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An Interview By The Rev. Cn. Dina van Klaveren

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He considers his music – whether in a church or out in public areas –to be an offering from his soul. Having known the love of God deeply, Noah offers an embodied gift of that love to anyone who longs to hear it. Noah's musical offerings offer hope to others, and he especially enjoys when passers-by pause to listen and be fed by the sound. From time to time, someone will want to connect about the music or perhaps engage in theological conversation. While he enjoys connecting with listeners in conversation, Noah notices that the wordless and transcendent power of music grows hope in places where words might frustrate us. For one example, the healing power of God dances throughout the crowd as Noah plays the Taize tune that, even without words, reminds Noah that "nada te turbe, nada te espante quien a Dios tiene, nada le falta..."



Questions for Reflection:

What tune draws you into an experience of healing and hope?

What does your soul tell out to those who gather near to you to listen?



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