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Dear friends,

With this newsletter you should also receive a TIME TO BUILD brochure which we hope will inform you clearly as to the new prayer project God has led us into. For years we have made do with inadequate facilities for the church ministry. Evidence of God's blessings on the printing ministry have been overflowing into the church auditorium. Also, since the building is rented, we have not tackled certain repairs of long-term electrical and plumbing deficiencies. In recent months we have all seen the need to trust the LORD for a place of our own that we can fix up for His glory. We need at least twice the space we currently have in order to properly handle the varied kinds of local ministries as well as an increasing number of mission teams and groups coming our way.

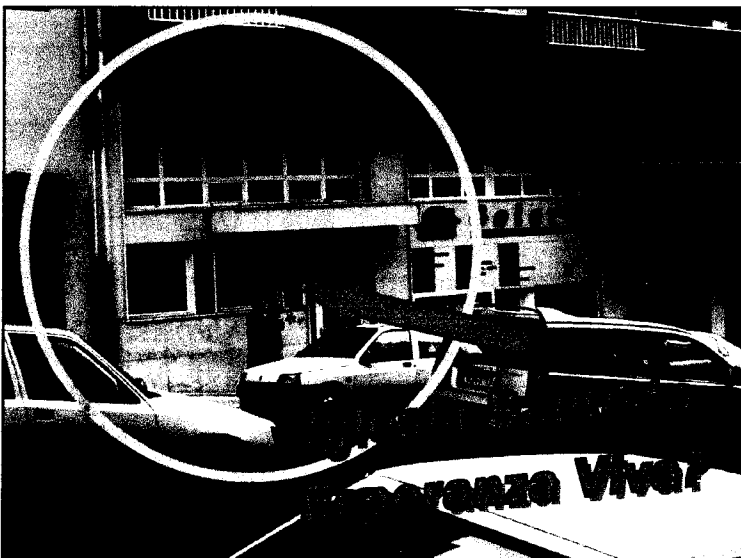


Services in our current building with Aierdi supplies and printing equipment in the main meeting room (until the farmhouse is done!). All of these are gifts from God for which we have no better storage place.



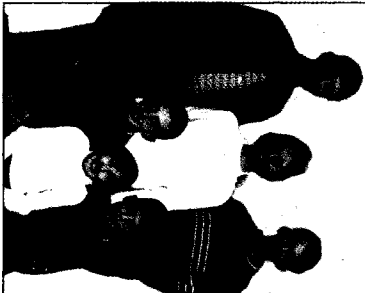
This building is one we would like to buy if the LORD supplies the funds for a down-payment. We know that He is able and will guide and provide as we trust in Him. We ask you to join us in prayer. Some of you have followed this ministry for many years and have watched the LORD do wonders for us. Let's pray and wait on Him together and praise Him as He unfolds His plan! We love you and appreciate you.

Andy & family



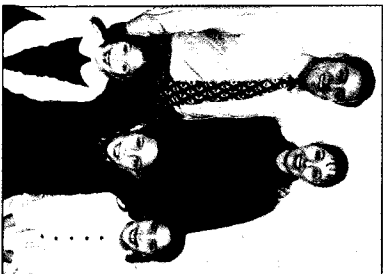
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**ABOUT our team**

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- ANDY & Mimi
- BONIKOWSKY are missionaries sent out from Berean Baptist Church (near Atlanta) where Dr. Danny Sweatt is pastor.
- They have been serving in the Basque region of Northern Spain since 1989 and have four children.

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- JUAN & MARIA ESTER ALVAREZ are missionaries from Guernavaca, Mexico. They are sent out from Mount Abarin Baptist Church where Bro. Eduardo Martinez is pastor. They have been serving in Spain since 1996 and have three children.

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- MATT & JILL BLACK are from New Lenox, Illinois. They are sent out from Heritage Baptist Church near Chicago where Dr. Milton Jones is pastor.
- The Blacks arrived in Northern Spain in July of 2001, and they have two children.

