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Dear Friends,

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

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." Psalm 100:4

We certainly have reason to give thanks unto the Lord at this time. Some of you will have heard that I had a fall at one of the buildings of the farmhouse. It appears I slightly pushed against a railing, which was not well nailed, on a scaffold of a building we are working on. I fell off backwards about 6-7 feet landing on my back and knocking all the wind out of me. I heard a snap as I fell and braced myself. Helga happened to be there with our van and they took me to the nearest hospital. It surely could have been far worse. Broke a small spur. Result - two to three months without an physical labor, and painful. We are back to our regular preaching and teaching at the church.

Through the goodness of our church here, individual friends and our children, we are making a quick trip to Seattle to see son Sephen & Kay and the children, especially our newest grandaughter whom we haven't seen yet. Lorna is just shy of 10 months and I trust my back will at least let me carry her around a bit! We will stop briefly in rural Manitoba to visit Helga's brother and sister-in-law, childhood friends and two churches of my childhood and youth.

A fellow missionary from a church nearby, that we helped start many years ago, along with our son Andy and the men that work with him, will cover for us in the church during this time.

Grandson David is completing his paper work to come and help us in the ministry while he does post-graduate work by internet. He will certainly be a wonderful help in so many areas of the ministry.

The Aierdi retreat farmhouse is hosting more and more intensive all-day institutes. The recent one was on the book of 2 Peter with pastor Keith Huhta, director of Instituto Práctico Ebenezer, of Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.

Here is a picture of another load of lumber for the farmhouse. God is so good!

Thanks to all for your faithful support and prayers through the years.

God bless,

Al & Helga

Lumber for construction

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