

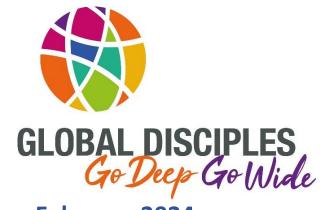
Derek and Jane French

Location: Bilbao, SPAIN
Mission: Student ministry



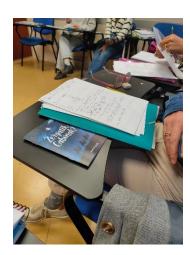
"Why Christmas?" booklet: During December it was exciting to see church members take the "Why Christmas?" booklets to distribute amongst their family, friends and neighbours. One lady in the church distributed the Basque version in her Basque class, with a very positive response. Another Christian couple who were visiting the church on holidays took a pile of booklets to distribute in San Sebastian as they continued on their travels. Praise God that his word is being spread in this way in English, Spanish and Basque!

Student ministry: Bilbao International Church is thankful to God for the many international students that have been joining our community this academic year. In January, 3 of BIC's faithful students time with the church came to an end as they moved on to their next stage of studies. It was a joy to pray for these young people (A from Zimbabwe moving on to Hungary, S from India moving on to France and M from Germany moving on to Denmark) and to experience so visually, the command of "Go into all the world and preach the gospel..." as the church prayed for God to lead them and use them for his glory in their new sphere of influence. Continue to pray for the ministry amongst the students in BIC.



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Pray for both **BIC** and Sarriko leadership as they make important decisions concerning the life of the church, pray for wisdom, grace, guidance and clarity and that the decisions would further help to extend God's kingdom in Bilbao. Derek and Jane have been praying for a team for many years and God is moving in the hearts of various people in answer to this request. Praise God for how things are moving forward and pray that he will bring the right people at the right time to join the team.



Pray:

- That many would take the time to read the "Why Christmas?" booklet and that seeds would be planted and people would come to faith.
- For the BIC international students that God would strengthen them and help them grow in their faith and share the gospel as they study abroad.
- For the Leadership in BIC and Sarriko and that God would provide the right people for the team in both churches.

