

# BONIKOWSKY

BAPTIST CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN THE BASQUE REGION OF NORTHERN SPAIN

## Highlights

- As I was writing our last letter in June, our daughter, Rachie, gave birth to Madison Renae Johnk, our second granddaughter. Mimi was able to go over for a month, and I was able to join them all for a little while later in the month.
- In July, our son, David, was able help us at the Aierdi farmhouse by bringing several of his youth to work. They have helped us in many practical jobs and enjoyed a youth overnighter on the 31st.
- We started August by taking a group of our youth to camp in central Spain. The next week we hosted the 3rd Christian Workers retreat at Aierdi. With about 70 in attendance, our facilities were maxed out! That was double the year before, and the testimonies confirmed that the goals of offering spiritual challenge, refreshment, and relaxation were met. What a joy and blessing to sense the presence of the sweet Spirit of God throughout the retreat.



[www.countingthestars.org](http://www.countingthestars.org)

🕒 In the picture you see a recent gathering of the Goierri congregation. We are renting this large building in an industrial park, which in the past has been, as far as we know, a warehouse and also a children's play park.

🕒 There are large sections of wall on various sides that we are turning into permanent billboards of the truth! We are tracing and then painting verses of Scripture on

them—visitors can't help but read! Lord willing, more will go up soon.

🕒 If you would like to watch a brief video about the work, along with the congregation quoting the verse and singing, go to the website above.

🕒 Thank you for praying. God is doing a great work of redemption and transformation in their lives. About a dozen nationalities are represented in the picture!



**BRIAN & ANN CARRUTHERS.** In early June, the Carruthers came by for a few days, celebrating their 30th anniversary. Years ago, Brian brought a church mission team, before he went to BJU where he currently serves.



**IBEV YOUTH.** I am very grateful to the Lord for the quality of youth He is developing at the church. Mimi and I meet with them every month or so and are thrilled to see many of them maturing in their walk with Christ.



**CHILDREN.** For nearly 15 years we had almost no children in church. But in recent years that has changed and now our co-worker, Sarah, leads the children's ministry, using it as leadership training program for our youth.