

News from the Office: Phew! What a Scorcher!

This summer has been long, hot, and dry and a number of records have been broken.

Both our Letter Writing Ministry and Written Studies have been mentioned recently in these pages and these two ministries have been “breaking their own records” steadily now for a couple of years. Since 2024 the Written Studies sent out directly has increased by 400% to more than 250 and the Letter Writing by 200% to more than 150 active partnerships. There are a further 200 prisoners who have been archived from the Letter Writing project, many will have been released, but some, having requested a connection, never replied; please pray for these ones too, for interest shown to be repeated and for seeds sown to bear fruit, and for the increased administration and cost of this ministry.

One of the challenges of prison ministry is that we know many to whom we minister will want to forget all about their time in prison when they leave. Indeed we want very much for them to go on to a new life spiritually as well as physically so please pray when we have to leave them to the care of our God who knows.

Back in July I mentioned we had prisoners waiting to connect with letter writers; but now, as a result of the summer conferences, we have a number

of new volunteers signing up. Over the three weeks of the Keswick Convention, 67 people expressed an interest in writing to prisoners, Karen is now in the process of signing them up. There were also 39 who showed interest in going into prison and a further 30 who committed to pray for the ministry. Please pray that God will lead each person to the “works, which [He] prepared ahead of time for us to do.” (Eph. 2:10 CSB) If not with Daylight then wherever in His Kingdom He has for them to serve.

Hannah and Chris were unable to attend the EMW conference in Aberystwyth this year due to ill health. We thank God they are recovered and we are sorry if you were looking out for them; God willing we will see you next year. More than a dozen people contributed to us being at Keswick, please pray and thank God for each one, and especially those who offered us accommodation. There were many other conversations, some needed advice as a friend or relative is in prison, others were dealing with the impact of crime and prison personally and in their churches; and no less than 3 prison chaplains spoke with us and invited us into their prison to help with the ministry there. It felt like a record breaking time for us being there too, please pray we can take up all these opportunities.

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We continue to be grateful for opportunities to run Sunday Services, Bible Studies, and courses in many prisons, and were particularly encouraged by this recent report from Stuart, a Daylight Chaplain in South Wales:

“I continue to go into HMP Cardiff each week to help run *Christianity Explored Prison Edition (CEPE)*. Numbers vary from about four to twenty prisoners; it is amazing to see the men listening so intently and asking pertinent questions. Over the years we have seen many turn to Christ as Saviour, and this continues, with some believing recently.

On occasion I get to preach the Gospel to a full chapel. I take *From the Streets to the Saviour* books in with me; hundreds have now gone out and some have come to *CEPE* after reading them.

I run a Bible class in HMP Usk, where we get between four and ten prisoners, generally

working through *Emmaus* courses, but we go off on interesting tangents. I then get to go to HMP Prescoed where I do a similar thing, but numbers are fewer. It is good to remember that each are precious in God's sight.

I then go on to a Christian hostel/rehab, where I am able to bring a message to around seventeen residents. It is great to see some that I know from the prisons or the homeless work that I run, and to see so many thriving spiritually, although they face so many challenges, especially when the time comes to move on”.

Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless Stuart and the ministry in this region.

As part of our 20th Anniversary gift boxes that were sent to each prison, we included Daylight mugs, made from thermoplastic, as ceramic mugs are not permitted. These proved very popular with chaplains, with some using them during Bible Study sessions, and others during chats with bereaved prisoners.



With prisons requesting more, we had a new batch produced earlier this year, and are now also making them available to supporters, for a suggested donation of £10 for one or £15 for two, plus £4 postage. For each mug sold, we will also place one in a prison. To order yours, please contact our office.

goes on. Please pray the Scriptures might take hold of their hearts.

HMP Wakefield (W. Yorkshire) – Praise God that our monthly Prayer & Reflection meetings are commencing once again. Please pray that a good number of men will attend each month.

Give thanks too for continued opportunities to support the Chaplaincy Team in the Sunday Services here each week. Please pray for continuing good conversations with the men during the coffee sessions that follow.

HMP Weyland (Norfolk) – Please pray for the new Managing Chaplain here, with the challenges he faces due to staff shortages within the team. Give thanks that he has decided to continue with the existing arrangements for Sunday morning services, meaning the men receive regular good Biblical gospel preaching.

