



## Daylight Newsletter April 2020

During this time when prison activities are restricted due to coronavirus, there are still many ways in which we can encourage those who are Christians in prison and share the Gospel with others. We are thankful for opportunities to give prisoners Bibles, New Testaments, written messages, correspondence courses and other literature and would ask you to pray that these would be used in the hearts and lives of many. We are also grateful that we are able to continue our letter writing ministry and that some of our volunteer chaplains are able to continue with their work.

One such chaplain reports that he cannot remember a time when prisoners have been asking so many questions. One young man asked a question from Leviticus which led to a really worthwhile conversation where he said he wondered if God was judging us, and if that was the case, he needed to get things sorted out! Another man said he wanted to repent and be forgiven and asked our chaplain if he could do that for him. This led to a good chat about the nature of repentance, how God alone can forgive and the basis on which we can be forgiven. A third man wanted help reading the Bible, while another said he wanted to get baptised. When asked why, he said that he wanted a clean and fresh start as he was fed up with the life he was living. This gave a wonderful opportunity to explain what the Gospel was all about. Our chaplain suggested that he start to read Mark's Gospel and that they could talk about any questions he has when they next meet.

While our activities may be limited currently, we know that our God is not restricted and is able to do more than we can ask or think. Please pray that this period would be used to make many prisoners see their greatest need and that they would come to a saving knowledge of Christ.

## April Prayer Points

**Chloe** – Please continue to pray for Chloe following Ed's sudden death, that she will feel the Lord's presence and comfort in her loneliness.

**Daylight Team** – Please pray for those who are continuing to visit prisons to carry out chaplaincy work, that they would be kept strong and healthy and for a number of our staff and volunteers who are having to self-isolate due to their age or health concerns.

**HMP Leeds (West Yorkshire)** – Give thanks for another lively Bible study with four men here in March. Two, who have attended before, are shortly to be released. One of them has mental health issues and will need a lot of support on the outside. Please pray that God will provide the right people to be at hand for him, so that he does not reoffend.

Please also continue to pray for **R** as he continues to seek and accept the truths of the Gospel. Sadly, he was not able to attend the last Bible study as he has just come off methadone. Please pray that the Lord will give him much needed strength and resilience at this time.

**HMP New Hall (West Yorkshire)** – Give thanks that six ladies attended the last Bible study here and were all very engaged throughout the session. Please pray for those who appeared to be seeking the Lord, that He will speak to each one and bring them to Himself.

Please continue to pray for **D** as she seeks to share the Gospel with her fellow prisoners. She had raised a matter for prayer with the group at the beginning of the year and was thrilled to share the news that her prayer had indeed been answered. She openly thanked the Lord for it and the team were very encouraged by the time they left the prison.

**Prisoners** – Please pray for prisoners who will find it difficult to cope with being behind cell doors for twenty-three hours a day throughout this period of lockdown and for prisoners and their families who will now be unable to meet together. It is often very difficult to maintain strong family links whilst in prison, so the suspension of visiting will make this even harder.

**Prison Staff** – Please pray for officers, chaplains, governors and all other prison staff at this time, as many of them are very worried about how coronavirus could spread in prisons.

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**Scotland** – Please pray for the prisoners and officers during this very difficult time. Pray that many of them will be made more aware of their mortality and the need to turn to the Lord for help and salvation from sin.

**Solent Prayer & Support Group** – Give thanks for the bookings the team have in HMP Ford this year and continue to pray that opportunities at another local prison will come to fruition when restrictions are lifted.

**HMP Stoke Heath (Shropshire)** – Give thanks for a good number of men who completed the recent Discipleship Explored course here. Please pray that what they have learnt from Philipppians will be used to speak to them.

**HMP Wakefield (West Yorkshire)** – Give thanks that before the coronavirus restrictions came into being, we were able to participate in three weeks of Lent Meetings here. More men than usual turned up for these special meetings and there were plenty of opportunities to speak one to one with a number of them.

Praise God for a fruitful time at our last Bible study here. As most of the men attend each month, we are always guaranteed to have some in depth discussions around the theme being studied. The suggestions coming from a couple of the men can at times be a little obscure, so please pray that God will give them clarity regarding His Word.

**HMP Wayland (Norfolk)** – Please pray for three Christian prisoners who have been having weekly one to one Bible studies which they will no longer have for the time being due to the coronavirus restrictions. Pray that they will be blessed as they complete correspondence Bible studies and keep in touch by letter writing.

Pray particularly for S, one of these three men who shares a cell with a man who proudly professes to be a follower of Satan. They get on well but discuss their conflicting views almost every day. Give thanks that he has stood firm and maintained a strong witness in the face of this daily debate and please pray that the Holy Spirit will convict his cell mate of his sin and make him aware of the terrible danger of serving Satan.

**West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group** – Though currently separated from each other, God willing members of the group will continue to pray for the work in prisons during the time they would usually meet. Please pray that this will be a blessing to them.

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