



**A number of prisoners we work with are currently approaching release and it has been good to hear from several of them recently how much they have appreciated support from Daylight during their time in prison.**

In particular, it was good to hear from Mick, who came along to our services and signed up for our Letter Writing Ministry in his first prison, before being moved to another prison where he joined a Bible Study group run by one of our chaplains.

In his last letter to our volunteer before his release, Mick shared how he had appreciated the chaplaincy support and letters, writing, *"Life here has been exciting and joyful which has been a pleasant experience along with a great team of chaplains which I will miss greatly.*

*I will walk on my path with God beside me and let Him decide where I go and what I do next with my life...you are a godsend for many people, not just me in difficult time of need. You give people hope and normality through the letters you send, so thank you for your service and the time you take to read and respond to everyone's letters".*

Please pray that Mick will be kept on the right path after his release and that the church he has been linked with will be a blessing to him.

**Our Letter Writing Ministry continues to be an encouragement, with volunteers building up a good rapport with those they write to, so it was sad recently to see one of these contacts come to an end following the death of one of our volunteers.**

This volunteer had been writing to a prisoner named Tony for around eighteen months, with letters going back and forth by return. On hearing the news of her death, Tony wrote, *"I am absolutely devastated by the loss of a good friend who meant a lot to me. She was a very caring person and non-judgmental. She crocheted a little star for me and I will keep it very close to my heart. She*

*referred to me as her honorary grandson and that is something I will always remember. Having her as a pen friend got me through the tough times".*

Please pray for our volunteer's family as they grieve, and for Tony, as he misses the contact from her. Another of our volunteers will be taking up writing to him, so please pray that they too will connect well with him.



## June Prayer Points



**HMP Five Wells (Northamptonshire)** – Please pray that men who have been attending the Alpha Course will continue to come along each week for the regular Bible Studies in Mark's Gospel now the course has concluded.

Give thanks that our chaplain has been able to work with two men who are soon to be released, connecting them with local churches in the areas they will be living in. One was attending a church prior to his release, while the other has expressed an interest since being in prison. Please pray for wisdom for those at the receiving churches who will be coming alongside these men.

Give thanks too that the Faith Circle with some of the older men in the prison continues to go well. The group look at different topics each time, with our chaplain helping them to think about these from a Biblical perspective.

**HMP Hollesley Bay (Suffolk)** – We have been going through Jonah with the Bible Study group during the month, and our chaplain ended by distributing the Daylight Study notes on this book, with all those attending wanting a copy. Please pray that these will be a blessing to them.

One prisoner had become absent from our Bible Studies and during conversation, it became clear that forgiveness of other prisoners was not always so easy, especially when prisoners were sitting in the same circle! Our chaplain visited the

absent prisoner to urge him to read about the unforgiving servant in Matthew 18, and a week later, he was back in the Bible Study group and participating as usual. Do pray for these situations as they are very real and the devil can cause division.

The gym can also be a distraction in an open prison where there is a lot more freedom. One prisoner who had been attending chapel in a previous prison was now spending seven days a week in the gym. Our chaplain had a chat with him, and things soon changed through some strange – and indeed unfortunate events – and then he accepted a Bible. Do pray for L.

Please also remember J who wants to go to church when released this month. Our chaplain has formed links with the probation service for J to visit a church where he will hear the gospel, so please pray that this will all work out to the glory of God.

**HMP Leeds (West Yorkshire)** – Give thanks for the two Bible Study groups here. Please continue to pray for good numbers of men attending.

**Regime Changes** – Occasionally, our chaplains encounter a necessary temporary change in the regime of a prison. This could be for a variety of reasons, and one of our prisons has, for much of this past month, gone through a tight lockdown, meaning it has not been possible to conduct our normal meetings.



Our chaplain has, however, been able to move through the prison and talk to prisoners through the closed cell doors. While this may sound odd, you'd be surprised. One conversation ended up discussing the complex reference to "gods" as Jesus quotes Psalm 82 in John 10. And then because audible conversations are taking place in landings, other prisoners come to their cell doors and want a chat too.

