

# Juan & Teté Alvarez

## Missionaries in the Basque Country

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### Beloved Brethren:

It seems like time is passing faster every day! It's amazing that another year has already ended and that the Lord is giving us the opportunity to start a new year by grace. May God bless you and use you in this new year 2025!

### Church

Our Lord's work never stops. In fact, He is always doing more than what we can see with the naked eye. On this occasion we will tell you about some of the most special activities that we have carried out as a church. We began with Ines and Manuel's wedding. Ines came from Equatorial Guinea to our church many years ago. The precious work of grace of the Lord in the life of Inés is wonderful, so it was a great blessing for everyone to see her arriving on her wedding day dressed in white and full of gratitude and joy in her heart. Another activity that is becoming a favorite of our church is our international banquet. This year, between the members and guests, we were over 130 people present at the service. The first banquet was spiritual, since my coworker Andy,

preached a clear Gospel message. There was a great variety of food from the nations represented in our church: Brazil, Nicaragua, Honduras, Cuba, Equatorial Guinea, Mexico, the U.S., Spain, the Basque Country, Romania, among others. Everyone present greatly enjoyed the banquet! Thank God for the love that is in Christ and for the unity that we are experiencing in our beloved church.

Another project was the Christmas cantata. My niece Deborah did an extraordinary job preparing it. Months of rehearsals resulted in a beautiful performance that was enjoyed by the church members and also by a good number of visitors, who listened attentively to the beautiful music along with a clear message of what Christmas is really about. Another of the church's favorite projects is the distribution of more than 40,000 Christmas postcards that were distributed throughout our region and other neighboring regions. The message was simple, but powerful: "Jesus is the source of peace, hope and joy." Our prayer is that each one of these little "seeds" will be used in the hearts of the thousands of the people who have received them.

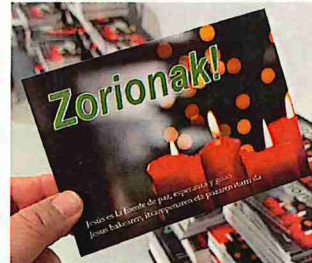
We were also blessed to give Christmas hampers to the police, firefighters and post office. Everyone was amazed and very grateful for the gift!

### Retreat for missionary teens and more...

Once again, we held one of our favorite activities in our ministry: the Missionary Teen Retreat. This year, a group of young people came from France, Germany, Georgia, Scotland, Austria and Spain. The teachings were given by Dr. Rand Hummel who was greatly used by the Lord. Not only were the young people blessed by his teaching, but so was our beloved church. Thank God for the tremendous work of our team organizing the retreat and for the good attitude of the teens who prepared special music for the service which was a great blessing for our church. We will start the year 2025 with the 60th Intensive Bible Institute which will take place on January 18th. We will study the book of Titus and the theme will be "A Healthy Church." Lord willing, next February, I will be preaching at a missionary conference in Madrid, and then, few days later, we are going to have our own missionary conference in our church. Two of the missionary families that we support will be with us: the Moyanos and the Zuñigas.



Christmas Cantata



Christmas Cards



International Banquet



Christmas Baskets



Missionary Teen Retreat in Europe

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Thank you to all the beautiful churches and brothers 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!

Juan and Tete Alvarez

## *Opportunities to serve*

Last November, Danny and I were able to go to Valencia to help some Christian friends who lost almost everything due to the atmospheric phenomenon called "DANA". It was shocking for us to see the level of destruction that this phenomenon caused. Thank God we were able to help them a little.

During the months of November and December we collected a Christmas offering, and our beloved church once again showed its generous heart. €2000 has been raised which will be sent to some families in Valencia to help them face this difficult time. Please pray for our brothers and sisters who have suffered great losses. We trust that our Lord will provide everything they need.



## *Preaching in Guadalajara*

In December, I was invited to preach at La Cruz Baptist Church in Guadalajara, Spain. This church holds a very special place in our hearts, as it was this church that extended the invitation to us to come to Spain as missionaries almost 29 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Mario Waters were in charge of the church at that time, and Angel, one of the young people who attended the church, was my faithful companion when we went out into the streets and knocking on doors throughout the city. Today Angel is the pastor of the church, and the congregation, which 29 years ago was about 10 people, now has groups of over 120!

The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation!



# *Photo News*



## *Our Beloved Church*

By the grace of God, we have seen souls saved by grace and lives transformed by the work of the Holy Spirit. It is priceless being witnesses of the power of the Lord in the lives of sinners. July and Joaquin were saved a short time ago. The circumstances in which they have lived were not the best, but they came to understand that now, in Christ, their way of living and acting must change. Thank God, both are totally willing and have shown with their faithful attendance at church that their decision is real. God willing, they are getting married in a civil ceremony on January 18th. after that they will be baptized and then I will have the great privilege of marrying them in our church.



Benito and Natalia, from Venezuela, arrived at our church a few months ago. On Sunday they shared their moving testimony with us all. The struggles and difficulties they went through when they arrived in Spain seemed like something out of a dramatic movie, but the Lord showed them His kindness and love. When they arrived at our church, Natalia was expecting their first baby, whom she gave birth to almost 5 months ago. Luca, the baby, has been received with much love and affection by our congregation, which has shown them their love with actions: they have given them clothes, diapers, food, etc. Natalia said on Sunday: "Every time I change my son's clothes or diaper, I remember all of you, since all of this has been given to us. I thank God because we have a spiritual family." Our Lord is so good!



In recent months, a good number of visitors have been coming to our church. We have had groups of up to 130 people, which is wonderful and challenging at the same time. A few years ago, we moved to a new building due to the same problem: lack of space, and now we are facing the same situation. We ask for wisdom from the Lord to make the necessary decisions to have more space, as we believe that the congregation will continue to grow. Please pray that the Lord may give us wisdom and direction. We are living a very special time in our ministry and we are certain that our Lord wants to do much more in His work here in the Basque Country. God bless you!