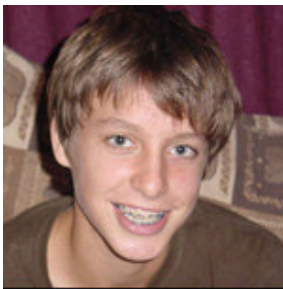


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In a little town near the base of Kilimanjaro, a small community of believers recently hosted a 24/1 prayer room.



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Lisa Borden reports: “To be honest, it was Chase’s idea. Chase is 15, the best friend of our third-born son.

As a little team, we believe in the incredible importance of prayer and we could list for you all the reasons we do so. And yet, in the year since our family moved to Arusha, we had not hosted a prayer week. As much as we have talked about how great it would be, we are fully aware of what a big effort it would be as well.

And I think that was just it. We are a 2 family team in a city where driving at night can be dangerous and is generally discouraged. Then there were the questions of where and how. We don’t have a community building to invite people to or a central and safe location.

I guess I just put the idea off in my mind. “*It will happen,*” I thought. “*When the time is right we’ll have the right place and a little bit bigger community of people and it will come together.*”

I guess youthfulness brings a healthy disdain for what I might call “good sense.”

Chase has heard all about prayer rooms. He’s heard us speak of the amazing times those weeks of prayer were that we hosted during our years in Europe and he has just finished reading Pete Greig’s book [Red Moon Rising](#). The book, chronicles the God-stories of how 24-7 Prayer was born and how God grew it into something no one expected it to be—a global movement that champions Prayer, Mission and Justice.

The stories seeped into Chases’ imaginings and he wanted in.

The time was now, he decided. No more waiting around on the grown-ups to get themselves organized. Who cares if we don’t have any kind of community space? Wouldn’t a bedroom do?

Next thing I knew, I was signing up for a slot in the one day, one bedroom prayer room.

When I asked Chase about what motivated him to give his room over to a constant stream of prayer for 24 hours, his answer was characteristically honest.

*“At first,” he said, “I thought it would be cool if my room was decorated by prayers and prophecies. I thought that maybe instead of putting up paper on the walls for people to use, I could leave my white walls exposed and keep the prayers and poems as a way of getting something nice up on my walls.”*

But things changed as Chase read *Red Moon Rising*.

*“Suddenly it all became about the idea of a prayer room and not just decorating my room.*

*The main thing that stood out from the book, making me want to do a prayer room, was the idea of setting aside big chunks of time to seek God. I felt like I wanted to dedicate myself (my time, space, and energy) to God more fully. Honestly, I was just aching to see God move in power and creating a holy space seemed like a great way to see His hand move.”*

Chase was expectant as he and his mom set his room up.

*“One huge aspect that stuck out from the book is that whenever people set time and space aside to seek God, He shows up in love and power. I think it's amazing how consistent He is.”*

Yes, God did show up. As we worshipped together in the bedroom/prayer room during the final couple of hours, people shared how they had experienced God there.

Nadine (in her 20's) said she was overwhelmed by Love as she walked in. Colin (14) said he felt he was just sitting on God's lap, not needing to do anything and that it felt SO good. Heather (9) said she liked drawing on the wall and reading her Bible!

Being Colin's mom, I couldn't help but bury one of his prayers in my heart:

*“Thank you God that you're not, like, super serious—that when you want to comfort us you can make us laugh.”*

Our 24/1 had run from a Friday evening to a Saturday evening and the Tanzanian staff that help Wild Hope had not been available to be involved. On Monday morning, Chase's mom showed them around the space, explaining the few prayer stations and the idea of expressing ourselves freely to God through several mediums. Philemon was translating and getting more and more excited as he explained the concepts.

We hadn't really been sure how our Tanzanian friends would like the idea of painting or singing their prayers. We didn't know if they would find our prayer stations kind of weird and western. But Philemon's eyes were bright and eager.

*“I want an hour in here!”* he said. So before tearing down, a handful of Tanzanian believers took hour slots in the dedicated space.

Each of us who participated was touched by the presence of God. Each one had a meaningful time in the company of their Creator. God stirred us to pray for our city, our nation and our continent.

So maybe it's not all about being maturely organized. Maybe you only have to be 15 to change the world."

[www.wildhopeinternational.org](http://www.wildhopeinternational.org)



Succat Hallel (Hebrew for "Tabernacle of Praise") is a dynamic community of worshippers and intercessors from five continents drawn together to stand as "watchmen on the walls of Jerusalem".

The Lord brought Rick & Patti Ridings to Jerusalem in 1999 to birth Succat Hallel. It began in their living room and grew into watches in various locations. In November 2004 the Lord opened the door for Succat Hallel to relocate to a beautiful facility overlooking Mount Zion and the Old City of Jerusalem. Since then they have been crying out day and night 24/7 - "until He makes Jerusalem a praise in all the earth". In Fall 2006 they opened a second, private prayer room in the City of David, the area where the original "Tabernacle of David" stood.

