

Neil and Jenny Stewart

Location: **Bilbao, SPAIN**

Mission: **Church Planting and Outreach**

Dec 25/Jan 26



November has seen a number of changes in the Basque Country. The weather has changed dramatically; the sun has been replaced with cloud and the rain has come to Spain. Autumn has given way to winter and we are getting a taste of what Bilbao is like over the colder months. We've had to adapt to more time indoors and finding other activities for the kids, but it has been nice to see another side of the city.



Skyview outside our apartment

At the gym, there is a Christmas competition, meal and evening out. It will be a fantastic opportunity to see lots of the people we have made relationships with in a different setting. One lady that Jenny invited has been attending church with us for a few weeks so we are encouraged that people there are open to exploring faith given the chance. Please pray for good opportunities to share the gospel, to deepen relationships, and that we don't drop any weights on our heads!!



Operation Christmas Child Boxes.



Thanksgiving Service, Neil preaching.

At the International church (BIC), we held a North American Thanksgiving with around 90 attending, the vast majority of whom were not Christian. It was a fantastic day where we had great conversations, lots of laughter and mountains of food! Between courses, Neil was able to get up and share the gospel and why Christians have such a reason to be thankful. For many there it would have been strange to hear for the first time, so please pray that God would continue to grow any seeds planted. With Derek back as well we are planning for the new year and hoping to be able to move forward with more clarity regarding both BIC and the church plant.

In December we will be travelling to NI for Christmas and the wedding of a close friend. We are really looking forward to seeing family and celebrating the season with some of you! Please pray for safe travels and that the change in routine isn't too disruptive for the children. As always, we are deeply grateful for all your prayers.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the special events we have been involved in and that God would grow any seeds planted.
- Pray for our time in NI over Christmas and for the kids.
- Pray for planning for the new year; for clarity of purpose, good opportunities and that God would grow His church.