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CHURCH IN IRELAND

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Location: **Bilbao, SPAIN**
Mission: **Church Planting and Outreach**

As different as things can be overseas, some things seem to remain the same. The summer was calm, but with the arrival of September a new year of activities suddenly began! Our initial period in Bilbao has been about settling in, getting all the legal requirements completed, trying to form good relationships with people that we might be working with and making sure the kids make the transition well. Now, with the start of lots of clubs for the kids, language school for the adults, and a new term in church, it feels like we are more into the swing of normal life. We finally got a car sorted as well which has made daily life feel more normal. Thank you for all your prayers on that front!

Ministry wise, Neil has had to shift focus slightly as he has been required to fill in at the International Church (BIC) whilst the Pastor is off sick. Juggling the church, language studies and family life is challenging but has also given great opportunities for preaching and forming discipling relationships again. For Jenny, her focus is now on the kids' education and her own language studies. Grace will be starting a school for two days a week and they will all have more opportunities to make friends with various clubs starting up. Making sure we have sufficient time for everything is an ongoing battle to which we're sure many can relate!

Recently, we've had visits from Neil's parents, Jenny's sister and we even had a flying visit to NI for Neil's sister's wedding. The time with family was a real blessing for us all and the kids were so excited to see their grandparents. Leaving is always difficult, but we are so grateful for our families and for the time we do get to spend with them.

Each experience is a new challenge, and even more await as the year begins, praise the Lord His mercies are new every morning and His grace is sufficient to meet them all!

Prayer Points:

- Pray for Derek's health (Pastor of BIC) and for Neil as he fills in for a short time
- Pray that God would give us better organisational skills to manage all the new activities!
- Pray in thanks for our family visit and that God would bless my sister in her marriage