



Daylight Newsletter January 2019

Over the last month it has been very encouraging to hear from some of our staff and volunteers about prisoners who professed faith some time ago that are now showing real evidence of growth and doing their best to live for the Lord.

At one of our Bible study groups we have seen a real change in some of the men who have been attending for just over a year. They have clearly grown in their understanding of Bible principles and appreciation of the power, faithfulness and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. When they started attending many of them were very self-centred, but now we can see them encouraging and caring for each other. A number of them are now also studying the Bible on the wings together.

In another prison, James, who came in with no interest in faith at all says he now knows he came to prison to find Christ. He is currently facing a lot of difficulties and has a hearing coming up soon, but he is learning to pray about his problems and to leave them with the Lord and is able to speak to our volunteer chaplain regularly.

After hearing our volunteer preach on Luke 3:7-18 recently, James felt really helped by the message and said, "I know I am a Christian". He said he had read the passage himself before, but that day he had seen so many new things and was learning so much from it; the Word was coming alive to him. We know that this is not because of us, but because the Spirit is applying the Word to Him.

Please pray that his current difficulties will be used to draw him closer to the Lord and that he will continue to grow in grace.



January Prayer Points

HMP Ashfield (Gloucestershire) – Give thanks for an encouraging service here recently and that the team were able to have really good conversations with the prisoners.

HMP Bristol – Give thanks for the opportunities we had to run services here in December. Please pray for the prisoners that came, that God would work in their hearts and lives.

HMP Bullingdon (Oxfordshire) – Give thanks for the opportunities there are to run monthly Bible studies and to preach occasionally on a Sunday. A couple of our volunteers are waiting for the renewal of their clearance, so please pray that this will go through smoothly and quickly. Pray too for the new Managing Chaplain and that he and our team will work well together.

HMPs Cardiff & Swansea (South Wales) – Please pray for the Christianity Explored courses here and for all the men who heard the Gospel throughout last year.

HMP Chelmsford (Essex) – Give thanks for the prisoners who heard the Gospel at our services here in December and for a good number of bookings to run services this year. Please pray for the team running a service on 20th January.

HMP/YOI Deerbolt (County Durham) – Please pray for the new C of E Chaplain who was licensed on Christmas Day.

HMP Gartree (Leicestershire) – Give thanks for an encouraging service recently, with a good number of prisoners attending and listening attentively. Please pray for continued opportunities in this prison this year.

HMP Holme House (County Durham) – Give thanks for the opportunity to lead one-to-one Bible studies with men who have requested this. Please pray for the new C of E Chaplain who started in December.

HMP Northumberland – Give thanks for the recent Christianity Explored course here. We were encouraged by a few of the prisoners speaking at a Sunday service on what they had learnt from the course about who Jesus is, why He came and what it means to follow Him. Please pray for all the prisoners who came to the course that it would continue to be used to speak to them.

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HMP Parc (South Wales) – Please pray for wisdom as we look to start a regular ministry here.

Ben – Ben is the son of a church leader but became a heroin and crack cocaine addict. He has now been saved and has lost all craving for drugs. Please pray that the change in him would be a witness to his fellow prisoners and to prison staff.

Joe – Please continue to pray for Joe's wife who grows weaker with terminal cancer. He has become a Christian in prison and longs for his wife to be saved before it is too late.

Nathan – Please pray for Nathan who was released over Christmas that he will fit into rehab and will stay with the program.

Release – Several long standing members of our Bible study groups have been released recently. Please pray that God would lead them into church fellowships where they can continue to grow into mature disciples.

Scotland – Please pray for two prisoners released recently who have promised to attend a good evangelical church in their area. We very often see that it is easy for prisoners to revert back to their former ways once released and forget all about their promises, so please pray that they would go along to the church and that this would be a support to them.

Pray too for the Christianity Explored course starting with a new group this month; that there would be an interest in the course and that it would be a blessing to all who attend.

West Midlands – Give thanks for wonderful opportunities to share the life changing Gospel message with so many needy men with open hearts and a real longing to change. Give thanks too that the men are giving positive feedback to their chaplains, which helps to keep the opportunities open. Please pray for Nigel as he makes bookings for Sunday services for this year.

West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group – Give thanks that having undergone training, five of the group are now officially Chaplaincy Volunteers in HMP Wakefield. Sunday services and mid-week meetings have been attended, enabling links to be forged with several of the prisoners. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless the group throughout 2019.

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