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Perico
Jujuy, Argentina

HOW IT STARTED...

The work in Perico began through a connection between believers in Jujuy and Iglesia Bíblica Crecer in Córdoba Capital. In 2021, several people from Perico visited Iglesia Crecer for a while. During that time, they were confronted with biblical teaching and became convinced they needed God's forgiveness. After returning home, however, they discovered no biblical church where they could regularly gather.

Because of this, they began studying the Bible on their own, and other people joined them. In 2022, they contacted Luciano Rivadeneyra, a member of Iglesia Crecer for approximately ten years, asking for help with their study of God's Word. Luciano agreed, and the group began meeting through Google Meet for weekly Bible studies.

That same year, Luciano traveled to Jujuy with his wife and their two children to spend time with the group in person. The visit established a special relationship between the believers in Perico and the church family in Córdoba. After returning home, the biblical studies continued virtually.

Approximately a year and a half later, Luciano returned with a group of believers from Córdoba. The visit included time with the locals as well as evangelistic activities. In 2026, two more trips were made to continue visiting, encouraging, and serving the group.

Through these years, the believers in Perico have made significant progress in their understanding of Scripture. At the same time, the situation remains challenging: they do not currently have a leader who can guide them on a permanent basis. The group continues to depend on the Lord's grace while maintaining its connection with the believers in Córdoba. As the relationship has developed, the conviction has grown that the Lord may be leading them toward planting a biblical church in Perico, northern Argentina.





WHERE IT'S GOING...

The immediate need in Perico is a pastor who can live in the area and provide consistent biblical leadership. The current group includes believers who have grown in their understanding of Scripture, but the work needs permanent leadership to develop toward planting a local church.

The initial plan includes temporary financial support for a pastor, housing, and a vehicle for ministry and evangelistic activities. Other practical needs include chairs, sound equipment, Bibles, study materials, a printer, evangelistic resources, and welding equipment that could support both vocational training and outreach. **The estimated initial investment is $2,980,** to help Luciano and his family move to Perico. The total cost to establish the plant is $24,000 over first two years.

At present, the ministry continues through weekly online Bible studies, along with periodic visits from the Córdoba team for encouragement, evangelism, vocational school outreach, and women's Bible studies. These efforts help maintain contact with the believers and encourage them to remain faithful and share the gospel in their community.

The long-term vision is to establish a healthy local church in Perico and eventually reach nearby communities. The ministry faces a challenging context that includes deeply rooted religious traditions, limited educational opportunities, and significant struggles with drug and alcohol use among young people. For now, the work remains in a season of preparation, biblical instruction, regular contact, and prayer, while looking toward establishing a local church with permanent biblical leadership.

Though still a Bible study group without permanent pastoral leadership, Perico is steadily growing in its understanding of Scripture while looking toward the planting of a biblical church in northern Argentina.



Visits from Córdoba have combined personal fellowship with evangelistic outreach and opportunities to encourage the believers in Perico.



Vocational schools have provided an opportunity to combine practical training with intentional evangelistic ministry.



Women's Bible studies are part of the ongoing effort to maintain biblical teaching and personal connection with believers in the area.



The group is serving in the context of the northern Andes, where traditional religious practices and substance use among young people present significant challenges.