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Service Motivated By Love



The Apostle Paul made a statement to the Corinthians which I would like to remind us to bear in mind as we continue to serve God. So that our labour of love will not be in vain. In 1 Corinthians 9:25-27

²⁵ *Everyone who enters an athletic contest goes into strict training. They do it to win a temporary crown, but*

we do it to win one that will be permanent. ²⁶ *So I run—but not without a clear goal ahead of me. So I box—but not as if I were just shadow boxing.*

²⁷ *Rather, I toughen my body with punches and make it my slave so that I will not be disqualified after I have spread the Good News to others. 1 Cor. 9:25-27 (GW)*

These few verses remind us that we need to look after ourselves, mentally and spiritually, so that when are not locked out of God's Kingdom after the people whom we have preached to have entered in. To prevent this from happening, we need to envelope ourselves with the spirit of Love. Paul said in Corinthians 13.

¹ *I may speak in the languages of humans and of angels. But if I don't have love, I am a loud gong or a clashing cymbal. ² I may have the gift to speak what God has revealed, and I may understand all mysteries and have all knowledge. I may even have enough faith to move*

mountains. But if I do not have love, I am nothing. ³ I may even give away all that I have and give up my body to be burned. But if I do not have love, none of these things will help me. 1 Cor 13:1-3 (GW)

So, I would like to encourage everyone in the team to do an inner search and evaluate their spiritual mindset to ensure that it is according to the standard that God requires of us. We can only truly give what we do have, if we try to give something we don't have, we are wasting our time and are hypocritical and that will be a great shame after all that we have done. With this in mind, I would like to quote Apostle Peter regarding his advice to the early Christians in the 1st century which is applicable to us even in the 21st Century; that we should love each other with love from a pure heart.

⁷ *The end of everything is near. Therefore, practice self-control, and keep your minds clear so that you can pray.*

⁸ *Above all, love each other warmly, because love covers many sins. 1 Peter 4:7-8 (GW)*

Finally, as we work together as a team, let us look after each other as brothers and sisters, praying for one another and loving each other dearly.

With love and care,

- Emmanuel King (Director of PON)

News In Brief

We thank God for a lot of good things that have been happening in the growth of our ministry. To date, we are now visiting over 15 prisons in the country and have added Tinsley House IRC in West Sussex and HMP Nottingham to our list. Yes, we are now venturing further and have planted a base in the north. From there we will aim to visit the churches in the midlands and the north. We are also getting some interest from HMP Canterbury and HMP Winchester and hope to be visiting these establishments soon. Please pray that these doors will be opened, not in our timing, but in the Lord's timing. The timing has been just right in God's order, we are now able to conduct all four services on the Isle of Wight because we have more people visiting. A church in Southampton is working with us in visiting the Island and we have had more volunteers from the local churches also visiting with us. We would not have been able to accomplish this a year ago. More so, this local church is also interested in visiting HMP Winchester so we will already have people in place to visit this prison when the door is opened to us.

This does not mean we have not had some set backs since the last newsletter. Security has increased in prisons and is becoming more restrictive to our visitations into prisons. Almost half the prisons we visit require us to fill in their own additional security questionnaires. Whilst this has been understandable, all be it inconvenient, it has stopped some of our members from entering the prisons. Some of our members who where former inmates have been restricted from entering the prison and this has caused a lot of disappointment to them since their desire is to visit and share the good news to fellow offenders and help them to change their lives. We truly would like to be working with the prison authorities in helping reform and transform the lives of inmates so they do not re-offend again. Unfortunately this

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:

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

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has not been seen the same way by those drafting security measures in prison. Please pray that we will have more favour with the authorities and that they will be able to see we are co-operating and working with them and not against them.

Despite these challenges, the ministry is growing and our prayer to visit more prisons is being answered. We have a number of people joining us monthly, but we would like to partner with more churches. We are happy to be working alongside Raleigh Park Baptist Church who are doing a grand job in sharing the testimonies of inmates at their monthly evening services. These testimonies are videoed and can be viewed over the Internet. If you would like to see testimonies of former inmates whose lives have been transformed then visit

www.transformed.org.uk.

Our only drawback to our growth at the moment is financial. We are seeking individuals and churches to support our ministry. We need financial help in meeting the administrative needs of the organisation and for transport costs to and from prison visits. If you or your church would like to help or would like more information about PON then please fill in the form below. Alternatively, do visit our website, www.prison.go-network.org, where you will be able to learn more about the outreach we are involved in.

Yours in Yashua, - *Akshai S. Hannoë*



transformed.org.uk

armed robber, crack dealer, gang leader, witchcraft...

abuse, 20 year thief, crack, heroin, prostitution...

'yardie' gangster, global drug trafficking, gunman...

ran from home into violent drug dealing gangs...

Jesus still transforms darkness into light

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: **q £10, q £20, q £40, q £_____** 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**

thinking of supporting our work?

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Prison Prayer Points

HMP Albany, Camp Hill & Parkhurst - Isle of Wight

Praise God that we are getting more people joining us on our visits to the Island. We have a church in Southampton that is now visiting with us as well as some more locals. We now go to all three prisons and hold four services. The only hurdle is security. A number of our members have been denied access to HMP Albany and because of this, they are also not allowed to visit the other three prisons. Please pray that the authorities will grant us favour and offer an exemption for the people concerned and that they will be able to see that what we are offering is also a help in reducing crime.

HMP Belmarsh - London

Please pray for the chaplaincy team, that they may have strength in the face of trials, and that there will be committed people to help during the week and for Chaplain. Please also pray for Trevor Jacquet (formerly at Elmley) in his new post.

