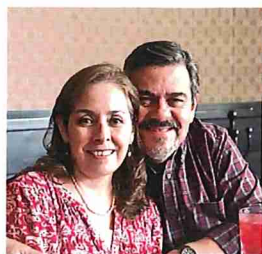


# Alvarez Family

Missionaries in the Basque Country, Spain

Summer, 2022



## Dear Brethren,

Greetings from the heart of the Basque Country! We continue moving forward in our work, very happy and thankful for what our Lord is doing among us in our corner of the world. It has been a very intense and busy summer. Praise God for letting us be

witnesses once more of His faithful support and guidance. We continue forward, desiring with all of our hearts to be useful in His hands and to remain faithful where He guides us. Thank you for your prayers! *Juan and Tete.*

## The first step



Our beloved Andrea and Steve have taken the first step: they have united legally. Lord willing, this coming 17th of December they will unite in marriage before the Lord. The wedding will take place in Aierdi and the reception will be carried out at church. I ask for your prayers for it will be a moment full of emotions. I hope the tears and emotions do

not stop me from officiating the ceremony!

## 53rd Intensive Bible Institute



Thank God for the excellent 53rd Intensive Bible Institute. Fernando Corbí did an excellent job teaching us about the "Divinity of Jesus Christ." More than 50 brethren were present, some of which came for the

first time. What made this Institute even more special was that, after almost three years, we were able to carry it out at Aierdi.

## A very special wedding



When Edwin came to church for the first time his behavior showed distrust; you could see it in his eyes and in the way he acted. When I saw him and came up to him to welcome him to the service, his reply was rather cold,

but polite. At the time I had no idea what the Lord had placed before me: a young man that would learn to love Him with all of his heart. I had the blessing of guiding

Edwin to the Lord and of discipling him. It was exciting to see him obey in baptism and afterwards be able to help him and Ruth prepare for their marriage. I cannot express my gratitude to the Lord for giving us this very special fruit! Giving our time and effort to see lives being transformed is priceless.

## Aierdi: 8th retreat for pastors and missionaries

What a great blessing it was to have the 8th retreat for pastors and workers at Aierdi. A total of 70 brethren enjoyed the time of good fellowship, teaching and challenge. Most of the brethren that came stayed at the farmhouse; others came up each day to participate.

How we praise God for giving us the privilege of participating in His work! It is a great blessing and a great responsibility at the same time. Pray for the Lord's servants, that each one of them might finish his race well!



## Ladies conference

In the month of July the ladies organized a mini conference. Tete's teaching was titled "The Deceit of Feminism." Two Basque women joined us and listened with close attention. At the end of the conference they were both thankful and left with a good opinion about the teachings. At first we wondered how they would react, for the society here is generally atheistic and very feminist, but to our surprise they were both very happy. Pray with us that we might one day witness their salvation.



## Church

It is a joy to witness the grace of God in the lives of the brethren from church. There are several people that have been attending the services who have not yet placed their faith in the Lord: Jon, Bilal (a Muslim young man), as well as some women that come with Arlem, a sister from church that brings visitors to church almost every Sunday.

By God's grace a few weeks ago we received a document from the government that recognizes our church as a religious entity. This is great news!

Thank you for your prayers and economic support. The Lord has been faithful throughout these years and He has worked marvelous wonders among us.

*Because He is worthy: Juan, Tete and Andrea Alvarez*



## The Last Breath

### † Cirilo Antúnez Morato

R.E.P.



Falleció el 29 de julio, a los 60 años de edad después de una larga enfermedad.

Su esposa: M<sup>te</sup> Carmen Camero, hija de Jon y El Acobila, hija: Marce, hermanos: Oreste y Argenteo, hijo: M<sup>te</sup> José, hermanos: Carlos, José Antonio y Isabel, Rosa y Gemma. M<sup>te</sup> Jose e hijos: Roberto, Carlos y demás familiares.

La familia agradece las muestras de cariño recibidas.

DOMINGO, 28 de julio de 2022.

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It was almost midnight when I received a call from Jon (a brother from church). His father was at the hospital with a very serious infection. I got ready and headed to San Sebastian. Cirilo, Jon's dad, could hardly breathe. The effort he had to make to take each breath of air was evident.

The next day I went back to the hospital and found out that he was much worse. At that moment I remembered that years ago I witnessed how a man that was in a coma would start to move when someone would read the Bible to him. That had left me very impressed. Pastor William Yant, a great servant of God that is now with the Lord, taught me with through this example that the Word of God is quick and powerful.

I stepped closer to Cirilo and started to share the Gospel with him, telling him that he did not have to be without hope. I noticed how his eyebrows moved, which showed me that he could hear me. Slowly, I gave him the Gospel and asked him to pray with me, asking the Lord to save him. Jon was very grateful to me, as was his mother. A few hours later Cirilo passed away. The apostle Paul told Timothy to preach the Gospel in season and out of season; whenever there is an opportunity, we must do so. I don't know what happened in his heart in that moment; I hope with all my heart that he called to the Lord and placed his faith in Christ as his Savior. Only God knows.

Jon and his mother asked me to preach at the funeral. It was a great privilege for me, not only because of their trust, but also because of such a great opportunity to share the Gospel with everyone that was present.

The funeral parlor was full and everyone there, excepting Tete and I and a few of the brethren that accompanied us, were Spaniards. I shared a clear and simple message of the Gospel that everyone heard with attention and respect. No one made the decision to place their faith in Christ, but when I was finished a man, one of Jon's uncles, came up to me to thank me for the message. "I am atheistic, but I liked your message very much," he told me. It was the first time he had heard something like this.

"In season and out of season," sometimes to sow, sometimes to reap; be it as it may, what an incredible privilege we have to be able to share the Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation.

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