

What is up my friends! I hope you're having a fantastic week and **all** of your dreams and **none** of your nightmares are coming true. This week was a blast, we had lots and lots of fun and it's been awesome to get into a new rhythm as the first week of a transfer ends.

Watch us go ham on my google photos album: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4P9d4ozmNzrzknWr7>

Little update for those who missed last week: We had transfers, I'm still here in Jardim Ângela, this ward is incredible and I am having a blast being with them. My new companion is Elder Choque (from Bolivia 🇧🇴) and we have new roommates as well! They also happen to be our Zone Leaders (Missionaries who are really good missionaries and help take care of/lead a bunch of other missionaries in their "zone"). They are Elder Allred (from South Dakota 🇺🇸) and Elder Lundgreen (from Minnesota 🇺🇸). Elder Lundgreen was one of my Zone Leaders back when I was in Parelheiros, so it's been a blast to live with him. We've been going ham a lot this week.

This new week has been a lot adjustment and an absolute blast as we have a new companion, new district and new ideas for our zona poderosa.

Notable Events:

- I said goodbye to Elder Rodriguez on Tuesday, and got to see some of my friends at the train station in Santo Amaro. Then I picked up Elder Choque and we returned to our apartment only to discover that they turned the power off so we had to carry his bags up the stairs.

- Our friend, Adriano, is the son of a member of the Church. He's been taught a lot by past missionaries but has never really had a huge desire to change his ways. But recently, he invited us over and told us he had a really spiritual experience recently, and that he is willing to change and to get baptized. Total miracle. We're praying for him, and hope it works out in the way that we would want.

- There's a girl who has been coming to church for a few months named Emily. She's good friends with the young women in the ward and has even brought her mom and brother with her a few times. We've tried teaching her so so many times but her schedule is super chaotic so it doesn't usually work out right. We know she wants to get baptized but we just have to actually do the work to get it done. Vai acontecer logo logo, tenho certeza.

- First Sacrament Meeting of this transfer was incredible. Normally, in the first Sunday of the month, every member of the congregation is invited to bear a short testimony about Christ. But because of General Conference last week, this day was moved to this week. One of the people who bore their testimony was Ricardo, who talked about his son Richard, and the joy he gets from being Richard's dad.

It was very sweet. Afterwards, Richard wanted to bear his testimony. He's about 7 years old, and he leaned into the microphone and bore a super sweet testimony about how much he loves his dad and Jesus Christ. To describe his dad, Richard used the word, "Amiguíssimo" which basically means, "The best-est friend ever". Some manly tears were shed.

Spiritual Thought:

New transfers are incredible. You get to meet a bunch of new people, adapt to new things, and learn things in a deeper way. It truly tests what you've learned thus far in your mission and you're given the chance to utilize it. It's a great, structured time to say to yourself, "I'm gonna change how I am, and become even better."

But these transfers only come every 6 weeks, so it can sometimes feel like you can never change in between. Thankfully, it isn't this way with Christ. Every single day, every single moment, we have the opportunity to change because of Christ. We don't have to wait until the next transfer to stop a bad habit, or to think more positively. Because of the Savior, we can change whenever we want to.

Elder Patrick Kearon of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, said,

*"The Saviour's words(...)painted vast new horizons of forgiveness, healing, restoration, peace, and eternal life. And the glorious news is He offers the same new beginning to you and to me. All of us can have a new beginning through, and because of, Jesus Christ. **Even you.** New beginnings are at the heart of the Father's plan for His children. This is the church of new beginnings! This is the church of fresh starts!"*

If you have sinned, and have turned away from Christ and God, there is always a moment to come back. There is no barrier that stops us from returning to Them except ourselves and the barriers we put on ourselves. If you want a new beginning, They will welcome you. Christ will welcome you with open arms, waiting to help you with any struggles you may have. No matter how scary the future may seem, turning to Him will make things better.

Reading Recommendation of the Week:

Alive in Christ - President Dallin H. Oaks

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2026/04/49oaks?lang=eng>

I love you all! I hope you have a fantastic week ahead of you with lots of laughter, fun, and growth opportunities. Feel free to send me an email if you have questions, or if you read to the end of this email and want to chat. Know that you are loved and are always worthy of love.

- Elder John Randall Gee 🇧🇷

Pics this week include:

- Elder Choque and I just before burning a shirt of his (he hit 1 year on the mish)
- Fantastic view here in Jardim Ângela



