



Daylight Newsletter December 2016

As we come to the end of 2016, we are thankful for God's goodness through another year.

Opportunities to run Sunday services have continued and it has been wonderful to see large groups of prisoners listening attentively as the Gospel is shared and explained.

Prison Officers hear the Gospel through our services too, and while it might not be their choice to be there, many of them listen carefully and sometimes comment on how good the service has been.

We are able to take literature in to these services which prisoners take back to their cells. A favourite with prisoners are the postcards with Bible texts on them and in a recent letter, one prisoner said, "It brings me much joy when I open my Bible and see the cards I have with your text on them each day." Please pray that this literature would continue to be used to encourage prisoners that are believers and to challenge those that are unsaved.

Our weekly Bible studies have continued to be an encouragement as well. Numbers have been small in some places, but have grown in others and it has been a joy to run these studies with prisoners who are keen to learn more from the Bible.

We have also run a number of Christianity Explored and Discipleship Explored courses this year and it has been good to see that prisoners who have completed Christianity Explored have been very keen to start Discipleship Explored and find out more. A prisoner at one of our

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Christianity Explored courses said, "I am happier now than I have ever been in my whole life, even though I'm in prison because I found Christ as my Saviour."

A number of Daylight people are now volunteer chaplains carrying out statutory duties. This enables us to reach prisoners on the wings who may not come to services or Bible studies.

Letters between prisoners and volunteers come in and out of the office throughout the year and prisoners often say how much they appreciate having a friend to write to.

Life after release can be very difficult so it has been good to see ex-offenders that we mentor going on well and starting to plan for their futures.

This time last year we would not have imagined that we would have a Regional Director for the North, but God provided the resources and we are delighted that Glynn was able to join the team at the end of June. Doors have been opened and we already have opportunities to work in a number of prisons in the North. Please continue to pray for the work in this region, particularly for the establishment of new Prayer & Support Groups.

We have exhibited at a number of Christian conferences and events this year and it has been good to meet some of our existing supporters, as well as meeting new people interested in getting involved in the work.

None of this would be possible without our volunteers who support our staff team in their work, so thank you to all of you who give up your time to run or help with prison services, Bible studies and courses, mentor ex-offenders, write to prisoners or help by looking after the letter writing and accounts.

Please pray for all the prisoners and officers who have heard the Gospel through our activities in prisons this year; particularly for those who have professed faith that they would continue to walk with Him and grow in grace. Pray too that opportunities to share the Gospel in prisons would continue next year and for the ex-offenders we support.

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December Prayer Points

HMP Garth - Give thanks that we have been offered four dates for leading Sunday services here in 2017.

HMP Haverigg - Give thanks for the warm welcome we continue to receive here and for the many opportunities we are being given to engage with the prisoners and staff.

Managing Chaplains - Give thanks for the opportunities we are having to speak about Daylight to every Managing Chaplain at regional meetings.

New Prayer & Support Groups - Please pray that the Lord will raise up Prayer & Support Groups for HMP Durham and HMP Holme House following a meeting planned for early December with a church in Sunderland and that a Prayer & Support Group for HMP Northumberland will come from a meeting with an evangelical church on the Scottish border.

Pray too that the Lord will provide Prayer & Support Groups for HMP Armley and HMP New Hall, that our partnership with a church in West Yorkshire will continue to develop in that direction and for ongoing progress in this part of the North.

Scotland - Please pray for R as he has just been released. He needs his family's support just now after serving another short sentence. Pray that he will keep out of trouble and that he will attend a church where he would find good Christian fellowship.

Pray also for G who is due for release just before Christmas. He has been very attentive at the services and courses and is keen to attend church when he gets out of prison. He has been directed to a church where he will be warmly welcomed and helped in his quest to reform and grow in faith and knowledge.

Please pray for the Christianity Explored course which has just started. There has been a good attendance so far and we hope the interest will continue in order for them to develop in their understanding of the Gospel and come to faith in Christ.

Give thanks for the opportunity we had to speak at Charlotte Chapel's Missions Weekend in November. Please pray that following this, many will sign up to receive our newsletters to help them pray for the work.

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