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Querida Família,

Well Dad, I have thought about stuff like that before too.. Wow, already it has been 2 years since that day that we were in the airport. Crazy. It has been a long time, but at the same time has passed by fast. Lots of mixed feelings. A lot of people in the ward already know that I will be leaving next week.

So last week I didn't end up getting better on Monday, but I got sick again Monday night and Tuesday I wasn't feeling too good either, so to stop what happened Monday night from repeating I ended up resting and then I got better for real.

Lately we have been focusing a lot more on teaching families. Helping them understand the importance of the gospel, and really making families our primary responsibility here in finding and teaching. With Elder Correia, we really got to find several families, all of which have different situations, and all of which also have different levels of interest in all of these things. A week ago, Juliana, and Wilson went to church, and we talked to them later this past week, and their words really made me happy. They said: *"We were a little worried that we'd get to church and people would force us to do stuff like 'Accept Jesus!' and forcing us to do stuff that we didn't want to. We felt very comfortable there."* Juliana liked church a lot, and wanted to bring her 2 daughters and her brother to go to church this past Sunday, but that didn't work out because her youngest daughter was sick.

Every day Elder Sessions, Beseau, and Correia let me know how much time I have left, so that is kind of inevitable. Oh well... I am not letting *trunkesa*, as they say, take over my mind. One scripture that I like is D&C 12:3, focusing mainly on the working as long as there is still time, applying it to the mission. I may have 8 days left on the mission, but those 8 days are opportunities to continue working as a full time missionary.

Enjoy your nice autumn weather, and I'll enjoy the heat of the beginning of B.R.O.-Bro
I love you lots, this email is shorter. Today we'll go to the center again and I will get more souvenirs.
Next week will be pretty exciting! 🍁

Love,

-Elder Phillip Larsen