

WHAT IS UP MY BEAUTIFUL FRIENDS AND FAMILY!!! It's been a super long and busy week, but it has been milagroso (miraculous). Also shout-out to the Carolina Hurricanes for getting their first Stanley Cup in 20 years, let's goooooo

First, to watch a bunch of Brazilians go absolutely off their rocker over Vini Jr. (me too, bro), join the google photos album: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4P9d4ozmNzrznkWr7>

As for our friends progressing towards making a sacred covenant with the Lord, it's a little rough. Nobody wants to come to church... the last 3 weeks, we have one person, and she's great, but still sucks that we can't get anyone else.

But we can go onto our...

Eventos Fantásticos:

- On Monday, we met a new friend of ours, William, who is lit. He's Buddhist but he wants to learn all about Jesus Christ. Also a guy who lives in his building is interested, and William also sent us a reference??? Crazy work. Definitely a miracle house, no doubt.

- Thursday, we went to the temple here in São Paulo! It was an incredible and revelatory experience. The time I spent in the Celestial Room was beautiful, and left the room with all of my burdens lightened.

- Friday was Valentine's Day here in Brazil. We had a division with our District Leader, Elder Richins and his companion Elder Moura. Elder Moura stayed with me in Jd. Ângela, and it was a fun day of work. Elder Moura is from Rio de Janeiro, and was baptized 1.5 years ago. He's 27 and just a funny guy. He helped me on my accent and we just balled.

- Friday night, the other Elders in our apartment were also doing a division, so we had 4 missionaries from 4 different areas. We had a fire dinner where we had beirutes (a really good sandwich). At the dinner, we sang a hymn, shared a spiritual thought, and had a blast.

- Saturday, we were given permission to watch the Brazil game in the World Cup. We watched it with our Ward Mission Leader and his extended family and it a fun night. Unfortunately, Brazil didn't win—a stupid 1-1 tie against Morocco, but it was still a fun night.

Pensamentos Espirituais:

This week, I was feeling a little confused, so I decided to go to the New Testament, so I could read all about Christ and His ministry. I went to John 11, where Christ goes to Bethany and raises Lazarus from the dead.

When Christ first arrives in Bethany, Martha, Lazarus' sister greets Him. Her conversation with Christ stood out to me as I read, (John 11:21-27)

21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.


Martha has been a friend of the Savior for some time already, but her responses tell us a lot about her faith in Him. When Christ says that anyone who believes in Him would live, and never die, she must've felt forgotten, and lost. She just lost her brother, who believed in the Savior and yet still died. The Savior says these wonderful things but it isn't coming true for her. Wouldn't you have felt forgotten? She says she knows that Lazarus will be resurrected one day, but so so far in the future. I can feel how hollow she felt as she said those words.

Christ responds saying that He is the resurrection, and repeats the promise He had told her, that Lazarus would rise again. He repeats this, and then asks Martha, "Believest thou this?"

Martha doesn't answer His question directly. But what she says is a perfectly worded statement of faith. She says that she believes that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. This faith that she shows in her Redeemer, is definitely not perfect, but rather is growing immensely.

My dear friends, we do not need to know everything that will happen. We don't need to know the answers. But we do need to know that Christ is the Living Son of the Living God. And through Him and His Atonement, all that is unfair in life can be made right. As we trust in the things that we do know, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, then He will help us understand the things we do not know. Let us anchor our testimonies in Him, and then we will never fall.

I miss you all dearly! If you're in the Northern Hemisphere, take advantage of this great summer weather. If you're reading this, send me an email and tell me your birthday. I'll add it to my calendar, I promise.

I love you! Abraços 

- Elder John Randall Gee 

Pics this week include:

- Me in front of the São Paulo Temple

- Me and Elder Moura at a Pastel place (só foi pastel de vento mano, e foi caro demais)



