



Andrew Bahlman

Message from Andrew Bahlmann, who just arrived to Brazil. Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2005 8:07 PM  
Good afternoon or rather boa noite por penapolis. It's beautiful here and the town is nice. The house and family are nicer and well more understanding than I expected. I like the food just fine. No worries and everything is very cheap. The coffee is very good and the fruit is all fresh and tastes wonderful. They make coffee around the corner here and the father is one of the best doctors here in well most of the area. I have not met anybody from my rotary club yet but I will soon. The stereotypes here are small, it seems, but I will find more. So far what I understand is they don't like Americans cause we don't like them because "we speak Portuguese and not Spanish". I think there are more specific things but they will come in school I'm sure. The keyboards are different here so please excuse my mistakes. It's hard to learn a new language and style of living in such a brief amount of time. Andrew Blastoff Aug 29, 2005

Excerpt from a Letter from Andrew Bahlmann

...Life is good. I have been quite fine and I speak in Portuguese, think in Portuguese; but have not dreamed in Portuguese. I am having a blast with my friends, family, and Rotarians. This town is awesome. The people are very nice and patient, and there is no reason in the world why I wouldn't suggest this club to be used again. This town has treated me very well. Mr. Wylie, do you remember when you told me that it doesn't really matter what country you go to... because the exchange student makes the year good, bad, or mediocre? Well, I totally agree now. I didn't want to come here up until the summer time and now I wouldn't change my Rotary Club, my friends, and this country for any other country in the world.... well except for returning to the U.S. I wouldn't change anything here. Blastoff Oct 17, 2005