

Dear Everyone,

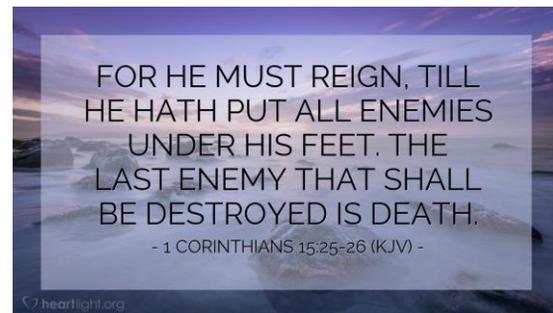
Today we are waiting for a little boy to die, he will probably be gone by the time this newsletter goes out. His name is Matias, he is eleven, in Joni's class at school. He has been fighting cancer for two years. So we are reminded that this world couldn't be the way that God intended it to be, and that we do what we do because one day things are going to be different, because Jesus died on a cross at Easter to take death away once and for all. Please pray for Matias's family; his parents, and his siblings (one older and one younger).



Scouts started back in the neighbourhood last Saturday with an encouraging influx of new kids as well as happy reunions with some old stalwarts. Hazel continues as Kaa in the cub section, while Joni is delighted to have moved up into the Scout section and out of his mother's hair (I think we're both equally pleased about that bit). Someone else to pray for would be one of our Scouts, Rodri. In a peripheral neighbourhood with many social issues we are used to working with kids with a range of behaviours, but this is the first time we have had to exclude a young person. Rodri has an extremely difficult life, and Scouts is probably the only place where anyone is nice to him, but he is now sixteen years old, with an adult body, and his level of physical violence means that we can no longer keep the other kids safe when he is around. We have offered to accompany him if he decides to seek help through school counselling or mental health services, and we have told him that the door is open to come back when he is ready, but we have reached the end of what we can do for him at the moment through Scouts.

Another ongoing story requiring prayer involves La Flaca who lives with us. Her biological mother currently has a case open with the San Francisco law courts in order to have La Flaca declared mentally incompetent. This would give the mother power of attorney over La Flaca's affairs, and particularly to receive any state money to which she might be entitled. One of Hazel's English students is a lawyer and he has been kindly helping us to gather paper-work and witnesses to present to the court in order to demonstrate firstly her real level of competence, and secondly that if the court decides to declare her incompetent, then the mother wouldn't be the most appropriate person to receive her money since she has been living with us for the last two years, and the mother wasn't doing anything for her even while she was living on the streets prior to coming to live with us. There will be a medical hearing at the court which we will all attend in June.

A quick update on a couple of other people who we had asked you to pray for. Hazel's Scout, Eze, who was shot a year or so ago has relocated to Cordoba with his family for the medium term future, to have more opportunities for rehabilitation. He remains paralyzed from the waist down. The grandmother, Esther who broke her leg while helping out at Scouts had two operations to set the leg. She is making good progress and hopes to be back at Scouts soon.



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Love From
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