

The Andy Bonikowskys

Preaching the Gospel of Christ among the Basques of Spain

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several Baptist churches, came to hear five hours of excellent teaching on **The Sermon on the Mount**, by missionary **Dennis Flower**.



and bathrooms. Meanwhile there are several individuals and mission teams scheduled to come our way, each one adding in some way to the overall mission of establishing Bible preaching, Christ honoring churches.

•Thank you for praying for us and helping to meet the spiritual and financial challenges we face.

Andy & Mimi Bonikowsky

Dear friends, thank you for staying with us as we march forward into another year of ministry for the Lord.

•December began with our **7th Missionary Teen Retreat**, in which 17 MKs from five different European countries came together to hear sound preaching and have good fellowship with others of similar circumstances. Pastor **Joe & Tina Bowker** did the main speaking while **Jim & Marty Payne**, from our home church, helped out in all kinds of practical ways.

•The next week we had our last **EJEMPLOS** youth activity for the year. Nearly 20 teens are in the program. They are kept active between monthly meetings with

church ministries, Bible memorization, and various other chores designed to complement the spiritual leadership training we try to

give them at the Aierdi farmhouse gatherings.

•During this time we were preparing 16,000+ Gospel postcards to be delivered to the Post Office. Nearly every home in our entire region received a card that focused on the Name of Jesus being the only one in which we can have salvation. The back of the card has the Gospel in both Spanish and Basque. A number of you helped out with that expense by "adopting" towns and covering the postage cost. Thank you for your investment!

•On the 15th of January we hosted our **22nd Intensive Bible Institute**. 61 believers, from

Two posters should accompany this newsletter—one for the MTR7 and another for the Gospel postcard project.

•The Devil has been hard on the trail of our two main families, sowing many kinds of problems. Thank you for praying for us and with us, that the Lord would help us raise a generation of godly parents and children to continue the Gospel work here.

•At the **Aierdi** farmhouse we are looking forward to an important year of projects, trusting the Lord to provide for the continuing development of this strategic facility. We really need to get the warehouse built, install a water heating system, and furnish the kitchen



BEYOND IMAGINATION

But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house: (Genesis 40:14)

We rarely have any idea of how much God is actually doing for us.



Jacob's favorite son had been thrown into an Egyptian prison for something he didn't do. In that humiliating place he amazingly retained a firm trust in Jehovah, who many years before had made him a promise through a series of dreams.

Though his own dreams had not yet been fulfilled in any way, his interest in this mode of divine revelation did not seem to have diminished. This is obvious by how intrigued he was with the predicament of the royal butler and baker who came into his care. When he saw how disturbed they were by two puzzling dreams, he promptly encouraged the men to share them so he could ask God for their meaning.

What he could not possibly know was that by helping these two men with their dreams he was actually unlocking a door to the fulfillment of his!

He really had no idea. The most Joseph hoped for was that somehow the Pharaoh might reward him with a pardon from prison. No doubt this had been his daily prayer for years.

Well, the Lord was preparing some surprises for His faithful young man. Totally unknown to Joseph, the interpretations of the two dreams were links in a chain of events that would kick into high gear exactly two years later. At just that time, God sent to earth another pair of dreams, which landed in the mind of the most powerful man in the world. After a few brief conversations, the unjustly incarcerated Joseph was launched out of the prison gates and into the magnificent courts of the palace.

Joseph's wish for liberty was honored by his heavenly Father, exceeding abundantly above what he asked or thought! He had just wanted to be free, but the Lord rewarded his faith in an extravagant way.

Though he had never read the Apostle Paul's statement in Ephesians 3, nor possibly ever considered the fact that Jehovah might reward him beyond his imagination, he had lived by faith. He had waited patiently on God, rejoiced in prison, and always honored the Lord. Perhaps, from the angels' viewpoint, the outcome was totally predictable.

God went beyond his wildest expectations.

The astonishing thing is that He wants to do the same for you and me. Times change but God does not. He still extravagantly rewards the faithful.

Have you ever wondered if God was doing anything for you? Have you ever seen yourself in a dreary dungeon where the Lord, and everyone of any importance, has forgotten you?

Then you are supposed to take heart in Joseph's story, especially if you have been faithfully serving God in your unknown corner. He is probably still arranging the extra details behind the scenes.

Oh yes, usually the longer the wait, the more awesome the reward.

Dear Father, it is a wonderful experience to see You reward my meager faith in ways that are totally out of proportion. Over and over again You surprise me with more than I should ever expect. You have done it through the ages, because You never change. Amen.

Andy

This devotional was recently sent out by email as JAM #114. If it was a blessing to you, and you think you would like to read some more, BJU Press recently published 96 of them. You can purchase a copy of the book at their website or by searching "Just a Minute Bonikowsky" at AMAZON.COM.

