

Prison Bulletin

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Love in Action



Dear Friends & Supporters,

In order for us as a team to flow, and to enrich one another, we need the fruit of the spirit. What is the fruit of the Spirit? *"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Against such there is no law."* (Galatians 5:22-23) I will like to amplify one of the character of the fruit and that is love. What is love? In 1 Corinthians 13, love is defined as:

- Love is kind and patient
- Love is never jealous
- Love is not boastful, proud or rude
- Love is not selfish or quick tempered
- Love does not keep a record of wrong that others do.
- Love rejoices in the truth but not in evil
- Love is always supportive, loyal, hopeful and trusting.
- Love never fails

When we truly embrace these characteristics, we will shy away from anything that is opposite of love and live in harmony by showing love to each other and we will be united in what we think as if we are one body. (see Philippians 2:3-8)

What I am trying to say is this, for us as a team to achieve what God has given to us, we must aim to work

in love with one another. Not just say it, but put it into practice! The following information will help us to achieve that.

The quality of good communication! People who are effective in working with others show certain basic skills.

- They behave in ways that people feel valued and that they matter. They show RESPECT for people.
- They show UNDERSTANDING and see things from the other person's point of view.
- They are genuine and build trust.

Developing good communication skills requires setting aside our fears and prejudice and our own way of doing things. At the core of good communication is a respect of each others' differences. For example, my position is not better than yours; it is just different than yours. Good communication does not, however, require that you give up your beliefs and convictions. It does require that you hear the beliefs and convictions of others and be willing to listen with an attitude of respect and understanding.

My prayer is as we continue to grow, that a RELATIONSHIP will be more important than issues when there is a conflict. We cannot avoid conflict, but how we approach conflict is important. We can have an argument, and still remain friends, but remember, that you can win an argument and lose your friends. Which one would you prefer?

In his service,

- Emmanuel King

News In Brief

On behalf of our team, I would like to first of all welcome back Akshai Hanno who had taken a year off in India and is back again with the ministry and editing the Bulletin. We would also like to give a big thank you to Sandra Mills (pic. below) who compiled and edited the Bulletin whilst he was away. Akshai had a good opportunity to network with Christians in India and has established links with two pastors who are involved in prison ministry. One in Delhi and the other in Bangalore. In fact, he was able to speak in one prison in South India! I'll will let Akshai take up his account from here.



The prison situation in India is quite different than it is in the UK.

First of all, they do not have chaplains in prisons. I suggested that this would be a good opportunity for these two pastors to become chaplains or at least start a scheme whereby they can recruit pastors in becoming part-time chaplains in prison, but this too seemed difficult. Whilst visiting a prison, the prison superintendent handed a letter to the pastor. This letter was from the central government and was asking help from any member in building rehabilitation centres for ex-offenders and their family. The prison superintendent then asked the pastor, "why not start one?" To

Don't Forget!

To come to our monthly fellowship meetings held on the **last Saturday** of each month. Keep these following dates in your diary:

- 28th October
- 25th November



this, the pastor replied that he would love to, but didn't have the funding. The government is keen for Christians to help in prisons, but only in social causes at the moment. Such things as medical, educational, etc help is much welcomed, but not spiritual for the time being. This may be the way forward, never-the-less. If we can win their hearts through social actions, then they may be

more open in listening to us in regards to spiritual matters. These two pastors are quite interested in helping start the Indian branch of Prison Outreach Network and host even prison meetings in highlighting the need for prison ministry to other churches in India. Please pray that this will come to pass and that we will be able to forge good and lasting links with our brothers in India.

A very important items has arisen that we need to address. We will be having our AGM on the 28th of October and will be electing our new committee. There are a number of people needed to take on various posts. The AGM is open for all members and visitors interested in PON alike. Please pray that those appointed will persevere in their labour to help the ministry function as it steadily grows. Also, our Prayer Co-ordinator, Esther Lambo has requested that every first Monday and Friday

of the month be set aside for fasting and praying for the work of prison ministry.

We are glad to be adding five new prisons to our visitations this year. These being HMP Albany and HMP Parkhurst on the Isle of Wight, HMP Cookham Wood in Kent, Haslar Immigration Removal Centre in Hampshire and HMP High Down in Surrey. The number of volunteers and Churches are growing, but we are still open for more, especially Churches who want to take part in the 'Caring for Ex-offenders' scheme and would like to mentor or disciple an inmate. If your church is interested in this then please contact us.

