

Dear Everyone

Greetings from summer in San Francisco, where afternoon temperatures will average mid thirties from now until February. Our big paddling pool was an economic decision well made, from when Danny was a baby.

The news this month is mostly domestic. School is officially done for the year. Joni battled his way down a stack of lots of outstanding work, (lack of personal organisation) and managed to hand it all in in the last week. His teachers might not have loved receiving half a year's worth of assignments in one heap at the eleventh hour, especially since there were plenty of others in his class in the same position, but technically we were within deadline. We await the end of year report. Joni and Hazel rewarded themselves with a trip out to the mountains of Cordoba with a cycling goup last weekend, (photo right) which was challenging and a lot of fun, and we hope to do another one early next year, covid permitting.



Danny finished fine, Hazel had been on his back all year anyway, and one real positive of the enforced home-schooling has been the opportunity to fill in some gaps in Danny's skills, particularly in maths. It has also been a good public relations exercise in building links in new ways with the school and enabling them to think about Danny as being intelligent and capable, and to see us as being supportive parents.

Prize for outstanding success of the year goes to La Flaca who has completed her final year of the adult secondary school program. She has to wait and see if she has any further assignments or exams to take next year, but she has finished the curriculum and when any loose ends are tied up and the bureacracy complete, she will get her official secondary school certificate. This represents a huge achievement. Three years ago when she entered the program she thought she would never be capable, and now she has school colleagues asking her for help with their assignments! She is starting to think about options for work and study next year. Celebrations in our household usually mean cake; see cupcakes, photo right.



Now we are in summer mode. Hazel is at the riding school summer scheme every morning, and the kids (Joni, Danny, and Baby) will come along a couple of times a week. Covid cases are slowing down here in Argentina during the summer season, but we are still ranked at number 10 in the world, and one of Hazel's disabled riders' father is currently intubated in intensive care; he is a doctor at our local government hospital, which is at the forefront of the battle against covid, and often lacking adequate protective gear. And in this context we are thinking about God made man coming to bring hope to a confused and suffering world. We hope you have a good Christmas, however you celebrate it, and thank you for all your support through 2020. The blog will be updated at www.frostmartinhazel.org I'm currently struggling with the software but we'll get there.



Joni & Daniel

Hazel X Martin



Latin Link