5th Gospel Postcard Prayer Project-Dec10

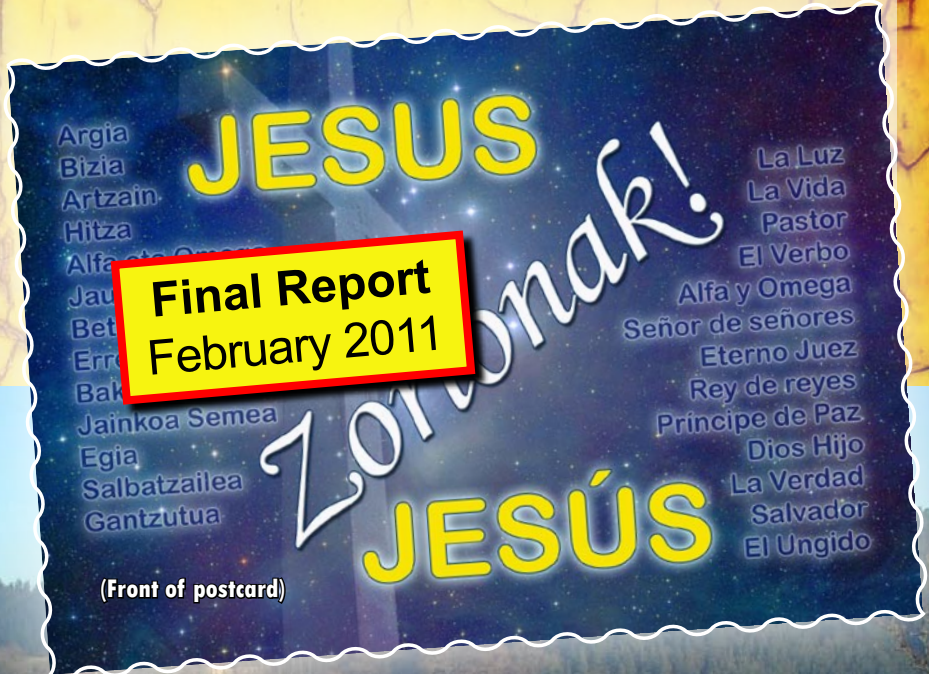
Just like it is impossible to follow the tiny little trip of every seed that leaves the sowers bag, there is no way we can track the journey of the individual Gospel postcards. However, we do have some sacred promises in God's Word that offer significant hope.

- First, we know from Isaiah 55:11 that the Word of God will not return to Him without accomplishing His purpose. The truth of God cannot be received neutrally. Faced with the Gospel, everyone has an opinion. That personal reaction is extremely important and in a sense moves them closer or farther from salvation.

- We also know, from nature's own example, that seeds do not necessarily die and germinate at the same speed. The message of Christ's saving offer may lie hidden or undisturbed for long periods of time, in the Lord's own providence.

- Finally, the Gospel seeds often function uniquely like links in a chain. Some who read of forgiveness in Jesus are slowly being drawn closer, with each personal word, card, or tract.

- The whole process is one that glorifies the only One worthy of honor: The triune Jehovah God of the Bible!



Goierri town	homes	Cost in \$*
(Black means cost is already met)		
1. Beasain	1,500	\$756.00
2. Ordizia	3,742	\$628.00
3. Lazkao	2,000	\$336.00
4. Zegama	100	\$84.00
5. Segura	102	\$67.00
6. Zerain	75	\$12.00
7. Mutiloa	125	\$21.00
8. Gabiria	125	\$89.00
9. Ormaiztegui	785	\$132.00
10. Idiazabal	417	\$70.00
11. Olaberria	520	\$84.00
12. Ataun	42	\$42.00
13. Itzaso	650	\$109.00
14. Legorreta	55	\$9.00
15. Arama	45	\$8.00
16. Alzaga	61	\$104.00
17. Zaldibai	55	\$9.00
18. Gainza		
Printing 15,000 postcards		\$500.00

*The Beasain congregation always pays for these.

Town of Mutiloa
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THANK ALL OF YOU for praying and/or giving. In the end, God provided the funds once again, so that every town in our region could be saturated with the message of the Gospel.

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Sending the Gospel to the
18 Goierri towns in northern Spain

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Nov 30 - Dec 4, 2010

Missionary Teen Retreat 7

We look back on a great week with 17 missionary teens from five different countries. What a joy it has been to serve them once again. God bless you, teens!

FINAL REPORT

at Aierdi!

Find us Faithful

That was the theme bro. Joe taught on throughout the retreat. It is our prayer that these teens will return to stand faithfully beside their parents in the high calling of reaching others with the Gospel. Each night "Mrs. Tina" gave us parts of the story and spiritual lessons from the lives of John & Betty Stam. Joe & Marty Payne added their energy and creativity to the prayer times and fun activities. The Lord brought together an excellent team.



Joe & Tina Bowker
(Guest speakers)



Pics from MTR7 (Dec 2010)



Jim & Marty Payne

We gave the Bowkers and Paynes each a special MTR7 mug, as a small **THANK YOU** for their ministry to the teens this week.



Thank you!

Thank you to all of you who participated in this retreat. Some of you served from your prayer closets, with your checkbooks, through correspondence, etc... The Lord knows each moment of investment and is the perfect Rewarder of the faithful. To Him be all the glory. Thank you for praying with us as we already start making plans for #8 this coming December! Meanwhile, maybe you would be willing to take a moment right now to pray for these teens. A number of them today are in very lonely places, with almost no Christian fellowship with others their age. AB