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Querida Familia,

Hey!!! How're you doing? I loved the pictures from the BBQ. I had a good time seeing all the pictures. Looked like it was a blast!

This week was incredibly intense for us, and it was a hard working week, but it all paid off. 2 of the people we have been teaching, Leomar, and Francinete, were baptized this weekend. It was an exciting time, and we are pumped for some of the other investigators that we are teaching!

We went to institute on Wednesday, and that was fun. The center of the institute here is awesome. It is in a rented house nearby the mall and it is HUGE! Or, as Elder Correia said, it is RIDICULOUSLY HUGE! It was cool to go there. We have an institute center in Boston don't we? We just live so far away from it that we go to the Lowell chapel.

Friday, after Francinete's baptism, there was an activity with the ward. The Relief Society was in charge of the activity and it was really fun. There was a message, and then lots of games afterwards. Everyone enjoyed themselves, and it was a good end to the day. We have been doing these activities every 15 in 15 days, and I am liking how it is working out. The ward is getting more excited!

We are teaching a family that is really excited about the gospel. Francisca, and Joaõ Henrique, and Francisca's 2 grandchildren. It is great. We were walking to Leomar's house to walk with him to church, and on the way we saw Francisca and Joaõ Henrique walking and they were going to church, with Book of Mormon in hand! They are really excited and love hearing and learning more. Then we got to Leomar's house, and we walked with him to church. His change was incredible, and his faith is very strong. He has a great desire to be baptized, and on Sunday he was! He really was a miracle. He was prepared to hear the gospel. Francisca and Joaõ Henrique went to the Baptism afterwards and they loved it! They loved church, and they are excited to go in 2 weeks again!

This weekend will be the temple dedication for the Manaus Brasil Temple! We'll be going on Sunday in the afternoon.

I love the mission. It has been flying by way too fast. I am so grateful for this opportunity to serve a mission. I love this work. I know it is true. The Book of Mormon is the word of God. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is his kingdom here on the Earth. Miracles still happen, every day.

Love you lots,

Love,

Elder Phillip Larsen

Pictures:


8729 - We cleaned the Baptismal Font on Friday in the morning.

8809 - The Baptism of Leomar. (Elder Correia, Leomar, José, and me)

8735 - The Baptism of Francinete. (Me, Juliana, Dhellya, Francinete, and Elder Correia)

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