

## Derek and Jane French

Location: **Bilbao, SPAIN**

Mission: **Student ministry**



Two of our church members are working on the translation of a Christmas tract, called "Why Christmas?" One into Spanish and the other into Basque. This is an exciting project that we hope to have ready in time for Christmas. One of the translators is getting three of his friends to check his translation, pray that God would work in their hearts as they read over the tract.

### Sunday 17 April

Bilbao International Church (BIC) will have a special Easter Sunday event. The Easter service will be on the beach, with special testimonies from church members and an evangelistic talk, followed by a fellowship meal together. This is good evangelistic opportunity.

We are thankful to God for many of the BIC members who are real evangelists in their sphere of influence. Lately many good contacts and conversations have been happening and there has been a growing interest in spiritual things amongst those they work with and meet on a daily basis. These conversations are happening in various contexts including while shopping in Lidl, after Spanish language classes and in the workplace.

There are many needs in terms of ministry and staff. Pray for extra help in both in the Sarriko (Spanish speaking) church and BIC.

Also, there is a huge need for more staff workers in Grupos Biblicos Unidos (GBU), as quite a number have left over the past couple of years. There are large areas of Spain that do not have a regional full time staff worker, including the Basque Country.

Both the pandemic and Brexit have affected the number of international students coming to Bilbao to study. However now, little by little, we are seeing more students coming to study. Pray that this would continue and that once again we would have the joy of students coming along to BIC, - they are a huge blessing to the life of the church and it is often also a time of spiritual growth for them.



*A recent church service*

### Prayer points

- Pray for the Easter event, that many would come along and hear the wonderful message of the cross and resurrection.
- Pray for GBU, that God would provide more full-time staff workers for the regions that don't have any.
- Pray for daily conversations with friends and contacts about Christ and the hope we have in him.
- Pray for the translation of the Christmas tract into Spanish and English.