

# Dear Everyone

Greetings from another rainy day in San Francisco. We lost electricity for a chunk of this afternoon, but now it is back and we are catching up with some indoor admin jobs while the roads are still under water.

As frequently happens in the summer season when the youth are restless and looking for entertainment, our house has become a hang out point for friends, boyfriends, family members and sundry hangers on associated with our two girls. A regular bunch are congregating here most days, usually on our front doorstep or the plaza across the road, but today it's wet and there is a noisy game of snakes and ladders taking place on our dining room table.

The whole thing feels like yet another example of God's sense of humour in dealing with us, since teens/young adults are probably the age group which we have the least ability, experience, or even desire to work with, but it seems like this is a task that we are being given for now. And mostly they are lovely, just wanting somewhere where they can do their own thing without being hassled or moved on. So we make space, provide food and drink, and find ways to engage and make people welcome, while trying to define and maintain a few clear rules for the sake of everyone's wellbeing and the sanity of the rest of the household.

For those who pray, a young man in particular need is the Brother, of Teen's Boyfriend. Brother has a sweet personality, a lovely sense of humour, and a drug addiction. He mostly divides his time between prison, and the detox facility in the government hospital, which is underfunded, and doesn't seem to offer a lot more than prison, apart from possibly better food. Brother and Boyfriend come from a complicated history, their present situation is precarious, and their needs are complex, long term and deep rooted. We have neither the skills nor resources to solve all their problems, but over the last couple of years we have built a strong relationship with Boyfriend who we value very much. We are just getting to know Brother, but we hope that over time we can offer him a similar space away from his current contexts where he might be able to feel accepted by people who aren't being paid to process him in any way.

In other news, we are technically in the last two weeks of summer holiday. Argentina's children have not been in school since March 2020, but this week teachers are going in, and classes should be starting on the 1st of March. As yet it is not clear how this will be organised, but the idea is to run a hybrid system of part physical and part online in order to facilitate social distancing. We await further information, and in the meantime are replacing the school uniforms that everyone grew out of last year. From Saturday till next Thursday, the extended Frost family are all going away for a few days to the nearby town of Arroyito. It is not particularly a tourist destination, but it has a river suitable for swimming in, and some nice parks and places to eat out, so the idea is to enjoy a few days of time out together before education and other commitments start up again for the year. Thank you for reading, and for your ongoing prayers and support. Have a good month!



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