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Dear Churches and Friends,

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Church Planting

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

¡Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Last year, through the gifts of churches, friends and family, we were able to visit Israel, and of course, Bethlehem. As we read the story of the birth of Christ, Bethlehem has now an even more special meaning for us:

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night... I bring you good tidings of

great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:8,10-11.

Last Sunday, December 4th, we had the priviledge of baptizing a 20 year old young fellow named Gorka. We had a full house, with many 1st time visitors and friends and relatives of Gorka.

We were priviledged to help in another missionary teen retreat at the Aierdi Retreat Center. There was a good group of teens from several countries. Missionary Mike Patterson was in charge of the main challenges and the teens enjoyed this special time in the mountains of Gupuzcoa, Spain.



As some of you might already know, the hospital where I went inmediately after the accident did not catch the problem I really had. In a further resonance with contrast, it appears I have two fractured lower vertebra so the recovery will be slower. However, I am back to full time activity at church and some "finger pointing work" at the farmhouse. Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers.

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