

Alvarez Family

Missionaries in the Basque Country, Spain

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Dear Brethren:

Greetings from the heart of the Basque Country! Thank you to each one of you for your prayers and faithful support. We are very thankful to the Lord for letting us participate in His precious vine.

On this occasion we don't only have good news in regards to the ministry; as a family we are full of joy and gratitude for what our Lord is doing in the life of our beloved daughter, Andrea. Keep reading!

Empty Nest



With indescribable joy in our hearts we want to announce the engagement of our beloved daughter Andrea to Steve Espindola, a wonderful young man with whom she has maintained a relationship for 3 years. Together, they have sought the Lord's direction and counsel. It has been beautiful to see how they have waited on the Lord,

but most of all it has been beautiful to see their walk with Him. Lord willing, the wedding will take place here in the Basque Country this coming month of December. Tete and I are very thankful for our beloved Andrea; she has been our delight these past few years that she has lived with us. We bless the Lord for her walk with Christ, and have no doubt that He is blessing her for her precious heart and for honoring us as parents. What a joy and plenitude we feel in our hearts as we see our princess prepare joyfully for her new life! Yes, our nest will be empty, but now Andrea and Steve will extend their own wings to reach new heights for the glory of our loving Lord. Thank you, God!

52nd Intensive Bible Institute



Praise God for the excellent 52nd Intensive Bible Institute! On this occasion the teacher was Brother Marco Antonio Iturralde, Pastor of the Baptist Church of Azuqueca, near Madrid. The theme of

the institute was 1 John, and we all enjoyed it greatly. A group from Equatorial Guinea and another group from Mexico joined our Institute through live stream. Thank the Lord that more believers can benefit from this Institute in spite of the distance.

Aierdi: Retreat for Pastors and Missionaries

One of my dreams and visions is to unite servants of the Lord, fomenting unanimity among each other and encouraging each other. With this in my heart, we started this retreat. Because of the pandemic we had to cancel it for two years, but this year we will be able to carry it out! We will hold our 8th Retreat for Pastors and Missionaries from the 9th to the 13th of August. About 50 people have already signed up. We ask you to pray for it to be a blessing and most of all an encouragement to everyone that will be participating. We live in dangerous times with enormous challenges; we need to support each other more than ever to finish our race well.



Investing in Lives

There are few things in ministry that are more fulfilling than seeing lives changed by the Lord. Veronica and Jon married in our church a few years ago. Sadly they walked away from the Lord which brought many disgraces into their lives, ending up in divorce. But our Loving God has shown them His grace and mercy in a marvelous way. Little by little, shyly at first, they began to seek the Lord, and once again we witnessed that those that draw near to Him are not cast away but reach mercy. Now they are back together, working to build a beautiful family, faithfully serving with a willing and ready heart. Praise be our Lord Who does not cast out anyone that comes to Him, not even those that fall into the deepest wells of despair and confusion. There is always hope in Christ! Praise the Lord!



On the other hand, Tete and I continue with our project of reading marriage books with several couples from our church (one of these couples is getting ready to marry soon). It is very sad to see and hear the damage caused by bad decisions and actions in marriages, even in the marriages in which Christ should reign.

It should not be a secret to anyone that our enemy is actively looking to destroy the marriages and families and that we live in the dangerous days of which Paul warned Timothy in 2 Timothy 3. May the Lord help us to comprehend the importance of following His principles, as we seek to apply them so that we might have strong and stable marriages in our churches. Strong marriages, strong churches.

May God bless you, my dear brethren. Thank you for your precious prayers and faithful support. We move forward by God's grace, full of joy and gratefulness for having been taken into account by the King of kings to work in His vine. Firm and forward!

Because He is worthy: Juan, Teté and Andrea Alvarez Basque Country, Spain

Missionary Link



It is incredible to think that we are already more than halfway through the year. For us, it has been an enormous blessing to continue with our Missionary Link monthly meetings. Around 40 to 50 pastors and missionaries have gathered each month to be challenged.

The emphasis of our last meeting was the Middle East. Two missionaries that are already on the field joined us live, one from Lebanon and one from Turkey. It is always a challenge for all of us to see servants of the Lord who are willing to live in places that are completely different from their homeland, but how exciting is to see their faithfulness and desire to take the Gospel to the nations to which the Lord has taken them.



One of our favorite moments takes place at the end of our meetings, when we divide into smaller groups to pray for the missionaries and for different needs that we mention. The Zoom application divides all of us into smaller groups to pray. In the last meeting I was able to pray with brothers who were joining us from Spain, Ecuador, Honduras, and El Salvador. It is exciting to see how, in spite of thousands of miles of distance, we can meet other believers and together take before the Lord the different prayer requests.

That is the spirit of Missionary Link: to come together to do much more to carry out the Great Commission. Our next meeting will have on emphasis on North America. We ask that you would pray that this ministry may continue being an encouragement, giving unity and vision.

"These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication..."

—Acts 1:14a

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