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*A room with a view...and a half!*

**I am finally here!** As you can probably see from the photo, I am thrilled! Cachi is such a breath-taking place and I am so blessed to be living amidst such natural beauty. Although it will take time to fully integrate myself into culture and society, I love waking up to the mountains, the fresh air and the blue sky...when it's not snowing!! See some photos of Cachi's first snow-fall since 2009: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10100808498903879.1073741832.36803259&type=1&l=05de173232>

It was wonderful that my **parents** were able to see our new home and surroundings first-hand and even witness Fabio in action coaching his young athletes. We **thank God** that they had the possibility to travel in good health and for all the opportunities to talk, pray and spend time together. We are also grateful for how well the much anticipated **meeting of the two families** went; language and culture proved no barrier to the enjoyment of each other's company over a tasty meal prepared by Fabio's mother, Mercedes.



After my parent's departed, it was back to business for both Fabio and I, although still miles apart for the first 2 weeks of May. I travelled to the city of Rosario with my club for a 5km race, and as well as being fairly satisfied with my 3<sup>rd</sup> place, it was great to **spend time with fellow club mates**, getting to know some new faces a better, and taking the opportunity to share my faith through personal testimony and the "leaflet-magnet" combo that some of you may be familiar with! Pray in particular for **MLT**, with whom I spent most time and who opened up to me about some things going on in her life.

From Rosario it was straight up to Cachi, and although I struggled health-wise for the first few days, I was soon back on my feet, assisting Fabio in his new role as coach of a group of about 15 young athletes. Having travelled up to the mountains, it was back down again after just a few days to the neighbouring province of **Jujuy**, where 7 members of the group took part in one of the biggest races in the north. Although disappointed not to be competing myself, I really enjoyed getting alongside and encouraging the team, especially a **time of reflexion** that we shared with the group. The previous weekend, Fabio had been able to talk about his faith and had suggested reading something from the **Bible** during other trips to competitions. Everybody seemed open to the idea and we are really excited to see what God wants to do in and through us to bless the lives our athletes. In **Jujuy** I had the opportunity to talk about why I had come to Argentina and the strong relationship between my **faith and my sport**, and how both Fabio and I

believe that God shows Himself as real both in and through sport. They all listened seemingly with interest, and the following day after the race, we gave them the magnet with a small tube of Cadbury's Mini Eggs (courtesy of my parents' visit!).



*l-r: with MLT in Rosario; in Jujuy; the magnet (design) with Bible verse I keep going on about! 1 Corinthians 9.24 and "What prize are you aiming for in life?"*

We feel so privileged to have been called to **invest time, energy and to sow seeds of love** in the lives of Cachi's young people. We value your **prayers for on-going wisdom and boldness** as we speak, and special **sensitivity** around issues related to similarities/differences with the Catholic Church; evangelical Christianity has often been marginalised by cultural Catholicism, more than anything we just want to point people to Christ and not let these issues become **obstacles to the truth**.

We **give thanks** to God for the **positive response from local authorities** towards the project. We had a meeting in April with the mayoress of Cachi, who showed her support of our intentions to instil positive values and habits in the young people, who are prone to dabbling in **drugs and alcohol** due to what is often put down to **dysfunctional families and/or boredom**; Cachi is some 2 hours away from the outskirts of Salta city. We value prayer for:

- *On-going good relationships with those in charge;*
- *Wisdom and creativity as we plan some extra activities around training for the group which integrate faith in Christ and sport;*
- *Good health as we enter into winter, so vital to sporting endeavours!*

Although far away, they are not forgotten; please continue to pray for (left to right) **RG, LF and LC**, that God would continue to work in their hearts and minds to draw them **closer to Him**, placing other believers in their paths to point them to their Creator; and that I would continue to be **faithful in praying** for them and sharing my faith boldly across the miles. With mobiles, Internet, Facebook, What's App and all that technology has to offer, there really is no excuse for staying in touch!



**Thank you as ever for journeying with us!**