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Hello family sorry about the late letter but the interent isnt that good here plus we are kinda locked up tight because a hurricane is coming sometime next week so that's exciting. The ccm prez is making us sleep with our clothes on and shoes so if we need to evacuate we can in a hurry. I don't think we will, Coban is getting the worst part of it so pray for them.

This week was really fun and really hard. I have never been pushed harder then I have this week but it has really strengthened my testimony in pray and my faith because I trully have learned to rely on the Lord and it takes alot to become this devoted and the Lord has taught me how much he cares. Also we were able to go to the market on Tuesday which was crazy. I got a cool shirt and I shopped around for some Christmas stuff. But I will go back, the stuff here is really cheap and the exchange rate is crazy. Also in the market they had meat just hanging and dripping. It made me laugh because it's only something you would see in a movie.

Also the other day I learned that there is a catholic school right in back of the ccm and the nuns don't like us very much but we still say hello the them.

Tuesday morning I said goodbye to all my hispanic missionary friends which made me sad but now i am not the greeny of the ccm anymore. It was weird not having roommates and not teaching my friends words like yolo or whats up haha. Also on Tuesday I sprained my ankle playing school. The good news is I won the games and was on the hermanas team but by that night it was pretty swollen so I got some ice from the nurse and iced it so i can walk today.

We passed along out investigator to the missionaries and got 2 new investigators and lesson went well. We are teaching Martea Meaul. She is awesome she is going to college and wants to know about god and she is doing really well. We just taught her about repentance and committed her to be baptized. She wants to pray about when, so we will see on that one. We just barely had a other investigator drop which was sad. He was Noel. He was cool and thought we prayed to joseph smith but he decided not to come anymore so we went and contacted an new investigator and we are meeting him tonight.

The laugauge is still not really coming as much a I want it to. I just barely learned the basics and my grammer is awful but I try to remind my self its only 3 week and then I pray and talk to my father and we talk for about 15 minutes of me just talking about everything i really have began to see how prayer and fasting changes my ability to handle the changes. The good news is that I am somehow being able to half teach out investigators. My companion does the rest thank goodness he gets it but also my district is very helpful they really have been helping me learn the language.

I dont think i told you the names of my elders in my district so for future reference they are: Elder Tamayo, Elder Tukuofu, Elder Walton, Elder McFaiden and Elder Merrill and Van Sharr. They are awesome missionaries and we are the only district that doesn't have heramanas in it and the smallest. I think it's nice because we are super close but also boys will be boys ahaha and we joke around and laugh before we go to bed and O BEFORE I FORGET I am singing on Sunday. I am not sure what but our zone leader caught wind that I sang and now I am scheduled in. haha The elders here can't believe I sang in New York and they are always trying to get me to sing a song during decomp time>(bed time) its fun. I always find my day is easier if i sing also my district after sports have started a sing along shower time which is awesome because somehow we always sound awesome in the shower when we are singing hymno.

My teachers are awesome and sometimes the ccm prez will catch me humming some song from les mis or lion king or a few others and he will stop me and sing along. The first time he did that I was shocked but now its awesome hahaha. I loved hearing about your week and I am glad all is well up in utah. I still think about home often which is a habit I am tring to break because our evening teacher has been stressing us to lose our selves in the work. But I am not too worried about it because there needs to be balance in all things. I am glad Joe is doing well. I hope he loves 9th grade. I loved my year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO NICK !!! Send my love. I will send something special for Christmas to him. Also another note, you don't need to put the mother Mary on packages or letter, if there is an ELDER OR SISTER ON the package they won't mess with it so don't worry about that. I hope Jessica is doing well. Is she going to go to uvu in october4 or work? Also I hope are kitties are alright and that Bruce is well fed. Make

sure to take care of him. Just take him out pet him at first he will be freaked out but he is a fast learner.

Anyway to end I want to tell you that I am doing amazing at the same time its really hard work. This has taught me alot. I cant remember the last time I didn't get emotional during a personal prayer, whether that was pleading or gatitude the Lord is ever mind full of all of us and not only does he hear our prayers and HE LISTENS TO YOU not just every prayer but your prayre he listens to and thinks about how he can hlep you and listens ot all the things your willing to tell him. Anyway the church is true. I love it. If you dont get a lettter next week it means we got hit by the hurricane and I am, out serving and I am FINE. Don't worry mom. I love you. Send my love to the family.

Love Elder Mayor

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Dear family and friends,

We are back on schedule at the ccm which is nice. It's been a very hard week but it's been well worth it. I have learned so much from it this week. We had our lesson with Martina and it went well. We started the lessons with Manuel and he isn't really receptive to it which is hard. He said I have been working really hard at the language and have learned a little more, which is frustrating but a little is still an improvement.

