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Querida Familia,

Its been a pretty good week, lots of stuff happened.

We found out that we are going to Teresina to hear Elder Bednar next week, well this weekend. It was a bit frustrating because we had some plans, but then we changed the plans for the baptisms for last week.

We had 3 baptisms this past Saturday! It was very exciting! David, Alex, 2 boys, one which will be a deacon soon, and Joseny, the wife of a recent convert. I did 2 of the baptisms. The bathroom here at the church is really small, and when the 2 boys, and Elder Ribeiro and I entered with soaking wet clothing, the floor got covered with water, and our bags were on the ground because it lacks space for our stuff, there aren't any hooks in the bathroom for the clothes. It all worked out though in the end, and my bag didn't get wet!

Afterwards we had a reception at their house where they had cake and soda, and some bread with a sauce or something. It was really good, and fun. I like having things like that after the baptism, it helps people have more friends in the area, which is good.

Every single day this week, practically, we recieved food from our neighbor who lives on the floor beneath us. She is really nice, and we had lunch in her house Friday, which was really good. I really like the food here, although there was one day that I ate liver, and Mom, you are very right on it not being too good... O_o The rest of the food was really great!

Still haven't managed to do anything too cool here in São Luís. We ate at an arabian restaurant with other missionaries at a mall last P-day, the food was good. This week we are having a BBQ. We are actually emailing right now while people are getting the food ready. It is a Zone BBQ! Huzzah! First Zone activity that I have done. I am excited.

The talks are 'Ask in Faith', and 'Seek Learning by Faith'. Those are the talks that we recieved to read before Elder Bednar comes. It is a good talk, but the application sometimes is really hard!

That is sad to hear that the Ogden's cat Harry died... I remember the day when they first got him as a kitten, and he lived in magazine boxes, and they had to check their shoes before putting them on... Will they be getting another cat?

Sounds like a fun time with Halloween in November. Halloween here didn't have too much, however, I did buy some gummy worms at a store to celebrate :D

Hmmm... that's about all I can think about to say this week. This week has been really good. I have enjoyed the work we have been doing, and we're excited for the reunion of the entire mission in Teresina. That will be awesome! We'll be leaving 11 at night from São Luís to go to Teresina, and we'll get there at about 7, and then return to get home at night the following day. A little rushed, but it'll be a great opportunity.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He atoned for our sins, each and every one of us, and showed the way to live and opened the gates to the presence of our Heavenly Father. This life is the time to prepare to meet our God. The way is the Gospel.

Love you all very much, and I am grateful to be able to be serving at this time.

Love,

Elder Phillip Larsen

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