When visiting Jerusalem, people are most welcome to join in worship and prayer at their 24/7 prayer center in the heart of the city.

<http://www.jerusalempraise.com/>

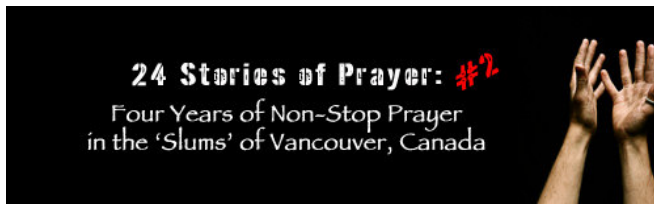


## **Brazil - A Nation Crying Out For Transformation!**

In June, The Sentinel Group and the Int'l Fellowship of Transformation Partners (IFTP) are hosting a gathering in response to tremendous spiritual hunger for transformation in Brazil. Brazil has been in active revival for decades with now over 300 million born again believers now in South America! That is more than the entire population of the United States!

For several months the Brazil Prayer Network comprised of 30,000 intercessors including 1,300 houses of prayer and 27 prayer towers have been praying! In addition, prayer networks are praying in South Africa, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Singapore, Indonesia and others are praying for God to move in power to spread the fire of transformation to the nations at this event!

<http://www.fusionministry.com/newsletter.php>



## Four Years of Non-Stop Prayer in the 'Slums' of Vancouver, Canada

For more than four years, Aaron White and the Vancouver Boiler Room (614 Vancouver) have lived and prayed 24-7-365; saturating their forgotten and despised neighbourhood in Downtown Vancouver with the love of Jesus. Aaron writes about the lessons they've learnt praying alongside drug dealers, addicts and those without homes...

*"They will rebuild the ancient ruins, repairing the cities destroyed long ago. They will revive them, though they have been deserted for many generations."* Isaiah 61:4, the foundational Scripture passage of our Salvation Army community, 614 Vancouver. We have chosen to focus our community life around prayer, incarnation, joy and justice.

So we have all moved into the Downtown Eastside, a neighbourhood in Vancouver which is considered by many to be a serious blight on an otherwise world-class city. But most importantly, we pray. For the last four years we have been maintaining a type of 24-7 prayer vigil. The prayer room has moved beyond the bounds of four walls, and takes shape in and through community life.

We have a prayer rhythm which involves twice daily community prayers, prayer walking combined with visiting and street evangelism, artistic and musical worship, multiple communal meals, teaching, times of quiet listening, gardening, praying the Scriptures, and personal prayer shifts in what we call The War Room. We will be maintaining a prayer rhythm based around three daily Psalms, as well as creating some artistic and poetic prayer resources to go along with the Psalms. We will also be hosting a variety of prayer teams and pilgrims.

Prayer is the main thing. Coming before God in thanksgiving, humility and praise, desperate for the intimacy he offers, is the very best that we can do. As we experience intimacy with the LORD and learn to be obedient to His commands, we get to see how it is also in His plan to bring renewal and revival to the forgotten places, and how He is so much better at it than we are.

<http://www.24-7prayer.com/cm/content/874?sid=2e73170ff15530d80149d72d4742ef9d>



## Heartlines Pray 24-7

HEARTLINES South Africa Joins the 24/7 Prayer Movement

In spite of the success of the HEARTLINES project and the myriad awards the films have received, the team is acutely aware that this success has been achieved solely because of God's favour. Reliance on the need for God's on-going guidance and leadership remain steadfast.

The proven efficacy of 24/7 prayer and the astounding breakthroughs that have resulted from this movement, provided inspiration for HEARTLINES to join the movement

"HEARTLINES is putting together a nationwide network of prayer warriors. We're hoping to find at least fifty-two churches that will undertake to pray for a week of the year (starting July 2008), with a focus on returning to Biblical values. So far we have at least 230 churches that have expressed interest and which will be trained to set up a prayer chain.

This intercession is not just about the HEARTLINES initiative, but about praying Kingdom values into our communities and seeing God answer. Our prayer should also result in an outworking of compassion and service for those around us." says Caroline Thomas, Project Manager of Church Partnerships at HEARTLINES.

"By mobilising prayer in sectors such as government, education and business, this can only enhance and broaden the initiative. More than ever the state of our nation needs to be soaked in prayer. By promoting prayer for Godly values countrywide, we are looking forward to, and can anticipate spiritual breakthrough," says Brian Helsby of HEARTLINES.

<http://www.heartlines.co.za/menusitepages/churches/church.html>