

Salta, May 2022

Dear Friends

It's been far too long since our last circular, so we are cutting a corner here and sending these snippets out as an informal letter rather than the normal circular.

As we write, four out of the five of us are at home (not counting the six hounds).. Tomas has recently travelled to the UK, in search of new work or post-grad studies. Ceci returned from Spain last Feb, following an amazing year in Madrid where she was doing a master's alongside her ongoing and remote-based work with the Organization of American States. Carolina graduated as a Vet in Feb, which was both a great joy and relief for us all. Her last series of exams were heavy going, yet she managed to finish the job getting top marks in her last one. In true Argentine style, this was celebrated by coating her in paint, horse manure, and then parading her around town on the back of the truck. She is now building up experience working at a Veterinarian clinic in Salta.

The past few months have been busy, with life slowly creeping back to normality. Andrew ended last year breaking a long stint of zero travel with a short trip to the USA for meetings with his colleagues at Compassion International. His next trip is to the UK (23rd May-15th June) to visit his parents and extended family in Norfolk. The highlight will be a Leake/Yarham reunion on the 29th which will allow him to meet new additions to the families he has not met before!

His work with Compassion is going well. He was promoted in November in recognition for his new role and responsibilities in providing leadership on Sustainability. The work is fascinating, as it involves integrating climate change adaptation into the organization's programs for over 2 million children in 29 countries, including supporting local churches in embracing creation care.

Maria is completing her final project for her certificate in Christian Rural and Environmental Studies (CRES). Andrew accompanied her on her field- work recently when she went to Tartagal to interview an indigenous community on their perceptions of how deforestation has affected wildlife over the past 30 or so years. It was the first time back there together, as a couple since we moved to Salta in 2001!



We ask that you pray for Carolina as she builds her career, Ceci as she completes her master's thesis, and Tomas as he seeks work or further studies.

Pray for Maria as she completes her CRES course, and for Andrew's trip to the UK.

Pray for Maria and Andrew as they seek to define their work and ministry for the coming years.

We love hearing from you, so don't hesitate to send us a line: andrewleake@gmail.com

Andrew & Maria