

Hello my dearest friends! I hope you are having a fantastic day and a wonderful week.

To see the very few photos I took this week, most of which were on last p-day, check out the google photos album: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4P9d4ozmNzrznkWr7> (p.s. I'm sorry mom I didn't take more photos)

As the title suggests, I was in our house a lot this week. My companion, Elder Rodriguez, got sick, so from Monday Afternoon to Friday Morning, I did not leave our apartment. Because I refuse to sleep all day, I mainly just did (very) extended personal study for 3 days straight. It was a lot of fun, but a bit torturous because I wanna get out and see the people.

Anyway, let's get into the incredible (albeit scarce in number)...

Notable Events:

- Last p-day, we went to a waterfall at the other end of our zone. It was pretty cool. We spent around 2 hours there and then it started pouring so we started heading back home.

- Monday Night—Thursday Night was a blur so the only thing that I remember was I listened to a lot of General Conference talks and BYU devotionals.

- Friday we had Zone Conference! This was a huge blessing to me. Got to see a bunch of my favorite missionaries, got a flu shot (didn't cry 🤧), and got some spiritual enlightenment as well. And, afterwards, I had an interview with President Rollins which was just fantastic and everything I needed to be able to continue this incredible work.

- Saturday was a lot of nothing. Our friend Tiano, who we're teaching, is really struggling to understand right now, so we had a 50 minute lesson with him and we taught maybe ¼ of what we had planned. But it's alright! He still wants to meet with us 😊

- Sunday, we had Ward Conference which was fantastic. We had a ward choir and they were singing, "Eu Quero Ser Como Cristo" (I'm Trying to Be like Jesus) and this 6 year old kid was singing along at the top of his lungs and it was really funny and also incredibly adorable.

Spiritual Thought:

This week in my eternal personal study, I read a lot in the Book of Mormon and rediscovered some verses I really liked in 3 Nephi. The verses are 3 Nephi 9:13-14, where the voice of Christ is speaking to the remaining Nephites in the darkness,

13 O all ye that are spared because ye were more righteous than they, will ye not now return unto me, and repent of your sins, and be converted, that I may heal you?

14 Yea, verily I say unto you, if ye will come unto me ye shall have eternal life. Behold, mine arm of mercy is extended towards you, and whosoever will come, him will I receive; and blessed are those who come unto me.

Christ's hand is always extended towards us, so that He may heal us. As it says in verse 14, "*whosoever will come, him will I receive*", Christ does not pick and choose his favorites. He simply requests that you come to Him, and as you do, He will bless and protect you.

So please do as he asks: return unto Him, and repent of your sins, and be converted, so that He may heal you.

Reading Recommendation of the Week:

<https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/steven-j-lund/flashes-of-light/>

This week comes from a BYU devotional that I absolutely love that talks about how following the Spirit and trusting in it leads us to have miracles that we have to look back on to recognize. He has a quote near the end which reads, "...But you would have to be me to understand why that explanation *simply doesn't add up. What are the chances?*"

I could write 10 pages on how much I love this devotional, and how grateful I am for a loving Heavenly Father who is willing to withhold immediate blessings to be able to deliver undeniable miracles later down the road.

I love you all, and I hope you have a great week ahead of you. For me, as long as I'm able to leave the house every day this week, I'm content. Please send me an email sometime this week, preferably when you're reading this, so you don't forget. I love you, have a fantastic week 🍷

- Elder John Randall Gee 🇧🇷

