



**GLOBAL DISCIPLES**  
*Go Deep Go Wide*  
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Location: **Bilbao, SPAIN**

Mission: **Student ministry**



In March Anna Cumming arrived to join the team for a 4-month internship. What a joy to see students wanting to use their time abroad to serve God.

1. Hi Anna, tell us a little bit about yourself

Hi! I'm Anna – I study German and Spanish at the University of Durham, and I'm currently doing my Year Abroad. When I'm not studying verb tables and stumbling through ordering a coffee in Spanish, you can find me reading, writing and going on walks with friends, talking about anything and everything at a mile a minute!

2. How did you end up on the team in Bilbao and how long are you here for?

My Year Abroad requires me to spend time in Spain, and once I found out that previous students at my university had worked at BIC, it seemed a no-brainer to reach out. I was super keen to spend the time not only improving my Spanish but also serving God with like-minded Christians.



3. What lessons has God been teaching you lately?

Recently God taught me the importance of trusting even when the future feels uncertain. It is so easy, especially when far from home and in a new context, to feel unstable, but the belief that my times are in His hands and that He works all things for my good has sustained me through many of my wobblier moments. Tying into this is the recognition of my need for community; it is hard going somewhere new, and I have been moved by how intentionally other Christians have made me feel welcome and provided needed support. It can be easy to seek to always be self-sufficient... but we are not designed to live life in solitude!

4. Have you any words of encouragement or a challenge?

I really want to encourage anyone reading this to resist the temptation to fear – whether that be because you are facing a new situation, or because the one you are currently in feels hard. As I left Germany for Spain, a dear friend there pointed me to 2 Timothy 1:7 – “for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control”. In uncertain times, remember that you have placed your confidence in Christ, and be emboldened to live a life of love and joy whatever your circumstances.

Prayer points:

- For Neil and Jenny (Global Mission Workers, PCI) and family as they settle into their new home in the Basque Country. We will hear more from them in future bulletins.
- For Anna during her time in Bilbao, for opportunities to share the gospel, serve the Lord and improve her Spanish.