

BONIKOWSKY

BAPTIST CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN THE BASQUE REGION OF NORTHERN SPAIN

Highlights

- In July, Pastor Jim Ogle and sixteen others from Emmanuel BC came on a missions trip. They did a ton of work at the farmhouse and ministered to the IBEV congregation through preaching, singing, and tract distribution.
- In the first week of August, we took seven of our teens to youth camp. From Monday to Saturday, through all kinds of preaching, teaching, and activities, they were challenged to move forward spiritually. Their testimonies were powerful and stirring on the Sunday afterwards.
- From the 12th-15th, we hosted a workers retreat at Aierdi. A number of young pastors came with their families, and it was a delight to see them enjoy the preaching and fellowship with others in ministry.
- Other highlights of these months included a special work retreat for men, in which they helped cut firewood for the wood stoves at Aierdi, as well as a youth retreat. Also, on the 13th of September, we hosted our 33rd Intensive Institute of the Bible. 80 believers came to Aierdi for a full day of teaching and fellowship. Pastor Alberto Zermeno was the guest speaker and he challenged us all with the theme of The Fruit of the Spirit.



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When the Gospel of Jesus is preached, sooner or later lives are changed! It is our privilege to see this happening in this tiny Basque region. God moves in wonderful and surprising ways many times, and brings people to Himself when and how we least expect.

These four are believers from three different continents, who have put their faith in Christ and were baptized just before this

picture was taken. Ines (on left) is from Equatorial Guinea in Africa; Julio and Ivett (center) are from Honduras; Jon (right) is from here in the Basque region. Each of them has been growing and changing into the image of Christ.

Thank you for supporting us with finances and prayer, so that we can represent you in this country so far from your local church. God is good.



MIMI AND LADIES. Nearly every week there is at least one session, on Friday or Sunday, in which men and women are divided. Mimi is here giving a session to the ladies—you can see the men in the section behind the glass.



WORKING MEN. It was the first of its kind for us. All these men came for two days to cut, split, and stack firewood for Aierdi's winter needs. My Dad, Al Bonikowsky, taught four sessions on the Book of Jude.



AUDITORIUM. Attendance has been steadily higher this year. The new facilities make it much more comfortable and in this room we can easily handle 70 believers. There is plenty of room to the left if the church needs to expand.