ANDY & MIMI

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Highlights

- In March, we organized a family emphasis weekend at the Goierri church. Our guests were Jose Antonio and Susy, David's inlaws. We have a number of young couples and any help along those lines is wonderful!
- Towards the end of March, Mimi and I participated in a youth evangelism summit in Madrid. It was an exciting time of preaching and workshops, addressing over 100 young people in the area of being a Gospel light in their world.
- April's highlight included a Berean mission team that built a beautiful deck at Aierdi that overlooks the Zegama valley and our 38th intensive institute.
- May's highlight was David & Raquel's wedding, of course! But we also welcomed the Alvarez family back after eight months. Then, the Willis family arrived to begin ministry in our area as well as a young Mexican intern, Pablo Hernández.



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A day to remember! It was the first Spanish wedding for our family, and it was quite an adventure! There were many preliminary parts to it, but the official ceremony started at about 5pm. Jose Antonio and I both officiated the event, taking our turn at different moments. Fun!!! After the ceremony there was a generous "merienda"—Spanish afternoon snack—for everyone to enjoy. The couple went out for pictures, and the rest of us stayed around for an hour talking with guests and keeping grand babies happy!

At 7pm the guests who were staying for the "convite"—evening meal & activities—started making their way to the special banquet hall. The next five hours included an eight course meal, fireworks, games, testimonies, music, etc... We got home at about 2am. It was a wonderful family day with all our kids and grandkids together. God is so kind!



INTENSIVE INSTITUTE 38. It was a first! We could not have the institute at Aierdi because of a logging project nearby. The ruts made by the trucks were not yet fixed—so we had to have it at the Goierri church facilities.



FOUR, KIDS. It is not often we have the joy of being with all four of our kids together! But a wedding is plenty reason for everyone to do what it takes. David, Danny, Mark, Rachie, and even Ethan and the grand daughters—YES!!!



YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE. Strong, dedicated, young people are important to the future of every ministry. This event was organized by two brothers from southern Spain and was a challenge to all.