

Daylight Newsletter November 2018

At a recent service, a congregation of over eighty prisoners heard a message from Ephesians 2, looking at verses 8 & 9 where Paul writes, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

One of our volunteers was also able to give his testimony, and following the service one of the officers commented that they were impressed by the quietness among such a large group of men. One of the prisoners also said that he believed he had become a Christian. Please pray that this will prove to be genuine and that the change in him will be evident to those around him.

In another prison, Nigel recently had the opportunity to run a special session with a group of prisoners, speaking about why he believes in creation as a scientist. The prisoners loved it and there is the possibility of doing a second session in the future. Please pray that what these men heard about creation would make them think about the greatness of the creator and that they would see their need of Him as their Saviour.

It is always an encouragement to us when we hear from prisoners who are enjoying reading and learning more about the Bible. We recently sent a prisoner one of our daily reading books and were pleased to hear back from him that he was finding it useful. He writes, "I like the way you can look at the book and some parts of the Bible and the prayers at the bottom of the book. It helped me a lot. Thank you." Please pray that this will be used in his heart and life.

Daylight in Bristol

For some time, Lindsay Jarman has been building a Daylight team of speakers and musicians to take Sunday services in prison chapels in Bristol and the surrounding area. This has been very successful. She has also been working part time for MentorMe and they have been asking her to go full time as their work has grown.

In order to do this, Lindsay has been seeking a volunteer to organise the Sunday teams and we are delighted that Ben Menzies has agreed to take on this important task. Lindsay is a Mission Partner of Emmanuel Church in Bristol, and we are so grateful to the leadership team and the folk there for all their support. As Ben is a member of the Emmanuel family we are very pleased that the relationship will continue.

Ben has been into prison many times as a musician and knows how important the Sunday services are to the prisoners and to Daylight's Gospel work. Do please pray for him, as it is quite a challenge and there may be opportunities to develop things further.

With impeccable timing, Lindsay has handed over to Ben and is now planning maternity leave! We thank God for all that He has done through Lindsay and wish her and her husband Jonny and the baby God's richest blessing.

November Prayer Points

HMP Cardiff (South Wales) — Please pray for the next Christianity Explored course starting here, that a good number of prisoners will come along each week to learn from Mark's Gospel.

HMP Ford (West Sussex) – Give thanks for the opportunity to run a service here on 18th November. Please pray for the team running this and for the Solent Prayer & Support Group as they meet to pray for this service on 5th November. Pray too for further opportunities in this prison in 2019.

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HMP Northumberland — Give thanks for the opportunity to start Christianity Explored here on 6th November. Please pray for those leading the course and that many prisoners would come along to learn from Mark's Gospel. Pray too for our service here on 25th November.

HMP Wakefield (West Yorkshire) — Please pray for the men who heard the Gospel at a recent service, that the Lord would work in their hearts and they may seek Him in earnest. Pray too that the opportunities for mid-week visits here may come to fruition.

Bryan – Please pray for Bryan as he is released, that he would commit to a local church.

Finance — Over the last few months, income has been less than expenditure. We give thanks that there have been reserves to meet this shortfall, but would ask you to pray that the regular income would increase and that our needs would be met month by month.

North of England – Glynn Jones created a lot of opportunities in the North during his time working for us and we are thankful that he has continued to do some things on a voluntary basis since he stepped down at the end of June. We are delighted that John Little will now also be joining us as a volunteer in the North East, having left the prison service last year. John will be part of the team running Christianity Explored in HMP Northumberland and will be working in other prisons and available to speak at churches in the area. Please pray for him in this work.

Scotland – Please continue to pray for Iain who leads the team here as he is recovering from a stroke. Our volunteers are unable to get access to the prison while he is recovering, so please also pray for the inmates who were regular attenders at the various courses and weekly service.

Scott - Please pray that Scott will settle into a church in the Welsh valleys.

Terry— Please pray for Terry, a prisoner who has heard the Gospel. His case is high profile and he has spoken about ending his life. Please pray for God to do a work in his heart.

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