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Rosario
Santa Fe, Argentina

HOW IT STARTED...

Iglesia Bíblica Ciudad de Dios (IBCD) began in 2009 as a small group meeting in a family home. As the group grew, the house became too small, and in 2010 the Lord provided the opportunity to rent its first meeting place in southern Rosario. The following year, the congregation moved to a location around the corner, where they remained for thirteen years.

In 2024, the church moved to its current rental location, and today the congregation is praying and developing a project to purchase its own building in the future.

IBCD originally began as a Pentecostal church, but in 2012, by the grace of God, the church began a process of theological reform and embraced sound doctrine. For the congregation, understanding that salvation is exclusively by grace rather than something earned through human effort brought significant freedom and had a positive impact on the lives of its members.

What began with twelve people in 2009 has grown to more than 250 people attending on Sundays today, under the leadership of Pastor Cristian Palomares. The church expresses deep gratitude for those whom God has added to the congregation over the years.



Laura C. has attended the church for more than ten years. She lived near the congregation's former second location and had been a Catholic formation teacher. One Saturday morning, after the children's Sunday school had finished, Laura confronted a sister from the church regarding the Christian faith. In that conversation, the gospel was shared with her, and the Lord used that encounter to bring her to faith. The gospel brought her joy and hope, and today Laura is an active member of the congregation who faithfully serves the Lord.

Rubén M. has attended IBCD for thirteen years and currently serves as a deacon in the church. He joined the congregation after many years at another church without having been born again. Through the exposition of the gospel, God brought forth the knowledge of salvation in his life. Today, Rubén is a key member of the congregation, and his life stands as a testimony to the transforming power of the gospel.





WHERE IT'S GOING...

IBCD's most pressing need is developing and supporting additional ministry workers. The church's growth has increased the need for pastoral care, discipleship, evangelism, youth ministry, and the training of future leaders. Much of this responsibility currently rests with the church's two pastors: one serves full-time, and the other is bivocational.

The church currently has two families participating in its pastoral residency program: the Toloza family and the Martínez family. Both are preparing for pastoral ministry while serving in important areas of the congregation. The Tolozas are involved in discipleship and ministry training, while the Martínez family serves primarily in youth and teen ministry.

Because of financial limitations, both families currently work full-time, which reduces the time they can dedicate to theological study and ministry. **The church hopes to provide partial or full financial support so they can devote themselves more fully to their preparation and service.**

Greater availability from these families would strengthen discipleship, youth ministry, evangelism, and the development of local and national ministry-training initiatives. It would also provide additional support for Pastor Palomares in his work with ABRA while continuing his pastoral responsibilities at IBCD.

The central need, therefore, is to develop and sustain faithful workers who can help the church care for its growing congregation, strengthen discipleship and evangelism, train future leaders, and expand ministry beyond the local church.

From a small gathering in a family home to a growing congregation of more than 250 people each Sunday, Iglesia Bíblica Ciudad de Dios continues to develop workers, strengthen discipleship, and prepare for the next stage of ministry in Rosario and beyond.



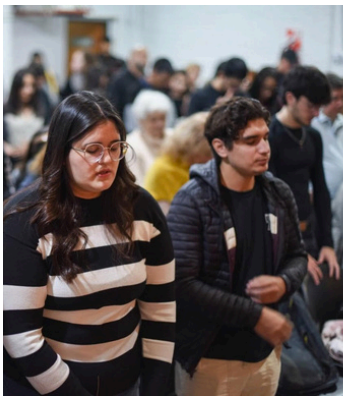
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IBCD's journey has included a process of theological reform that began in 2012 and shaped the church's commitment to sound doctrine.



The church's pastoral residency program is preparing new workers for ministry through theological study, discipleship, and practical service



Youth and teen ministry is one area where the congregation needs additional pastoral support as it continues to grow.