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Location: **Bilbao, SPAIN**

Mission: **Student ministry**



for a renewed enthusiasm for meeting together to study God's Word and have fellowship.

Derek continues to have infections where he was operated on his ear, and he will likely have another operation to try and resolve the issue of infections.

Pray for Bilbao International Church (BIC) and Sarriko Spanish speaking Church as they enter another season of adjustment in the life of the church since the pandemic. Slowly and prayerfully, both churches are seeking to introduce gatherings and events that are permitted within the local guidelines.

The BIC Women's Bible Study will resume in October and will be able to meet in person after a lengthy season of Bible studies on Zoom. They will be covering the topic of discipleship this year.

During the month of October BIC will be having a day retreat outdoors. This will be a time of fellowship, prayer and teaching.

Christianity Explored will also resume after a break over the summer. There is always demand for this course and those who attend really benefit from it.

The Sarriko church youth group has also resumed. Pray for David as he leads the group and for the young people. It has been a difficult 18 months for the young people in terms of fellowship, teaching and not being able to be together in person for a large part of that time. They had their first meeting on 18 September, looking at the topic of "More than just morals".

GBU (student ministry): students have returned to university. Currently many universities are deciding whether or not to switch fully to in-person lectures. Over the past 18 months classes have been online or a mix of online and in-person. Pray for all the GBU groups as they also make changes as to how their groups gather. Pray



Prayer points

- Give thanks to God that the church is able to resume many of the much-needed gatherings for the community and the church.
- Pray for the BIC women as they meet to study God's Word together and grow in faith and fellowship.
- Pray for the Christianity Explored course, that it would ground Christians in their faith and that many non-Christians would attend as well.
- Pray for the students returning to university, that God gives them a desire to meet in-person for teaching and fellowship and that they would be a witness amongst their fellow students.