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Daylight Newsletter August 2016

Prisoner Encouraged by John's Gospel CD

It was a joy to receive a letter recently from a prisoner who had been given a John's Gospel CD by one of our volunteers. He writes, "I want to thank all of you for the great work you are doing for us prisoners."

He went on to say how helpful the CD had been to him. "I was overwhelmed and very emotional when I listened to your CD about John's Gospel. It really made a difference to my understanding of The Word and I have continued to listen to it over and over."

We were able to send him a booklet of daily readings which we hope will help him further in his understanding the Bible. Please pray for him.

Aberystwyth Conference

If you are at the Aberystwyth Conference from the 6th to 13th August, come and meet Steven & Loreen St John at Daylight's stand in the Mission Exhibition at Morlan.

Support for Ex-offenders

Jon, a Daylight volunteer writes, "Please pray for M. Unusually, I was asked to befriend this man a few weeks before he was released as he has no friends or family. He has now been released but has nowhere to live, no money, no job, no clothes and nobody cares! I hope that we have been able to demonstrate that Christians do.

We put him in touch with a Christian in the town where he has been released and they have obtained an interview to be considered for a place in a very suitable hostel. Our church has agreed to fund basic kit for him and the contact is purchasing these items for him. Our prayer is that this practical love will lead to him seeking the Saviour for himself.

This highlights once again the desperate shortage of suitable accommodation and support for ex-offenders on release."

August Prayer Points

HMP Haverigg – Please pray for the Chaplaincy team at Haverigg, where Daylight is a new presence. The Chaplains are under much pressure following a series of challenges in short succession. They very much appreciate the support that Daylight has given them.

HMP Portland – Last month we asked you to pray that a more suitable time would be found for the Bible studies here as staffing problems and changes to the evening regime were making it difficult for the prisoners to attend.



Give thanks for answered prayer as the Bible study has now been moved to a Monday morning. Numbers can be variable, but there are usually enough to run the two study groups in Mark's Gospel and Romans. Please pray that all would see their need of salvation and the exclusiveness of Christ as the only Saviour, being encouraged to follow Him wholeheartedly.

Pray especially for MC who has been saved whilst in prison and has a great thirst for the Lord and sound doctrine. He is due for release this month.

HMP Thorn Cross - Give thanks for the opportunities we have to run Sunday services in this prison. Please pray for our service here on 14th August as the Gospel is shared with the prisoners and for Glynn Jones as he speaks.

Pray too that opportunities might open up for our volunteers to run Christianity Explored Prison Edition in this prison.

HMP Wayland - Please pray for J, who recently came along to the Bible study for the first time. Daylight's volunteer asked what had brought him along and he answered, "I have tried women, drink, drugs and money. They all leave you empty." The volunteer was able to give him a Bible and direct him on where to begin reading. He is one of the many who are not even aware that there is an Old and New Testament.

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Chaplaincy – Give thanks for the opportunity we've had to meet with Mike Kavanagh, the Chaplain General. Please pray for Mike and the pressures of his own position. Pray too that Chaplaincy HQ would continue to have a warm relationship with us and that they will endorse Daylight's work widely.

Keswick Convention - Give thanks that despite our request being 'late in the day', the Lord moved the Keswick Convention trustees to give us the opportunity to address the morning Prayer Meetings.

Also, give thanks for the scores of conversations Glynn has been engaged in with individual interested Christians at Daylight's stand.

Reform - Reform is a network of churches within the Church of England, committed to reforming the Church from within according to the Holy Scriptures. Daylight already enjoys good relationships or has established contact with several of the Reform churches in the North of England. Please pray that fruitful partnerships with these and other churches and individuals will continue to the glory of God.

Scotland – Give thanks for another Christianity Explored course successfully completed. As in the past we have been greatly encouraged by many regularly attending the course and seeing them develop in their understanding of the Gospel.

They are all keen to continue coming and to do the Discipleship Explored course, which we hope to begin during August. A group who have already done this course also want to join and do it all over again.

Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless these courses and that those who show a desire to learn would come to faith in Him.

Please pray for D and S who were recently transferred to an open prison to prepare them for release, but are now back with us again. They both attended the services and courses so we are naturally disappointed that this has happened. Pray that they may realise their need to keep a close walk with the Lord and seek His help to resist life's many temptations.

Please pray for R who says he is a Christian but because of his deep mental problems is unable to face life outside for any length of time when released, despite the help which has been given to him over the years. Pray that the rehabilitation being arranged for him this time will prove beneficial and that he would seek the Lord's help in order to live a useful and upright life.

Please pray for the development of Daylight's work in Scottish prisons and for Robin Turton who is Christianity Explored's Prison Ministry Co-ordinator and a good friend of Daylight. Please pray as he and Glynn discuss ways to work together to generate more prayer support from churches and greater opportunities in prisons in the north.

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