



Daylight Newsletter March 2020

As well as being given to prisoners attending services and Bible studies, literature is often helpful in reaching other prisoners on the wings. Gospel calendars, diaries and Bible text postcards are gladly received by many.

One of our chaplains recently met a man named Lenny on the wing who said that he wasn't religious but did believe that there was a higher power due to various things he had experienced in his life. Lenny has come back to prison after eleven years outside and gladly accepted a postcard saying he wanted to put it on his cell wall. He then asked if he could have more.

Please pray that as Lenny and other prisoners display these texts in their cells and use the calendars and diaries throughout the year, the Lord would use His Word to speak to them.

Prisoners using our letter writing ministry continue to be helped by this contact from our volunteers. As well as being an opportunity to share the Gospel with unsaved prisoners, it is also an encouragement to those who are Christians.

One Christian prisoner who got in touch requesting literature was delighted when he received his first letter from our volunteer recently and wrote, "I would like to thank you for your volunteer's letter which was a big encouragement and I really appreciate him taking the time to write to me". He went on to say that the Bible is what sustains and keeps him and that both the chaplaincy and Daylight had made an immense contribution to his Christian life. Please pray that his contact with our volunteer will help him to continue to grow in grace.

March Prayer Points

Alex – Please pray for Alex who was baptised last year, when in an Open Prison. He is now in a different prison where he is reluctant to leave his wing. Please pray that the visits from one of our volunteer chaplains would be an encouragement to him.

HMP Bullingdon (Oxfordshire) – Give thanks for a great time with eleven men at the Bible study here in February. There was a real openness to ponder on the claim of the Gospel on their lives. Please pray they will continue to seek and will find salvation.

Jem – Please pray for Jem who has recently been released, that he will continue contact with the local church he has been put in touch with.

HMP Kirklevington Grange (North Yorkshire) – Please pray for the small group of men who attend the services here, that the messages would be a blessing to them.

HMP Leeds (West Yorkshire) – Please continue to pray for R as he is really seeking and wants to believe, but finds it hard to accept the truths of the Gospel.

HMP New Hall (West Yorkshire) – Please pray that the discussions held during the Bible study in February will have been as productive as those of the previous meetings and for D as she seeks to share the Gospel with her fellow prisoners.

Scotland – Give thanks for a consistent good attendance at the Discipleship Explored course. Please pray that these men would fully trust in Christ as they learn more about what it is to be a true disciple of His.

Pray too for the weekly services and that the Gospel message faithfully presented to these needy souls will be greatly blessed.

HMP Thorn Cross (Cheshire) – Please pray for the team running the service on 29th March and for Nathan as he preaches on Luke 24.

HMP Wakefield (West Yorkshire) – Give thanks that the Managing Chaplain wishes to involve the Daylight team in the meetings to be held here during the Lent period.

Sadly, only one of the five men who completed the recent Christianity Explored course was able to join the group when they met in the chapel

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recently, but he was happy to spend nearly two hours with them. Please pray that the Lord will reveal to him the need to fully commit his life to God and that there will be an opportunity to see the other four men soon.

West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group – Some members of a church in South Yorkshire will be attending the next meeting of the group on **March 24th** as the Pastor there is encouraging his members to have a deeper involvement in prison ministry in that part of Yorkshire. Please pray for God's blessing on the meeting.

For some years many regular readers of our newsletters have been praying for Ed, an ex-offender whom we first met during his time in prison where he attended our services and Bible studies. Following his release, we asked you to pray for him and his wife Emily who was very unwell. Not long afterwards she very sadly died and Ed was very grateful for the prayers of so many of you at that time.

Since then, it has been a joy to see Ed growing in grace and going on with the Lord and in God's providence he met Chloe, a lovely Christian young woman whom he married two years ago. Together they have become valued members of a local church, serving the Lord in many different ways there. Those who attended our last conference will remember Ed's video message, speaking about how much he had appreciated Daylight's ministry while in prison, the support that had been given to him since his release and the prayerful interest shown by our supporters.

At the end of January, Chloe got in touch to let us know that Ed had been killed in a car accident near to their home. This has obviously come as an enormous shock to her and both their families. We give thanks for Ed's life and testimony and the encouragement that he has been to us over the years, resting in the knowledge that God's way is perfect. While we rejoice that Ed is now with Christ, we realise the very real sense of loss for those who are left behind.

At the service of thanksgiving for his life, Chloe had chosen the reading from Psalm 59:16-17. She spoke about her confusion over what has happened, but encouraged people to rest in the peace of God which passes all understanding. Please pray for the family, particularly for Chloe over coming weeks and months, that she will know the Lord's comfort and feel His presence with her.



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