repaired too! Luckily it is still driveable. One thing, I know it isn't

missionary related, but I'm just curious though: Could you maybe check the downloads on my map? :P I know it is worldly of me... but thanks!

Julia, I hope you're enjoying school. Are you going to try out for Concert Choir? I felt really nostalgic about choir a couple of days ago. It was so fun! I hope you're enjoying all the music program stuff! What have you been up to? I've been working, when I can, on my drawing skills but it takes time! I'll get better eventually. I also have a surprise that I'll have to show you sometime soon too! :) You, mom and Heather. But I can't tell you right now :P Hahaha!

Love you all, and thanks for all the emails! I miss you but I'm glad to be able to serve God in this noble work of bringing salvation to his children. Have a good week and I'll hear from you soon!

Love,

Elder Phillip Larsen

P.S. Sorry about the pictures again dad. The computer had a different way of importing than it usually does so the picture that I did send is not the right format. I hope you can see it though!

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