

Hello my dear friends! I hope you have had a fantastic and blessed week. Did you eat some good food? Watch some good movies/tv/sports?

To see a man who I think would look half-decent in a Carhartt jacket (it's not me btw), join the google photos album: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4P9d4ozmNzrznkWr7>

This week was a blast, and it went by so so very quick. We had Zone Conference, which is always super fun and enlightening, and our ward is also incredible so I am feeling very blessed as of late. But let's get onto our...

***Eventos Notáveis*** (I felt I should include some more Portuguese to show I'm actually learning this language):

- On Tuesday, we decided to stop by an inactive member, Everton, and his sons for a quick visit. We got there, talked with his sons about the Book of Mormon, and then as we were about to leave, 3 random people who we've never met show up. Turns out that Everton had invited them for dinner, and because we happened to be there, he figured we could share a message. It was completely on the spot, but we talked about the Book of Mormon and the power and light that it brings. It was pretty powerful.

- Wednesday, we had Zone Conference. I was very excited because our zone and the zone we have our Zone Conference with are both fire, and have lots of fantastic missionaries that I love dearly. There were some great trainings and also great lunch

- Thursday, we had a great companion division with the other Elders in our ward. I worked with Elder Lama Flores and we cooked. We met with our new best friends Emilly, Melky, and Kimberli, a family we're teaching. Emilly has been coming to church for the past few months and is great friends with all of the young women in the ward. With Elder Lama Flores, we set a date for her baptism for this Sunday, May 3rd. We're really excited for her and this decision!

- Sunday, we tried bring our friend, Juan, to church, but when we stopped by, he was sleeping. We stood outside knocking for about 15 minutes when he woke up at 10:15am (our ward starts at 10:30am). He wanted to come, but he isn't allowed to leave his sister (who is 8). We said we could bring his sister as well, but they said they can't leave the house alone and unlocked (which makes sense). Unfortunately, their grandpa was out of the house with the only key so they couldn't come with us. But all is well

***Pensamento Espiritual:***

I wanted to share some things I really liked from this last General Conference, specifically from President Emily Belle Freeman's "Best Days and Worst Days".

She recounts the stories of the Apostle Peter, and how his best moments, as well as his worst moments, shaped his journey as an apostle and eventually the prophet of the Lord's church. Near the end of the talk, she says,

*"Maybe it took both the worst days and the best days for Peter to become who the Lord needed him to become."*

Unfortunately, trials are a fact of life. We will always have trials, disappointments, sadness, and struggle. We may feel inadequate, we may feel burden after burden being piled upon our shoulders, we may feel like there is nothing left for us. But as God said to the Prophet Joseph Smith in Liberty Jail,

*"[Know] thou, my son, that all these things shall give thee experience, and shall be for thy good.*

*The Son of Man hath descended below them all. Art thou greater than he?"*

These trials are not because God does not love us, or because we are unworthy of blessings. They are simply because trials are things that have to happen. But God will not give us a trial that we cannot handle. If we are facing a trial, it is because it can bring us closer to Him.

In the same talk, President Freeman said,

*"Just remember, joy is not the absence of sorrow in your life; it is the presence of Jesus Christ in your life."*

***Recomendação de leitura da semana:***

Just listen to/read "Best Days and Worst Days" by President Emily Belle Freeman, it's pretty fantastic. Clique o link abaixo (that's how you say in Portuguese, "Click the link below")

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2026/04/42freeman?lang=eng>

I love you all! Sorry this email is releasing later than usual today, it's because I had no idea what I wanted to share. Keep pressing forward, and hold strong. If you need a hype man, shoot me an email, and I would love to help you out.

Peace out, until next week!

- Elder John Randall Gee 🇧🇷

Pics this week include:

- We do be on the bus
- Christ is love (shoutout 1 Corinthians 13 and Moroni 7)
- We love admirers (I love you too Elder Allred) 🥰
- Last P-day activity 📷







