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Querida Familia,

EH!!! Kogden returned from the mission! I am already more than a year out, and some people in my last area are leaving for their missions too! Quite an eventful 15th of September.

So I just finished reading all the emails, the printer here at the lan house is broken so I will just print them out in a different place after, but I'm emailing here anyways.

P-day came quick, but during the week it just came really slowly, lots happened this past week.

So this week was a week full of work again, as usual. Yes mom, we do walk. A ton. Unfortunately the other Elders found a house deep in their area that we are supposed to move to, but it doesn't really make sense to me that we move there when it makes a walk into our area where we work more 30 minutes. (The are where all of our investigators live) The house we live in right now is really good because we walk across the street and we are already in our area. I hope we can stay there. Right now we have 8 missionaries living there, which I don't really mind, but whatever.

I got another hammoc this past week, a cool blue and white squared one. Don't know really how to describe it, however, it is a lot better than my first one that I got, a lot more comfortable.

Turns out Oseias was waiting only for his Birthday to come around to get baptized... Hahaha, I thought that was hilarious, but unfortunate too because I got transferred before his birthday. I wish it was easier to communicate with the people in other areas, but I guess it is good that it is harder because it lets you focus more on the people in the area that you are serving in at that moment.

Every single day we have something extremely hilarious happen to us. This past week, one of the highlights was we went to this freaking sweet bakery that is huge, air

conditioned, and the food is cheap. We were eating, and this one lady sat down at a table nearby us, and Elder Ribeiro said that he knew something was different about her. Well she got up in the middle of eating and started talking to us. The funny thing is that people always ask my companion if I am American, and they act like I can't speak Portuguese. Well I replied that I am, and talked with her a little. The thing that is funny though is that she had a ton of bread crumbs around her mouth like a little kid and every so often food would fly out of her mouth when she was talking to us. (I was quick to protect my food behind a thing that holds napkins) She asked about English class that we have at the church, but in the end she didn't go to English class.

The days have been a little hotter here. The wind disappeared, and it feels a bit like Teresina. I heard that earlier this week it was 53 degrees celsius in Teresina. I am glad I wasn't there for the heat!

We will be returning to Teresina soon though because Elder Bednar is coming to split the stakes there, and make a new one, and talk to the missionaries. I am excited for that. I think it will be a full mission event where everyone comes to it. I hope so, then I can see all the missionaries in the mission again.

This week at Church, none of the people that we scheduled to walk with to church ended up coming, (Our investigators) we still had some investigators that came, but a lot of our more serious ones weren't there. We have 3 families that we are teaching, 2 of which we will be marrying, and the other is a single mom with her 2 daughters. Teaching our investigators is so much fun. We have one investigator, Charles, and he came to church this past Sunday, but it was all about the family and he doesn't have the ideal family situation. He's a very smart guy and he understands practically all the stuff we teach him.

Romero and Josi, and their daughter Kayla are another family that we are teaching, they weren't at church this Sunday, and that was a tough thing to have happen too. It is so difficult when you work hard to get people to accept to come to church, and then they don't come!

I lent my triple combination in Portuguese to one of our investigators to pray, and she also didn't come to church, and I still haven't recieved my Triple still. (I lent it because we didn't have any more Books of Mormon.)

Well that was the stuff that I could think of today to write. This morning we played Football (Soccer) at a court with all of the missionaries and 2 members. I am not that good. Hah. We still had a good time though, but it was pretty dang hot out. Practically without wind.

My talk was about going to the Temple, because the District here was preparing to go,

but they didn't get enough people for the caravan to Recife, so it isn't going to happen after all :(

Working with Elder Ribeiro is cool. He is a good guy. We joke around a lot, but we also teach a lot of people.

This past sunday there was another American there who is getting married to a member of the ward. It was pretty funny because he started speaking to me in English and I wasn't expecting that.

Hope you all had a good week, and hope you all will have a good week.

Love you lots, hump day happened already. Wow... that is still a bit weird. Time has gone slowly, but at the same time it has flown by. I look forward to the Christmas phone call too! It'll be fun! Miss you guys, but I am glad that I have this opportunity to serve a mission for the Lord.

Love,

Elder Phillip Larsen

P.S.

Dad, you can accept that Friend Request. I can't really remember what the door looked like at first.

Mom, I thought of some Christmas Present ideas finally. These are just some ideas: A little remote controlled car that charges with a USB, a watch like dad's, that has the clip on piece, or card games, like uno or something that we play at home.

Also, sharpies (Black and Silver), a zebra mechanical pencil, beef jerky, in the next package that you send. Just some little things that they don't have here.

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