



Daylight Newsletter February 2018

Christianity Explored courses continue to give us wonderful opportunities to share the Gospel with prisoners as they look at the book of Mark and see who Jesus was, why He came and what that means for them.

We often have prisoners who are believers come along to these courses, so as well as being a means of sharing the Gospel with the unsaved, they also encourage those who are Christians.

One such prisoner who has been attending recently is a young man named Jack. He has been making valuable contributions to the sessions but is due to be released soon.

Jack had a difficult childhood and as a result has mental health and self-harm issues. Please pray for us as we seek to link him up with a church in the area that will be able to offer him the pastoral support he needs and pray that Jack will continue to walk with the Lord and grow in grace after his release.

A couple of Daylight people who have roles in prison chaplaincies have recently had the task of telling a prisoner that their father has died and have been able to spend time talking and praying with them.

Please pray that something said or done even in these difficult circumstances would be used to speak to them and that Daylight people who undertake these roles would be given wisdom as to what to say and how best to help in these situations.

February Prayer Points

HMP Bullingdon (Oxfordshire) – Give thanks for the eight men who came to our Bible study here in January with their usual openness to hear the Gospel. Please pray for one man who had no assurance of salvation and did not grasp the need to be born again.

HMP Chelmsford (Essex) – Give thanks for continued opportunities to run services here this year. Please pray for the team running the service on the 4th February and for the prisoners who will hear the Gospel through this.

HMP Ford (West Sussex) – Praise God for a very encouraging service here in January with good conversations and opportunities to pray with the men. Give thanks too for a growing team to run the services.

HMP Haverigg (Cumbria) – Please pray for this prison as they consider whether they would like us to run Christianity Explored.

HMP Portland (Dorset) – Weekly Bible studies here continue although numbers have dropped very low. Please pray for more interest and motivation among the prisoners and for wisdom for Chris and Matthew to know the best material and passages to study with prisoners who have such a range of understanding and needs.

HMP Swansea (South Wales) – Please pray for the men attending the weekly Life Explored course.

J – Please continue to pray for J who was recalled to prison in the North East. He appreciated our efforts to link him up with a suitable church when he was released and says he would like to try again but frequently repeats this process. It seems his enthusiasm for the things of the Lord is high whilst he is in custody but wanes upon release.

Please pray that J will understand that his own efforts will not transform him, but that it is all the work of God and that the church links will continue to be patient and willing to support him when he is released again.

Murdo (Bury St Edmunds PSG) – Please continue to pray for Murdo who started another six months of chemotherapy in January. Pray that he, Michelle and their family would continue to be upheld at this time.

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North of England – Please pray for Glynn as he meets with a church group showing interest in supporting Daylight this month and continue to pray that the Lord would provide willing volunteers to come into HMPs Garth, Haverigg, Holme House and Northumberland.

Preston Prayer & Support Group – Give thanks for this group meeting on the 1st February and pray that more people would be willing to join them.

Scotland – Please pray that the weekly services and courses planned for this year would be a blessing to all who attend. It is rewarding to see an increased interest in those who attend regularly.

Pray too for those being released in the coming days as they find it very difficult to settle into a normal pattern of family life.

West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group – Please continue to pray for this recently formed group who will be meeting on 27th February.

Finance

During 2017 the Lord gave us much encouragement in the work, in the response of prisoners to the preaching and teaching of the Word of God, and in opening up new opportunities for Daylight in prisons.

Our management accounts for 2017 show a shortfall between income and expenditure of £26,000, with the last five months of the year each having an excess of expenditure over income. Our reserves are now almost gone and we would ask you to pray urgently for the Lord to provide for our needs to enable the work to continue.

Our hope and confidence is in a sovereign God who works all things after the counsel of His own will and who is also a God who delights to answer the prayers of His people.

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.” (2 Cor 9:8)

“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?” (Rom 8:32)



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