



John Larsen <theclaw56@gmail.com>

---

## Brasil - 7/11/2011

---

Phillip Larsen <phillip.larsen@myldsmail.net>

Mon, Jul 11, 2011 at 2:48 PM

To: John@larsen-family.us, joyce@larsen-family.us, Anki Larsen <shadrach.anki@gmail.com>, Bradford Larsen <brad.larsen@gmail.com>, Julia Larsen <julia@larsen-family.us>

Querida Familia,

Well a comment to the comments on the facebook picture, I don't even remember my password -\_-

And yes dad, you can accept that friend request from Cleiton. Who else have you not accepted that you asked that I hadn't confirmed?

Yes Mom, you did spell "Muito bem" correct. That is awesome that you went to the Brazilian BBQ again. And I also typed in Português again right there. That is a very comforting sign, and it is also comforting when members here in the ward say that I am much better with my Português.

Yeah its Futball season now, and São Paulo is losing a lot, Tri-Color. My team is the Flamengos, they are from Rio. Futball is cool. A lot of people wear shirts for different teams here. A lot of people here are Flamengo fans.

The package arrived!!! Huzzah! It was like Christmas, but it was for my Birthday, but it was a very good time opening that. Thank you very much. Dad, when you said you put a lot more music on, you meant it. It has over 400 songs. Hah, and no I didn't have to pay anything. Turns out that the tarrif is only with electronics like mp3 players, laptops, or bigger things than a usb drive. The calendar was awesome, had a lot of good laughs from the various pictures. It is really cool though, but why did you put a bathtub picture on it?! :P

So the past week we had Leadership Training again here in Teresina, but it didn't affect us that much because I wasn't comps with a leader in the mission this time (DL, Trainer, ZL) But we had Elder Bezerra with us for a little while on Wednesday and Thursday. We actually went to Centro though on Thursday for a testimony meeting. It was cool because we got to ride the bus at night, which I think is awesome: it is like the nightbus in Harry Potter. It was also really cool because being there and being a missionary, I was in the group of 45 missionaries and it was just a really cool feeling of

unity, that we are all missionaries in the Brasil Teresina Mission. It's hard to explain.

This past week we had a few lessons with a less active member Jasminy, and they went really well. She is 17 years old so she would be in the youth program, but she isn't that active but we are working on getting her to come to church in our ward. We also met this family that the District Leaders that we working in our area found. They are awesome. The son, Luis, who is 9 years old really liked talking to me. He is really smart and wants to learn english. He also has heart problems, and bone problems. I felt bad because it means he can't be as active as other kids his age. He can't play football, or any sports, and I assume his endurance is very low because of the other conditions. He is really funny though. They really want to be baptized too. His sisters are already members, and his parents are going to get married so they can be baptized!

I am a little worried because this upcoming week is transfers. I don't want to leave this area. I know I will like other areas too, but I don't want to leave now because there are a lot of families progressing, well investigators and I want to see their conversion happen! But I guess that is always going to be the case. I hope I can stay another transfer though. I would also like to have this area be my last area next year before I go back home. That would be cool.

Thank you for sending a Day of Passing too. I still haven't read it all the way through, but of the reflections that I have read, really brought me to remember a lot of what happened. Over the few years I had forgotten various details. It made me feel close to home, yet still I was here.

Could you write a description of what I was like before the mission so I can see how much I have changed?

Also, search for a song, I don't remember the name of the Artist, but the name of the song is Garden Walls. Search it on Youtube or something. I have to say that the lyrics, and the style of music is one of the most beautiful pieces I have heard. It is about Jesus Christ and is very inspiring. I have used it as part of a message at lunch for some members before, the words (translated into Português and it went well I think.) the first line is "The lights within Jerusalem are gone..."

Well I am running out of time now, today is a bit rushed. Sounds like you had an awesome time at Palmyra. The sites there are incredible. I want to go there when I get back, but it will have to be a year after :( Hill Cumorah Pageant is "Legit" combined with the visitors center, temple, and other sites within Palmyra, really cool. I am jealous. I am also jealous that you are going to NM! Have them email me when you are there! :D Be sure to get andrew with a nerf gun for me too, and say EH to them all for me. :D

Well that's all folks! Thanks for the emails, hope to hear from you soon! Love you lots, miss you,

Elder Phillip Larsen

P.S. I didn't get to download the song because I couldn't extend the time on the computer, and it was downloading too slow, I'll get it another time when the Lan house isn't so rushed. Also mom, in the next package can you send another one of those notebooks, the italian leather one? How much did they cost? Thank you so much for all the candy, and awesomeness. I really enjoyed and am enjoying it. I didn't have to pay anything for the packages too. No problems at all!

NOTICE: This email message is for the sole use of the intended recipient(s) and may contain confidential and privileged information. Any unauthorized review, use, disclosure or distribution is prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender by reply email and destroy all copies of the original message.