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Yesterday was Election Day on your side of the Atlantic. Here in Spain it was followed intensely through the evening and night, by extremely bias media. But our eyes are more on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, as we keep our hearts focused on gratitude to the Lord for His blessings and for many of you who pray and support us faithfully.

THANK YOU AND HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!



A year from this month we will be RETURNING from our trip to report to our supporting churches. No, we aren't in the States yet! We plan to arrive in July. However, some pastors have already scheduled missions conferences with us or Sunday meetings and parts of the calendar are filling up. We would like to give a report (and personal word of thanks!) in any churches that would want it. Please email us directly (andy@aierdi.org) or contact our mission office by phone. The preferred dates are August through early November.

2009
Report Trip

Couples growing in Christ



For the first time in our church planting ministry we actually have a few married couples that are growing in the Lord. On most Sundays we will have two or three couples in attendance. We try to serve them in different ways to help them in their own spiritual growth and training of the children. In this picture Jose and Rosa Acosta recently went out with us for supper at a Chinese restaurant. These are excellent (and delicious) occasions for counseling!

On the back side of this newsletter there is information on the December 2008 Gospel postcard project. At the time I am typing this we can already praise the Lord for a generous response (to our email correspondence) in prayer promises and financial help. There are only a handful of towns not covered. Since this snailmail postage is slower than our email updates, funds may come in over the amount we need. If that happens we will plan on keeping the funds in the same account at the mission office (reserved for next year's postcard) unless designated otherwise. Thank you for praying with us that God will bless His Gospel and we will see new people saved as a result.

Recent family conference with David Cortes



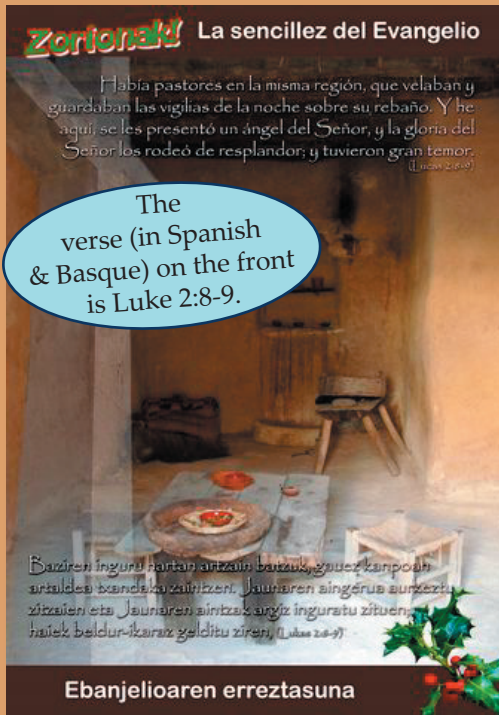
Have a wonderful Christmas and thank you for your prayers and support.

Andy & Mimi Bonikowsky

3rd Gospel Postcard Prayer Project-Dec08

Poster update: November 5
There are not many towns left!

- This will be our third time to send a Gospel postcard to the homes of our Goierri towns. After hundreds of years with little if any witness whatsoever, these communities are having the wonderful Truth of Christ sent straight to their families! The message of the postcard is not exhaustive, but by God's grace it should be enough to spark a response from any searching soul.
- Last Christmas the generosity of friends and churches made



The
verse (in Spanish
& Basque) on the front
is Luke 2:8-9.

it possible to send out 15,000+ postcards to that many homes. We will mail out a new one this year to as many families as possible.

- The 2008 postcard sample is on the left. The theme is THE SIMPLICITY OF THE GOSPEL. The text in English is in the box to the right.
- If you would like to cover the cost for a specific town, please select one of the ones not yet "struckthrough" in the chart below. Otherwise we will apply the gift towards

the general printing expenses. It is impossible to predict the exact exchange rate, so for the chart below I've used a recent average. Any extra funds will go towards next year's postcard:)

- Thank you for praying with us that the Lord will give fruit!

Postcard Text (in English)

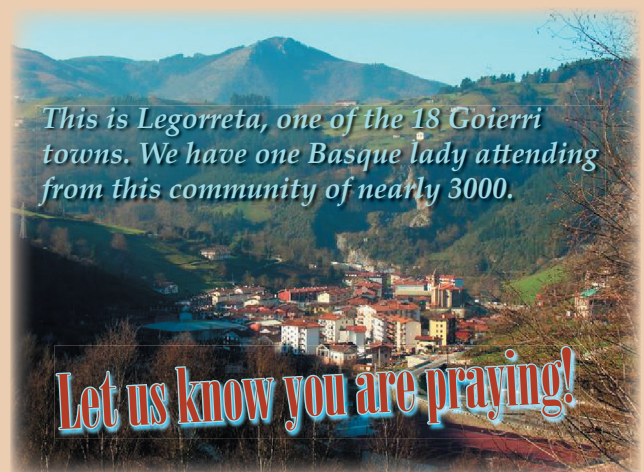
Dear friend,

The angelic choir announced the arrival of the Savior of the world to some shepherds in a field near Bethlehem. The home in which the Messiah grew up was that of a humble carpenter in Nazareth. These facts help point out one of the basic characteristics of the Gospel. It is simple. The message of the Bible is that Christ came to save sinners. Whoever acknowledges his sinful condition, repents, and puts his faith in Jesus, will have eternal life. The Lord said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:" (John 11:25)

This text is on the other side of the postcard, in Spanish and Basque languages.

Email: info@aierdi.org

Goierrri town	#homes	Cost \$/€	Provided by:
Beasain	4,500	\$729 (540€)	Goierri Ch.
Ordizia	3,742	\$606 (449€)	US church
Lazkao	2,000	\$324 (240€)	Individual
Zegama	500	\$81 (60€)	Individual
Segura	400	\$65 (48€)	Individual
Zerain	102	\$16 (12€)	Individual
Mutiloa	75	\$12 (9€)	Individual
Gabiria	125	\$20 (15€)	Individual
Ormaeztegui	532	\$86 (64€)	
Idiazabal	786	\$126 (94,5€)	Individual
Olaberria	417	\$68 (50€)	
Ataun	500	\$81 (60€)	
Itsasondo	249	\$40 (30€)	Individual
Legorreta	650	\$105 (78€)	Individual
Arama	55	\$9 (6,5€)	
Altzaga	47	\$7.50 (5,5€)	
Zaldibia	619	\$100 (74€)	Individual
Gainza	55	\$9 (6,5€)	



Note: Last January the postage fee went up 20% but the US dollar has climbed in recent months so the final costs have not risen terribly much from last year. Hallelujah!