



Daylight Newsletter July 2019

Jonny has been coming along to one of our weekly Bible study groups for the past five years. Knowing he was due to be released the following week, at his last session we asked him to share his testimony with the other men.

He spoke about committing his crime six years ago and then going on the run for several months. Feeling he couldn't face prison or continue to run, he was moments from taking his life when someone pulled him back and persuaded him to give himself up. Jonny became a Christian in prison and has hardly missed a Bible study session over the years he has been there. We have seen him grow in grace and spiritual understanding and he has now become a really mature believer.

Please pray that Jonny will continue to know the Lord's presence and leading in his life after release and that the church he is attending will support and encourage him in his Christian walk.

One of our prison teams is giving thanks for answered prayer at a recent service in HMP Ford. Various members of the team took part, with one giving their testimony and another bringing a clear message from 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. They were encouraged by having a good number of prisoners who listened and sang well.

During a time for refreshments after the service, the team had the opportunity to speak to individual prisoners and had a number of profitable conversations. Please pray that the message these men heard would be used to speak to them and that they will read the books and other literature they were given.

July Prayer Points

HMYOI Deerbolt (County Durham) – Please pray for the young men who will be attending a Bible study due to start in the near future.

Hebron Church (Stockton-On-Tees) – Give thanks for the opportunity John Little had to speak here recently. Please pray for the church as they meet former prisoners through their food bank, Bible study and Sunday services.

Mack – Please continue to pray for Mack who has now been transferred to another prison prior to his release in a couple of months. Please pray that links may be forged with a good, supportive church in the North East.

Opportunities – Give thanks for potential opportunities in two new prisons and for volunteers willing to take these up. Please pray that good relationships will be established with the chaplaincies and that these opportunities will lead to regular ministry in these prisons.

HMP Portland (Dorset) – Please pray for the Christianity Explored course which began at the end of June and will be running in place of the regular Bible study for seven weeks. Pray that many will join the course and that the Gospel of Jesus will be clearly understood.

Saul – Please pray for Saul, a prisoner from a traveller background who has clearly been saved. He is being confused by relatives who are trying to pressurise him into returning to his old religion. Please pray that he will be helped to fully trust in the teaching of the Bible.

Scotland – Give thanks that we are now able to do a Christianity Explored course with the Protection Group who seem eager to attend and learn from the course. Please pray that they will greatly benefit from studying the Gospel of Mark and will come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray too for the two weekly services, that God's Word would be richly blessed to all who attend these services.

Security Clearance – Please pray for our staff and volunteers renewing their security clearance, that these checks would be completed quickly and not cause delays in running Bible studies and courses.

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Tim – Please pray for Tim who has his parole interview soon. He received significant support on release in the past, but drifted back into his former way of life. Please pray that the right decisions will be made at his parole interview and that the Lord will enable him to persevere after his release.

HMP Wakefield (West Yorkshire) – Praise God for the eight men who attended the last Prayer & Fellowship Meeting in June and pray for the team running the next meeting on 8th July.

Give thanks that we have also been given the opportunity to run Christianity Explored here in August. Please pray that a good number of prisoners will attend.

HMP Wayland (Norfolk) – Please pray for J who has a wonderful testimony and was recently baptised, but is in need of discipling.

Pray too for S, an older Christian who is well taught, but needs to be restored to a right relationship with his family and to be willing to join in with attending the Sunday services. He is witnessing faithfully on his wing, so please pray that this will bear fruit.

Please also continue to pray for T who was remarkably saved at the end of serving a long sentence here. He has now been moved to another prison and is waiting for news on his parole terms. We supported him with mentoring here, but he now has little support in his new prison and is finding the waiting for a decision on his parole very stressful.

West Midlands – Please pray for strength, zeal and freshness in preaching as tiredness and age take their toll and for younger workers to be raised up who will continue the ministry.

Several men who have been long term members of the Bible study groups and were saved during their time inside have recently been released. Pray that they will find fellowship where they can be supported and have opportunity to be involved in the work of the church.

West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group – Following a talk about Daylight at a local church, one of their members has begun the process of joining as a volunteer. We praise the Lord for this, as it is an answer to prayer for additional people from the area to get involved.

Two members of the team are due to revisit HMP Leeds on **30th June**. We are grateful to God for all the opportunities he is giving the group.

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