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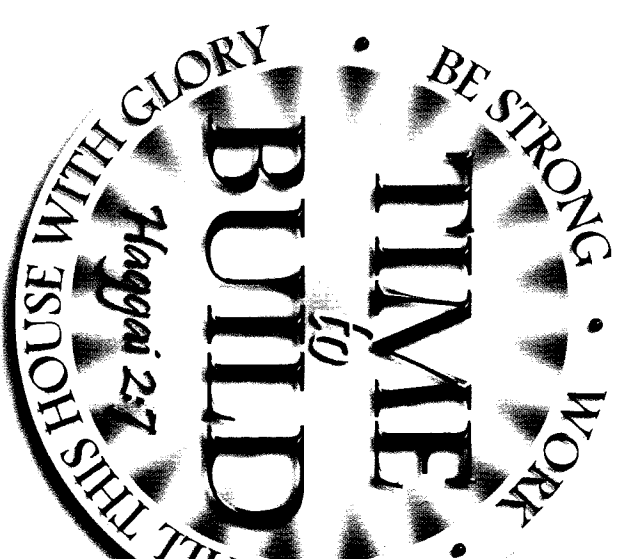
- RANDY & KAREN WILKINS are from Atlanta, Georgia. They are sent out from Berean Baptist Church (near Atlanta) where Dr. Danny Sweatt is pastor. The Wilkins are currently on deputation and are well on their way to raising the support they need for the field. They have three children.

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BASQUE COUNTRY

TIME TO BUILD



A REQUEST FOR  
**prayer**



Living Hope Baptist Church  
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# A BIT OF HISTORY

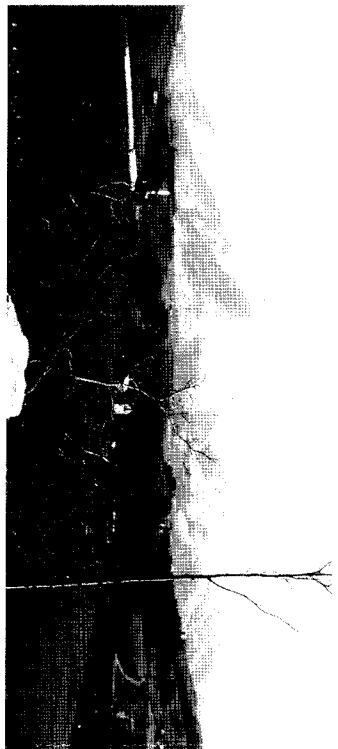
For many centuries the 18 Goierri towns of the Basque region in Northern Spain have staggered along in spiritual darkness. The current population of nearly 40,000 is just the tip of an iceberg of generations that have come and gone without the blessing of hearing the gospel. Praise God this began to change in 1992 when He brought a Baptist missionary family to the region with the message of Jesus Christ. After a decade of sowing the gospel among the ruined and hardened Roman Catholic culture, there is now a small congregation of growing believers. The storefront building they have rented for a meeting place is no longer adequate and the time has come to move.



## GOD'S WORD

2,500 years ago the LORD spoke to His people through His prophet Haggai, telling them to get on with the mission of building the temple. Though our context and age is different, He has used that same message to encourage us to trust Him now for a church building. We find in Haggai 2:4,7 the following commands and promise: "Be strong . . . be strong . . . and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts. . . and I will fill this house with glory." These words from His eternal Word are now a daily challenge to us as we begin praying for the LORD's will.

We have accepted the challenge of prayer and are now trusting the LORD to lead us to a permanent



place for worship and for coordinating the evangelization of the entire region. The LORD has established this Bible-preaching Baptist church as a light in these Basque towns, and it will remain until He returns. We believe He wants to provide for us a building of our own and ask you to join us in prayer. Would you remember these three requests with us?

## PRAY FOR a meeting place direction

We need wisdom in finding the building of His choice. The one we are seriously looking at is selling for \$190,000. From a human standpoint, this is an impossibility for a small church like ours, but we have seen God do wonders in answer to prayer and know that we can trust Him for this need too.

## PRAY FOR 35,000 dollars PROVISION

This amount will let us start with a large down payment. We believe our local believers should also be heavily involved in trusting the LORD with their finances, and this would still leave a huge challenge for them. Right now we have \$3,100 towards the goal.

## PRAY FOR basque souls salvation

After a decade of evangelism, using tens of thousands of gospel tracts, evangelistic campaigns, certs, and door-to-door projects, we have a handful of faithful, adult believers. Indeed, it is a hard But Jesus died for these people and has sent here to sow His gospel because He plans to reap harvest. Someday, some workers will reap that vest of souls for Christ's glory. *We want to see such a way that they will reap abundantly.* Hallelu

Would you consider making this prayer project a part of your daily life? Would you open your Bible with each day to Haggai 2:4 & 7 and ask the LORD to make us strong in prayer and patience? Would you ask Him to do a glorious work of grace here? In this way YOU can have a ministry HERE and invest in this little part of God's eternal work. God bless you.

*Living Hope Baptist Missionary Team*  
Basque Region of Northern Spain  
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## ECCLESIASTES 3:1, 3

*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. . . a time to build.*

HAGGAI 2:4, 7

*Be strong . . . be strong . . . be strong . . . work . . . I will fill this house with glory.*