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Daylight Newsletter May 2019

One of our volunteer chaplains visiting prisoners on the wings has been regularly speaking to a man named Mack. During one of their recent conversations, Mack said he would like someone to write to him, so we arranged for one of our volunteers to write a first letter to him.

The next time our chaplain visited, as soon as he opened his cell door, Mack asked him to guess what his good news was and was absolutely thrilled to have received his first letter from our volunteer. He read out the letter, wrote back immediately and is eagerly anticipating the next letter where the volunteer has said they will explain how they became a Christian.

Please pray that the letter writing will continue to be an encouragement and help to Mack and for all of the volunteers involved in this valuable ministry.

Another of our chaplains recently met Dan, a young man serving a very short sentence. He was taken to church by his father and has many Christian relatives, but had shown no interest in the Gospel himself. Since being in prison, he has started to attend Sunday services, accepted a Bible and says he will go to church with his father when he is released.

Please pray that Dan will read the Bible he has been given and that the Lord will use what has happened to him to work in the hearts of the whole family.

In HMP Wayland, three prisoners were recently baptised by full immersion in a portable baptistry, all giving good, clear testimonies. They were each given a copy of Stuart Olyott's Welwyn commentary on Romans - *The Gospel As It Really Is*. Please pray that this will be a help to them and that they will grow in grace as they study God's Word.



May Prayer Points

HMP Bure (Norfolk) – A friend who accompanies our volunteer when he preaches here is applying for clearance and the chaplain has welcomed this. Give thanks for this and that the chaplain has invited us to take the whole service on some occasions rather than just the sermon.

Please pray for those who are enthusiastic about Christian truth but somewhat in denial about being sinners and for those to whom the Christian message is quite new.

HMP Holme House (County Durham) – Please pray for Carl who has now been released and has reconnected with a good local church. Pray too for them as they support him.

HMYOI Deerbolt (County Durham) – Please pray for Stephen & John (Gideons) as they join John Little to lead the service here on **12th May**.

HMP Lewes (East Sussex) – Please pray for James who said he feels lonely. His family are estranged to different degrees and life on the wing can be noisy and very negative, but he is reading the Scriptures, is clearly growing in grace and the Lord has given him daily opportunities to be a blessing to other prisoners. Please pray that he will know the Lord's presence with him.

HMP Low Newton (County Durham) – Please pray for the Managing Chaplain, Anth and his team. There are opportunities to run Bible studies and Christianity Explored here, so please also pray for these.

HMP Portland (Dorset) – Please pray for W who has been coming to the weekly Bible studies for many months and is very attentive. He read out loud with real understanding and expression the passage on the crucifixion. Please pray that God's Word will make a deep impact on him as he sees the relevance of the cross.

Pray too for D who yearns for greater consistency of faith. At his request, we have just given him a book on Revelation. Pray for useful clarity about the glory of Christ and the outworking of God's salvation.

Pray for one of the Bible study groups who have just commenced studies in Romans, that there would be a rebuilding of numbers coming along.

HMP Thorn Cross (Cheshire) – Give thanks for an encouraging service here

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recently when one of our volunteers preached on Luke 23:44-49, with another leading the prayers and good conversations with prisoners after the service. Please pray that the message will be used to speak to them.

HMP Wakefield (West Yorkshire) – Give thanks that the team were able to attend the various services in the week leading to and on Easter Sunday.

They will be completing the study of the Armour of God with a group of prisoners on **13th May**. Please pray that the men will accept the simplicity of God's truth about it and for wisdom in organising and delivering future themes.

HMP Wayland (Norfolk) – Give thanks for the opportunities we recently had to be involved in three Sunday services in a row through preaching and attending baptisms.

Pray too for the new part time Free Church chaplain who has just started working here.

Norwich Prayer & Support Group – Please pray for Jon as he has just started providing chaplaincy cover to a local residential house for ex-offenders.

Opportunities – We have opportunities to work in new prisons in some areas. Please pray that the Lord would provide people to take these up.

Scotland – The new Life Explored course has now started and although a smaller group, there is genuine interest being shown. Please pray that the course will prove to be beneficial to those who attend and that they will come to trust in the One who is “that eternal life”.

Please pray for the weekly services on Tuesdays and those who regularly come to hear the Gospel message being faithfully preached to them and for those who have recently been released after attending the weekly services and courses.

West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group – Three members of the group were able to attend two services in the local female prison in April. Please pray that God will continue to open doors there and reveal how the group can be involved further.

Some of the group will be attending a service for the first time in another prison on **12th May**. Please thank the Lord for His goodness and blessing in making this possible.

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