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The Leap of Faith



The year 2008 has been a wonderful year and a lot of things have happened beyond our expectations and we are grateful for what God has done. We are thankful for the new people who have joined the ministry and the new doors God has opened for us. Overall, we have much to thank God for seeing us through 2008.

I would also like to say, "Thank You" to everyone in PON for their contribution through their time, effort, donations, prayer, words of encouragement and everything they have done to make this year a successful year. May the Lord God bless you richly and abundantly and may grace shine upon you. Remember that your labour of love is not done in vain and everything you have done for God-God will award you abundantly and generously. For Partners who are supporting us through finances and prayer, we would like to thank you for all your unseen efforts. Your prayers and your finances have helped us achieve the plan of God. I would like to encourage you to continue to support the Ministry so that we can continue to achieve what God has laid down for us to do.

Looking forward, I believe 2009 will supersede what we have experienced in 2008. God is going to promote our works, not just within the prison walls, but also outside the prison environment. I believe we will have a greater role to play in dealing with families of inmates. It has already started towards the end of this year, but we are going to see a greater influx of people requesting our advice and assistance and we need to be prepared for that. By knowing which individuals, organisations and churches can assist. Visiting prison on Sunday to share the Gospel will continue, but I believe God wants us to move to a new level. We need

to strategically plan how we will deal with this next level of responsibility that God is bringing across our paths, which will require greater commitment from us.

Also, developing a team and family spirit will be very essential for us to fulfil the plan of God in our lives in 2009. We need to capitalise on building strong relationships amongst ourselves and not give room for the Devil to divide us. My priorities for Prison Outreach Network in 2009 will be to build team relationships and resolve conflict without attacking one another, i.e. back-biting, gossiping, malice and discouraging any forms of divisions within the group. Let us foster the spirit of encouragement and reach out to our brothers and sisters within the ministry when we know they are facing challenging times and rejoice with them when they are in a good season.

I would like to encourage you in the New Year; let us go forward with one mind and one spirit in the power of the Holy Spirit, our great motivator and encourager. Let us go forward in faith and in love knowing that nothing is impossible for us because greater is He that is in us than Satan in the World. For we are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus that strengthen us and causes us to be victorious. If God be with us who can be against us? So let us more forward with agreement with God in 2009.

With love and care,
- *Emmanuel King* (Director)



News In Brief

Another year has gone by and a lot has happened since our last news/prayer letter. Thank you very much for your prayers and support for the ministry this year. The membership on the Isle of Wight has expanded and we have now started a monthly fellowship meeting on the Island, which is held on the second Saturday of every month. The group has grown to an extent that we need less members from London which considerably reduces our expenses. Our prayers for a solid group on the island has been answered. This year we were conducting four services with one morning

service at HMP Albany, HMP Camp Hill and a morning and afternoon service at HMP Parkhurst. Next year, we will no longer be holding an afternoon visit, but the visits have increased to one a month. Please continue to pray for the team and for the work that happens in the prisons in the south of England. One prayer need is for one of our members, Terry Campbell, who as an ex-offender has currently been excluded from the entering HMP Albany to preach the Gospel. We would like to see a breakthrough in this, as Terry has always been key to sharing the gospel and his testimony in the Isle of Wight

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prisons. We are currently seeking ways for key members in our team to be given authority by the Home Office to enter any prison in the UK without restriction. Interestingly, there was a recent article (28/10/08) on the website of the Christian Institute which said, "The work of Christian groups among prisoners has proved so successful that the Government is asking how their role can be expanded. In a new report – 'Working with the third sector to reduce re-offending' – the Ministry for Justice has outlined its "ambition" to make more use of the charitable sector in prison work".

We pray that 2009 will see the role of PON expanding further into prisons, particularly in partnership with ex-offenders, an area which is still a great challenge to us and to many prison ministries in the country. We hope to be working more closely with churches in the country to make this vision come true. We cannot do this as individuals or even as an organisation. We need the support of the body of Christ as a new and loving community to accomplish this. If you are a Church who would be interested in caring for ex-offenders then please contact us.

Speaking of the caring work of the Church, we would like to wish Matt & Rachel Lambert God's Blessings as they head out to Africa to work with WBT. Matt, from Hooke Evangelical Church has been a tremendous blessing is jointly coordinating the visits to HMP Coldingley. What was very special to all of us was on his last visit to Coldingley, he shared with the inmates about he and Rachael's plans to minister abroad. At the end of the service, many of the inmates in the Chapel came and laid hands on him and prayed for him and Rachael. It was as if they were a part of their congregation and they were sending them off to the mission field. Please continue to pray for Rachael and Matt and especially the inmates at HMP Coldingley, as to their future and what plans the Lord has for their lives and for many other Christian inmates as they are released (sent out) into a 'foreign' field with little support.

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and God's Blessings in the New Year ahead!

Yours in Yashua, - Akshai S. Hannoë

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**



Prison Prayer Points

HMP Albany, Camp Hill & Parkhurst - Isle of Wight

We would like to thank the Lord for the fantastic worship band that is now in Albany. There are now nine inmates in the Band and they are also organising and performing a musical about Christmas. Praise the Lord that Ricky has now been given the keys to enter Albany prison by himself and is now part of the chaplaincy. There is now a monthly fellowship meeting on the Island on the 2nd Saturday of every month. Thank God for the recovery of George Jones, the husband of one of our members, but please continue to pray for Patricia Todd who is very ill. Praise the Lord for the new life of John and Janet McGlouclin who recently got married.

HMP Belmarsh - London

Please continue to pray for the large chaplaincy team and also for the Christian inmates that face persecution and intimidation in that prison.

