

Perdão? Não, perdeu.

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WHAT IS UPPP ALL MY DEAR FRIENDS, I hope it is a fantastic week for each of you and that you're able to experience joy in the small moments.

To hop on the google photos (which I totally forgot to add to last week) please click this link and show unto me your undying admiration by doing so: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4P9d4ozmNzrzknWr7>

This week went by decently quick. It's a new transfer so that's pretty lit. The Casa Grande Ward has gone back to 6 Elderes. When I arrived in the mission, the ward had 6 missionaries, but a few months ago, went to 4, and because of a surplus of missionaries, we're back to 6 🤔. Elder Ribeiro and I stayed, as well as Elder Ferreira (from Minas Gerais, Brasil 🇧🇷). Elder Ferreira's new comp is Elder Huaman (from Peru 🇵🇪), and the new dupla is Elder Garcia (Venezuela 🇻🇪) and a brand-new missionary, Elder Albornoz (Argentina 🇦🇷). We're repping 5 different countries here in Casa Grande, there's no better diversity anywhere else here in Interlagos

Eventos Notáveis:

- Tuesday night, I got a message from one of the sisters in our district asking if I had a pancake recipe so she could make some for District Council. Shout out to the St. Petersburg Mission Recipe Book (and Grandpa for sending it) for the assist.

- Thursday at 3am, we woke up to our smoke alarm beeping we left with our recent-convert, Maria to invite random people to church. It worked out well, even though nobody came on Sunday. Afterwards, we went over to a gospel principles class to help the recent-converts in our ward. And then we visited a couple who are slowly becoming my Brazilian Grandparents, Maria and Geovane. I love them.

- Friday, we helped set up a primary activity for the stake and I got to use my God-given talent of height to put up some letters on the stage. Then we went to our friend Igor's for a lesson and he was running late from work and wasn't gonna make it, BUT we were able to teach his wife, Brenda! They're lowkey awesome, just super busy all of the time so maybe we can get them to church here in a little bit. Please pray for them!!

- Saturday, we went to the stake primary activity to support the Casa Grande Ward and I ended up seeing a lot of members from the Parelheiros Ward (my first area here in Brazil). It was a fun night. All of the little kids in the area danced to songs from the 60s-80s. Was a lot of fun. Then we went door knocking and met an inactive member named Sílvio who was super chill and he wants to introduce us to his wife who is not a member 🙄

Pensamento Espiritual:

I heard a phrase a few times this week which I'm not sure I had heard many times before. The phrase is, "Pelo amor ou pela dor". It means, "By love or by pain". It refers to the reasons we come unto Christ, and the reasons we come to know Him and His Restored Church. By love would be, we love the Lord so much

that when we discovered that He had restored His Gospel, we just went and accepted, with very little fight. By pain would be the people who have struggled so many things in the world, and want a new life, a life that can only come through Jesus Christ and His Gospel.

I can relate at many times in my life to both sides of this coin, following the Lord because He has asked me to follow Him, and following the Lord because I know of no other place I can go.

Whatever our reasoning may be, it is important to know that Christ does not choose favorites. He treats all of us equal, because He loves us all equally. And the reason for why we follow Him is merely a historical fact; something that has little, if no, bearing on our final destination and the blessings we will receive for living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Matthew 4, the Savior extends an invitation to the fishermen by the sea of Galilee, saying,

*19 ...**Follow me**, and I will make you fishers of men.*

*20 And **they straightway left their nets, and followed him.***

When He calls you to follow Him, which He does to each and every one of us every single day of our lives, please do not wait until it's convenient or until you are worthy. Pelo amor ou pela dor, follow Him, and He will make you even greater than you could possibly imagine.

Reading Recommendation of the Week:

Faith Is Not by Chance, but by Choice by Elder Neil L. Andersen of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2015/10/faith-is-not-by-chance-but-by-choice?lang=eng>

My lovely friends, I love and miss you so much. I hope you have a fantastic week, and I hope I get to hear from you. Send me a moment from your week that made you smile, and I can guarantee that I will smile too!

Pelo amor, e certamente não pela dor,
Elder John Randall Gee 🇧🇷

P.S., pics this week include:

- Me, irmã Cida, and Elder Garciiiiia
- Elder Barbosa when the math isn't mathing
- Lit p-day activity from today (we went bowling, I even won a game 🎳)