During this year, we have also been able to start a church plant called, 'Passport For New Life'. Emmanuel felt the Lord asking him to start something new, a church that will be centre for ex-offenders to attend as well as their families. If you are interested in attending one Sunday evening then please see the advert at the back of this newsletter.

Finally, if you have just picked up this newsletter and are interested in finding out more about prison ministries, then why not come with us as a guest when we visit the prisons on Sunday? Either email us or phone us at our address provided on the front of this newsletter. We thank you for your interest and your support for our work. May God bless you richly!

Yours in Yashua, - Akshai S. Hannoe

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 28th October 2006 @ 10.00am

ALL ARE WELCOME - Members and Non-members
Refreshments Served!

Premier International Training, Unit 30, CITY NORTH, 111A Fonthill Road, Finsbury Park, LONDON N4 3HN (Next to Finsbury Park tube station)

Yes, I would like to support your work!

- I am interested in joining Prison Outreach Network, please send me further information.
- I would like you to do a prison ministry presentation at my church.
- I am willing to commit myself to praying for the work and would like to receive the 'Prison Bulletin' on a regular basis .



I would like to support the Prison Outreach Network financially and have ticked the following option:

- I am enclosing a cheque for £ _____ (payable to: 'Global Outreach Network')
- I would like to pay by 'Direct Debit' and will transfer: £10, £20, £40, £ _____ every month/other month/ other: _____ into the PON account. Please send me a 'Direct Debit' form.
- I am a UK taxpayer and am thus eligible for 'Gift Aid'. Please send me a Gift Aid form.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Email: _____

Once completed, please send this form to: **P. O. Box 3753, LONDON NW2 1WL**

Prison Prayer Points

HMP Albany, Camp Hill & Parkhurst - Isle of Wight

The Holy Spirit will empower us so that we can effectively communicate the message which God has for the inmates (and guards too) and that he will soften their hearts and open their minds so that the message can be effectively received. We are great full and thank full to what God is doing at Camp Hill. Lives are being changed and transformed by the power of the holy spirit. So lets continue to thank god for what he is doing and will continue to do. Please continue to pray for the chaplain terry Mann that god will continue to bless him and his work. Albany and Parkhurst are new prisons that God has opened up to us, lets pray for more divine favour with the chaplains and authority.

HMP Belmarsh - London

Please pray for the Community Chaplaincy Scheme which involves mentoring inmates just prior to release and following release from prison. Continue to pray to God for the moving of the Holy Spirit during the services and in the men's lives.

HMP Brixton - London

The Lord is doing a mighty work there, but please remember to pray for the chaplaincy that God will continue strengthen them and that the work there will not be hindered in any form. Lets pray for the new governor that he will see the benefit of the Christian message in that environment and for his support. Pray also for the 'through the wall' project that Emmanuel has just joined on a part-time basis that he will experience favour with the chaplaincy and the authority there. Pray for the main coordinator of the project, Liam, that there will be a good working relationship with him and Emmanuel.

HMP Bullwood Hall - Essex

Praise the Lord! The past few months have been particularly extra busy for me as I tried to keep up with lots of visits (Thanks to Revd Anne Dixon). Its been an honour and privilege to be part of what God is doing in HMP Bullwood Hall and other prisons. The transition of Bullwood from female to a male prison appears to have gone smoothly and God has really moved this prison to a different level of faith. The men are very serious about the faith and very much committed to the powerful Word of God that we proclaim. I am very much encouraged by their zeal and I believe that we need to do all that we can to help them to be all that God has ordained them to be. I encourage us all to press on, get involved and be truly part of what God is doing right now - changing hearts and transforming lives. Amen!

HMP Coldingley - Surrey

Pray that Lilieth's will recover full function of her hand after her operation so that she will be able to co-ordinate the visits. Please remember to pray for the inmates that more of them will attend the service and also for the Chaplain that she will be able increase our visits, ideally, to once a month. Also a big thank to Matt Lambert for co-ordinating the October visit.

HMP Cookham Wood - Kent

Please pray for Jane Weekes who is ill at the moment, that she will be healed quickly. Please pray also for A who was at Bullwood hall and is now at Cookham wood and works in the Chaplaincy team as an assistant. Pray that she will continue in the work that she is doing. It was our first meeting at the prison and there was such a warm welcome from the inmates. We hope to be visiting every other month.

Dover IRC - Kent

New detainees are attending the Sunday meetings. Pray that the Lord will touch their hearts and they will give their life to Christ. Praise God for a detainee who accepted Christ on our visit last month as well as for A. from Pakistan who accepted Christ but has been moved to another centre. Please pray that they will grow strong and remain in the Lord and find a good Bible study to attend. We also pray for the opening of HMP Canterbury so that we will be able to start visiting that prison soon.

