B**rasil - Elizabeth Gavranich**

Hey there all Outbounders, Inbounders, Rotarians, families, and friends…

Well here's to my last three months in Brasil, the three that will past the fastest and I am sure the three that I will never want to end. What's new with me?? Well the good news is that school is almost finishing (in just about a week as a matter of fact!) and now they are beginning to have all the school formals. Different to in Australia, the students don't take "dates" to their formal, they just receive a bunch of invitations or tickets and can give them to anybody they want- I'm hoping to be able to go to all three. The thing that I love most about these parties is that they start at 11pm and can go until 6 the following morning, and all they do is DANCE DANCE DANCE so that you sleep until the night after.

What else, what else..?

Well, about a week ago I moved to my final family, and found out that I'm pretty close to a lot of my friends which is pretty good. I am back to catching the bus in to town, and to and from school-- costing me a fortune here that I am seriously considering walking. Just kidding- way too lazy for that!

I am planning to travel in the next month or so. Hoping to head back in to São Paulo with another friend to see a little more of SP more intimately than I could alone. Apparently there are a whole pile of great museums, theatres, Cathedrals, and THEME parks that are supposed to be worth the while.
Have a family trip to the beach after the New Year, which will be cut short by the fact that I leave on the 13th of January. Still have no idea what I'm going to do about a going away party, or who is still going to be here in town, and how much it is going to cost. Let's hope that fate favors me this time.

All in all I don't have much more exciting news, at least nothing that anybody apart from me and other exchangers will understand. I guess the experiences in the end are all a little personal and you had to have been there to really get what I'm trying to say.

Looking forward to getting back to good old Brizzy, driving my car and making enough money to return to Brasil. The thing they don't tell you about Exchange is that it hooks you for life. Not the lifestyle, but the friends and family you make in your year abroad.

Have a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Wish me luck and see you soon!

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