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Querida Familia,

Well that was a ton of news! I just finished reading your emails to me. Wow. Congratulations Brad and Amy! And I'll actually be there for the wedding! Haha.
Can you send pictures of the new room all set up?

This week was a more challenging one for us. The weather is getting hotter. Much hotter. B-R-O BRO is arriving. (The months Setembro, Outubro, Novembro, Dezembro are the hottest months of the year.)

Appointments fell through several days during the week, which was annoying, but we visited a lot of people and invited them to the activity that we had on Friday which was a simulation of the plan of salvation where people would have the ability to choose what they want to do during a 30-40 minutes. Depending on the choices that they made, they would go to one of the 3 kingdoms. It was a cool activity, and I remembered the few times where a similar activity happened at the church. It was fun to do all that in the youth program. A lot of people went to the activity on Friday.

We have been learning a lot, focusing our efforts to improve where we need to so we can do the work here. I have been reading every day in the Book of Mormon, and today I just finished in Helaman. The mission's focus now is to fortify the families here and to find new families to bring into the church because when it is a family, they will have that support and help to keep strong in the church and nurture one another's testimony of the Gospel. We have been seeing miracles in our area, despite the trials that we have been facing. Actually you could probably say that the trials are the miracles, really making us depend more on God and show more faith in him.

We watched the Prophet of the Restoration again, but it was a different version that I hadn't seen before. So far, I have seen from Joseph's point of view, Emma's, and now his mother's point of view. It is incredible, the history of the church. Someone at church on Sunday bore their testimony about Joseph Smith, saying more or less this: *The enemies of the church thought that by killing Joseph Smith, the church would cease and stop. In reality, it was the complete opposite. This church is guided by men called of God as prophets to testify of Jesus Christ and his mission.* Truly this is the Lord's church restored on the Earth, never again to be removed.

We'll have a Family Home Evening tonight with some members and recent converts. It'll be a fun event and we are excited for that. Today we will also eat lunch at a member's house and play Uno and other card games.

I got really happy to hear the news today. Once again congratulations Brad and Amy!

Love you, Have a great week!
Love,

-Elder Phillip Larsen

Here is my address of the mission, although it is probably a bit late, but they just sent this today to us in our emails.

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Pictures

9172 - Scripture cases that we managed to do. They turned out really awesome.

9207 - Us after the activity. Elder Beseau is the new Elder in our house.

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