



JUSTIN & GRACE HAYES

making a difference, one person at a time

Dear Praying Friends & Supporters,

April - May 2026

Tomorrow, June 1, the movers will arrive to pack our belongings and prepare them for shipment back to the United States. After 18 years of serving the Lord in Europe, these moments are certainly bittersweet. In the midst of all of the busyness surrounding this transition, the Lord continues to bless and grow His work here in Dos Hermanas, Spain. Before packing up my computer, I wanted to send a quick update so that you can rejoice with us in what the Lord is accomplishing through His church and through your faithful partnership.

In our last update, we asked you to pray for Cristian, a young man who had recently come to Christ. On Easter Sunday, Cristian followed the Lord in believer's baptism. The church was blessed to hear his testimony of salvation and witness his public declaration of faith and desire to follow Christ.

Daniel and Brenda began attending Olive Grove on the first Sunday of January. At the time, they were engaged and waiting for their marriage with the Spanish courts. On April 10th—the day after their civil ceremony—we celebrated their union and witnessed their vows before God and the church. What a blessing it to officiate the first wedding at Olive Grove before our departure. Daniel & Brenda have since joined the church in membership and have been a great encouragement as they actively seek ways to serve the body of Christ.

On the first Wednesday of May, Elisabet confessed faith in Christ as her Lord and Savior. She had been attending our church for over a year. It was a joy to witness the veil being removed from her eyes as understanding and conviction led her to repentance and faith. I also had the privilege of baptizing her on May 24th.

In mid-May, Grace participated in a biblical workshop, teaching women from across Spain and Portugal how to faithfully interpret and teach Scripture. It was a blessing for her to share with others what the Lord has been teaching her. These women have a sincere desire to become faithful teachers of God's Word in women's and children's ministries.

Yesterday, May 30, Grace and I hosted a large group of our church family in our home for the last time. Hosting these gatherings has been one of our greatest joys during the past ten and a half years. What a blessing it has been to watch their love for one another and for the the Lord grow and flourish.

Today marked our final month before departure. During the service, I was able to present one of the men that I have been training as a candidate for the pastorate of Olive Grove Baptist Church. It has been a tremendous blessing to patiently walk by faith and watch the Lord guide in such a clear way. The church will vote in a couple of weeks. This is a significant decision, and they are feeling the weight of it. We trust the Lord to lead and direct them in the days ahead.

Our next update will be sent from the United States, as we are scheduled to fly out of Spain on July 1. We greatly covet your continued prayers during this season of transition.

In His service,

Justin Hayes



Cristian's Baptism



Daniel & Brenda's Wedding



Grace Teaching



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