

Derek and Jane French

Location: **Bilbao, SPAIN**

Mission: **Student ministry**



This bulletin was about to be circulated when news was received that Derek had been admitted to Hospital and to ICU in Bilbao suffering from bilateral pneumonia. While he is receiving excellent care and his condition is stable, he is not out of the risk zone. We are thankful that Jane's sister, Gillian, has been able to fly out to provide support. Please pray for the whole family at such a difficult time.

Pray for the follow-up from the Thanksgiving Meal. Over 100 attended, with more than half being from outside the church. Pray that the truth of the gospel would have penetrated the hearts of those who heard it.

Sunday 14th December: the Bilbao International Church has their annual Carols by Candlelight service. This is a time to reflect on why we celebrate Christmas and an opportunity to present the gospel clearly to those who come along. It brings in a lot of new people. Pray that God would open their hearts and bring them to salvation.

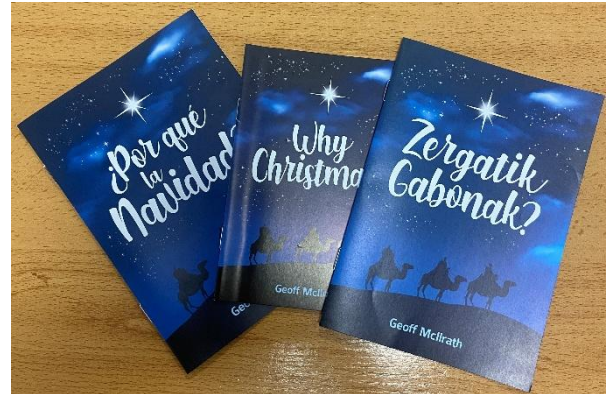
Sunday 28th December: Bilbao International Church and Sarriko Church will have a special "end of year" joint service. Praise God for the opportunity for the two churches to come together for fellowship and encouragement.

Pray for the distribution of the "Why Christmas?" booklets that are available in Spanish, Basque and English. Many people are more open to the message of the gospel around the Christmas season. Pray that through the distribution of these tracts in the Basque Country that God would move in the hearts of the Basque people.



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Friday 5th December to Monday 8th December is the annual GBG conference (this a conference for those who have graduated from university, professionals and people who support GBU). The theme for this year is "The unfinished story: living out God's mission in the world". Paul Williams is leading three sessions with a focus on discipleship and leadership. Pray that God would use him to challenge and encourage those who attend. There will also be three bible expository sessions based on Hebrews 10-12. Pray for those leading these sessions as they prepare and that the teaching will be an encouragement to those attending.

Prayer Points:

- That Derek would know God's healing presence, much grace and strength to come through this very serious illness; for the medical staff seeking to provide the best possible care; for Jane, Gabriela and Luka to be kept in God's peace at such a difficult time.
- The Carols by Candlelight Service at BIC, that many would come along and the gospel would be clearly presented.
- For the distribution and impact of the "Why Christmas?" booklets
- The GBG conference, that those who attend would be challenged and encouraged.