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Querida Familia,

So this week has been quite the bear. Yes, the bear. It was good though, filled with experiences to learn from. Truly Elder Oliveira and I feel like we were tested a bit because many days we had all of our appointments fall through, investigators not keeping... invitations? Anyways, it has been a rather humbling week, and we have learned a lot and have made plans to make this week better.

As the usual custom happened, it rained on Monday last week, and this week it poured. Monday is RainDay, and all the roads turned in to rivers again. It is fun trying to find dry spots to walk on, while trying to dodge the water from passing cars that shoots up on us. 😊 It is quite the adventure every day, with new things happening and funny experiences.

So some church movies that are awesome. There is an Emma movie, similar to the Joseph Smith Prophet of the Restoration movie, which tells the story from her point of view. I suggest you look it up, and the other church movies as well. They are making a bunch!

So new stuff that happened this week...

Dang... it is pretty much the same thing as other weeks. We visited a bunch of people, we got to know the members better. It was cool because we had the Leadership meeting here in Teresina, so I saw Elder Ribeiro, and Elder Iverson, Elder Thomé, and a bunch of other Elders that I have worked nearby and that I know. It was really cool to be able to visit there. We dropped off Elder Christian there, so we passed by the new Stake Center again.

One question, do you think that you could send Maple Syrup extract in the next package? And if there is a root beer extract? In São Luís, in one of the houses there was maple syrup extract so we used that with pancakes. It was awesome! I really enjoyed that, but I didn't bring it with me.

I gotta get going though now, we're running late. Good to hear from you all, and I love you all a ton. I am so grateful that we have the Gospel in our lives. It is incredible seeing the changes that happen in the lives of the people that we are teaching here. One quote that I like is this, I saw it in a photo that someone had in São Luís.

God doesn't first ask us about our ability, but our availability. Then when we show our dependability, he increases our capability." Truly this is the Lord's church restored on the Earth. I hope you all have a good week, and a Happy Saint Patricks Day! I actually don't know when that is, but it is soon. 🍀

Love you, talk to you more next week.

Love,

-Elder Phillip Larsen

**Pictures:**

**8350** - Me and Elder Iverson. He came to visit Teresina because of the leadership training meeting. Lots of missionaries that I know came and it was awesome to see them all again!

**8362** - Me in front of the new Stake Center in Teresina. Awesomeness!

**8352** - A group of missionaries at the leadership training meeting.

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