

## News from the Basque region of northern Spain.... Al&HelgaBonikowsky

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Dear Friends,

Often as I go into the bank where Pedro, our Spanish pastor, works, I am challenged anew by this verse which he has posted at his window. "I can do all things through Christ which stengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). Between the activities of Port Bible Baptist Church and the entire remodelling of the Basque farmhouse, life is, needless to say, very hectic. Below you have a picture of the Port of Pasajes, which gives rise to the name of our church. The church is located in the back part of the picture, near to the high rise just right of center. The area of our efforts covers approximately a quarter million people. May God helps us to be true and faithful to His Word.

Last Sunday we had a visitor, Eugenia, invited to the services by a young gypsy lady that attends our church. She met her on the way to church and just brought her along.



Recently a fine singing group from Bob Jones University blessed us with their music. They were an encouragement to our young people, and helped in literature distribution.

The farmhouse has been a bee hive of activity. Andy decided to have the entire intensive Bible institute up there and it was a blessing to get just a preview of what can be done in the future. We still do not have the new floors up yet but things are coming along. There were a total of 45 present for the classes, taught this year by Dr. Frank Garlock, on the life of Ruth. We also had the privilege of having him preach at our church and Andy joined us with his people for a full house.

Last year a group of four gentlemen came from Maryland to help with the construction and this year three of them have returned, with one new fellow. They have been such a big help in pouring concrete floors in what used to be stables. This morning they are putting up some gutters, which will more or less finish all the roof work. The new sidewalk at the top side, with direct access to the "Abraham" chapel is a real blessing. This Tuesday, June 18th, I will be going with a young man who attends our church to look for post material to support the floors. Lord willing, by fall we will see some major changes. A very special thanks to Baptist Bible Church of Elkton, Maryland, for their generous gift for the project. Also for a generous gift from an individual in Germany. God bless, until next time.

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