

Derek and Jane French

Location: **Bilbao, SPAIN**

Mission: **Student ministry**



At the end of April, the Stewart family (Neil, Jenny and 3 kids) arrived to join the team. Derek and Jane and the rest of the team are thrilled to have them here and give thanks to God that they are settling in well so far. The following is a short interview, to get to know them better:

Hi Neil and Jenny tell us a little bit about yourselves:

We grew up together in Belfast, attended Queen's University Belfast together, and were married after graduating. After a few years in England where we worked in education, we felt called to serve overseas. We moved to Chile where we worked for a local church in evangelism and discipleship before returning to NI so that Neil could study for the ministry. We have 3 kids; Grace, Jonah and Zachariah.

How did you end up on the team in Bilbao?

As Neil studied at Union, we became more and more convinced of the need for healthy churches. In Northern Ireland we are so blessed to have a great many churches, however, that isn't the case for large parts of the world. We felt convicted to test a call to go overseas once Neil was ordained, and in conversation with PCI, it was determined that Bilbao would be the best place for us to attempt to plant a church.



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What are some initial challenges and encouragements you have encountered?

It has been so encouraging to be alongside Derek and Jane and their kids. Their experience and heart for the people here has made moving over so much easier. Leaving family has been tough, as has adjusting to a very different schedule, and the milk just doesn't taste the same, but we are so excited to see what God is going to do here!



Prayer Points:

- Please pray for our children as they settle in to a new life and language.
- Pray for our own language studies and our cultural awareness.
- Above all, please pray for those in the Basque Country who do not yet know God, that they would be receptive to the gospel and that we would see a church planted in this place.
- Pray also for the 2 GBU camps (for high school and uni students) taking place between 20-28 July

