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Dear Family,

So... yeah... this week has had lots of surprises. First off, later last P-Day, I got a call from the Zone Leaders. I was transferred... to Ala Pioneiros that is on the other side of my area, and meets in the same chapel. It was rather annoying, and I don't understand why I was transferred... Why?!

This week has been quite the adventure, well the thing that makes the transfer even better is that I have a companion who has never served in this city, so for the 3rd time in a row we are opening up an area. We have walked a lot this week, and have been trying to get used to where we are, however, it is going much slower than last time. Our area is a little disorganized, but we have found people to start teaching and have some lessons planned this week. This area is where Elder Yorgason passed through, and it is funny because some kids in the street ask for him, but he is still in Parnaiba now.

Elder Helamá is taller than me. He is from Rio, and he has a few months more than me on the mission. We live with Elder Smith, and Elder Costa (a greeny) he arrived a few weeks ago.

This past Thursday we had a Zone Conference here in São Luís! It was a christmasy conference, our lunch was Turkey! Woohoo! That is the first time in some time that I had eaten Turkey. Also, a couple of days ago I had Chicken noodle Soup for the first time entering Brasil. It was really good!

So Christmas here hasn't been too big of a celebration here yet. There are lights set up on some houses. Yesterday was the last game of the Soccer Tournament in Brasil and so there were a ton of people partying and

We had a miracle this past Sunday. We were in church, and there was an investigator that was there. He went up and bore his testimony about how he knows that the Gospel is true, and that he knows the Book of Mormon is the word of God, and that he

wants to be baptized.

After Church we visited with him and talked to him about baptism and we are going to plan his baptism for I think the next weekend, not the 10th but a bit later.

Today we are going to go to a mall here in the city with 4 other missionaries. I think we're going to eat at McDonalds! "Yummy! yummy!"

Sorry this week didn't have the best email, it was a bit short. Thanks for all the emails!

I know that God is at the head of his work, that he has a plan for each of us, and that as we rely more upon him we can receive strength and grow even more each day. This gospel is the way to return to live with him.

Love you a lot, have a great week!

Love,

Elder Phillip Larsen

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Pictures, one of me and Elder Helamá, and the other is our lunch that we had at the Zone Conference.

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