

# Juan and Tete Alvarez

Missionaries in the Basque Country, Spain

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## Dear Brethren:

On April 18th, we celebrated 28 years since arriving in Spain. Our hearts are filled with gratitude and praise to our Lord for all the wonders He has worked in our lives. With all certainty we can say that God is faithful to His promises!

## Teamwork

When the Lord brought us to this beautiful nation, we had no idea that our work would be carried out by working as a team. I met Andy Bonikowsky at Mount Calvary Baptist Camp during our first year of service in Spain. The Lord united our minds and hearts from the beginning and clearly guided us to form a missionary team in which we have collaborated together since 1997.

Andy and Mimi had already begun the work in the Basque Country, which at that time consisted of the Bonikowsky family and three new believers. Tete, our 3 children and I arrived in June 1997. It was then that we began to collaborate with them, helping to establish this wonderful work.

## Printing Press, Church and Aierdi

For several years, the church was very small: two missionary families and three believers. Together we made every kind of effort so that people would hear the Gospel and be saved, but, in our opinion, every effort seemed useless, since no one responded or showed the slightest interest. But God is always doing more than we can see or understand. Meanwhile, my partner taught me how to print literature. We had an old Multilith 1250 printing machine, and part of my ministry was printing tracts that were sent to various parts of Europe, Africa and Latin America. That wonderful ministry was one of my responsibilities for 15 years.

In 1998, we began praying that the Lord would give us a place for camps, retreats and conferences. We needed a real financial miracle to be able to buy such a place, so we began to pray, and the Lord heard our prayers and saw the desire of our hearts: we wanted to honor and glorify Him. After 2 years, the Lord performed a miracle of provision and gave us Aierdi, a wonderful farmhouse along with its land. God willing, next year Aierdi will celebrate 25 years in which our Great God has worked great and precious wonders. And what has become of the church?

Living Hope Baptist Church, which is the first in the history of our corner of the Basque Country, is another example of God's sufficiency and faithfulness to fulfill His promises. Although for years we did not see fruit or people responding to the message of the Gospel, the Lord was working, and the only thing He asked and expected of us was that we be faithful. Currently our beloved church is a beautiful, living and growing church, where souls are saved and lives transformed by our Lord. Every Sunday we see new people visiting the church. A few weeks ago we had the record number of visits: 22. For God nothing is impossible!

In the next few weeks we will have baptisms: 4 believers will take the first step of obedience; among them Oihane, a Basque girl. This is worthy of celebration for us! Now some questions: Is it worth leaving everything to follow Christ? Is it worth investing your life in a place where people are harsh and unresponsive? Is it worth staying faithful where we don't see fruit quickly? Is it worth living for Christ in the midst of an atheistic society, indifferent to God and without desire to know about Him? Is it worth moving forward even if others don't understand it? And the answer is: Of course it is! Firm and forward!



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Thank you to all the wonderful churches and brethren who have been by our side during all these years! May our Lord bless you!  
It is a joy to be your ambassadors in Spain!

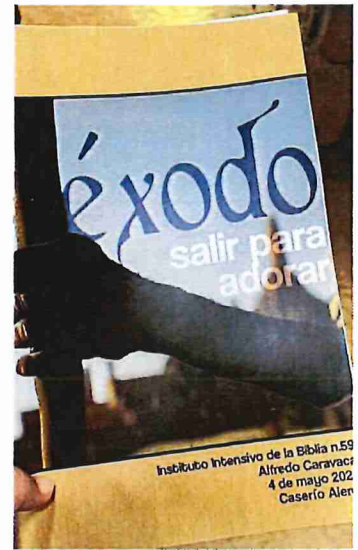
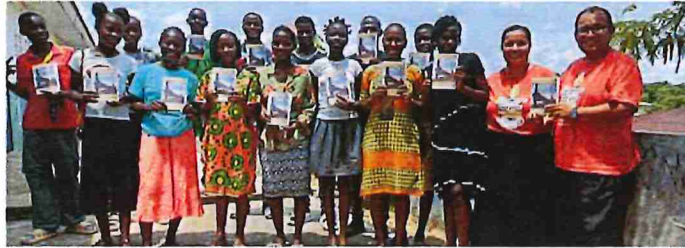
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# Aierdi

59th Intensive Bible Institute:

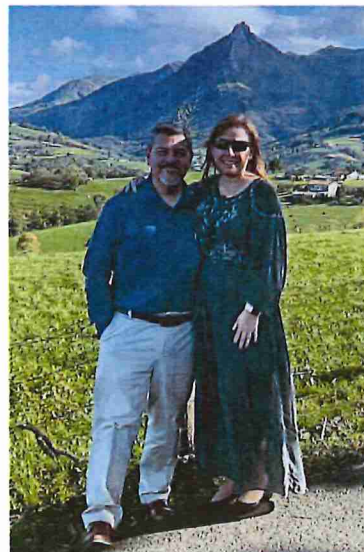
On this occasion we studied the book of Exodus with the theme: "Go out to worship"; the teacher was our Brother Alfredo Caravaca. Brethren from various parts of Spain joined us and also, through streaming, a beautiful group of brethren from Equatorial Guinea, Africa, from Mount Abarim Baptist Church, pastored by Brother Manuel Días.



## Photo News



1996



### 28 years

Thank God for the 28 years that He has allowed us to serve Him in Spain.

We arrived in Spain in 1996, with nine suitcases, 3 small children and many unknowns.

Thank God for His faithful care and for showing us the steps we have had to take, for letting us be witnesses that for Him nothing is impossible and for the wonders that only He can accomplish.

It is an indescribable joy to serve the King of kings! Amen!

**RETIRO DE HOMBRES TRABAJADORES**

27-29 DE JUNIO 2024  
 - TRABAJO DE LEÑA, DE HORMIGÓN, DE PINTURA, ETC.  
 - ESTUDIOS POR LUIS COLORADO  
 - MUCHO COMPAÑERISMO BUENO....  
 - Y CARNE PREPARADA POR JEL CHEF JUAN ÁLVAREZ!

### upcoming events

In the coming weeks and months we have various events planned, including a work retreat for men in Aierdi. We will also have a couple of young people visiting during the summer (one from the United States and one from Mexico) who will be serving and participating in our ministry, and also a group of young people from a church in the United States that will come on a missionary trip. We ask that you continue to pray for our retreat for pastors and workers in Aierdi, which will take place in the coming month of August. May our Lord use our pastor in a great way to be an encouragement and blessing to the families who will be present. We ask for your prayers for these activities. God bless you!

**Retiro 2024**

**AIERDI**

Pastor Luis R.

27-31 DE AGOSTO, 2024