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Querida Familia,

So... this week has been quite the week. The keyboard in this lan house is horrible, so we'll see how this goes.

To start it off, we ended up moving today. It has been a very long weekend of working on organizing the house. We started on Thursday. We went to the new house, that is conveniently 30 minutes from my companion's and my area, (doesn't make sense to me either) and we cleaned the house in preparation of the new furniture that was coming. We spent up until 6:00 Thursday, in the house just organizing things. Elder Ribeiro and I left around 6:30 to visit some investigators of ours, and help prepare Ana more for her Baptism.

We went back to the first house to sleep there because all of our stuff was there still and it was late. I wish we didn't have to move. It is just a thing that has really frustrated me this week because our house was 20 seconds from our area, and now we're 30 minutes from it, and the church. (We lived on the side of the Church)

Friday we hired a horse and buggy to do our transfers of our stuff to the new house. Why? Because we could! I took pictures of it, but don't have a way to send it at the moment. I will send more dvd's in a bit. That seems to be the best way. We worked again Friday night. Getting all the new stuff was more like Christmas in this mission than Christmas is, it was pretty funny. The boxes and the smell reminded me of our trips to IKEA to get Heather Furniture.

Saturday, General Conference! A guy came to our house to set up all the furniture, which made 2 of us late, but Elder Thome and I arrived about 15 minutes late so it wasn't so bad. I got to watch conference in English! That was cool, we had a room at the church with English and 7 Americans. In between sessions we went to a supermarket and bought food, which was cool. I talked a lot with Elder Iverson and Elder Yorgason, both of them were in my MTC district, and we all reunited here in Parnaiba. President Dias calls us the 3 sons, but I am a sen, but it still works I guess

because people always write it wrong anyways.

I loved President Uchtdorf's talk in the first session, also the talk on revelation was good. One cool fact is I served 1 hour from Big Spring, where President Uchtdorf trained for aviation. It is in the TLM Hah!

The second session went well, Charlies went to it and enjoyed it thoroughly. We went and visited some people and all of our appointments fell through, (I was with Elder Thome again,) so we bought food and went back home.

Sunday was rather interesting with the sessions of Conference. We had a lunch right next to our house, so we were still far away, and we started eating 10 minutes before conference started so we missed some of it, but the funny thing is we arrived at 1:35 and the church didn't have energy since the morning so we all missed the first half of the first session. All the American missionaries almost had to share scriptures about Prophets, but right after our branch president finished talking, the power came back and we watched!

The second session ended up being in Portuguese because more people showed up late and wanted to watch. Since we lacked another TV, and a computer with Internet here we watched in the Chapel in Portuguese, but there weren't any seats left so we went on the stand which has a really low wall and all of us laid down in front of the screen and watched. Elder Iverson turned to me when we all arrived there and said "Dude I love the mission" It was petty comical.

We didn't get to watch the Priesthood session unfortunately. Bummer... That was annoying. Oh well. I might watch it one talk at a time on P-Day. That way I can watch it in English! We don't get the Liahona's too often or quick.

Mom, I would like to inform you that my room right now is the cleanest room of mine you have ever seen. I took pictures, I'll get them to you somehow. Our new house is really cool, it has 2 floors, a giant room with a staircase, and it is just in really good condition, with a little market underneath too!

So the postal system Correios is on strike so I can't send letters right now. I hope it'll get better soon, but I have no clue when that will happen. We'll see.

Without a doubt God exists. He has called Prophets to guide us in our days. This mortal life is a time to prepare to meet God. I like as President Uchtdorf said: "The most powerful being in the universe is the father of your spirit." Truly God is our Father in Heaven, and he loves us. The Gospel is the straight and narrow path to eternal life. Joseph Smith in reality saw God the Father, and his son Jesus Christ, and through him we have the restored church again on the Earth.

I love you all a ton, and miss you guys a bunch. The time is ticking fast, its already October in my second year. I have one more General conference on the mission already... Strange.

Até proxima semana. Eu vos amo!

Love,

Elder Phillip Larsen

Dad you can add them both on my Facebook.

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