



## Daylight Newsletter March 2023

Regular readers of our newsletters may remember us mentioning a man named Aled who became a Christian through attending Bible studies during his time in prison. After finishing his sentence a couple of years ago, Aled was deported back to the United States, and we asked you to pray for him as he settled into life there, particularly that he would find a good church where he would continue to grow spiritually.

Those prayers were answered, and Aled very quickly found and got involved in serving at a local church, as well as finding a job soon after. Having not heard from him in a while, it was encouraging to receive another update recently, letting us know that he is living in another state, having moved with work, but is still doing well spiritually, and has recently married a Christian lady, Claire.

We give thanks for this encouragement and would ask you to continue to pray for Aled and Claire as they make plans for their future life together.

We also continue to be encouraged by the responses to the regular written messages which are sent into prisons. A good number of prisons are still distributing large numbers of these, and they are also posted to a number of individual prisoners we have regular contact with.

One prisoner who receives these recently wrote asking for more resources to help him study the promises and prophecies found in the Bible, saying, "Thank you for your regular teaching sheets. I've got some really good things and thoughts from these teachings so thank you so much". Please pray that these messages will continue to be helpful to those who receive them.

## March Prayer Points

**Barry** – Please pray for Barry who was converted during his time in prison and has recently been released. He is very anxious about life outside and does not want to end up back in prison. Please pray that he will receive the spiritual support he needs, and that he will soon find employment and permanent accommodation.

**HMP Birmingham (West Midlands)** – Give thanks that the new Bible study group here is going well and for a new volunteer who is helping with these. The men are really enjoying the studies and are keen to come along each week. Please pray that what they learn will be used to speak to them.

**Chief Executive Recruitment** – We are grateful to so many of you who have been praying about the recruitment of a new Chief Executive Officer for Daylight. Please do continue to pray for our trustees as they consider applications and plan to carry out interviews in mid-March, that the right person for the role will be found.

**Church Visits** – While preaching at Sunday services for a local church recently, one of our team was encouraged to be reminded of the strong prayerful interest the congregation has for Daylight's work. Give thanks for such encouragements and for the many churches across the country who pray for us regularly.

**HMP Deerbolt (County Durham)** – Give thanks for the opportunity to start a weekly Bible study here, and for an encouraging first session with three young men. Please pray that this will be a blessing to them, and that others will also be keen to attend.

Pray too for the three new chaplains who have started at the prison in the last month as they settle into their new roles.

**Easter** – A number of prisons have special events and Bible studies leading up to Easter. Please pray that these will reach some who might not normally come along to regular chaplaincy activities, and that the Lord will use this contact in their hearts and lives.

**Max** – Please pray for Max who has recently been released. It is not

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entirely clear where he stands spiritually, but he was always very appreciative of the messages on Sundays and commented how wonderful God's love is. He was planning to go along to a church in the area he has been released to, so please pray that he will feel at home there and that the ministry will be used in his heart and life.

**HMP Wayland (Norfolk)** – Please pray for G who suffered abuse as a child in local authority care homes. He has self-harm issues and is very unstable, but speaks of being a Christian.

Pray too for L who recently lost a very close relative. He has a Roman Catholic background, but is open to talking about the Gospel and glad of prayer.

Please also pray for D, a Rastafarian prisoner whose partner recently had a miscarriage at five months. He reads a Psalm every day, is open to hearing about broader Christian teaching and is also grateful for prayer.

There has been lots of discussion over many months about resuming the mid-week Bible study here. Please pray that any obstacles will be overcome and that it will soon be up and running again with the right people leading it.

**West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group** – Give thanks that the team have been invited to run *Hope Explored* at HMP Wealstun in April. Please pray that as some of the group attend a service to speak about Daylight and the upcoming course, the men will be keen to come along.

Praise God that fourteen ladies attended the first Bible study at HMP New Hall, with nineteen signed up for the second session. Please pray that God will add His blessing to these monthly meetings and also to the ones being held in HMP Leeds.

A number of prisoners are suffering due to deaths in their families and the fact that they are unable to attend their funerals. Please pray that God will give them the comfort they need, and for the chaplaincy teams in the challenges they face. Pray too that the numbers of Covid cases that are occurring in some of the prisons may be kept low.



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