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Winter Issue

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.

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:

- 29th January
- 26th February
- 26th March

Prison Bulletin

News & Prayer Letter

“You Do Not Know Of What Sort Of Spirit You Are!” Luke 9 v55

My very dear friends I have the privilege again to write to you. It's coming to that time of year when the majority of the world celebrates Christmas, but not Christ. Can we expect anything different when the Church does not fully understand what sort of spirit it is of?



Akshai called me this evening to ask me to write a passage for the newsletter and I planned to write this tomorrow evening. It is 1.18am and God has urged me to write this passage this early in the morning before sleeping. So I ask you to please receive what I have to say and meditate on it.

God has, over the last few weeks and months, been teaching me the following things. I know now, more than ever, that we should continue fervently in our ministry and also not to forget to encourage ourselves and others in the ministry. God named us Christians (followers of Christ). As you know, Christ means the anointing and the Anointed One. We are then most definitely expected to act in accordance with His anointing. Is that the case with us and the Church (other Christians)? This will clearly depend on what the anointing is.

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, BECAUSE he has anointed me To preach the Gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captivities and recovery of sight to the blind. To set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” - Luke 4:18-19

In 1 Corinthians 11:1, we are asked to imitate Christ. The above passage tells us what we are expected/created to do. Ephesians 2:10 says that we were created for these good works. Jesus summarized the above passage in the latter parts of this chapter, *“I must preach the Kingdom of God, BECAUSE for this purpose I was sent”*. - Luke 4:43 Jesus was anointed for A purpose and so were we. I know most Christians have the Spirit of the Lord, but most do not know why? Some think it is to pray or heal, others think it is to serve in positions in Church and yet others think it is to be prosperous. All these are good and I believe God wants us to be, but that is not why we were anointed with the Holy Spirit. We are expected to be fruitful in Christ, because we will be known by our fruit (Luke 6:43). Friends, the only fruit our God is truly interested in is Man.

This year marked the release of the most powerful portrayal of our God's love for man displayed on the silver screen - *The Passion of the Christ*. This film vividly showed me how much God loves man. In the same manner we have to be passionate to preach the Word of God - be fruitful and be 'good ground'. In the parable of the sower, Jesus described the characteristic of Christians as 'good ground', *“But the ones (the seed of the word of God) that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart keep it and bear FRUIT with patience”*. - Luke 8:15

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News in Brief

It is with great joy for me to announce that Prison Outreach Network is now a registered charity! This now means that we are able to receive proper funding and 'Gift Aids' with 'tax back' from you our supporters. You will be seeing a lot of changes as well as improvements as this ministry grows. In the new year we plan to visit a lot of different churches in order to promote our work as well as recruit new volunteers to prison ministry.

During the last couple of months we have been able to meet other organisations involved in prison ministry and we hope to be working more closely with them. In November we attended the conference 'Caring for Ex-Offenders' which was hosted by *Alpha Prison* at Holy Trinity Brompton. One of the main issues emphasised was the need for Christians and Churches to take on the role of mentoring and disciplining Christian Ex-Offenders. Many saved prisoners leave prison and have a great need to be discipled and mentored by Christians, but sadly there is still a poor response from Churches in taking on this challenge. It would be a waste to see these men and women go back into the same lifestyle they have been used to before they accepted Christ. We hope to encourage churches and individuals to take on this challenge and will be setting up ways to promote this.

In November, we were also able to contact Revd. David Wilson, the pastor in India who had invited us to help him with a mission last Easter. We were not able to go then due to visa problems, but are planning to go again this coming Easter. He has agreed to have us come again and we will be visiting India from the **25th of March - 4th of April**. If you are interested in going with us to India then please email me or phone me on 0777 929 3422 before the end of this month (31st Dec.) Thank You.

In closing, we wish you all a peaceful Christmas and God's Blessings for a brand new year! Remain Blessed!

Yours in Yeshua,
Akshai S. Hannoë

(Photo: Group photo of our Weekend Away on the Isle of Wight, 3-5 December)



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

- Hebrews 13:3



We would dearly like your support!

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 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 on a regular basis and would like to receive the 'Prison Bulletin'.

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.
- I am a UK taxpayer and am thus eligible for 'Gift Aid'.

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Email: _____

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Prison Prayer Points

HMP Belmarsh - London

- Tony Shonde (co-ordinator)

Pray for the new chaplain that he will settle down and form a good link with the rest of the chaplaincy.

HMP Brixton - London

- Emmanuel King (co-ordinator)

Pray for all the activities taking place including the project by Nehemiah Trust taking place in 'C' wing. Pray for the inmates about to come out so that they will have a place to settle down.

