

Hello my dear friends, welcome back to another weekly email! I hope you're having a blast and that you had a fantastic week and Palm Sunday! This week is Holy Week, with Easter on Sunday.

Don't forget about the google photos album, please 🙏: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4P9d4ozmNzrznkWr7>

This coming weekend (April 4th and 5th) is also General Conference weekend. At the beginning of every April and October, the leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints hold a conference for the entire church, where we can learn more about Jesus Christ, and receive answers to our questions through the Holy Ghost. For more information about how to watch and/or listen to General Conference, use this link: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/feature/general-conference?lang=eng>

I don't have too much to share this week unfortunately. It's been a tough and challenging week, but we held on, and we're here to write another day.

Notable Events:

- I got sick on Tuesday, and we had to reschedule our companion exchange with the Zone Leaders, which sucks. I was more or less a little sick all week, but I hate not working so we worked every other day, no matter how bad I was feeling.

- We had a youth activity on Saturday for all of the people who are able to serve a mission. They invited our Mission Leaders and this one Brazilian guy who is really popular here in Brazil as a content creator for the Church, and both of them spoke about the change they see on missions, and the good it does. It was great event! I love seeing President and Sister Rollins, and I understood all of the Portuguese 😊

- We had lots of people who said that they would be coming to church yesterday. It was about 8 people (which is a lot for this area), but unfortunately not a single one came.

Spiritual Thought:

Yesterday was Palm Sunday, and the beginning of Holy Week. This marks the day when Jesus Christ arrived in Jerusalem and the multitude gathered and cast their garments and Palm leaves on the Savior. Everyone was joyous as He rode into Jerusalem, as it was prophesied that He would save them from persecution, sorrow, and pain. They understandably took this as, "He's going to save us from Roman Rule and all of our enemies". But as the week went on, the people began to grow angry with Christ, as He had not done what they thought He would.

But Christ had indeed come to save them, at least not in the way they had thought. Through his Atonement, He overcame **all** of the sins of the world. He overcame **all** of our sorrows, our trials, our pains. He overcame both physical and spiritual death. One of the most poignant and beautiful moments is when Christ is alone, suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Feeling the weight of everything, even He began to doubt and struggle. He says in prayer, "*Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done*".

Even Christ, the Living Son of God, struggled under this burden and weight. But He overcame it, and through overcoming it, He knows exactly how to help you. Heavenly Father has an incredible plan for you. He has high hopes for you because you are His beloved child. He sent Jesus Christ to the world to help us be able to return to Him.

(From Mosiah 14:3-5 and Isaiah 53:3-5)

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Come unto Him, and let Him heal you. He will save you from your enemies, and your trials, but it will take time. And it may not be in a way you think, hope, or even pray for. But He will save you.

Reading Recommendation of the Week:

None Were with Him by Jeffrey R. Holland:

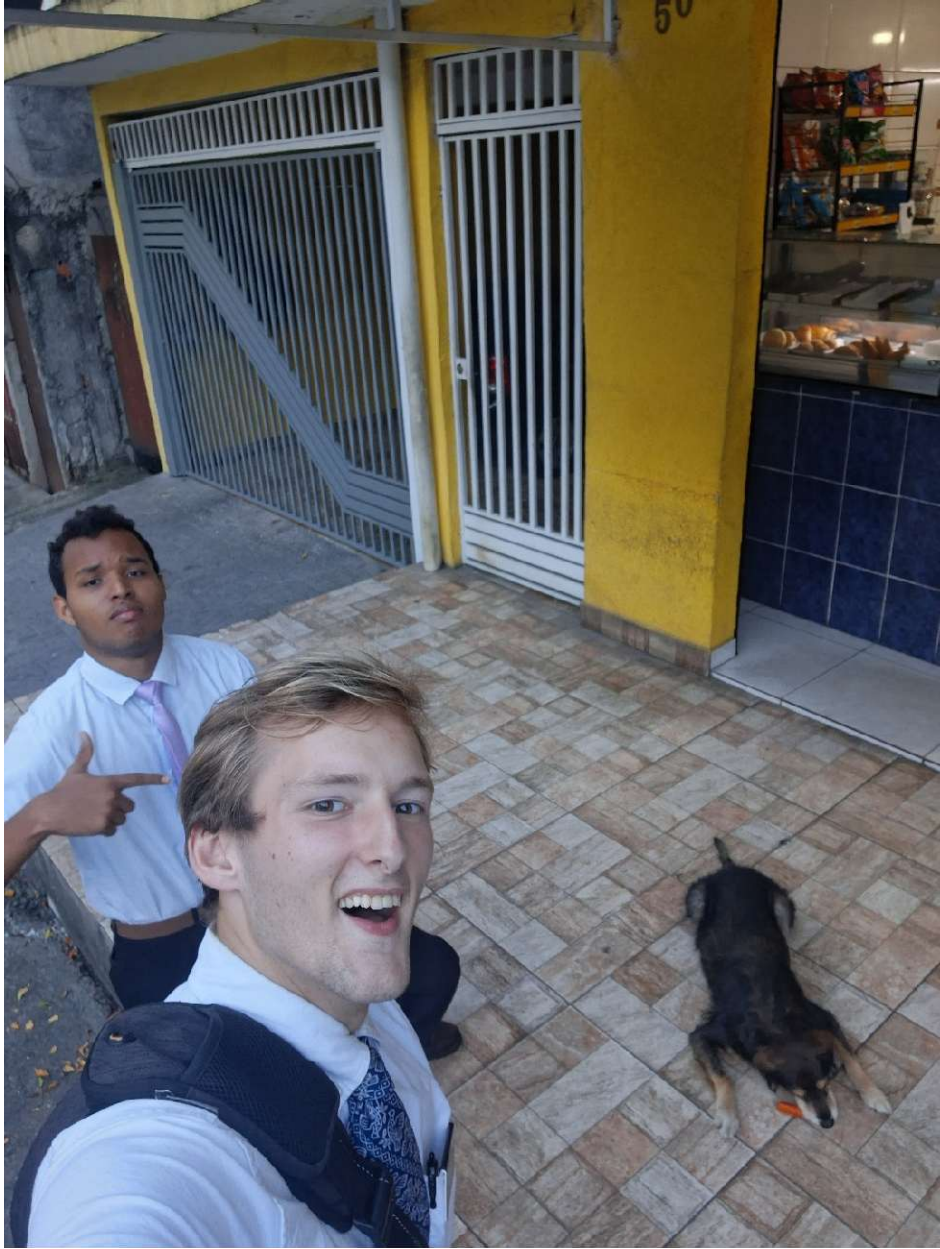
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I love you all, please enjoy an incredible Easter coupled with a fantastic General Conference Weekend. May we always remember that we are not alone in our struggles, no matter how hard it may seem. Feel free to reach out in any way if you need a word of comfort, need a prayer, or simply just want to rant. I love you all, and I'm so thankful for the opportunity I have to serve this mission and share my journey with you.

- Elder John Randall Gee 🇧🇷

Pics this week include:

- Pic with a dog eating a hot dog (canibalismo???)
- Beautiful view here in Jardim Ângela
- Bus graffiti telling you what's up (vai Corinthians)
- Incredible tattoo sign that says, "Tired of being ugly? Continue being ugly but with style. Get a tattoo!"
- Best Motorcycle License Plate







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