

Derek and Jane French

Location: **Bilbao, SPAIN**

Mission: **Student ministry**



Give thanks to God for an encouraging start to the (academic) year. Bilbao International Church are already seeing new students come along and are encouraged by the increasing number of young families that are joining the church. On Sunday 12th October BIC has their Student Welcome Service which always attracts many students both old and new. Pray for the planning of the service and that it will be a time when students will feel welcomed into the BIC family and will be able to grow and serve during, what is for many, their short time in Bilbao.



GBU Bilbao had their opening welcome gathering on Friday 12th September. Give thanks for the good number that attended and pray for Aida, the staff worker who heads up this work and also for Anna who helps out with the work in Bilbao on a local level.

Give thanks for the Bilbao Project Team. Pray especially for Neil, Jenny and Annika as they begin their Spanish classes at the Official Language School. Give thanks that they all managed to get a place on the course they wanted. Pray also for Jaime who is taking some German classes to help him communicate more with Annika's family!



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Pray for them all as they seek to balance language studies, family life and all that serving the Lord in a global context involves.

Pray for Derek and his health issues, as he meets with the traumatologist, pain management doctor and rheumatologist to figure out how to best manage his chronic pain and figure out how to maintain a manageable work rhythm.

There is a continuing need for more help on the team and opportunities for short- and long-term service. Pray that God would move in the hearts of the people right for the team, so that the work can grow and thrive. Give thanks for his provision of the current team members.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the Student Welcome Service, that many would come and the gospel would be clearly presented.
- Pray for the work of GBU in Bilbao and for Aida and Anna.
- Pray for the team as they begin language study. For ease in learning and opportunities to build friendships and share the gospel
- Pray for Derek's health
- Pray for more team members.