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Querida Familia,

Good afternoon! This week has been pretty good, just another normal week on the mission.

P-Day again! I am glad to have recieved the emails from all of you!

The DvD's arrived! Hallelujah! Just don't put up the pictures of me alone, with other people and stuff like that is fine. I will review the photos this week and let you know Dad, but hold up on the posting on the Website.

Oh, one thing, This is for Family, but we studied about the developing talents chapter this past sunday and it says you can get help to know your talents by asking family and friends, and I would appreciate your input. Sometimes I just see how many missionaries have qualities that help them help others or whatever, and can't see my own talents that easily in this.

Dad, I forgot to record the number again.... we went straight from the Zoo to the Lan House so I will make a better note next time.

It rained on Thursday, and rain here means it feels 3 times more hot, and humid. It was rather miserable. It was a lot better a few days later. We saw 3 DOUBLE RAINBOWS this week which was also pretty cool, but that meant that it was raining and getting more hot. Fun, fun...

We went to the Zoo again today, but this time with 6 other missionaries. It was pretty fun, I enjoyed visiting there again with a bigger group. We saw some animals that we hadn't seen before, we gave a monkey a little coconut that he really enjoyed and I filmed it. I also saw a lot more birds, and all the peacocks got out of their cage so we chased them. It was a good time. Some of the missionaries we were with are going home in 6 weeks. It is a bit sad but I am glad that I got to spend the time with them. The mission is an awesome thing, and you build a lot of friendships with it.

That's awesome that Geoff and Kelly got sealed and went through the temple! That's awesome! :D I have been having more frequently the desire to go to the temple lately. Unfortunately we have no temple nearby in our mission. Forteleza Temple is announced though, but that is still out of our mission. The work is growing here though, that is a good sign! It'll be announced in October in General Conference.

This past Saturday I was at the church and there was a goodbye party for 2 missionaries leaving from the ward: Cleiton and Benicio. The old Bishop here gave a short message about D+C 4, which was a good reminder. I need to study more of the Doctrine and Covenants. Also hearing their testimonies before leaving for the mission was a reminder of myself when I left for the mission. Last sunday I heard Cleiton's farewell talk.

A funny thing that happened, I taught class in Church last Sunday. Elder Alonso called me Elder Jonas because I kept looking for opportunities to delay it. Well the Lord wanted me to teach the Gospel Principles class. This past week a member recieved the calling to teach it, it took 5 months for that to happen. Haha.

This past week I drank the beverage Guarana Jesus. It is a different type of Guarana that is bright pink, and smells like strawberries, and tastes like it too. When I first drank it, (In President's house) he said that it has a different flavor for everyone. It is a drink native to our mission. Only in our mission has this drink in all of Brasil. Also Guarana da Amazonia, and Cremozinhos, all desserts that I like to have.

I forgot to tell you a few weeks ago, we saw a gigantic bee, it was probably close to 4 inches long, well it was dying. Elder Alonso has the pokemon music in Portuguese and I played it in the background of a video we made of it walking around, just something that we do as bored missionaries. Well afterwards, I walked outside again and noticed that the bee was gone! Where did it go? A lizard had it in it's mouth, I got pictures of that too! I guess Fire does defeat grass type! I'll try to send those sometime soon. Just a funny thing that happened that I had forgotten to talk about.

Mom, yes Deoderant would be nice. I am on my last one that I brought from home, Speed Stick Ocean Surf or whatever. I haven't seen it here at all at the supermarkets here. Also maybe a small lego set or something. I don't know i will think more this next week, but i haven't been able to think of many things. My socks are doing well still, getting a little older, but I have been keeping good care of them. My shoes are getting worn out but I think I'll buy a pair here, we'll see.

I still don't know if I'll be transferred... There hasn't been any call yet, but President called the Assistants this morning. I know because always calls to the assistants are dropped to us, its pretty cool actually but yeah there are transfers this week. We'll find

out soon. I have mixed feeling about transfers.

Love you all very much. I am glad to hear you are all doing well. I am glad to hear Geoff and Kelly got sealed this past week! I got an email from them. Still haven't had an opportunity to mail letters... Maybe next week. We have the plan for going to Centro again, all depends on Transfers.

Hump Day is coming! O_o doesn't feel like I am one year out on the mission yet, well almost. The days have gotten slower recently. Hope this email was long enough.

Love you lots, and miss you.

Love,

-Elder Phillip Larsen

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