

# Prison Bulletin

## News & Prayer Letter

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**"... always keep on praying for all the saints."**



Greetings to every member of the team and our prayer supporters. The second part of the year has been quite exciting and refreshing. Seeing what the lord is doing with us in various prisons we have visited. It is encouraging to see the hunger and the transformation in the inmate's lives and ours also. At the same time

God is bringing to us more labourers from various churches. I believe this is a sign that we have greater works to accomplish. So we must endeavour to continue to work together as a team and in one mind to accomplish what God has in store for us.

I would like to encourage every member of the team not only to visit, but to find out how they can be involved so that the work can be shared evenly amongst us, (e.g. in helping with setting up equipment at the start of our Sunday meetings, phoning each other in the morning before the visit to see if we are up and assisting in co-ordinating a visit to a prison.).

I would like us to continue to pray for one another and lift

each other up in prayer on a regular basis. Baring in mind that we have an adversary who would like to distract us in what we are doing. That's why attending the monthly meetings is very important whereby we can pray and encourage one another (*Hebrews 10:25*). So let us encourage one another to attend the monthly meetings - it is not an option but a necessity!

In conclusion, I am very excited about what is ahead of us, but we need to be prepared and fervent in the spirit to walk through the doors of opportunity. As we are faithful in doing God's will we are going to be rewarded for our every labour of love.

In his service,

- Emmanuel

"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." - *Ephesians 6:18*

## News In Brief

Dear Friends,

A lot has happened since our last newsletter and hence this late editions. Apologies for it. First of all, a group of four of us travelled with Global Outreach Network (our parent organisation) to India to conduct a fact finding mission. We were originally invited to conduct a mission, but this was not possible since we needed special visas, so instead we decided to go to see the work of the Christian Pastor who invited us, Pastor David Wilson and to encourage the Christians there and familiarise ourselves with the work and area so that we would be better prepared to go there to conduct a mission in the near future. Emmanuel King, Irma Billingham, Esther Lambo and Akshai Hanno went. Photos and report of the visit can be viewed at the following website: <http://www.go-network.org/missions/india/index.htm>.

Speaking of the internet, we are happy to announce that our website is now fully updated and running. The website now contains description and directions to the various prisons we visit, downloadable application forms to join PON and back issues of the Prison Bulletin. In addition we are starting a monthly internet newsletter which

would feature prayer points from the various prisons visited during that month, news updates for members as well as the opportunity for members to contribute to the newsletter for the encouragement and uplifting of the brethren. This will automatically be sent to our members once a month, but if you are interested in subscribing to it, then please visit the PON website and click the 'newsletter' section. If you wish to contribute to the newsletter then send an email to [prayer@prison.go-network.org](mailto:prayer@prison.go-network.org).

Since March, members would have received security forms from HMP Prison Services in Kent. These forms enable the prison service to make a security check on those visiting prisons on order to facilitate entry into prisons in that area. Once checked, this would enable us to enter prisons without the necessary time consuming checks we receive when visiting some prisons. These forms are

### 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:

- 25<sup>th</sup> June
- 30<sup>th</sup> July
- 27<sup>th</sup> August



very important and must be filled in and submitted to the authorities ASAP. Failure to fill them in may jeopardise any future entry to prisons and may delay our morning visits. Bims Alalade, Tony Shonde or Akshai Hannoe can be contacted in order to sign the reference section on the form. If you have any problems filling them in, then please contact them as soon as possible.

A number of our converts in prison ask us if they know a church where they could start attending once released. They are looking for a place that will accept them and adopt them as a member of a family. If you know of one or are a church who is interested in saying, "YES" to this scheme, we would be more than happy to sign you up help train you on how to care for ex-offenders.

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 Yeshua,  
*Akshai S. Hannoe*

We have had the privilege of visiting some churches in order to present the work of PON and how they can join the work. We still have some churches to visit this month to give our presentation. It is good to see a number of churches interested in working amongst prisoners. What we are now seeking are churches who would be open to receiving and discipling ex-offenders.

**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 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 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 Belmarsh** - London

- Tony Shonde (co-ordinator)

Prayer for the chaplain. Several men have given their lives in the last few months. Pray that the Holy spirit will cement and educate them regarding the decision they have made. Pray 'S' who recently became a Christian, that he will grow in the faith and not be led astray.

### **HMP Brixton** - London

- Emmanuel King (co-ordinator)

Please pray for Chaplain Roger Green and his team and his family too. Pray for 'E', one of the inmates, as he is leaving in a few weeks. That our work here will continue to grow and multiply.

