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Daylight

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Daylight Newsletter October 2015

Prisoners Encouraged by Daylight Services

Sometimes a prisoner will do the Bible reading during a Sunday service. At one prison, an American prisoner called Tom has read regularly at Daylight services and he reads very well. However, so far he has not attended the Bible study we run each week.

Recently, one of our Daylight chaplains was walking through the prison when Tom called to him. Tom was with a senior member of the prison staff and after greeting the chaplain very warmly he explained to the member of staff how good the Daylight Sunday services are.

"The teaching we get is so clear", Tom said, "and you can see that from how attentive the men are – they really listen to the sermon. I always learn something."

Please pray that Tom would start coming to our weekly Bible study and that he and the other prisoners would be touched by what they hear at the Sunday services.

Gideon New Testaments

Some Daylight volunteers are also Gideons and one of them often takes the very attractive Gideon Personal Workers Testaments with him when he goes into prisons on Sundays. Prisoners know that the only condition for having one is that they read it.



The list of "*Where to find help when*" is pointed out; one Gideon said how helpful he had found that section when he was made redundant and had to attend a difficult interview.

One matter listed is *Where to find help when tempted to commit suicide*, sadly a very relevant subject in prison. Following a recent service two different prisoners who had taken testaments separately shared how they each had a brother who had committed suicide; one many years ago and one very recently, whose funeral he was due to attend in a few days.

Remember in prayer the more than 500 New Testaments that have been given away in this way in recent years, that the Lord might use them to draw prisoners to Himself.



“If it wasn’t for this course then I would never have started going along to chapel and Bible studies where I can find out more” .”

(Prisoner on Daylight Christianity Explored course)

October Prayer Points

HMP Highdown – Please pray for our service here in October, that the men would come with open hearts; that they would hear the Word of God in faith; and that we would have opportunities to pray and encourage the men in their walk with God.

HMP & YOI Portland - Praise the Lord for the Monday night Bible study being well established now at HMP & YOI Portland and well regarded around the prison. Up to seventeen prisoners attend and are enthusiastic, which makes for lively exchanges. Some show real Bible knowledge with faith, others are very sceptical.

HMP Thorn Cross – Give thanks that the Sunday service at the end of August went well. One Daylight volunteer preached and another gave his testimony. There was also the opportunity to talk to the prisoners after the service.

Dorking Prayer & Support Group – Jeni is moving in November, meaning that she will no longer be able to lead the PSG. We are thankful for the time she has given to this over the last couple of years. Please pray that people in the area would see the value of prison ministry and come forward to continue the Dorking PSG.

Encouragement - At one prison where we run Bible studies, a recent visit from the Head of Education and Training resulted in a positive report to the Governor, all against a backdrop of a small Chaplaincy Team that is carrying several vacancies. Give thanks for encouragements like this.

G – Please pray for G who is being mentored by a Daylight volunteer. We think he is born again but he has very little Bible knowledge and progress for him will be slower as he can't read. He is however progressing well in his classes to learn how to read.

P – Pray for P who has recently come to faith after coming to Christian meetings in the chapel to get prayer for his badly broken leg, with an infection that wouldn't heal and the possibility of needing to amputate hanging over him. His offence relates to years of drug addiction and his goal is to gain the victory over all drug dependence, including strong prescribed painkilling drugs.

Prison Visitor - We recently had a prisoner request a visitor. We contacted supporters in the area of the prison and were greatly encouraged by the response we got from people willing to get directly involved.

Scotland – Pray for **R** who had been getting on very well in the Christian Rehab Centre after his release but has not been doing too well lately and as a result is having to be relocated.

Please remember **J** who is praying regarding being released at the end of the year that he would be allowed to stay with a family who are willing to put him up.

P received an eighteen month sentence but is still in prison six years later. He says he is praying that his case will be considered as soon as possible. Please pray for him as we don't understand why these things happen.

Please remember the weekly service and the Discipleship Explored course. Both are greatly appreciated by those who attend regularly. The response is an encouragement to the chaplain and volunteers, but perseverance in prayer is needed that the seed sown would bring forth fruit in due season.

Service – Give thanks that the service run by a team from Great Ellingham Baptist in September went well and that they would like to do this again.

Trustees – We currently have a need for more trustees. Please pray that the right people would be found and please continue to pray for our existing trustees.



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