

CAM UPDATE

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CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT VALLEY STREET JAIL

On December 22, 2015, we attended two services by Pastor/Chaplain David Carlson. Forty men in the first service and eighteen in the second service. Pastor Carlson gave an invitation to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Three men raised their hands to accept Him. I was able to share about the work of CAM and how we can help them - when they are released from prison – with clothing, job leads, new church home and housing. We encouraged them to stay away from drugs and alcohol and lead a sober life depending on the Lord to help them. I was also able to distribute my CAM card to all the women who came to one of the services

CAM OFFICE WORK

We have been overwhelmed with serious seekers at our office in Manchester this past month. Approximately sixty men and women have come into the office and we have shared the Lord's plan of salvation with each one. We were able to distribute clothing, bedding, bicycles, ski jackets and work boots to many of them. We also recommended churches for them to attend.

EXPANDED WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Lord has raised up two Christian women who are willing to mentor and befriend women being released from prison. This is an answer to prayers as there is a great need for one-on-one discipleship with women getting out of prison.

PRISON BIBLE STUDIES

Mike Grady, from the CAM office, and I lead weekly Bible studies at Valley Street Jail in Manchester. I also visit several men in Concord State Prison each month and tell them about CAM and how we can help them when they are released from prison.

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PRAYER IS THE DRIVING FORCE OF CAM

By Board Member, Don Grosso

For the past year, it has been an honor to serve as a board member of CAM. As treasurer I can see how God provides richly through supporting churches and individuals. Money, clothing and donated time are some of the assets required to do this good work. CAM's mission is helping newly released prisoners go over all the hurdles that block their chance of success. Matthew 25:39b.

The ten CAM board members and prison chaplains do not wait for a release date, but are in the prisons of NH preparing the men for a new way of life. The old way of life is outside the walls waiting for them along with failure. The men that desire a Christ-centered life and want to walk the path to a productive life will find Bible studies, encouragement and direction by CAM supporters **inside** the walls. **Outside** the walls, loving and caring CAM supporters are waiting to extend physical support and spiritual encouragement to those who choose this new way of life.

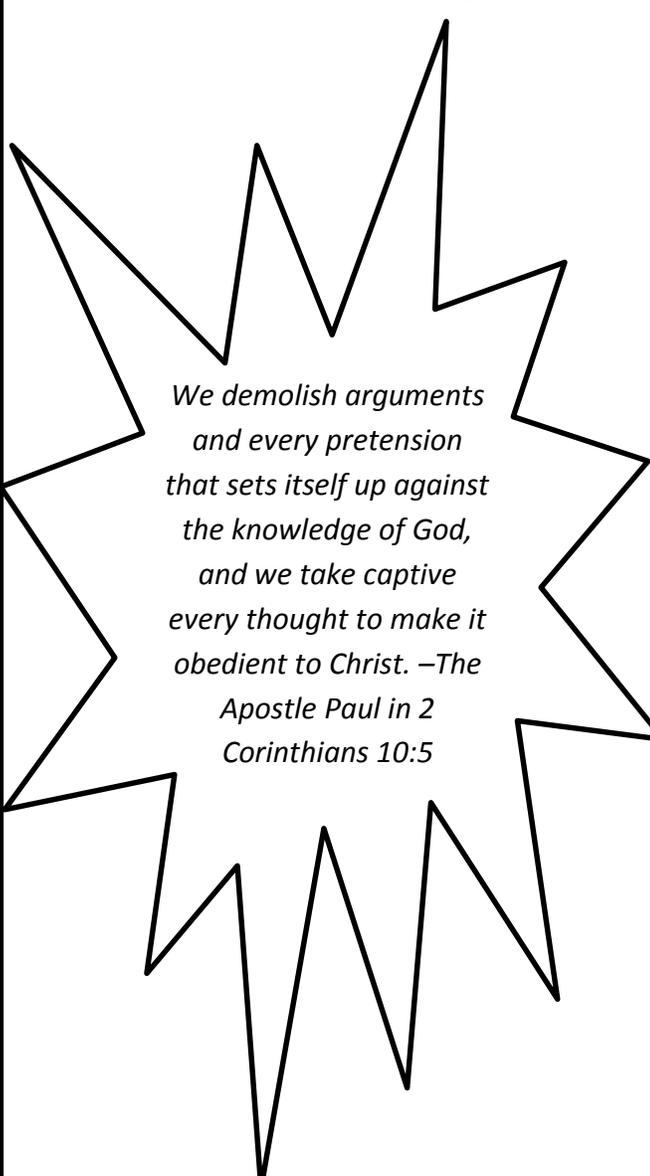
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SUPPORTING CHURCHES

