Presbyterian
CHURCH IN IRELAND

# Derek & Jane FRENCH

## SPAIN

**Location:** Bilbao

**Mission:** Student Ministry

**Local Work**
We are thankful for the encouraging start to the academic year with our mini-camp which took place over the weekend of 20 to 22 October. We had 15 students attend and they were all very encouraged as they learned about the Reformation and its relevance for today. It is also a good opportunity for the students to connect at the beginning of the year and spur each other on in their walk with God.

**National Work**
The Doulos conference will take place from 10 to 12 November. This is a conference for those who volunteer with Grupos Bíblicos Unidos (GBU) throughout the year. The aim is to provide them with resources and teaching so that they are equipped to work with the Christians students, encouraging them to be courageous in their witness.

Derek will be at the national workers retreat in November. Pray as they look at the work of GBU, have planning sessions, etc. This is currently a time of transition for the leadership of GBU. As mentioned before, Francisco Mira, the General Secretary is stepping down to move into a different sphere of ministry. The new General Secretary will be Joaquin Hernandez.

**Church Life**
Continue to pray for Derek as he preaches at Bilbao International Church and for Jane as she teaches the Sunday School. It has been encouraging to see both spiritual and numerical growth and to experience the warm sense of community within the church.

## Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the mini-camp and pray for the students as they take a stand for Christ in their university.
- Give thanks for the Doulos workers who give their time and talents to GBU. Pray that GBU will support and equip them well for the task.
- Pray for the national workers as they plan ahead and also pray for those who have not got full financial support.
- Pray for Francisco as he hands over his responsibilities and shows Joaquin the ropes, and pray that God will bless him in his new area of service. Pray too for Joaquin and his family as he takes up this new responsibility as General Secretary. Pray that God will give him wisdom as he leads and looks to the future.
- Give thanks for Bilbao International Church and for the many opportunities to reach out into the community.