

CAM UPDATE

Christian Aftercare Ministries for Ex-Offenders

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Paul R. Roussel

“For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.” Matthew 18:11 KJV

As we enter the Christmas season, we ponder these words. Jesus came to save lost men and women and give them eternal life. We have ministered to hundreds of lost men and women this year, and we rejoice that many have put their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus. They turned their backs on their former lifestyles to walk daily in newness of life. We give God all the praise for these renewed lives.

THANKS TO OUR FAITHFUL SUPPORTERS

Thanks to all of you who co-labor with us in this ministry. The many donations of clothing, winter coats, gloves, boots, sneakers and household goods have been used to bless so many of our clients. When we give out your gifts, we remind them that ultimately they come from the Lord Jesus through His people. This puts a smile on their faces. The monetary gifts are used for rent, picture ID's, bus passes and other expenses that the men and women have.

Thank you for your generosity in giving all year.

JEFF'S SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Six years ago, I was asked by our son, Paul, to visit his friend's son, Jeff, who was in prison in New Hampshire on serious charges. I visited him and shared Jesus and he accepted Jesus as his Savior. I put Jeff in touch with Chaplain Ken Threlfall who continued to meet with him. Jeff was eventually released from prison after serving his time. He has since married and now serves on the Evangelistic team at his church (Merrimack Valley Presbyterian). Praise Jesus for His transforming power and the privilege of sharing the gospel..

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Board of Directors were recently blessed with two new members: Debbie and Neil Corriveau from Bethany Covenant Church in Bedford. They had a positive impact immediately. Debbie serves as our Secretary, and Neil is serving as Treasurer. We appreciate their willingness to serve.

COMPUTER UPDATE

It was decided in my absence that a new updated computer was needed to keep all of our records in place. A committee was formed to study the most efficient setup for us to purchase. Dave Rattigan, Neil Corriveau, Mike Grady and I will research the new computers available.

HEARTFELT APPRECIATION

Thank you to everyone, for your prayers, cards, visits, meals and telephone calls during my recent open heart surgery. The Lord has graciously healed me and I returned to the CAM office as of Monday, December 10. Please pray for my health to continue as I serve our Lord in any way He chooses.

“The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save.

He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with his love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”

Zephaniah 3:17 NIV

THE CHURCH AND THE BELIEVER
By Board Member **JACK SHULER, DDS,**

It was a real “eye-opener” to be in the CAM office substituting for the director, Paul Roussel, as he was recuperating from heart by-pass surgery. I am amazed at how much this servant of our Lord accomplishes as he heads this ministry. I often think of him as a “human dynamo!” One thing is for certain – nobody anticipated his return to the CAM office more than yours truly.

Since last month, in Paul’s absence, Mike Grady and I witnessed several men accept Christ as their Savior; and have had the privilege of giving the “good-news” to more than 70 ex-offenders. In my mind, one fact plainly stands out. Second in importance only to conversion itself, is our continued emphasis on pointing these men toward a Bible-preaching/ teaching CHURCH. I would like to give seven reasons why Church is an IMPERATIVE for the believer:

1. A deeper connection to Christ. Note Matthew 18:20. Jesus himself said, “For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”
2. A faith-strengthening increase in the knowledge of God’s Word. The new believer will grow.

Consider : **“Two things in me abide, they exist side-by-side.
One I love and one I hate, the one I FEED will
DOMINATE.**

Those with whom we choose to associate give reflection as to the priorities in our personal lives.
We are known by the company we keep.

3. We surround ourselves with other believers and are encouraged.
4. We corporately talk with God and God speaks to us.
5. We encourage OTHERS. Our very presence in Church strengthens other believers.
6. We WORSHIP the Savior. God not only is pleased with worship, be He *demands* it!
7. The chances of returning to jail are DECREASED!! Glance once again at the saying above. Christ has called His children to be “salt and light” in a very dark world –Matt 5:13. To do this we must be “in” the world, but not “OF” the world. The Holy Spirit supplies the power needed to carry out this command. Church allows us to tap into this power as we immerse ourselves in God’s Word .

