



Daylight Newsletter November 2016

As we look back over the last month, we are thankful for many encouragements. Bookings have started to come in for next year and we are grateful for these continued opportunities to share the Gospel in prisons.

Following one of our recent Sunday services a prison officer was speaking to one of our Prison Ministry Associates and said, "I like it when you come and take the service because the men really listen and we don't have to do anything."

At another prison where we run weekly Bible studies some of our regular attendees have been moved or released but it has been good to see new prisoners coming in their place. Please pray for this group, currently studying Acts.

A prisoner who was converted through our Science & Faith course years ago recently came to one of our Bible studies in another prison and it was wonderful to see how much he has grown since we last saw him.

During September & October, prisoners have been studying Mark's Gospel at our Christianity Explored course in HMP Cardiff. Please pray that they would remember what they have learnt and that it would have an effect on their hearts and lives.

At the beginning of October we started running Christianity Explored Ministries' new course Life Explored in HMP Ashfield. Numbers have been small, but we are thankful that the prisoners who come are responding well. Please pray for the course which will finish in mid-November, that one man coming who is unconverted will come to know Christ as his Saviour and that those who profess to be Christians will grow in grace.

November Prayer Points

HMP Cardiff – Please pray for T as he is released and starts being disciplined by a mentor.

HMP Portland – Praise the Lord for continued small encouragements where we see little chinks of the light of God's truth penetrating the darkness of minds closed to the Gospel. Please pray that these would yield a glorious view of our Saviour leading to repentance and faith as His Spirit brings new birth.

HMP Wayland – Please pray for the group from Great Ellingham Baptist Church who will be taking a Sunday service here at the beginning of December.

Pray too for the weekly Bible study and one to one mentoring work.

Swansea – Please pray for J (ex-offender) as he settles into a church in Swansea.

North of England – Give thanks for the many Managing Chaplains that Glynn has met with so far and for the positive responses that we have received.

Praise God that the chaplaincy team at one prison are keen for Daylight to go in as soon as possible. Please pray that the difficulties of finding a Prayer & Support Group for this very remote part of the country will not be insurmountable.

Please pray for our two Sunday services in HMP Haverigg this month and give thanks that there are imminent prospects of new Prayer & Support Groups forming near both HMP Haverigg and HMP Durham.

Pray that our links with a church and supportive pastor in Sunderland will grow into a Prayer & Support Group near HMP Holme House and for the potential link between HMP Leeds and a nearby supportive church that God's hand will be on that situation as we explore the possibilities together.

Some prisons have opted not to take up Daylight's offer of support at this stage so please pray that the door will remain open for future partnerships in the Lord's perfect timing.

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Scotland - Please pray for the prisoners who have recently completed the Discipleship Explored course as they continue to attend the weekly services. Pray that the knowledge they gained on the course will not be forgotten and that it will lead them to seriously consider their need of Christ.

Another of the men who attended the courses has just been released. He told us that the courses and weekly services he attended have helped him to understand the Gospel much better and he has now put his trust completely in the Lord. As he faces life outside prison again he will be faced with various temptations so please pray that he will be kept.

Please pray for R who is being released soon that he would be accepted for Rehab and be able to adjust to that regime for his own good.

Give thanks for D whom we met in prison some years ago. He is now a bright Christian and is doing a great work in his own church. We were privileged to attend his wedding recently which gave us much reason to praise the Lord. He feels God is calling him to work amongst prisoners and he awaits God's time for the door to open.

Pray for Daylight's presentation at a Missions Focus Weekend at Charlotte Chapel in Edinburgh on the 18th and 19th November in conjunction with Robin Turton, Christianity Explored's Prison Ministry Coordinator.

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Daylight's Chairman, Paul Philpott, has stepped aside from involvement with prison work for personal reasons and this means that he is no longer a Daylight Trustee. Paul was involved with Day One's prison ministry from the start, which then became Daylight Christian Prison Trust in 2004.

We are so thankful for everything Paul has done to sustain Daylight's work over the years; if it wasn't for him, Daylight would not exist.

Paul has been much encouraged to see new trustees joining Daylight this year and the board being strengthened. He continues to attend one of our Prayer & Support Groups and would encourage any of Daylight's supporters to join or start such a group as a way of being more connected to the work.

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