



Daylight Newsletter May 2021

In one of our newsletters last summer, we mentioned a prisoner named Wyatt who had been discussing our weekly written messages with Glenn, a friend on his wing. They had also been encouraged by completing Big Picture, a Bible Overview course together.

At the end of last year, Glenn was moved to another wing, meaning that they were not able to see each other as often. Wyatt felt he had lost the only person he could discuss spiritual things with, but said that the regular messages from Daylight were an encouragement to him.

It was good to receive another letter from Wyatt recently letting us know that he continues to appreciate these and that both he and Glenn are now working through another correspondence course.

He writes, "I just wanted to drop you a line and thank you. Not just for connecting myself with a letter writer and the friendship we've developed, but the weekly readings and Scripture that I've come to feel sustains me in these challenging times.

As with society we know that restrictions will ease and we will be able to enjoy fellowship in our chapel, but until then I'll continue looking forward each week to God's Word.

Although Glenn is on a separate landing, I see him, albeit briefly, once a week and this letter is also a thank you from both of us for 'The Bible Speaks' course that we can together but separately study and complete."

Please pray that both Wyatt and Glenn will continue to be encouraged as they complete this course and read the regular messages, and that we will know the Lord's help in writing these messages each week.

May Prayer Points

Alex – Please pray for Alex, a prisoner who struggles with mental health problems. While spending some time with one of our chaplains recently, he said he had been feeling down, but read his Bible and came across the verses saying “do not be dismayed” (Isaiah 41:10) and “He will direct your paths” (Proverbs 3:6) and felt they were really speaking to him.

Callum – Please pray for Callum who has recently returned to prison, that he will be keen to continue studying God’s Word as he has done previously.

Danny – Please pray for Danny, a prisoner whose family is known to one of our chaplains, that he will have regular links with chaplaincy while he is in prison and that the Lord will use this contact in his heart and life.

Easter Messages – Please pray for those prisoners who received written material and watched messages on prison television over the Easter weekend, that the Lord will use these to speak to them.

Jim – Please continue to pray for Jim who told officers recently that his meetings with chaplaincy have helped him a lot. He is facing a lot of challenges at the moment, but said that he knows that God has been good to him. Please pray that he will be encouraged as he continues to read his Bible and Christian books.

Kevin – Please pray for Kevin as he leaves prison and goes to supported housing. He previously said that he could see something different in Christians, so please pray that the Lord will continue to work in his life.

Prison Officers – As well as contact with prisoners, those carrying out chaplaincy work often have opportunities to spend time speaking to prison officers. Please pray particularly for one officer we know well who was present as an Easter message was being recorded for prison television and for another who said he was very interested in spiritual things as his wife is a Christian.

Rory – Please pray for Rory, a prisoner who was feeling very low after losing both his mother and daughter. Our chaplain was able to give him a Bible and encouraged him to start by reading John’s Gospel. Please pray that the Lord will speak to him through His Word.

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Services – Give thanks that some prisons have now been able to resume services and that others are beginning to make plans to do so. Prisons being split into a number of different bubbles and the need for distancing does mean that organising these can be a challenge, so please pray that prison staff will be helped as they make these practical arrangements.

HMP Swansea (South Wales) – Give thanks that Sunday services have recently been able to restart here. Please pray for David as he leads some services this month and for the men who will hear the Gospel through these.

Thomas – Please continue to pray for Thomas, who is patiently waiting for his parole hearing which has been rescheduled for the end of this month. Please pray that it will be possible for this to go ahead this time and for a good outcome.

Tim – Please pray for Tim, a prisoner who was recently informed he will not regain use of one of his hands. He finds it difficult to turn pages in books, but has asked for more Christian magazines and articles to read.

Volunteers – Please pray that as restrictions begin to lift in coming months, the Lord will raise up new volunteers keen to get involved in prison ministry.

West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group – Give thanks for the opportunity to stay in regular contact with the local prisons through emails, phone calls and sending in resources. All the chaplains are currently well and coronavirus cases in the prisons have dropped significantly which is a real answer to prayer.

Give thanks too that the new Anglican Chaplain at the women's prison has settled in well. She is grateful for our prayers thus far and has asked us to continue to pray for the further relaxation of restrictions in the prison.

Will – Please continue to pray for Will who has continued to receive literature from Daylight since his release last summer. It was encouraging to receive an email from him recently letting us know that he loves the regular messages and finds it such a blessing to have literature keep coming to his house.



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