

THE ALVAREZ FAMILY

Basque Country, Spain

MARCH 2012

-Nearly 80 people attended our 25th Intensive Institute of the Bible.

-God blessed us with very special guests this month: The Sobrevilla family (Mexican missionaries in France) and the Ali family, whose work is in NY

-Great weather in the Basque Country! which we've taken advantage of to build a new water tank for Aierdi.



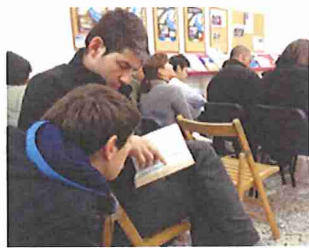
Santiago is the name of one of our youth that started coming to our church several years ago. For different reasons, Santi had grown cold toward the things of the Lord, which was very sad for us and even harder for his mother and siblings. For many years we prayed that God would work a miracle in the heart of this young man. I cannot deny that many times we considered Santi to be beyond hope. Big mistake! God reminded us, once again, that there is nothing impossible for Him and that there is no limit for His grace. After many strong trials and undeniable signs that God was after Santi, the Holy Spirit began to melt his heart. We slowly started seeing changes in his attitude. I started spending time with Santi in the Word of God and, one day, I asked him if he understood what being saved meant and if he believed he was saved. After some time, he understood that he was not saved, that he felt a big pressure from his so-called friends who made fun of his belief in God, and that filled him with fear.

Finally with understanding, comprehension, and conviction Santi received Christ as his personal Savior. Please pray for his spiritual growth and his baptism.

A group of about 10 people are attending what we could call the beginnings of our Bible Institute. Sunday mornings seem to be the best time for them, and their joy and true happiness are evident when they attend this class. There is no doubt that, when there is hunger for the things of the Lord, no obstacle is impossible to overcome. This week we will receive the answer from the Zumarraga City Counsel to see if they can provide a room in which we can begin our meetings for what we hope will be a new ministry. A group of people from Zumarraga that attend our church have a special interest in our starting a church there. Please pray that the Lord will open all the necessary doors for us!

May our Lord bless you, and, as always, thank you for your faithful support and prayers. Let us stay faithful and strong till the end!

*Because He is worthy,
The Alvarez Family, Spain*



The future

The only hope for the Basque people is our Lord Jesus Christ and His Word. It was specially touching and moving seeing Mikelar guiding his son, Eñaut, through the reading of the Bible during one of our services. Many things went through my mind while looking at this image that I was able to capture with my phone without them noticing. Among other things I thought of the power of the Gospel and how it has penetrated into a seemingly impossible heart, and of Mikelar's testimony to his own people, which I have no doubt will be a future key for the work here in the Basque Country.

Our future building?



God makes no mistakes, all we have to do is trust in Him and rest in His promises. The "Glass Building" (as we called it) does not seem to be the building the Lord has for His church here, in the heart of the Basque Country. While we were looking at another place, a lady informed us that there was a building that perhaps would catch our attention, and that is how the Lord lead the way for us to see this new building, which we have called the "Stone Building". This place has 225 squared meters and, in short, it is perfect for the church and its growth in all areas. The price is 370 thousand euros (about 488,000 dollars) which we don't have, but we know it is not an obstacle for our God. Pray with us for a miracle! Once more God has placed us in a spot where our only choice is to look up.

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