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Querida Familia,

So this week was eventful, tiring, and good, although I am getting a lot more tired, a lot faster. We had meetings with our new President. Presidente Siedschlag! I really enjoyed the meetings. First, it was with the trainers, district leaders, and zone leaders of the mission. I got to see Elder Yorgason, and Elder Iverson again. It is incredible. I remember arriving here in Brasil thinking that near the end of my mission I'll have a new president. Now he has arrived. That was kind of a reality check. In 3 weeks, I am going to be the oldest group of Elders in the mission.

I really enjoyed the various instructions that he gave us, and also the talks that he gave. He talked about his mission. He is from Santa Catarina, a state in the south of Brasil, and he is German descendencia. He was born in the covenant, and has served 2 missions. First was a mission building chapels, and then he served a normal mission with a total of 3 and a half years.

Power outage... 😞

So we returned to the Lan House and there is power again. And I lost my train of thought....

So, President and Sister Siedschlag introduced themselves and it was just a great time getting to know them and learning with them. They are very cool and I am excited to work with them as well! Elder Correia got sick this week so it became a little harder to work but he's doing better-ish now. This weekend we also had the baptism of Anna Beatriz, and Anna Karoliny! That was a hectic day, (We didn't have any more minutes on our phone and it was a very critical moment so we had to buy a phone card to use at a pay phone, but everything worked out in the end.) They were very happy that they could be baptized here! I really love that family. They are very special, and very receptive to the gospel. They can see the blessings and the importance of it in their lives. They will be moving back to Brasilia soon. Maybe they'll be in an area where a missionary from my district is serving. That would be awesome!

Well the time is up and I have to get going. I can't remember too many other things. I am doing great, besides being really tired. I hope you all have a great week! I am so grateful to have this chance to serve a mission.

Love you all very much. Have a great summer week! I'll enjoy the winter week here... 🍷

Love,

Elder Phillip Larsen

Pictures

8958 - Elder Correia has fear of heights and we were on a train on a bridge... 😞

0137 - Elder Brautigam, Presidente Siedschlag, Sister Siedschlag, me, Elder Correia.

8979 - Baptism of Karol and Anna Beatriz.

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