



Alvarez Family

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Missionaries in the Basque Country, Spain

SPAIN

During the last week of April, the first apologetics retreat was carried out in Aierdi. A group of more than 30 young people coming from different parts of Spain enjoyed the excellent teaching and were encouraged and taught how to defend their faith and believes in the different colleges and schools they attend. It isn't easy for our young people to face the different challenges, since it is well known that specially the colleges are a breeding ground of ideas, philosophies and modern thinking that attack our faith as Christians. The young people that attended were well nourished spiritually and left making known their desire to have another one in the future. Praise God for the success of this new retreat in Aierdi, the Lord's farmhouse!



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Latest news of our ministry

Greetings, my dear brethren! Our Lord has been so good, giving us the privilege of taking part in His work. We must never take for granted the honor we have to serve by His side. Nothing we do for Him is in vain!

In the last weeks Tete, Andrea and I have been able to serve our Lord in different ways. Andrea spent two months with our son-in-law and daughter, Danny and Raquel, in the Galapagos Islands, helping them take care of our granddaughters as well as in the work the Lord is carrying out



there. Meanwhile, Tete and I visited several churches to share the new steps the Lord has led us to take and to give a report of what the Lord is doing in Spain and in our ministry in general.

In the end of the month of March we travelled to San Luis Potosí, where our pastor gave us the privilege of participating in the ladies conference of our church. It



was a great blessing

to be able to share God's Word with the ladies that went, approximately 700 women from different parts of Mexico. Immediately after the ladies conference we started our 3rd training camp for missionaries. As you know, this training has the purpose of

helping our missionaries go present their ministries in the churches they will visit and leave to the mission field well prepared. This year we had the blessing of having several pastors from that area attend. For them it was very interesting as well as enlightening to see what the missionaries live through and what they have to face as they prepare to go to the mission field and the challenges they face once they get there. We are so



grateful to our church and our pastor for the help and support they gave to help carry out this important ministry. We also want to thank the several teachers that helped this year, among them Dr. Billy Patterson, Pastor José Agüero, Pastor Benjamin Frandsen, Pastor Alfredo Díaz, Pastor José Luis Fuentes, Bro. José Luis

Pérez and Bro. Jesús Salazar, and of course, our pastor, Bro. Luis Ramos. We thank them for their priceless help, their time, their vision and their great desire to help our future missionaries!

Trip to Ecuador

After our time in San Luis Potosi, Teté and I travelled to Ecuador to carry out our first retreat for pastors and missionaries in that beautiful country. This retreat is part of our ministry, "Missionary Connection", of which we have spoken in prior letters. It was a great blessing to give this first step.



Many times we are unaware of the challenges that the Lord's servants face and for that same reason we don't realise the consequences that those challenges can have in the lives and ministries of those servants. The goal of this ministry is to encourage and promote unity

among them so that they might be more efficient in their labor. The slogan is clear: End the race well, finish victoriously and reach the goal with the satisfaction of having accomplished the task. Lord willing, next year, from the 18th to the 22nd of May, we will carry out our second retreat in Ecuador. We await those days with excitement!

Thank you!

In this first retreat we had the priceless help of pastors José Luis Fuentes and Franco Loyola, who, along with their wives, were a huge help and support. Thank you, dear Bros. Fuentes and Loyola, for your time, ideas, enthusiasm and work! We know that the labor that was carried out was not in vain and that it was the first step of a work that we hope the Lord will keep blessing and using to be a help for His servants. See you next year, Lord willing!

Our return to Spain

Lord willing we will be returning to Spain in the first days of June. When we return, there will be a lot of work waiting for us as well as the preparations for our 7th retreat for pastors and workers at Aierdi.

This year we will also have several work and evangelistic teams, so it will be a summer full of good activities. There are many plans and projects in our minds; we thank God for giving us life, health and the privilege to serve Him. We specially want to thank all the churches that faithfully support us and share the vision God has given us. Thank you to all the pastors for your support and for not abandoning us in our race and our service to the Lord. We understand that we only have one life and there is still much that needs to be done, and we want to carry out all that the Lord has placed before us! We want to conquer our land, for we believe that the land the Lord has promised to us is good!

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support!

Because He is worthy, Juan, Teté and Andrea Alvarez