



## Daylight Newsletter March 2018

Three prisoners recently came along to one of our weekly Bible studies for the first time. Having each committed similar crimes, they had become friends in prison and came to the Bible study because they were struggling with guilt and wanted to know what the Bible said about it.

In the study that week we were looking at the Sermon on the Mount and mercy and forgiveness so they could not have come at a better time. One of the men seemed particularly affected by what he heard.

Please pray that the Lord would speak to each of them and that they would continue to attend the Bible studies.

At one of our services at the end of last year we had a young man who had only just come into prison, was really struggling to adjust to prison life and was very distressed about his situation and being away from his family.

We have been praying for him since then and it was a real joy to see him again at a service recently. He greeted us all with a huge smile and said he had been in such a bad place but that he had put his trust in God and God had brought him through it.

At a Bible study in another prison, a prisoner who has been attending on and off for the last couple of years recently said he had given his heart to the Lord and had thrown away all his drugs.

Please pray that these professions of faith would prove to be genuine, that prison staff and other prisoners would see the change in these men and that they would be helped to live for Christ in prison.

## March Prayer Points

**HMP Bronzefield (Surrey)** – Give thanks for the opportunity we had to share the Gospel at services in this women's prison recently and for the chance to speak to and pray with a number of them. Please pray that they would remember the message they heard and that it would speak to them.

**HMP Cardiff (South Wales)** – Please pray that the men at the weekly Christianity Explored course would be challenged by what they are learning from Mark's Gospel.

**HMP Chelmsford (Essex)** – Give thanks for encouraging services here in February. Numbers attending were down slightly but those who came listened attentively and we had good conversations with them. Please pray for the men who heard the Gospel at these services and for our next service on the 18th March.

**HMP Ford (West Sussex)** – Please pray for the team running a service here on Easter Sunday (1st April) as they share the great message of the resurrection and for the Solent Prayer & Support Group as they meet on 19th March at West End Chapel, Fareham to pray for this.

**HMP Garth (Lancashire)** – Please pray for the team running the services here on the 4th March.

**HMP Haverigg (Cumbria)** – Please pray for a new mid-week group starting here this month, for our service on the 18th March and for Glynn as he meets with the Head of Reducing Re-offending on the 1st March.

**HMP High Down (Surrey)** – Give thanks for an encouraging service here recently when the men listened and seemed engaged. Please pray for the men who are Christians that God would use what was shared in the service to bring them to maturity and for those that are not, that God in His grace would bring them to saving faith.

**HMP Holme House (County Durham)** – Give thanks for continued opportunities here and please pray for our services on the 11th March.

**HMP Northumberland** – Please pray for the prisoners who will hear the Gospel through our services here on the 25th March.

**HMP Oakwood (Staffordshire)** – Give thanks for the continued opportunity to run a weekly Bible study here and for the encouragement of prisoners

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who are so eager to learn from the Bible. Please pray for one regular attendee who has recently been released and says he is going to attend church with his family.

**HMP Swansea (South Wales)** – Please continue to pray for the ongoing Life Explored course here and for the prisoners who come each week.

**Bible Study** – Please pray for one of our volunteers who started running a weekly Bible study in a prison at the beginning of this year. We were very encouraged that the number of men attending had grown from four to fifteen and that they had a real hunger for the Word of God and were wanting to know more about God's way of salvation. However, there have been some difficulties at the prison gate which have prevented him going in for the last couple of weeks. Please pray that these problems would soon be resolved and that the Bible study will be able to continue.

**Finance** – Regular readers of our newsletters will remember that last month we asked for prayer for our current financial situation. We are grateful to so many of you who have sent encouraging messages and assured us of your prayers and we give thanks for the way we saw the Lord meet our needs during February. Please keep praying that the needed resources would continue to be provided month by month.

**Preston Prayer & Support Group** – Please pray for this group as they meet on the 22nd March and continue to pray for more people to join them.

**Prison Ministry Associate** – One of our PMAs asks us to give thanks for a recent Bible study. The men had a real hunger to hear the Gospel, with one giving his testimony of how he had murdered and was not bothered about it until God broke into his life and he was wonderfully born again.

**Scotland** – Please continue to pray for the current Christianity Explored course and weekly services that the Holy Spirit would make the Gospel message effectual in the lives of those who attend and listen.

Pray too for S who is back inside after a long spell out of prison. He attended a good supportive church for a while and realises that he needs to trust in the Lord for strength to avoid temptation. It is so easy to fall when old contacts are renewed.

**West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group** – Please pray for Glynn as he meets with the Managing Chaplain at a prison in the area to discuss Daylight partnership there and for the group as they meet on the 27th March.

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