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Dear Mom and Dad,

So this has been another semi difficult week here in Uruguai, all the people we have found to teach turn out to be really moly, really not interested or something. But we are enduring as best as we can.

I like serving with Elder Alonso, he is a cool guy. He has gone through a lot that I am unable to relate to people with. His parents are divorced, he has more time as a missionary than a member, and just a lot of other things that he uses while teaching. I too have experiences that I can relate to people with though. I have been really blessed with the gospel in my life since I was born. The Gospel has affected me in every single aspect of my life.

One dilemma that I have thought of, is just of Rachel and I know that I have touched on this subject before, and I know you have said to enjoy her friendship and things along those lines, but I have one worry. Because I do feel like I should date other people before deciding on marriage, and I had thought about this while reading Tony Eberhard's life story and how he prayed to know who he should marry, and just thinking about stuff like that, (not all the time, don't worry) but I don't want Rachel to wait 2 years and if we don't end up dating afterwards and she feels like she has wasted 2 years waiting or something... I don't know. Since my life is going to keep moving forward after the mission, and that marriage and family is going to happen afterwards I figure it is of importance to think about. Is she dating people or going to activities for singles ward or stuff? Because I told her she should date other people, but she never really said anything about that, and kind of seemed a little offended when I told her... -_-

I have not thought about saying anything to her about relationships, and, like you said, just enjoy her friendship. So I am doing that. Hopefully you understand what I wrote in the paragraph above. Just something that I have thought of.

Thanks for the emails and the love. I am trying to enjoy the mission as best as I can. I have had some days with lots of homesickness, but I am still happy on the mission. I hope you both have a great week! Talk to you next week! Love you. Miss you!
Love,

Elder Phillip Larsen

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