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Querido Familia,

Baptism this past week! My first that I actually performed on my mission. She is a friend of Sandra, who we baptized a few weeks earlier and she is doing a lot of missionary work. It is awesome! Both their testimonies are strong, and they both live near eachother so they can help eachother stay active in the church. They both also want to serve missions when they are able to, but they have several years before that time comes.

With Elder Pearson gone I am left alone to teach English, but that isn't a problem at all, I am doing as good as I can. I am basically teaching different things that they will be able to use, not anything huge on grammar. It is something that I look forward to each week though.

We are moving! President Dias talked with the owner of the house and they painted it this weekend and this week we will move into the house. It is on the street right infront of the church so its now going to be a 30 second walk instead of a 7 minute walk. Also, the new house is in our area instead of the other companionship's area, but just barely so it is better for all of us.

Julia, use the time you have for getting lessons on piano as much as you can. I wish I had been more dedicated in learning how to play the piano, well to read music to be more accurate. I want to be able to play the piano for baptisms, but because I can't read that well I am unable to do that but I am practicing whenever I get the opportunity.

Also Julia, have you heard anything new about the Nintendo 3DS?

About my mission bag mom, haha, it looks like I'll never get a mission bag... because when I got it, the zipper was missing the zipper so we sent it back to the company to get a new one. Just takes several weeks, months even before they arrive because they wait to order the bags for the mission but once I get it that'll be good. And yes,

dad does call you a bag lady, I had forgotten that!

Its pretty crazy how I've lost track of events. Forgot that it was the burgess's party, and just all the different holidays, (except for Easter, Christmas, and Mother's Day) those ones are the same.

I am completely convinced that the Lord is helping President Dias with transfers. I knew that President Dias recieves revelation for those things, but it is hard to see sometimes. Elder Bezerra, the new elder here in our area, the following p-day recieved an email that his dad had a heart attack and was in the hospital. It was very hard for him and I had the opportunity, because of the many different kinds of experiences that I have gone through, to help him. He is a cool Elder. It is interesting with me being the only American in the house, but my Portuguese is growing, although lately I have felt otherwise, but it is a roller coaster. I'll eventually be able to express myself completely. There are many times that I end up speaking english with another American when there is one around and I say words in Portuguese without thinking it. That's a good sign. :P

I'm glad to see that the saxaphone player is still playing! He has always been in the parade!

It has been hot, as usual, here in Teresina. I have already gotten used to the weather too haha. When I wake up in the morning, and I have gone outside, and it is 81-85 degrees, I have been cold and walk back inside. I find that pretty funny. Hottest part of Brasil! Woohoo! It'll be fun coming back to New England... IN SEPTEMBER. I am glad that I am getting used to the weather though. We have had a nice breeze while working during the day recently which has been nice. The constant thunderstorms have stopped, we're getting more into the dry season now.

Hasn't been too eventful of a week here, well it has, but a lot of the same stuff. I ate something pretty crazy recently... Intestines... it wasn't too bad, the taste was pretty good but it was in the same category as Cow Stomach that I ate in Texas. I won't eat it again probably though, just because of the nature of what it is. How did that win over pork or hamburger?

Well running out of time now. I hope this has been an enjoyable sum up of my past week. I love you lots and I am glad for all the encouragement and the prayers.

This church is true. We are all children of Heavenly Father. Jesus Christ atoned for our sins, and he lives! I am grateful that I am a member of the Lord's church on the Earth today, and I am grateful for this opportunity I have to bring this gospel to God's children here in Brasil.

Love you all very much, and I miss you, Talk to you next week!

Love,

Elder Phillip Larsen

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