

## Derek and Jane French

Location: **Bilbao, SPAIN**

Mission: **Student ministry**



Give thanks to God for bringing lots of new people to Bilbao International Church (BIC). On the first Sunday in September there were 14 new people from many different countries, the majority of them are students who are here for a semester or a year. It was a joy to pray specifically that Sunday for the students and teachers (almost half of the congregation) at the beginning of a new academic year. Pray for their walk with God to be evident and faithful.

Sarah, our new team member continues with her language study and is also overseeing the student ministry in BIC. Language study is intensive and challenging, pray that God will give her strength and hope as she studies and puts her Spanish into practice.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October is the student welcome service. This is a special service geared towards students both national and international. The aim is to give them a warm welcome into the BIC community and to encourage them to use their gifts for the Lord during their student years. It is also a good opportunity for existing students to invite along their friends and introduce them to the BIC student community. Our prayer is to see many of them sign up for the student discipleship group as well so they can grow together in their faith and encouraged one another in what is often a challenging and defining time of life.



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## October 2024

Preparation is also underway for the annual Thanksgiving Meal in November. Pray that God would guide in the planning and that many newcomers would come along as in previous years.

25<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> October: Sarriko church has their annual church retreat in Miranda de Ebro, the speakers are Ester Martínez and Eduardo Bracier and the theme of the weekend is "Community: Unity and mutual care according to Christ". Pray that it will be a time of encouragement, and that people will be challenged in their walk with God.



### Prayer points:

- For the students of BIC as they seek to serve God and be a witness for him.
- For Sarah as she adapts to life in Bilbao, learns the language and works alongside the students.
- For the Sarriko church weekend that people would come prepared and ready to learn and be encouraged.