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Dear Everyone,

Greetings from an increasingly autumnal San Francisco. We hope you are doing OK, thanks to everyone for your ongoing communication, it is much appreciated. Our trip to Peru in February went well (photos below), now we're well into the swing of the academic year; in Argentina this starts in March, and most other activities follow suit.

Hazel's plan to enable the little disabled boy in the village to start going to school has so far involved a hospital, a neurologist, three social workers, two schools, a large pile of paperwork, and a partridge in a pear tree, but we should be operational by the end of the week... although I have been saying that for the last few weeks already. At least a positive outcome is on the horizon. I have also been asked by the special school if I would like to volunteer for them. Personally I'd rather be paid(!) but still, it might give me some work-experience in a "real world" context; and give them a chance to figure out whether this crazy white person really has two heads or not.

Prison work for Martin continues to inch forward. He spent another couple of hours in the prison governor's office this week, and thus was granted a second entry pass so that his friend Miguel can start coming to help with the Bible study group which is now up and running early on Saturday mornings. They are a select little bunch, and rarely the same folk two weeks running, but some are becoming more regular and there is definitely a desire to know the Bible... just maybe not quite so early in the morning, but the prison allocate the room times, so you get what you're given and learn to like it.

Friend Miguel is a real gem, and one of Joni's favourite adopted uncles. Previously an alcoholic, he had a dramatic conversion, sobered up overnight, and for the last decade has been faithfully giving up his Saturdays to thumb a ride for the 50-odd kilometres from his village of Porteña to San Francisco in order to attend the public visiting at the prison and talk to anyone who'll listen to him. These days he still thumbs his way in, but Martin gives him a lift back whenever he can, and Miguel and his wife Silvia have become special friends to all three of us.

Thank you as ever for your ongoing support and encouragement. Check out the blog for updates at [www.frostmartinhazel.org](http://www.frostmartinhazel.org)

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Love From  
Hazel Martin  
X



and Joni



Blonde kid draws a crowd



On the beach at Paracas



Lima taxi