

THE HELTONS

Missionaries to Spain

November - December 2025

Dear Friends,

A lot has happened between November and December! First, we had several different groups visit from both the United States and from here in Spain. We enjoyed time with family and even had our pastor come and preach for us one Sunday!

We completed our second discipleship class. We have learned from this that the course makes a great New Members' Class, but we need to incorporate more people into discipleship. So, in the coming year, not only will Jen and I disciple more people, but I will be training others to do it as well. This also prepares us for more leadership training in the future!



The church held several successful outreach activities. This Thanksgiving, we prepared two turkeys and shared recipes with everyone so that they could bring their version of Thanksgiving staples. It was a huge success with all food consumed! Later we had our annual Christmas party with fun and a cookie exchange, fol-



lowed by our Member's Dinner at the end of December. We are so grateful for the people God has brought to our church who had committed to make it their church! Our dinner is an opportunity to thank them and to share the vision for 2026.

Part of our vision for the coming year is based good news from December. We were able to officially sign all of the required documents needed to register the church. Now we are waiting for approval. The registration number allows us to open a bank account, buy or rent property in the church name, and sponsor other missionaries. This is timely since we are expecting a couple in February!

We are already planning for our first family camp in August, and during the Members' Dinner there was a lot of excitement for this event.

On the home-front, our family is growing by leaps and bounds. We have a short furlough planned in January to the southwest. During this trip

we will meet our second granddaughter. A second furlough in September for a few weeks to the Southeast will allow us to meet a third grandchild! We decided to break the furlough into two shorter trips rather than one long one so that we are not away too long from the church.

Each January I try to confirm that our letters are being received. So, you may receive the letter both digitally and physically. Please let us know if you are having problems. We send out a letter every other month. In addition, this year we want to provide more update videos. You can find the most recent video at this link [<https://youtu.be/szvlig8nWuw?si=IRU1Fomxo54ceKaD>]. Ask us for a Spanish version if you need it.

We are so grateful for all of your prayers and support. Thank you for the encouraging cards and messages for birthdays and Christmas! And thank you so much for choosing to partner with us! Happy New Year 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
- Training new leaders
- Space for growth
- Registration with Government
- Salvation for the people of Jaén

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