

Dear supporter,

Welcome to my tenth newsletter! As I was musing upon what to write for this edition, I was struck by how much we need to be thankful. In all life's struggles, it's so easy to get distracted by all the problems confronting us, and to miss the many things that we have to be thankful for. And so, this bit has been moved to the start this month!

Thank you so much for your prayers about 24-7 Prayer's funds. The great news is that over the last six months, our financial situation has greatly improved. We are quite a long way from the worries I had a few months ago about being able to pay people, which is such a blessing. We are certainly not rich, but the Lord has provided in our time of need. The next thing financially is for us to get more strategic in the way we raise and spend money, but, as in all things, we need to take one step at a time!

*In everything, by prayer and
petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.
Philippians 4:6*

Our Round Table international gathering in Spain this October was also fantastic. In the seven years we've been running these events, this one has to rate as one of the best, if not *the* best. I always enjoy catching up with friends from around the globe, but this year was particularly special, as we gathered to celebrate what God has done through the movement with a sumptuous tapas feast, in a mansion in Seville. The evening was interspersed with celebratory readings from the Psalms, and many of us took the chance to shake our tail feathers to



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the flamenco band that provided a real party feel to the event! On the work front there was a lot to be thankful for too, one particular high point being a group session where all the leaders within the movement shared very honestly about what was working for them and what wasn't. It's rare to get that level of honesty in a work environment, whether it's a Christian one or not, and I thank God for it!

After my request for prayer for my trip to the States in August, I also have a lot to be thankful for in life outside of the day job (if it can be called that!). Some friends very generously helped out with the cost of the trip, and I was able to be in Portland for a full month. At the beginning of the month I was able to attend the wedding of friends Shawn and Laura, and towards the end of the month, I had the privilege of being able to help out with the 7 year celebration and re-launch of the Living Stones ministry. I've been involved with these friends since they visited the Reading Boiler Room in 2001, and it's great to see them starting the next phase of their adventure with Jesus. In between these two events, Shirley and I had the opportunity to spend a week and a half 'road-tripping' around Oregon and Washington states. Crater Lake in the south of Oregon had to be my most memorable time, and as you can see from the picture at the end of the newsletter, it was absolutely stunning.

So, back to 24-7. Our UK leadership team is now about a year old, and we're really starting to see the team work well together. All of this hasn't been easy at times; we've struggled with health issues and other challenges that have distracted us from being fully effective in what we're doing. However, we're about to launch into the latest exciting season for 24-7 UK, as we hit the road for the 24-7 UK 2008 Tour of Great Britain! Throughout January and February we're going to be visiting Guildford, Southampton, Nottingham, Torbay, Aberystwyth, Colchester, London, Liverpool, Gateshead, Edinburgh, Bristol and Sheffield. Phew! We've taken the deliberate decision not to visit these places because of any strategy to gather people in places we think are important, but rather to get alongside and encourage the people who we've seen God raise up around the nation, who have a real heart for 24-7 Prayer. I'm joining the Nottingham, Gateshead, Edinburgh and

Bristol legs of the tour, and I'm looking forward to seeing what God is doing around the land!

Over the next month I also have a particularly busy time as I try to get our annual accounts approved by the auditors and submitted to the Charity Commission and Companies House. The last couple of years have been right to the wire, and I don't see that this year is going to be any different at the moment. Due to changes in the audit requirements for small to medium sized charities like ourselves, the whole process is quite a challenge, as we rush to make sure that auditor has all the information required. I also need to get our latest newsletter out to all our supporters and prayer rooms, as well as running our annual appeal. All of these tasks are large jobs, and so I'll definitely need my wits about me to ensure everything gets done at the appropriate time.

This month, for those of you for whom I have a postal address, I've included a copy of our latest newsletter. I hope you like it! Stephanie Heald, who has edited and project managed the first edition, has done a fantastic job, and we're hoping to maintain a quarterly newsletter cycle. If you didn't get a copy this time, please let me have your address so that I can send you this kind of thing another time.

The final thing I want to mention this month is our need for people to help serve the movement. We desperately need a fundraiser, and I need to recruit someone into this role fairly sharpish! Whilst this is the role that is directly affecting me right now, right across 24-7 we're struggling to resource the things we feel called to do. Many people see



Crater Lake, Oregon, USA

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24-7 Prayer as an essential part of their lives, but not their primary calling in terms of their ministry. This desperately needs to change if we are to see what God is doing through the movement grow and flourish.

And that's about it for this edition! Please would you join me in thanking God for:

- A more sustainable financial footing for the movement.
- Friendships and working relationships renewed at our international gathering.
- A wonderful time in the US.

Please could you also pray for:

- A hugely successful UK tour, with communities of 24-7'ers blessed, and great excitement for people as they are encouraged to meet with Jesus in prayer, mission, and acts of mercy. Please also pray for safety for the team as they track across the nation.
- The right person to either come forward or be found, to help the movement in the area of fundraising and supporter care.
- A relatively stress free audit process with our accounts.
- Energy and joy for me - I'm aware that I need to keep looking to Jesus for peace and support as the months ahead get really busy. Please also pray that I can be a blessing to the people I work with!

I'm conscious that in all I do for 24-7, you are a most essential part of my being able to do it effectively. Thank you *so much* for your support. Have a wonderful Christmas time, and a very happy New Year.

The joy of the Lord is our strength...

Love and God bless,

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