



Daylight Newsletter October 2018

In our July Newsletter we shared encouragements from one of our Bible study groups who were enjoying learning from Ephesians. Having finished their studies in this book, they had a short break over the summer and over the last few weeks have started to study John's Gospel. It has been very encouraging to have new prisoners coming along, with over thirty men now attending.

Over the last couple of sessions they have looked at the miracle at the wedding in Cana and Nicodemus, particularly thinking about the great words of chapter 3 verse 16. The sessions last for three hours and it has been amazing to see them all participating and remaining actively engaged right to the last moment.

In the same prison we have also recently been able to start another group on one of the wings, with prisoners who are not able to attend the other studies. About ten have been coming to this and seem very keen and grateful.

Please pray that these Bible studies would continue to encourage and help those prisoners who are Christians and that they would be a challenge to those who are unbelievers.

A couple of weeks ago we received a letter from a prisoner asking for information on how to read and understand the Bible and about forgiveness and how to repent of sins. We wrote to him explaining the Gospel message and sent him a booklet which gives a passage to read each day and helps to explain it. Please pray that God would work in his heart and life.



October Prayer Points

HMP Chelmsford (Essex) – Give thanks for encouraging services here recently, with good numbers attending and listening attentively. Please pray that the messages the men have heard and the literature they have been given will be used to speak to them.

HMP Portland (Dorset) – Give thanks that the Monday Bible studies have continued without disruption. Around fifteen prisoners come regularly, with one group currently considering conversions in the Bible and the other just starting Luke's Gospel.

HMP Swansea (South Wales) – Please keep praying for the prisoners studying Mark's Gospel on the ongoing Christianity Explored course here.

HMP Wakefield (West Yorkshire) – Give thanks for answered prayer in a very encouraging service last month. The prisoners listened well and were very appreciative of the message and the team had good conversations with them afterwards. Please pray for future opportunities here.

Church Visits – Please pray for Steven speaking about Daylight at Grove Chapel on Wednesday 3rd October at 8pm and at Brentwood Baptist Ladies Meeting on Tuesday 9th October at 2:30pm.

Daylight in Bristol – We are thankful for the continued opportunities we have to run services in prisons in Bristol and the surrounding area. Please keep praying for the work in this area, particularly as Lindsay's role is changing. We will have more news on this in next month's newsletter.

Ezra – Ezra is showing real promise at our Bible studies in a young offender's prison but has not made a clear profession yet. Please pray that he would be saved before he is moved on to an adult prison in the next few months.

Finance – Please continue to pray that the Lord would provide the

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resources needed for the work each month.

Letter Writing – Give thanks that a good number of prisoners continue to use our Letter Writing and often say how much they appreciate our volunteers writing to them.

Please keep praying that a volunteer near to our office in Chelmsford would be found to run the Letter Writing. If you would like to know more about the role, please contact Hannah by emailing hannah@daylightcpt.org or calling 01245 252735.

Rory – Rory was regularly attending weekly Bible studies and services and showing a real interest, but has suddenly stopped coming. Please pray that whatever is preventing him from coming would be dealt with and that he will return to the group soon.

Scotland – Iain, who leads the team here had a mild stroke a few weeks ago. Please pray that he would be given needed help and strength at this time and that God willing, he may soon be able to resume both his pastoral and prison work.

Pray too for the prisoners who will have been missing the services and courses over the last few weeks, that they would remember the things that they have been taught previously and that these would be used to speak to them.

Solent Prayer & Support Group – Give thanks that this group have been given an opportunity to take an extra service at HMP Ford (West Sussex) in November. Please pray for this and for openings into other prisons in their area.

Tom – Tom was recently released on parole after a very long sentence. He was converted in prison and has grown remarkably during his sentence. He is clearly gifted as an evangelist and has a scholarship to train at a Christian college. Please pray that God will enable him to continue in the faith and become a blessing to others.

West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group – Please pray for this group as they meet on Tuesday 30th October.

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