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Querida Familia,

Well this last week has been a very delayed week as well and has had a ton of stuff happen!

So transfers happened. Elder Oliveira went to Parnaiba to be a district leader there and to finish training a missionary. Elder Cooper was sent to Planalto, another ward here in Teresina, and Elder Christian and I are training here in Poti still. Funny thing, I am training Elder Correia. And Elder Larsen in Vitoria Brasil is serving with Elder Correa. It is pronounced the same way almost. so Elder Larsen and Elder Correia, and Elder Larsen and Elder Correa. Haha Funny stuff!

He is from Paraiba, here in the Northeast of Brasil. He is about the same height as Elder Ribeiro, and he speaks English pretty well. It is funny because he knows a lot of slang from movies. I am glad that I am training a Brazilian because it is easier to teach since he already speaks Portuguese. He is straight from the MTC and eager to work. It is going to be a fun time working with him.

A question about Church History. Do we still have the scrolls that contain the book of Abraham in the Pearl of Great Price? That peaked my curiosity and I wanted to know, but my search that I could do with the indexes in the back didn't come up with any answer to that.

So... I'm 21 now. That is very weird to think. Even weirder to think that I was 19 when I left to serve a mission. It has been flying by, pretty much like I have been saying each week. My Birthday Birthday however was pretty interesting. So I got sickish on Wednesday, I just had a stomach ache and I was hurting a little but we went to the Training meeting on Wednesday and met our new companions. It is exciting to be able to Train, this is one of the things I wanted to do on the mission. So Thursday I had a slight fever in the morning, and then in the evening after working I got worse and we went home and on Friday I wasn't able to do anything because I would get dehydrated and get worse like what happened on Thursday. On Friday some members made a cake and it was really good, and people said Parabens, luckily I didn't get attacked by

eggs and flour like I did last year.

Jessica this Tuesday ended up saying that she'll stay in her own church. It was sad to hear that she didn't want to get baptized, because we know she recieved an answer to her prayers and knows that the gospel is true. Later I know that she will get baptized, but at this time there is just a lot of stuff going against her being baptized.

This past week we spent a lot of time looking for new people to teach. We found a lot of people yesterday and the day before that are interested to learn more about the Gospel, and we are excited to teach them. I love the mission. It is a very incredible experience.

The Book of Mormon is the word of God. It teaches the gospel and is a second testimony that the Lord has prepared to bring about his work so that his children can recieve salvation. It is a proof of the restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I love you all, hope you all have a great week and I'll talk to you on MOTHERS DAY!!!
Woohoo!

Love,

- Elder Phillip Larsen

Pictures:

18607 - The Baptism we had on Saturday.

8650 - Me and Elder Correia.

8641 - Its almost a Hot Dog, just its bread with peanut butter and a banana! We thought it was funny.

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