

Dear Supporter,

Another busy quarter passes by, and I'm trying to think whether it's been the busiest yet, or whether my time at 24-7 is always completely manic! I can certainly say that, in 3 months of quite challenging times, we've seen many incredible things going on in the movement.

Early in the New Year I trekked up to Ipswich to do a talk on 24-7 as part of a Share Jesus International tour. We've been partnering with the guys at SJI for several months now, and they're involved the mission festival we're running in the summer, called Transmission. More on that later. It was great to get out on the road and connect with people who didn't know the 24-7 story, and to share what God is doing in people's lives, through what we're helping to make happen. It was good for me to be reminded of everything that is going on too, as its often easy to lose sight of the amazing things that are going on when you're in the midst of the everyday tasks involved in running 24-7.

Shortly after this, we had some fantastic news in Reading as we signed the lease for the new Boiler Room here. After nearly a year without a building, it was great to be getting on with making the place ready to welcome prayers, visitors and pilgrims.



RBR Launch Event

Over the Easter weekend we had our launch event, and around 100 people

came to celebrate with us at Caversham Baptist Church. Lorraine Joslin, one of the team here in Reading, shared on redemption; for ourselves, for the Boiler Room, for Reading. Many felt the Spirit speaking to them, and some very resonant words and pictures were shared. As the team left the building to kick off our first week of 24-7 prayer, being prayed over by all those who had come to share in the launch celebration, it was good to know that we were continuing along the path that God is revealing to us through the Reading Boiler Room. I joked last time about looking forward to one of the 3am - 5am slots on the prayer week, and I didn't realise quite how prophetic I was being. I did indeed find myself in the prayer room for those precise hours one night, and Jesus again surprised me



Prayer Room Art

with quite how intimate that time of the night can be in prayer with Him. The other piece of good news relating to Boiler Rooms is that our new City of London Boiler Room is nearing completion, and should be ready in the next month or so for us to take occupancy. The launch will happen as soon as our new abbess, Jude Smith, builds a team to help her run our newest location, right in the heart of the capital, on the site of John Wesley's Foundry Church.

The end of February saw 24-7's fifth birthday. Around 650 of us gathered to share stories and to encourage each other with what is happening around the globe through 24-7. We heard of miracle babies, healings, people giving their lives to Jesus in



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prayer rooms and through the work of 24-7 mission teams, as well as places around the globe where there seems to be a stirring amongst the churches as 24-7 prayer rooms start to spread like wildfire. We're still trying to run to keep up with what God is doing through this movement!

In early March we had another one of our planning meetings for Transmission, our first festival focussing on mobility and world mission. We're going to be running the festival at The Oval, YWAM's base in Harpenden, and we're starting to get into the detail of speakers and a programme, as well as all the logistics involved in running an event with 500+ delegates all camping on site! The programme already looks exciting, and although I'm apprehensive about the amount of organisation we've still got to do, I'm really looking forward to it. This year sees a subtle shift in emphasis for 24-7 that's been happening behind the scenes for a while. We see ourselves moving from being primarily a prayer movement, to becoming a missions and justice movement that prays a lot. If you'd like to find out more, visit www.festival4mission.com.

I asked for prayer last time for the financial situation at 24-7, as things were looking a little tight! Well, the good news is that God answered our prayers, and we received two significant donations towards the end of the year that have resulted in us being able to continue without having to make any drastic cuts.

So thank you for your prayers! Please join me in thanking Jesus for His provision. For this next season, please could you pray:

- For Transmission, that God would be speaking to those who would benefit from being there, and for us, that we would organise the logistics for the festival diligently and effectively
- For personal clarity for me as to whether or not I should go on a mission team this summer, and if so, to where
- That 24-7's financial situation would remain healthy, and that God would enable us to meet our budget for the next financial year
- For the Boiler Rooms here in Reading and the City, that as they are being set up, the leaders would be able to draw teams together to help run them, and that God would be speaking specifically to each one about how to reach out to their communities and to welcome people in

Although March has been a little quiet on the 'Blogging' front, I'm still trying to post updates to www.curve.org.uk/blog whenever I can. This is the best way to catch up with what I'm up to between newsletters.

Thank you so much for your prayers, and your support.

God bless,