

THE HELTONS

Missionaries to Spain

March - April 2025

Dear Friends,

March and April brought excitement and a calmer pace to the church and to Jaén. Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia celebrated its fourth anniversary in April. This was a special time for everyone. We were excited to see some people who were at the first service come for the anniversary. Many were at previous anniversaries, and some were there for the first time!



One of the great blessings for me and Jen is to watch as the people take on different responsibilities, sometimes without being asked. We were encouraged to see the members talking with guests and others about salvation and membership. Another couple volunteered to serve coffee to everyone. This is encouraging and helpful!

Our typical week is filled with multiple Bible studies and individual discipleship. We are usually asked to participate in an activity (a birthday

party or graduation), and often called on to help with moves or special situations. March and April were no exception. We even found ourselves driving to the airport two hours away one afternoon, only to get back in time to walk to Bible study!



Another common event for our church is meals together! Jen and I hosted a barbecue for everyone who could not travel during the vacation for Holy Week. We expected one or two, but were surprised by twenty! It was fun and everyone was able to relax.



Again we were encouraged to watch as many regulars shared the Gospel with newcomers and unbelievers.

Please pray with us as we move into the summer months. Personally, we will face the world's highest pollen count when all the olive trees bloom in May. We will have another membership workshop this month, and hopefully another baptism service soon. We are still praying about how to manage our limited space better, but we are confident that God has a plan for us.

We are so honored to partner with you in the Gospel to reach Spain. We are so excited to see what God is doing and so grateful for your part in it! Thank you, and may God bless you!

In Christ,
Michael and Jen Helton

Prayer Requests

- Outreach and Evangelism
 - Growth of Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia in Jaén
 - Our growing family
 - Evangelism efforts
 - Discipleship of new converts
 - English/Spanish Bible Studies
 - Training new leaders
 - Space for growth
- Salvation for:
- Our neighbors (old and new)
 - Our landlord and his wife
 - New visitors in our services
 - University students who visit

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