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Location: Torre del Mar

Mission: Pastoral Ministry & Outreach

I write this as my final report from Torre del Mar and at a time when life feels somewhat fractured and the parting of the ways is looming large. It is not ending the way I had hoped, or had wanted, but events have taken their course and we are where we are... for better or worse.

What I had hoped would be in place at the end, to facilitate a smooth transition is not there - the difficulties of building at short notice - yet we are further than where we were in January, but the journey is unfinished. Resources are in place to help and I have been encouraging the core group not to be afraid of new things, and not to look at events in terms of success/failure, but in terms of knowing and experiencing (what works and what doesn't!) In the meantime, we keep moving and seek to add to our faith the things we need to practice (2 Peter 1:5-10) regardless of our context.

The summer dip, in which we are now in, makes change easier, but it also places greater emphasis on the core to think and plan for the future. Some current pastoral issues are making that a challenge, but I hope to meet with everyone over the next few weeks to help establish a framework to facilitate easier planning.

In the meantime, I also have to live with the tension of continuing up to the end at Torre whilst simultaneously pursuing employment and accommodation in Belfast.



Seeking to function in two places at the same time, alongside the emotional rollercoaster that comes with leaving, are challenges that I'm still learning to negotiate...

Finally, and most importantly, a word of thanks to you all for your prayers and support over my time in Torre, it has been much appreciated, if not always stated, and especially in the darker times, a source of strength and encouragement.

El Señor te bendiga y te guarde; el Señor te mire con agrado[a] y te extienda su amor; el Señor te muestre su favor y te conceda la paz." (Num 6:24-26)

Prayer Points

- Pray for the unity and strengthening of the core group in Torre, and an openness to the Lord's leading for the future.
- Pray for a sense of the Lord's presence in all that will pass up to (and beyond) the end of June.
- Pray for the purchase of suitable accommodation as I return to Belfast.