

# THE HELTONS

Missionaries to Spain

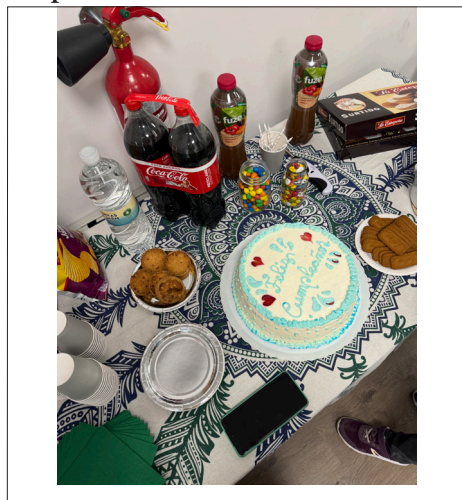
## January - February 2024

Dear Friends,

January started slow, but then things picked up in February. Everyone surprised me on the last Sunday of December with a birthday cake. It was a wonderful time of fellowship!

We began an English Bible Study to reach university exchange students in January. Jen and I posted fliers and messages on social media. For the first few weeks, no one came. But just this week we had our first students come to hear the Bible in English. We were able to share many truths and the Gospel with them. We pray that this opens a door to reach people who might not normally come.

We have also seen God working in amazing ways among the regular attenders. In preparation for our monthly fellowship on the last Sunday, which we call Cafe y Compañerismo, we put a basic coffee machine at the



local. This has impacted everyone immensely. The very first Sunday with the machine, one of the people most introverted volunteered to be barista for everyone. We enjoyed time after the service and fellowshiped for over



an hour. The simple addition of coffee was enough for many of them to relax and open up, giving us opportunities to help point everyone to the Gospel and encourage more involvement.

January has also brought new students to our regular services. We are amazed when God brings believers from other countries to our city and then to our church. At this time, our small congregation represents five different countries on any given Sunday!

February saw most of our people return from the harvest or vacation. We are excited to see how the church responds to a new series in the book of Acts. February also brought other good news. Isaiah and Naomi had their first baby! We are now grandparents! Ember Helton was born this February, and already we are very excited for them and excited to see her!

Please pray for the church to grow this spring. Our desire this year is to double the amount of tracts distributed in the city and to reach more people. In April, Jen and I will travel

to Florida for Abbey's wedding and to see our new granddaughter. During that time, we have coordinated help to keep the church open.

Thank you for all your prayers and support! We are so grateful to partner with each of you for the Gospel!

In Christ,

*Michael and Jen Helton*

### Prayer Requests

- Outreach and Evangelism
- Growth of Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia in Jaén
- Isaiah and Naomi and Ember
- Abbey's wedding in April
- Evangelism efforts
- Discipleship program
- English Bible Study

### 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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