

ALVAREZ FAMILY

Basque Country | Spain

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Salvation



It is always a great joy and happiness to share the good news of salvation. In this occasion we were able to see two new souls come to Christ. Arlem is from Cuba and has been coming to our church and hearing the Gospel for several months. A few of us believed that she was already saved, but it was not the case. Madelaine, my daughter Andrea, and my niece Elisa had the blessing to lead her to Christ. Jose Mari is a Spaniard (from Valencia) who started coming when he was invited by Arlem and Carmen, her sister. The message of the Gospel touched his heart and the Holy Spirit did the rest! While he was alone and reading his Bible, Jose Mari understood his need and prayed to God, asking Him to save his soul. Thank God for His grace and mercy!

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Dear Brethren:

Different ministries - The last few months have been a great blessing, for the Lord has allowed us to visit different ministries in Spain. We started in Monforte de Lemos, visiting the Colorado family and their precious church. Sunday morning I had the blessing of preaching to the congregation and in the afternoon we had a special activity for the matrimonies of the church. It has been so amazing to see what the Lord is doing in this place through this precious family! A few weeks later, we went to Azuqueca, where I had the blessing of preaching in the church's anniversary. Teté and I arrived there a day before the anniversary to meet with the young people there, and together the both of us were able to have a good talk about feminism with them. It is the first time that we have done something like that, but honestly it went better than what we had expected. Many of our young people are facing this world's philosophies and teachings, and I am afraid that in our churches we are not giving them the necessary tools to face this brutal attack that is making them question their faith. One of the ways that we can prepare them to face these philosophies that in the end make their hearts go astray is by teaching them to think and giving them the necessary information.

Training Camp for Missionary Families —Peru, Panama, Haiti, Lebanon, Mozambique, Taiwan, and Colombia are the destinations of the missionary families that participated this year in the two weeks of training in San Luis Potosi. It was a huge blessing to all that were present to listen to teachings and advice that were shared by different pastors and teachers about very important subjects, to be better equipped and prepared for the mission field. We thank our pastor Dr. Luis Ramos and the pastors Danny Ortiz, Fzequiel Salazar, Freddy de Anda, Alfredo Diaz, Mateo Johnson and Neftali Santos, and to brothers Jose Luis Perez and Jesus Salazar for their tremendous lectures on finances and legal aspects. We also want to give a special thank-you to brothers Jaime Amador and Miguel for their great work giving support and logistics; without their help it would have been impossible to carry out the camp. Thanks also to the team of cooks, and a specially to our beloved church for its generosity and hospitality towards the missionary families, and for its generous gift that made a great part of this activity possible. What a blessing it is to have a church that loves and supports the missionary work in an overwhelming way!

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support! May God keep blessing and giving that important vision for the souls in the uttermost parts of the earth. God bless you! Because He is worthy,

Juan and Tete Alvarez, Spain



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Aierdi



During this time of year the work in Aierdi that can be done is very limited because of the weather. This winter is being excessively humid; not only have we had much rain, but also heavy snowfalls. For this reason, one main job is to keep the ditches clean for the water to be able to flow freely. In past years, the rain has caused serious damage. We have several projects, but right now we can't do more than wait to have better weather and for the sun to dry the areas where the work needs to be done. Glory to God, this past 10th of March we had our 44th Intensive Bible Institute. Brethren from different parts of Spain came to receive a full day of good Bible teaching, in this occasion Ecclesiastes was the main subject.

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Ecuador. Most of these people are not saved yet, but each Sunday they hear the Gospel very clearly. Please pray with us that the Holy Spirit would work in their hearts and that we might soon be able to see them place their faith in Christ as their Lord and Savior. A group of new believers is going to get baptized, giving us the opportunity to use our new baptistry for the first time. It is such a great blessing that we no longer have to go to the church in Irun to carry out the baptisms! God is still at work here.



than 20 years in the mission field we can see things in a different perspective, and the acquired experience gives us the capacity to help prepare our future missionaries. There are many different aspects to be taken into account, since it is not just about receiving the call from the Lord or the training received in the Bible Institute. We believe that it is extremely important to send our missionaries as best prepared and equipped as possible in subjects like their marriage and family relationships, finance, legal situations according to what is required in the country where they are going to serve, the importance of taken care of their health, living under a budget, and a long list of etceteras. We still have many things to learn and improve as a nation in regards to the missionary work, and I believe with all my heart that if the pastors, churches, and missionaries carry out their corresponding parts, we will see great things happen through the new Hispanic missionary movement. We ask you to pray that the Lord would give us wisdom and direction, but specially we would like to ask you to pray that the Lord would give us, as a nation and as believers, the same mind, the same desire, and the same goal so that we might find victory. It is our time, our opportunity, and we must use it with seriousness, responsibility, and excellence.

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support! God bless you.

Church —Praise God for a great beginning of the year for our church. Recently new people have started to congregate in our church: two women from the Basque Country, one man from Argentina with a Spanish friend, two women from Cuba, another woman from Ecuadorial Guinea, one man from Valencia, and a young man called Vinicio, from

Training camp for missionary families —This upcoming month of April 16-27, we will be carrying out our second training camp for Mexican missionary families, under the ministry of the Bible Baptist Church of San Luis Potosí. Lord willing, this year pastors Danny Ortiz and Matthew Johnson will be joining us. After more

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Missionary Teen Retreat



By the grace of God, we were once again greatly blessed with our 14th Missionary Teen Retreat. 26 teens came from different countries in Europe, and for a week were blessed and challenged through the teachings of the Word of God. It was evident that our Brothers Keith and Sarah Flemming, in charge of bringing this year's main teachings, shared their hearts with these teens, and that they were greatly used by our Lord. Several members of our missionary team were also able to speak with the teens and encourage them to remain faithful and constant where the Lord has given them the privilege to serve with their parents, and to proclaim the Gospel, taking the beacon of the light of Christ to the countries where they live.

