

June 2007

Dear Everyone,

Greetings from Córdoba in Winter. We hope you're all OK. We seem to be under control here. The "Bean" is growing nicely. Almost definitely male, he is at five months, growing fast (blame the father for that one... none of my stuff fits me any more) and we need to start thinking about names which will work in two languages.



At the moment I am still travelling out to San Marcos for two days a week, and my plan is to keep doing that as long as it is realistically possible. Córdoba, where we live, is the second city in Argentina. San Marcos is a small village in the hills, famous for its honey, olives, and for being home to the first hippie community in Argentina. The main



street looks like this (sometimes it's less busy!) The community is a mix of the original hippies, newer "Bohemian" incomers, mostly from Buenos Aires, and more traditional "rural poor". Our main relationship is with the childrens' home (photo below), as Hazel does school support, and Martin studies Spanish with one of the directors. Martin is also in demand for his computer skills, and he is building some important relationships with some of the older lads there. Developments over the last

couple of months include progress in our relationship with the school. Hazel visits the school each week, which is often a litany of teachers telling me how "bad" our kids are, but as we build more of a relationship, we are finding common ground for working together to meet the real needs of our kids. We also meet once a week as the "technical team", which is generally Hazel plus the visiting psychologists, to share concerns and provide mutual support. Next week I have a meeting with the local special school, and I am also organising a wheelchair from a local charity in Córdoba for a little boy in San Marcos which should be through in the next few weeks.

San Marcos, is generally "unchurched". There is a small Catholic church, and an even smaller remnant of an evangelical church, currently leaderless, and as we build these links through the home, the schools and with the community, there is a piece of thinking that needs doing in terms of the roles that we might develop in making Christ known to this diverse village community.



As ever more on our blog at www.frostmartinhazel.org And our continued thanks for all your support in so many different ways.

Love From

Hazel
X Martin

Partners in Christian Mission
Latin Link
Enlace Latino