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Daylight Newsletter July 2015

Science & Faith

Dr. Nigel Robinson, Daylight's Regional Director for the Midlands wrote a course called Science & Faith which he runs in prisons.

Using his scientific background, Nigel has put together a course that is informative, interesting and educational. Through illustrations and experiments, Nigel teaches prisoners that Science does not contradict the Bible.

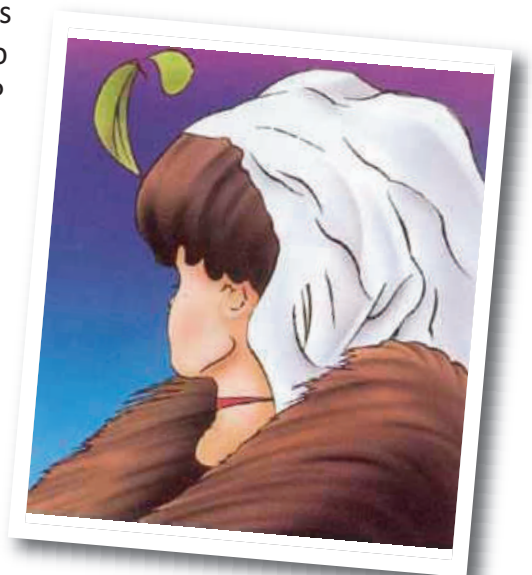
The eight session course has been very well received by prisoners and prison staff, with one prisoner calling it "the highlight of my week".

Nigel told a group of prisoners recently that leaves are nature's solar panels. Solar panels are black because they are made to absorb as much sun as possible. So why then are leaves not black? Because God created them; He made them green so they would be beautiful.

Using an optical illusion (pictured right), Nigel asks the prisoners what they see. Some say an old lady and some say a young lady. Nigel uses this to illustrate that people look at the world and some see it in an atheistic view and some see a world God has created.

Another illustration that Nigel uses is to take in a leaf just off the tree. He asks the prisoners if the leaf is alive or dead. Normally half say the leaf is alive and half say it is dead. Nigel holds up the leaf and says that the leaf is still absorbing light and through photosynthesis turns that light into sugar, so the leaf is still alive, but because the leaf is separated from the tree, eventually it will die. He tells the prisoners that this is like us, we can laugh, walk and talk but we are separated from God and eventually we will die. This gives Nigel the opportunity to tell the prisoners about Jesus as Saviour.

From these illustrations you can see how we are able to share the Gospel through the teaching of Science. Please pray for Nigel as he runs this course, for the volunteers who help him and for the prisoners that attend.





“Coming to prison is the best thing that has ever happened to me.

*I’ve found Christ and I’m beginning to learn the Bible.”
(Prisoner)*

July Prayer Points

HMP Ashfield – Pray for the two men who completed the recent Christianity Explored course as they both prepare to be baptised in prison soon, that they would be continually encouraged in their faith and would not give up reading their Bibles and proclaiming Christ on the wings.

Pray for the new Co-ordinating Chaplain at HMP Ashfield, that he will have wisdom in his role and that we will continue to have a good relationship with the chaplaincy there. Pray for an opportunity in the next few weeks for Lindsay to discuss with him which course she and Roger might run there next.

HMP Bristol – Pray for the three men who completed the recent Christianity Explored course, two of whom were serving an indeterminate sentence, known as Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) and were really struggling to come to terms with the lack of clarity and certainty in their futures. Pray that their faith would be real and that the questions J had would not stop him from putting his trust in Jesus.

Pray for wisdom for Lindsay as she decides which course to run next at HMP Bristol and who can run it with her.

HMP Cardiff – Pray for B, that he would continue to grow in grace

HMP Chelmsford – Give thanks for our service there in June. A good number of prisoners came, they listened well and we had good conversations afterwards. Please pray for those prisoners.

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HMP Swansea – Pray for opportunities via David’s links in Chaplaincy.

HMP Usk – Pray for the two new men attending the weekly Bible studies, that they would continue to attend and know the Lord.

Christianity Explored – Give thanks for the opportunity to run Christianity Explored and Discipleship Explored courses in prisons and pray for those leading the courses.

Stephen James, who with help from Daylight developed the Prison Edition of Christianity Explored has been travelling around the world, training people to run the Prison Edition of the course. Pray for him in this work.

L – Continue to pray for L who has a long sentence to serve and is currently in hospital.

Mentoring – Continue to pray for Lindsay and the volunteers running the mentoring in Bristol. Pray particularly for one mentee who has run away to breach his licence conditions as he wants to be back in prison.

We are in discussion with a prison in another part of the country about providing mentors and the necessary training. Please pray about this.

Patrick – Please continue to pray for Patrick. We have just heard that he has been recalled to prison, but don’t know any details yet. Providentially he will be seen by two different Daylight people in the prison in coming days.

Prisons - There have been comments in the news about the poor conditions in one prison. Last Sunday one of our associates saw prisoners they had seen at other prisons in the past who spoke of how much better their present prison is. Do pray for prisoners that the prison conditions would not distract them from seeking and following the Lord.

Richard (ex-offender) - Give thanks for recent encouragements in his life. Please continue to pray that he would know God’s guidance.

Scotland – We have just started a weekly Christianity Explored course with the prisoners and are encouraged that those who attend are very interested and ask good, direct questions. Pray for this interest to continue and especially that the Holy Spirit would enlighten darkened minds in the knowledge of Christ.

Pray for P who attends regularly and has been given a Bible in his own language, that he would begin reading it seriously and also benefit from the Christianity Explored as he is eager to discover what Christianity is.

Pray for more Scottish Prayer & Support Groups to be set up soon to earnestly remember the many forgotten ones in our prisons.

Staff & volunteers – Pray for the Daylight staff in their work and give thanks for the volunteers who help in so many ways.



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