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The summer has been a time of heat, humidity, and clarifying boundaries. I had hoped to engage in some cold contact street evangelism over the summer, but the local council confirmed the possibility of a fine if I followed that route. A few other attempts at direct outreach also met with clarification of some restrictions, and I have had to reflect on how I can vary my approach, and stay legal. One such option is to move our activities beyond Torre and more towards Malaga.

Nevertheless, in Torre there are some things that have continued. My conversations with two local Jehovah's Witnesses have come to a point where we all recognise our different theological frameworks, and what that would mean to abandon them, yet we keep talking which is positive.

I hope to build my contact with two people in nearby C mpeta and have heard from another two people who will be returning in early September and the chance for engagement with them will hopefully open.

Looking ahead to the autumn, I am thinking about running an abbreviated Alpha course from mid-October (resources permitting). I need to work out the practicalities, then confirm and publicise the event in the local press by mid-September.

Geared more for the congregation (and others), there will also be a six session 'Introduction to the Bible', as



well as a four-part overview of Hebrews to help people engage with Scripture. Planning is in progress.

Alongside all of this, the normal Sunday services will continue and I hope that we can feed into a local Spanish Bible study as time permits.

So, the autumn holds opportunity for engagement, but there is a need to plan carefully and to listen to the Lord's direction. Resources (human and financial) are limited and, as I tentatively think about an emphasis outside of Torre, I need to be sure I can sustain what has been started.

Prayer Points

- Pray for the planning and time-tabling of the autumn's activities and the balance of outreach and discipleship.
- Pray for wisdom as I reflect on options outside Torre.
- Pray for discernment and clarity in ongoing conversations with those who need to know Jesus.
- Pray for the provision of additional human resources and the ability to sustain our activities.

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