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Querida Familia,

Well this past week had transfers, and Elder Christian was transfered to another ward here in Teresina. Changes are always annoying, but the mission continues. Elder Sessions arrived here, who is also of my group that arrived here in Brasil. He actually left the day that was in my call, September 30th.

So this week has been a tough one. We worked hard to get members to come out with us, but many times it ended up being that they couldn't come with us, or our investigators at the last minute weren't able to meet with us. Either way it made for many long days having appointments fall through.

Francisca and João Henrique are doing great! They and Irmã Francisca's grandchildren Carol, Ana Beatrix, and Jonata love when we go to their house and they are progressing a lot! Turns out many members in the ward already know her, and are helping her even more. It is great to see their happiness, and it is a privelege to hear them testifying on how the restored gospel is blessing their lives. Irmã Francisca told us that they feel a lot more peaceful and happy, and they look forward to our visits often. I am so grateful to be a missionary and be a part of this work of the Lord.

So guess what happened this week.... the Package arrived!!! It was rather funny because on Tuesday, Elder Sessions and Elder Brautigam went to the office and they said nothing came in. The day was already a little bit of a bummer because of some lessons that didn't go as we hoped, but then as we were ending our planning, they revealed the package that arrived!

It was great! I love Peanut Butter! Thank you so much Mom for sending that! I am now walking on clouds that are in my shoes (the insoles), and we eat peanut butter with oreos every day... haha. 1 Kilo of Peanut Butter!

Yesterday was great too because Francinete was confirmed in sacrament meeting. It was funny as well because 9:00 arrived, and Francisca and João Henrique weren't at church. We got a little worried but we arranged with Irmão Ribamar to pick them up

and we went there. Turns out he knows Francisca as well, and she had told João Henrique "Lets get ready because I think they'll come soon." He replied "No, they won't. Church already started." When we arrived they were really happy and we quickly went to church. They had slept in late because members of their family did a surprize visit from Brasilia. They enjoyed church a lot!

Today we are going to go to Shopping da Cidade, a part in the center of the city. It'll be fun. We'll go by train! Woohoo! First time Elder Correia will go on a train.

It is weird to think that Ricky will be going home this week. The time passes really fast. Incredibly fast. I am so grateful to be serving, I have learned a lot. It is amazing. It is strange. Sometimes you might think that giving 2 years as missionary service is paying back God for all the blessings he has already given you, but then you think about it, he just keeps giving. He truely is our loving Heavenly Father.

Well love you all very much! Hope you have a great week, sorry Dad, I didn't remember Father's day. It was a normal Sunday here... so **Happy Father's Day!** **Feliz Dia dos Pais!**

I forgot my adapter at home. So no pictures, sorry!

Love,

-Elder Phillip Larsen

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