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Querida Familia,

Well another week has passed by and its P-Day again!

This week was pretty good, started off at a good start but got a bit hard near the end, we are still lacking investigators, and it is very disanimating... I don't know the word in English for that. Discouraging! That's the one I wanted to say. Oseias was vacationing with his family in Parnaiba, on the north side of Piaui, and one thing that was really awesome to hear is that he lead the family in saying prayers before leaving the house and before eating. He wasn't at church though because he was doing construction on the house or something and our area always lacks water so he wasn't able to finish or get ready for church. He showed up for the baptism of the Bishop's daughter though.

This past sunday I gave my first class in Church in Portuguese! That was something that I was really nervous about because I hadn't given a class since Texas, but it went well. I don't know if everyone understood everything but I enjoyed giving it. This is something I want to get better at, is not being nervous with Talks and teaching bigger groups. Praying and preparation are essential and really help too.

We met the man who baptized Bishop Ferreira. Unfortunately, he is inactive now. He didn't appear like an inactive member. Elder Alonso gave him a scripture that really helped him. I don't remember the reference though. He lives in the same area as President Dias.

One thing that was nice is that I finally recieved my mission bag!!! Yeah! And it has a zipper! We had weird lunches again, meaning that the schedule was different. That has been the case for the last 2 weeks. I hope that it changes back to normal.

Heather seems to be having a lot of problems with her car recently, it almost seems like every 2 weeks has something happen! I am glad she is okay, poor Felan. O_o He's getting old.

Mom, a funny thing that happened to me this past week that I remembered when you said that Josh is going to Alberta Canada is that I had a dream I was transferred to Alberta Canada and that it was part of the Brasil Teresina Mission. That is cool that he is serving in the same mission as Adam.

Karen will return when I have 1 year on the mission. That's pretty cool. I wrote her a couple of weeks ago but still haven't recieved a reply.

Daniel is getting tall! And he accomplished something that I never accomplished. I still find it hilarious what I had told Brother Nelson when he got the call as the scout master for our troop. "I am not going to get my eagle, and I don't want to earn my Eagle." (Something along those lines.) Congrats Daniel! What was his project that he did?

That's awesome! Gideon's team won the worldwide competition!!! That is awesome! \$25,000 prize? That is really cool. I miss being able to nerf with friends. Are my guns still in my old room or are they in the attic now?

Dad, what does anemic mean? What is that condition exactly? I have heard it before, but I don't remember what it means.

Today is Elder Alonso's Birthday, so we ate cereal this morning that I had bought this past week. Cereal is expensive here, but I bought a huge box at Extra for only R\$10.00 so that was pretty good. Its kellogs frosted flakes but chocolate. It was a fun way to celebrate the day. He doesn't want to do anything to celebrate him having one less year of life. That is what he said. Haha, reminded me of something Julia would say.

Cleiton, a member in Ala Uruguai gave his leaving missionary talk. I still have trouble understanding sometimes with talks, but it was good. Rubens, another member will be going on a mission soon, Benicio, another member, Helema, and Raphael soon as well. They are from both Taquari and Urugai. That's a lot of future missionaries!

This past week a missionary left for home and he finished his 2 years. He was the first Elder here that I knew pretty good who left for home now. Next Tuesday, not tomorrow, but the next one more missionaries will be going to their houses, Elder Pavelski, one of the APs that I served with for a week will be going home, and in October a huge group of really cool Elders will be leaving for their houses too. It is a pretty weird feeling because I didn't really see much of this in the TLM. The life of a missionary passes fast...

I don't want to leave this area, yet I also want to see the rest of the mission. I feel like I will be transfered soon because at the end of this month I will have 5 months in Ala Uruguai. Here feels like home in Brasil because I have only been here since arriving.

Mom I'll think about ideas for Christmas Presents.

Well that is all for this week, love you lots, hope you have a good week!

Love,

Elder Phillip Larsen

P.S. Dad you can add Rosa Vasconcoles. We called from her house on Mother's Day. They're our next door neighbor too, well across the street.

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