We need to pray for and support pastors who consistently expound the truths of the Holy Bible. I suggest you take time this week to speak a word of encouragement to your pastor!

Gospel Baptist Church on Beech Street in Manchester, comes to mind when I think of light in the darkness of the world. There Pastor Dave Carleson, an expositor of the Word, faithfully serves. Along with his duties as Chaplain of the Valley Street Jail he is a counselor, a soul-winner; and has an open door for those who are possibly at the lowest point in their lives. **Please pray for Pastor Dave, as well as for other Bible preaching pastors who work hand-in-hand with Christian Aftercare ministries. We are co-laborers in a field “ripe for harvest.”**

**PRAISE: 1. Two new board members! Now we have a secretary and treasurer, Debbie and Neil Corriveau. Thank you Lord.
2. Our director/editor/writer/counselor/teacher Paul Roussel is back in the CAM office after open heart surgery! Welcome back! We missed you!**

ANNUAL CAM DINNER AND FUNDRAISER

Our associate Newsletter Editor, Margie Frank, wrote me a glowing report on the CAM Fundraiser Dinner. She said the meal, music and message from brother Len Spitalie were exceptional and enjoyed by a capacity crowd from near and far. The Love offering was also exceptional. Praise the Lord.

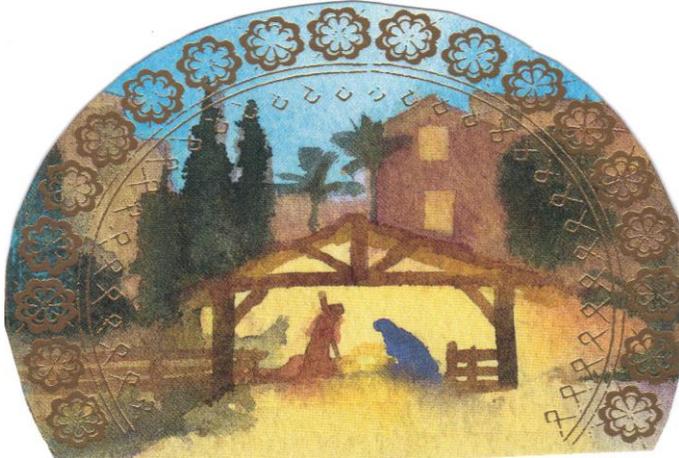
My thanks to all who helped coordinate and orchestrate the evening's agenda. Thanks also to the chefs and all who helped serve an outstanding meal.

A special thanks to my dear wife, Maryann, for her loving ministrations to me beginning the day of the dinner, during my illness and indeed, all the time.

*Sincerely,
Paul Roussel*

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. That the Lord would send totally committed Christians into our residential Transitional program upstairs at Helping Hands.
2. That the Lord will lead the computer committee to the perfect one for CAM.
3. That God's faithful preachers in Bible-based churches everywhere be empowered by the Holy Spirit to preach and teach the whole counsel of God.
4. That the CAM Board Members are lead by the Holy Spirit to faithfully discharge their duties as assigned.



The entire CAM staff is joining you this Christmas
In celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the Lamb of God, to die for our sins.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace, to change our hearts.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, to guide our lives.

CAM'S CURRENT NEEDS ARE ALL
SIZES OF WINTER COATS, HATS,
GLOVES, BOOTS, AND SCARVES

“Remember those in prison as if you were
their fellow prisoners, and those who are
mistreated as if you yourselves were
suffering.”

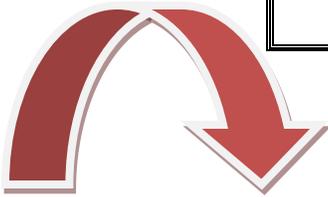
Hebrews 13:3 NIV

Have you visited our CAM website lately?
It's at www.christianaftercare.com . It was
designed by Board Member Dave Rattigan
who handles the materials procurement. You
will find the latest information about the
mission of CAM, past issues of the newsletter
and much more of interest.

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