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September, 2013

Dear Church & Friends,

*"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, **pastors** and teachers."*
Ephesians 4:11



September 14th was a very special day in our church as 9 baptist preachers joined me to ordain Israel Piqueras to the Gospel ministry. I couldn't help but think of Moises and the burning bush. I felt we were standing on "Holy Ground," seeing these men give their approval to this young man by way of the ordination council and the laying on of hands. That evening the church voted to accept the recommendation of the ordination council. He will serve as associate pastar until May, 2014 when he will officialy be voted in as pastor.

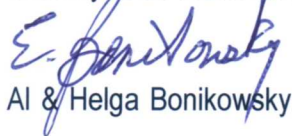
Emil Bonikowsky, my grandfather, was ordained as a baptist pastor on Sept. 15, 1912, near Lublin, Poland (July 13, *This Day in Baptist History III*). He may have had a smile on his face in glory when the hands were placed on Israel. As a consequence of him being ordained, Israel was ordained. I am very thankful for my heritage.

I was ordained as a baptist preacher on August 1, 1971 in Tucker, Georgia.

Son Andy was ordained a baptist preacher in the spring of 1987 in Greenville, South Crolina.

David & Danny, two of our grandchildren, will be ordained, Lord willing, as baptist preachers in the near future. They are presently doing post graduate work here in Spain and have deputation before them.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support.


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