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Basque Farmhouse Restoration

"Aierdi" Retreat Center. "In the foothills of Mount Aitzgorri "

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Dear Church & Friends,

"The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage." Psalm 16:6.

My grandfather, Emil Bonikowsky, whom I have mentioned several times over the years, has been an inspiration for our ministry in Spain. The following is from *In the Midst of Wolves*, by Don Miller, a history of German Baptists in Volhynia, Russia.

"Emil J. Bonikowski came to the church (Horstschick, Volhynia) from Siberia (exile) in the fall of 1920.....The church...consisted of approximately 400 members, surrounded by four stations, which Bonikowski visited once a month. In addition, he served the nearby church of Cholosna with its five stations for several years. Several of the stations were over seventy kilometers away. Most of this travel was by horse and buggy, but sometimes he had to go on foot. Bonikowski found the work in Horstshick very difficult as the membership was large and he had no asistant."

I enjoy reading of the many baptisms in a river near the church. We rejoice that the same Gospel has allowed us to baptize quite a few people here in the Basque region of northern Spain. The accompanying picture shows our associate pastor, Israel, baptizing Antonio, one of our teens.



David, our grandson is more and more involved in the ministry, as he will continue on helping Israel in the work. A number of young people have come to youth and church activities due to a soccer outreach in our city. He is discipling some of them and some will probably be baptized in the near future. You may sign up for David's ministry updates at bonikowsky.org

We continue to go to Aierdi, Andy's farmhouse retreat center, several times a week, to work on a number of projects.

At the end of the month we will be voting on Israel as full time pastor of the church. The church voted to give him a decent salary so he can dedicate himself completely to the work. We will update this in our next prayer letter.

We would appreciate your continued prayers for a number of contacts. Neighbours, Constantino, Elena and two young people. Victor & Ema, who we will be inviting for our Easter cantata.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support.

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