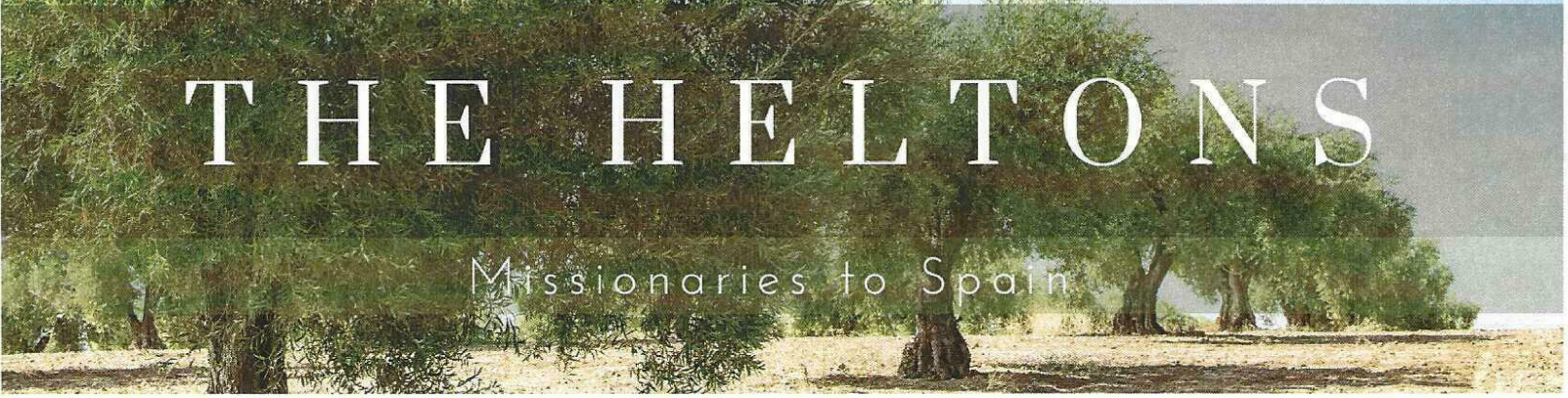


September - October 2024

Dear Friends,

September and October witnessed an explosion of growth here at Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia. We held our first back to school event with great success. Everyone got involved and we had several visitors. It was a great start to the fall season.

We also had the privilege of hosting my parents as they celebrated their fiftieth anniversary in Spain. They were able to spend time with the church and get to know many of the people here.

September is our time for missions emphasis. We had a Missions' Sunday, when the church was challenged to participate in Faith Promise. This year the church committed to support two Spanish speaking missionaries in other countries! We had new people participate and many also agreed to pray for our two missionaries personally.

Our English and Spanish Bible Studies are going well. We have seen growth in both studies. In October we

had a Friend Day accompanied by special evangelism and a ladies event to prepare the building. We had a special day with new visitors, many of whom continue to come!

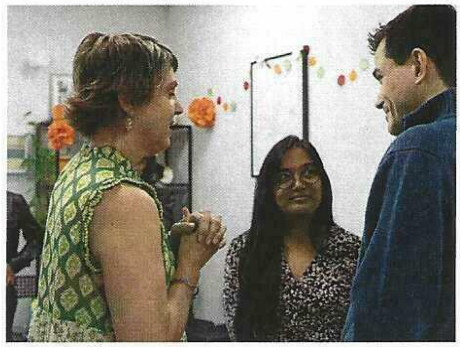
Sadly, the excitement of our growth has been tinged with sadness. Recently, the region of Valencia, about four hours from us, suffered from heavy rains and flash flooding. Many people were killed and many more were displaced. We have spoken with some of the churches there, and we were touched to see how our people in Jaén gave to help a church there. Please pray for the people in Valencia as they recover from this tragedy.

We are looking forward to a special holiday season. We will celebrate Thanksgiving later this month. Of course, Christmas in Spain is a very special time and we look forward to it each year. It is also a great time to share the Gospel! Thank you so much for partnering with us to reach Jaén and Spain for Christ!

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
-Valencia recovery efforts

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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