

Christine Scott Ibiza 2009 with 24/7 prayer

hey guys

just thought i'd type an email to let you know what all i've been upto! its been an amazing first month, has totally flown by.

our basic weekly jobs are...farming work like weeding or watering or painting, working in the centre a couple of afternoons a week from 4-7pm and street work from 11-4am but it can go on to 6 or 7am depending on how busy the night is. when we're out on the street we split the group in two so that while one group is on the streets the other group is praying. we do that in 1hour slots. if while we're out we see people who need help home or to the hospital we do that otherwise we just chat to people tell them what 24-7 is about and offer to pray with them if they want it.

its been a pretty quiet month cause its not really holiday season yet but we've still had several victims of the drink and drug culture to help sort. beyond the party atmosphere ibiza is actually a really dangerous place, especially for girls. i've meet two girls so far who have raped by local spanish guys but have heard plenty more stories, its very common. i've talked to several people who have been beaten and robbed and left in a bad way. i've taken girls home who's drinks have been spiked and seen girls collapse from overdosing on cocaine. the police here are pretty corrupt and brutal in there handling of holiday makers, very unhelpful and unapproachable so alot of stuff goes on without being reported. people who come out to work are usually abused by the system, working long hours for very little money (if they make any at all)... i have had countless conversations with people who are out of money, no food, no job and living in crap apartments with big rents. the glamourous lifestyle that ibiza seems to promise looses its sparkle very quickly. quite a few of the workers we got to know in the first few weeks have already packed up and gone back home.

you can really see the evil in the atmosphere and how the devil is just working in peoples lives to kill them basically. we went to the space opening on sunday, spent 17 hours clubbing was mental but yeah all around me people were fighting with each other, doing lines of coke or ket, half dressed girls throwing themselves at men, girls on stage wearing nothing but a thong and body paint, men snogging men, girls crying in the corner of rooms and people having sex on benches in the middle of a crowded space. it was mad and obvious that God needs to make some big changes here. some people would say christians shouldn't go to such places but i think if you wanna impact a place you have to be in the middle of the madness living a different way and having your eyes opened to the extent of the problems your facing. our team prayer time the next day was pretty powerful.

despite the destructive nature of this place the island seems to have a magnetic pull that is hard to resist once you've spent anytime here... two guys we've gotten to know tom and billy are here for the second season, real wreckheads always taking one substance or another. Tom told us the other day that after last year it took them 5months to get over it. They both had to go to the doctors because their sleep was so disturbed by flashbacks and paranoia, yet they are back wrecking themselves all over again.

Spiritually the island has a long history of goddess and gods being served here that honour the sun and moon and stars and their worship often involved perverted sexual acts, inebriation, infant sacrifice, music and dance. its obvious that alot of the same spiritual activity is operating behind the scenes. some of the clubs hold moon parties and the sunset is still a huge attraction that holds the attention and admiration of hundreds of people while the bars and cafes play intoxicating music in the background, prostitution, strip clubs and lap dancing venues are all over the west end and the abortion rate here is one of the highest in Europe. The catholic chapel which is situated on the same site as the temple to the ancient goddess tanit hails mary as the queen of heaven with jesus honoured below her...big problems with big roots and we've been praying loads about cleansing and freeing the island from bondage and praying that god will open doors and reclaim this land as his own.

prayers are definitely being answered, its so exciting ...me and another team member helen were walking around the west end the other night praying for the whole perversion of sex thing and we ended our night praying for 2 prostitutes and telling them about our centre! this is first year that has ever happened so it was a pretty big deal and i was like so humbled to get to be there when it happened! so then yesterday 3 of the girls came in to the prayer room and me and brian prayed with them and gave them bibles, they were so excited. lol they then left and returned with 5 of their friends who all wanted prayer too, it was so surreal praying on my knees with 8 prostitutes and then watching them go off down the main street of ibiza with bibles in there hands haha loved it!!!

our first team arrived last monday 3 americans who are just the most awesome prayers i've ever heard, just amazing the things they think of and the way they see things so that has been really good. learning so so so much.

i spend most of the time feeling inadequate and underqualified but at the same time i'm utterly loving it. i feel so blessed to be here, God is totally good!

thanks so much for all your prayers....so so much!
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