

Dear absent friends,

How do I start?

Well, Frank has been busy from day one back here... a myriad of things to fix and sort out, from ants' nests in the toilet to replacing the exploded hot water cylinder. He currently is working on the Centre kitchen.

Life is a hard place for me at the moment. I miss NZ, the people, the culture, the safety, the climate, the beauty and my beautiful eldest daughter. Arriving back here, I was very sick, and although I am a bit better now, I still have very little energy, and at the moment I'm just managing the minimum of cooking, teaching Benji and running the household. (sort of!). Adjusting back to the isolation, loneliness, poverty, widespread corruption, humid heat, and things not working (like internet!) is not an easy process either.



Melanie is enjoying being back amongst her friends again, although it is a challenge to think up creative activities to do with them. She is working hard on her schoolwork, as well as maintaining a rigorous schedule of gym and workouts. The horse gets fed and trained every day, but she has yet to hop on and ride her...



Benji - the one who never gets tired - races from one activity to another, talking nonstop to all and sundry. This intenseness can get difficult to handle at times, and as he is a lot bigger now people often expect him to just sit which he cannot do for very long! He loves

competitive games, especially soccer and darts, and any board or card game in the evenings.

All of us are on God's workbench so to speak, learning and adjusting to different stages in life, and trying to know what His will is for us.

We have started up teen club again, but in a different format, with Frank's goal being a smaller group that he can teach and work with in a better way.

Please continue to pray for my health, and that we will all have wisdom to make good decisions. Please pray for Nicki in NZ too, as she traverses young adulthood in what is a foreign culture to her.

Love from,

Francisco, Joanna, Melanie and Benji.

