



## Daylight Newsletter November 2019

In February, we mentioned Peter who had come along to one of our Bible study groups. He was a lapsed catholic and had been disillusioned by things he had heard about wrongdoing in the church but had a lot of good, searching questions. We had been able to spend a session answering these, covering a lot of Gospel and Biblical issues and felt Peter seemed very close to faith. A couple of months later we were able to share that Peter had made a profession of faith and that there had been a dramatic change in him.

Since then, we have been encouraged to see Peter growing as he continues to attend the weekly Bible studies. As he is in an open prison, Peter goes out to do construction work, travelling a fair distance each day. He has a 5:30am start and comes straight to the Bible study after getting back. We recently commented to him that it was good of him to come and he said, "No. I love it! I don't want to miss it." Please pray that he will continue to grow in grace and that he will be a witness to others in the prison.

In another prison, one of our volunteer chaplains was recently speaking to James who was converted in prison. He had been at the service one of our teams had been running the previous Sunday and was very keen to tell our chaplain about the message he had heard. He said that he had been really helped by the sermon on the Bread of Life and that he had been reading the passage since the Sunday. It was wonderful to see him clearly rejoicing in the message, almost a week afterwards. Please pray that the services will continue to be an encouragement to James and that he will be helped as he studies God's Word for himself.

## November Prayer Points

**HMP Cardiff (South Wales)** – We are halfway through a Christianity Explored course here, with several of the men attending having done the course before. Please pray that the Lord will bring Gospel light where there is currently sinful confusion.

**EFCC Conference** – Please pray for John as he takes a Daylight stand to the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches Ministers' Prayer Conference from 4th to 7th November. Pray that this will enthuse ministers about Daylight, prison opportunities and the vital importance of praying for those who work or reside in prisons.

**HMP Leeds (West Yorkshire)** – Give thanks that we have been able to start running monthly Bible studies here. Seven men attended in October and were keen to participate. Please pray that they and others will come along to the next session on 11th November.

**Murdo** – Over the last few years, many of our supporters have been praying for Murdo (Bury St Edmunds Prayer & Support Group) as he received treatment for pancreatic cancer.

Having returned to his home in the Hebrides to begin palliative care, Murdo went to be with the Lord on 17th October. His family shared the news with these words from Psalm 107 verses 29 & 30, "He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so He bringeth them unto their desired haven."

Please continue to pray for the whole family at this time, but particularly for his wife Michelle.

**HMP New Hall (West Yorkshire)** – Give thanks for eight ladies who attended our first Bible study here, two of whom have since been released. Please pray that they will find supportive churches to attend and for the future Bible studies.

**HMP Parc (South Wales)** – Give thanks that David has been able to start volunteering in the chaplaincy team here and for the opportunities that will arise. The prison currently holds over 1800 men so the opportunity is vast.

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**Scotland** – Give thanks that a prisoner who was held in Segregation has been marvellously converted. Please pray that he may be a shining witness to his fellow prisoners and prison staff.

Pray too for the Discipleship Explored course due to begin this month, that there would be a genuine interest amongst the prisoners to learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

**Solent Prayer & Support Group** – Please pray that the group will have continued opportunities to run services in HMP Ford during 2020 and for opportunities in another local prison.

**HMP Swansea (South Wales)** – Give thanks for nine men attending the current Discipleship Explored course. This group are challenging but please pray that the Lord would bring them to saving faith.

Pray too for Dylan who is hoping to go to a Christian rehab on his release. There is currently an issue over his release date which is causing some problems with securing a place in rehab.

**HMP Wakefield (West Yorkshire)** – Give thanks for the five men who completed the recent Christianity Explored course. Those who did not already have Bibles asked for one and it has been a great joy to see their interest in the Lord grow week by week. We praise God for this. Please pray that we will be able to follow up with these men and that they will begin to attend the weekly services and other meetings.

Give thanks that after previous cancellations, the Prayer & Fellowship Meeting was able to go ahead in October. Please pray for a regular attender who has been transferred to another prison, that he will find fellowship there.

**HMP Wayland (Norfolk)** – Please pray for a baptismal service here on 3rd November and that a suitable candidate will be appointed to take up the vacancy for the Managing Chaplain post. Pray that someone will be appointed who will encourage and support the various voluntary Christian ministries.

Pray too for D a Christian offender being released this month, that he will be able to settle in a church and find somewhere to live and work.



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