

Prison Bulletin

News & Prayer Letter

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Love in Practice

Dear Friends & Supporters,

In this newsletter, I would like to amplify the meanings of the fruit of the Spirit starting with Love. 1 Corinthians. 13 defines love as:

- Love endures long
- Love is patient
- Love is kind
- Love is never envious
- Love does not burn with jealousy
- Love is not boastful or vain glorious
- Love does not display itself
- Love is not arrogant and inflated with pride
- Love is not rude and does not act unbecomingly
- Love does not insist on its own right or way
- Love is not self seeking
- Love is not touchy or resentful
- Love does not take account of wrongdoing or pay attention to wrong done to it.

- Love does not rejoice in injustice and unrighteousness
- Love rejoices when right and truth prevail
- Love bears up under anything and everything that comes.
- Love is ever-ready to believe the best of every person
- Love endures everything without weakening
- Love never fails



These are the attributes of love that we must pursue and aim for because love fulfils the requirement of the Law. Where there is love there is no condemnation or judgement because God is Love. That is my word for the month, so let us all aim to walk in love towards one another.

With love and care,
- Emmanuel King

News In Brief

Spring is the time for growth and new life and the Prison ministry is surely experiencing that too. Already new people have joined and more doors to other prisons have been opened to us. The ministry is exploding and more growth is forecasted for this year.

Our director, Emmanuel King has been busy giving seminars in conjunction with Stepping Stones (a Christian charity that provides housing for ex-inmates. These seminars have been given to church groups who are eager to visit and mentor inmates. These seminars are geared in preparing church members on how to assist ex-offenders who walk into their church asking for help. An example of the need to equip other churches was illustrated this week when an ex-offender contacted Emmanuel. He is a security guard for a large (4,000+) church in London. An ex-offender approached them asking for help with his drug and housing problem. They didn't know what to do so they contacted their security guard who then contacted Emmanuel regarding this. This highlights the fact that many Churches lack the knowledge and skills in dealing with practical issues. We hope to introduce a similar course in the near future to our partner Churches involved in prison ministry and visitation.

Another area recently highlighted in the news has been the state of prisons in the UK. The prisons are

overcrowded and some are asking whether they really reform a person or not. In a recent meeting (27th March) 21st Century Public Service - Learning from the Frontline, Tony Blair spoke of the need to reform the public service. The public service was changing and needed to change because society was changing. People want services to meet their personal needs so this was creating a more Personalised Public Service. Giving more power to the user. A large part of this new service was the influence of the working group and volunteer service. The voluntary sector was more in touch with the needs of the community and thus be able to deal with these needs then the government. These were the frontline people. People working to help change their local community. He said that there is a need of liberating the frontline and giving them more power to do their work. He also talked about the government working in partnership with the frontline in making these changes happen and thus also improving the community. In terms of the Criminal Justice System, he stated that many people felt that as victims they felt powerless. He said that the government was investing in reforming

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:

- 31st March
- 28th April
- 26th May

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inmates and reducing the activities of repeat offenders. Already there was progress in this and offenders were not re-offending, but were able to start a new life in the community, but that was not enough. They needed to target repeat offenders or 'career criminals'. The new reform would allow the public to be protected by seizing the assets of these ex-offenders whereby they will not have the resources to get back into their career of crime. Secondly this would give the offender a chance to change and reform.

The important message behind this and especially to voluntary organisations like us is that the Government is willing to partner with us in reducing the cycle of crime and help provide a 'service' to the community. The 'service' of reforming the community and that first by reforming the criminal.

Because of this, please pray that through this a good number of Churches and Christian individuals will be able to join us in serving the community.

Finally, if you have just picked up this newsletter and are interested in finding out more about prison ministries, then why not contact us either by email 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.

Yours in Yashua,
- Akshai S. Hannoë



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We are an exciting, inter-church ministry to UK prisons. The ministry was founded in 1986 for Christians who have the desire to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To also bring home the reality of salvation to individuals in prisons and Young Offenders

Visit us at - www.prison.go-network.org

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.
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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

We have an open door to IOW, but need more people to join us. The chaplain at Albany wants us to come. May we be able to maximise the opportunity God has given us.

HMP Belmarsh - London

Please pray for chaplaincy and various support teams who are under quite a bit of pressure with two members of staff off at the moment. Pray that God will strengthen and refresh them in order to cope with the demands of the work.

HMP Brixton - London

Please pray that the open door we have will continue to remain open, and that the favour we have with the management will grow stronger. That God will provide the right chaplain to take over from where Roger Green left and carry on his good work and that we will resume in being able to visit the prison once a month.

HMP Bullwood Hall - Essex

The inmates at are very committed and it is a pleasure to visited. They are eager and always looking forward to seeking us. There were a small number of volunteers that attended last Sunday, however it was very powerful. We also had a representative from the Salvation Army who played the keyboards during praise and worship. Members of the congregation also gave their testimonies which was encouraging for the inmates. There were a few new people who participated in the service with one reading a poem which was inspiring and another shared his personal testimony which the inmates could relate to. Many of the inmates are of foreign nationals awaiting their result from the Home Office. Therefore, please pray that God will give them strength during this difficult time. Please pray for one inmate who is actively searching the word and trying to get close to God. Please pray for enlightenment and understanding.

