

Dear Supporter,

I really can't believe its four months since I last sent you one of these letters. I feel like so much has gone on, and yet most of it feels like yesterday! My last letter reached you just before I flew up north to take part in the 24-7 Edinburgh Mission Team, right at the



*Edinburgh Team*

centre of the Fringe Festival. Our time there was incredible. We teamed up with some friends of mine from Portland, Oregon, in the States, and the YWAM base in Edinburgh who have been working at the festival for a number of years now. There was a fantastic spirit of unity between the different teams, and as we worked together, we had a strong sense that God was with us in everything we were doing. We ran a 24-7 prayer week in a room in the Salvation Army Church on the Pleasance, right near one of the larger Fringe venues, and to feel the wonderful presence of God in a place of 24hr prayer again, was awesome. I had a real sense of God placing me in the right place at the right time. There was the time I asked a guy if he would like me to pray for his back pain just before we went in to watch a show. He refused, and later that evening was within earshot on my train carriage when I was on my way to my lodgings, on which I ended up sharing the gospel with a group of women while half the rest of the carriage, including him, listened. There was the time when we felt God was calling us to seek out the odd one or two people in who's lives He'd recently been working, in the crowds during Fringe Sunday, down on The Meadows. This resulted in a couple of us talking with a young guy who had two weeks before bought a bible, curious and searching for meaning to his life. And there are so many more stories. Jesus was indeed going before us in all we were doing. It was a great time, and although we didn't see anyone become a Christian while we were there, we



*Edinburgh Prayer Room*

knew that God had used us to sow seeds in that city. Thank you so much for praying for us.

Not long after returning I was travelling again, this time to Spain. I flew first to Seville, where friends Jonah and Heather Bailey were preparing for the annual 24-7 Roundtable, a gathering of people closely linked with the work of 24-7 around the globe. As well as the preparations, we managed to steal a little time for some good tapas, and to visit the most incredible Choclatier I have ever seen. The place has been known to draw a tear of joy from one of my chocoholic friends!

From Seville, we drove north and then east, journeying through the centre of the country past colourful soils and rocks to the city of Barcelona, where the Roundtable was to be held. The Roundtable is the movement's strategic gathering, where we discuss all of the major decisions that need to be made over the following year, and amongst other things we held discussions on encouraging female leadership within 24-7, training for those who have committed significant time to leadership roles in the movement, and our vision and values. In addition to all this, we managed to spend some time catching up with all our friends from around the globe – although we communicate by email, its great to see friends from the Americas, Europe and Australasia in the flesh! If you'd like to know more, you can read the report from the conference here:

[www.24-7prayer.com/roundtable/roundtablereport20041.pdf](http://www.24-7prayer.com/roundtable/roundtablereport20041.pdf)

Closer to home, I mentioned that I might be receiving a car on loan from friends working abroad for a year, and this has indeed happened. It's a great blessing to be able to drive, particularly to the 24-7 office in Chichester, as doing so cuts my journey time in half. The other major piece of local news is that the Reading Boiler Room Team are close to finalising the lease of another building, just north of the river in Caversham. Although the team have been meeting regularly to pray and to try and live out the Boiler Rooms

six values without a building, it will be great to be able to have a more permanent base for prayer, and the action that we feel called to out of that prayer. I'm even looking forward to one of those 3am – 5am nighttime prayer shifts! Boiler Rooms are starting to go a bit crazy in the UK particularly, and we've got new teams running them in Brighton and Walthamstow, as well as the team in Staines who recently held their first birthday event. A key development is the imminent establishment of the City Boiler Room, right in the heart of London, in the basement of a building owned by MLS, the company that currently provides us with our UK Base Office near St Pauls. The UK office will move into the City Boiler Room when it opens, and this could result in a new model of national office and Boiler Room combined in the same location, that could be replicated in the movement internationally. Excitingly, the new location is right in the heart of the area used by Wesley at the start of the Methodist movement, on Tabernacle Street.



*Enjoying the local delicacies in Barcelona*

My role as operations manager has been busy too, managing lots of role changes, and additional tasks to pick up. I'm just starting to feel that the work we do in the office in Chichester is more under control, so thanks for your prayers for that side of my responsibilities. We've been planning our big missions festival next year, and I'm responsible for Programme Managing that, bringing together all of the different streams that are required to make sure the event runs smoothly.

In my last letter, I mentioned a request for you to think about whether or not you could commit to pray for my work on a particular day of the week. Thank you if you're one of the people who agreed to do that! There are still a few days that aren't yet covered, so please let me know if you could help me out in that way.

Another piece of great news is in the area of finances. With one off gifts and regular commitments, if the regular amounts continue at their current level, I will have covered the £500 per month that 24-7 asks me to raise towards my salary, until the end of our financial year in March. Regular monthly gifts stand at about £330 including gift aid reclaims, so I'll look to try to raise that amount slightly in the New Year. 24-7's finances generally are not so healthy however, and we are currently receiving quite a lot less per month than we had originally budgeted. I know that all of us at 24-7 would really value your prayers that the situation would improve. We don't have any sense that God is calling us not to continue to do all that He's initiated through the movement, and so it really is a case of praying in faith that he would provide!

And so to some prayer requests. Please could you give thanks:

- For an amazing time in Edinburgh.
- That my personal support finances are looking good up until April.
- That things are more under control in the Chichester office!

Please pray:

- That 24-7's financial position would improve (we run a global movement on less money than a medium sized church!)
- For my continued effectiveness in helping the 24-7 office to run better.
- That I would do a good job in helping the stream leaders of the Transmission festival to plan and implement the items under their responsibility.

As well as this newsletter, I'm soon to enter into the world of 'blogging'. This essentially means that there will be other updates about what's going on in my life, including more regular news about what I'm up to at 24-7, here: [www.curve.org.uk/blog](http://www.curve.org.uk/blog).

Finally, its just left for me to wish you a Happy Christmas and a very blessed New Year! As always, many thanks for your interest, and your prayers,

God bless,