



Daylight Newsletter June 2019

This month marks fifteen years of Daylight's work and as we look back over these years we give thanks to God for His goodness and faithfulness.

From the very beginning, Daylight's vision has been to see prisoners brought from the darkness of sin into the light of Christ. To that end, over the last fifteen years, Daylight people have visited prisons to run Sunday services, clearly presenting the Good News to many who have never heard it before and encouraging those who are believers. One prisoner attending services said, "Daylight for me has been truly that – daylight in the darkness of prison."

As the work grew, mid-week Bible studies were also introduced, with many coming along regularly, keen to learn from God's Word. In 2012, Christianity Explored Prison Edition also became a valuable part of the work. We have been encouraged to see prisoners profess faith through these activities, with one saying, "Do you know, I am happier now than I have ever been in my whole life, even though I'm in prison, because I have found Christ as my Saviour."

Many prisoners have also benefited from having a Christian pen-pal to write to and we have been blessed to see a number of ex-offenders settled into Bible-believing churches. "Thank you for caring" was the message received from one ex-offender who is going on with the Lord.

Prayer is at the heart of our work and we so much value those who follow our news and pray for us regularly. Please continue to pray for us as we share the Gospel with prisoners; that many more will be brought "from darkness to light".

June Prayer Points

HMP Bullingdon (Oxfordshire) – Give thanks for a recent service with around sixty men who listened quietly as the Gospel was shared and one of the team gave her testimony. About thirty *Sure of Heaven* CDs were taken as the men went out, with an officer also taking one. Please pray they will reflect on the Gospel message and listen to these CDs back in their cells.

Christianity Explored – At a recent Christianity Explored session, when Jason realised that Mark 10:45, “the Son of Man came to give His life as a ransom for many”, applies not to everyone, but only to those who trust in Jesus, he said, “Wow! That’s a cracking verse!” Please pray that this truth will be impressed on his heart by the Spirit, as he faces many difficulties and his Gospel understanding is confused.

HMYOI Deerbolt (County Durham) – Please pray for John as he leads the service here on **23rd June** and for Tony (Association of Evangelists) who is new to prison ministry as he leads on **30th June**.

Finance – Please continue to pray that regular income will be provided to meet the expenditure each month.

HMP Ford (West Sussex) – Give thanks for the opportunity to run a service here on **16th June** and pray for the prisoners that come along. The Solent Prayer & Support Group plan to meet on **3rd June** to pray for this.

HMP Holme House (County Durham) – Please pray for a prisoner who is identified as being at risk of suicide or self-harm and has recently accepted a Gideon New Testament & Psalms along with Bible reading notes. He told our volunteer he is concerned that God will reject him because he is not good enough. This led to a lengthy conversation on sin, grace and the Gospel.

Pray too for prisoners in Health Care. This is like a mini-hospital with some men residing there for a short time and others located there on a more permanent basis. They are visited by a Chaplain every day.

James – Please pray for James who gives clear evidence of growing in grace, has a job in prison reception and points newcomers to chapel services. He has struggled at times with perceived injustices and the bad things that happen in the prison and the world. One of our volunteers

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gave him a copy of Christopher Ash's book, *Job: Out of the Storm* and he has found it very helpful. Please pray that he will continue to want to apply the Word of God to his life.

Scotland – Please continue to pray that the ongoing Life Explored course will prove to be a blessing to all who attend weekly and may help them to understand the truths which are brought before them as the Gospel is simply explained.

HMP Thorn Cross (Cheshire) – Please pray for the team running a service here on **30th June**, particularly for Tim who will be speaking.

HMP Wakefield (West Yorkshire) – Give thanks that the chaplain here is keen for the team to be involved in 1 to 1s with prisoners. Please pray that the Lord will bless this extra opportunity to speak with the prisoners.

HMP Wayland (Norfolk) – Please pray for S who has been a Christian for many years. He is seeking to use his time wisely in prayer and study, but has little or no contact with his wife and children due to complex relational issues that go back several years. He would value prayer for wisdom and help to begin to rebuild trust and contact.

Pray too for T, converted in prison three years ago and baptised by immersion, but suddenly moved to another prison at the end of last year, where Daylight does not currently work. He has gradually deteriorated in his mental and spiritual state since the move. Please pray that he will be encouraged and helped in his walk with the Lord and that there might be opportunities for Daylight to work in this prison.

Pray also for the chaplaincy team here who currently are feeling under tremendous pressure with a number of challenges.

West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group – Give thanks that two members of the group were recently able to attend a service at **HMP Leeds**, speaking about Daylight and the reasons for their involvement, as well as delivering the intercessory prayers. The chaplain has since been in contact about the further involvement of the team here.

One member of the group recently spoke about Daylight in her own church and another member spoke at a Ladies Meeting locally and will speaking at another church on **9th June**. Please pray that the Lord will lay it upon the hearts of the hearers to support the ever growing work in local prisons.

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