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Querida Familia,

So... Hey again. Oh, by the way, I think I forgot: **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY MOM!!!**

Yeah, I ended the call and then thought... *"Did I wish her a Happy Mother's day?"* I am glad it was a good one.  
So not having too much new stuff to say...

The baptism went well, there were 2 people baptized, Juliana, and Robert. It was an exciting evening, but at the same time really busy! I am glad though and happy. Sunday was good as well, the meetings were all good and there was a lot of excitement in the ward. We got a Ward Mission Leader finally! He returned from his mission 2 weeks ago, when Elder Correia and Elder Brautigam arrived, and this past Sunday he was called. We are excited because now we'll be able to direct the work more.

Sunday evening there was a baptism as well, the new Ward Mission Leader's little sister. It was a nice service as well, and we had some investigators come to it as well and they enjoyed it. Baptismal services have a different type of spirit with them, and it was great. Then Elder Correia and I went with a new member, Andre Bispo to an investigator's house. He offered us a ride which was really helpful, and he helped out a lot in the lesson. We are really excited for the work that is happening here!

So I found out that the new president will be Japanese, I think he lives in Santa Catarina though, but he is Japanese descendant, so that'll be cool!

Our P-Day won't have anything happening that is too out of the ordinary. We didn't ask for permission to leave the area in time, so we are just going to hang out in the area eating Cookies and hanging out with members. It'll be fun, and this week we have Zone Conference as well! Yes! I love conferences. It'll be the last one though with

President Dias... The time has truly flown by... It has already been a year and a little since Elder Yorgason and I arrived here.

The church is true. Only through Jesus Christ can we be saved in the kingdom of God, and it is by the Gospel that he taught that we achieve these blessings. He is our savior, and our redeemer. He suffered that we need not suffer. He knows our every situation, every pain that we feel, and every trial he has passed so that he can help us perfectly return to our Father in Heaven. (Alma 5:21, Alma 7:11-12)

The quote that I said in the skype call is: "If there is a solution, there is nothing to worry about, and if there isn't a solution worrying about it won't do anything." I can't remember who said it.

Love you all, hope you have a Grrreat! week! (Tony the Tiger)

Love,

-Elder Phillip Larsen

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**Pictures:**

**0017** - Sound File (I remembered! Even though I almost forgot) (Sorry it is a bit random, we were rushed and Elder Correia was joking around as well.)

**8677** - Our new Refrigerator!

**8672** - Our group of missionaries (The Americans) (Elder Thiessen, Elder Christian, Elder Yorgason, Me, Elder Iverson, and Elder Sessions)

**8657** - At the train stop waiting for the train to arrive so we can get to Leadership Meeting at the Stake Center.

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