



BRINGING MISSION TO THE PARTY ISLAND OF TENERIFE

The Living Room is a community of Christians who are trying to bring mission, prayer and God's love to the party island of Tenerife. British young adults move to the nightlife scene of Las Americas seeking adventure and a party lifestyle. They arrive with huge expectations but often find themselves wrapped up with drugs, alcohol, sex and end up in very messy situations. Many admit that life in Tenerife is not all it's cracked up to be....

The Living Room is a centre situated in the heart of the nightlife resort of Las Americas. We aim to reach people through love, support and friendship and use The Living Room Centre as a way of doing that. Many from the community come to chill out, chat and hang out with friends. Some, however, come out of a real sense of need when their party lifestyle on the island gets to them. This means that beneath the great atmosphere of people laughing and joking around, God is always moving. We support people, listen to people, share our testimonies and pray with people. God gives us so many opportunities to speak into people's lives and to share his love with them

"It's hard to explain how important this work is. This is one of those places which attracts people and chews them up. The Lord needs to get a foothold in this place. We believe this centre is the best way to do that!"

At night we visit the bars, clubs and streets of the nightlife strips; dancing, having a laugh and chatting to the people we meet and it is out of these times that the real conversations come. Loads of young people have come to Las Americas for a good time but they actually find that it's quite empty. They are so close to falling off the edge and yet they are so open to Jesus. Many off-load issues and problems that are going through, many listen and ask us the answers to their soul-searching questions, some people even take bibles and accept prayer from us.

Prayer and worship are both an integral part of our mission work in Tenerife. We know that real change here is only going to come through prayer, so we cry out to God for the people we have met and sing and proclaim God's truth over this community. God's presence is very tangible in The Living Room as a result and workers often comment on it saying "there's something about The Living Room" and it "feels different". It is amazing to think that people from the community spend time in the very same room where God's name is lifted high, His Spirit is welcomed and where they are prayed for by name and we believe this is why God is touching so many people's lives here.

The Living Room creates a space somewhere between the nightlife strip and the church where good friendships can be formed and that is when the deeper stuff happens. People find themselves

intrigued and wanting to know more and from that place coming to church is a much smaller and easier step to take. This, combined with the support of local churches and their open attitude to making church a relevant and accepting place for unchurched people, means that many from the community have come to church and been touched by God's presence.

Already many from this type of community are confident, friendly and courageous people who can inspire others to follow them. When these natural gifts are combined with a real understanding of who Jesus is and what he has done for them, bold and passionate evangelists are set free to become all they were created to be. It's amazing to be part of that journey!

“Anyone who has been here any length of time will see how lives get totally trashed out here. The need is massive. If we've got the right people, then who knows what could happen, if people were willing to get stuck in”

Please read the attached excerpt from the book FROM BINGE TO BETTER to read stories of lives we have seen changed here!