

Dear Everyone,

Greetings from Argentina. Flip, what a lot of things have happened since we last sent our newsletter out! We started slowly by delaying ourselves in Salta for two weeks. Since then, the day we arrived in Cordoba, Martin managed to fall over in the street and break a tendon in his leg, which has needed surgery, from which he is still recovering. We also didn't have anywhere to live, so we were house-hunting on crutches, while staying with a whole bunch of different friends in both Cordoba and San Francisco; we have slept in seven different beds over the last two months. In between times, we held a first birthday party for Joni, Hazel wrote and taught a seminar on "holistic mission and the kingdom of God", and we spent many a happy hour queuing in the immigration office. Finally we were able to organise ourselves to move (still on crutches), and we have been in our house in San Francisco for just over a week (see below for snail mail address). We are making progress towards having electricity, gas and telephone, and there is even a rumour that we might be able to start doing something useful with our lives at some stage soon.



Joni gets to grips with his Argentinean heritage. "Mate" (ma-te) is an infusion made with hot water and bitter leaves. Some people like to add coffee, herbs, or orange rind. Real men take it *amargo*; i.e. without sugar.



On the left is a map of San Francisco, which is too small to be useful, but gives an impression of the block system, typical of Argentina. We live in the south-west corner, and the church is in the south-east. The town centre is across the two parallel streets running east to west in the middle. San Francisco is the last town in Cordoba province; the grey shaded area on the east of the map indicates the start of Santa Fe province and the city of Frontera. Here be dragons.

We are hoping to have internet functioning soon and catch up with the email backlog. Meanwhile, thank you for your support, prayers, and patience.

Love from
Hazel X Martin



and Joni