

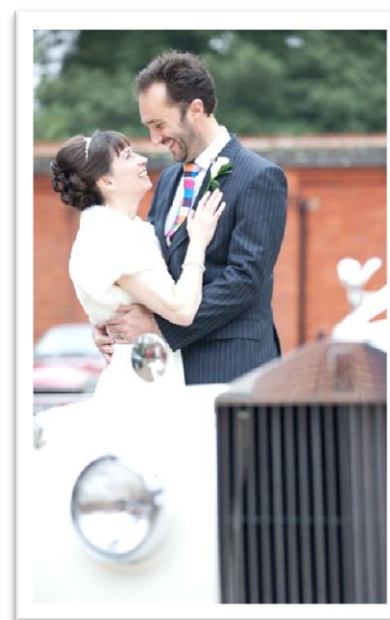
Dear supporter,

So much has happened since last year's letter that it's difficult to know where to begin. One thing is definitely the same though – snow! It was minus 19 in the Midlands last night, so who knows when this letter will reach you?! Whenever you do receive it, I hope you are having a wonderful advent season celebrating the birth of Jesus the Christ child.

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Another thing that certainly hasn't changed is God's focus on 24-7 Prayer and the things he wants us to get up to for Him! Last year I mentioned the initial steps we were taking with our Prayer Spaces in Schools initiative. From a small seed, a vibrant and active ministry has sprung up during 2010. It's very easy to be encouraged by just browsing through some of the amazing stories on www.prayerspacesinschools.com, as time and again young people meet with God in ways they were not expecting, and have had no prior experience of. A quick glance at the website reveals quotes such as “I've had a chance to just sit and talk to God which honestly felt amazing,” and “please forgive me for trying to kill myself”. There's no doubt that in our secularised modern culture young people are thirsting for authentic spirituality. Let's pray they meet with the saviour of the world!

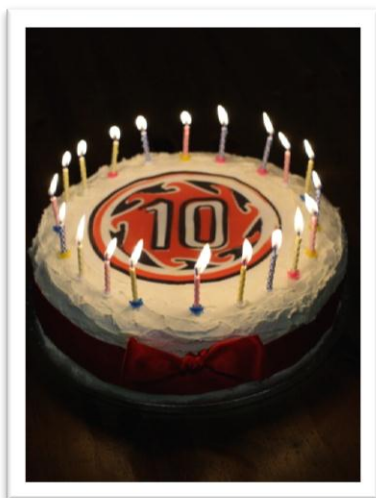
The biggest and most wonderful change this year has been my blossoming relationship and subsequent marriage to the Reverend Mrs Ward! Andrea and I started dating right at the end of last year, and it soon became apparent to both of us that we had discovered a fantastically fulfilling friendship. We've known each other for about four years, and so it didn't take long for us to discover our deep love for each



Andrea and I at our Wedding Reception

other. And so we're now married! We had a wonderful day in November, marrying in Andrea's home church of St Georges Ashted. The service was full of joy with friends from all over the country, and we had a spectacular honeymoon in a beautifully snowy Lake District. I'm now writing this letter from my new home, having moved from Reading after 17 years to the vicarage in Bexley, near Dartford. Andrea is incumbent at a thriving small Anglican church here, and we're looking forward to discovering God's heart for our ministry together over the coming years.

So, back to 24-7 Prayer! We held two major gathering this year, both celebrating our 10th birthday as a movement. It's very humbling to see what God has done through 24-7 Prayer during that time! 'I am 10' was held early in the year in London, and our main international gathering, 'Magnify' ran in Edinburgh in September. Both times we had a fantastic time worshipping and spending time with friends from all over the globe. The major focus this year was looking forward to our next 10 years. There's every sense that God wants us to continue catalysing prayer, mission and justice throughout the nations, and as we've reflected what our part is in this we've brought our thoughts together in a '2020 Vision' for the movement.



The 24-7 Birthday Cake!

We're looking to invest primarily in the three main areas of:

- Prioritising prayer
- Mobilising mission
- Training leaders

Everything we're planning will fit into these categories over the next period, and with God's help will we'll move further towards our (small!) vision, to reconcile the world to God in Jesus Christ. If you'd like to see more on the work we've put into the vision, have a

look online at the document we put together here:

<http://www.24-7prayer.com/2020vision/online>

As an office we have continued to live a nomadic existence, being without a main office location for several months during the middle of the year. We have however just found somewhere in central London which is an amazing answer to prayer, and we'll hopefully be there for a longer period this time. The challenge is that the space is provided for free as with our previous locations, and sooner or later we're going to have to bite the bullet and pay for space so that we don't have to move so regularly; part of 'growing up' as a movement. This however will likely mean that we have to move from London which is far from ideal – we need a God solution!

Finally I'd like to thank you for praying about my work personally with 24-7 Prayer. I mentioned at the end of last year that there was a degree of

uncertainty over my future role with the movement, and this has continued throughout 2010. We've had difficulty finding the appropriate person to take on the role that we defined last year, which partly overlaps my role. We've now found the person we believe God is calling to the task, and have a plan that may involve me changing the blend of the work I do. This will be both challenging and exciting, which I'll write to you about in my next update, around Easter time this year (could this be a New Year resolution!).

Thanks so much for your support and your prayers. In summary, please could you join me in:

- Thanking God for the lives he continues to heal, bless, challenge and save through 24-7 Prayer. To Him be ALL the glory!
- Asking that God would fuel our 2020 Vision and see 24-7 make a huge impact for the kingdom.
- Praying that He would provide suitable, more permanent office space during the coming year.
- Asking that the Lord would continue to guide me as to what my role should be, with the changes in 24-7's staffing. Please also pray that the person we're appointing would be in post soon and that they would be a real blessing to the movement.

Well, that's it for another year. May the Lord be close to you this Christmas time, and have a very blessed 2011!

God bless,