



Daylight Newsletter October 2019

One of our teams was recently encouraged by an opportunity they had to share the Gospel with boys in a juvenile prison. They began by discussing Job and it turned into a forty five minute discussion on everything from sin, to true faith and hell and judgement.

The boys were well behaved, showed a real interest, engaged with the discussion and some great questions showed that they understood it. This was quite remarkable as the team were told that getting the boys to concentrate for fifteen minutes is usually a nightmare. Some asked what they must do to be saved and were asking for the team to come each week. Please pray that the Lord will continue to work in their hearts and lives.

In another prison, a consistent group of prisoners are attending the weekly Bible studies and have been looking at 'Life's Big Questions'. At a recent session, they were looking at 'Who is Jesus Christ?' and had a good debate on the topic, all received respectfully.

A Jewish prisoner who had been brought along by an officer said he had been made to think and would also read Isaiah 53 again and another prisoner who is not saved continues to ask pertinent questions and seems close to the Kingdom, so please pray that he will take that step of faith. Others who are saved have really been studying deeply and have plenty of questions.

In 2017 we were able to get a large print Bible for a partially sighted prisoner who was attending Sunday services. He was thrilled to have it and said "You don't know how much that means to me. I normally cry

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myself to sleep each night; now I'll read this instead."

Having not seen him for over twenty months, he returned to one of our services a few weeks ago and was delighted that we remembered him. He has been attending a couple of churches on the outside, but is confused by the mixed teaching he has been receiving and has very difficult family circumstances which led to him reoffending. He admits his sin and is still reading the Bible we gave him regularly.

We were able to encourage him to continue with his Bible reading and to pray with him. He left us saying, "I'm so pleased you remembered my name". Please pray that the Lord would speak to him.

October Prayer Points

HMP Bullingdon (Oxfordshire) – Give thanks for the continued opportunity to run a monthly Bible study here. In September, the group went through Isaiah 53 and it was great to see many understand what Jesus had done in paying the price for their sins on the cross.

Please pray for one prisoner who is beginning to read the Bible and is seeking. He and his cell mate are reading the Bible to each other.

D – Please continue to pray for D, an ex-offender we are in touch with. He has now attended a local Baptist church once and expressed an interest in doing a Christianity Explored course. Please pray that he will continue to read his Bible and that the Holy Spirit will work in his heart.

HMP Ford (West Sussex) – Give thanks for an encouraging service here in September. Around twenty prisoners attended and heard a message from Psalm 119:1-16. A number of the team were able to participate in the service and had good conversations with the prisoners afterwards.

Mack – Please pray for Mack who is back in prison after his release in August and is keen to resume writing to his Daylight pen-pal. Please pray that this will continue to be an encouragement to him.

Northern Ireland – Please pray for Steven St John as he visits Northern Ireland from **15th to 24th October** to speak about Daylight at a number of churches. If you would like details of these meetings, please contact

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Hannah by emailing hannah@daylightcpt.org or phoning 01245 252735.

HMP Portland (Dorset) – A Christianity Explored course began here on 17th September and continues every Tuesday morning for eight weeks with around a dozen men. Praise God for this opportunity and please pray that the Lord will use this outreach for His glory in the lives of these mostly young men.

Scotland – Please pray for the new group attending the current Christianity Explored course and that it will prove to be of spiritual benefit to them.

Pray too for the prisoners who attend the weekly services regularly, that they would respond to the good news of Christ's free salvation as Daylight's chaplain faithfully brings them this great message.

Segregation – Please pray for those in Segregation Units, where they may be in their cells for twenty three hours a day, coming out only for exercise, showers, phone calls and to collect their meals. Pray particularly for those who are reading Gideon New Testaments that are often provided upon request.

HMP Wakefield (West Yorkshire) – Please pray for the small group of men who are attending the Christianity Explored sessions each week. Praise God for their interest and enthusiasm.

Please pray that after previous cancellations, the Prayer & Fellowship Meeting on **8th October** will be able to go ahead and that the Lord will bless all who attend.

HMP Wayland (Norfolk) – Please pray for T who became a Christian here and had hoped to gain parole, but was moved to another prison and has recently been moved again. He suffers a lot with anxiety but continues to keep in touch and work through correspondence courses via Daylight's office.

West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group – Praise God that the group have been asked to hold monthly Bible studies at **HMP Leeds**, starting on **14th October** and **HMP New Hall**, a local female prison from the end of September. Give thanks for answered prayer and please pray that God's presence and blessing may be felt during these new ventures.

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