

Dear Everyone,



Greetings on a wet Monday in San Francisco. Between Scout camp and the disabilities summer scheme, the last couple of months have been characterised by children and water, and that's without counting our own kid's attempts to flood the house having designated the hose as his new favourite toy.

Scout camp was fun (see photo), we took nearly 20 kids to the hills on the west of the province and tried to wear them out for a week. It was also a good opportunity to spend time with the other leaders, sharing activities with the kids, and then over a brew in the evenings.

The disabilities scheme finished successfully this week. I managed to get myself on local TV in the pool with the kids (news can be slow in San Francisco!) For the little boy who I have been transporting to and fro the hamlet, summer scheme has given him a huge boost. It is the first time he has really had an opportunity to participate in activities with other children, and we could see him learning and changing from one day to the next. Now I'm about to go into battle with the social worker to get him into school for this year so that we might capitalise on the progress he has made during these weeks.



Martin spent two and a half hours queuing in the prison governor's office last week on the off-chance that the guy might deign to see him at some stage. It worked; for his patience, he has now won himself an official card so that he can go into the prison in San Francisco for an extra session per week outside of normal visiting hours. The plan is that this time might become a Bible Study group. Martin also made use of the week I was away on Scout camp by catching up with an ex-prisoner living on the other side of the province who has now been involved in prison ministry for over twenty years, visiting the men inside, and also working with children of prisoners.

Our next task is to get ourselves to Peru this week for Latin Link's international assembly. This happens every four years, and the Argentina team are staying on an extra couple of days to make the most of getting us all together and having our own team meetings. We travel on Wednesday to Cordoba, and then on Thursday to Peru. Before, during and after that, we are doing some ongoing reflection of our own over what we are doing here and what it might actually look like to be seeking the Kingdom of God in Argentina. We have a lot of questions, part of which is the nature of doing a job that is difficult to pin down into a 40 hour office week, and partly because we lack good accountability structures (in fact there is no word in Spanish for accountability!) We are also rethinking our financial situation; if you didn't receive our finance update the other week and you would like it, please do let us know.

As ever, the blog is at www.frostmartinhazel.org Thank you all for your ongoing support and encouragement.

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Love From
Hazel Martin
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and Joni