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Cachi
Salta, Argentina

HOW IT STARTED...

The work in Cachi began in 2009 after two missionary trips from Iglesia Crecer in Córdoba. Following those visits, the Brondo family responded to God's call to plant a church in the Calchaquí Valleys and moved to Cachi to begin the missionary and church-planting work. The Brondo family remained in Cachi until 2019, and the church then went through two years of pandemic restrictions without a pastor living in the area. At the end of 2021, Matías and Ivana Peletay moved to Cachi to continue the work while also developing relationships with people in the other towns throughout the region.

Today, Iglesia Bíblica de Cachi is focused on training and developing local leaders who can take responsibility for existing ministries and develop new ones. As the church matures, its goal is to become a biblical church increasingly committed to advancing the gospel throughout the Calchaquí Valley and to planting other biblical churches in the region.

This regional vision has also shaped the next stage of the work. The experience of serving in Cachi and the surrounding valleys has led the ministry to recognize the importance of having a strong church in the city of Salta, one that can help mobilize people and resources toward areas where gospel ministry is more difficult. For the past year, the team has been praying and planning toward a future Iglesia Crecer Salta, with a particular, though not exclusive, focus on university students.



Guillermo and Felicia Morales first connected with the Brondo family in 2009. Guillermo had believed in the existence of God but did not have a true faith or understand the gospel. Through time with the Brondo family and conversations centered on Scripture, he grew increasingly interested in God's Word and began attending church. During a difficult period that included the loss of their twin babies, Guillermo sought Marcelo Brondo's counsel. Through discipleship and pastoral care, both Guillermo and Felicia grew in their dependence on God and His Word and eventually became members of the church. Today they serve in the congregation, with Guillermo playing guitar in worship and Felicia serving in multimedia. Their younger daughter was also baptized in late 2024 after completing discipleship with Matías Peletay.



Celeste Humano first came to Iglesia Bíblica de Cachi at age eleven. Although she grew up aware of God, she had many questions and eventually began speaking with Marcelo Brondo about her fears and doubts. Through the preadolescent ministry and continued teaching from Scripture, she later began discipleship at fourteen and came to understand her need for Christ. After a difficult period when she withdrew from the church and fellowship with God, she describes the Lord as bringing her back like a lost sheep returning to the flock. Today, she remains grateful for God's mercy and for the people who have helped her continue growing in the faith.



WHERE IT'S GOING...

Cachi's immediate need is to complete the first floor of the pastoral house, which will include two apartments to help establish a missionary team. **The project is estimated at approximately $60,000.** The team would support the local church through pastoral care, leadership training, evangelism, discipleship, and ministry throughout the Calchaquí Valleys, while also supporting missionaries.

The work in Cachi is also part of a longer-term vision for Salta. The plan is for the Peletay family to begin transitioning from Cachi to Salta toward the end of 2028, with the goal of beginning a church plant in 2029. **The projected need for this stage is approximately $5,000 per month for housing, living expenses, and ministry costs, with support decreasing over time.**

The future work in Salta is still in the planning stage, but existing relationships with young people from the Calchaquí Valleys who study in the city provide an initial connection. The vision is to reach university students, professionals, and communities throughout the province with the gospel.

Together, Cachi and Salta share one regional vision: strengthening the church in Cachi, developing leaders and missionary work throughout the Calchaquí Valleys, and preparing to establish a new biblical church in Salta.

From a church planted in Cachi to a future work in Salta, the ministry is preparing local leaders and developing a regional vision for churches that can carry the gospel throughout the Calchaquí Valleys and beyond



Iglesia Bíblica de Cachi has served as a base for gospel ministry in the Calchaquí Valleys since the work began in 2009



The church is investing in the training of local leaders who can serve the congregation and contribute to the advance of the gospel throughout the region



The pastoral house project includes two planned apartments that could help establish a missionary team serving Cachi and surrounding communities



The planned Iglesia Crecer Salta is being developed as a future base for gospel ministry, with particular attention to university students.