

Dear Everyone,

Greetings from winter in San Francisco. It's not a UK Winter, but central heating doesn't exist and with nights dropping to 2 degrees now we are glad of our newly installed wood-stove.

We hope you are well. Lots of things have moved on in positive ways since we last wrote. After several months of appearing to be dead in the water, the community project in the village of Quebracho Herrado is finally looking like it might work out; judging by the number of times Hazel has driven up and down the road to the village in the last couple of weeks. Hazel has also started helping at Scouts which is keeping her out of mischief and providing some new terminology in Spanish (Scouts are more common than Guides here, and it is all mixed-sex anyway).

Martin continues visiting the prisons both in San Francisco and across in Cordoba, as well as keeping up with a couple of folk who have been released. We are also working hard to keep producing Bible Study material on Mark's gospel for all the church cell-groups to use. When we first took this on, we had envisaged a project for a few weeks, but it has now dawned on us that it is going to take most of the year to cover Mark. So far it seems to be being well received. In the group that meets in our house, we have initiated a little tradition of eating together afterwards which keeps the conversations flowing. Mostly this has involved Hazel cooking, but this week we were treated to a "pollo al disco" (centre picture; think chicken and vegetables in wine sauce) prepared by our newest member; a young guy whose whole family were baptised a couple of months ago (a la Cornelius), and he himself is struggling to kick a drugs problem. Anyway, it was a superb meal, and one of the kids drew this picture (right) of us, so you can see how well we are all looking on it.



More updates will happen on the blog at www.frostmartinhazel.org Thank you for supporting us, and have a great summer/winter (depending on your hemispherical point of view) .



Love From
 Hazel X Martin
 and Joni

