



## Daylight Newsletter October 2017

Just over a year ago in our newsletter, we shared an email from supporters who got in touch with us after receiving a letter from their foster son saying he was in prison.

We put them in touch with one of our trustees who is a volunteer chaplain there and whilst their foster son had already left on parole, our trustee had spoken to him before he left and had been able to present the Gospel and leave literature with him.

We asked you to pray for this young man, that God would answer his foster parents' prayers and that he might be brought to know the Lord as His Saviour.

A couple of months ago, we heard from them that their foster son was back in prison but that they had received a letter from him talking about his spiritual journey through his prison experience which they were very encouraged by. He wrote that he had prayed to have a relationship with God, said he couldn't be happier and that he was talking to God and reading and meditating on His Word every day.

Since then he has been attending the Bible studies run by our trustee and in his most recent letter writes, "Yesterday we had another Bible study and watched another Billy Graham DVD, chatted and started looking at a Bible study course called Alive! Discovering new life in Jesus. We got given it to take away and we are starting the lessons next time but I did them all last night. The course goes on to tell you how you can be sure and what changes you can feel in your life when you know you have been saved. All in all it was a very reaffirming course and was a delight to do."

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He also shared more of his experience, writing "I remember two days or so before I got locked up, I was alone. I was completely alone, practically homeless (out of my own stupidity not listening to probation). Completely down, fed up and utterly sad and could feel the badness in myself when I prayed God please just take me away from all this, come and take me away. I'm sorry for wasting my life, please forgive, but just take me away, anywhere will do, prison or any place 'cos I knew I needed to get away from everything.

I just cried out to God and He found me right where I was, just like the Bible says; I can't remember the exact verse, but it says He will come and find us when we have gone astray. The verse that sums it up is Psalm 107:6-9. I knew everything was bad, but I just wanted good. I wanted change and cried out for it to God, literally cried and begged for Him to take me. Thanks be to God that He answered and got me to prison.

Everybody will not be as lucky as me and end up in prison and be able to be humbled like I have been, to have forced times of quietness and reflection to bring myself back to God and a relationship with Him. But God can come and find His lost flock because of His great love; He is just waiting for everybody to knock on the door and have it answered."

We were so encouraged to read this and to hear that he is arranging to go to church when he is released and we give thanks for answered prayer in the change in this young man's life. Please pray that he would go on with the Lord and that he would be guided in his future.

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## October Prayer Points

**HMP Bullingdon (Oxfordshire)** – Give thanks for an encouraging Bible study here in September. Pray for B, a troubled young man who felt a big wall between him and God but who confessed his sins and asked Jesus to be his Saviour.

**HMP Cardiff (South Wales)** – Please pray for the prisoners who came to the Christianity Explored course which has just finished and for the new course starting on the first Tuesday in October.

**HMP Haverigg (Cumbria)** – Give thanks for continued opportunities in this prison and pray for our service on the 22nd October.

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**HMP Northumberland** – Please pray for the prisoners who will hear the Gospel through our service on the 15th October.

**HMP Thorn Cross (Cheshire)** – Please pray for the team running a service here on the 29th October.

**HMP Usk (South Wales)** – Give thanks for answered prayer in some new men attending the weekly Bible study here.

**HMP Wayland (Norfolk)** – Please pray for four men who are due to be baptised by immersion on the 1st October. One of these men attempted suicide about a year ago and was then brought along to our Bible study by a Christian prisoner. He became a Christian and our volunteer has been spending about an hour a week discipling him. Pray for the team from Gt. Ellingham Baptist leading this service.

**Daylight Conference** – We are encouraged to have some new people booked in for our conference, as well as existing supporters. Please continue to pray for this event.

**John** – Please pray for John, a Daylight volunteer who is in the process of becoming a key holder at his local prison. He is undergoing physio and gives thanks that he is improving. Please pray for his continued progress.

**Scotland** – We are coming to the end of another Christianity Explored course and will then be going on to run Discipleship Explored. Please pray for the prisoners who attend these courses.

**Solent PSG** – Please pray for this group as they meet at West End Chapel, Fareham on the 16th October and for the team running a service in HMP Ford on 29th October.

**St Helen's PSG** – Give thanks that we've been given the opportunity to speak about the ministry at services at St Helen's Church. Pray that God would raise up a few new people to come and join us.

Give thanks for the opportunity the team had to run a service in HMP High Down recently and pray for the prisoners who heard the Gospel.

**West Yorkshire PSG** – Give thanks for the way the Lord has worked in the development of this new Prayer & Support Group. Please pray that they will be given opportunities to work in local prisons.

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