

Neil and Jenny Stewart

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Location: **Bilbao, SPAIN**

Mission: **Church Planting and Outreach**



As Ruling and Teaching Elders from all over Ireland gather for the General Assembly this month, we give thanks for the work of the church. We have our faults and there will always be imperfections in the visible church but there is much to be grateful for as Christ works in and through His church. At times like these we are more acutely aware of the difference in spirituality between Ireland and the Basque Country and we long for a time when there might be as great a gathering here as there is in Belfast. So, praise the Lord for the people He has placed around you even if you disagree with them because that fellowship is a great blessing.



Over the next few months, we will be preparing for the year to come and trying to develop further relationships with key people. This means that Neil will be doing a bit of travelling visiting churches in Almuñéchar, Madrid and potentially partner organisations in Valencia and Barcelona. If you've felt that the trip to Belfast for GA has been tedious, pray for Neil as he flies around Spain and Jenny as she manages the three kids on her own!

In regards to family life we've all been busy at school! Neil has had a language exam and awaits the results. It's not needed for anything official but knowing that we are making progress is important to us and having a really good level of Spanish is crucial for the work here. Jenny has been continuing with her tutor and it's nice to see that time pay off in conversations with people here.



Grace and Jonah have also been hard at work learning the language and have just started with a new Spanish teacher, it's great to see their progress and how it allows them to make friends here. Jonah is still adapting to school but we are grateful that we are able to give him the time he needs to settle in and adapt well. Finally, Zach turned 2 this month and we were blessed to be able to spend some time with our wider family. The Lord has been good to us.

Prayer Points:

- For continued progression in language
- That the trips would be successful and short, and that we would be able to manage family life and travel