



Daylight Newsletter October 2016

We recently went to a women's prison to run two Sunday services along with a group that go in each week to lead the singing. They were very low on staff and were not able to bring the women to the chapel for the services but we were told that we could go with some officers and the Chaplain to each house block to pray with the women and to sing some hymns.

We were able to give a short message in one of the house blocks and the Mother and Baby Unit and prayed with the women and sang hymns in the other three.

Our Prison Ministry Associate spoke about the woman at the well. She had done wrong and wasn't liked by those around her but Jesus knew what she had done and He still cared about her and told her of that living water. He was able to clearly present the Gospel and said that all of us are sinners, but God sent His Son to die for us and if we trust in Him, He will forgive our sin and give us eternal life.

Normally, just over 200 would come across the two services on a Sunday. While we were only able to give a brief message to those two groups of women and pray and sing with the others, it meant that over 500 women heard something of the Gospel that morning.

This was a very unusual opportunity and we would ask you to pray that something heard in the message or in the prayers and singing would speak to those women and that they would come to know Christ as their Saviour.

CRE South East – Daylight has a stand at the Christian Resources Exhibition South East on Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th October at the Kent Event Centre in Detling (ME14 3JF).

Steven & Loreen will be there on the 12th and Paul & Hannah on the 13th. If you're going to CRE, come and meet us at Daylight's stand.

October Prayer Points

HMP Ashfield – We are starting Christianity Explored Ministries' new course, Life Explored here this month. Please pray for Lindsay & Roger as they lead the course.

HMP Berwyn – Pray for good contact to be made with local churches and for opportunities in this new prison, due to open in 2017.

HMP Cardiff – Pray for the men on the current Christianity Explored course, that the Lord would save them by His grace.

HMP Durham – Please pray for M and his partner as they struggle to come to terms with M's return to prison and for their relationship with each other and the Lord.

HMP Haverigg – Give thanks that the chaplaincy are very supportive of Daylight. Continue to pray for them as they go through a new phase and pray for a Bible-believing Anglican Chaplain sympathetic to Daylight to be appointed.

HMP Parc – Pray that we would be able to regularly visit men here that we have had contact with in other prisons.

HMP Portland – Give thanks that moving the Bible study to a Monday morning means that there have been no cancellations and we have begun to settle into a routine. Please pray that God's Word would impact on the lives of those who come, some of whom are regular and engaged, others less so. Praise God for His powerful Word that brings such good news. There is also occasional input from Daylight volunteers on Tuesdays and Fridays, as needs arise.

HMP Thorn Cross – Pray for our service here on the 30th October; for those leading it and for the prisoners that come.

HMP Usk – Pray that numbers would increase at the weekly Bible studies and that those who have been recently released would continue to walk with the Lord.

HMP Wayland – Pray for a prisoner who attempted suicide by slashing both wrists. After being brought along to a Bible study by a fellow inmate he has changed his registered beliefs from no religion to Christian and is now coming to Sunday services and mid-week Bible studies and is starting this week on one to one mentoring. Give thanks that the Bible study numbers are gradually growing, with fifteen coming along recently.

Pray for the post release support side at Wayland. There is a real need to develop this and we are hoping to get permission to work with one or two after release but we have to tread carefully.

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Harry – Continue to pray for Harry, who had been treated for throat cancer. He has been moved, but to another prison where we have regular involvement. Pray for Harry that he will continue to be actively involved with the Chaplaincy at his new prison and that we will be able to keep in contact with him.

North of England – Give thanks that Glynn has opportunities to meet with the Managing Chaplains at three prisons this month to speak about opportunities for Daylight to work in them. Please pray for this and for Prayer & Support Groups to be set up in the local communities.

We have recently met with the Chaplains at two other prisons in the North. One has expressed a desire to work in close partnership with us and the other is considering our proposal. Whatever their decision, pray that the Lord would keep the door open for the Gospel and that two potential volunteers will not become disheartened.

Contact with one prison in the north seems to be slipping, so please pray that the door will be kept open for further discussion with the Chaplaincy there.

Prisoner – One prisoner serving life for a serious crime asked to speak to Nigel at the end of a service. He was clearly showing signs of conviction for his crime and Nigel was able to tell him that the death of Christ made it possible for him to be forgiven. He was clutching a copy of the booklet *How can God accept me?* and said, “I hope so.” He seemed very close to putting his faith in Christ. Please pray for him.

West Midlands – Give thanks that the Sunday services and Bible studies are back working just as before the short summer break. Recent services have been excellent with good attendance and responses and many requests for literature. At all the weekly Bible study groups we have men who are not saved but seem thrilled to be learning from the Bible. Please pray that their interest will lead to true faith in Christ.

Praise God that at one of the prisons where we also lead Sunday services, the numbers at the Bible studies we run have grown from an average of 5 to over 30 thanks to the efforts of two prisoners who have encouraged others to attend. At another of our weekly Bible study groups, a number of our regular attenders have been released or moved but new ones have turned up unexpectedly to restore numbers. Please pray that those who have been released will be able to make contact with supportive churches in their area.

Give thanks that a prison where we seemed to have lost opportunities now looks to be open to us once again due to meeting the new Chaplain at another prison.

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