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Daylight Newsletter September 2015

Prison Services

We are very thankful for the continued opportunities we have to share the Gospel in prisons. During August we had several encouraging prison services.

At one of these services, it was lovely to have a full prison chapel and to see the men listening so well to the message from Psalm 34. They sang very well too and it was wonderful to see so many prisoners singing "Love Lifted Me". For many of these men, if they were not in prison they probably would not stop and listen to a message like this.

Whilst there are often new faces at the services, when we visit regularly we get to know some of the prisoners. It was good to have one prisoner tell us recently, "It's always lovely to see you all."

Following another prison service, we received letters from two prisoners who had been helped by the service. The Bible text postcards we give out at prison services have Daylight's address on the back so this enables the prisoners to contact us. One of these prisoners wrote to request a Day One diary and the other wrote and said, "Unfortunately I am in prison but was fortunate enough to hear a sermon in church from Daylight. I really enjoyed the service. I was a lapsed Christian but my faith has come back to me and the Lord is back in my life. I was told to write to your address and maybe get a short message back, maybe a prayer. Once again, thank you for the service."

These services also gave us the opportunity to pray with and have conversations with individual prisoners.

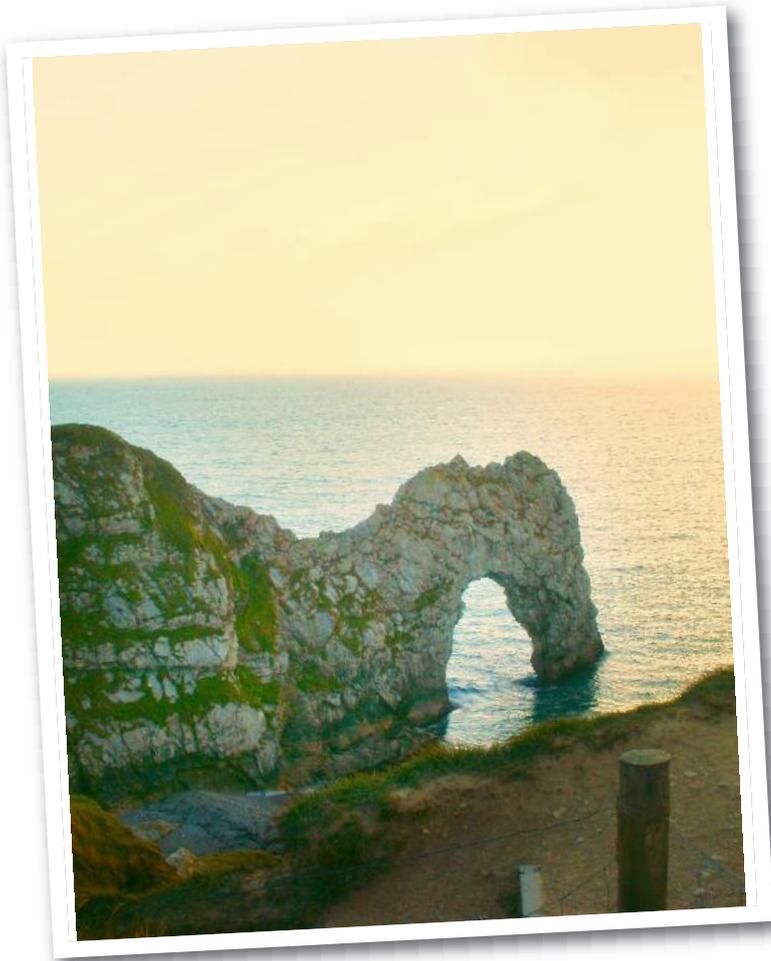
Please pray for the prisoners who came to our services in August that their hearts would be touched by what they heard and for prison services during September.

Letter Writing

Last month we mentioned our need for more volunteers to write to prisoners. We are thankful for those that responded, but more volunteers are still needed.

Female prisoners do not very often ask for someone to write to them, so this means that the prisoners wanting someone to write to them are normally men, but volunteers can be male or female.

If you would be interested in writing to a prisoner or you know someone who would, please call us on 01245 252735 or email letterwriter@daylightcpt.org



“I recently attended a great service where your organisation was present. I find the weekly services of great help.”

(Prisoner)

Encouragement

We have been particularly encouraged by a number of gifted young men joining us in the work. One preached for the first time at a Sunday service recently and spoke with simplicity and great clarity on the feeding of the five thousand. He showed that the miracle was a sign, giving information, warning and direction, pointing to Christ, the Bread of Life, urging listeners to trust Him and His atoning death for salvation and eternal life.

As well as many prisoners afterwards expressing appreciation for what had been said, the two officers present went out of their way to tell the Prison Ministry Associate (PMA) who led the service how much “better” the service was than the preceding RC mass.

“What do you mean by ‘better’?” the PMA asked.

“Well,” the male officer said, “ you had about 20% less men, but the singing was tremendous. There was not much life in the earlier service but with this one, the guys seemed very engaged with it all - with what was being said.”

“Actually,” the female officer said with a note of surprise in her voice, “I really enjoyed the service!”

We thank God for giving us these encouragements. Please pray that the Spirit would do His secret work in the hearts of prisoners and staff who come under the sound of the gospel in Daylight services.

September Prayer Points

Chaplaincy – Several Daylight people now operate inside prisons on the Chaplaincy team. The key benefit of this arrangement is that they interact with the entire range of prisoners, not just those who come to services or Bible studies.

This was illustrated recently when one of our volunteer Chaplains was asked by a visitor if he could supply a Bible to a prisoner of another faith.

This he happily did, discovering that the prisoner had questions concerning creation, and wanted to read Genesis. This led to a detailed discussion of the issue, but also opened up a door of Gospel opportunity with the gift of a complete study Bible.

Please pray that this opening may bear fruit, and that others of our Prison Ministry Associates may be able to take on a Chaplaincy role. With current staff cuts, many chaplains welcome volunteers onto their team.

Ed – Please pray for Ed. Friends will remember his wife took her own life after being admitted to hospital with severe mental problems. The inquest will be held later in September. Please pray particularly that if the press report the proceedings it is done in a way that does not make a difficult situation worse.

Finances – A few of our faithful supporters have recently passed away and we will miss their prayerful and practical support. We are thankful that we have received some new support and would appreciate prayer that our financial needs will continue to be met.

PSGs- Pray for our Prayer & Support Groups (PSGs) across the country as they support Daylight's work prayerfully, visit prisons to run services and Bible studies and help ex-offenders.

Scotland – Give thanks that R who has been in a Christian Rehab centre for a few months now is making good progress. He has been greatly helped by a Christian psychiatrist there.

We are very encouraged by a full attendance for our next Discipleship Explored course, which is now beginning. Please pray that this course would be a blessing in the lives of all who attend and that the teaching they receive would result in spiritual growth.

A number of those who attend the services and courses are struggling with drug addictions. They would value prayer that they would be given strength to overcome these cravings which are such an enslavement for them.

Service – Pray for a team from Great Ellingham Baptist who will be taking a service on the 13th September in a local prison.

From a Daylight supporter, a pastor - a lifer converted in prison:

"It was so good to speak with you on the phone the other day and to hear about the encouraging work that's being done through Daylight. I mentioned to our folks on Wednesday night at the prayer meeting about our conversation and told them how it was prayer that's opening doors of opportunity among prisoners, so we prayed for you all and we prayed for the men in our local prison, which as I think I mentioned is on our doorstep."

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