

**Dear Everyone,**



Greetings from windy August in San Francisco. The August wind is known as the Santa Rosa and is traditionally Scout kite-making season. Last weekend the Scouts held a camp in a park at the edge of the city. It was a special time because Estela, the grandmother who has been coming along to help (and broke her leg at Scouts last year) went on her first camp, and made her promise as a Scout leader, meaning that we have three generations of her family as members in our group. Her daughter and oldest grandson are also leaders, and her other five grandchildren are split between cubs, scouts and venturers. Another good story from Scouts this month is regarding Rodri, the Scout who we had to suspend for extreme violence at the start of the year.

Right after we suspended him, he went to the "gabinete" (special needs dept) at his school and told them that he didn't want to miss out on Scouts, and asked them to help him. So they have been



working with him for a while, and Hazel has been liaising with the different parties, and a couple of weeks ago we did an evaluation with everyone including Rodri, and officially invited him back to Scouts. On Saturday morning I phoned his mum to remind her that we were expecting him, and she said "I couldn't possibly have forgotten, he's been driving me crazy all week looking forward to it." As one of his teachers said "Anything that gives a grain of hope to one of these kids..."

Meanwhile, in the rest of life, home and work chug along. Through a prison contact, Martin met with a men's Bible study group in Cordoba who are working with a varied population including ex-prisoners, gay/trans people, and addicts in various stages of recovery. The distance to Cordoba means that it would be difficult to commit to attend every week, but the priests leading the group were very welcoming and Martin hopes to get along again when he can. Closer to home, Martin and Miguel continue with Monday afternoon Bible studies at the prison in San Francisco. And at home our colourful household continue to find ways to keep us on our toes. At the start of the year, La Flaca was finding it hard to settle back in to the school routine, however she has now pulled her socks up and is doing well again. She is also about to start a bakery course which she is very excited about as she loves to bake. Teen (ex-Teen now 20) on the other hand is struggling with life and we are wondering what we should do next to try and help her. In a rare communicative moment the other day she acknowledged that things weren't going well for her and that it might be an idea to go back to seeing a psychologist, so we are making contact and hoping that she might stick with the therapy for more than two minutes, both for her own sake and for Baby who suffers from neglect in the fall out. You can pray for our household and the girls and us. By way of positive escapes, we are making the most of the riding school. Hazel is loving the work, Martin is finding plenty of ways to help out, and both Joni and Danny are enjoying riding lessons.

The blog can be found at [www.frostmartinhazel.org](http://www.frostmartinhazel.org) and I will try and update it in the next few days. Thank you to everyone for all your prayers and support.

Love from  
Hazel X Martin

**Latin Link**



Joni & Daniel

