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Daylight Newsletter October 2022

Over the last month, one of our team has been encouraged to see new prisoners attending weekly Bible studies, with the numbers being boosted by one regular attender, Andy, telling others about the sessions. Andy has been converted during his time in prison and is keen to see others come along to hear the Gospel.

In another prison our volunteers are thankful for opportunities to run a monthly Bible study, but report that the last session was challenging, with one man wanting to take over, and others picking on prisoners from the vulnerable wing due to the nature of their offences. Despite these struggles, the Gospel was shared, and the man who had been trying to take over said afterwards that he had really enjoyed the session.

Please do pray for Daylight staff and volunteers as they sometimes face these disruptions during services or Bible studies, that they will be given wisdom in knowing how best to respond, and that the Lord will use His Word to speak to those who come along, even through these challenges.

A good number of prisoners also continue to enjoy studying the Bible through Emmaus Bible School courses, with new prisoners requesting them as well. One of the strengths of these courses is that they cater for differing abilities, so those who only have basic reading and writing skills can still benefit from them.

Please pray that as prisoners work through these courses, those who are Christians will be encouraged in their faith, and that others will be challenged to think about their need of the Saviour.

October Prayer Points

Chaplaincy Departments – Please continue to pray for prison Chaplaincy Departments, as many of them are facing significant staff shortages, which limits the range of activities and support that can be offered.

D – Please pray for D, a man known to Daylight volunteers who has been recalled to prison. He struggles with alcohol addiction, and is very lonely, with no friends and relatives. He also finds reading difficult, so keeping in touch by letter is a challenge. Please pray that he will receive support in the prison and that it might be possible for our volunteers to visit him as well.

HMP Deerbolt (County Durham) – Give thanks for increased numbers attending Sunday services now that the regime is returning to normal following restrictions lifting.

Please pray for the new governor who started last month and for the recruitment of a new Free Church Chaplain.

George – Please continue to pray for George, that contact with one of our chaplains and completing Emmaus courses will be helpful to him.

HMP Kirklevington Grange (North Yorkshire) – Give thanks for the opportunity to return to running Sunday services here once a month. As this is an Open Prison, many of the prisoners are coming towards the end of their sentences and go home for the weekends, while others are working, so the services are held in the evening when they are back in the prison.

HMP Parc (South Wales) – Please pray that opportunities to run Sunday services here will return now that restrictions have fully lifted.

Pete – Please continue to pray for Pete, who has been spending time with one of Daylight's chaplains, as well as having contact with a friend who is a pastor. He has known the Gospel for many years but has no saving faith, so please pray that the Lord will speak to Him.

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HMP Portland (Dorset) – Give thanks that weekly Bible studies at HMP Portland continue, but numbers remain low. Please pray that it will be useful for those currently attending, and that others might begin to come along.

Richard – Please pray for Richard, a prisoner known to one of our chaplains, that it will be possible to arrange a visit with him soon.

Solent Prayer & Support Group – Give thanks that the team were able to meet for their first in-person prayer meeting post-pandemic at the end of September and for the opportunity to run a service at HMP Ford at the end of October.

HMP Swansea (South Wales) – Please pray for the *Christianity Explored Prison Edition* course which has just restarted here for the first time since the pandemic, that the men who come along will be challenged by what they learn from Mark's Gospel.

HMP Wayland (Norfolk) – Give thanks for the opportunity for a team from Great Ellingham Baptist Church to take the Sunday service here on 2nd October.

Please pray for A, an older Christian man who has served a long sentence. He is waiting for a suitable place in an Open Prison but has particular needs relating to his age and health.

West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group – Give thanks that it has been possible to make arrangements for sixty Bibles to be taken into one of the nearby prisons. Please pray that these will be read by the prisoners who receive them and that the Lord will speak to them through His Word.

Give thanks to God for the way He has continued to uphold the group, and please pray for a new Anglican chaplain who has now taken up her post in one of the prisons.

Please also pray for two of the nearby prisons who have recently had deaths, that there will be peace and a settled atmosphere, and for staffing issues which continue to present challenges.



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