



Our Letter Writing and the distribution of our Written Studies both continue to grow, with new requests coming in regularly, and it is always good to hear from prisoners who are finding these ministries an encouragement.

One man named Stephen who uses our Letter Writing, recently wrote telling us how much he appreciates this contact, saying, *"No pen pal I should imagine really knows just how much their letters mean to us prisoners. I am lucky I still have some family that bother but a lot of prisoners have nobody. Letters are such a lift for us and especially from kind people who don't know us but want to write, amazing type of person who does that, thank you!"*

It was also good to hear from a supporter who some months ago asked us to send

material to Alex, a young man connected to her church who had just been sentenced. She writes, *"I just wanted to let you know how much Alex has appreciated all that has been sent to him! It has really made a difference. So thanks for keeping him regularly supplied!"*

Another prisoner, Wesley, who we have supported for some time, recently made us a thank you card (pictured left), writing, *"As always I hope this letter finds you all in good health and spirit, and you are all continuing to be blessed for all the work you do. Please find enclosed a letter for H through your Letter Writing Scheme."*

As always thank you to all of you for everything you do. I have found the regular studies you send so helpful and it helps me to understand the Bible. The volunteer Letter Writing is so nice as it allows us contact from outside from other Christians so as always I thank you all."

Please pray that these two ministries will continue to be a blessing to many.



August Prayer Points



HMP Chelmsford (Essex) – Please pray for the weekly Bible study group that Daylight serve here; several of our regulars are coming up for release in the next couple of months. Having just finished the Bible Society's Bible Course, we had the opportunity to encourage them to search for a Bible believing, Bible teaching church as they leave. Please pray that new members of the group will be found and will gel well and that we can choose suitable material for them.

Over the next six weeks Daylight will be responsible for five of the Sunday afternoon services as other Chaplains take holiday. Please pray that the LORD will use our efforts for His glory.

HMP Five Wells (Northamptonshire) – Give thanks for a good number of men who continue to attend the weekly Bible Study group. The latest session was most encouraging, with the men engaging well. Please pray that these times spent in Mark's Gospel will continue to be a blessing to them.

Please also continue to pray for the Faith Circle which continues with several unbelieving older men.

Please pray too for our chaplain here as he considers the possibility of setting up a Prayer & Support Group locally, and that there will be people interested in getting involved in this.

HMP Hollesley Bay (Suffolk) – During Statutory Duties, our chaplain encountered

'N', someone we mentioned last month as having just come into a Bible Study. He was about to be released and make that transition from inside to outside which can be a difficult step. But on this occasion, it gave our chaplain the opportunity to gently nudge 'N' to seek appropriate church connections at the earliest opportunity.

Two encouraging young men who would always be at the weekly Bible Studies have recently been released too, and both have maintained their good church connections outside. Please remember these young men as they readjust and pray that they might have benefited from their time inside.

The role of Community Chaplaincy can be of huge importance in these transitions. Typically, Community Chaplains form connections with prisoners once they reach the outside. As an open prison, 'F' is someone starting to make visits outside prior to a release. These are closely controlled by probation and our chaplain has forged links with Community Chaplains so that 'F' can make church visits on his weekend visits outside. Pray these will be of spiritual blessing to all concerned.

HMP Kirklevington Grange (N. Yorkshire) – Give thanks for continued opportunities to run regular evening services at this open prison. A lot of the men there are now able to go out to a nearby church on a Sunday



morning too, so please pray that this will be a blessing to them.

HMP Leeds (W.Yorkshire) – Give thanks that two new members of our team have recently completed induction training here. Please pray that this strengthening of numbers in our team might lead to more opportunities opening up, potentially increasing the frequency of the Bible Study Sessions.

Nigel Robinson – Please pray for Nigel, our Regional Director for the Midlands, as he takes a break from prison ministry to run a Beach Mission in Spain during August. Please pray that he, his wife Pat, and the rest of the Beach Mission team will be blessed in the conversations they have, and that many will hear the gospel through this outreach.

Summer Conferences – Give thanks for opportunities for us to exhibit at Christian Conferences over the summer and for encouraging conversations during the first two weeks of the Keswick Convention. Please continue to pray for our teams in Keswick for the final week of the Convention (1st-7th August) and at the Aber Conference (8th-15th August) and that conversations had at these events will lead to more people getting involved with prison ministry.

Unlock Mark – Please pray for the team involved in this project. We have had another visit to Shrewsbury Prison and are working hard to finalise scripts and filming opportunities.

HMP Warren Hill (Suffolk) – Give thanks that the copies of the recent reprint of *They Met the Lord Jesus* arrived here and our chaplain found willing and enthusiastic recipients! Please pray that these daily reading booklets will be of use to build up

believers and to challenge those not yet there.

Written Studies – Give thanks for encouraging responses to our series in Mark's Gospel. Please pray that as we take a break from these to look at the prayer of Jesus in John 17 over the summer, prisoners will be encouraged by reading of the Saviour who intercedes for them.

Give thanks too for one prisoner who recently asked one of our chaplains for all twenty-seven parts of our previous series on the life of David. Please pray that these will be a blessing to him.

News from Wales:

Rhys – Give thanks for Rhys, an ex-offender who was baptised recently in a church in South Wales. Please pray that he will be kept on the right path and that the church he is attending will be a support and blessing to him.

HMP Swansea (South Wales) – Give thanks that the *Christianity Explored Prison Edition* course runs on a rolling basis here, with around six attending each week. Please pray for the dealing with bereavement course that the chaplaincy are hoping to run in a few weeks' time, and for increased links with local churches.

Please pray too for those who used to come to the services, but have recently stopped attending.

HMP Usk (South Wales) – Give thanks for the opportunity to work through Mark's Gospel with a small group of men here each week. It is good to see these men engaging well and to be able to help them to make sense of the gospel.

*Where a prison name is underlined, it indicates that a Daylight chaplain is active there





News from the Office: The Lord's Guidance

August is summer holiday season, please spare a thought for those inside for whom the heat is oppressive and there is no hope of a change of scenery. Yet God is reaching them. This poem, The Lord's Guidance, was written by a genuine searcher after truth, please pray that he will "make every effort to confirm [his] calling and election". When it was read out in the prison chapel, it ended with a question... "It starts with you?"

This man, surviving life, living in sin,
Bound within, his righteous twin,
The loss of all once convicted of crime,
Locked away for what seems a life time,
This man, filled with vengeance and hatred,
Until lessons learned from what is Sacred,
Finding friends in situations alike,
All of us searching for what is right,
These words that guide us, given from the Lord,
True faith within through teachings explored,
Guidance and support, the book you can confide,
These feelings of doubts and anger purified,
The love for God grows only strong,
Finding your faith, peace and a place to belong,
This man born again, feeling anew,
For God's love is true, but it starts with you.

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