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Dear Pastor & Friends,

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Church Planting

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Basque Farmhouse Restoration
"Aierdi" Retreat Center
"In the foothills of Mount Aitzgorri"

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"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Activities at the church tend to slow down during summer. People going back and forth between the different summer camps, a drive of some 5 hours one way to Guadalajara, Spain. At the same time, a left over from the Franco days, are the month long vacations built into the economic system. At the time of this writing, things are back to normal with a full schedule of activities at church. Fall will be busy with missionaries to the Phillipines and the Domincan Republic coming to report, and others whom we have invited to preach. Our church here supports 10 missionaries at approximately \$115 per month depending on the fluctuating dollar rates.

Important prayer request: We have been asking the Lord to give us a pastor for the church. Our first pastor, from among our own men, resigned after 10 years. I have consulted with 6 different couples, 3 Spanish and 3 missionary, and so far the Lord has not given us clear direction. Would appreciate very much your prayers concerning this.

We also ask your continued prayers for the Aierdi Farmhouse Retreat Center. In the photo below you may be able to see a little orange spot just to the right of the man on the right. That's the roof of the farmhouse! We're in a valley part way up the mountain. A beautiful place for a retreat center! At the beginning of December Andy will have another Missionary Teen Retreat with teens from different parts of Europe attending. Dr. Frank Garlock will be the special speaker this time.

The foundation for the two story warehouse is completed but the team to build it will now arrive probably in spring. Other groups will be coming to help with other projects.

Thank you so much for all your help and prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Al & Helga

