



## Juan Alvarez Family

Serving in Spain

2018 was one of the most exciting and productive years in our ministry. In our church, which is the first Independent Fundamental Baptist Church in the Basque Country, we saw more people saved than in any previous year. Our believers come from countries like Ecuador, Cuba, Nicaragua, and Spain. They have been saved and now are faithfully attending church. It has also been a great blessing to see many of them take the step of obedience in baptism. I will never forget the words a man told me years ago when he heard that we were starting a church, and in a sarcastic way told me that our labor was similar to hitting a tall and impenetrable wall, hoping that it would fall. How wonderful it would be if that man could come and see with his own eyes what our God is able to do. For Him, nothing is impossible!

At Aierdi, our campground, we have also seen God's hand at work. We have had many different kinds of activities, such as a retreat for pastors and full-time workers. God's servants from all over Spain heard inspiring messages from God's Word and were challenged to be faithful in their ministries. One of our most exciting activities is the much-anticipated Missionary Teen Retreat for missionary kids from various missionary fields in Europe.

Another exciting activity, which is a great blessing, is the Intensive Bible Institute, where brethren from across Spain receive Scriptural teaching. In 2018, as in all previous years, we have hosted several work teams that generously travel to Spain to help us carry out projects to make our facilities even better.

We ask that you pray for the Lord's guidance in our ministry in new areas which we are sure will be a great blessing and encouragement to many. Our desire is to share our experience with future generations of Hispanic missionaries and help them be better equipped to accomplish the ministry to which God has called them.

Finally, we desire to begin Bible studies in the capital of our province, San Sebastian, with the desire to see a new church started in the beautiful capital of the Basque country. Your prayers and support are a tremendous and important help to us!

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