

Hey gente, tudo bem? Como vocês estão?? Happy Pioneer Day for all who celebrate! Today is a wonderful p-day here in São Paulo. For this week, we moved our p-day to today so we could go to the temple. It was pretty incredible. But it also means I haven't had a p-day since June 13th, so it's been a fat minute since an email has been sent.

It's been nearly two weeks since my last email, so I thought I'd give you another chance to get on the google photos album (as if everybody who would want to join hasn't already joined): <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4P9d4ozmNzrznkWr7>

I've missed you dearly, and I'm thankful for your support. Now let's go to our...

Eventos Significativos (Significant Events):

- Last P-day, on the 13th, we were playing some football (soccer) and another Elder in our district (Elder Santana) went to go kick the ball, but instead he stepped on it, fell, broke his ankle, and tore two ligaments. He had a surgery, and will be going home to recover in a few days. It's pretty sad, he was a really chill Elder.

- We've set a goal as a companionship to find and baptize a Carlos. It's gonna work out, I promise.

- On the 14th, we celebrated the birthday of a member, Joselia, by showing up at her house at 7pm with a cake and drinks. She did not invite us, nor expect us, but it was a really fun night. She was super thankful.

- Last Friday, we had the first Zone Conference with President and Sister Cox. It was awesome. We talked all about treating our houses as the temples that they have potential to be. The APs talked about losing ourselves. I saw some of my buddies, like Elder Nilsson, Elder Hostetter, Elder Palmer, and such. As a district, we rode the metro back to our areas

- Saturday (18th), we met a new friend and his wife, Jason and Franciely. Jason called out to us on the road, so we talked to him and apparently he used to come to church 20 years ago when he was a teenager. He said he's always had a desire to come back. They're pretty awesome, and I hope they will progress.

- On Wednesday, we had a division with our Zone Leaders. Our area used to be in the Zone Leader area, but now they're in the Parelheiros A area, which used to be my area! So I got to go back to my old area, and my old house. While on the road, the Elder's Quorum President, Paulino, recognized me and invited

us over to dinner. We had some pasta and marinara sauce and then we put slightly expired grated cheese on top... whoops

Pensamento Espiritual:

Earlier this week, the Church News app released an article about Sister Nina M. Garfield, who will be one of the members of the Primary General Presidency on August 1st this year.

She shared a moment from the April 2026 General Conference, where she met the outgoing members of the Primary Presidency. She said,

"They came and they said, 'Welcome, we're so glad you're here.' And 'We've been praying for you' and 'We love you.'"

These three phrases: "Welcome, we're so glad you're here", "We've been praying for you", and "We love you", are things that every person needs to hear, and they are things that the Savior says to each and every one of us.

When we feel alone, sad, abandoned, or even worthless, Christ invites us to walk with Him. When we are in His church, these feelings can be washed away. When we know Him, He will remind us that we are divine, that we are loved, and that we are never alone.

Reading Recommendation of the Week:

Since the last email, I've read and/or listened to every talk by Elder Gary E. Stevenson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, here's one of the ones that I liked the most,

How Does the Holy Ghost Help You?

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2017/04/how-does-the-holy-ghost-help-you?lang=eng>

I love you all! Enjoy the weekend! I'll send another email on Monday, so it won't be too long until nós nos vimos de novo. Beijinhos 🍷🍷

- Elder John Randall Gee 🇧🇷

P.S., pics this week include:

- Distrito Casa Grande no templo de São Paulo
- Noite Familiar at Jamilly's house
- Zone Conference, July 2026
- Trio Gringo, reunited





