

Derek and Jane French

Location: **Bilbao, SPAIN**

Mission: **Student ministry**



Derek and Jane are currently taking some time off following recent ear operation and to help with Derek's ongoing neck pain. They hope to be able to resume writing regular bulletins soon.

They also have an existing regular WhatsApp prayer group where we post updates; if you would like to join this WhatsApp group, please get in touch with Beverley Moffett in the Mission Department, email: mission@presbyterianireland.org, giving your name and mobile number, and she will pass these details onto us so we can add you to our WhatsApp prayer group.

The updates from Derek and Jane over the past month are as follows:

20 May 2021

Derek is back preaching this month and we are continuing with a sermon series on the gospel of John.

The new cochlear implant is working well and definitely helps in the church setting with groups of people.

Please pray for: the swelling from an infection, where the implant is, to go down.

Derek and Jane and the members of Bilbao International Church (BIC) said farewell to a treasured BIC member – T from Uganda, he is moving to Germany for two years of post-doctorate study. He has been a huge blessing to the church and will be sorely missed.

Please pray for him as he faces this transition. Pray too for his wife and son who have to stay in Bilbao for a few more

months to finalise paper work before leaving. Give thanks for the blessing of people from all over the world who come through our doors and enrich the BIC church family.

COVID update: The state of alarm ended on 9 May in Spain, lifting a number of the restrictions that have been in place nationwide.

The vaccine rollout is slower than in the UK/Ireland but has picked up a bit of pace in recent weeks. Derek and Jane are still waiting for their inoculations.