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Querida Familia,

FELIZ ANO NOVO!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

What colors are exactly used for New Years? Dunno, so I just chose Christmas colors. So it has been quite the adventure this past week, like it is every week!

Like I said in the voice recording, we had a District Party before District Meeting where we had a lot of food and decorated the room with Christmas stuff. It is Sister Aguiar's last District Meeting, and tomorrow she will be home already! Already all the American missionaries are at home. They left on Saturday, and arrived Sunday afternoon. I think it was 10 missionaries in total. Elder Wheat, the last assistant that was here when I arrived went home this last week. The time passes so fast... Very fast, in fact, because it is already 2012!

The first thing that Elder Smith said to me on Sunday was "This year I am going to be going home." That was a bit of a shock to actually realize...

Dang it is *cold!* 69 degrees again...

So the wedding of Anizio and Camilla happened. That was the first time I had been to a wedding on my mission. Their baptism is set for next week, so we're excited for that. Tonight we are going to go to their house and have a family home evening with them.

I think it was Thursday, we ate hamburgers.

They were very good, and I described them in the audio file.

Friday we went to a member's house to help him paint their front room and the front of their house which was a blast. I liked doing that for them. They gave us lunch as well.

Well near the end of the project, (the member was laying concrete in his house to

make the floor level,) he was using a metal pole with a flat end to compact the cement, and he was wearing sandals. The thought came to him, go get boots, and he thought just after this last hit I will. Well that last hit hit his big toe and destroyed the toe nail. We were in the front room and heard him scream in pain. We ran to the back of the house where he was and his toe was bleeding a lot. Well to make a long story short, we went with him to the Hospital and he got that all taken care of. He laughed about it, how he ignored that thought and then he hurt his toe.

The paint job and the floor turned out really good and I was glad that we were able to do that. It has been a while since I did any service projects like that. They are fun!

Our New Year's Eve was us returning early because everyone was partying, and then we just sat around the apartment. We didn't get War again because the member was out of town, so we just talked, and ended up going to bed early. I woke up at 12:00 because there were a ton of fireworks, but I remember there being more on Christmas than New Years. Elder Smith and I had a little celebration, we ate popcorn with cinnamon sugar, (forgot how to spell cinnamon.) and we drank hot apple cider, however, I realized why it isn't so popular here in Brasil. It is so hot already, that hot apple cider just made me start to sweat, but it was good still.

Looks like you had a good week of the holidays. Now I can start singing "I'll be home for Christmas" this year! :P

I am glad you all are well and happy. Happy New Year once again, I'll send the package soon. Love you!

Love,

Elder Phillip Larsen

Pictures:

DSCN5407 - Hamburgers for Lunch.

PC275404 - Our district party before District Meeting.

DSCN5415 - My Alarm Clock with a Thermometer. 92 degrees in the shade!

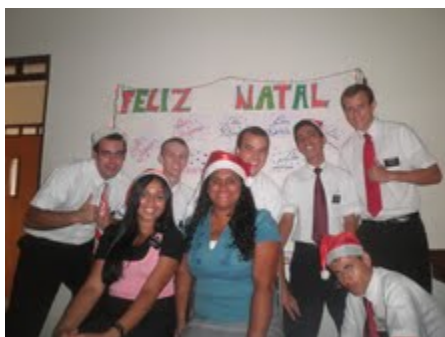
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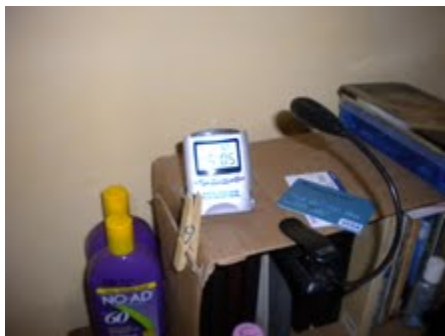
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