HMP Brixton - London

Praise God that more inmates are able to attend the Sunday morning chapel services. Over 100 inmates attend the service, which is great! Pray for the Chaplain, Phil Chadder and his team and the other churches and organisation as they work to minister to the inmates there.

HMP Bullwood Hall - Essex

Thank God the service is still packed with men ready to hear the Gospel. We still see a high turnover of inmates since there is a high number of foreign detainees. They guys are participating more and more in the services in terms of giving testimonies and singing. The general prayer is for their court appeals and concern for their families who are abroad. One challenge we have is that the chapel is too small for the numbers that are attending, but we pray that we will be able to use the gym for services. About 30-40 inmates attend, but if the gym is opened this bring the capacity to about 200. This means more of us will be able to go on visits but it would also require more commitment from officers, lets pray God will give us favour in this area.

HMP Coldingley - Surrey

Pray for M who was at Swaleside, who will be leaving in May and going back to Africa. Our prayers go with him. A lot of the guys we had built up relationships with have moved either to more open prisons or been released but there is a good bunch we are still getting to know.

HMP Cookham Wood - Kent

Please continue to pray that we will have opportunities to visit again when the prison reopens as we did last year.

Dover IRC - Kent

Pray that the Lord will give us greater favour and dimension to do his work as there are forces working against the Christian witness in the centre. Pray also that we will have favour to go to HMP Canterbury very soon as it is quite close to Dover.

HMP Elmley - Kent

Please pray for a new chaplain as Trevor Jacquet has now moved to Belmarsh. Pray for a chaplain that will support our ministry and is a firm believer in the Lord

HMP & YOI Guys Marsh - Dorset

It is always a joy visiting this prison and meeting the Chaplain and the inmates. Thank the Lord for a good fellowship we have here. We have been asked again to come and participate in the annual Goldhill Festival and will be holding a concert in the village and the prison on the 5-6 July. Please pray that the event will go smoothly and that both villagers and inmates will be able to hear the Gospel. Pray also that we will have our accommodation needs met as we plan to bring a large team as well as for good weather as last year it rained heavily so not many people attended the festival. We would also like to thank God that the restriction in security has been eased so that more members can now visit this prison.

HMP Holloway - London

Please pray that we will have more opportunities to visit this prison as our visits were cut back to allow other groups to visit on Sundays

HMP Nottingham - Nottinghamshire

We have been visiting this prison for about a year already, but only during the week. Starting in July we will start visiting this

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:

16th of June 2008!!!

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

- Hebrews 13:3



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Prison Coordinators

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Ryan Sukhram
Akshai S. Hannoce

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Tony Shonde
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Swaleside
Bims Alalade

Tinsley House IRC
Kingsley Osemwegie

prison on Sundays and this will be the first time we will be conducting the Sunday service. We hope to bring a large team over from London and pray that we will be able to get good accommodation for the weekend. Pray for the long term goals as we would like to link up with more churches in the area and establish a branch of PON in the Midlands.

YOI Rochester - Kent

Our first visit of the year to Rochester was in February. The praise and worship in the Chapel was tremendous. The PON team and inmates could really feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. I would like prayers for all those young inmates who have dedicated their lives to Christ, for transformation of their lives to begin while they are in Rochester. Also, pray that God would give each of them a vision for their lives, which will give them hope and self worth. We have found that so many of these young men have low self-esteem. Pray they will find a new life in Christ to help them to be the men God has called them to be.

HMP Swaleside - Kent

The fantastic blessing we experience in Swaleside continues with a great degree of participation by the men in the praise and worship, testimonies bible readings and with the PA system and overheads. Some of the PON team have performed a song written by one of the guys at Swaleside, which everyone was touched by. Please lift up all the men in general but particularly for those that have been so faithful in assisting us during the services. Some of these men have moved on, or will move on shortly. Please pray that they will continue in their walk wherever they go and that others either from Swaleside or from within PON will step in to replace them.

Tinsley House IRC - West Sussex

This is a new Immigration Removal Centre we are visiting which is located at Gatwick Airport. We are thankful that the Chaplain respects and is impressed by our visit and that our relationship with him will flourish and that we will be able to make an impact there.

Visit us at our Fellowship Meetings!

We hold a monthly fellowship meeting on the last Saturday of every month which members are urged to attend. The meetings start at 10am lasting between 2- 3 hours and consist of prayer for each other, the ongoing work in prisons, updates and training as well as fellowship with one another. If you are not sure what prison ministry entails, but you would like to find out more, then you are most welcome to visit us. The majority of our meetings are held at the addresses below:

Premier International Training,
Unit 30 City North,
111a Fonthill Road,
Finsbury Park,
London N4 3HN
(Nearest tube: Finsbury Park)



"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

NB: It is important to refer to our website for up-to-date information on the monthly meetings and other events as occasionally we also meet in other locations in North and South London.



PRISON OUTREACH NETWORK

"I was in prison and you came to see me." (Matt. 25:36)

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

Upcoming Prison Visitation from April - June 2008

APRIL

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

MAY

- 4th - Albany
- Brixton
- Camp Hill
- Parkhurst
- 11th - Holloway
- 18th - Spring Hill
- 25th - Bullwood Hall

JUNE

- 1st - Belmarsh
- Coldingley
- Elmley
- Tinsley House
- 8th - Swaleside
- 15th - Brixton
- Rochester
- 22nd - Bullwood Hall
- 29th - Albany
- Bullwood Hall
- Brixton
- Camp Hill
- Dover
- Parkhurst

Next Deadline!!!

For the *Summer Issue*.

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

16th of June!

Please email them to:

prayer@prison.go-network.org

