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Location: **Bilbao, SPAIN**

Mission: **Student ministry**



Friday 3 to Monday 6 December

A GBG Conference, which is a conference for graduates, professionals, and supporters of GBU (similar to Christian Unions, under IFES umbrella), is due to take place in Cullera, Valencia. The conference aims to challenge, teach, and support Christian professionals as they seek to serve God in the workplace.

The theme of the conference this year is "Everything changes but the Gospel remains". The speakers are Ruth Walker who is the Ambassador Transforming Work at the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity based in the UK, and José de Segovia a pastor in a church in Madrid. Ruth will be giving talks on how to transform your work, by knowing who you are before God, recognising God in your work and living out your faith in the workplace. José will be giving talks based on the book of Esther.

Sunday 12 December

Bilbao International Church will have their annual Christmas Service, to fit in with the series of special services during advent. This will be a family service with many church members taking part and also an opportunity to invite along friends and family.

Saturday 18 December

Bilbao International Church (BIC) hope to have their Christmas meal, the format will be slightly different this year due to ongoing restrictions. This is normally a special meal for those who are far from home and family during the Christmas season.

Pray for the BIC and Sarriko Sunday School which are small in number, but big in enthusiasm. The Spanish speaking

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Sunday school are learning about the life of Jesus, the BIC children are learning about God's rescue mission in Exodus and the younger children are learning about God the Creator. We are also thankful for new Sunday school members.



Prayer points

- Pray for the Sunday school children that their faith would be personal and vibrant, and they would grow to learn more about Christ and his relevance in their lives.
- Pray for the GBG conference that after a break of two years (due to Covid-19), it would be a time of real encouragement and fellowship for all who attend. Pray that people would be strengthened in their faith and encouraged to share and live out their faith in the workplace.
- Pray for the special events over Christmas, as the church seeks to be a witness and to share the good news of Jesus birth.