

Hey friends! I hope you're all well, and had a fantastic St. Patrick's day. It's Spring in the Northern Hemisphere, which means we're now in Fall here in Brazil. We're expecting a lot more rain these next few months, so all is well. This coming Sunday (March 29th), is also the beginning of Holy Week! Always a good time to remember the Savior's loving sacrifice for us.

Join the google photos if you haven't already. If you don't, I'll cry: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4P9d4ozmNzrznkWr7>

This week went by surprisingly fast despite every day feeling like the longest day ever. But that's just how it goes when you're doing the best work in the world.

The biggest event that happened this week is that our mission, the São Paulo North Mission, and the São Paulo South Mission (all in total, about 500 missionaries) had a giant meeting with Elder Ronald A. Rasband of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. It was pretty awesome. More on that in a little bit as we talk about our...

Notable Events:

- St. Patrick's day was on Tuesday, and it was a solid day 🍀 Happy birthday to all Patricks everywhere. We didn't work very much that day, unfortunately, but we met Juan, who is about 12 years old. His dad, Aluísio, is an Inactive Member of the Church. But according to our system, Juan really wants to get baptized but needs some support from the ward and his dad. They didn't end up coming to church yesterday but I'm hopeful they will this week 🙏

- Wednesday, we had our meeting with Elder Rasband. Joining him were all of the Mission Presidencies of the three missions, as well as Elder Arnulfo Valenzuela, Elder Joni L. Koch (both of the Quorum of the Seventy), and Bishop W. Christopher Waddell, the Presiding Bishop of the Church. It was a really awesome thing. I got to see the three other missionaries from my MTC district here in Interlagos, as well as Elder Harrison, who is serving in the South Mission. It was a blast for the five of us to reunite for a few hours.

Sister Rasband talked about how much they love missionaries, and she gave us an important reminder: Smile 😊. They had every Mission Presidency ask a question, then one of Elder Valenzuela, Elder Koch, or Bishop Waddell would respond, and then Elder Rasband would give his thoughts. It was incredible to hear the Lord's apostle speak, and I could feel Elder Rasband's love for each and every one of us. I know that love is from the Savior, as He loves us each individually.

- Thursday, Friday, and Saturday were all a blur. But Sunday was pretty awesome. Our friend Tiano came again and once again loved it so much. A few weeks ago, I mentioned there was an irmão in the ward who bore his testimony saying he wanted to get baptized. Well, Elenisio came again yesterday, and he made sure to talk with us and even asked us to schedule his baptism for next month! He lives near the beach, but works and has a house nearby, and absolutely loves this ward. So we're gonna be calling him a lot this week just to make sure it's all going great.

- I saw that my beloved Utah State Aggies unfortunately lost in March Madness. It's rough. But hey, at least we went further than BYU (no shade to BYU, I love y'all)! I'll take it.

Spiritual Thought:

One thing that Elder Rasband shared that I thought I would share with y'all is a boost that he gave us at the very beginning of the meeting. He said this,

"You are all good enough. This is exactly where the Lord wants you to be. You're all good enough to be here"

Now, this message was meant specifically for missionaries, but it also rings true for everyone.

Wherever you are right now, you are good enough. You're strong enough, smart enough, kind enough, diligent enough. Our Heavenly Father does not give these feelings of inadequacy about who we are, and our abilities. Obviously, He knows we can always be better, but He will always tell us that we are good enough. He does not look at our past struggles, our past circumstances, all He looks at is our trajectory, and where we're going. So as long as we're on a path that will help us return to Him, He will support us.

Additionally, if you are going through a trial right now, know that things will be okay. He sees you, and He hears your prayers. Things will get better. They always do. If you ask for help, He will help you. It is a part of His divine nature to help and bless you.

Reading Recommendation of the Week:

You Know Enough by Elder Neil L. Andersen

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2008/10/you-know-enough?lang=eng>

I miss y'all, and I hope you can feel the love I have for each and every one of you. Shoot me an email sometime this week, and I'll try to respond and express my utmost gratitude. I love y'all. Peace out, send me a pic of Jesus that you like. I'll leave one in the photos I include today. You're good enough! 🙏

- Elder John Randall Gee 🇧🇷

Pics this week include:

- Photo of Jesus that I like a lot
- Nós 5 reunidos
- Elder Nilsson and I
- beautiful view







