

BONIKOWSKY

BAPTIST CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN THE BASQUE REGION OF NORTHERN SPAIN

Highlights

- Almost three months have flown by since the last letter! Here are some of the highlights, focusing mostly on the month of June.
- The **Maryland team** arrived early in the month – Dave Corselius brought over his sixth mission team! They ministered in church and poured a concrete sidewalk at the farmhouse.
- Also in June we baptized two young adults, **Daniela & David**. The Irun church allows us to use their baptistry, but since it involves a long drive, we usually combine it with a fellowship time and the Lord's Supper.
- Then, at the end of June, we had a combined **church fellowship** at the Aierdi farmhouse. A good number of the Irun believers joined us for an afternoon of singing, food, and a challenge I gave from the life of Elijah.
- In July, we finally published the Spanish version of the book, **The Aierdi Miracle**. You can get more information at our website.



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There are several yearly favorite activities at Aierdi and one of them is the Workers' Retreat every August. Our main purpose in the four day retreat is to encourage pastors and missionaries, along with their families.

Our co-workers, Juan and Tete, run the retreat, though the entire team participates throughout in logistics, transportation, teaching.

This year we had between 50 and 60 in attendance, depending on the

day. Some of these young families are church planters in very remote and tiny places. They love the fellowship, relaxation, and Bible preaching in an atmosphere of Christian love and harmony. What a privilege we have to bless these servants of God!

The guest speakers this year were Pastor Danny Ortiz and his wife, Roberta, from Texas. He pastors the Iglesia Bautista Fundamental in Lewisville, TX, and was a tremendous blessing to everyone.



DANIELA & DAVID. This picture was taken after the baptism. David and Daniela are on either side of me (holding the hymnal). They are both continuing faithful and growing consistently in the Lord.



MARYLAND TEAM. You can see the sidewalk on which they have their feet, curving on down the hillside towards the entrance. What a blessing it will be, especially in future institutes when it is raining!



IBEV/IBBI FELLOWSHIP. It was at this fellowship when we were first able to use the deck built back in April. The weather can be quite persnickety around here. It was a delight to finally put it to use!