

Helloooooo my friends! How are y'all doing? Tudo ótimo? Happy Tuesday for all those who celebrate

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This week was awesome! We're whitewashing again (whitewashing is when two missionaries arrive in the area together and neither one knows what's going on), which is a blast! I whitewashed back in Casa Grande with Elder Ribeiro, but that was a little easier because there were Elders in the area before. Here in Capão Redondo, our area had been "closed" for the past 5 months, so when we arrived, we didn't have anything. No people previously taught, no members, no messages on our WhatsApp. Nada.

My new companion is Elder Guayasamin, from Ecuador 🇪🇨! (Pronunciation: Gwai-as-uh-mean). The title of this email refers to the fact that when these new missionaries arrived, they were 12 Americans and 2 Ecuadorians (and hence a 1 in 7 chance), and so I thought that I would end up with an American, but the Lord had other plans.

But Elder Guayasamin is fantastic. Please pray for both of us as we try and serve each other and the people in our area.

Eventos Notáveis:

- On Tuesday, we had transfers, but since Elder Guayasamin didn't arrive until Wednesday, I ended up staying with another Elder in our house for the day. He's also training a new missionary and it was a fun day of work and packing for me.

- Wednesday, I picked up Elder Guayasamin and saw a bunch of friends of mine who are also training. We got an Uber to our house, and then did some fun companionship study. Afterwards, I wanted to get some work done, but we didn't have any points to visit, so we prayed for guidance and ended up choosing a random road not too far from our house. While trying to contact some people, we met Denise. She talked about how she's wanting to deliver her life to God but she's felt like she has never found the right church to do so.

- Thursday we had District council which was fun, and we ended up meeting some people that the other Elders had contacted, including Moisés, who is ready for baptism, aside from the fact that he hasn't been able to quit drinking coffee. But he's like golden. He's super cool and I'm glad we got to meet him. Then we visited Wilson, a member in our ward who is awesome.

- Saturday, we had an activity at the ward about the Iron Rod and holding onto it! It was super fun, and I met lots of members, most of which were members from the other ward in our building... rip bro.

- Yesterday, we saw many miracles in our work. I'm thankful that the Lord has continued to show His loving and guiding hand. This area has been a challenge for sure, but I am always up for it. We ended up meeting a bunch of people to teach, and then we met an inactive member of the church, Lúcia. She introduced us to her nephew, Marcelo. They are both incredible.

Pensamento Espiritual:

I'm short on time but I wanted to share this talk by Elder D. Todd Christofferson entitled, "The Power of Covenants", from the April 2009 General Conference.

(<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2009/04/the-power-of-covenants?lang=eng>)

We need covenants. The covenants we make with God can give us more faith and force to continue. These covenants are strong, but only if we choose to let them be. I know that Christ is the Son of God. He radiates righteousness and godliness in all He does. Through sacred covenants, we can begin to radiate the light of Christ that is within all of us.

And finally, I wanted to invite all of you to watch General Conference this weekend, October 3rd and 4th. If you cannot, I invite you to listen/read the talks afterwards so that you can hear/read the Lord, speaking through His chosen servants, including His living prophet on the Earth today, Dallin H. Oaks.

To learn more about how you can watch General Conference this weekend, please click this link:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/feature/general-conference?lang=eng>

I love you all! Please send me an email letting me know about the tender mercies from the Lord you have seen, OR anything that made you cry this week. Either works, your choice.

Tchau meus queridos

-Elder John Randall Gee 🇧🇷