



## Daylight Newsletter May 2022

We are grateful that more opportunities for running Bible study groups are resuming, and it was good to hear from one of our teams following an encouraging session in one prison recently. They had a profitable time with eight men all from one wing, beginning with one volunteer giving her testimony, and then going on to think about God's dealings with Manasseh from 2 Chronicles 33.

*Our volunteer writes, "Clearly the men were very much affected by the passage and engaged really well with us, answering and asking questions relative to the great subject of God's forgiveness through Christ. For some this was their first time at a Bible study and four men asked for a Bible to take back to their wing. Please pray that the Lord will bring all eight men to repentance and saving faith".*

We also continue to be encouraged by prisoners requesting written material. Several men are currently reading Spurgeon's *Advice for Seekers* and speaking to one of our chaplains, one of them commented, "He really lays it on thick right at the start, that you can't save yourself!". We pray that the Holy Spirit will impress this on his heart.

Another man, Alfie, recently wrote saying he had been praying for some contact from Christians when one of our written messages came through his cell door. He shared something of his testimony with us, saying that while our message covered passages he had read previously, it had been a wonderful experience to study those scriptures again. Please pray that he will be helped as he seeks to share the Gospel with others in the prison, and that letters from one of our volunteers will also be an encouragement to him.

## May Prayer Points

**Chaplaincy Work** – Please continue to pray for Daylight people carrying out chaplaincy work in prisons, that they will be helped as they seek to offer support to prisoners in challenging situations, particularly those feeling suicidal or struggling with the loss of loved ones.

**Easter Services** – Give thanks for the opportunities we had to run services in prisons over the Easter weekend. Please pray for those who attended, that the messages they heard will be used to speak to them.

**Graham (Ex-offender)** – Give thanks for Graham who received our written messages during his time in prison. He phoned recently asking if he could continue receiving them at his hostel as he really enjoys reading them. Please pray that the Lord will use these in his heart and life.

**Harry** – Please continue to pray for Harry, a prisoner who recently requested a Bible after receiving some of Daylight's literature, that the Lord will work in his heart and life as he reads this.

**Letter Writing**– Give thanks that prisoners continue to appreciate receiving letters from our volunteers, often asking good questions about Bible passages they have been reading. Please pray that our volunteers will be given wisdom as they seek to answer these questions.

**Levi** – Please pray for Levi who attended a Good Friday service where one of our chaplains spoke from Luke on the dying thief. He told our chaplain later in the day that Luke is his favourite Gospel writer and was keen to ask questions about parts of the book he did not understand. Please pray that the Lord will work in his heart and life.

**Moses (Ex-offender)** – Please continue to pray for Moses following his recent release, that the support he is receiving from a local church will be beneficial to him, and that he will be kept on the right path.

**HMP Oakwood (West Midlands)** – Give thanks for encouraging services here recently and for a good number of men attending the weekly Bible study group. Please pray that these studies in Matthew's Gospel will be beneficial to them.

**Opportunities** – Give thanks for a recent opportunity to run a first

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service in a prison and for a team from a local church who are keen to get involved in working there. Please pray that this might lead to more regular opportunities there.

**Seb** – Please continue to pray for Seb, a prisoner who recently lost his father and then learnt that his mother is also in prison. He was very grateful that he was able to attend his father's funeral and is appreciative of the time one of Daylight's chaplains spends with him. He has asked to be put on the list for attending Sunday services and would also like to receive our weekly written messages. Please pray that this contact will be used to speak to him.

**Services & Bible Studies** – As some prisons are beginning to return to prisoners from all wings mixing together for services and Bible studies, please pray for those who are nervous about attending because of fears over violence. Pray that that these difficulties will be overcome and that a peaceful atmosphere will be maintained.

**HMP Sudbury (Derbyshire)** – Give thanks for continued opportunities to run regular Bible studies here. Please pray that these will be an encouragement to Christian prisoners and that others will be challenged by what they learn through these sessions.

**Theo** – Please pray for Theo who says he enjoys reading our written messages, that the Lord will use these in his heart and life. He has recently moved to a new prison, so pray that he will settle in well, and will continue to receive support from the chaplaincy there.

**West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group** – Give thanks that some of the nearby prisons were able to hold Easter services, and that the team have been asked to run *Christianity Explored Prison Edition* once again in one of the prisons. It is hoped that the first session will be held in mid-June, so please pray for them as they prepare for this.

Praise God that resources continue to be sent into the prisons weekly, with them now also being sent to another prison outside the area courtesy of a chaplain working in two prisons. Please continue to pray for the new Anglican chaplain in one of the prisons who currently has coronavirus, that he will recover quickly, and soon be able to return to his work.



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