

Derek and Jane French

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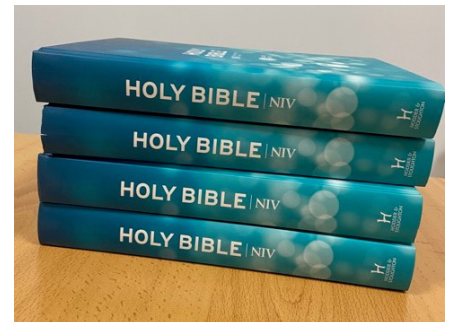
Location: **Bilbao, SPAIN**

Mission: **Student ministry**



after Easter. However, we 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.

Give thanks to God for the growth in Bilbao International Church despite the restrictions that are in place. At present, all church members are able to meet each Sunday as the building is large enough to accommodate the numbers attending within the restrictions in place for church gatherings. During the next months they will be studying the gospel of John and also have various guest speakers coming to share God's Word. Prayer would especially be appreciated for the Bilbao International Church leadership team as they take on more responsibilities during the next few months.



Give thanks also that, due to a generous donation from a student who came along to Bilbao International Church during her Erasmus year, the church has been able to purchase Bibles to be used during the services. This is such a wonderful gift, as it is helpful for those who visit, who are not familiar with the Bible to find the passage quickly with the page number. The church was also able to purchase several gift Bibles to give to people who don't have a Bible of their own.



Photos above show new Bibles and how they have been placed on socially-distanced church chairs.

In November 2019, Derek went for an operation to try to improve the hearing in his right ear, however the operation was unsuccessful and left him completely deaf in that ear. On 18 January 2021, he went for another operation, to insert a Cochlear implant. Currently he has to wait five or six weeks to get the external part attached and after that is the recovery and rehabilitation process.

Due to this, we will be taking some time off, to facilitate this process and to help with Derek's ongoing neck pain. Up until Easter our monthly bulletins will be brief updates. We hope to be able to resume writing regular bulletins

Prayer points

- Pray for Derek as he recovers from his operation and that the implant will be successful.
- Pray for Bilbao International Church and the leadership team as they take on more responsibility.
- Pray for those coming to Bilbao International Church who are seeking, that they would come to faith in Christ.
- Pray for the translation currently in progress for some tracts to be published in Basque.