HMP Elmley - Kent

Please pray for an inmate who wants to become a Christian but finds it difficult to let go of certain issues. His girlfriend doesn't want to know about God and that is also troubling him. Please pray that he will be able to feel God's presence and strength.

Co-ordinators!

When you next visit the prison's, please email your prayer request and visit reports to the newsletter editor after your visit . All prayer requests will be saved immediately until the next publishing date of this Prayer letter. The next deadline is:

25th of November!!!



"Remember those
in prison as if you
were their fellow
prisoners ..."

- Hebrews 13:3



Prison Coordinators

HMP

Albany

Emmanuel King

Belmarsh

Tony Shonde

Brixton

Emmanuel King
Lydia Tesfay

Bullwood Hall

KK Arkhurst

Camp Hill

Terry Campbell
Emmanuel King
Ryan Sukhram

Coldingley

Lilieth Cardoza

Cookham Wood

Eve Anderson
Toyin & Jane Ajao

Dover IRC

Bamidele Bolarimwa

Elmley

Terry Campbell
Monica Amekuedi

Haslar IRC

Emmanuel King

High Down

Emmanuel King

Parkhurst

Emmanuel King
Ryan Sukhram

Rochester YO1

Sonia Hudson
Linford Dunstan

Swaleside

Bims Alalade

Haslar IRC - Hampshire

This is a new Immigration Removal Centre (IRC) we are visiting and pray that God will bless our work there and we experience uncommon favour with the prison authority.

HMP High Down - Surrey

This is a new prison we will be attending. Pray that God will make it clear what he wants us to do there and give us excess to be able to reach out to the inmates in a unique way.


HMP Swaleside - Kent

Please continue to pray for the chaplaincy and his team. The inmates are quite interested in music and would like to learn how to play instruments so that they can be involved in the worship on Sundays.

YOI Rochester - Kent

I'm really excited at what God is doing at Rochester Prison. We are well over half way through the year and I've seen God answer my prayer over and above what I had asked for. So far this year we have had over 50 inmates make a decision for Christ. The Chaplain, Yolanda Marcussen is very supportive and wants us to do more activities with the inmates during the week. We are hoping to connect the prison with Christian musicians to run Workshops in the future. My heart rejoices to think that we have been able to make an impact on the lives of these young men.

I really want to encourage and inspire all the other co-ordinators. No matter what God will and can do it. I pray that God gives us all a vision for the prisons that we co-ordinate.



PASSPORT 4 NEW LIFE
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Sonia's Prayer

Dear God,

On 29 January 2006, 6 inmates (and possibly more) made a commitment to you. My desire is to continue working in this prison and see the chapel filled to capacity on each visit. One of my desires is to see at least 50 (or more) come to know you this year. I can't do this without your help, strength, knowledge and wisdom. I'm not sure whether this is right or wrong i.e. to have a number in mind. Because I know that with you nothing is impossible and that you have no limits. I know that this number is but a minute figure in your eyes, but it's such a great number to me. But Lord I am daring to ask you to meet this challenge, not for my glory but that you will gain all the praise and glory for transforming these young lives, and to prove that you have heard the cry of my heart today!

Just another thing. I need you to birth in me & Linford a new vision on how we can reach these young Guys in a contemporary and engaging way. I also request that the right team members will commit to work alongside us in love and unity. With the right heart and spirit to capture this vision., and who will do whatever it takes.

I know that you want to stretch me and it's scary. I know that you will give me what I need when I need it. So I am just going to relax and not try and make things happen. Please send the right people around me so that I can be challenged to continue doing this precious work for you.

Lord I know that you will honour my hearts desire!

Sonia

Prison Visitation Rota from OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2006

<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
1st - TBA	5th - Brixton	3rd - Rochester
8th - Haslar	12th - Dover	10th - Coldingly
15th - Belmarsh	19th - TBA	- Belmarsh
- Camp Hill	26th - Bullwood Hall	- Swaleside
- Coldingly		17th - Elmley
- Dover		- Dover
22nd - Elmley		24th - Camp Hill
- Cookham Wood		31st - Bullwood Hall
29th - Bullwood Hall		- Cookham wood
- Rochester		

Next Deadline!!!

For the *Winter Issue*.

All prayer requests, notices, and news items must be handed in no later than the

25th of November!

Please email them to:

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