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Querida Familia,

Well it is P-Day again, however, I am in a different area now... Its a bit annoying, but it is good to always have a change in the mission to have more experiences. I am in the North end of Piaui, Parnaiba. It is a city about the size of Nashua, and it has 14 Elders in it now. 4 Branches, and our Branch president is very excited to do missionary work.

I am sad to leave Planalto Uruguai, it has been home since I arrived in Brasil. A lot of people were sad to see me go, and unfortunately I didn't get to say goodbye to everyone that was there that I really enjoyed visiting. I took pictures, and some people gave me presents of lembrancas, like a little keychain thing or an inside joke. I got a pretty sweet purple striped tie from someone that I met my first day here who later got baptized but in the other ward. I really love the people that are in that area, and it is annoying and hard to say goodbye but that is the mission unfortunately. It is the hardest thing I think about the mission is saying goodbye to people that you reallu enjoy being around.

Elder Thomé got transferred too, he found out before me and I was like wow he and I finally will live in a different house after 5 and 1/2 months, but the funny thing is now we are serving in the same branch, and living in the same house still. 2 companionships per branch.

Also Elder Yorgason and Iverson are here in Parnaiba as well. It was a big reunion that we had here!

My new companion is Elder Ribeiro. He is from the Amazon, Manaus. That is a pretty cool place to be from! He has a little bit more time than I do on the mission and he is the District Leader and senior companion.

We are living with 8 missionaries in one house right now, it is awesome. The house is huge, and I have been sleeping in my hammoc since I got here, it is actually quite comfortable.

This is the first time for almost 4 months since I have lived with americans around. Elder Arrant, Elder Smoot, and Elder Martinez all live in our house. Elder Arrant has about 2 months left on the mission, and he lets us know that. It is pretty funny. We set up our hammocs in the back yard which is pretty awesome.

Parnaiba has SO MUCH WIND. It is so nice because we just left Teresina as it was getting the hottest, and now we have wind almost every second here. It is a big change from the deathly heat of the sun without clouds!

My first experience in Parnaiba, we walked out the first day to a bakery to get food and an old lady walked up all excited and said "How many palms do you have?" I didn't understand her question because it was a weird way to ask for height, but then afterwards she gave me a hug... hahaha it was rather hilarious. I am a giant here though, in our new house there is a doorway that is short and I have hit my head more than 10 times on it already. Only I do that too because I am so tall.

Yes Heather I have been dreaming in Portuguese, not every night, but it started I think a couple of months ago. It is really cool. I feel a lot more comfortable with the language.

Mom are you using the mission mom website? it is where you can talk to moms of the missionaries in my mission. A lot of american's mom's use it. Just something cool I thought you'd want to know. Also could you send maple syrup extract? That would be awesome, thanks!

Well that was my week pretty much. A lot of stuff has been happening, lots of changes in the mission. I am almost 1 year out already, the next year will fly by too.... O\_o

I'm a bit jealous that you guys have a day off and are going biking Brad and Dad. I miss free time! Enjoy your day, and your week!

Love you lots and miss you, and I'm just a little trunky, but only a little ;P ,

Love,

Elder Phillip Larsen

Yes dad you can add Jordan and Thayla to my facebook.

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