

Dear Everyone,

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Greetings from San Francisco where Summer is finally giving in to cool nights and chilly mornings. The photos this month are all from Miramar, a little town on the “Mar Chiquita”, a big salt-lake near here, where it is possible to see more than 300 species of birds, including 3 types of flamingos; and also the “ghostly” remnants of the old town which flooded beyond repair when the lake expanded dramatically about 30 years ago and the army was brought in to blow up some 35 blocks of unsafe buildings.

We hope you are well. We are doing OK. **Martin** in particular is making good progress with his ministries at the moment. A “chance” comment in a meeting has landed him the task of producing Bible study materials to be used across several cell groups, which is a great opportunity to influence the way that the Bible is taught here; and a big responsibility to produce clear material that can be used effectively by the leaders of the other groups (we lead one group in our house). On a different tack, one of “his” prisoners is being released on licence this weekend, so Martin and Sergio are looking forward to continuing their fellowship “outside the walls”. Martin also recently met with a prison organisation in Buenos Aires, and through them he is hoping to make a link with some of the English prisoners here in Argentina, currently 16 of them, all on drug-related charges.

Things are moving more slowly for **Hazel** at the moment. The project in Quebracho Herrado is requiring more patience than I know how to produce. I have also tried, and failed, to have my professional qualifications validated, despite hearing much rhetoric about how 21st century mission in Latin America needs people with professional skills to offer. Grrrr. So, I am writing a Spanish version of my CV, and hoping I might find an opening in a special school about 20 kms away from here, which probably wouldn't be my first choice, but it would mean that I was “hands on” again which is important to me. Requesting prayer for openings, and wisdom to move forward.



Meanwhile, **Joni** is doing great. He is a sociable little being and is learning new words every day in both languages. We aren't sure what we are going to do with him when Winter arrives properly, since he flatly refuses to wear anything more substantial than shorts and T-shirt, and he isn't entirely enamoured by footwear either. Since March he has started going to nursery school in the mornings, which we are all enjoying for different reasons!

“In God's plan, you have this wonderful little baby and you fall in love. They take your heart and then over the next eighteen years, you discover all the revolting and terrible characteristics of this child, but by then it's much too late, you've already fallen in love with them”. Dr John Wyatt

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Love From
Hazel X Martin



and Joni