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Querida Familia,

So this week was pretty good. Last p-day, we didn't have much time to fly kites, Elder Alonso's kite got cut down by another kid on a different street, so he had to buy a new one today. We are going to fly them after emailing today, and we don't have anything that is conflicting or going to take up any more time after emailing.

I still haven't managed to get a picture of that monkey, we don't come to that part of the city anymore since we don't live on that street. I will try to get a picture before transfers just in case. I want a picture of a monkey.

So the new house has been treating us well, and we haven't had really bad problems with water loss here lately which is really convenient. On Wednesday, the APs came to the house and talked about cleaning it and helped us clean a bit. We found a bug that is about 2 and 1/2 inches long, and had like 30 really thin long legs, at first I thought it was a pile of hair. That was an interesting sight. We also have lizards all over our yard which is pretty fun.

We worked really hard this week, but Friday night was a sad night. We had another party at the church, festa junina, and we had several investigators go there, but the sad part was that the members didn't talk to any of them and they were just sitting around watching the whole night without making friends :(I don't remember having that problem in Nashua, but I also wasn't a missionary there. Always remember to greet people who are visiting and making them feel welcome!

This Wednesday, at Sabina's house, we ate... HAMBURGERS!!! It was really good, and I hadn't had a hamburger since I arrived in Brasil. Her dad wasn't too happy to hear that she was feeding the missionaries that kind of food though, but I enjoyed it. They are a really cool family. Also, they took a picture while we were there, and they were going to put it on Facebook. I don't know if you already saw it. Sorry for not uploading pictures forever. I am taking pictures though, don't worry.

Yes mom we have been having chilling winter weather. :D It rained today, but when it rains it just makes it hotter in the end. Out of the sun, it is 88 degrees, and we are still in the colder part of the year.

We talked with this one person in front of their house on their sidewalk, and as we were talking, a kid on a motorcycle drove by really fast with his dad and he shouted "What's your name!?" and it had the doppler effect, and a Brazilian accent! It was funny. All the time children walk up to us with a big grin on their faces and they speak english with us. I am also known in pretty much every place here as "The American." We walk into a store "Oi Americano!" Its pretty fun, I am the only american in our area that I know of.

This past Saturday there was a talent show, and I played the harmonica, and solved the rubix cube as well. I played Come Come Ye Saints. The people here are so friendly, I really enjoy activities with the wards here. And it helps a lot that I am getting better at speaking Portuguese, although several times this past week my brain was completely tired.

Oi Taylor, tudo bem? Bem vindos la em casa. O tempo passa bem rapido. É difícil para acreditar que eu estou perto de um ano na missão.

Nothing too crazy happened this week. I did really enjoy the work that we were able to accomplish compared to last week. We worked hard to teach more lessons and prepare more people for baptism. Jamerson was confirmed this Sunday, and he was fellowshipped by the Deacon's Quorum president who is the son of another one of our investigators Oseias. I really like their family. We're going to extend a baptismal commitment to him this week. He is ready.

Thanks for all the support. I'm glad that you're all doing well. I hope you have an awesome 4th of July next week! I'll try to do something special too. Love you all very much. The church is true, Joseph Smith was a prophet called by God, and this work is the work and glory of our Heavenly Father.

Talk to you next week!

Love,

Elder Phillip Larsen

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