

Uma semana de milagres!

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Hello my friends! I love and miss y'all so much. I hope you have been well!

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This week has gone by so incredibly fast and I am astonished that it is P-day already. As the title suggests, this has been a week of miracles, big and small. This week's email will be a little different because I want to talk about a few of those miracles. A lot less goofy, dumb things I found funny, and a lot more powerful experiences, hopefully.

But first, a big update for my being as a missionary! Last Monday afternoon, I got word that I received my visa for Brazil! I am pleased to share that at the beginning of December, I am flying out to Brazil and will continue my missionary service in the São Paulo Interlagos



Mission.

Frankly, I could not be more excited. Our transfers here in Anaheim end this week, so I was ready to ship out whenever, but I am so excited to help continue the work here. What's three more weeks in the (2nd) best mission in the world???

Notable Events + a handful of Miracles (shown in Bold):

- Last P-Day, we had an Elder's activity where we went to Goodwill and thrifted some stuff. I got a new tie and an Anaheim Ducks hat! I heard the Ducks are killing it this season, by the



way

- We finally got a lesson with our friend Janet and her kids! We've been trying for literally the entire time I've been here in the area to get a lesson with her. She had COVID and it's been chaotic but we finally got to teach her. The spirit was so strong and we wanted to stay forever but we left after like 50 minutes. We invited them to read the Book of Mormon as a family.

- I had my first real exchange on Wednesday! This is basically where missionaries swap companions for a day and get to learn from each other. It was me and Elder Williams (from Rexburg) in his area, Buena Park. He's in the end of his infield training, so we're both pretty new. He and I flow super well in lessons, though. We got to visit his friend, Ralph, who ended up getting baptized on Sunday! Lots of fun, and even some funny interactions while contacting... Elder Williams was a lot of fun to hang out with. We got some Panda Express for dinner and that

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- On Thursday, I exchanged with another area in our zone! I went to the Cypress area with Elder Strom (from Spokane). Like Elder Williams, Elder Strom is in the end of his training, so it was very fun between the two of us. He and I flow super well as companions. Cypress is also a biking area! Those who know me pretty well know that I have terrible knees, so I was worried about an entire day biking. But I can proudly say that I survived a day on bike, and even enjoyed it. Elder Strom and I got some celebratory Pizza Hut. Elder Strom then cooked me in


chess

- While I was in Cypress, my companions put our friend Johnny on date for baptism! We've been teaching Johnny for a few weeks, his wife is a member, and he's currently on date for November 29th! He's super sweet and super elect so I am grateful that I get to continue teaching him.

- Friday, my big and important companions had a big and important meeting, so I exchanged with Elder Williams again for the morning. We tried to stop by some of our friends there, but none of them answered... We also met up with Ralph again and we talked to him about things like Tithing, Fasting and Obeying and Honoring the Law. Despite our exchange being for only like 6 hours, it was a lot of fun teaching and studying together.

- On Saturday, Elder Morrison went to West Anaheim and we spent time with Elder Kriebel (from Gilbert, Arizona). Elder Kriebel is such a cool Elder, and he's really smart. He cares a lot, and has an incredible testimony of the Savior.

- We also stopped by a friend of ours who is from Brazil! She and I got to speak a little bit of Portuguese and it truly humbled me. Nossa conversa foi muito mal. Eu não posso falar

português e eu sei que ela soube. No, it wasn't THAT bad, and she was very touched by the fact that I was trying. Just a very humbling experience...

- With Elder Kriebel, we stopped by Janet again, and asked her how reading the Book of Mormon had gone. Since Tuesday, she had had a really rough week. We bore our testimonies about church and she said she would be there on Sunday with her kids and her sister. Despite it being a hard week, I could see a little bit of hope in her eyes when we said goodbye.

- Sunday morning, Church starts and we get a text from Janet saying that she just woke up and she wouldn't make it. We were super bummed about it, but we gave her some assurance that she could still come. During the closing prayer, Janet, her sister, and her two daughters walked in. They all went to Young Women's in the 2nd hour, and loved it. Janet's sister said that she will be back next week on time. So please pray for them!

- As I mentioned before, Ralph got baptized on Sunday! The Buena Park ward actually had two baptisms on Sunday, which is a miracle in and of itself. Ralph, who was taught by the Elders, and Marshall, who was taught by the Sisters, got baptized and confirmed members of the church. It was a beautiful day and because of the previous miracle, it was just a cherry on top of a delicious sunda(y)e (pun intended).

Spiritual Thought:

I'll keep this short, since the miracles from this week are so many that this email is already so long. Honestly, I'm probably forgetting about so many miracles. But that's what I wanted to talk about.

When I went to FSJ in 2024, a person in my group said, "God is a god of miracles, but also of small simple joys". I think about this probably once a week.

But I think that we need to recognize that these simple joys can be our miracles. Every opportunity that we have to be grateful for the things that Heavenly Father has given us, we can recognize that as a miracle.

It's a miracle that I'm still here on this Earth. It's a miracle that I'm out serving a mission. It's a miracle that I'm here in Anaheim. It's a miracle that I'm going to Brazil. It's a miracle to see the sun. It's a miracle to see the moon. It's a miracle to be able to share the gospel. It's a miracle that I'm able to share my journey with all of you.

Relevant link: The Miracle - <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/media/music/songs/the-miracle?lang=eng>

I love you all! Per usual, let me know about your weeks! I would love to hear all about your stories and successes (and maybe some funny failures). Know that you are loved and you have a place here.

Tchau! Tchou!
Com muito amor,
- Elder John Gee

Photos include:



- Goodwill shopping
- Elders @ Portillos (I, for one, am going to miss the Chocolate Cake Shake)
- Reading Portuguese words literally made me so giddy y'all don't understand
- Sunsets here in OC >>>>
- Cypress Zone after our basic training on Saturday Night









