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Mom and Dad Week 13

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Querido Mom and Dad,

First off, I forgot to ask about this recently, but I heard that Egypt and other countries with a large population of people of the muslim faith are angry at the United States for killing Osama. Did that affect TCC at all? And when are you going to Egypt, and for how long? That is exciting! I want to visit places with really old buildings when I get back, and Japan. But I am enjoying Brasil right now.

Mom, one other thing that I wouldn't mind in the next package that you send is another sketch book. I still have the large one you sent for christmas, but I haven't seen any sketch books here with too good paper. They have sketch books here, but they are all lower quality materials but I'll keep looking to see if I can't find one.

So I was reminded, while standing in line at Carvalho, a super market here in Piauí, about shopping with you mom at Hannaford and other stores. The line was longer, and Elder Magalhães put the stuff that he was going to buy down and walked to the front which reminded me of the book box at Hannaford and then about my impatience at times with you and not letting you look at the books like you wanted to, and I just want to say that I am sorry for my impatience.

That makes sense about all the factors that are taken into account with a ward splitting. There isn't any possibility of just a ward boundary change though is there? I know I am worrying too much... but I feel a little like all these changes were stored up until after I left for my mission, and I feel like I am the one left behind. I am trying very hard to enjoy my time here. It flies by. I was just thinking about how a week ago we baptized Laisa, and that seemed a lot faster than it was. That was 1% more of my mission that went by. It is actually quite sobering to think in terms of that, how short of a time we have to serve the Lord as Elders of Israel.

That is a good insight dad about the second coming, and milenium. I will admit that I want to be home when the second coming happens, I dunno... just kind of how it is mysterious... I don't know. No one but God knows when it will actually happen, just need to keep an eternal perspective. Do you feel like it will be soon? Just asking opinion wise. I remember in the MTC, one Elder said that a teacher of his said that the

prophet during that time would have the name of David, and that he was going by biblical perspective, and David A. Bednar is in the Quorum of the 12 apostles, but I don't know where that teacher is coming from exactly. I feel a little bad though because I guess some of the reason why I don't want it to happen on my mission are worldly like being able to see movies... bleah... O_o But that was a good insight dad. I love it because every time I have done research more on a clashing doctrine, it always resolves itself and proves the church to be true. This really is the true church of God!

But with the doctrines appearing to "clash" I had a similar experience with that as well, about the Word of Wisdom. Before it was not a commandment, but now it is. In the bible we have instances where righteous people, or prophets drink wine. Specifically the instance with Noah drinking wine and becoming drunken. I wrote down the question in my study journal, and then on Sunday, before sacrament, I was reading in True to the Faith about the Sacrament and how they had wine, but Jesus said it doesn't matter what you use. God gives us commandments according to the situation the world is it so that we have the suscribed way to live and survive in our environment. There weren't movies, and pornography in the time of Nephi, so there wasn't a need to address that, and I doubt that there was heroine, and a large variety of drugs and harmful, yet widely accepted substances such as coffee during earlier times in the scriptures. Well hopefully that made sense to you, it makes sense in my head. It was just a similar Ah-Ha moment for me. I like those moments.

Question: Did my hair look stupid before the mission, and during High School?

Question: Do I walk, or did I walk weird? Just wondering because some of the Elders here mentioned stuff like that, that I walk weirdly but I don't think so. It was the first time someone commented on that.

That's sad that the Mcfaddens are moving... :(

In picture 352 is that Scott Carroll? I thought that they had moved to Utah. Just a random note.

If the package that you sent came already, I will hopefully get it tomorrow when I go with Elder Magalhães to the Stake Center in Teresina Horto. I hope I get it anyways.

Oh, can you look up to see if that test on if phones causing cancer is true? My companion says it is but I remember it being true but like you need to have the phone next to you for 30 years or something crazy like that.

Running out of time, thanks for the emails and the pictures. I love you both very much and miss you all.

Love,

Elder Phillip Larsen

P.S. Yes dad you can accept Elder Magalhães and Frank for friend requests.

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