

## Derek and Jane French

Location: **Bilbao, SPAIN**

Mission: **Student ministry**



Ana Runda, the local GBU (university ministry) doulos worker (volunteer) shares the following prayer requests for the GBU group in Bilbao: The student leadership and supporting team are meeting together to prepare for this semester. Pray for them as they plan the studies and also evangelistic events on campus. Pray also that they will be encouraged as they meet together and seek to be a witness in the universities they attend.

It has been encouraging to see a few more new families joining BIC, thanks to the various events from last term. In February BIC will have another Student Welcome Service. Usually there is an intake of international students in October and February, so it is a great opportunity to get new students involved in the life of BIC. Pray for new students to settle in, feel part of the church community and be able to get involved quickly (as many of them come for just a semester).



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**February 2026**

Jane will, God willing, have back surgery mid-February. Pray that this surgery will be successful, so that she won't have to go for follow up surgery 2 weeks later. Continue to pray for Derek's health, he is improving bit by bit after his time in ICU in December. Give thanks for Neil and Jenny who graciously stepped in, especially with regards to Bilbao International Church. Neil and Jenny continue with their language studies and building relationships in their neighbourhood, give thanks for the friendships they have made and the opportunities they have had so far to share with others why they are here.

February 6-7<sup>th</sup> Neil, Derek and Jane will attend the PCI Church Planting Retreat "Come Away" (6<sup>th</sup>) and Conference, "From Seed to Harvest" (7<sup>th</sup>) in Drogheda. This is a great opportunity for learning, sharing and fellowship for those involved in church planting. The keynote speaker is Rev Neil MacMillan, Director of City to City Europe.

### Prayer points:

- The work of GBU and for the leadership team in Bilbao
- Give thanks for new families and students at BIC and pray that they will feel warmly welcomed
- Derek and Jane's health and in particular Jane's surgery mid-February
- Neil and Jenny and family as they build relationships and get involved in their community
- The PCI Church Plant retreat and conference, that it will be a time of refreshment and encouragement