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Dear Familia,

So sounds like it has been a nice cold week for you guys in the USA. I am living in a place where it snows every day...☹️

NOT!!! 😬

This week has been an interesting week. Lots of hard work, and just, well, the normal missionary life. We taught lessons, visited people and talked to people in the street. Elder Oliveira and I are getting along well and we laugh a lot as well. We are both dead tired this week though because it has been so hot and we have walked a lot some of the days.

Oh, a funny story. So we were walking home on Monday from an appointment about 30 minutes from our house. We were walking on this one bigger road with a huge garden that goes for a while paralleling the road. Well, what happened. Out of nowhere it started to get really windy and then it started to pour, like it had never rained before! Haha! Well luckily I had brought my umbrella, and so did Elder Oliveira, just that his caught the wind really bad and got all bent up and then the wind took it about 100 feet away and it got stuck on the ground. We tried to find shelter really quick behind a wall of a school (because the wind was taking the rain so it rained sideways instead of from above,) and we put our bags inside plastic bags and then we walked home in the rain. The streets all turned into rivers again, and we arrived soaked. The other companionship had arrived before the storm hit and they laughed at us when we got in. I think it is pretty fun, not going to lie, walking in the rain as a missionary. I just savored the moment and put a smile on. My companion was a little frustrated about his umbrella and how he got completely soaked, (except his scriptures.) I understand that side as well though.

So we have really been enjoying Ligretto that you sent for Christmas. Just thought I'd let you know. Thanks for sending it! I like it!

I did a division with Elder Christian this week as well and that went well. It is always

nice when you live with your district because that takes away the moving part of the division, having to look for each other, and all. It was good and I learned a lot. It is weird being one of the older missionaries now... I know I talk about something along those lines in every email, but the thought keeps coming to me about how quick stuff is happening and how quick the mission is going by.

This Sunday we had Stake Conference and I was able to see a lot of people from my first area here in Brasil. It was very cool, and it was great to see everyone again. I enjoyed going to the new chapel as well which is very awesome looking. It is the new stake center for the Horto Stake.

Dang, this really was a short email this week. I have nothing else that I can remember that really stuck out to me. It was just more of the same stuff. Next week I will try to remember to make the voice recording, and I am trying to write letters to people. I will send some DVD's with pictures this week as well so I can take more pictures and clear up my card.

This truly is the Lord's work. I am grateful that I am serving a mission right now, and I know that serving a mission is what I need to be doing at this moment in my life. I have learned so much already, and I will learn even more.

It was kind of hard to write some words in this email, well I kept catching myself messing up... fun stuff.

Love you all a ton! Hope you have a great week, and enjoy the nice snow and I'll enjoy the sun!

Love,

Elder Phillip Larsen

Pictures:

8346 - The new chapel here in Teresina, it is the new stake center for the Horto Florestal Stake. It is two stories and pretty awesome!

8347 - Being in the Horto Stake, I got to see the people from Uruguai, and Vilma and her Family. Oseias was sustained and ordained an Elder that day as well. It was great to see everyone!

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