

Hello my dear friends!

This week has been possibly the longest week of my life? Don't worry though, I'll keep this email short(er) because not much happened.

The Obligatory Google Photos link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4P9d4ozmNzrznkWr7>

The biggest thing that happened to me was that I got a temporary reassignment for my mission! I don't have my visa yet (gosh darn bureaucracy), and I'm supposed to fly out to Brazil in 8-9 days, so I have been reassigned to the... *drum roll effect added here in post-production*

California Anaheim Mission!!



Am I now an Anaheim Ducks fan? Maybe a little more than I was before...

If I am to get my visa this week, I might be able to go to Brazil, but if not, expect some emails from Anaheim in the coming weeks!

There were four other reassignments in my district and we're all going to such cool places! We have:

- Missoula - Montana
- Baton Rouge - Louisiana
- Tucson - Arizona
- Provo - Utah

Notable Events:

- This week, we got to watch the Funeral of our beloved Prophet, President Russell M. Nelson. It was incredible to hear from those he knew as they spoke about the joy he had and the service he gave to the Church. It was also incredible to hear the Tabernacle Choir sing! It was a super powerful and lovely experience.

- For our Tuesday Night Devotional, we got to hear from President Susan H. Porter! She spoke all about serving with love rather than out of duty. She talked about how Primary Songs can teach truths to those

we are teaching. At the end, we sang *I Will Walk With Jesus* as a whole auditorium of Missionaries and it



was muito fogo



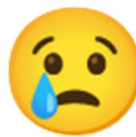
- Bede Buggies (Pronounced Beh-gii buh-Gees in Portuguese): This week, the sisters in our district had a bed bug scare! Truth be told, I'm not sure if there was really bed bugs—They had people come in and check and they couldn't find anything— but it doesn't really matter to me because this week was kind of boring so this was much needed entertainment.

Also, for some reason, bed bugs in the MTC just... makes sense. It's like seeing a pile of peanut shells at a circus, or finding out that your Elementary School teachers DO in fact live at the school. It just makes perfect sense for them to be there. Where else would they be?

- It rained again this week! Lots of fun! On Saturday night we had a big storm and we walked back to our dorms in the rain. On Sunday morning, it was pretty cold as we walked to our Sacrament Meeting. I think the Lord is just preparing me for Brazil



- I HAVE to talk about our fantastic teacher, Irmão Pilling, the literal GOAT . He's not on the email list (yet), so I can talk about him without feeling weird. He's our night teacher and he's incredible at inviting the spirit as well as teaching Portuguese. This week, Elder Kaylor and I had a check-in with him and we spent about 5 minutes just looking at the painting that was in the room we were in (beautiful



painting by the way - No, I don't have a photo). He has told us a lot of stories about his mission in Portugal so it has been a great asset to prepare myself mentally for the field

Spiritual Thought:

I studied the new hymns a lot this week. I figured that I'd share one of my favorites with you guys today, Hymn #1051 - This Day Is A Good Day, Lord! I particularly like the 3rd verse,

This day is a good day, Lord,

***To fashion plowshares from our swords,
To study all the ways of peace,
That holiness may never cease,
And knowledge of Thy ways increase.
This day is a good day, Lord***

A positive mindset is the best first step. If we're ready to learn, we're already further ahead in learning. We should be thankful for God and the things we have been given, and be learning how to be more like Him. Each day is Good Day when we are trying to be like Jesus.

If you want to hear a fantastic recording of this song, I recommend this recording of The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square from this most recent General Conference:
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/media/music/songs/2025-10-this-day-is-a-good-day-lord?lang=eng>

Sorry that not that much happened this week! I knew that after last week I had to write a shorter email,



so I'm thankful for a boring week

I love you guys so much! Let me know if you have any questions you would like me to answer. I would love to hear all about your weeks and your lives.

Tchau! Tchau!
-Elder John Gee

Pics include:
- Slumped during our Night Devotional
- Our awesome district!
- The 4 tallest people in our district