One fun story for this week was we have the middle school over on Wednesday and so OF COURSE I GRABBED MY MAGIC TRICKS AND RAN DOWN. It was during our sports time but I did care, all I can do is push up and a few exercises because my foot but it is almost all good. I am just being careful and building up its strength again. Anyway so I grabbed my thumb trick and sat down on a bench and all the kids were sitting in their lines on the sidewalk and one little girl started staring at me so I showed her the trick and she

freaked out and was like "magi magi" as all the other kids turned and rushed me. I had an army of children all over my bench wanting the trick so I did and I did it again and they kept chanting "again again" so I did like 10 times and finally they got me and I was like "no aprendo espaniol because they say the thumb and so i told them la fin and they went back and were giggling to them selves. It was fun and it really made my day because all I need is a smile for it to be well worth it.

Anyway on so my district really wanted to do a district number so we decided on Saturday night to do one and of course they assumed that I would know exactly how to teach them to sing and have an amazing arrangement of something....which i didn't haha but its ok I am my father's son and i arranged a spanish hymno and in an hour we ran it and practices but there was a change in the program so we didn't sing in sacrament but we did sing at the devotional that night and it went very well. I am glad I could give them that opportunity. My district is awesome.

The hurrican didn't hit us. It rained hard last night but nothing. It changed direction so that's no fun but today I did get to talk with some of the missionaries in the field and they were helpful and gave me some great tips. Also something really awesome that happened this week was our evening teacher hermano Mandez was telling us that missionaries the Lord listens to and responds to first because on the mission he said WE NEED MIRICLES NOW. The Lord knows that I totally could relate with that and it was awesome. Also in our devotion with my district we talked about our doudts and fears and we all agreed that MAN WE HAVE GOT SATAN SCARED and shivering in his seat because of the work we are doing and what we are willing to do for the Lord. It was awesome. It truely has been another great week of learning out of the masters hand, though i still can't wait to get out in

the field and serve and learn the language.

How is everything back home? Thanks for the letter and support its awesome. Make sure you write Chantelle because she is awesome and wrote me a letter. Anyway hey tell Joe since i can't run here i have been doing over 100 push up every night and I can do 10 one handed push ups so he better start pumping some iron or I am going to clobber him. That's awesome with Dallin he always leaves them in awe hahaha. And Dad got a new phone? What kind did you finally switch to an iphone? that awesome Mom with your new calling and I am glad work is still being done when I am gone. How are the cats? Elder Walton had two cats too and he loves them so much that's where his thoughts are all the time. It's funny he is a hoot. Me and my companion are getting along just fine we both love movies and we quote them all the time.

One other thing, EVERYONE IN MY DISTRIC IS SICK in some way hahaha. Its funny I am not that sick, just at night I get coughing pretty bad but my meds helps alot. It's crazy, the new group of missionaries are oldies a few of them are 22 and we have one 24 year old. Everyone thinks I am 21 because I NOW HAVE TO SHAVE every morning and by 5 PM it doesn't matter hahaha. I never thought this day would come. Anyway i love it out here and I so proud to be serving the Lord and the challenges are well worth the reward.

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Dear Family,

Wow, its hard to think I have been here almost a month in 2 days, crazy. It's also crazy how much I have changed in little under a month. Anyway my week was wonderful. It was crazy so after I wrote you last week the next day I was working super hard on the language and one of the teachers was doing evaluations on the missionaries so she pulled me and my companion aside and informed me that I needed to practice harder and so 2 things went through me mind at that point. First was, what more can I give that I haven't already? Second was I can always try something new so I went back to class and just pondered and prayed for about an hour. I didn't say a word to anyone that whole time and after I prayed I felt the spirit just rush me and I just let the spirit teach me and so for an hour I thought and prayed and finally our teacher was like, ok you have five minutes to prepare a lesson on church attendance. I was like here we go again. I will say like a few words and that's it 'cuz its all i know. Anyway I studied and

just decided that I have given all that I have and I will just rely on the lord for this one. So i picked up my preach my gospel which was in spanish. I left my notes and all my other books and said to myself Lord I have given everything, I need you to do the rest and I sat down and the other missionaries where goofing off and I just started teaching and the second I spoke their attention changed and the spirit taught. It was incredible and I spoke the language cleanly and directly. It was a very humbling experience and i truly learned the importance of having the spirit all day and that not having it isn't an option.

