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I would like to say a big, "Thank You" to all of you who prayed for the event here on 11th May. We had 12 to 14 people from the local Catholic parish attend our seminar on, "What is the Church?" which was more than I had expected. During the two-hour event there were presentations and a number of questions from those attending. The feedback has been positive, despite a few hiccups with my Spanish, (which PowerPoint helped resolve), and the opportunity to raise both our profile as a congregation and the Reformed perspective, in a clear but non-threatening way. I now need to think about how to continue to build this bridge over the coming months. A few more details are available on our Facebook page (Torre del Mar Presbyterian Church).

During May, I also had Rev Ken Nelson spend a couple of days with us. It was quite encouraging and resulted in time for reflection over what is being achieved here in Torre. Bridge building into the Spanish community has begun and although opportunities for cold-contact evangelism also exist, with a congregation that is young in faith and confidence, making the most of these are challenging. While we did have the opportunity to speak to a few people about faith matters, it was, however, a sobering thought to realise that even though the town has an "evangelical witness," the only "evangelistic witness" that you will encounter on the streets, are Jehovah's Witnesses.



I have re-established my weekly encounter with a young couple from neighbouring Velez, and through casual, but directed, conversation and well-placed questions, have touched on issues relating to the Kingdom of God and how to enter it. In the meantime, the challenge of how to bring the news of Jesus to residents and tourists alike remains a challenge.

Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the seminar on 11th May and for those who interacted with what was presented. Pray for wisdom as to how to build on this event.
- Pray that we may have the resources (manpower and finance) and wisdom in developing an overt evangelistic witness within the town and see the opportunities for this.
- Ask the Lord, that in His grace, He will build and establish the congregation in Torre to be a strong worshipping and witnessing faith community, open to all.

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