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It has been another week in the best ward here in São Paulo. Elder Alves and I are having so much fun and we hope you are too!

Let's move on to this week's...

Notable Events:

- Last p-day, we had an Elders P-day, so every Elder in our zone came to the Casa Grande building and we just hung out. It was some Elder's birthday so he was making chicken tacos which were pretty tasty aside from the fact that the chicken was all out when I got mine so I just had a really good quesadilla

- Randomly discovered that in the Brazilian version of K-Pop Demon Hunters, the lyric "You're my little soda pop" becomes "O meu Guaraná". I don't know who needs to hear that but please enjoy that knowledge.

- A month ago, I mentioned that we accidentally used the hot water in both of our showers at the same and because of that, the lights didn't work unless a shower was on. Well, on Thursday morning, it happened again, but this time our whole power went out. It was so much fun. By that night, the power was restored, but the next day, they came back to fix the showers and it took 2.5 hours so Elder Alves and I were late to our lunch appointment.

- I judged two separate photo contests for our district. Prompts included: Fairy Tale, Coolest Photo, and the ever-incredible 🐾

- We planned and had a giant activity for our ward on Friday night which went really well! We played Charades, did a treasure hunt, and a balloon-stomping game. Our team, Caça Rato, absolutely crushed the other team. Não tem um melhor time na face da terra.

Saturday, we took a 45 minute bus ride to a member's house for lunch and it was so good and she invited over to have a family night with them in a few weeks so another fantastic bus ride is on the horizon 🍌

- On Sunday, most of our friends didn't end up coming to church, but Wesley, the dad of the family we're teaching, came and even bore his testimony in testimony meeting. It was an incredible testimony and I'm excited for him to get baptized next week 🙌🙏

Spiritual Thought:

Yesterday at church, we had our Testimony Meeting, which is where anyone in the congregation is invited to share a portion of their testimony. One thing that stuck out to me was that every kid in this one family all bore their own testimony. They were all pretty short testimonies, but they were all waiting patiently to share what they wanted to say.

One of them, who is about 12 years old, is pretty short. He could literally be half my size and I wouldn't be surprised. But as he was bearing his testimony, he was fully on his tippy-toes (ballet skills on top), and was basically doing a pull-up of some sort to be able to be seen.

It made me think about how we should be doing everything we can to testify of the Savior and his infinite love for us. When we share our testimonies from the heart, the spirit speaks so much to those who hear it.

In Doctrine & Covenants Section 50, the Lord Promises that when we teach by the spirit, and we, the preacher, are feeling the spirit, then the listener is also promised to be feeling the spirit.

21 Therefore, why is it that ye cannot understand and know, that he that receiveth the word by the Spirit of truth receiveth it as it is preached by the Spirit of truth?

22 Wherefore, he that preacheth and he that receiveth, understand one another, and both are edified and rejoice together.

When you bear your testimony and feel the Spirit, know that the people listening to you are feeling the Spirit as well. There is a great power in a simple testimony. Use it, and treasure it.

I love each and every one of you, go ahead and watch a movie with Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell for me. Let me know how you have been recently! I would love to hear from you and your successes! Know that you are loved ❤️

- Currently doing the Pennsylvania Polka but in São Paulo,
Elder John Randall Gee

Pics this week include:

- Noir Detective, Elder Silva
- Elder Alves and Elder Roberts both had a mission anniversary on the same day
- Me in a very very small helmet
- Best Watch Yourself™







