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# MinistryUpdate

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Us with Roy and Lou Ann Keiser

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### About us

We are the Bonikowskys, missionaries in the Basque Country in Spain. David grew up in Spain as a 3rd-generation missionary kid and was thoroughly involved in his parents' and grandparents' ministries. His father Andy is a church-planting pastor in the Basque Country. Raquel is the daughter of first-generation Christian Spaniards. Her father pastors a Baptist church near Valencia, Spain. We met here in Spain, and were married 4 years after David came to the field as a single missionary. Our daughter Leire was born during the pandemic in June, 2020.

### Replacing the Keisers

I am sending this report to the churches who have supported Roy and Lou Ann Keiser during their many faithful years of service here in Spain. Raquel and I started working with them at Iglesia Bautista Bíblica del Puerto (Seaport Baptist Church) in December, 2017, up until they retired from the mission field in 2020. We are now leading the church plant ourselves full-time. Those of you who have been a part of this ministry in the past will be pleased to hear the Lord is continuing to strengthen believers and grow the church.

### Ministry Goals

Raquel and I are invested in building up our local church to be independent and self-sufficient. Our goal is for the church to have its own local pastor one day. The Lord's timing has very evidently been in effect as, when the pandemic hit, and Spain entered what would be 14 months of lockdown, Raquel and I were available to help Roy and Lou Ann deal with the strict national guidelines for distancing and spread mitigation. I have a slightly better relationship with technology than Roy does, so we were able to quickly adapt to the digital requirements necessary to keep all the believers in fellowship with each other. Throughout the various phases of residential, municipal, or regional confinement, all the believers have been involved in services, whether through phone calls, recordings, group videoconferences, or livestreams. It has been a challenge, but we're confident that good will come of these complicated times as we're now spreading the Gospel to more people than ever through popular social media channels.

### Support level — 50%

Please consider taking us on as missionaries through your church. We pray that some of you will decide to continue investing in the lives of believers and unbelievers here in the Basque Country.

I came to Spain almost 10 years ago as a single missionary needing very little support. Back in 2012 I spent a lot of time doing freelance jobs on the internet to support myself. But now, with a family and pastoring a church full-time it is becoming increasingly difficult to fulfill my various responsibilities. For the past five years, I've worked here in Spain as an English teacher, and Raquel has worked in a local pharmacy. Since Leire was born, we've been alternating our work schedules to care for her.

And now, praise the Lord, we are expecting another child, due Dec 2021! It's no longer going to be feasible for Raquel to continue working at the pharmacy, so I'm trying to increase my English class schedule to compensate. But we are convinced we could be more effective in serving our church and our family if I were able to eliminate or drastically reduce my secular work load.

### Deputation in Autumn, 2021

For this reason, we have decided to make a short trip to the United States to try to raise further support. We plan to be in the USA from August 15th through October 15th. We hope to visit the churches that supported the Keisers in their ministry here, since we are continuation of that ministry. Please pray for us, and consider allowing us to present the ministry to you in person.

### Thank you for your prayers!

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