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Daylight Newsletter November 2015

"Remember His marvellous works"

At this time of year, we think about remembrance. Putting the newsletter together is always a good task because it means that we look back over the last month and remember the many ways God has blessed the work (Psalm 105:5). This month we want to share with you a few of the many encouragements that we have received recently.

We heard from a prisoner who had been given some Bible text postcards at one of Daylight's services and wanted to be sent more so he could give them to others on his wing. We sent some postcards to him and had a reply from him saying, "I hope to distribute the extras to other Christians, as well as to those who would want to know more about our Lord and what an amazing difference he can make in our lives if we but let him." Please pray for him as he witnesses to others.

Alfie, who regularly attends one of our Bible studies, recently brought another prisoner Mark along. After the Bible study Mark said, "Alfie said it would be good, but I didn't think it would be as good as this!"

Another encouragement was hearing from an ex-offender who came to Nigel's Science & Faith course in prison. He writes, "I have been out of prison sixteen months and thank God I've continued my walk with God. I have been blessed by God in so many ways. I think of you all the time and you are part of my testimony, I hope one day you will hear it. The course I did with you really helped me understand what a mighty God we serve. Praise be to God that he uses you to do these prisons works. God bless you and all the brothers and sisters involved."

November Events

We have a stand at the Christian Resources Exhibition in Eastbourne on Wednesday 25th November. To find out more about what we do, come and see Paul Philpott (Chair of the Trustees) and Loreen St John (Prison Ministry Visitor) at Daylight's stand. www.creonline.co.uk

On Thursday 19th November at 8pm, Steven St John (Chief Executive) will be speaking at Trinity Road Chapel. The address of the church is: Trinity Road, London SW17 7HW.

On Tuesday 24th November at 7:30pm, Steven is speaking at Bishopbriggs Free Church. The address of the church is: 13 Auchinairn Road, Bishopbriggs G64 1RX.

On Wednesday 25th November, Steven is speaking at Dumfries Free Church. The address of the church is: 20 George Street, Dumfries DG1 1EH.

Also, on Thursday 26th November at 7:30pm, Steven will be speaking at Ayr Free Church. The address of the church is: John Street, Ayr, South Ayrshire KA8 0BS.

For more information on any of these events, please email hannah@daylightcpt.org or call 01245 252735.



"I was fortunate to be given a couple of your Daylight postcards, which have been very helpful as I have placed them in my cell walls to remind me that Jesus has saved me."

(Prisoner)

Prison Bible Study

One of our volunteers who runs a weekly Bible study in prison reports that they have up to twenty prisoners coming along and because of this they have decided to run two Bible studies. He writes, "Those with limited Bible knowledge or seeking to know more are encouraged to continue the studies in Mark's Gospel and those who want more depth are meeting separately. This makes for more manageable numbers as we seek to have interactive Bible study, with all the possibilities that opens up in terms of the ideas shared and the questions asked! Pray for wisdom in getting the right approach for the "advanced" group, who maybe need to be more grounded in the basics than they realise."

Their team has recently been boosted by another volunteer. Please pray for him as he learns about prison ministry and assists them. Pray too that his clearance will come through quickly.

"Give thanks for the enthusiasm of so many and the regular attendance of those who don't say so much, and don't seem to believe, but come anyway. Pray the Lord will open up hearts to believe the Word and know Jesus as their own Saviour. It's such a privilege to have this opportunity to share the Gospel with these guys."

November Prayer Points

HMP Cardiff – Please pray for those finishing the Christianity Explored (CE) course here and for the new week long CE course starting in November.

HMP Chelmsford – Please pray for the team from the local Prayer & Support Group running a service here at the end of November.

HMP Thorn Cross – Please pray for our volunteers running a service here at the end of November and for the prisoners that come, that they would come to know Jesus as their Saviour.

HMP Usk – Due to people being released, the numbers at the Bible studies have dropped. Please pray that more people would come to the Bible studies.

Norwich Prayer & Support Group – Please pray for them as they plan to work with the chaplaincy at a local prison to take a morning service led by Great Ellingham Baptist Church, with their minister Hugh Collier preaching on a quarterly basis.

At another local prison where they already run Daylight services, they have asked if one of our volunteers could run a CE course. The Free Church chaplain has asked our volunteer to come in and talk about it. The first meeting was cancelled due to the chaplain being off sick, so please pray that a meeting to set this up will soon be arranged.

Scotland – Please pray for the CE course which has just begun and also the last group who have completed the Discipleship Explored (DE) course. We were very much encouraged at the response of this group and believe that the Lord is working in the lives of those who attended. We are concerned about **M** who was released two weeks ago and has still not turned up at church as he promised to do when release. Pray that he will soon attend church where he will be warmly welcomed and supported.

Pray for **S** who says his life has been changed since attending the CE and DE courses. He has recently been told that his children are being taken into care and is very upset about this.

Please give thanks that **J** has now come off methadone – a great achievement. He has been regularly attending the services and has completed both CE and DE courses. Pray that he would fully trust in Christ as his Lord and Saviour.

Trustees – We have had some encouraging responses in our search for trustees. Please continue to pray about this.



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