

# CAM UPDATE

Christian Aftercare Ministries for Ex-Offenders  
Non-profit Organization [www.christianaftercare.com](http://www.christianaftercare.com)

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Established 1994

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Paul Roussel

## My Ten Years At CAM

By Barry Brown,  
Chairman of CAM Board

**THE KEY** for CAM to effectively help men and women when they are released from prison is to have an opportunity to meet with them while they are still incarcerated. We find out the needs they will have when released from prison (jobs, clothing, food, drivers' licenses, apartments, church connections, etc.) We also share God's plan of salvation with them so they will have a solid foundation on which to stand when they are released.

During the last seven months we have visited approximately 105 people in various prisons in NH, including Concord, Berlin, Laconia and Brentwood County and Valley Street Jails. The Lord has Christian volunteers in these prisons who minister to the prisoners each week.

### NEW VOLUNTEER

Dr. Jack Shuler, a retired dentist, volunteers on Wednesdays in the CAM office to help with Bible studies, mentoring and transportation to job interviews.

### NEW CHURCH SUPPORT

The Lord continues to meet all of our financial needs. Safe Harbor Christian Fellowship is now one of our latest supporting churches.

### CAM DINNER

Len Spitale, from Good News Chaplaincy in Penna, will be our speaker.

Lenny was one of the founding directors of CAM many years ago, and has continued to support our work. We look forward to hearing from him about his work among the chaplains. We also will have an ex-offender share his testimony.

Remember the date: Saturday, **September 22 at 6 PM**. There is no charge and all our supporters are encouraged to attend. Call the office to reserve a place

### CHAPLAINS

We are blessed to work with Chaplain Dana Hoyt at Berlin prison, and Chaplain Rudy Converse at Laconia. They are a real encouragement to the men they minister to. We have heard excellent reports from these men when they are released from prison about all the help they received from these caring chaplains.

### CAM REPORT

In the last three months, we have ministered to about ninety ex-offenders, met their needs for clothing, furniture, transportation, apartments and bicycles. : "Thank You" to everyone who donated these and other items.

**Be strong and courageous.  
Do not be terrified; do not  
be discouraged, for the  
Lord, your God will be with  
you wherever you go.**

**Joshua 1:9**

Christian Aftercare Ministries. How appropriate a title. Many of the men and women we help, come from a life in shambles. Truly they need care, hope, encouragement, love, help and most of all, Jesus.

**We encourage them in Jesus**, to trust and depend on Him – not only for salvation, but everything in their lives.

I remember some years ago when I went to Concord State prison to pick up John, who had been in for sixteen years. I was concerned that he wouldn't make it very long. He was clearly institutionalized. Over the next several days he mentioned more than once, that all he had to do was put a brick through a storefront window and he would be back in prison.

I tried to encourage John in Jesus, but he only listened and continued to suffer. Paul (Roussel) and I told him more about Jesus. I finally took him to the Catholic Charities building because they offered counseling. After a long visit John came out and I asked, "How did it go?"

**John showed me a sheet of paper entirely filled with things Jesus could do for him.**

With his arms up in the air, John yelled, "**Everywhere I go, all I hear about is Jesus!**"

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A year or two later, John had stopped in to see Paul at the CAM office. Paul introduced John to an ex-con who was going to a seminary in Indiana. The ex-con took John to lunch.

The next time I saw John, he had a smile on his face. He then told me that Perry, who took him to lunch, lead him to trust in Jesus. I had no previous knowledge of this; there had been no discussion. **I could tell simply by the look on John's face that he had accepted Jesus.**

Later, John sent me a large postcard of a moose standing next to a moose crossing sign about to cross. John wrote, **"Thank you for helping me cross the road."**

There are lots of roads and lots of people who need help crossing them. That's what Christian Aftercare Ministries is all about.

**Director's Note:**

As a ministry, we have been blessed by Barry's love of Jesus, faithful commitment, wise counsel, and leadership at CAM.-**Paul Roussel**

**PRAISE**

**That the Lord, in the last three months, has been sending more committed Christians to our ministry.**

**MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY**

**By Joey O'Brien**

**There I was**, sitting in a jail cell at Valley Street Jail and asking how did I allow myself to end up in jail. Taking a long look at my life and the choices made, I saw a pattern: incarcerated numerous times at YDC, numerous County Jail sentences, and to top things off, a previous prison sentence. I began to realize that the choices I made shaped my character and the person I was sitting there in that jail cell.

