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Brasil Week 11 - Mom and Dad

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Querido Mom and Dad,

So I have a few questions, and thank you for the emails, and for the package. I haven't recieved it yet, but when we go to centro, the main section of town where the mission office is, I will get it then. Also any letters that have come since I have been here.

A few questions, When an apostle dies, is it always going to be someone from the Seventy who will become the next apostle or no? I know that the church is run by revelation so I was a bit curious on that point.

What is the number of Priesthood holders they need to have wards split?

Also, when are the Mcfadden's going to move? Or is that not going to happen? I was a bit sad to hear that, and a week before I heard about that, I had been thinking about the ward and people moving out, and thought the Mcfadden's would move, but then I thought "No, he just got called bishop and that was an answer to their prayers if they should move." but then the week later, I heard that he was moving so that was a real bumber, and then when I thought about the ward, and then about the ward splitting I had a similar feeling of "Oh no, the ward won't split, there isn't enough people there for it to split." but that is why I was wondering about that.

Thanks for the pictures Dad from the festivities today. I had forgotten that today is memorial day. I look forward to being able to participate in various activities like that. I will get back before Colombus Day, so we can go see the colombus day parade next year! :D

Thank you so much for sending the Ensign for conference. I am very excited for that. I saw some of the members here carrying around with them the liahona edition of the conference addresses, and I was pumped. I could read it, kind of, still have a lack of vocabulary, but I really want to read it in English.

Speaking of the Ensign, let me know dad when your talk will be printed in the Ensign, and hopefully it will get translated into Portuguese. I remember I said that I think it will

come out when I am on my mission, so maybe it will in the near future.

That is sad that Ewe'll love it is closing. I hope Beverly's health improves. I need to write her a letter. What is her address? Also, what is Jesse Parent's Address, and the Wilson's new one? I don't know if I had written it correctly or not. And are people coming back for the summer from College now?

Dad, that is a lot of experiences with Cancer in TCC... I am glad Don is improving, but that is scary for the other worker I. I think I can remember him, but I am not exactly sure. (I forgot his name.. :/)

I am very glad that I had the opportunity to work for TCC for 2 summers as well. I know I complained a lot. Haha, remember my first day when I worked there? You asked me, How did you like your first day? and I was completely freaked out. Hahaha, I had forgotten that. Working is good though, I've been working for every day for the past 8 months. I am glad I got to work before my mission, even though they were temp jobs, and even though I complained a lot.

I am doing good right now, I really love the ward that I am serving in now, and I am so glad that I have these feelings now while I am still here instead of afterwards. I have a hard time enjoying what I have when I have it, but that is something that I am working on. This whole experience has been quite the experience... heh... It is pretty crazy too... in 2ish weeks I'll be 9 months out already. I just arrived in Texas... what happened?!

Love you lots,

Love,

Elder Phillip Larsen

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