

Derek and Jane French

Location: **Bilbao, SPAIN**

Mission: **Student ministry**



Give thanks for the student welcome service, which was held in February, with a good number of new people coming along. Pray for the follow-up with the new people and in particular the students who are here for just a short time. The students meet up weekly for Bible study on Fridays. Jamie and Annika (who lead the group with Jinoj and Mahija) are heading back to Germany for a few months for maternity leave. Pray for the safe delivery of their second child. Pray for Jinoj and Mahija as they continue to lead and for extra help that is needed, especially during this time. Bilbao International Church would love to have some young people join the team as interns to help with the student work and other areas of need.

The BIC Women's Bible Study has had a change of schedule to attempt to accommodate as many people as possible and it has been very encouraging. They are currently studying 1, 2 and 3 John together and learning about what it means to "Abide" in Christ.



Continue to pray for Neil and Jenny and kids as they try to juggle language study, building relationships, family life and helping out in BIC. They will have been in Bilbao for a year by the end of April, have been such a blessing and help and have settled in well.

Derek is recovering bit by bit from his double pneumonia and time in ICU in December. Pray for his continued recovery. Jane had her back surgery mid-February; the surgeon seems happy with the results so far and they will know better in 6-12 months if the surgery has been completely successful. In the meantime, Jane has to wear a brace to help the recovery process.

Give thanks for the valuable PCI Church Planting Retreat "Come Away" and Conference, "From Seed to Harvest" in Drogheda at the beginning of February. It was a blessing and encouragement to share with others about the joys and challenges of church planting.

Prayer points:

- The student ministry in BIC and the need for more help.
- Give thanks for new families and students at BIC and pray that they will feel warmly welcomed.
- The safe arrival of the Clore's baby
- For the women at BIC that they will grow in faith and joy.
- Derek and Jane's recovery from double pneumonia and back surgery respectively.
- Neil and Jenny and family as they juggle different responsibilities.