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The Bonikowskys

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*Independent Baptist church planters
in the Basque region of northern Spain*

2009
Report trip

It will soon be time to report to our USA churches & friends. We will be scheduling meetings between late July and mid-November of 2009. PASTORS, if you would like us to report to your church, please email me at andy@aierdi.org or call our mission board at 704 730 1440. Some dates are already taken so it would be good to contact us soon. In the next newsletter I plan to display the schedule and open dates.

Last week our whole family went to youth camp in central Spain. We were 13 from the Goierri church, including our four kids. Mimi and I helped as staff, counseling, teaching, and helping with music. Mimi help organize the flute choir, which played several evenings. The boys and I sang a quintet with Dad Allen. In the picture you can see general director Lavon Waters and I presenting a beautiful Spanish Bible to a preacher boy—our son Danny! In less than two weeks he will be leaving for Bible college with David and our nest will be emptier than ever.

Special gift for Danny



Danny's departure will leave a sizeable hole in our church music program, but we are trusting Mark and the remaining youth to pick up the slack. This summer we have made some steps to prepare others of our youth to increase the use of their musical talents for the ministry. There are many things to teach and train them in since we believe the ministry of music is sacred and not to be taken lightly. Here in the pictures a few of the young men are practicing between services.

Training leadership—in music

Four different groups have come to Aierdi so far this year. One of the most recent ones was this youth mission team of 19 that came from our home church—Berean Baptist Church in Lilburn, GA. They spent a very busy week with us, in which they invested time in tract distribution, church services, youth meetings, and work at the farmhouse. For several days they worked like beavers and finished 9 double bunkbeds and one triple. These are solid wood and sturdy, and should be useful for many years. Thanks Kooks, Maucks, Clutes, and youth!

Berean youth mission team



As always, thank you for your prayers and support.

Andy & Mimi Bonikowsky