This week on Wednesday I was asked again to sing for a devotional so I rallied my district and we wiped up an awesome Joseph Smith' First Vision. They made me solo for half of it which was fun but we sounded awesome. You know I forget sometimes how much power is behind my voice when I sing and how much I feel the spirit when I do. It was a really nice opportunity also my district is no longer sick which is nice we need less bathroom breaks because of it. Also I have been learning how to play Choose The Right. It's hard to play hymns haha but I know it just takes some hammering out to figure them out.

So another district leaves tomorrow, which is sad. They were our mentors and it is sad to watch them leave. I have really gotten to know a ton of them. They all are positive that I am going to be famous and all want free tickets to my shows. haha But anyway, its weird to be the (DAJOS) now but it will be fun anyway. Also I have gotten even more in love with the people here which reminds me. Me and Elder Van Shaar DID STREET CONTACTING on a split and it was amazing. We met a man named Carlos and he was like 60 years old and about the width of a pencil. Anyway he wasn't a memeber but he just talked to us about how much the world needed love and the gospel and that he knew that we were

representatives of Christ and that God protected us. It was amazing. It is moments like that, that truly testifies of the power of the gospel.

Anyway that's all the time I have. I love you all and hope the best. I am sorry for the crazy email schedule. I just roll with it. I hope you are all in good health and I pray for you and love you all a ton.

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Dear Family

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Wow crazy. I have passed my one month mark and only have one week from today till I leave the mtc. Wow , I do not feel ready but at the same time the Lord has prepared me and I know I will be fine. This week was really fun and awesome, seeing as it was conference and so I let my district know that my dad was in the choir and so of course they are all looking out for him and figured out which one he was. Then for the rest of conference, when ever they would see him they would say...there is papa major... it made me giggle and laugh everytime I saw my dad. And wow what a conference. It was amazing. Every talk and of course the Lord answered every question I had prepared for conference. But at the same time the adversary was busy at work trying to get me to doubt, get distracted and take me down so I could not receive the guidance of the spirit. So conference was quite the battle for me but I made it through out of my trial of faith. Well I really enjoyed every talk and I

took pages of notes. I had to get a new note book so i could get it all.

Also this week I have been trying solo spanish except for conference week end. It was easier and easier for me to speak spanish but since conference I have taken a step back and it's hard again. It is trully baptism by immersion to learn, but it has been a wonderful experience and helped me realize I dont know like any spanish even though I can kind of talk and teach with it.

This week are district goal was to get through the 3 oclock blues which is the time of day that we become zombies and can't get any work done for about an hour and a half. We still try but we really don't retain any knowledge that we get so it been interesting as we have tried to help each other stay focused. I am slowly getting control of it which is nice. So our last p day we went to walmart which was amazing and so much fun. It even smelled like walmart. It was also funny that they had armed guards at the parking lot. (anyway mom don't worry) I have money and I have been able to get the things I need. So at walmart, me and my companion got the supplies we needed and then we went to the food court which had all the good food like mc donalds, wendys, pizza places and subway. So me and my comp ate our fill and we were so tired on the way home so my comp laid down to nap before the temple. So I sat down and dozed off, lucky for us my alarm went off before we had to be at the temple so we ran over and made it. It was a short nap and my comp wants to use all our personal time to sleep haha. It's funny he also fell asleep during conference .

On Wednesday out teacher gave us a talk to study on consecrated missionaries and what it required. I studied that talk so many time because I wanted to know so bad how to be that and what I need to do. And from it, I learned that I need

to give up everything that isn't in the gospel and lose my self in my work and not give a thought to anything else. It's hard to rap my head around but I know that the lord can do it for me so I can serve him the best.

Also a funny thing happened when we were going outside to one of our classes. It was a little windy and then it dumped rain like crazy. We were soaking wet in less than a block of distance and I guess that's how Guatemala is. Also the lightning struck so close to where we were that it raddled the house.

The new missionaries are a hoot and funny. They are all so amazed at my magic tricks hahah. Thank you Dad. It keeps them entertained and on Saturday they were doing their man test in the evening with push up and arm wrestles so I joined in and it was so fun. Some of those Spanish missionaries are yoked haha.

A Elder Ochoa who spoke he came to our mission and did a devotional so that was awesome and just by chance that was the devotional that I sang in haha i have sang for an apostle fun fact.

I love you all and I love it here. I have been constantly taught be the spirit. In our district meeting we were talking about how some of us didn't feel like we were feeling the spirit as often as we liked and a thought came to my mind, you have just gotten used to having me with you do not fear. I shared that and I think it really helped us realize the power of our calling. Also I loved Elder Eyring's talk about moving to Utah. If you didn't know, his dad was an amazing scientist and was really close to receiving a Nobel Prize for his work on closion theory of atoms and because he loved his wife he gave upreally the world. I learned that from Elder Walton who took a class and they talked about Dr Erying and I always

wondered why he dropped his work to move to Utah.

