

## My Life in Brazil This Month (May 2017)

The first week, there was a woman, who also was an AFS returnee, came to the classroom with a sign that has my picture and my name on it. I was very surprised, excited, and happy. She took pictures of me with all my classmates and counselor teacher. She also did a small interview with my host sister and me.

The second week, there was a very important and special event happened with my host sister and brother that was a birth of their little sister "Luiza". They went to see her at Florianópolis. She is so cute. I'm very happy for them.

I went to the cinema with my 3 exchange students friends to watch my first movie in Brazil. It was fun only I still don't understand all of Portuguese. After that, we went to eat Subway together. I didn't know how to buy it, so they helped me to order my sandwich.

My friends invited me to join in school cupcakes competition. I helped them baking cupcakes. I have never baked before. I felt so good to do it with friends. Our team won the third place. That was so cool and fun. I was very happy that I went there.

My host mom's friend took me to her home. We talked a lot together about Thailand and Brazil stuff such as about Brazilian name, Beaches in Thailand, Differences between school in Thailand and school in Brazil, etc. I got new knowledge talking with her and her son "Bernardo" is such a sweet boy.

Mother's day was a very lovely day. My host sister bought mom a gift. My host brother did mom a heart shape earthenware. I did her a card. I saw them hug one another. I felt the love that they have between them.

The third week, I got a chance from my host mom to meet 2 Thai friends who live in the same state as me. We went to meet at Caxias do Sul city. I took Larb powder there, so we put it on pasta and meat and ate it. Host mom and host brother of my friend took us to shopping by bus. I was excited that was the first time I was on the bus in Brazil. We had fun and very great time together talking and sharing experiences so far.

Last week, I went to Gramado city with my host mom, brother, and friends of my host mom, who study about Buddhism. They are so cool and kind. I had a chance to cook Khai Phra Arthit for them and told them that the recipe is from King Rama 9. The Gramado city is so European. I felt like I was not in Brazil, but I was somewhere in Europe.

## About My Study

In the classes are still difficult for me to understand about what teachers teach. I find it easier if it's a conversation between me and somebody. I think I can listen to Portuguese and understand it better than 2 months ago even not all of it, but I feel happy that I can get what they said to me. There are sometimes that I'm sad, because when my friends talked together as a group, and I didn't understand what they were talking, so I couldn't talk with them much, but actually they are very nice to me. They always help me about study about school and all the teachers, too. They are very kind to me.

