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Querido mom and dad,

this keyboard for the computer is a piece of junk. The spacebar doesn't work all the time, neither does the shift, and the backspace button is in a different space so that slows me down a bit. Grr....

Thanks for sending the package! I will look forward to it in the mail!

So first off there is a ridiculous tariff for electronics that are mailed into Brazil, but since you already sent the package I am not sure this will get to you before you sent it. Next package can you send gel insoles for my shoes? Those would be greatly appreciated. I have been using the other ones but they are not as durable as gel ones would be. I might have to spend some money to get the package because of tariffs or not, not sure until I get it. Also, my ocarina, if you didn't send it, that's okay, and if you did that is okay too.

Thank you for your insights and helpful words, although it is still hard sometimes. I think one of the harder things about it all is that I never hear from the Wilsons directly like I have from other friends, and we have gone through so much, both our families, and I don't want our friendship to be dimmed. That has just been a trial and something that the adversary has been using against me. I just am getting frustrated at the amount of opposition I have been receiving on this... Yes when people graduate or other large events in life happen, people grow distanced, but I just don't feel like that should always be the case, like in this situation, because of experiences that we went through together like Stanford, but I just feel really apart and I know I am sounding like a dying record on that... sorry again.

Also, don't talk to Nathan, really. He asked me yesterday if he could visit you guys, and it was just weird because he doesn't really know me... dunno, just safest way I think is to not talk to him.

Dad, I have a question, well something that has been bothering me. I have noticed that a lot of other missionaries, who I know are not being that obedient, and that say a lot of crude jokes and that have their minds in the gutter seem to be having more

success than me and I feel like they are able to be more effective as a missionary. I feel alot like President Uchtdorf felt when he was in military training about how other soldiers smoked and drank, and broke the word of wisdom, but seemed to have more endurance and strength than him. The major factor that is different with me and other missionaries is that they can speak Portuguese fluently, but I don't know why it is working the way it is for them. Just something that slightly concerned me.

Another question, did I give you the password to my phlars3n@gmail.com account? I am wondering because I have given that to several people for contact information, but I am not sure if I gave it to you, and if I can remember it myself.

That is cool about the new saxophone too dad. I wish I could play the piano more than I have been able to recently. I do have a harmonica, that ElderOlvera gave me, but that doesn't have nearly the range that other instruments have and so i am rather limited on what I can play.

I didn't know you were an animagus mom! Cool! When does the next harry potter movie come out?

This email has been all over the place. The idea you said mom, about letter sending, sounds good. I will do that. The charge that was on my card was for subway, and I will just use my card at the post office to pay for the purchase.

Didn't get to send any specific emails to Bradford but I will look for things that will be interesting for him to talk about here. Also, Elder pearson suggested maybe just asking him flat about about the gospel and then talking about one scripture in alma, can't remember the reference, but I will hold back on that for now... I am curious though what he thinks about eternal families.

Thank you for everything mom and dad, I have realized, and continue to realize every single day that I took a lot in my life for granted, and I am extremely grateful for all the things you have done for me, and continue to do for me.

Love you,

Love Elder Phillip Larsen

(i hope i get a better computer next time. this one was a piece of junk.)

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