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Dear Brethren:

An amazing door before us — Many years ago, the Lord laid in my heart a burden and a calling: to be a blessing, encouragement and help to His servants, the missionaries. After having been in the missionary field for almost 22 years, and with much prayer and seeking the advice and direction from the Lord and several of His servants, I got to the conclusion that it was time to take this new step in our ministry. In this way and in the perfect time of God, a new and wide door to minister and serve has been opened before us.

One of the pastors that I shared this burden with from the beginning was Dr. Luis Ramos, the pastor of Bible Baptist Church of San Luis Potosí. Our beloved Dr. Ramos gave me his unconditional support and interest, faithfully prayed for me, and along with me sought God's direction in this new stage in our ministry. The first step to put this incredible project in motion was not easy, but we understood that it was necessary to be able to develop our vision; for that reason, we changed our membership from our beloved church, Mount Abarim Baptist Church, to Bible Baptist Church of San Luis Potosí. Our beloved Bro. Alejandro Ramírez, the pastor of Mount Abarim Baptist Church, knew of our plans from the beginning, and always supported us. During the month of October I went to Mexico to be in a couple engagements that I had, and used that opportunity to share with the members of Mount Abarim Baptist Church the direction that the Lord was giving us, and to let them know about our membership change. The church was precious; everyone showed me their support, and even though there was sadness they understood very well, so we left with the pastor's and our beloved Church's blessing. It was difficult to close that stage of our lives, but the peace that we had to do everything correctly is one more display of God's will.

Below I share with you a few lines written by our pastor, Dr. Luis Ramos:

"Our God has laid in my heart and in Bro. Juan Alvarez's heart a burden and a desire to support, care for and prepare the servants of God that are going out to the mission field from our churches in Mexico and Latin America. He has united Bro. Juan's heart and mine to work together in this project, for this reason the Alvarez family has changed its membership from Mount Abarim Baptist Church to Bible Baptist Church in San Luis Potosí. Led by the Lord, we believe that it is the best way to carry out the vision that God has given us. I am very thankful to Mount Abarim Baptist Church and Pastor Alejandro Ramírez, that for the advancement of the work of God they have supported this decision."

—Pastor Dr. Luis Ramos

This new door gives us an incredible opportunity to expand our labor not only in Europe, but also in all the hispanic world. We are very excited and thankful to the Lord and to our pastor, as we stand before this new and exciting horizon. Please pray for us, that God will give us wisdom, intelligence and direction to take advantage of this incredible opportunity in full measure! Our desire is that more and more Mexican missionaries would go out to the world to take the good news of the Gospel, which one day was brought to us by faithful missionary men and women. Now it is time for us to pay our debt!



Church — Is there anything impossible for God? No. Is there anything impossible for men? Many things! During the last 21 years, alongside our dear coworkers, we have seen that even in the least attractive places, it doesn't matter if the fruit you reap is little, it is not only important, but a command from our Lord to remain faithful; even if it is sowing and later reaping the fruit that will only come if we remain faithful, as we follow our Lord's instructions to be able to see great victories where the human eye

only sees the difficulties. How we thank God for our beloved church! It gives us such joy to see it full, alive and vibrant! But it is not the result of coincidence or of human methods; it is the fulfillment of God's faithful promises, for He delights in keeping them and in surprising us doing things beyond our wildest imagination or our most ambitious expectations. We are very excited with what our Lord is doing through His church in the heart of the Basque Country. Please pray that in this new year, 2018, many souls would be added to the church and that the believers would keep growing and maturing in Christ. To God be the glory!

Prayer Requests:

- *We ask you to pray for the new steps in our ministry; we are very excited about what the Lord is showing us. We need a lot of wisdom and direction.*
- *Please pray for all the postcards that have been sent to more than 40 thousand homes in our province, that the Lord would use these small testifiers of the Gospel in a powerful way to reach the hearts of the Basque people.*
- *Please pray as well for the different trials that some of the members from our church are going through, that the Lord would fill us with grace and truth to have the right attitude as well as the correct firmness to be able to help them.*

Thank you for your prayers!

Photo News



As in every year, we have prepared and sent out the Christmas postcards with a very clear message of the Gospel. Thanks to the generosity of many brethren that have given to make it possible for us to carry out this project, once again we have reached thousands of homes with a little testifier of the most important and powerful message that can change a soul's eternal destiny.

This year we reached out to a new region, so we did not only send the postcards to the homes in the Goierri, but also to the homes in Tolosa and in the towns that surround it. So, by the grace of God, more than 40 thousand homes received the postcard. Our prayer is that many would read it, and as they read, that the Lord would work in their hearts so that we might once more see the fruit of this work.



We are very grateful to the Lord for His goodness towards our children, Danny, Raquel and Daniela. They arrived one month ago to the Galapagos Islands to serve the Lord there. Please pray for them, that the Lord would prosper the work they are starting in the Santa Cruz Island and that He would keep them and supply for the church's needs.