



Daylight Newsletter February 2016

Prison Officer

Nigel was recently introduced to a young prison officer by the prison chaplain. The officer had been sitting through a service run by the chaplain during Christmas time and the Lord had evidently spoken to him. He had come to the chaplain after the service and had prayed to the Lord for forgiveness. When Nigel spoke to him a week later he was beaming, still enjoying the blessing of coming to faith.

It is a wonderful reminder that prison officers are exposed to the Gospel during prison services and are within reach of its power. Please pray that we may see more of such blessing.

February Prayer Points

HMP Chelmsford – Please pray for the local Prayer & Support Group running a service here at the beginning of February, for those leading the service as they prepare and for the prisoners that come.

HMP Featherstone – About ten men came to the first session of Christianity Explored here. These had been carefully selected as men showing spiritual interest in the Gospel but who are not yet saved. Please pray that God would speak to them through this course.

HMP Oakwood – It was good to be back here on a Sunday morning after disruption due to chaplains moving on. The men were all asking if we could go more regularly, so give thanks that recent changes make this possible.

HMP Portland – Please pray that they will settle back into the regular studies well. A few disruptions to the routine and quite a turnover of the prisoners have given a slightly different start to the year, but we are thankful for the continued opportunity to study God's Word each Monday.

HMP Sudbury – Give thanks for a new group of enthusiastic men at the regular Bible study. Please pray for them that God will open their understanding and hearts to the Gospel.

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HMP Wayland – We would value prayer for lots of changes here. We are pleased to have a Jamaican Pentecostal chaplain joining the chaplaincy three days a week, who is known to us as a Gospel preacher. He has moved from another prison, so please pray that a replacement will be found there.

There is still a vacancy for a full time Anglican chaplain here. Please pray that the post will be filled by someone who will be supportive of our work.

The former Anglican chaplain has moved to another prison where we work. Please pray for this change as one of our volunteers gets to know and work with him there.

As well as these chaplaincy changes, there are also changes to timetables and we would value prayer for this. The intention is to allow more time for evening sessions. Our mid week Bible studies were squeezed with men arriving late under the old scheme. Please pray that this new regime will allow us a full hour with them.

HMP Werrington – Give thanks for an invitation to take Sunday services here in addition to the regular Bible studies.

India – Nigel Robinson will be away speaking at a number of meetings in India for the second half of February. Please pray that the break will not prove too disruptive to the regular mid-week activities and for safety and spiritual power for Nigel as he goes to India.

L – Last year we asked you to pray for L, a young prisoner who had received a long sentence for joint enterprise. He showed real signs of conversion and a desire to go into Christian ministry. He has recently been moved to a prison in the North East of England, away from our regular Bible studies. Please pray that he might make contact with the chaplaincy there and continue to grow spiritually and that we would be able to continue to support him.

Northern Ireland – Steven St John plans to be in Northern Ireland week beginning the 21st February speaking about Daylight at a number of churches. We will be sending details of these meetings to our supporters in the area. Please pray for Steven as he prepares and as he speaks.

Scotland – Give thanks for the completion of another Christianity Explored course which has been beneficial. Please pray for the Discipleship Explored course which is now beginning. Please continue to pray for **D** who has been released recently and has been attending a place of worship where there is good support and sound teaching.

Please also pray for a prisoner who has received news that his brother has been diagnosed with cancer. He is one of our regular attendees and says he has become a Christian. He is naturally very upset at this news and would value prayer as it is a very trying situation for him whilst in prison.

Pray that the Holy Spirit would enlighten darkened minds as the Word of God is being read and faithfully preached to them every week. They have all been given a copy of the New Testament and a Day One Diary which many of them greatly appreciated. Their needs are so varied, but the Lord knows how to meet them.



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Daylight Christian Prison Trust

Income & Expenditure Statement for year ending 31st December 2015

	2015	2014		2015	2014
Opening Balance 1st Jan:	£34,554	£3,652			
<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>		
Gifts to support staff	21936	26165	Staff Costs	78012	67769
Contributions to cost of office	2147	2111	Premises Costs	9970	9996
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	6445	14241	Office Costs	12646	14205
Unrestricted Gifts & Sundry Credits	92707	98138	Travel Costs	14698	16919
			Fundraising	1883	863
Total Income:	£123,235	£140,655	Total Expen:	£117,209	£109,753
Closing Balance 31st Dec:	£40,580	£34,554			

Income in Excess of Expen: £6,026 £30,902

(These figures have not yet been subject to independent examination and are therefore only provisional.)

Following our general appeal to you in 2014 we were amazed at how God opened your hearts to support the work as reflected in the above figures.

There have been times when at the end of a month we have wondered if we had the resources available to continue for much longer, but we have so many times been reminded of the words in Isaiah "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Isaiah 65: 24

We are so thankful to you all for your support throughout another year, both in prayer and financially. Those of you who have asked specifically for your gifts to go towards the support in different areas of the work (Wales, Midlands & Bristol) are really appreciated by those staff. We are also thankful to God for his care over our staff as they travel (Nigel & David between them have clocked up nearly 25,000 miles in this financial year, whilst Steven has travelled the length and breadth of the United Kingdom by different modes of transport). We are also thankful to Emmanuel Church Bristol for their partnership (prayerful and financial) with us in the role that Lindsay covers in that area.

How do we thank those who had it in the heart to leave monies to Daylight in their estate? Just under £13,000 was received from that source during 2015, and amazingly from some whom we did not know supported Daylight.

During 2014 we started to claim Gift Aid Tax on a monthly basis and not annually, which explains the large difference shown in those figures year on year.

The Charity Commission recommends that charities hold cash reserves equivalent to three months expenditure and since the middle of 2014 we are so grateful that through your support this has been achieved at the end of most months. With the 2015 year-end figure showing a marked improvement over 2014 the Trustees are considering how best to use the money the Lord is giving to develop the work.

Roger Dickinson

Daylight CPT Honorary Treasurer

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