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Independent Baptist Missionaries in Spain



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Dear Praying Friends,

Our last prayer letter of 2009! Where has this year gone? While we measure time as past, present, and future, it's a blessing to know our God doesn't. The events of tomorrow are as clear in His mind as are those of today and yesterday. He knows where we're going and the best way to get us there. We see today, and many times that can be overwhelming to us but our great God knows the end of each path. What an encouragement as we finish another year of life on this earth and prepare for a new one. He knows what is coming in our lives, families, nations, and churches. To Him be the glory!

Since our last prayer letter we made a trip to Scotland to visit some dear missionary friends and to help them a little in their home remodeling. We managed to squeeze in one day to do some sightseeing and what a joy it was! The countryside and the lochs (yes, we saw Loch Ness) are so beautiful. Then in November I (Larry) made a quick trip to Madrid to attend a 24-hour men's prayer meeting. It was an encouragement to spend the time with other men, some missionaries and others national believers and pastors, around God's Word and prayer. At the beginning of December I took Kristina to the Basque region of northern Spain to attend a special retreat for missionary teens. She had a great time there as well as I. Dr. and Mrs. Garlock were there to teach the main sessions, and Miss Anne Dreisbach came to tell her life's story. What a blessing and thrill!

To those who have been praying for a difficult situation in the church here in Rota we say "thank you". While there are still ramifications from all that has happened we rejoice to know that God is still on the throne. We've been through some difficult times in the sixteen years here in Spain but nothing compares to what this year has brought us. But God is always good and His plan is always perfect. We've lost several people so our attendance has dropped as has our offerings. But even though, humanly speaking, the situation is not great, our God is and we trust in Him. Keep praying for the ministry here that God would raise up a strong and stable church for Him and that in His timing He would supply a national pastor.

The family is doing well. All of us here in Spain are well as are Katie and Lisa in the States. They can't come home for Christmas but are going to the home of some friends of theirs to spend the holidays. We miss them but know that they are doing what the Lord wants them to do at this time: preparing to serve Him. Lord willing Katie will be graduating this spring so we'll be going back to the States in May for her graduation. While there we'll visit some churches in Arizona.



Thank you for your faithful financial and prayer support. They are what the Lord uses to make our ministry in Spain possible. We wish all of you a very merry Christmas and a great holiday season in the Lord! May all of us exalt His name through everything we do and say.

Your co-laborers in Christ,
Larry, Kathryn, Katie, Lisa, Kristina and Linda CARLISLE