

## Derek and Jane French

Location: **Bilbao, SPAIN**

Mission: **Student ministry**



**2 to 3 March:** Both Bilbao International Church (BIC) and Sarriko (local Spanish church) are having leadership team meetings to pray and plan for Easter services and events. Pray for wisdom in the decision-making and planning, and give thanks for more freedom this year (less Covid-19 restrictions) to organise more events.

**25 to 27 March:** Derek will be attending the GBU (Student Ministry) General Assembly Weekend on the outskirts of Madrid, as part of the GBU Advisory Committee. Miguel Torralba will be doing the expository Bible sessions and a large proportion of the weekend will be prayer, planning and administrative tasks.

Both Sarriko (the local Spanish church) and BIC (the international church) are several weeks into a new Christianity Explored Course. Derek, Jane, Eduardo and Anna are encouraged by the enthusiasm for the course, and it is their desire that people become grounded in their faith and that others will come to faith through the course.

Give thanks to God for the two regular Bible studies with the men and women in BIC. Both groups are encouraging in terms of spiritual growth and are also growing in numbers. The in-person fellowship has been renewed (after another spell of online studies) and is deeply valued by all. The women are working their way through studies from Discipleship Essentials and the men are going through a course focusing on discipleship and doctrine with the view of raising up potential leaders.

Over the past number of years, GBU in northern Spain has not had a permanent full-time staff worker. This has obviously had a knock-on effect in terms of the work



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developing and growing. Pray that God would provide a worker (or maybe several) for this large area which includes several key cities and universities.



### Prayer points

- Pray for the planning for Easter Services and for the opportunities that these special events and services will bring.
- Pray for the two Christianity Explored courses, that people would be strengthened in their faith and that others would come to know Christ personally.
- Pray for the GBU General Assembly, for wisdom and clarity in decision making and for good fellowship and teaching.
- Pray for a full time GBU staff worker/s for northern Spain.