

*Church Planting  
Iglesia Bautista Biblica  
del Puerto  
Renteria, Spain*



*“Aierdi”  
Basque Farmhouse  
Restoration  
Retreats, Printing Center, etc.  
Our son Andy’s ministry*

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After a rather tiring flight Bilbao-Frankfurt-Atlanta, we are again in Mauldin, S. Carolina enjoying some time, in between meetings, with Stephen, Kay & Mark. For some reason or other our suitcases got left behind in Frankfurt, but finally arrived two days later. We soon were on the road visiting our churches, once again grateful for a supporting church that made a vehicle available for us.

Many of you have been praying for my mother. Thank the Lord she is slowly recovering from her second stroke and we look forward to seeing her in early August. We would appreciate your continued prayers for her.

**The church in Renteria.** Lately the Lord has been moving in hearts and lives and we have a number of good contacts, plus a few who have received Christ as Saviour. Jose, 94 years of age, received Christ as simply as a child. His wife, Conchita, accepted him some time ago. Their daughter, Mari Angeles, told Helga she would like to read the Bible some more and talk with us when we return to Spain. The story of these folks is exciting but a little long to summarize here. In our last prayer letter we asked you to pray for Belen and her husband Ricardo. About two months ago Belen made her decision for Christ and Ricardo is listening closely to the Gospel. You have been praying for Carlos & Rachel. The bad news is that Carlos, almost 70 years old, drowned in an accident at the beach while he and his wife Rachel were vacationing on the Mediterranean. We had baptized Pepi, a sweet 76 year old widow, only to arrive home that evening and receive Rachel’s phone call telling us about his death. They have resisted the Gospel so long and now Carlos is in eternity! He knew very well how to be saved. Continue to pray for Rachel.

**The Aierdi farmhouse restoration.** Work continues on. The first two sections of the 4 part farmhouse now have sturdy subfloors and can be used for various activities. Andy and team will be pouring concrete in the remaining two stables after which we will begin work on the two upper floors of each section. God has been so good in providing us with the necessary funds to keep on with the restoration.

We are scheduled to return to Spain on Nov. 3rd. A fair number of things need to be taken care of while here and time will fly by so rapidly. I am so often reminded of John 9:4, “*the night cometh, when no man can work.*” May God find us busy until Jesus comes again to take us home!

Sincerely in Christ,

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