

Hello my good friends! I hope you are well and that your week was an amazing week with small tender mercies.

To see top-secret government photos of a white boy, join the google photos album:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/4P9d4ozmNzrznkWr7>

This week was super slow. We had some struggles but we finished strong and I'm really looking forward to this next week. Unfortunately we didn't have any friends come to church, but I'm happy to share that our 3 people who got baptized in the month of May are all still going strong.

***Coisas que aconteceram:*** (I'm mixing it up a little bit, this week is: Things that happened)

- We met this sweet woman named Francisca last Monday. We gave her a Book of Mormon, she said she can't read, but she said she would ask her son to read it for her. We came back on Wednesday and she said that her son told her, "If you read this book, you can't stay in the Catholic Church". She was kind of bummed but ended up keeping the book so we'll see, I guess.

- As I have mentioned before, we're the only Elders in our ward now, so we have to cover the other part of the area. Until about Thursday, we didn't have any of the newer data for the other area. Thursday morning, we woke up and we suddenly had 12 more people that we are teaching. It's been chaotic, but a few of the ones we've already met are super chill, and we're excited to spend more time over there.

- We met a sweet woman named Lordes. She's about 65 years old and is just the sweetest. She came to church a few years ago but when we came over, she said, "Oh I'm so glad you stopped by. I've been wanting to come back to church. I think I'm ready." She's the best. She wasn't able to come to church yesterday, but we're going to try and get her a ride to help her come to church this coming Sunday.

- Today, June 1st, is my mom's birthday. If you have her number, send her a happy birthday message. If you don't, no I'm not gonna give it to you, but you can send it to me and I'll pass it over.

***Pensamento Espiritual:***

I've been listening to a bunch of conference talks this week, and I listened to one from Elder Gérald Caussé, entitled "It Is All about People". In the talk, he quotes President Russell M. Nelson when he says,

***"What is most important in our Church responsibilities is not the statistics that are reported or the meetings that are held but whether or not individual people—ministered to one at a time just as the Savior did—have been lifted and encouraged and ultimately changed."***

Elder Caussé also poses the question, "Are you active in the gospel, or merely busy in the church?"

I invite you to focus more on people, their lives and their needs, rather than focus on the statistics that surround their being. Find something you can do to lighten their load. It will increase their mood, and yours as well.

***Por favor, leia este discurso ou chorarei:***

It Is All about People by Elder Gérald Caussé

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2018/04/it-is-all-about-people?lang=eng>

I love you all! Have a fantastic week and tell me all about your experiences and opportunities you had this past week. If you need anything, send me an email, I would love to hear from you.

- Elder John Randall Gee 🇧🇷

P.S., pics this week include

- quick post-lunch Sunday nap sesh
- Dinner with Irmã Mariana
- Running into other Elders on the limit of our area (shoutout Elder Rodriguez e Elder Gomez)