**Feeling disgusted** and not liking who I was or what I did, I began to have suicidal thoughts. I was an emotional wreck, with uncontrollable tears streaming down my face. I thought that if I were to end it all, it would be the right thing to do. However, that was just another way of trying to run from my problems instead of dealing with.

**In the middle** of contemplating suicide, I looked at my table in my cell and noticed a small pamphlet. One of its corners was folded up (dog eared). Wiping the tears from my face and getting up off the bunk, I stood up and reached for the pamphlet. I was curious because I did not recall ever seeing that pamphlet or placing it there. **I picked it up and began to read. It was the Gospel, the Good News explaining how to become right with God through Jesus Christ.**

**As I read** the pamphlet, my heart melted. For the first time in my life, I saw myself as a hell-deserving sinner. But Jesus wanted me to repent and place my faith in His atoning work. **Falling to my knees, I cried out to Jesus to save me, forgive me, come live in my heart, and change me into a new person.**

**As I wiped** the remainder of the tears from my face, I sensed an overwhelming peace and heard a small, still voice saying, "Don't worry, everything is going to be okay now."

**From that day forward, my life has not been the same.** Since my release from prison, from the very first Sunday, I have been attending Gospel Baptist Church where Pastor Carlson ministers. I have a good job and attend weekly Bible studies with Mike Grady of CAM.

**Looking back** now, I realize that if I had continued to make my own choices, instead of surrendering to Jesus, I would have been separated from Him for all eternity!

**PRAYER REQUEST:**

**For the Lord's direction as CAM moves forward with our vision of Christian transitional housing.**

## **ANNUAL CAM DINNER AND FUNDRAISER**

**DATE:** SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2007  
**TIME:** 6:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
508 UNION STREET  
(CORNER OF UNION & HANOVER)  
MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

**SPEAKER:** LENNY SPITALE, who helped found CAM

**TICKETS:** Please contact Paul Roussel at (603) 669-5090

**PLEASE SET ASIDE THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW  
FOR A WONDERFUL MEAL, BEAUTIFUL CHRISTIAN MUSIC,  
GREAT SPEAKER, AND INSPIRING TESTIMONIES.**

The following story as retold by Christian inmate Bob Outcalt, who sent it to CAM.

### **BABE RUTH**

Babe Ruth had hit 714 runs during his baseball career and was playing one of his last full major league games. It was the Braves vs the Reds in Cincinnati. But the great Ruth was no longer as agile as he had once been. He fumbled the ball and threw badly, and in one inning alone, his errors were responsible for most of the five runs scored by Cincinnati. As Babe walked off the field after the third out and headed toward the dugout, a crescendo of yelling and booing reached his ears. Just then, a boy jumped over the railing into the playing field. With tears streaming down his face, he threw his arms around the legs of his hero. Ruth didn't hesitate for one second. He picked up the boy, hugged him and set him down on his feet, patting his head gently. The noise from the stands came to an abrupt halt. Suddenly there was no more booing. In fact, a hush fell over the entire park. In those brief moments, the fans saw two heroes: Ruth, who in spite of his dismal day on the field, could still care about a little boy; and the small lad, who cared about the feelings of another human being. Both had the hearts of the crowd. That's caring and sharing with God's love!

LORD, Help us to remember and uphold the dignity of every person.  
Let's work at building people up – not tearing them down!

# CHRISTIAN AFTERCARE MINISTRIES

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**CAM MINISTRY ALWAYS NEEDS:**  
Men's jeans, sneakers, work boots, gloves,  
clean shirts in good repair,  
and...*YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.*

**Thank you for helping to meet these on-going needs.**

**NOTICE:** If you would like a CAM board member to visit your church or group to speak about this ministry? Please call Paul Roussel, director, to schedule a date. Phone: (603) 669-5090. Board Members; Paul Roussel, Mike Grady, Barry Brown, Kent Thelfall, Jean Metzger, Sampson Duclair, and Dave Rattigan.

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