## ANDY & MIMI

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## BONIKOWSKY

BAPTIST CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN THE BASQUE REGION OF NORTHERN SPAIN

## Highlights

Mimi and I are adapting to this new phase of empty nesters! We dearly miss our four, but are grateful to God for each of them, as we watch them follow His will. David is 40 mi. away, working with his Bonikowsky grandparents. Danny is 500mi. away, working in the church with his Allen grandparents. Mark & Rachel are 4,100mi. away--Mark in college, and Rachel enjoying her first month of marriage with Ethan Johnk.

One unique way **Mimi** is "adapting" is by taking on a baby-sitting responsibility each week day at 12:30 pm for two hours. She picks up two little neighbor boys (3 & 6) from school and takes care of them over their lunch break. She is delighted to be out again among the mothers of **Zegama**, getting to know them, and witnessing as opportunities arise. She has already had some excellent and providential arrangements!

In FEBRUARY, we will host our **28th Intensive Bible Institute** at the **Aierdi** farmhouse. Our **Beasain** congregation will be joined by a growing list of believers from other parts of **Spain**, for what may be our largest attendance ever. Missionary **Dennis Flower** will be teaching the five 1-hour sessions on the exciting subject of HEAVEN.



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Check out our family website if you'd like to see pictures of the first ever wedding at Aierdi--our daughter Rachel's wedding! It was a special treat to have Ethan's parents and two sisters here for the special occasion. Since getting to know them last summer, our families became very close, and we praise the Lord for His wisdom and gift of harmony. At the website, you will also find plenty of information and links for special projects, church planting Bible studies, and plans for the upcoming months. You can also contact us via email to receive monthly mailings that include pictures and video reports--all designed to bring you CLOSER to the ministry!



2012 GOSPEL POSTCARD. We were in for surprises. First, we had to order 20,000 instead of 18,000.Then, when we took them to the PO the price had gone DOWN by 40%!! So, we have funds left over for other mailings this year!



9TH MISSIONARY TEEN RETREAT. 23 missionary kids from five European countries attended this year. Pastor & Mrs. Jim Ogle did a fantastic job and the Lord blessed us with an unforgettable week in many good ways.



MISSIONARY KIDS. Here the MKs are giving a mini-concert to the Beasain congregation. They sing so well with so little preparation time! This has become a yearly tradition that our believers love to hear.