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Daylight Newsletter August 2015

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We continue to thank the Lord for His continued blessings upon the work. We have seen this in many ways; in men professing faith in Jesus Christ, in new men attending weekly bible studies and in new opportunities to serve within the prison walls.

It is always good to look back and to see what the Lord has done and being asked to write the front page for the newsletter is the excuse that I need! In HMP Cardiff we ran an unusually blessed Christianity Explored course in the first week of June. It was unusual in that we started with seventeen men and finished the week with a dozen completing the course. There was a real sense of help from the Lord and several men were clearly affected by what they heard and learned. Several of these men continued onto a weekly Discipleship Explored course and it has been a real

blessing to see these men grow in grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Please pray for B, E, I, & T. Of those four men, two of them have moved prisons and one has been released. Please pray that the work that the Lord has started will continue until completion.

The weekly Bible studies in HMP Usk continue to be a real blessing. We started to have very small numbers in this study and I was delighted that the Lord graciously answered our prayers for more men. Two new men have started attending the studies, which means that we now have five or six regulars. Please pray for the men and also for Mark Skinner from the Mission Church, Morryston who runs a weekly Bible study with the same men on Thursdays.

Please also pray for HMP Swansea. I have an opportunity to serve as a Volunteer Chaplain on a weekly basis. This will mean that I will complete the full range of Chaplaincy duties, and in particular, have access to the men when they first arrive at the prison. We are hoping that this will start from September.

As a family we are also attending the annual Evangelical Movement of Wales summer conference in Aberystwyth. I will be manning the Daylight stand in the missionary exhibition. Please come and say hello if you are there, it is always really encouraging to meet people who are praying for us.





*“We have been so blessed
by Daylight’s service
and message today.”*

(Prison Chaplain)

*“Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all
the problems men face.”*

(American President Ronald Reagan)

Prison is a place of real loss. We were reminded of this at a recent Bible study when we thought of seven things that prisoners lose on entering prison: Freedom, Years, Relationships, Hope, Reputation, their Way and their Home. It was an extremely painful discussion. However, our Daylight Prison Ministry Associate was able to show from the Bible how all these losses can be restored through the Gospel.

“You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free” (John 8:32)

“I will restore the years that the locust has eaten” (Joel 2:25)

“God sets the solitary in families” (Psalm 68:6)

“The God of hope” (Romans 15:13)

“A new name” (Revelation 2:17)

“I am the way” (John 14:16)

“I go to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2)

The tone lightened considerably, with an Italian prisoner asking how many of his partners in crime were thankful that they had come to prison.

Over half of them put their hands up.

August Prayer Points

HMP Chelmsford – Pray for the Daylight team running a service there in August and for the prisoners that come to the service.

HMP Portland – Continue to pray for the studies in Mark's Gospel on Monday evenings. Fifteen prisoners turned up recently which made for a different dynamic, but there was lots of interest. We have an average of six or seven and there is a willingness to engage with the Word, so there is much to be thankful for.

Also, pray for the Christianity Explored Prison Edition course being run on Tuesday afternoons. The men seemed to grasp the seriousness of sin, which hopefully will set us up well for the rest of the course.

HMP Thorn Cross – Pray for Daylight volunteers running a Sunday service there at the end of August. Pray that prisoners will recognise Jesus as their Saviour.

HMP Wayland – Pray for a Daylight volunteer who has been asked to do a series on the disciplines of the Christian life at the mid week Bible study.

Also, pray for one young man who is learning to read. Daylight's volunteer is doing a one to one Christianity Explored course with him at weekly mentoring sessions and has provided New Testament CDs for him. They have had to take a break, so please pray that they will be able to resume where they left off in two weeks.

Harry – Give thanks that he is slowly getting better. Pray that he would continue to be upheld.

L - Please continue to pray for him, as he is still unwell. Pray that he would be encouraged at this time.

Nigel Robinson – Give thanks that Nigel's diary is full from September onwards. Pray for Nigel as he takes a break over the summer to run beach missions and has some time with his family.

Patrick – Continue to pray for him as he is back in prison and pray for the local church that are helping and encouraging him.

Paul – Pray for Paul, an Indian with a nominal Christian background. He is suicidal, so please pray that the Gospel would make him see his problems in a different light.

Richard (ex-offender) – Please continue to pray for him that he would know the way that God would have him to go in the future and for us as we seek to support him.

Scotland – Pray for the Christianity Explored course due to finish soon. A number of the prisoners attend regularly and have shown an interest in studying the Bible. We hope to continue doing a Discipleship Explored course with them shortly and would like you to pray that these courses would be blessed and that many lives would be transformed.

Remember those who have recently started reading their Bibles and attend the services as they are often subject to ridicule and opposition.

Letter Writing

Are you interested in becoming one of our letter writers, or do you know someone who might be willing to get involved in this aspect of Daylight's work?

Prisoners seeking someone to write to them are almost always men and we have a number currently waiting for someone to write. We manage the correspondence carefully and all letters go through our office, so your full name and home address are not known to the prisoner.

Please call us or email letterwriter@daylightcpt.org for further information.

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