**HMP Warren Hill (Suffolk)** – One of the difficulties in prison is when prisoners arrive from other locations, and sometimes in a Bible Study group or Sunday Service, there can be unfortunate history between prisoners. Please pray that such history would not adversely affect the harmony of a gathering; it is all too easy for this to happen. We press on with Acts and the group seem to be benefiting from chapter 2, taking care to channel our thinking biblically when encountering a range of viewpoints on the work of the Spirit!

**HMP Wayland (Norfolk)** – Please pray for a good number of our men who are engaged in Bible Correspondence courses.

Please also continue to pray for A. He is now in his sixties, and after a difficult childhood, and a lifetime in and out of prison, he has come to faith through the persistent love and witness of a Christian fellow prisoner in a cell opposite his. Now the fellow prisoner has been moved to another wing, A is wobbling and has missed several Sunday Services.

Several people have applied for the position of Managing Chaplain here as the current one has given notice of leaving. Please pray that the right person will be appointed. We have a good team

covering Sunday Services, Bible Studies, and one-to-one work here so it is critical that someone who sees the value of all this and is happy to encourage it is appointed to the role.

**HMP Wealstun (West Yorkshire)** – Give thanks for opportunities for one of our team to visit here regularly. Please pray that there will be many opportunities to speak to the men on the wings.

**HMP Wetherby (West Yorkshire)** – Praise God that one member of our team is beginning to provide support during some Sunday Services here. Please pray that opportunities for Bible Studies will arise from these visits.

**West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group** – Praise God that the security vetting for one of the new members of the team has been completed so he can now book a time to carry out induction at HMP Wealstun. He only started the process in the middle of March, so God has been truly at work. Please pray that clearance will come through for other new members of the group in the near future, and for others who are still making visits to some of the prisons, that the Lord will show them where He wants them to work for Him.

God moves in mysterious ways, as another new member of the team felt led to apply for a job in the education department at one of the nearby prisons. It was not in relation to teaching her major subject, but praise God that she was successful and will begin working there in September. Please pray that the Lord will use her in every possible way to His glory.

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





## News from the Office: We Thank God for You!

Proverbial wisdom is at times so apt and so clear...

"Kindness to the poor is a loan to the LORD, and he will give a reward to the lender." (CSB)

therefore we pray that you will know the LORD's 'reward' and let our thanks be a part of that. Last month I asked you to help with the publishing of *They Met the LORD Jesus*. I was away on leave after the newsletter was released and on my return to the office, less than a fortnight later, Hannah and Karen shared with great joy that in your generosity you had not only reached our initial target but exceeded it. The current total is £4,250, so thank you again. We are in the process of making an initial print run of 3000 booklets and are actively looking at the possibility of a companion journal that might help some of the prisoners record their journey as

they meet the LORD Jesus. Any surplus will be held against another print run or for similar resources that will bless the men in prison.

Proverbs (3:9-10) also says:

Honor the LORD with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest;

then your barns will be completely filled, and your vats will overflow with new wine. (CSB)

Since we concluded our search for a Fundraiser back in April, Charlie O'Doherty has been working with us on a short term contract while Michael Romagnoli serves his notice period with his current employer, before starting with us in July. Please pray for both as they are reaching out on our behalf to trusts and grant making bodies who we hope will honour the LORD with their resources.

**Note to Standing Order Givers:** We are grateful to many of you who support us with monthly gifts. We are currently updating our banking arrangements, and will be winding down our NatWest account. We have contacted everyone we can who gives into this account to give them updated details, but there are a few donors who we have not been able to identify from the payment references. If you currently send regular gifts to our NatWest account and have not yet heard from us, please get in touch with the office by calling 01245 252 735 or emailing [office@daylightcpt.org](mailto:office@daylightcpt.org).

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