



Daylight Newsletter May 2018

We were very encouraged to hear from one of our volunteers recently about the weekly Bible studies he is running in a prison in the South East. He reports that there is a real seriousness among the men and that they do most of the talking and thinking and he just lets the Word speak to them.

Nine prisoners have been attending regularly but at the last session numbers increased to fifteen and one prisoner professed faith. Please pray that the change in him would be evident and that this would be a challenge to the other prisoners attending.

Another encouragement over the last few weeks has been seeing how much prisoners are appreciating Bibles and other literature that we are able to give to them. After one of our services a few prisoners were asking for Bibles and when we gave a copy to one of these men, his face just lit up. It is amazing to see how much they want a copy of God's Word and how much it means to them when they are given one.

One prisoner who comes along to our services with a well-used Bible and seems to very much appreciate the messages has been taking extra literature with him to give to others on his wing who are not attending the services. Another who had been sent a daily reading booklet and Bible text postcards wrote to us, saying, "Your literature and postcards have been a great inspiration to me. I read them daily".

Please pray that prisoners would continue to read the literature they are given and that the Lord would speak to them through His Word.

May Prayer Points

HMP Ashfield (Gloucestershire) – Please pray for the Christianity Explored course which has recently started here; for those leading and for the prisoners who come each week.

HMP Bullingdon (Oxfordshire) – Give thanks for the opportunity to run a Bible study here in April with thirteen men who were all keen to hear the Gospel explained. One man said he had become a Christian the week before and another shared how God had changed his hard and angry heart whilst in segregation for misbehaviour some years ago; a prison officer had given him a Gideon Bible and he had been saved through reading it.

HMP Bure (Norfolk) – Give thanks that it has become easier to make arrangements to preach here, mostly on a monthly basis. Please pray for the large number of men who attend the services; several different views and approaches to Christianity can be found amongst them so please pray that the clear truth of the Bible would be understood by many.

HMP Cardiff (South Wales) – Please continue to pray for the prisoners studying Mark's Gospel at the Christianity Explored courses here.

HMP Garth (Lancashire) – Please pray for the team running services here on the 6th May and for the prisoners who will hear the Gospel through these.

HMP Long Lartin (Worcestershire) – Give thanks for an encouraging service here recently with the prisoners showing real appreciation for the message.

HMP Oakwood (Staffordshire) – Give thanks for the continued opportunity to run weekly Bible studies here. A long standing core member of the group, who we feel sure is now a believer has recently been moved to another prison. Please pray that he will continue to go on with the Lord and that he will get involved in the chapel activities at his new prison.

Another couple of men who have been attending regularly are due to be

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moved soon but we are less confident that they belong to the Lord yet. Please pray that they will continue seeking.

HMP Portland (Dorset) – Give thanks for a prisoner who was contacted on the wings and invited to the Bible study. Two months on he is just coming to the end of his second reading of the New Testament and is asking thoughtful questions, showing evidence of God's work in his life.

Please pray that his faith will be firmly established by God's grace and that he will be given all needed help in adjusting to the new desires of his heart as he struggles with old ways.

HMP Sudbury (Derbyshire) – We have recently started studying Romans at the Bible studies here. Please pray that the men who come each week will be challenged and grow as they learn from God's Word.

Letter Writing – Please continue to pray that the Lord would raise up a suitable volunteer to take on running the letter writing.

London Seminary – Pray for Steven St John speaking about prison ministry at London Seminary on 3rd May.

Preston Prayer & Support Group – Please pray for this group as they meet on the 3rd May and for more people from local churches to join with them.

Scotland – We are beginning a Life Explored course with the prisoners this month. This is the first time we have done this course with them so pray that we would be able to adapt the teaching to the level of those who attend and that there would be a good response to the Gospel message.

Please pray that the courses and weekly services would be of great and lasting benefit to those who attend. "My word shall not return unto me void..."

Solent Prayer & Support Group – Please continue to pray for this group as they consider seeking opportunities to work in other prisons in the area.

Uganda – Pray for Steven St John as he takes a trip to Uganda this month and has the opportunity to visit a number of prisons there.

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