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Spring Issue

Prison Bulletin

News & Prayer Letter

In Order to Make Your Hope Sure.

'God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure.'

Hebrews 6:10-11

Special Prayer Points:

- Please pray for the chaplains working in our prisons around the country. They are under great pressure and stress and do a wonderful work which is often undermined. Please pray that many more men and women will be able to join the ministry as there is an increasing shortage of them in prisons.
- We are being overstretched and we need more people to join our ministry. We are planning to visit different churches soon and we pray for a good response.
- We need people to co-ordinate our visits to prison, especially Coldingly, Rochester and Whitemoor.

We have had a wonder start to the New Year and most of the visits have been very encouraging and productive. God is doing a great work amongst us and we must not take it for granted. It is a great privilege working for and with God in the prisons, because we have the opportunity to see peoples lives transformed and changed. I would like to encourage every team member to know that their role and the part they play in the team is very, very important. For example, coming to the monthly fellowship meeting, completing and sending the rota back on time, not cancelling visits at the last moment, and phoning and praying for one another. All these things play a very important role. Please let us continue to pray for one another and lift each other up with encouraging words.

And finally, if anyone has suggestions to improve the way we function it would be most welcome. Until the next newsletter, let us continue with the labour of love knowing that in due time God will definitely reward us. May God bless you and keep you safe. Amen!

Emmanuel

News in Brief

A lot more prison services to conduct and a number of new ones to visit has greeted us in the new year. We have been invited to visit some of prisons more regularly and have been privileged to go for the first time on a regular basis to HMP Belmarsh and HMP Brixton. Belmarsh is one of, if not, the most secure prison in the UK holding many dangerous criminals and terrorists, including Ian Huntley, the Soham murderer. We have been very happy to work with Chaplain Roger Green at Brixton and on our first visit last month we had over 100 inmates at our Sunday morning service. We hope that this will continue and that the inmates will be committed in coming regularly.

One of the areas we would like to pioneer is the work amongst inmates of ethnic minority. Most of the inmates that come to our Sunday morning services are of Caucasian or Afro-Caribbean background who form the largest group in prison, but prisons are also filled with people of Asian backgrounds, i.e. Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists. As far as we know we do not know of any other prison ministry ministering with them. First of all, these groups would not normally come to the Chapel services as they believe it is only for Christians. They normally would attend services held by Muslim or Hindu Chaplains. Our question is how

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:

- **27th March**
- **24th April**
- **20th May**
- **26th June**



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

- Hebrews 13:3

do you attract them to our services or reach out to them? For example, at Dover Detention Centre we have a large number of asylum seekers which include many from the Asian subcontinent. We were happy to invite Rev. Gangadin Hannoë to come share his testimony as a former Hindu. We printed posters and leaflets to be handed out, but unfortunately no Hindus or Muslims came to the meeting. This was very disappointing, but we hope to try this again and maybe at another prison. **Please pray that this may be successful next time as we would dearly like to minister to these groups of people as well.** We are looking especially for church groups or individuals who may be interested in ministering with these groups through music, preaching and correspondence. If you are interested, please contact us!

We have had two people resign from co-ordinating the visits to Coldingly, Rochester and Whitemoor and we urgently need volunteers to fill this place. If anyone from the team is interested in committing themselves to this, then please see Emmanuel ASAP.

Finally, we have also been invited as part our parent organisation, Global Outreach Network, by a pastor in India to help them with their crusade. Emmanuel has been invited as the main speaker at the crusade which will be held from the 13th-15th of April in Nizampatnam, a small village in South India. Those that are going with him are Sasi-kumar Subbulu, Tony Shonde, Terry Campbell and Akshai Hannoë. **Please pray for wisdom as we prepare and go for this event.** This is our first visit to India so we pray for God's protection and guidance. We are also looking for financial assistance and would like to ask for your support. If you would like to support us, please fill in the form below and write on the top right corner, 'MISSION TO INDIA', and post it to:

1 Thurso Street
Tooting
LONDON SW17 0HX

Please make cheques payable to '*Prison Outreach Network*'. Your contribution to the mission would be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much and may God Bless you in your service for Him as well.

Yours in Yeshua,

- **Akshai**

We would dearly like your support!

