

What is up the party-est of party people? How was the party of your life this week? Any uninvited guests show up? Did you eat cake? Was there a piñata?

To see a true party, join the google photos album: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4P9d4ozmNzrzknkWr7>

This week was awesome, I officially hit 1 year as a missionary which was top demais (super lit). And then Thursday morning I got hit with some beautiful food poisoning or maybe it's cousin. So the rest of the week went down the drain. Party was canceled... 😞

Eventos Notáveis:

- Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, was the oficial 1 year since the start of my mission! In the morning, we had lunch at the other end of the ward boundaries, so we traveled a while and could barely find the house lol.

At night, we celebrated by buying pizza (having a party one could say) and I even gave a small speech on hitting 1 year on the mission. If you want to watch it, it's mostly in Portuguese, and even then it's horrible because I'm speaking it.

- Wednesday, we had our interviews with President Cox! It was great to see President and Sister Cox, I love them a lot. My interview with President was solid, we talked about setting more goals and plans in order to be able to grow our faith and relationship with Christ. And then President and Sister Cox bought us some muffins and some chocolate milk.

- Thursday, the party police showed up (I also don't know why we have this theme of a party but it's fine). At 2am, I woke up with a giant stomach ache, went to the bathroom, and I threw up. I continued throwing up every little bit until about 9am. So Thursday, I slept all day. Friday, I slept most of the day, and Saturday, I slept most of the day. For the record: ***I'm pretty sure it was Food Poisoning***

- Sunday! I was so desperate to get out of the house that I actually woke up at the right time, and we went to Sacrament Meeting. Apparently everyone and their dog is getting sick, because only Diego (the dad) was able to come to church. Then we had a big fat lunch, and our weekly noite familiar where we had a partyyyyyyy 🎉👯🤪🎉, I'm just kidding I ended up getting very tired because I hadn't done anything in a few days and my energy was catching up with me.

Pensamento Espiritual:

In my very plentiful downtime this week, I ended up thinking about how I can possibly help this ward be better than it already is. So I had a lot of mental debates about how to care for newly baptized members of the Lord's church and how to strengthen them.

Although I remember VERY little of the meat of these debates, I remember two specific points:

1. A teaching from President Gordon B.

Hinckley, that every member of the Lord's Restored Church needs 3 things: A friend, a responsibility, and to be nurtured by the good word of God.

And 2. Moroni 6:4-6, which I'll paste right here with some highlighted parts

*4 And after they had been received unto baptism, and were wrought upon and cleansed by the power of the Holy Ghost, they were numbered among the people of the church of Christ; and their names were taken, **that they might be remembered and nourished by the good word of God**, to keep them in the right way, to keep them continually watchful unto prayer, relying alone upon the merits of Christ, who was the author and the finisher of their faith.*

*5 And **the church did meet together oft**, to fast and to pray, and to speak one with another concerning **the welfare of their souls**.*

*6 And they did **meet together oft** to partake of bread and wine, in remembrance of the Lord Jesus.*

We obviously know that the Gospel is for everyone and everyone benefits when we live in accordance with the Gospel. It's something I speak of a lot in my emails, and it's something of which I feel very strongly. But it is also important to note that not everybody lives in such a way that is compatible with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And that's alright! We are imperfect beings trying to live in a messed-up world that is designed to test our limits. Change is hard, especially good, worthwhile change. Satan does not want this good change to happen.

And so when there exist recent-converts in our congregations, or in our communities, it is important that we help them keep this "mighty change ... in [their] heart". So we must do all that we can to help them come to church, help them partake of the sacrament (being nurtured by the good word of God), be a good friend, and to help them serve in the kingdom of God.

I know and promise that when we do these things, our joy will be great! And we can rejoice that another one of our brothers has decided to join us in worship and love for our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Reading Recommendation of the Week:

Turn to the Lord by Bishop W. Christopher Waddell

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2017/10/turn-to-the-lord?lang=eng>

I hope you all have a great week, my beautiful friends. Enjoy some college football, the nice September weather, and whatever else is happening there in your life. And don't be a party pooper, send me an email!

I love you meus queridos amigos,
Elder John Randall Gee 🇧🇷

P.S., pics this week include:

- Last Mentoria with Irmão Diamante 🙌🙌🙌
- Elder Ribeiro and Elder Dos Santos hitting 3 months
- The other side of the camera with me and Elder Barbosa





