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# Villa Dolores, Argentina

## HOW IT STARTED...

Iglesia Bíblica Bautista Crecer Villa Dolores grew out of the missionary work of Iglesia Crecer in Córdoba Capital. The work began with Fabián and Gabriela Grau, who moved to Villa Dolores in 2009 and began seeking a church where their family could worship and grow according to Scripture.

In 2013, with Iglesia Crecer's encouragement, the Grau family started a small prayer group and gradually reached other families through evangelism, children's activities, and fellowship. The Angella family joined in 2017 and the Flores family in 2018, forming the core of the growing congregation. As the group developed, believers from Córdoba regularly traveled to Villa Dolores to support the work, which eventually moved from the Grau family's home to an adapted garage.

During this period, Fabián pursued theological training at William Carey Bible Seminary and received additional ministry training through 9Marks and Simion Trust. In 2021, Iglesia Crecer formally recognized the group as a congregation, and Fabián was ordained as pastor.

On February 23, 2025, the congregation was formally recognized as an independent sister church, with Fabián Darío Grau serving as pastor. Since becoming independent, the church has welcomed believers from various backgrounds who are seeking a clearer understanding of the gospel and biblical doctrine. Today, the congregation remains committed to making disciples, proclaiming the gospel, and keeping God's Word and Christ-centered teaching central to the life of the church.



The Angella family joined the Bible study before the congregation was formally established. After leaving churches they felt had swung between liberal and legalistic extremes, they found in Crecer Villa Dolores an opportunity to deepen their understanding of biblical doctrine, church membership, expository preaching, fellowship, service, and holiness. They describe this period as a new beginning under the light of God's Word and continue to serve within the congregation.



The Flores family joined the informal Crecer group in 2018 after leaving another congregation because they were concerned about the consistency between its preaching and its practice of faithful service. Through the new fellowship, they came to understand church membership and the purpose of the local church more seriously, and they have remained part of the congregation since then.



## WHERE IT'S GOING...

Today, Iglesia Bíblica Bautista Crecer Villa Dolores is focused on making disciples in Villa Dolores and throughout the region. The church seeks to proclaim the gospel beyond its congregation while providing biblical teaching, fellowship, and patient discipleship for believers.

The congregation currently meets in the garage adjoining the Grau family's home and is praying for a permanent property with space for worship, Bible studies, future training, and evangelistic activities. **The church is currently considering two lots near the center of Villa Dolores, valued at approximately $20,000 each.**

Another important need is greater pastoral availability. Fabián currently serves as a bivocational pastor, and the church is praying for the resources he needs to devote more time to pastoral ministry. The congregation is also seeking faithful workers, ministry equipment, and its own legal recognition as it prepares for future growth. The church's vision extends beyond Villa Dolores to the wider Traslasierra region, including western Córdoba and northwestern San Luis. Some believers already travel significant distances to attend the church, highlighting the opportunity for broader ministry in the region.
Looking ahead, the congregation hopes to provide biblical resources and training for churches throughout Traslasierra, including possible seminary classes and workshops. Above all, the church desires to make disciples, proclaim the gospel to people from diverse backgrounds, and encourage a more biblical understanding of Scripture and the local church.

From its roots as a small group meeting in a family home, Villa Dolores has become an independent congregation seeking to strengthen biblical church life and serve believers throughout the wider Traslasierra region.



The congregation currently gathers in a converted garage of approximately 40 square meters, a space prepared for worship through the generosity of visiting believers.



Some members travel 25 miles each Sunday to participate in a church centered on biblical teaching and fellowship.



The church is exploring property near Villa Dolores' city center as part of its long-term plans for worship, teaching, training, and evangelistic ministry.



Weekly teaching on biblical finances is helping the congregation think carefully about stewardship and giving's role in gospel ministry.