We at Prison Outreach Network would be grateful if you could consider supporting us financially. You have two options available. You can establish a standing order with us and support us with an amount monthly or the time of your choice. (We have given you our account details below for your bank.). You can also consider giving us a one off amount instead. If you are thinking of supporting us, please fill in the form below and send it to:

P. O. Box 3753, LONDON NW2 1WL

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

I am enclosing a cheque for £ _____ (payable to: '*Prison Outreach Network*')

I am establishing a 'Standing Order' with PON and will transfer: **q£10, q£20, q£40, q£ _____** every month/other month/ other: _____ into the PON account using the details below.

PON Account No.: **00050005** Sort Code: **09-00-00** Roll - Ref. No.: **K3805966PRI** Abbey National Plc.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Prison Prayer Points

HMP Belmarsh - London

- Emmanuel King/Tony Shonde (co-ordinators)

Prayer and support for the chaplains and the inmates who have given their lives and their journey of discipleship.

HMP Brixton - London

- Emmanuel King (co-ordinator)

This was our first visit to Brixton and it was overwhelming. Over 100 inmates attended the Sunday morning service and the testimony given by Terry Campbell was well received by the inmates who could relate to him. Chaplain Roger Green has the chapel well equipped with a good audio sound system for the benefit of the worshippers and our artist, Patsy Martin was also well received with her music. Pray that this attendance will continue when we visit the prison again in April and that the inmates will be committed in the long term. Pray also for the Chaplain as he is new to this prison.

HMP Bullwood Hall - Essex

- KK Arkhurst (co-ordinator)

Praise the Lord! We thank God for the new Chaplain who has fit in very well with both the inmates and the staff at the prison. There is a new sense of change since she has arrived. The inmates are getting to know us very well and are opening up and sharing with us their problems. We would love volunteers to correspond with these ladies and if you are interested please contact us. There are a good number of prayer requests from the inmates surround the issue of remorse regarding what they have done. They are asking God for forgiveness and to grant them wisdom. They also ask for God's protection and guidance whilst they are serving their sentence. We as a team need to do everything we can to help them through their sentence so that by the time they come out they will be strong in the Lord to face the issues of life on the outside. Please remember to uphold the inmates in prayer as well as the Chaplain.

HMP Camphill - Isle of Wight

- Terry Campbell (co-ordinator)

Once again we had a good turn out from the inmates who received Terry's testimony well. Pray that there will be an interest in a deeper relationship with Christ than just attending the Sunday morning service. We are thankful that we get over 60 inmates attending on each visit. We have been grateful to have our artist/worship leader, Ricky Payne ministering with us and he has been a blessing at the service. Only four of us attended the last visit, but it went very well.

HMP Coldingley - Surrey

- Jane Butler (co-ordinator)

Pray for the new chaplain, Tony Fowler that he settles in and gets to know the inmates well. Prayer for inmates as they are very hungry for the truth. More labourers are still needed. We thank Jane Butler for all her hard work being our co-ordinator, but she has decided to take a break for a while. Please pray for a new co-ordinator.

Dover Detention Camp - Kent

- Kayode Oluwaremi (co-ordinator)

In our last issue we said that the Muslim Imam was making advances in taking over the Chaplain's post. We can now thankfully say that the Imam has resigned. The Lord's work can still continue. We tried to find ways of attracting non-Christians to our meetings. We invited Rev. Gangadin Hanno, a former Hindu to give his testimony. Posters and invitations were handed out to Asian asylum seekers, but non came, unfortunately. Please pray as we really want to pioneer in reaching out to ethnic minorities in prison.

Co-ordinators!

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

29th of May!!!



