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Hi folks, this month we've seen some fine events in Sol but first we'll be having some fun with apologetics.

Intelligent Design

As many of you know, I've always enjoyed a good logical argument in favour of Christianity and few are more interesting than the Creation-Evolution debate. Wimlan and Mamen, the new pastors from the church in Valencia, invited me to speak on the subject at the beginning of this month both in Valencia and Xativa, the nearby town where they live. Of course, I gladly accepted, thinking that it would be like previous low profile talks that I had given. However, the Valencians had other ideas and printed several hundred posters and flyers to publicise the event! On Saturday evening I spoke in Xativa and didn't think too much about the lowish turnout until Wilman told me that most of the people that turned up were not members of his church! An academic that attended said that he enjoyed the talk and an older guy, whose wife is a Christian,

was clearly impacted. On Sunday, after a good mixed grill, we headed out to Valencia for the second talk. We were pleased to see that the venue was full and several people had come especially to hear the talk. Apart from a chemist that asked a difficult question, everything went fine and a lot of people were encouraged. Hopefully this will be one of several apologetic themed talks that I will be giving in Valencia so watch this space!

Mobbed!

It's good to get out of the routine sometimes and in Sol (the central square in Madrid) there's always something different going on. Apart from the constant protesting, a couple of Saturdays ago a team of 30 evangelists from Argentina came to help us with the street preaching. This certainly made things a lot easier that week! The previous Saturday there was a group of mainly evangelical Christians that organised a rally and flash mob against sexual exploitation of women, that is still sadly quite commonplace in Spain. It may not have been as well attended as the animal rights protest a few weeks earlier but it helped to raise the profile of a serious social problem.

Prayer Points

- ✓ That the Valencia talks may serve to encourage both Christians and non-Christians to put their faith in God.
- ✓ For an end to the sexual exploitation of women in Spain.

I'll be back with more next month.

God bless, Sam 😊



One of the posters publicising the Valencia talk.