HMP Bullwood Hall - Essex

We thank God once again for the spiritual hunger we have seen amongst the inmates at Bullwood Hall. Each visit is packed with many inmates. As this prison is now a designated holding centre for foreign detainees we would like to ask for more volunteers who can speak different languages. Especially, those from the Asian subcontinent and Spain. Please continue to pray for the Chaplaincy team and the opportunity to hold our meetings at a larger venue as many inmates are still not able to come to the services because of the size of the Chapel.

HMP Brixton - London

Good things are happening in Brixton. The number of inmates coming to the Chapel is an average of 100 per week for the Sunday service. There are also a lot of Christian events taking place during the week. So we thank God for all those things that are happening. We also would like to thank God for using Phil Chadder, Brixton Chaplain to accomplish what is happening right now in the prison. Lets pray that the partnership with the chaplaincy will mature.

HMP Coldingley - Surrey

Please pray for more dates for Coldingley in 2009. Pray that more inmates will be able to attend the service and that they will be touched by the Word of God and that their lives will be changed. Our joint Co-ordinator Matt Lambert is leaving to work with Wycliffe in Chad and at the last meeting the inmates laid their hands on him and prayed that he would have a successful mission. Pray

also for PON member who will be take over the role Matt has undertaken.

HMP Cookham Wood - Kent

Please continue to pray for open doors in 2009. There has not been any further invitation as yet.

Dover IRC - Kent

Some new detainees have arrived that have been disrupting the Sunday service and we pray that the Word of God will have an impact in changing their lives.

HMP Elmley - Kent

Ken George is the new acting chaplain. Pray that more people will help Terry as the co-ordinator to support him in his work as the PON visitor numbers have been very small.

HMP Guys Marsh - Dorset

This has been a good year for Guys Marsh and it is always a joy visiting this prison. Please pray for Mary Ridgwell, the Chaplain as she ministers to the young men in the prison. Please remember CJ, who was released in October and is somewhere in Guildford. Pray that he will find good accommodation and that he will attend a good Church. Pray also that the lads will be able to reach a deeper level in their knowledge and relationship with Jesus Christ.

HMP Holloway - London

Pray that new doors will be open for us in 2009 as we have no visits booked as yet. This is the only women's prison we visit at the moment.

HMP Nottingham - Nottingham

Please pray for the new Head Chaplain for Nottingham. Pray that our relationship will grow. Please continue to pray for increase in God's anointing on each member of PON and for more workers in PON as a whole and Nottingham in particular

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:

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

- Hebrews 13:3



HMP

Prison Coordinators

Albany
Ryan Sukhram
Akshai S. Hannoe

Belmarsh
Tony Shonde
Yvonne Wood

Brixton
Emmanuel King
Lydia Tesfay

Bullwood Hall
KK Arkhurst
Faith Dixon

Camp Hill
Terry Campbell
Akshai S. Hannoe
Ryan Sukhram

Coldingley
Lilith Cardoza
Matt Lambert

Dover IRC
Bamidele Bolarinwa

Elmley
Terry Campbell
Monica Amekuedi

Guys Marsh
Akshai Hannoe

Nottingham
Tony Shonde

Parkhurst
Ryan Sukhram
Akshai S. Hannoe

Rochester YO1
Sonia Hudson

Swaleside
Bims Alalade

Tinsley House IRC
Kingsley

YOI Rochester - Kent

Pray for the new Chaplain so that she can blend in with the old Chaplaincy team so that they can work in harmony. Thank God that Emmanuel is now a Free Church Chaplain at Rochester and pray that what God wants me to do there will be accomplished. At the moment he is teaching a new course called 'The Power of Good Advice (POGA) and the inmates are very interested and is going very well. Pray for more favour with the management and with the Chaplaincy and the officers.

HMP Swaleside - Kent

Please pray for the chaplaincy team and for a

number of the men who are willing to contribute in the service in the areas of preaching, giving testimonies, and music. Please pray that we will be able to accommodate their gifts during the service, which will allow them to, grow and encourage others who attend the service. Pray for the men who lead the prayers groups and bible studies. Pray also for more open doors in 2009 through a concert and workshops.

IRC Tinsley House - West Sussex

We have been invited to lead the Christmas Carols on the 16th of December and we pray that we will be able to encourage the detainees during their time away from their home.



Wishing all our members and supporters:



And God's Blessings for a New Year 2009!

"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

Our monthly fellowship meetings are held on the **last Saturday** of every month in **London** and the **second Saturday** of every month on the **Isle of Wight**. All PON Members are urged to attend regularly. The meetings include; praise and worship, praise reports, training and important updates and 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 before making a decision as to whether this is where you would like to serve, you are most welcome to visit us at the addresses below.

LONDON Venue: Please consult the 'Notices' section on our website.

Church on the Round-a-bout
Copins Bridge
Newport
IOW PO30 2BX

(Please check the website for London meeting venues as this may change on a monthly basis.)

Upcoming Prison Visitation from January - March 2009

<u>JANUARY</u>		<u>FEBRUARY</u>		<u>MARCH</u>	
4th	- Tinsley House	1st	- Tinsley House	1st	- Tinsley House
11th	- Albany	8th	- TBA	8th	- Swaleside
	- Camp Hill	15th	- Albany	15th	- Albany
	- Parkhurst		- Camp Hill		- Camp Hill
18th	- Coldingley		- Belmarsh		- Parkhurst
	- Guys Marsh		- Parkhurst		- Rochester
	- Rochester	22nd	- Brixton	22nd	- Bullwood Hall
25th	- Bullwood Hall		- Bullwood Hall	29th	- Bullwood Hall
	- Dover		- Dover		- Coldingley
	- Swaleside				- Dover

Next Deadline!!!
For the *Spring Issue*.

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

14h of March!

Please email them to:
prayer@prison-go-network.org

