

6 Months já??? 🤔😬

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Hello my wonderful friends! I hope you are all well and having a blast!!

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As the title suggests, as of yesterday, March 8th, 2026, I have been a missionary for 6 months now. It's kind of crazy. I feel like the time has gone by so fast, but I also cannot believe it's only been 6 months since I started.

This week was rather slow, which is a little frustrating, but it's okay. One of the other Elders in our apartment got super sick this week, so their companionship has been confined to the house and there's been a lot of companion exchanges. I don't mind it too much, as it allows me more time to study and read about the gospel.

There's not too much else so let's go into our...

Notable Events:

- Elder Wilde (the other American who lives in this apartment) got super sick earlier this week and he had to go to the hospital on Wednesday night. His companion barely speaks English and so they asked me to go with him because I speak more English. It went well, he has tonsillitis (or in Portuguese, as I learned, amigdalite) and because of the tonsillitis he got a bad fever and cough and all that good stuff. It was a pretty fun night, my Portuguese was pretty good and also our doctor spoke some English so I didn't have to worry very much.

- This week, I've been reading a lot in the Saints books that the Church wrote a few years ago. They're so good and I enjoy reading/listening to them a lot. If you haven't read them, I highly recommend them. There's this quote that I enjoyed a lot,

"If you desire to serve God with all your heart and become partaker of the blessings of the celestial kingdom, do these things," they declared. "Thy soul will be filled with rejoicing."

- A little over a week ago, we met this guy named William. In our system as missionaries, it says William has been to our Sunday sacrament meeting almost 30 times and has never really been taught much. We met him, and he's a very sweet and gentle dude. He likes the church a lot, but as he explains, he just doesn't have much faith. But we're continuing to stop by every few days or so and see how he's doing, and how we can help.

- We're teaching this guy named Tiano, who is pretty cool. He came to church with us yesterday, and absolutely loved it. He told me he felt such an incredible peace and was even taking notes and audio recordings so he can remember it all.

- Yesterday, a member invited us to his wife's birthday party, where they were having churrasco and going to watch the Palmeiras game cause they are HUGE Palmeireiras. In São Paulo, there's two big rival futebol teams, The Corinthians and The Palmeiras. Every fan of one **despises** fans of the other. As someone who doesn't really like the Palmeiras, I will admit it was sick to see them score a goal in the first two minutes of the game.

Spiritual Thought:

Yesterday, for International Women's Day (shoutout all the women by the way 🥰👏 love you 🥰), two irmãs spoke in church. The second one, shared a story about when she was first discovering the church and the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. She said when she first found out that she was a Daughter of God, she cried. All her life, she had been taught that she was supposed to be a servant of God. But when she knew of her divine identity, she felt an unimaginable amount of love and strength. Below is a quote from Elder Patrick Kearon of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles,

'We don't have to put up this fight on our own.' If only the world understood this! But before the world can understand it, we have to come to a deeper understanding of this beautiful truth. We have to come to a deeper—not meaning more complex but actually meaning more simple—understanding of the plan of happiness, the plan of redemption, the plan of mercy. We have to understand that the design is one of a gift for us eternally and that we truly are children of our Father in Heaven.

We are all children of a loving Heavenly Father. We do not have to do anything on this earth alone. We have an unwavering support from Him, as He desires all of His children to come unto Him and partake of the blessings that He has prepared for us.

Reading Recommendation of the Week:

Sweet Power of Prayer by then-Elder Russell M. Nelson,

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2003/04/sweet-power-of-prayer?lang=eng>

I love you all, and I'm thankful for the love and emails you send my way. I hope you each have a fantastic week ahead of you, filled with joy and mirth. Send me an email telling me about your week, and about your plans for St. Patrick's Day, if you got them already. Take care! Amo vocês 🙏❤

- Elder John Randall Gee 🇧🇷