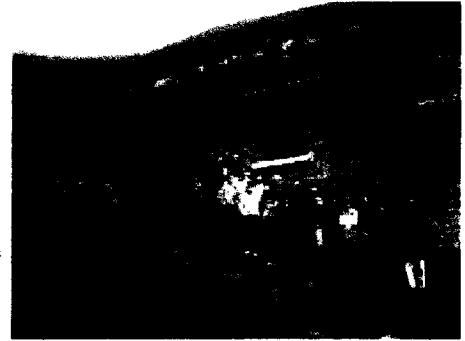




**Basque Farmhouse
Restoration - "Aierdi"
Andy's Ministries**

Children

Men's Prayer Breakfast



***Al & Helga Bonikowsky - Baptist missionaries to the Basque Region of Northern Spain
Church Planting & Basque Farmhouse Restoration Project***

May, 2004

Dear Friends,

When Helga and I arrived in Spain in 1972 I soon realized that I was the same age as Spain's King, Juan Carlos, who became king in 1975. As the news frequently shows historical pictures of him I am very aware of how we are both aging at the same time! We are thankful to the Lord for the many years he has given us to serve him in this country and the king is a constant reminder of the passing of time.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" Psalm 116:15

My mother "fell asleep" in the Lord on Tuesday evening, Feb. 10th., and awoke in the presence of the Lord. We were able to go to her funeral and be with family again for a brief time. Little did I realize that a brief visit in August of 2003 would be the last time I would see her this side of Heaven. God continues to give the wonderful assurance of seeing her again.

We returned to Spain in time to have our winter evangelistic services with a Spanish pastor. Unfortunately, we had the worst weather we've had in a long time and so had few visitors. The preacher himself almost couldn't make it to the services!

Things have really progressed at the farmhouse as a group of 9 men came from Michigan and really went to work. We now have all of the rooms (10) with concrete or subfloor. I could hardly get the lumber to them quickly enough. Sometimes material ordered quite some time ago came in just as there was no lumber left. God has wonderfully supplied. The men were a wonderful testimony and example of wanting to help with some project on the mission field. We will begin working on finishing the floors, ceilings, windows & doors, plumbing, lighting, etc. There is still a lot of work to do but things are coming along very well.

We have several who have asked to be baptized and several others who need to be. There is a good spirit in the church and we look forward to his blessings this year.

Sincerely in Christ,

Al & Helga

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