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Beloved Brethren:

Our beloved Lord is faithful and good! We thank God for all His blessings, His guidance, and His perfect will. We press forward, desiring with all of our hearts to be useful instruments in His hands. He is worthy!

Church

Thank God for His faithful promises and for His work in the lives of His children. What a joy it brings to our hearts to see the Esperanza Viva Baptist Church full every Sunday. At practically every service we have visitors and an attendance that exceeds one hundred, which is leading us to pray for wisdom and direction to know what we should do regarding our facility. We ask for your prayers for the great challenges faced by several people such as Joaquín, Javi, Amaia, Eñaut, Benito, Natalia, Oihane, Mikelar, Martxeli, José Luis, Juan, Alyce and Camilo, among others. Some of them are new believers, others are facing difficult situations, and others are making important decisions. The Lord never stops working in the lives of His children and always, in every situation, He has a purpose to fulfill for His glory and for our good.

A few days ago, four believers of the congregation were baptized. I would like to mention two of them in a special way: Mikelar and Martxeli, who are 100% Basque, who struggled for a long time with the pressure of the people for their faith in the Lord, but now they follow Him faithfully and without fear. Glory to God! Martxeli's sister-in-law, Amaia, is faithfully attending church and thus the Lord is working among this people whom we love with all our hearts. For God, nothing is impossible!

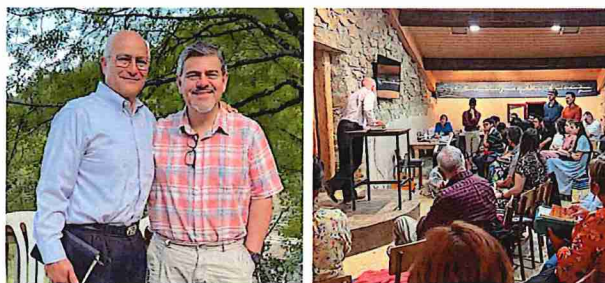


Aierdi

Thank God for a wonderful retreat in Aierdi! Over 20 families were greatly blessed with the teachings of my beloved pastor, Luis Ramos. Thank the Lord for the sweet spirit that was among us. For the first time we had a family visiting us from Italy and it was a great joy too to have the Garcia family, missionaries in Lebanon, with us. After the last sermon, three young men gave their lives to serve the Lord. One of them is Walter, who is a member of our church. Thank God for Aierdi!

We need more workers!

The Basque Country has a population of over two million inhabitants. In the three Basque provinces of Alaba, Vizcaya, and Gipuzkoa there are about five Baptist churches with the same doctrine. Cities like Vitoria, Bilbao or San Sebastian, which are the three capitals of the Basque provinces, need a good church that preaches sound doctrine. But there are also large towns, like Tolosa, Andoain, Hernani, Bergara, Durango, Zumárraga, Eibar, Elgoibar, Bermeo, Lekeitio, Ondarroa, Zumaia, Azpeitia, Oñati and Mondragon, among many others, that also need a church with sound doctrine. Please pray that our Lord will send more workers to His harvest here in the Basque Country! Families who are willing to give their lives in places where the light of the Gospel is so needed. Families who are willing to give testimony faithfully, year after year, showing what a faithful servant of Christ is. Families who do not care about human opinions, but rather about doing the will of the Master, and who are willing to spend their lives for a people who desperately needs the Savior. Pray for the Basque Country!



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

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