Prison Coordinators

HMP

Belmarsh
Emmanuel King
Tony Shonde

Blantyre House
Emmanuel King

Brixton
Emmanuel King

Bullwood Hall
KK Arkhurst

Camp Hill
Terry Campbell

Coldingley
Jane Butler
Emmanuel King

Cookham Wood
Emmanuel King

Dover
Kayode
Oluwaremi

Elmley
Terry Campbell
Emmanuel King

Rochester
Yvonne Wood

Swaleside
Emmanuel King
Ernest Forbes

Whitemoor
Jane Butler
Emmanuel King

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YOI Rochester - Kent

- *Yvonne Wood (co-ordinator)*

Please pray for the following:

- For health and strength for the Chaplain.
- For God's blessing on all the officers and the governors.
- For favour and spiritual protection over all the Christian teams that are committed to Rochester.
- For a committed PON team - including musicians.
- For the Holy Spirit to soften hearts and open understanding of the Word for all the lads that pass through.
- For permanently changed lives.
- We thank Yvonne for all the

hard work she has done in co-ordinating the visits to Rochester. We pray the Lord will strengthen and refresh her as she takes a short break.

Pray that a co-ordinator will be found for this prison.

HMP Swaleside - Kent

- *Emmanuel King (co-ordinator)*

More people needed for the ministry at Swaleside. Please pray for the Chaplain as he needs to be strengthened and encouraged. They are doing a good job. Pray that God will strengthen their hand in ministry.

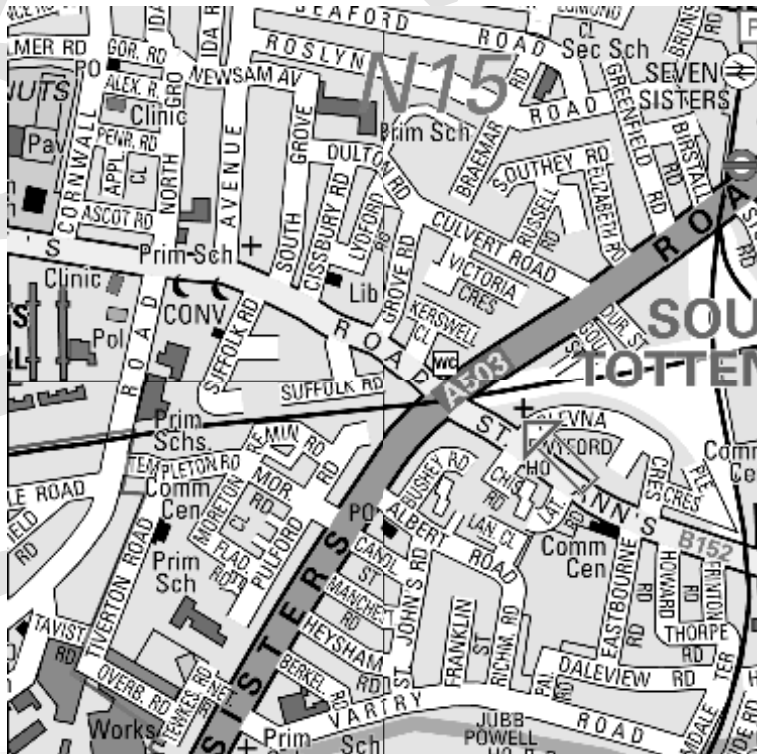
HMP Whitemoor - Cambridgeshire

- *Jane Butler (co-ordinator)*

We thank Jane for all the hard work she has done in co-ordinating the ministry at Whitemoor. Pray that the Lord will strengthen and refresh her as she takes a short break from the ministry. Pray that a co-ordinator will be found for this prison.

We have a monthly fellowship meeting held on the last Saturday of every month which members are urged to attend. The meetings consist of prayer for each other and the work in prison as well as fellowship with one another. If you not sure about prison ministry, but would like to hear what happens, then you are most welcome to visit us at the address below.

The Community Church Of God,
 St. Ann's Road, Tottenham N15
 Seven Sisters (nearest tube)
 From 10.00am - 12.30pm.
 020 8800 9119



Prison Visitation Rota from March - May

MARCH	APRIL	MAY
7th - TBA	4th - TBA	2nd - Camphill
14th - Coldingley - Rochester	11th - Brixton	- Rochester
21st - Whitemoor - Dover - Belmarsh	18th - Belmarsh - Dover - Elmley	9th - TBA
28th - Bullwood Hall - Swaleside	25th - Bullwood Hall	16th - Whitemoor
		23rd - Dover
		30th - Bullwood Hall

Next Deadline!!!

For the Summer Issue.

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

29th of May!

Please email them to:

ashannoe@go-network.org

Thanks!