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Preaching the Gospel of Christ among the Basques of Spain

REQUESTS and PRAISES

► The following youth are going through special trials and spiritual challenges: Michael, Jesus Mari, Javier, and Verónica.

► Praise the Lord for wonderful signs of spiritual growth in Jose Acosta (trusting God in spite of family trials), Domingo (from Ecuatorial Guinea, has a good testimony in spite of a severe hip injury), Marleny & Jeimy (two sisters from Nicaragua who never miss the services).

► Bob Woodard, and Charles & Todd Manwarring, arrive on March 27th to work at the Aierdi farmhouse. They plan to focus on the bathrooms, guest rooms, generator house, and several other projects. Thank you for praying with us for the funds to purchase all the supplies we need for them.

► Praise the Lord with us for Jose Gomez, a man from our target city of Zumarraga, who has been quite faithful to the IBEV services. We believe he is close to salvation.

► Pray with us as we look for another place to hold our services since we are packed out each Sunday. Everything we've seen so far has been extremely expensive.

► We thank the following people and churches for generous gifts in recent months: Manna BC, Mr. Woodsby, Corselius & Wolcott families. Also, we thank TBC in Hanover Park for adding us to their missions family!

In this newsletter we will focus on the IBEV church, its people, ministry, and needs. By way of clarification, we refer to "our" church in several ways: When we call it the **Goierri church** or congregation it is in reference to the 18 towns that are part of this mountainous region. These are our immediate target area for the Gospel. Sometimes we call it the **Beasain church** because that is the name of the town our rented building is in, which is also the largest of the Goierri towns. Finally, you may often see it called by its official name, the **Iglesia Bautista Esperanza Viva**, or Living Hope Baptist Church.

• Currently our congregation is made up mainly of single adults, with tons of "issues". However, we do have one faithful family: **Jose & Rosa Acosta**, with their three daughters, have grown much

in recent years. But the Devil has been working overtime to destroy their home and in recent weeks they have faced unusual pressures.

Would you pray for them, and especially the three girls, **Veronica (18), Paola (16), and Maria (14)**.

We are finding it to be a huge challenge to see victory in our job of training Christian leadership.

• Recent church attendance has been consistently in the 50s, which a few years ago would have been only a dream. God is at work and we are excited about what we see, but we are in urgent need of more space.

Please pray that we will find a larger building. Ours becomes crowded with only 40 chairs!

• Our co-workers **Randy & Karen Wilkins** are back in the USA raising some much needed support. Their plans are to return as soon as possible to start up the Bible study and future church in our target city of **Tolosa**.

Thank you for everything!

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Acosta family



Recent IBEV service

Sending church: Berean Baptist Church
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Ministries: Esperanza Viva Baptist Church, Aierdi Farmhouse Retreat Center—training children, youth, and adults for church leadership.

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