

Dorking Prayer & Support Group – Give thanks for their visit to HMP Highdown in October and for the responsiveness of those who attended. There was a very real sense of God’s presence in the service and there was an opportunity to talk and pray with some of the prisoners afterwards.

Please pray for the members of the PSG, as they are each going through very difficult circumstances at present and pray that more people in the Dorking area will be willing to pray and support prison ministry.

Give thanks for those prisoners who have shared how much they appreciate the services in prison and how they have felt their faith has been strengthened because of it.

Norwich Prayer & Support Group – Give thanks for the good attention that the prisoners continue to give to the preaching. They would value prayer for the staff who are present for the preaching. May God have dealings with them as well as the offenders.

North East - Jim McMaster reports from the north east that every Sunday evening he has ex-prisoners in his church’s gospel service. Please pray that they will avoid the revolving door that sees so many return back inside.

Also, Victoria, a woman who started attending church when her husband was in prison, continues to attend and has also started to bring her children and those of neighbours to the youth meeting each week. Please pray for Victoria and her husband Charles, who has been released but is still required to live in a hostel.

Keith – Keith has been in touch with us in the office. His faith is strong but he is clearly struggling with a number of deep seated problems. Pray that he would be kept now he is back inside.

Richard – Please continue to pray for him and for his Pastor that they would be given wisdom. Having certain types of ex-offender in a church can be a challenge especially when they are souls for whom Christ died.



Daylight Newsletter December 2014

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Over the past year, the work in Bristol has wonderfully grown under God’s guidance and blessing. By the end of 2014 Daylight will have run 12 courses of Christianity Explored or Discipleship Explored in three of our local prisons. HMP Bristol is a historic red brick building that houses 600 men from local courts, many of whom are not around for very long. HMP Eastwood Park is one of 11 women’s prisons in the UK, with the average length of stay for any prisoner being about 40 days. HMP Ashfield is a lower security modern prison, privately run by Serco for adult male sex offenders serving longer sentences.

Despite changes to the prison regime, staff shortages, and the general unpredictability of prison life, the amazing opportunity that we have been given to run these courses means that around 70 men and women have heard something of Jesus’ good news – perhaps for the first time. In God’s goodness, some of them have gone on to make professions of faith in Him! Hundreds more will have heard the gospel during the 15 Sunday services that Daylight has run (in HMP Bristol this involves 3 identical services in a row – a unique challenge for the preacher!). These services could not have happened without the wholehearted backing of the local churches, which have provided 9 speakers to deliver God’s word to prisoners – not to mention the 20+ volunteers who have provided the music!

It has been such a privilege to see so many people, who would previously have had nothing to do with prisoners, joyfully and willingly giving up their time to serve in this way. The incredibly positive feedback from the chaplains bears testament to their engagement and impact, and means that Daylight are now given preference for Sunday services in 2015 – praise God!

Daylight mentoring continues to be offered to those being released to the Bristol area, though this has not been without its challenges, discouragements and sadness’. Amazingly though, this year we have seen two mentees get baptised and turn their lives around with Jesus’ help and the support of their mentors. All thanks to God’s provision of men and women who have sacrificially given of themselves and not given up on communicating His love to those desperately in need of hope.

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Comfort in Affliction

"This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me."
Psalm 119:50

One of Daylight's Prison Ministry Associates reports, "We arrived as usual for our regular Bible study. It's always a privilege to take God's Word into the prisons and we go with a sense of anticipation. Tonight was no exception.

We were informed at the start that Louis, one of the prisoners, was extremely anxious and would appreciate a special time of prayer for him at the end of the session. Keeping this in mind, we finished 5 minutes early and announced that we were going to pray for Louis.

To our great encouragement, Louis then told the group that he no longer felt the need for prayer as all his anxieties had been resolved through the teaching of the Bible. Another reminder that God still speaks through His word!"



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A note from the Chief Executive:

Daylight could not function without help from three particular people behind the scenes. I am very grateful to Roger Dickinson (volunteer – accounts, salaries, expenses), Stephen Evans (volunteer - Letterwriting Co-ordinator), and Hannah Mansfield (staff – running the office, writing newsletters, keeping everything going!). Their unstinting help and fellowship in the gospel is a great blessing.

Steven St John



December Prayer Points

HMP Bullingdon - Give thanks that Daylight Prison Ministry Associates (PMAs) have the opportunity to run monthly Bible studies in this prison. Although fewer men come now than did a year ago, those who do come listen well.

In November they had the opportunity to speak to a young man longing to be out with family. He thought that if he became a Christian he would then have to live a perfect life. They then shared the nature of God's grace and he began to grasp that it was all of what God did in Christ on the cross. Please pray that he would come to know Christ as his Saviour.

One regular attendee at the Bible studies is soon to be released. He struggles with alcohol so please pray for him.

We are thankful for another prisoner who clearly knows the Lord and has a testimony of a changed life before the other prisoners.

Bury St Edmunds Prayer & Support Group – Praise God for the opportunity to attend and contribute to worship services each month within a local prison. We also give thanks for the faithful Word that is being preached by one chaplain in particular and for his prayer and support to the group.

Please pray that the Lord will provide a suitable musician which in turn will enable us to lead occasional worship services and that the group will be used in the furtherance of the Kingdom to bring lost souls to Christ and to help build up those already in the faith.

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