

**Al & Helga Bonikowsky - 50th Anniversary**



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*"In the foothills of Mount Aitzgorri"*

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Dear Friends,

*"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."* 1 Tim. 2:3-4. This verse is the motivating heart of our continuing ministry to the area of the city of Irun in Northern Spain. We rejoice that Gorka, a sharp 20-year-old, recently accepted the Lord. Also saved was Kelly, an 11-year-old, who was led to the Lord by her father. It is a joy to again have our grandson, David, with us for the summer, as he prepares for the mission field. He usually has some 20-plus teens in the combined services with Andy's church in Beasain.



We celebrated our 50th anniversary on the 24th of June, and the church went all out, using a catering service to make it a most memorable night. Andy and David put together a series of digital pictures of "what we used to look like" for some good laughs for our church people. Since Andy & Mimi's anniversary is on the 22nd, we went out and had an enjoyable meal at a nice restaurant in San Sebastian, our capital city on the Bay of Biscaye. It was a great time for all.

The church is healthy and there is a very good spirit. It is easy to minister when it is like that.

It is very satisfying to see how the numerous day-long intensive institutes keep growing; we surely had a good number the last number of times. Our prayer is that the Lord would use this as a blessing to our churches here in the Basque country. We do our best planning things for work groups and "hammering" wherever necessary!

We continue to have visitors regularly at the services. Jose, father of one of our ladies, visited the two services on Sunday, and expressed a desire to go to a Bible-believing church in his home city of Valladolid. We have put him in contact with a pastor there. Unfortunately, good salvation experiences continue to come slowly. They hear things similar to what they have heard in their religious experiences, but it takes time for the truth of the Gospel to penetrate their hearts. But, the Lord continues to build His church, and we are happy to be in this part of His field. God bless, *Al & Helga Bonikowsky*



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