



PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA GREGGTON



Texas

Greggton First Baptist Church in Longview has been navigating how to actively engage and reach their changing community. With a high demographic of Spanish-speaking people surrounding them, Pastor Eliseo Aldape knew something had to be done.

With the help of Texas Baptists Missions Team, FBC Greggton, and an experienced church planter, Primera Iglesia Bautista Greggton came to fruition. Throughout their time together, they have effectively engaged the diverse people of Longview, especially those without any church background. They celebrated their one-year anniversary in September of 2017.

Last summer, the church held their very first Vacation Bible School. The majority of the church members had never been a part of a VBS before, and many of the children had never experienced Spanish-speaking Bible classes. Though the odds may have been against them, more than 39 children were in attendance, and over a third of the church members volunteered to help.

“Church starting is one of the most effective ways for established churches to engage a community. I’ve seen that with Greggton FBC church and Primera Iglesia Bautista Greggton - an English-speaking church engaging a Spanish-speaking demographic - and many others. It is a way churches can reach their communities and meet people where they’re at,” said Church Starter Clay Jacobson.

Because of our gifts to the Cooperative Program, new churches like this are made possible. Let’s pray for this church, their ministry and continued outreach to their community.