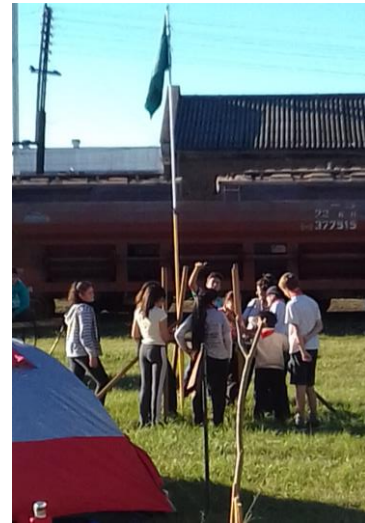


Dear Everyone,

Greetings from a sunny autumnal San Francisco. If last month's newsletter left everyone traumatised, we're sorry, it wasn't the intention, we write our newsletters about whatever's going on at the time. This month is much more about chugging along in an ongoing and not very dramatic sort of way.

The Scout group ran our first camp of the year last weekend. We have had a couple of weeks of rain of late, and the place we had organised for camp was too waterlogged, so we ended up camping in our own headquarters in order not to have to cancel the weekend. Hence you can spot a couple of trains in the background on the photos – we meet in an old railway shed next to a line still used to transport sand and gravel. It was a good experience for the new kids, some of whom hadn't slept away from home before, and for the older kids to rediscover their camping skills on home turf. Scouting in Argentina remains very traditional. Where Scouts in other countries might teach cooking with minimal utensils on an open fire as a special "survival" or back-woods technique, in Argentina, that would be referred to simply as "making dinner". In our group we run three or four weekend camps through the year, and a week in the summer. These are really important experiences where our kids develop self confidence and learn about team work and problem solving in practical situations.



Outside Scouts, Hazel is very much enjoying working at the riding school, getting to know the kids and their families, and developing good relationships with the other adults at the stables. Pamela, teacher in charge is great. Last week I was left to run the place for a day, which was quite daunting, but it was so well planned that in the event it was almost boring(!) for which everyone was very grateful.



Martin is reading, watching and listening to theology, and then trying to figure out how to teach it to our churches, especially the Gloria de Dios church. They are a lovely open congregation and Martin has plenty of opportunities to preach and teach in services and study groups as well as at the leaders' meeting. The challenge is to make the content accessible to people who have had very little formal education, and also to find ways to open questions about some of the other teachings that folk may hold dear, while not causing them to run away in fear of having their scaffolding pulled down.



The story with La Flaca's mother chugs along. There was a first hearing a couple of weeks ago. The judge gave mum a hard time, and she is now furious with us, is convinced that we are after money, and is going around describing us as parasites. This is likely to rumble on for at least until the case comes to some sort of conclusión probably in a few months' time.

The blog has been going through a period of neglect, and this week Danny has a birthday so I am busy. I will try to put up some photos after the party. You can find it at www.frostmartinhazel.org You can also email us or find us on Facebook. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

Love From
Hazel Martin
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Joni & Daniel



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