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Dear Everyone,

Greetings from Córdoba, just arrived back here from the childrens' home last night in fact. We hope you're all doing great. We're fine; Hazel's fat. Now at seven months, small bean is not quite so small, and starting to look more like a person. His parents are feeling rather under-prepared for the task ahead, although we did achieve buying a cot this morning. Hopefully it'll all be alright on the night, as they say.



This month we would like to tell you about Martin's prison ministry, which is developing in good ways. There is a small group which has been running services and Bible teaching in the San Martín prison here in Córdoba on Mondays, where Martin has been involved since the beginning of the year (see photo). More recently, he has started to



supervise a smaller group on Tuesdays, which is technically a music group, but is also as much an opportunity for the guys to come off the wings and socialise as well as play some music together. Martin has been enjoying building relationships, and practising his Spanish with the smaller group of welcoming, down-to-earth guys who are keen to relate to him. As a result of this, Martin was then invited on a personal visit with one of the prisoners last Saturday, which enabled him to spend the morning not only on the wing, but in the guy's cell, and meet some of the other

people whom he lives with as well. What we didn't know, having not done this before, was that once on the wing, visitors find themselves locked in with the prisoners until the guards return to let them out four hours later. Note to self...next time, bring food, and don't make any plans for the rest of the morning! Martin's aims for the prisoners are quietly to build relationships with the guys, to take opportunities to enable them to read and discover the Bible for themselves, and to grow in faith and understanding.

Karl Barth, theologian of global renown, was once asked to sum up his whole theology in just a few words. Barth paused for a moment, and then replied, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so."

As ever more on our blog at www.frostmartinhazel.org And our continued thanks for all your support in praying, giving, reading our stuff, laughing at our bad jokes, and generally standing with us.

Love from

Hazel X Martin

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