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Daylight Newsletter December 2015

Highlights of 2015

Lindsay Jarman - Regional Coordinator for Bristol

- * Huge answers to prayer in terms of relationship with the chaplains in HMP Bristol and the chapel services there - now feeling like real partners in the Gospel, who value one another and are working alongside each other with a common goal.
- * One guy on the Christianity Explored (CE) course in HMP Bristol wanting to get baptised as a result of coming to know the Lord through the course, and his understanding of the parable of the sower.
- * Discovering that a former CE student who was transferred to another prison after the course has since been baptised and is now studying a long-distance Bible course from prison, and is a huge encouragement to the chaplains and other Christian prisoners there (being reminded that one sows, others water, and another reaps).
- * Seeing real growth in maturity and fellowship for men who've been along to CE and Discipleship Explored (DE) at HMP Ashfield, and the new Head Chaplain is so cooperative and appreciative of Daylight's work.



David Lewis - Regional Director for Wales & the South West

- * CE course in the summer at HMP Cardiff. Seeing at least one dramatic, genuine conversion of B and Lord willing others as well.
- * To see T in HMP Usk really growing in grace and the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- * Being able to start as a sessional Chaplain at HMP Swansea.
- * Seeing an ex-offender, J, continuing to serve the Lord in his local church.
- * Being at a church deputation meeting with about a hundred people praying for the work.



Hannah Mansfield – Office Manager



- * Going into a local prison for Daylight services, seeing the prisoners listening attentively to the Gospel and singing well; speaking to and praying with the prisoners afterwards.
- * Speaking to, receiving letters and emails from supporters who are so interested in the work and regularly pray for us.
- * Hearing from a prisoner, converted whilst in prison who is giving Daylight Bible text postcards to others on his wing.

Nigel Robinson – Regional Director for the Midlands

* Growth of the number of opportunities, not just Sunday services but mid week Bible study groups too and growth of the number of prisoners who we have regular and positive contact with.

* Growth of individual prisoners who have professed salvation and who have clearly developed a much more mature understanding of the Bible and the Gospel.

* A year when potential loss of opportunities has occurred due to retirement of supportive chaplains in several key prisons. Thankfully in all but one, the new regimes have proved even more favourable with chaplains responding to requests from the men to ask us back.

* Gaining volunteer chaplaincy opportunities in one prison resulting from an initiative by the Muslim managing chaplain and key holder status at 2 more prisons.



Steven St John – Chief Executive



* Recognising how the Lord has established a Daylight ministry in different prisons as a direct result of groups of Christians meeting regularly to pray, sometimes for several years before answers came.

* Visiting churches to speak about Daylight's work and then hearing people pray with such warmth, concern and spiritual insight for prisoners.

* Meeting a lifer clearly growing in grace who became a Christian about five years ago through Daylight's ministry.

* On so many occasions seeing prisoners in chapel services listening intently to the Word of God being read and then expounded; may the Spirit bring them to life!

December Prayer Points

HMP Swansea – Please pray that David would be helped in working within the Chaplaincy team here.

HMP Usk – Please pray for the Bible study. Though small in number, the men are very keen to grow in grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Chaplains - Please pray about the appointment of a full time Anglican chaplain at a prison where we run regular Bible studies, as the existing one moves to take up a position at another prison. These positions are often filled within the prison service and we are told they have already conducted some interviews. Please pray that the new chaplain will be supportive of the work that our volunteers are doing.

At another prison where we run services, please pray for a member of staff who will be moving on quite soon from prison work, having been very supportive of the local Daylight volunteer and appreciative of the preaching, that the Lord would be with them in their ministry in the future.

D – Please pray for D, a transgender prisoner who has recently been confirmed as Anglican, and after many years in prison is hopeful of possible release soon. Pray that the preaching of the Gospel would have a good effect on him.

J – Please pray for J, a prisoner who attends all our Bible studies and has done so for over a year, but is increasingly agitated and frustrated. It seems there is a real battle for his soul going on. He is a man who is desperately hanging on to his own experiences and beliefs, but getting no rest and finding he no longer fits in with the normal proud noisy ‘tough’ guys, but is not willing to identify himself as a Christian.

North East – Following the recent visit of Steven St John to the North East of England for two meetings, a number of good local church contacts have expressed interest in becoming involved in helping with the Gospel work inside the prisons in this area. Please pray about this.

Scotland - Please continue to pray for the Christianity Explored course. A couple of the regulars may be released before the course is finished but pray that what they have already heard may be enough to create a desire in them to know the Lord.

Please also pray for **S** regarding ongoing meetings with the Children’s Panel. He regularly attends the worship service and is one of the men who has stated that his life has changed as a result of attending the previous courses.

Pray for **B** is who being released after a short sentence that he will not come back into prison. He is already associated with a church and has asked for details of the Christianity Explored course in order to get his pastor to begin the course in his church.

South Wales – Please pray for the Chaplaincy changes that will occur in South Wales in the New Year. Pray that Daylight would continue to have good access to these prisons and will quickly build relationships with any new chaplains.



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