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Dear Everyone,

Greetings from a jolly warm Argentina! I was surprised this week to see a UK media article on "Dreaming of a bling Christmas". It seemed ridiculously out of place. Then I remembered Christmas started ages ago in the UK... This is one time when we are grateful that Argentina lacks any recognisable form of forward planning.

Martin's neck: He has been in, and out of the Hospital Privado, where he was cut up, sewn up, unsewn, dressed, undressed, and is now recuperating at home. We are really grateful to the surgeon, Dr Campos, and his team, who have given us great care and attention throughout. Martin has to wear the neck-brace for the next three months, while the bone-graft heals, but every day he is making progress; today he was back behind his computer for the first time...



Work: Hazel has been doing educational support at the childrens' home at San Marcos. I'm enjoying being with the kids, but the school thing is tough. I went to class with them one day, and learned that the school has a legal responsibility to "have" them, but not to "teach" them. Several are so far behind that there is almost nothing in class that they could join in with. I'm not going to be able to work the necessary miracle on occasional visits, what they really need is someone who can be there a couple of hours a day, every day.

Other work things: We have several ideas "on hold" until Martin is fit, including contacts to follow up, and invitations from people and projects. The prison are hoping that Martin will be able to do some teaching there, and Hazel is also making a link with some work with the gypsy community. We need to be building up more of a network of contacts here, and we also need to be discerning about what we agree to let ourselves in for at this stage!

Visas: We are hoping to start applying for proper visa status in the next few days. We have heard it's a mine-field, involving lots of queues and collecting rubber stamps, so your prayers for patience and sense of humour will be well appreciated. .

Our new coffee maker helpfully came with an "English" translation of the Spanish instructions...

"Before using the coffee pot for the first time, you must carefully wash the recipients".

For more updates check the website at www.frostmartinhazel.org . We have put a new BLOG feature on there a few weeks ago, which is being regularly added to. Thanks for reading and praying.

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Love from
Hazel X Martin