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Dear Everyone,

Greetings from Argentina. We're back in town. OK so it's the wrong town... The airline re-routed us to Buenos Aires instead of Cordoba, so we have re-routed ourselves to Salta for a few days to see some people and gather strength and motivation before we have to go and find our furniture and set up house here again.



What a home-leave that was. Just off the top of my head I think we have been to a dozen churches, a handful of prayer meetings, a few home-groups, three schools, a couple of mission meetings, some fundraising events, a Latin Link orientation, a Sunday school, a prison, a hospital, a women's meeting, a boy's brigade, an AGM and a party in a pear tree. We made trips to Cochester, Sheffield, Bristol, Oxford, Felixstowe, Cambridge and Reading, as well as lots and lots of places nearer the M25; and we also popped into the Keswick convention for a wet week with some great people.

One of the reasons for going to England was to introduce Joni to his crazy relatives, so we have enjoyed some good family time in and around sunny Baldock. (Photo right). We have also made the most of opportunities for great walking in the countryside, yummy food, and the occasional real ale. Joni and Hazel have really valued being part of the "tiny tots" group at church; mums and toddler groups being one thing sadly lacking from the scene in Argentina. We are aware that we didn't get to do everything or see everyone who we would have wanted. So we really hope we haven't offended



anyone; I'm sure the 24 hour day was created with welfare of humankind in mind, but it really does play havoc with one's good intentions.

So here we are back in Argentina, which feels very normal in lots of ways, and like a totally different planet in others. Our plans for the next few days are to head down to Cordoba, and deal with the paperwork issues at the civil registry and the immigration office, and then we'll take it from there. Thank you so much to everyone for all your support and friendship to us during this time. Bless you all.

Love from

Hazel X Martin



and Joni