We want to personally thank three of our supporting churches for their recent donations of men's clothing. Merrimack Valley Baptist Church, Milford United Methodist Church (including the Milford Bridge Church), and the Village Bible Church of Amherst. Each church donated much needed clothing for men. Each gift is deeply appreciated by the recipients. Donations are gratefully accepted at our office in Manchester during office hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

~ Paul



*We demolish arguments
and every pretension
that sets itself up against
the knowledge of God,
and we take captive
every thought to make it
obedient to Christ. –The
Apostle Paul in 2
Corinthians 10:5*

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

By Dan Beauchesne

My life was not a normal upbringing. I was born in Lawrence, MA. I lived in a very bad part of town where violence and gangs ruled the area. I couldn't really go outside to play or even to enjoy a nice day. At the age of six, my parents divorced and my mother was left to raise four kids. My Mom suffers from a back disease to this day. But she really couldn't work because her back wouldn't let her stand too long.

When I was ten years old, my brother, sister and I were told we were going to live with our father in NH. We had no idea as to why. The day we left, August 1, 1991, the heat and electric were shut off. Living in NH was harder on me because I had no friends - only my step-siblings. **The only way I could deal with things was to be alone and not talk to others.** Going to school was hard because of having no friends. The only time people even talked to me was when they wanted something. So the only way for me to deal with it was to be alone and look at pornography.

In 2005 I went to prison assault. My depression grew worse and I wasn't doing much but work and sleep.

In 2006 I saw someone I knew from the (prison) chapel and I said to him that I'm questioning my faith. At this point I was not saved. (continued on page 3)

PLEASE PRAY

..... for the Holy Spirit to move in the hearts of the men we contact in prison.

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On February 17, 2007 at 2:45 p.m. – that’s when I asked Jesus into my heart. I was starting to feel better physically and mentally. I feel that this is what was truly missing in my life. In 2008, I started to volunteer in the chapel, working in the office, doing small maintenance jobs, cleaning and painting the chapel. I went through KAIROS in 2007. That was a great experience. I became more active with KAIROS in 2010 when the Lord wanted me to be a leader with KAIROS on the inside. So, when I made parole in 2015, I continued to work in the chapel trying to help others with their struggles.

So, here I am now (October 2015) – out of prison. I was so worried that I wouldn’t have a place to live, a job or a car. God provided all that BEFORE I left prison and it was waiting for me. I work now in an auto-body shop painting cars, which I did in prison for eight years. The Lord provided a great apartment in NH which I’m thankful for because the landlord is willing to give me a chance. I attend church in Plastow and **I visit many churches to share my testimony with others.** If you’re reading this and you feel God is not helping you, trust me, **just wait because He has something special waiting for YOU.** ~ Dan

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CAM support can begin at the release gate with a ride to living quarters, a bus depot with money for the fare, or a ride to CAM office, where needs are identified, such as a valid ID, directions, and advice to name a few. The Christian Aftercare idea, formed over 22 years ago, has assisted approximately 5000 men to walk in the path our Savior laid out for us by His teachings. **It is prayer, the faithfulness of God and the working of the Holy Spirit that has made this CAM effort successful.**

Many years ago, at the Concord State Prison, when our team was about to enter the maximum security unit with our Bibles to do a cell ministry, my friend said, **“I can sense the darkness recede when we come on the tiers.”** May God continue to use CAM and its supporters to bring the brightness of His light into this world inside and outside the walls of prison.

I close by sharing my life verses found in *Psalm 37: 1-4.* *“Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity, for they shall be cut down like grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD, and HE shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”*

I can attest to the Lord’s faithfulness to that promise. ~ Don Grosso

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