

Dear Everyone

Greetings from high summer in San Francisco. January is the hottest month of our year, so we are grateful when it occasionally rains and knocks the temperature down for a day or two.

The summer so far in a few photos.... Those of you who have followed our news regularly may remember hearing about one of Hazel's Scouts, Rodri. Over the last couple of years Rodri has been increasingly involved in a local evangelical church, not ours, but one with whom we have good contact. So, it was an immense privilege to attend his baptism a couple of weeks ago. He was nervous, but he did brilliantly, and it was clear that his pastor "gets" him, and that they have a supportive relationship. It was also really positive to see various factions of his complicated family put aside their differences for an evening to turn out and accompany him. Our prayer for Rodri at this time is very much the promise from Philippians 1;6:- that "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus".



Next, Hazel and the Scouts went off for a week's camp in the hills, where we hiked up and down mountains, visited a cave used by a previous indigenous tribe, cooked over fires, swam in the river, carried out some service projects to restore a mud oven and improve the bathrooms, played silly games, got our support car stuck in the mud, watched the stars and a bunch other things associated with Scout summer camp. Thank you to those who prayed for Gian, who we mentioned in our last letter. He had a great camp; he's a sweet boy who responds well to love and care. His Dad was also so grateful that Gian could have this trip away with us, and one of his uncles donated all the vegetables for the week to help reduce our expenses.

Summer holiday scheme in the riding school is happening in the mornings, with groups of around fifteen kids who take turns to ride and then participate in different activities, often involving water. We have put up a big paddling pool which some of the younger ones are enjoying. This week they are also enthusiastically building and modifying a den, using whatever they can find. The scheme will continue until the 19th of February, and finish with an overnight camp. Some of the kids are already known to us, others come new for the summer, and we find that the holiday scheme is often a good way of recruiting students to join our regular groups after schools go back.



Church continues as usual. We have both preached the last couple of Sundays. Martin also attended the women's meeting last night (to help them with the tech) while Hazel was busy resolving other issues with the wider family. Martin is currently in a meeting with the Pastor, Victor, as Hazel is putting this newsletter together.

Next on the agenda, we are preparing for Latin Link's international assembly, which takes place every four years, this year in Peru. The four Frosts plus BB will be travelling to Lima next Wednesday. Hazel will be involved in a leadership day on Thursday, and the rest of the conference begins on the Friday. The Southern Cone team will also stay on after the assembly for a team meeting. We return on the 6th of February.

Thank you for all your prayers and support. We hope you have a good month.

Latin Link 

Hazel X Martin



Joni & Daniel

