

Gooooooooooooo afternoon my dear friends, I hope you are having a fantastic day and that you had a incredible week.

Join the google photos album to enjoy the fact that my face still looks 16 years old (that is if you all the 16-year olds that you know are in Michael Bay films): <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4P9d4ozmNzrznkWr7>

This week went by pretty fast, but we had a lot of fun. We're still going ham here in Jardim Ângela, but this coming week is the last full week of the transfer, so we'll see what happens here.

Eventos Notáveis:

- On Wednesday, we had our interviews with President Rollins. I feel like every time that we have an interview together, I always have some humbling experience a few days before and so our interviews always end up being very spirit-filled. Grateful for a Mission President who is just a great listener (it's fantastic because I'm a great talker...)

- Also on Wednesday, we found out my stupid/worthless superpower (hence the title of this email): It's that not a single ônibus driver denies giving me a ride. I still don't have ID in this country, which sucks because I'm in very bus-heavy areas. But every time I ask for a carona (ride in Portuguese), they always tell me (and whomever I'm with) to hop on. This. Is. Not. Normal. I've been here for 5 months now, and I have ***never*** been denied. They, for whatever reason, cannot seem to say no to the white boy

- We've been teaching a woman for a few weeks, her name is Andressa. Andressa got diagnosed with Cancer at the end of last year, but is an absolute beast (also signs are looking good, the cancer is reducing!). She always reads the Book of Mormon, and always is super excited to learn more. Yesterday, she came to church for Mother's Day and absolutely loved it.

- We had a cool experience the other day that ended up finding a cool dad named José, and making friends with him and his son. We visited a friend of ours and I had asked for a glass of water. After we left, I really had to pee. But it was only an hour until we would go home so I figured I could hold it. Well, we were visiting some points and I just had to go, so I went and asked this little store owner (the store is little, not the owner), if he had a bathroom I could use. After I used the bathroom, Elder Choque went and I talked with the owner, José, and he asked all about our work as missionaries about the Church. We even gave him a copy of the Book of Mormon. He's super chill, and we wouldn't have met him if it wasn't for me needing to pee.

- After Church yesterday, we went to go have our lunch with this family, and the lunch got really delayed so we didn't even eat until 4pm, and at 5:30 when we finished everything, they asked, "Oh we're going

to have a noite familiar tonight if you guys want to keep joining us." We didn't have anything marked (and they have some family who aren't members who came), so we stayed. It was a lot of fun, and I'll miss that family a lot when the day comes for me to leave.

Pensamento Espiritual:

Yesterday was Mother's Day, which is an incredible holiday to remember the love that we feel from all of the mothers in our lives, and as a result, to remember the Savior's love that He has for each and every one of us.

This love is Charity, which is the "pure love of Christ" as the Prophet Moroni and the Apostle Paul described, is not just simply having a general love for everyone that loves you, but rather a love that we cannot fully comprehend.

Are we being too exclusive with our love? Could we do something more to love someone individually, could that someone even be ourselves? Christ's love and Atonement are both infinite and personal, it applies to all of us, and it applies to every aspect of us as individuals.

Find a way to love someone around you who might get overlooked. Find a new way to demonstrate your love to a person that you live with, or with whom you already have a bond. Love yourself and forgive yourself when you make a mistake.

Every time I get hard on myself (which is a lot), I try and remember a phrase that I heard,

"Always give yourself the grace that Christ would give you"

Reading Recommendation of the Week:

Love All; Love Each by Elder Gérald Caussé

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2026/04/27causse?lang=eng>

I love you all!! I know a solid amount of you are now out of classes and school for the summer, so send me an email letting me know how finals went! I'm hoping they went well. Remember me when you eat lunch today!

Take Care!

- Elder John Randall Gee 🇧🇷