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Jesús María, Argentina

HOW IT STARTED...

In 2008, Alejandro Grande and his family arrived at Iglesia Crecer in Córdoba after leaving a church where unhealthy doctrine had affected them. As they grew in their understanding of Scripture, they found peace, direction, and a renewed understanding of the gospel. This growth led them to develop a burden for the people of Jesús María, their hometown, who had not yet heard the biblical gospel.

In 2009, with the support of pastors and other believers in Cordoba, Alejandro and his family began a small group in their home. The group grew as Alejandro studied at Seminario Bíblico William Carey and took on more ministry responsibilities. In February 2014, the congregation began meeting for Sunday worship in his home, and in 2015 moved to a rented location, providing more space and greater visibility in the city.

As the congregation continued to grow, new believers were baptized and became formal members, while ministries for children, adolescents, worship, and discipleship were established. Several members also began studying at Seminario Carey and preparing for leadership. Among them was Manuel Romero, who joined Alejandro in ministry in September 2025.

Today, the congregation continues to grow both spiritually and numerically despite the negative reputation created by the prosperity gospel in the city. The church remains grateful for the Lord's faithfulness and committed to proclaiming the biblical gospel, discipling believers, and trusting Him to continue building His church in Jesús María.



Carlos Verón grew up in a home where the gospel was not known and carried deep resentment toward his father, which contributed to a disorderly life marked by various addictions. In 2013, a family member—now Pastor Manuel Romero—invited Carlos and his wife to church. Through Pastor Alejandro Grande's discipleship, the gospel was clearly presented. They understood their sinful condition and their need for a Savior, surrendered their lives to Christ, were baptized, and married. By God's grace, Carlos also forgave his father. Today, he and his family joyfully serve as members of the local church.

Pablo Lescano and his family began attending a Christian church in 2005 amid serious economic and family difficulties. After moving through several churches and experiencing the effects of poor doctrine, they reconnected with Pastor Alejandro in 2022. They began attending Iglesia Crecer in Jesús María, and Pablo and his wife became members one year ago. By the Lord's grace, Pablo now has stable employment, and their marriage has been restored. Their daughters have also been touched by the ministry: Victoria serves with her husband in Lehmann, Santa Fe; Camila has been baptized; and Milagros regularly attends Sunday meetings. The family remains grateful for the faithful support of the church.





WHERE IT'S GOING...

The congregation's primary need in the coming years is to obtain its own property. Currently, rent and maintenance cost about $650 per month, with an additional payment of about $1,300 due when the lease renews next year. For the past two years, the church has covered these expenses through offerings and food sales, which has required time and resources that could otherwise be devoted to evangelism, discipleship, training, and fellowship. The church has explored more affordable rental options but has not found a suitable alternative and is praying for the Lord to provide a permanent property.

Another concern is the ministry in La Pampa, where Pastor Manuel Romero has been visiting a family for about a year. The church has provided Bible teaching and financial assistance, and at times other relatives and acquaintances have joined the Bible study. However, limited financial resources and the lack of a suitable vehicle make regular visits difficult. The congregation hopes to continue developing this ministry and eventually establish a stable group with the goal of planting a church.

The congregation also hopes to reestablish a mercy fund of approximately $70 per month and a fund for conferences and training for pastors and leaders of approximately $150 annually. Gas to reach La Pampa is estimated at approximately $30 every two weeks.

Established through years of faithful ministry, Iglesia Bíblica Crecer continues to grow in Jesús María, equipping believers and extending the gospel to families both within the city and beyond.



The congregation began as a home-based small group in 2009 and, after several stages of development, began holding Sunday services at Alejandro Grande's home in 2014.



The congregation has developed ministries that serve different generations, including children, adolescents, worship, and bible study groups



For the last two years, the congregation has sustained its meeting place through offerings and food sales while praying for the opportunity to acquire its own property.



The church is also reaching beyond Jesús María, as Pastor Manuel Romero has been visiting a family in La Pampa, hoping to establish a stable group and eventually plant a church.