HMP Coldingley - Surrey

Please pray that more inmates would come out to the service and the Lord will touch their lives. That they will get closer to God and be consumed with His love. Also pray for the chaplain, that we would get more dates to visit. We give thanks for the support Hooke Evangelical Church has made by its members being actively involved in the prison Sunday service.

HMP Cookham Wood - Kent

Please pray for L who would like pray for herself and her baby. Also pray for M so she can grow as a Christian and for her son who is in the army and is away on duty.

Dover IRC - Kent

Please pray for an opening at Canterbury. The chaplain at Dover would like us to start our ministry there too, but the door is not yet 'open'. Please pray for an opening soon. Please also pray for the detainees that the will of God will be done in their lives and that they may realise that it is not where they are that matters but that they are in Christ and that he will be with them where ever they are.

HMP Elmley - Kent

Firstly, please pray for the Chaplain Trevor Jaquweth and his team that God will really use them for his will. Secondly, there is a group of inmates who are assigned to give support to other inmates. Please pray that God will strengthen them since it is emotionally and mentally demanding. The third and final point is that we need to pray for vulnerable prisoners, that they will be healed from their past experiences and for protection for their future lives and that God will use them to help get other people out of their 'traps'.

HMP Guys Marsh - Dorset

The number who have been able to visit have been decreasing every month, but the quality of the service has increased. This was felt by many of the inmates on our last visit in March. The visit was during the commemoration of 200 years since the abolition of slavery, yet many of the inmates are still in bondage to evil desires and wrong thinking. We were able to speak to them of how they can be released by the renewing of their minds and that only through the study of God's Word. Pray that many will be released from this form of slavery.

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:

19th of May 2007!!!

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

- Hebrews 13:3



HMP

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Please pray that the contact with Haslar will be rekindled.

HMP High Down - Surrey

Lets pray that if it is God's will that the chaplain will get back to us so that we can start visiting this prison.

HMP Swaleside - Kent

My prayer request is for the guys in Swaleside who have recently lost a relative. Also that doors will be opened for us to hold a concert and music/worship workshops with the guys. More inmates participating in the service.

YOI Rochester - Kent

This year we are working to link Rochester Prison with a number of other organisations that focus on the rehabilitation of young offenders. God has already opened a door with a branch of 'Youth for Christ' called Reflex. Also, pray that there would be a spiritual growth in the lives of the inmates and that we as a group will have a direct impact by speaking into individual lives. Pray that we get a new spirit filled Chaplin. Pray for all inmates that are due for release.



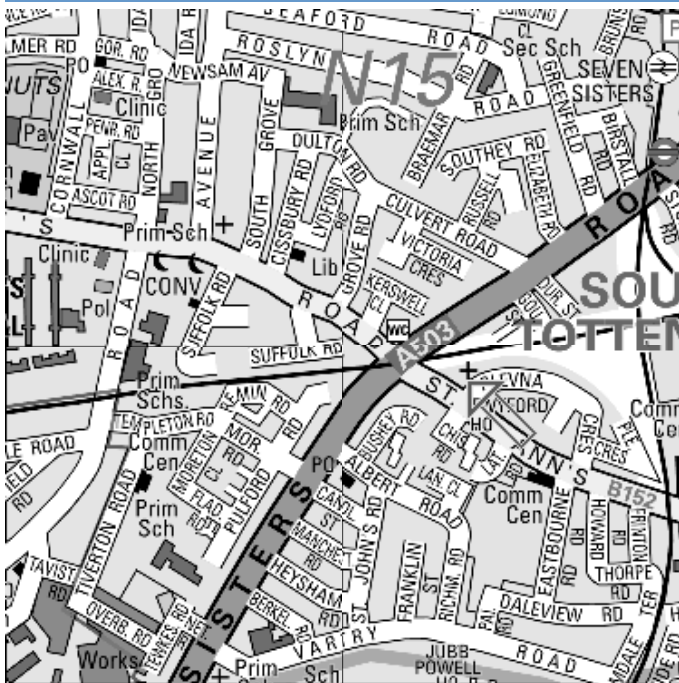
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A PON Church plant for Ex-offenders and their family.

Every Sunday from 6.30 - 8.30pm

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For more information, please phone **07956 196 019**



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 (arrow),
St. Ann's Road, Tottenham N15
Seven Sisters (nearest tube)
From 10.00am - 12.30pm.
020 8800 9119
(Venue may be subject to change at the last minute. Please refer to the website for up-to-date information.)

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." - Colossians 3:16

Prison Visitation Rota from March - May 2007

MARCH	APRIL	MAY
4th - Brixton	1st - Elmley	6th - TBA
11th - TBA	8th - Albany	13th - Guys Marsh
18th - Belmarsh	- Camphill	- Rochester
- Rochester	- Parkhurst	20th - Belmarsh
25th - Bullwood Hall	15th - Coldingley	- Swaleside
- Dover	22nd - Bullwood Hall	27th - Bullwood Hall
- Guys Marsh	- Holloway	- Coldingley
- Swaleside	29th - Brixton	- Dover
	- Bullwood Hall	- Elmley
	- Dover	

Next Deadline!!!

For the *Summer Issue*.

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

19th of May!

Please email them to:

prayer@prison.go-network.org

