GATECRASHING

The story of 24-7 Prayer in Ibiza Brian Heasley



40,000 Ecstasy tablets sold every single day. The most pubs, clubs and bars in a square mile in the whole of Europe. Hundreds of thousands of young people, intent on having the best time they possibly can. Excess leading to violence, injury and incapacity. What could anyone possibly do in a place like that?

'Dne of the most important ministries in the world is the ministry of presence. Here is the story of that ministry - of moving in and listening. Let it invite you to find your own lbiza.'

Shane Claiborne

In 1998 the British Vice Consul to Ibiza resigned, saying, 'These degenerates are dragging us through the mud.' Ibiza was branded a modern day 'Sodom and Gomorrah' by the British press.

24-7 Prayer took it as an invitation. A challenge. A call to go to the party island and pray. So Brian and Tracy Heasley and their boys left their comfortable life in a sleepy Norfolk market town and started a new life in Ibiza. They started out praying – simply walking and praying – around the walls of San Antonio.

Each summer they were joined by teams of young volunteers, and would walk through the city at night chatting to clubbers and offering prayer. Many would open up with their deepest worries and concerns.

Soon they began to give practical help – taking people home when they were too sick to remember their hotels, looking after those who were in danger of being raped or robbed, building bridges with the bar owners and prostitutes. The familiar T-shirts of 24-7 became much loved as a third emergency service that the bar owners could call on and frightened tourists could trust. Their journey took them to some of the strangest places: they saw things they never thought they would see, and they saw the Lord answer their prayers in amazing ways.

Author

Brian and Tracy Heasley helped to pioneer the remarkable work of 24-7 Prayer on the Mediterranean island of Ibiza, where they lived with their two sons for over seven years. Raised in Northern Ireland, Brian became a Christian at a young age but, after a number of difficult years, recommitted his life to Christ in prison. Brian communicates his faith with contagious humour and passion. He is now Director of 24-7 Prayer GB.

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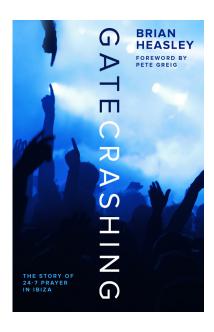
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