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Querida Familia,

Hey y'all! How're you all doing? Sounds like lots of adventures have happened this past week. Our week was pretty adventureful... ? I just made up a word.. I think. We end up doing that a lot with Portuguese as well when we speak english. Words like Argwent. Anyways...

So this week was weird, a little difficult with lots of appointments falling through. We switched up our District Meeting because Elder Christian was going to give a training on weekly planning, and so District Meeting was on Thursday, but the sisters arrived a little late so we left late, and it was just a day of being late.

There was an awesome activity on Friday that was for integration... get to know you activities, and there was a message, food, and games. It is the start of a project that we are doing here in the ward to have the church open more frequently. Lots of people tell us that the church is always closed! O\_o We are trying to change that up. It was fun. José Barbosa was in charge of the activity, he is the Elders Quorum President. A lot of members from the ward came. Also, the seminary activity, our ward won in all the categories! That was cool to hear. The youth of the ward are really excited.

So this week wasn't too eventful, lots of stuff fell through, we saw many instances of the word of wisdom being broken... but we had miracles as well. This week we'll have a baptism and we are really excited for that. She went to the baptism of Hitalo's sister, and she really enjoyed the service.

Sunday, Robert was confirmed as well as 2 other people from the other companionship in the ward. Each week the ward is getting more excited, and there is a focus coming up on getting the ward split soon so another chapel can be built here! Little by little we are getting our goals and we are working more together with the members, and the Ward Mission Leader!

This week will have Zone Conference, tomorrow actually, and we are excited for that. Elder Correia cut his hair so he wouldn't get burned by Sister Dias for having huge

hair.

Not too much more to say. This week will be more exciting, and eventful, I hope. Today we're going to Teresina Shopping, and then we'll just hang out at home. I love the mission.

OH! So the Manaus Temple will be dedicated and we're going to watch that next month. I am pumped for that! I have never seen a dedication! This'll be great! It'll be at the Stake Center here.

It is great serving with Elder Correia. He is hilarious, and he is a hard worker. I am glad that I have this chance to be a trainer, this is the one thing that I wanted to do on the mission.

Love you lots, and I hope you all have a great week!

Love,

-Elder Phillip Larsen

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***Sorry, this week I don't have pictures, or a sound file. I'll send stuff next week.***

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