I love all of you. Thank you for your prayers and support. I pray for you every day. Remember when life gets too hard to stand we kneel.

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Dear Family,

Wow what a crazy time in my life, where to start?

Ok, before I left the mtc some of the instructors kept taking my planner I was really worried for a bit but finally one of them told me they were using it as an example of a great planner. It made me happy to know I was doing something right. Leaving the mtc was hard. I said good bye to so many amazing friends and teachers and was so nervous about the mission. Of course, I knew it was going to be alright but it was a hard moment for sure to leave my new home again and go out into the world of Guatemala.

Anyway President Stay picked us up and took us to the mission home and gave us an orientation and then we were introduced to are companions. Mine is ELDER LOPEZ. He is awesome and also he is the district leader of are area. He is super awesome and is from Equidor and has been out one

year we have fun and work very hard all day which brings me to the area. The area is three and half hours away from the city and close to the boarder of El Salvador. Its called MITA. We are re-opening the area. They had sisters in it for a bit but then they stopped for like three months and now we are in there teaching and preaching. Oh, and also I talked with Elder See for a bit. It was nice to see a friendly face at the mission home. Anyway, it's a small town with only a branch out here. The members are awesome and very helpful. The bishop is super helpful. We eat lunch and dinner at his house everyday and get referals and talk about how we can help the ward and how the ward can help our investigators.

Our apartment is a small three room place. It's pretty small and the power goes out sometimes also the water was gone today so I guess no shower today as well also its a cold shower mission. It's like a man test every morning for me. haha. It's an adventure. Also on Friday I got to go on splits with an elder from Lehi named Elder Bean. He's awesome and it was nice to speak English for a bit because it's hard to cope with so much change. Me and him where teaching our final lesson that day to a less active family when it started to rain and when it rains in Quatamala, it rains hard. It was so loud we had to yell to say anything so the lesson was short but we did our best to keep the spirit there and also it rained for so long that there was more than a foot of rain in the streets so it was like rivers rather then streets. We had to get the bishop to pick us up or we would have swam home haha. It was crazy. and it was a fun split for the day .

Me and Elder Lopez are busy bees. I get home so tired not physically but spiritual and emotionally. It's hard stuff but it's life changing work so its worth it. This week we started from scratch and already have three Baptisms dated in November. One of them is Anna. She lives with the bishop's family (I don't really know why) but she is awesome and we are trying

to get her to pray and prepare because she comes to church every week which reminds me of the big story this week.

So there was this really old guy sitting in church he was all bone skinny and so me and my companion and bishop's wife went and talked to him. He is a less active and has a family and lives miles from the church. It took him over an hour to walk here. Anyway so we saw that he hadn't eaten a meal in some time which meant that his family hadn't either. So we fed him lunch talked, shared a message and took him shopping to get food for his family. We got boxes of it and the bishop and his amazing family went with us to his house to give it to his family. It was really far away and was a little scrap house in the middle of no where. Anyway, when we got there I couldn't believe that some one lived like this. Let alone 6 people. He has 3 kids under the age of 5. They where so cute. He is the only member in his family so we are going to teach the rest of the family next week. Anyway we gave them the food and I did some magic tricks for the kids and the time came to leave they didn't have time for a lesson so we sang a hymn and prayed. The hymn we sang was I Am A Child Of God and so I kneeled down next to the three little kids and sang to them and I looked into their eyes and started to weep like a child because they had never been told that they were a child of God and I felt a love for them like I have never felt before in my life and so though my tears I hugged these little kids and I could hardly utter I love you and good bye to them but I tried and then we left. That was a life changer right there. My comp asked me why I was crying and I couldnt answer him because I felt the spirit so strong and I finally felt and understood a little bit better the love of Christ and God for us every one of us.

That was the miracle of the week as well as when me and Elder Bean were hunting down investigators. We found a house and they weren't home but later that day we found

them in the park and got to teach them. It was awesome that the Lord put us in the right place at the right time. It's incredible.

Also I NEED PICTURE. EVERYONE IN THE RAMA WANTS TO SEE MY FAMILY BECAUSE THE WORD WAS LEEKED THAT MY DAD IS IN THE MOTAB AND MY MOTHER AND BROTHER ARE IN THE RESTERATION VIDEO. SO GET ON THAT .

It's been amzing to see the Lord work in the lives of his children and to think I have the honor of being his representative.

Love Elder Major