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Querida Familia,

So this week has been a very intense, and delayed week. Each day felt like it took forever to end, and each hour was incredibly filled. We had a baptism of Irmã Joana Dark, (Yes her name is Joan of Arc) and that was great! She is the mother of a member in the ward. She is a very fun person and she likes to watch Football! She has a bunch of cats as well at her house, although she gave a lot of them away.

Jessica, another investigator was to be baptized on Sunday. Elder Oliveira and I fasted that everything would work out well. She was interviewed on Saturday and was really excited for Sunday after church, but at the last minute she called us and said it wouldn't work out. We think someone said something to make her doubt, but we are going to work really hard this week to strengthen her and take away any doubts she has so that she will accept a date for Saturday. It was a hard weekend, but I learned many rewarding and important lessons as well. We are sad that she wasn't baptized this weekend, but she still is letting us visit and she is studying the scriptures.

This week is transfer week, some missionaries are going to be going home, Elder Pearson is already ending his mission. It was a year ago when we were living together in Taquari, but he has already finished his 2 years. Scarily enough, it isn't lacking too much time for me either... I am looking to make the best of the next 3 transfers. President Dias will be leaving the mission at the end of this transfer too. Lots of moves are happening.

A hilarious thing that happened this week is that we were at home getting ready to go to bed and Elder Cooper went into the room that we never use and just said "Hey Elder, there is a cat in this room..." Sure enough, a cat had entered the room and was just sitting in the wardrobe meowing. It was weird. It had jumped through the window without glass and got stuck in there. We don't use that room ever. We filmed it leaving the house but it was rather scared. Just a really weird, but funny thing that happened this week.

It was pretty hot during this week. It is hot every day actually, but some days it rained in the morning and the rest of the day was just stuffy, humid, and the sun has been really strong. I am so glad that we have fans in our house, and cold showers are actually nice in these conditions. In São Luís, it was a little tough because it was already cold, but here in Teresina, it was nice.

Here in the city is Brasil's plane squad that writes messages in the air with smoke. They did a presentation at the bridge here in the city. It was fun seeing them flying around in formation during the week, and on Saturday they were writing stuff in the sky.

After the baptism on Saturday, we had cookies. Chocolate chip cookies! Yes! It was really great. I still haven't gotten around to making the donuts or apple pie. Mom what is the recipe for the Dutch Apple Pie that Sister Ogden makes? As I remember, that one is easier than the recipe that you sent.

Well we'll see what will happen this week in a bit. By the end of the day we'll know who is going to stay, and who is going home. Love you all lots, hope you have a great week! I don't know what I'll be doing on my Birthday, but I'll look to celebrate it somehow.

The Gospel is the way to our Father in Heaven. I am so glad to have it in my life, and to have this chance to bring it to the lives of others. We all chose to follow Jesus Christ once before this life, now it is our responsibility to follow him again so that we can receive eternal life.

Love you,

Love,

-Elder Phillip Larsen

Pictures

I forgot my adapter so no pictures this week. Sorry!

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