



Daylight Newsletter January 2018

We are thankful that our weekly Bible studies in a number of prisons continue to be an encouragement.

In HMP Oakwood (Staffordshire) a good number of men have been attending for several years and are showing evidence of spiritual life and maturity. It is wonderful to see these men showing pastoral care for the other men on their wings and encouraging them to come along to the chapel.

One man said he came along to the Bible studies thinking he was a Christian and realised from what he heard that he was not, but now he knows he is a Christian. We give thanks that the change in him is evident in his contributions to the Bible studies.

Over the last couple of months we have also heard from a number of prisoners how much they appreciate our Sunday services. Following one of these a prisoner said to us, "It's so different when you guys take the service." When asked what he meant he replied, "You talk as if you mean it. You speak with real passion."

These services continue to give us opportunities to give Bibles and New Testaments to prisoners and recently a Romanian prisoner asked if we could provide him with a Bible in his language. We were immediately able to find one and give it to him. He asked if he could keep it and his face lit up when we said yes.

A week later as we walked round the wing, he called us to his cell door and showed us his opened Bible. Please pray that he will keep reading it and that despite his poor English he will be able come to the weekly Bible study.

January Prayer Points

HMP Bullingdon (Oxfordshire) – Give thanks for an encouraging Bible study in December with eight men who were so open to hear the Gospel.

Some of these men have clear testimonies of how the Lord has saved them so please pray that they would be helped to witness to others.

HMP Cardiff (South Wales) – Please pray for Caleb who professed faith during the last Christianity Explored course that he would be helped to live for Christ in prison and after his release in a few months' time.

HMP Durham – Please continue to pray for the Lord to raise up Christians in the North East who would be willing to support the work here each Friday.

HMP Garth (Lancashire) – Please pray for the team running a service on the 7th January and for a potential volunteer who will be joining them.

HMP Haverigg (Cumbria) – Please pray for our service on the 21st January and for the potential opportunity to run Christianity Explored Prison Edition here and for Peter, Robin and Glynn as they look at taking this forward.

HMP Northumberland – Give thanks that the new Managing Chaplain has asked us to lead services throughout 2018 and pray that the Lord would raise up local volunteers to help take up these opportunities. If you live in the area and would like to find out more, please contact Glynn by emailing glynn@daylightcpt.org.

David– Please pray for David, a young prisoner who attended our Bible studies but has applied to change his religion to Muslim. Pray that he would remember what he has learnt in the Bible studies and that this would be used to speak to him.

Ex-offender – Please pray for an ex-offender who has disappeared off the radar after being released and linked up with a Bible believing church in Cumbria.

J – Please pray for J who has been recalled to prison in the North East.

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Malcolm – Malcolm is a very faithful and prayerful supporter of Nigel's work in the West Midlands and is slowly recovering from pleurisy. Please pray for him as he recovers and for him soon to be well enough to be back in the prisons.

Prisoner – In last month's newsletter we mentioned a partially sighted prisoner who had been given a large print Bible. Give thanks that when we saw him at a carol service in December he said he had already been through it several times. Please pray that he will continue to read it and that God will speak to him through His Word.

Scotland – Please pray for the men who have attended the courses over the past year and pray that what has been taught will bear fruit in many of their lives.

A number of the prisoners who have been coming to the services and courses have been released recently. Please pray that they would begin to attend a place of worship and find the help and support they so much need.

Pray too that the Daylight chaplain and volunteers would know God's blessing this year as they continue to give of their time in prison ministry.

St Helens PSG (London) – Give thanks for a great service in HMP High Down (Surrey) in December, when the prisoners heard that King Jesus came into the world to save His people from sin and that we should respond by worshipping Him. Give thanks too that the team had opportunities to have great conversations with the men and to pray with them.

Please pray for fruit from this service and that the team will be able to build on an encouraging 2017 and be given opportunities in 2018 according to God's sovereign will.

West Midlands – Some Sunday morning slots are still unfilled for this year. Please pray that Nigel will be able to fill them and that he may be able to re-open an opportunity at a women's prison in the area.

West Yorkshire PSG – This recently formed Prayer & Support Group will be meeting on the 30th January. Give thanks that the Lord has raised up a strong, godly group of believers and pray that doors will be opened in the prisons in the area.

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