



JUSTIN & GRACE HAYES

making a difference, one person at a time

Dear Praying Friends & Supporters,

January - March 2026

Our first quarter has been filled with preparations for our upcoming departure. As mentioned previously, our family will be transitioning back to the United States to serve in a pastoral role at our home church, Heritage Baptist Church in Woodbridge, VA. We are grateful to share several blessings from this quarter.

Olive Grove Baptist Church (Iglesia Bautista El Olivar) has experienced its highest attendance for several consecutive regular Sundays since we announced our departure. We have been encouraged to see the church actively bringing people to Jesus and strengthened as they witness the Lord at work. Olive Grove is the Lord's church—not ours—and it has been a joy to see this truth take root.

We were also encouraged to host missionaries Stephen and Victoria Lyons for a week. The Lyons are seeking to arrive on the field this fall, and it was a blessing to spend time with them. It is a joy to continually see the Lord at work in Spain. About a month before our departure, we will also be hosting a young couple who is seeking the Lord's will regarding missions work in Spain. We are thankful to see the Lord continuing to raise up and direct laborers for His work.

In recent weeks, I met with two individuals from our church. Carlos, who began attending in January, shared that after hearing the gospel on his first Sunday, he placed his faith in Christ. Please pray for him as he prepares for baptism. I also spoke with Álvaro, one of our fifteen-year-old teens, who testified that he trusted Christ two years ago. Please pray that he would have boldness to follow the Lord publicly in baptism despite pressure from family members.

Christian, a young man who came to Christ in December, will be baptized on Easter Sunday. We have been encouraged by his faith and his willingness to make sacrifices to follow the Lord, including turning down job opportunities that would hinder his faithfulness to Christ. Please pray that God would provide for his financial needs as he continues to seek Him faithfully.

Thank you for your kind encouragement regarding our transition. Your faithfulness over the years, and especially during this time, has been a constant source of strength to us. Please continue to pray that the Lord would give us wisdom as we seek to finish well.

In His service,

Justin Hayes



Me & Álvaro



Enjoying the view of Sevilla!



A great turnout for a regular service!



Ladies Outing



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