### **HMP Bullwood Hall** - Essex

- KK Arkhurst (co-ordinator)

Our visits are going very well. There has been a marked improvement in our visits each month and God has been really faithful and good to us. We continually see both new and old faces in the chapel. The chapel is always packed as usual and the ladies tend to take the services more seriously now. We have begun to involve them in singing and also sharing their testimonies in front of their fellow inmates. This has been a blessing to us as well as them. The chaplain, Jane Weekes is still off sick since Christmas and we need to continue to bear her up in our prayers. We had a glorious service during our May visit. On our way out of the prison one of the officers wanted to know why these ladies are always happy when they come out of our services and we said it was the Holy Spirit that was causing them to be so joyful. We are experiencing so much of God's favour that we have been allowed two extra visits in July and October. Thanks to all the team members who faithfully go to Bullwood Hall to be a blessing to these dear ones. Following the success we had working with the choir at Christmas, we've have been requested to go back and help the inmates in the choir with singing tuitions once a week. KK, Lydia and Angela met at Premier Radio with Julia Fisher in May to discuss how we can reach out effectively to people in prison. The meeting was very successful and they will be sending us some CD's of 'Life-Changing' testimonies which we can use as an evangelistic tool in reaching those who are lost. They are also interested in interviewing some of our members who are ex-offenders in order to air their testimony on radio. Please pray for this. Thank you for your prayer and Praise the Lord!

### **HMP Camphill** - Isle of Wight

- Terry Campbell (co-ordinator)

Continue to pray for Chaplain Terry Mann and his team. Pray that we will have opportunities to visit the two other prisons on the Island in the near future and that we will be able to recruit more Christian volunteers from the Island.

### **HMP Coldingley** - Surrey

- Emmanuel King (co-ordinator)

We need to continually pray for Coldingley, because on so many occasions, the chaplain has double booked us so that we were not able to hold a meeting there. Pray that our work will continue to grow there despite all the obstacles we are facing at the moment.

### **Dover Detention Camp** - Kent

- Kayode Oluwaremi (co-ordinator)

Praise God for the opening in Dover for us to come on a weekday to conduct Bible Studies with the detainees. We hope to start this in July and visit about twice a month. This has been granted by the Head Chaplain at Dover who is a Muslim. Please pray for the continuing work there and that more will want to join the team.

### **HMP Elmley** - Kent

- Terry Campbell (co-ordinator)

Elmley has been a difficult prison. Please pray for their chaplain, Trevor Jacquet and his team. We are glad that we have had some good responses from the inmates whenever we go there and at the last meeting a good number raised their hands to acknowledge Christ and to know more about his teaching.

## **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:

**30th of June!!!**



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

- Hebrews 13:3

Prison Coordinators



**HMP**

**Belmarsh**  
Tony Shonde

**Brixton**  
Emmanuel King

**Bullwood Hall**  
KK Arkhurst

**Camp Hill**  
Terry Campbell

**Coldingley**  
Emmanuel King

**Dover**  
Kayode  
Oluwaremi

**Elmley**  
Terry Campbell

**Rochester**  
Emmanuel King

**Swaleside**  
Bims Alalade  
Sonia Hudson

**Whitemoor**  
Emmanuel King

## YOI Rochester - Kent

- Emmanuel King (co-ordinator)

God is really blessing the work at Rochester, but we need to double our efforts there. Just pray that God will continue to give us divine inspiration to reach out to these young ones. On our last visit quite a lot of the lads gave their life to Christ and there was not enough Bibles to give to them all. So it was a very successful visit even though it started off as a rowdy meeting.

## HMP Swaleside - Kent

- Bims Alalade/Sonia Hudson (co-ordinators)

Thank the Lord for good attendance and continuation with the positive relationship with the chaplaincy team and the governors and area security team. Please pray for one inmate whose mother died and encouragement for those who are Christian and regularly attend the chapel service.

## The Water Pot

*A water bearer in China had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.*

*After 2 years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house." The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the houses."*

**Moral:** Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are, and look for the good in them.

The point of the story, though I completely missed initially, I knew I had the cracks and I could see the laces in my life where God has used my cracks to help someone else through the difficult times in their life. BUT I thought I was still aiming to be the pot with no cracks. I thought that once I had fully grasped what this Christian life was all about, and fully become what God has called me to be, and fully knew his love enough to be a 'whole' person, then I would have no cracks. I was aiming to be perfect. Not accepting myself for who I am, not accepting that my cracks were actually all within the plan of my life, and that God's love for me is totally unconditional love, with all of the cracks present and showing, leaking water all over the place (literally - with the tears!) SO when it comes to unconditional love - I encourage you to continue to love the people that you meet - in your work, home, family, ministry, church, etc. Accept them completely with no judgments about the state/belief system that they might be in. You do not have to agree with them. You may not even like them. You may want to put boundaries in as someone may want you to meet their need when it is not your responsibility. But love them anyway. Care in a real and practical way. Most of all accept your self. Who you are is not what you do, not what you look like, nor is it about giving money, time, or energy. When these things are all taken away from you, what are you left with? Who you are is how you react to someone or something that happens to you on the inside. The goodness and mercy of Jesus will follow us all of the days of our lives. For this I am grateful and give thanks.

Lots of love and thank you for your prayers. - Jane Butler

### Prison Visitation Rota from JUNE - AUGUST

#### JUNE

5th - Elmley  
12th - Coldingley  
19th - Brixton  
26th - Bullwood Hall  
- Dover

#### JULY

3rd TBA  
10th TBA  
17th - Camphill  
24th - Bullwood Hall  
- Dover  
- Rochester  
- Swaleside  
31st - Brixton  
- Bullwood Hall

#### AUGUST

28th - Bullwood Hall  
- Dover

### Next Deadline!!!

For the Summer Issue.

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

**30th of June!**

Please email them to:

[ashannoe@go-network.org](mailto:ashannoe@go-network.org)

