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Carlos Paz, Argentina

HOW IT STARTED...

The story of Iglesia de la Gracia Monte de Luz began in 2001, when missionary Don Donell came to Argentina to plant a church. In 2002, the work moved to Villa Carlos Paz, where the first gatherings were held in a family home's patio. At that time, the congregation began as Misión de la Gracia.

The church was formally constituted as a congregation on May 11, 2008. In June of that same year, Jorge Molina was ordained as pastor, continued the ministry, and the congregation adopted the name Iglesia de la Gracia Monte de Luz. Jorge Molina served until his death in 2022. At that time, only eight people remained in the congregation.

After this difficult season, Pastor Marcelo Brondo took responsibility for revitalizing the church. Since then, the congregation has grown significantly. Today, including official members and regular attendees, about 45 people are part of the church community.



One example is Juan Carlos, who had been a Jehovah's Witness for twenty years. His wife, a believer for many years, encouraged him to accompany her to a Sunday service. After attending that first service, he continued coming. Through the church's ministry, he heard the gospel and has now been a member of the congregation for three years.

Another testimony is that of a Christian family who lived more than 2,000 miles from Córdoba. In their hometown of Ushuaia, several provinces away, they lacked a church with sound doctrine. Through social media, they learned about Iglesia Crecer, and they were also referred to the church by Pastor Víctor Peralta from Bahía Blanca, who already knew Iglesia Crecer and highly recommended it to them.



The family visited the church in Carlos Paz, and after spending several weeks with the congregation, they decided to move to Villa Carlos Paz because of the church. They have now been members for more than two years, and their teenage children came to faith and were baptized in January 2025.



WHERE IT'S GOING...

Iglesia de la Gracia Monte de Luz currently has about 45 regular attendees and continues to grow through its radio and social media presence.

The church's most urgent need is a larger facility, as the current building has reached its capacity. **A facility three to four times larger would cost approximately $2,000 per month to rent, while purchasing a property would require an estimated investment of $500,000.** A larger space would allow the church to expand its existing ministries and develop new ones, particularly for children, teenagers, and young people. The church is also considering holding more than one Sunday service as attendance continues to grow.

At the same time, the church has significant opportunities for evangelism and discipleship through people reached by radio and social media, as well as individuals coming from other evangelical contexts with doctrinal confusion and deep spiritual struggles. Through expository preaching and personal counseling, the church seeks to address these needs and faithfully proclaim the gospel.

The church is responding to this need first through prayer and by sharing the situation with other churches that may be willing to help. They have also explored alternatives, including renting neighborhood community centers on Sundays. There are more than fifty such centers in Carlos Paz, but so far none have been willing to rent their facilities to the church because of concerns about an evangelical church using the buildings.



Located in Villa Carlos Paz, one of Córdoba's major tourist destinations, Iglesia de la Gracia Monte de Luz serves a growing community from its location on Cerro Blanco Street.



Today, Iglesia de la Gracia Monte de Luz has about 45 regular attendees, including official members, and continues to grow through its presence on the radio and social media.



The congregation is preparing for the next generation by looking toward new ministries for children, adolescents, and young people.



The congregation's current building has reached capacity, creating an urgent need for a larger facility so the church can continue welcoming new people and expand its ministry.