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Location: Torre del Mar

Mission: Pastoral Ministry & Outreach

February was a month which saw a number of visitors who came through the doors of Legends and the beginning of conversations which may impact on the congregation as it develops for the future. A missionary working for SERGE visited with his family and in the conversation that followed we have begun to look at the possibility of a local link up, but that is a process which is, at this point, undetermined.

We also had a visit from an American couple who were visiting Malaga and planning to plant a café church as part of a university outreach in Colorado. They found our website and came to see how we operated and look for ideas as well as some of the issues we encountered.

I also had the chance to speak with a woman who called into the bar and was watching what we were doing. She participated in New Age spirituality and as we talked, it became clear that she had had some spiritual encounters, but had yet to meet Jesus. She accepted one of the 'Why Jesus?' booklets which are displayed on the bar and it is possible that she may return over the coming weeks and we might have the chance to continue the conversation.

In the meantime, we have slowly started the process of change to adapt the congregation for the future. The mid-week 'Renovare Spiritual Formation' course continues, and those participating are feeding back the benefits of exploring some of the issues of spirituality



which has been encouraging. I am also looking to increase the level of congregational participation on Sunday mornings and encourage those attending to both lead and close our time together to build their confidence as they step into roles they are otherwise unfamiliar with. It is the beginning of a journey, but one in which I am confident they will experience God in different ways and find him, as always, faithful and true.

Prayer Points

- Pray that the congregation will embrace taking on new roles and responsibilities and see it as an adventure in faith and trust, and not yield to fear or embarrassment.
- Pray for opportunities to speak with others who may come into the bar on Sundays and remain watching and curious.
- Pray for a sense of God's presence with us as we openly worship and study, and for the building up of the spiritual lives of the members of the congregation.