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Church Planting

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Basque Farmhouse Restoration

"Aierdi" Retreat Center. "In the foothills of Mount Aitzgorri "

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Dear Churches and Friends,

Greetings again from Irún, Spain. Our city is in the midst of their traditional fiestas, "San Marciales," basically commemorating wars fought many years ago, especially a battle on a nearby mountain top called "San Marcial." I just looked up from our balcony and see the church on the hilltop which was built somewhere back then. Looking towards France I can almost see (almost because of apartment buildings) a small island in the middle of the river which divides the two countries, called "La Isla de los Faisanes" (Pheasants). On this island, in 1659, Spain and France signed the "Paz de los Pirineos." We live in the middle of the history of this border area.



Another historical event took place in 1976 when we organized the first Bible believing church in the history of our city, the "Iglesia Bautista Bíblica." Through the years we have seen an interesting array of people come through the church. Currently, many Sunday mornings the church is quite full and different people come and go. We would ask your prayers for a number of young people who need to make some important decisions about salvation and baptism. Also a number of adults.



Recently a good carpenter in the church made a very nice literature table and once a month we have permission from city hall to put the table in some of the main plazas of town. Many, many people have received literature and a testimony. From time to time some of them visit our services.

The farmhouse retreat center continues to be a blessing as quite a few of our people joined others for yet another all day Bible Institute, this time under the teaching of fellow missionary, Marvin Robertson. It was the first of a two part series on "Back to the Beginning," a study on the "firsts" in the early chapters of Genesis.

A full summer of camping near Guadalajara, Spain, will have many of our people on the highways. Trusting the Lord to do a good work in the lives of many.

Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers.

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