

BONIKOWSKY

BAPTIST CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN THE BASQUE REGION OF NORTHERN SPAIN

Recent Highlights

- One thing I failed to mention in our last letter was a new book we published. Mimi's dad, Flay Allen, wrote a collection of humorous stories from their 52 years of missionary service. Many have already told me how much they have enjoyed the book. If you'd like a copy, they are available at our website www.countingthestars.org. The title is THE JOY OF MISSIONS.
- In December, we sent out 28,000 Gospel postcards to 21 towns in this region. These bilingual cards have a clear evangelistic message in Basque and Spanish, as well as an invitation to the IBEV church.
- On the 28th of January, about 40 of us met together in the Irun church (an hour away) for a baptismal service. I baptized four adults from our Goierri ministry: Julian, Mirian, Katie, and Fany. What a joy to see the eagerness of obedience written all over their faces! We have a few more on the waiting list.



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☺ In this picture my three boys and I, along with Mark's friend, Rudy, are about to have breakfast at a restaurant on the expressway to southern Spain.

☺ David's father-in-law is a Spanish pastor near the city of Valencia, on the Mediterranean coast, and this past year, because of a neighbor's negligence, they had serious water damage at the rented church building. In the end, they took it from the Lord to move to another building.

☺ That meant a ton of work—moving stuff from one building to another, painting, putting up sheetrock, installing the electrical wiring, etc...

☺ Anyway, we decided to help, so we left early Friday morning, arrived there for lunch, worked until night and then the next morning, before heading back on Saturday evening.

☺ The Rodriguez family was very grateful for the work—and for us it was a wonderful and fun trip!



JOSE ANTONIO. My "consuegro" (meaning my son's father-in-law) and I are great friends and enjoyed working together. The boys did a lot of painting and interior work while he and I hauled stuff from the old building to the new.



28,000 POSTCARDS. My co-worker, Juan, and I, packed the car with these boxes that then went to the Post Office. Many people received in their homes the message that Jesus Christ is the only source of true peace.



IZAR AND EDER. These two Spanish mastiff puppies are the new guardians of Aierdi! They just turned 3 months and already weigh in at just under 50lbs! Izar means "Star" in Basque, and Eder means "Precious."