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Querida Família,

This week was good. Very good actually, but at the end it was a bit tougher because Elder Correia got really sick really fast but also he is a lot better already.

We started off the week just staying in the area on P-day and we visited with some members that would be going to Santa Catarina on Thursday. We played Uno and War. That was fun. It is sad though to see more of the ward moving down South. It is rather funny though because there are about 15 people from the ward that have moved there since I arrived. There are now 2 Ala Poti in Brasil. (Just kidding, just that people joke around about that here in the ward.) We had a family home evening afterwards, and we saw João Enrique right before we returned home. He arrived Monday night.

We tried to do our best each of the days thinking on who we can visit, and when an appointment fell through, we would think and ponder at what opportunities we would have with the open time afterwards. We visited Francisca several times this week with João Enrique, and also Lukas who was baptized recently as well.

We have been focusing our work more on finding and teaching families. I don't know if I had mentioned that about the vision of the mission now, but we are looking for more families to enter into the church and strengthen the wards. We have been having a lot of success since focusing more on the family and helping families receive the blessings of the restored gospel. We started teaching a family that we had taught a few months ago, Eduardo and Rita de Cassia, and we had a very good lesson with them reading The Family: A Proclamation to the World. It was a very different lesson. I had never used that pamphlet before in teaching, but we felt like we should read it with them, and the spirit was strong in that visit. We are going to visit them tonight as well.

Today we'll be going to the center of the town again, for real this time. The other times that I have wanted to do that didn't work out really. So I'll buy souvenir's there in the center. Tomorrow we have Zone Conference with President. My last one... O_o

I don't know if you have been following the videos of the New Testament, but I suggest that you guys watch them. They are awesome. Especially the sermon on the mount. I watched that today. I like the videos because they are with the dialogue from the Bible.

Happy Brazilian Father's Day Dad! It was yesterday.

I hope you have a great week, love you and miss you. Finally we received the itinerary.

Love you,

Love,

Elder Phillip Larsen

No pictures today, sorry. This computer isn't too trusty. It put some weird programs on my card so I will just keep the pictures for now and send more next week.