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## **BONIKOWSKY**

BAPTIST CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN THE BASQUE REGION OF NORTHERN SPAIN

## **Highlights**

- The last two months have gone by like a blur. After the Sept/Oct mission teams, we focused on the 7th Gospel Postcard project. Churches and individuals sponsored the postage & printing for 25,000 postcards. These went out to all the homes in 20 of our nearby towns. There is a picture of the cover below this paragraph.
- During the postcard project, the Living Hope BC congregation was able to move to a larger building.
  This met the urgent need for space that we have had for several years.
- On the 5th of December, we hosted the 10th anual Missionary Teen Retreat at the Aierdi farmhouse. It was a wonderful week of spiritual challenge for the 18 kids who came in from five European countries.
- Just six days before the retreat, our daughter, Rachel, gave birth to our first grandbaby—Chloe! Friends from our church gave us the opportunity of coming over to meet her, which we did. What a unique pleasure it has been! However, we are now stuck in Atlanta awaiting seat availability for our return to the ministry in Spain.
- All of these matters you can follow at our websites or on Facebook.



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For reasons that only God knows, the IBEV congregation has been crammed for years into a very small and inadequate building. We have prayed and saved and searched, but every possible location fell through. Until this past November!

The Lord has allowed us to move into a large facility in an industrial park. The rent is four times what we were paying, but the believers

are excited and faithful in their giving.

☑It is wonderful to have more than enough space, plenty of parking, and no overhead neighbors to bother with the normal "noise" a church makes during service times. ☑Three of our men freely gave 160+hours to paint over all the horrible colors left over by the previous renters. We are now looking at having a platform built.



2013 GOSPEL POSTCARD. This is the cover. The back side had a Basque/Spanish message of the Gospel and a website for more information. 25,000 homes received these messengers of the "power of God unto salvation."



10TH MISSIONARY TEEN RETREAT. It is a yearly highlight to serve these teens, who are growing up on the mission field. For some, this is their main opportunity of fellowship with others of their age and language.



CHLOE JOHNK. Here I am with the three ladies of my life—Mimi, Rachie, and brand new little Chloe! What a joy to hold and hug and kiss her for a few weeks. We don't know when we'll see her again, so we made the most of it!