HMP Bullwood Hall - Essex

- KK Arkhurst (co-ordinator)

By God's grace he has taken us through another successful year at Bullwood Hall. We've have seen a greater interest in Christ than in any other time during our 11 years of visiting this prison. The chapel has always been packed everytime we have been there. God has never failed us and through the power of the Holy Spirit, every visit has been different and yet the word of God has gone forth through sharing, music, poetry, etc. The chaplain has been very helpful and we will continue to work closely with her to reach out to these dear ones with the love of God. This month has been particularly successful. Sandra Mills and I had the opportunity to teach the ladies some new Gospel songs which they performed during the prison carol service. They did very well and we are so proud of them. We pray and we trust that God will continue to work through us and in us to bring the Gospel to bear that the hearts and lives of these ladies will continue to be touched and changed for the sake of the Kingdom. We look forward to another successful year as we have had a lot of interesting programmes planned ahead. I just want to say a big thank you to all those who have been faithfully turning up for the visit. You are all a blessing and I thank God for you. Shalom!

HMP Camphill - Isle of Wight

- Terry Campbell (co-ordinator)

Work at Camphill has been fruitful and productive. Just pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to multiply our efforts in that area. Also the working relationship between us and the chaplain will continue to remain strong.

HMP Coldingley - Surrey

- Emmanuel King (co-ordinator)

Pray about the relationship with the chaplain and that there will be no mix-up with our rota in the future.

Dover Detention Camp - Kent

- Kayode Oluwaremi (co-ordinator)

We have been privileged to attend the asylum centre every month and will be continuing to do so in the new year. Please continue to pray for the chaplain as well as the detainees. Especially pray for those who have been granted stay in this country that they will be able to find a good church when they settle here.

HMP Elmley - Kent

- Terry Campbell (co-ordinator)

We had a good meeting on our last visit with Terry giving his testimony and speaking on 'Hope'. Please pray for the inmates especially for 'T' who admitted he had a problem with the assurance of salvation. He asks to pray for his girlfriend to be saved.

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:

31st of March!!!



Prison Coordinators

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YOI Rochester - Kent

- Emmanuel King (co-ordinator)

Pray that God will open more doors in that area and that we will be more organised and be able to find someone to coordinate our visit. Seeking someone who has a heart for ministry amongst teenage boys.

HMP Swaleside - Kent

- Bims Alalade/Sonia Hudson (co-ordinators)

Our last visit in November was challenging. We noted that there were a number of new inmates who were not necessarily regulars to the Chapel. I really feel that we are now entering into spiritual warfare and

we need to pray for God to break through the spirit of resistance. However, I know God will enable us to do his work. Bims preached a message on Naaman the leper, which we later discovered was timely, as the chaplain reminded the inmates that God was speaking to them since this was the third occasion that they had been given this particular message about the leper. This only proved to us that God really is in control of all that was said and done. Please pray for those inmates who are to leave Swaleside shortly, that they will continue with their walk with the Lord. We certainly want to continue giving him all the glory and are careful to remember it is all about him.

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Please do not let your focus be taken away from your purpose in this coming New Year. We have borne much fruit this year and I know we will continue to do so. *"Do you not say, 'There is four months and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields for they are already white for harvest! 'And he who reaps receives wages, and GATHERS fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together."* - John 4:35-36.

It is vitally important that we gather fruit for eternal life by winning souls into the Kingdom, as well as encourage other Christians to do likewise. This will keep us committed to our calling and also stop us unwittingly scattering our various churches. *"He who is not with me is against me and he who does not gather with me scatters abroad."* - Matthew 12:30 You now know if you didn't before *'the manner of spirit you are of'.* *"For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them."* - Luke 9:55-56

I hope this has blessed and encouraged you, if so, please share the Word. I would also like to encourage you to develop yourselves this coming year so that we can be more fruitful and a blessing to the ministry (as I see some are already doing e.g. learning to play the guitar). For God said *"If we have faith nothing will be impossible for us"*.

Have a blessed Christmas and a fruitful New Year from Tony and Ola.

- Tony Shonde



Dear Team,

I want to thank you for all your efforts and time that you've invested in sharing the Gospel in the prisons and in churches. It has been a wonderful privilege working together with you. I believe we are able to achieve what we did because we worked together as a team. Above all, as brothers and sisters in Christ. What we have achieved in 2004 will be nothing in comparison to what we will do in 2005! For in 2005, I strongly believe that we are going to experience the miraculous power of God working through us as we spend time with God in prayer for souls to come to the knowledge of Christ. I am excited about what God is going to do through us. I will encourage everyone to cultivate praying in the spirit, combined with fasting for the task ahead of us. I wish everybody a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Looking forward to seeing you very soon.

With lots of Love and care,
- Emmanuel



Prison Visitation Rota from JANUARY - MARCH

JANUARY

2nd - Brixton
- Belmarsh
9th TBA
16th TBA
23rd - Camphill
30th - Bullwood Hall

FEBRUARY

6th - Dover
- Belmarsh
13th - Brixton
- Coldingley
20th - Elmley
- Swaleside
27th - Bullwood Hall
- Rochester
- Dover

MARCH

6th - Dover
13th TBA
20th - Camphill
27th - Bullwood Hall

Next Deadline!!!

For the *Spring Issue.*

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

31st of March!

Please email them to:

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"I and the Father, and yet I am not the Father"
John 1:1