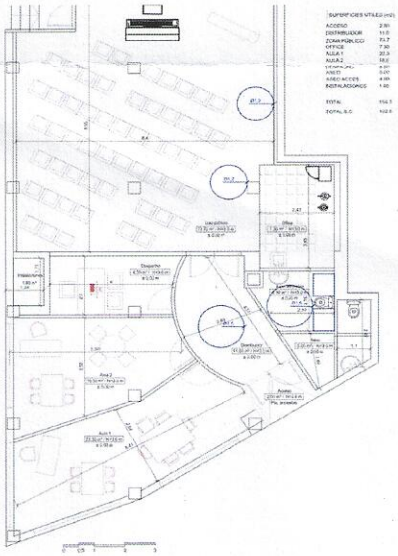
Special Update! July - August 2026

Dear Friends,

July and August have been incredible months here in Jaén, and we have big news to share! First, we are registered with the government! It came at the perfect time, because there are big changes on the way. We are finally moving forward with the renovation of the new location, and it cannot come fast enough! Normally, August is our lowest month as most of the province leaves for vacation. However, God has blessed the church and it has continued to grow each Sunday. We are now consistently exceeding our capacity, and we haven't reached the regular season yet! As you can see in the pictures, we are filling every chair!

The process to renovate a location for church use requires us to soundproof the auditorium, add sufficient restrooms, and add an emergency exit. We also need a space for classrooms and food preparation. While the possibility of purchasing a place inside the city is cost prohibitive, we have made a long term agreement with the owner of the new location to guarantee longevity, and we are praying that he might consider selling. So now we are saving for the work, and we need your help! Based on our initial estimate, we need to raise $100,000 for the project. We will adjust this amount once we complete the plans and the official proposal, but to get started we have to submit for permits from the city. We are working with the architect and his team to prepare this documentation in September. If God directs you to help us, you can donate through BIMI (just like regular support) and designate it for the building project.



The challenges we face involve cost and time. Since we are filling the current building, we are concerned that new visitors will be discouraged from coming. Additionally, many of the new people coming are not saved, and we desperately want to see them saved and growing. The new building will help us accomplish this.

I have included some pictures of our very first family camp and our church activity and outreach during the eclipse. We have a new update video (https://youtu.be/si2BRuhW6sA) available on YouTube, and I have a special video about the building project in the email with this letter.

We are so grateful for all of your prayers and support. Thank you for choosing to partner with us! May God bless you!

In Christ,
Michael and Jen Helton

Prayer Requests
-Growth of the church
-Our growing family
-Evangelism and Outreach
-Discipleship and training new leaders and interns
--New building project
-Salvation for the people of Jaén

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