Please pray for T, a young man who seemed to have been remarkably saved at a Sunday morning service but in the end drifted away and returned to substance abuse. In the last few weeks, he has again expressed determination to turn his back on drugs and to seek God and attend Sunday services.

HMP Wealdstun (W. Yorkshire) – Give thanks that visits to the prison to support pastoral work have recommenced.

Please pray that a good number of men will sign up for the October Bible Study, when two members of the group will speak about it during the service on the last Sunday of the month.

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

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Team each month, to collect prayer points from them. Please pray that we will be invited to go back in to run the monthly Bible Studies.

Prison Libraries – Give thanks that our Daylight Chaplains are sometimes able to contribute suggestions of books that might be suitable for prison libraries. In one prison, where a high percentage of men are neurodivergent, it was recently found that there were hardly any books on this topic in the prison library. Our chaplain has now been able to recommend several Christian books on neurodiversity and other pastoral topics to the librarian who pray that when they arrive, these books will be a blessing to the men there.

Release – As we often mention, release can be a difficult or delicate time as that great transition is made from inside. One of our chaplains working in an open prison writes, "Two men have just left, one well-prepared, with a church lined up in his new location. But a second, a solid believer who has been a great asset to our weekly Bible studies, suddenly appeared on my discharge list for the coming week. Immediately I had to identify a suitable church in a relatively unknown area, put links in place, and clear this with the appropriate prison personnel. Some prisoners have connections in place, but many do not, having been converted in prison, or being released to a new area. There are many reasons, but in each case, please pray for those who move out, that they might continue, and grow, from where they were inside".

HMP Warren Hill (Suffolk) – Give thanks that prisoners continue to participate keenly in the weekly Bible Studies, still in other passages demonstrating good Bible knowledge. Occasionally, one or two from other faiths attend in order to see what



will be keen to continue coming to the Bible Study sessions when the course ends.

HMP Hollesley Bay (Suffolk) – Give thanks for continued opportunities to run weekly Bible Studies here. Our chaplain reports on a recent session: "A dozen or so men are arriving and opening their Bibles to the appropriate passage in Romans, but one prisoner has been reading Leviticus and has a question or two! And then another is discussing the role of women in church leadership, and what Timothy has to say. A fellow prisoner remembers Paul says something in 1 Corinthians too in chapter 14. What does all this mean? I was delightfully overwhelmed in coordinating all these good questions, getting some order and clarity, and engaging discussion in a coherent fashion, that it was twenty minutes before we could get started with the planned topic of Romans! But what enthusiasm this shows by men who are clearly reading their Bibles – and thinking!

– during the week.

Please pray on, not least for N who is a Jew but continues to attend these studies. He is becoming very familiar with the New Testament, whereas a year ago it was completely unknown to him.

HMP Leeds (W. Yorkshire) – Praise God that we will be running two extra Bible Studies here per month. Please pray that the Lord will bless the new members of the group who will be going in to lead the studies in September.

HMP New Hall (W. Yorkshire) – Give thanks that contact is made with the Chaplaincy

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Chaplaincy Work – One of our Daylight chaplains was recently visiting a prisoner as part of his statutory duties, when another prisoner standing nearby, holding a couple of Bibles in his hands, asked him which Bible was "original". Understanding the question is quite a task, let alone giving an appropriate answer. But soon enough, the prisoner asked our chaplain to read a "favorite passage", as he put it. Where do you go? So many options! What will be the most effective verse? And then our chaplain remembered he was due to speak that evening on the prodigal son. The prisoner listened through the reading of this fairly long parable, and as our chaplain gave a two-minute application of its meaning. Please pray for this Rastafarian prisoner, that the Spirit might work in his heart.

David – Please pray for David who is regularly attending one of our Bible Study groups. He seems to have real faith, but has picked up a lot of conspiracies and false teachings in the past, so is finding that a lot of what he thinks he knows is not true. It is encouraging to see that he wants to get down to what the Bible teaches. Please pray that the times spent with our chaplain in the study group will help him to grow in grace and knowledge of Christ. There are many men like David in prison.

HMP Five Wells (Northamptonshire) – Give thanks for continued good numbers attending the weekly Bible Studies. At the end of the month these will pause while another Alpha course takes place, so please pray that these sessions will be profitable, and that the men who attend