

In everything give thanks. According to 1 Thess. 5:18 it is the Lord's command and our privilege as believers! And so we happily praise Him for the many good things He has allowed us to enjoy in the last eight weeks since we returned from the States.

• Now we look forward to the wonderful challenges God has placed before us, with the assurance of His blessing. His daily presence is the fundamental guarantee but we also count on His gracious answer to your prayers as you partner with us at a distance through prayer. Thank you for your continual and in many cases, daily—investment on behalf of the souls in these Basque towns of northern Spain.

• The Goierri congregation continues to grow. We are encouraged with the spiritual growth of several and delighted to see new brethren stepping forward in service and leadership. One of our important goals for the year

> is to really increase the missions vision of the church. In the lower picture you can see Mimi's flute choir presenting an evangelistic Christmas program at a large elderly residence home.

• As a missioanry team we are again

looking forward to a number of visitors this year. There are singles, couples, families and mission teams planning to come at different times of the year. As the Lord guides, our team families are delighted to host them, since it

always ends in stronger friendships and prayer warriors for the work.

 At the Aierdi farmhouse. for the benefit of our believers, we are organizing at least three intensive institutes this year. We will also have several mens' discernment activities as well as the monthly EJEMPLOS (Examples)



youth institutes. The facilities will also be used for hosting mission teams and the 7th missionary teen retreat in December. Meanwhile, the

individuals and teams that come to work will be moving us forward in the ongoing development of the farmhouse and land.

•Concerning the family, this year David should be graduating with a BA in Bible. He will be working with his grandfather in the Irun ministry from May until



August. Danny will be coming over with several friends this summer to invest time in literature evangelism in our target cities and farmhouse work. Mark will be heading off for his freshman year in the Fall and only Rachel will be left in the nest. We have nothing but gratitude in our hearts to our gracious God who has given us such a precious family.

Thank you for everything! Andy & Mimi Bonikowsky

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REQUESTS and PRAISES

- ► Spiritual growth of these young people: Jesus Mari, Javier, Verónica, and Daniel.
- ► Good steps of faith by the following believers: Jose Acosta, Laura, and Cairo.
- ► Funds and wisdom at the Aierdi farmhouse for these projects: Hot water heaters, kitchen equipment, and warehouse permit.
- ▶ Praise the Lord for providing all the funds for sending 16,714 Gospel postcards to that many homes in the region.
- ▶ Pray for fruit as we go out on Tuesdays with Gospel literature to each of the 13 Basque region target
- ► We thank God for your many kind Christmas gifts that we can administer for His glory.
- ▶ Pray for the wisdom and help concerning some health issues.
- ► We are thankful the largest special Christmas offering ever given by our small congregation—\$1400 for a church planting ministry in the Dominican Republic.
- ► Pray for guidance in solving the church space issue. Our little auditorium is quite crammed each Sunday and we need a large building in which to meet.
- ▶ Pray for God's guidance as we face obstacles in getting a building permit for the Aierdi warehouse. There are other options that we are looking into. The Lord has a perfect will!

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