

# CAM UPDATE

Christian Aftercare Ministries for Ex-Offenders

Non-profit Organization

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Paul R. Roussel

### TV PROGRAM

In late May 2012 Shawn Kane and I received an invitation to speak about the CAM ministry on Concord Public television. Shawn shared his testimony of how the Lord worked in his life since his release from prison. The broadcast was viewed by Concord and Laconia residents, and the NH state prison in Concord where the men viewed it. It was a wonderful opportunity to share that a personal relationship with Jesus is the only true transforming option for everyone.

### CAM DINNER GUEST SPEAKER

Our annual CAM dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 6 PM (see page three for more information). Len Spitale from Pennsylvania is our guest speaker and we are delighted to have him with us. He helped to start CAM ministry many years ago. He has been involved with prison ministry for many years in New England, Florida and now in Pennsylvania.

### CAM PRAYER MINISTRY

For the last 18 years we have had a prayer ministry. Each Monday morning we select three men or women whom we have ministered to that past week, and send their names by email to 19 churches that agreed to pray weekly for three requests. These prayers are important for CAM outreach to jails, prisons, and CAM's Manchester office. We have seen the Lord answer so many of these prayers and know that Jesus wants His children to call upon Him with their requests.

### JOBS

One of the biggest needs we have for men and women being released from prison is finding them jobs to begin as soon as possible after their release. Our prayer is that Christian businessmen will come forward and offer them positions in their businesses and give them that second chance to begin again with the Lord. If you are a Christian business owner and would like to serve the Lord in this way please call the CAM office to offer your services.

### CAM MENTORING

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, Shawn Kane is mentoring Mark and Vadim at Helping Hands. He says that he is richly blessed as he leads these men in Bible study and prayer. He has even been able to help them with part time employment. We thank the Lord for Shawn's faithful service to this ministry.

***"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."***

**John 8:36 KJV**

## TELL OTHERS WHAT GOD HAS DONE IN YOUR LIFE.

BY ERNIE KILMAN  
CAM Board Member

What Has God done in your life? Tell Others! Psalm 145:4 says, *"One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts."* We keep a book in our family called, "Remember the deeds of the Lord." It is not a lengthy story, but a daily, monthly, and yearly record of God's provision in our lives in many ways. Psalm 77:11 says, *"Remember the deeds of the Lord."* When our kids were younger we would see daily life opportunities to tell them about God. Don't get us wrong. We are far from perfect. **The point is that God is always faithful.** Deuteronomy 6:5-7, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."* Hebrews 3:13,14 - *"But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'today' so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end."* Everyone needs encouragement, your pastor as well as your friends. **I have told inmates in our Bible study that if God can use me coming from a dysfunctional home, that He can use anyone.** ( next page)

(Ernie Kilman - continued from page 1)

**Availability is more important than natural ability.** Philippians 4:13, *"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."*

Remember the difficult things in your life. Is anything too hard for God? Where do you look? John 15:5 – *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

Read His Word. John 14:15 – 23 *"If you love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet also at that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said to him, If a man loveth me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."* Live by God's Holy Spirit. We can have a daily relationship with Jesus.

Read His Word and the Holy Spirit will have more and more of your life to draw on and will encourage you to tell others about Jesus.

Life is a battle. Let your mind be more and more filled with His Word so you can speak a word in season to yourself, your family, and the prison in your daily life. Hebrews 12:1,2 – *"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."* Surrender then to God completely and let people see more of Jesus and less of you. -Ernie

## MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

~ Eddie Kirila

I grew up in a small town in Western PA where most of the people worked at the steel mills that filled the area. As a young child I was often taken to one of the many bars in town where the steel workers like my step-father would gather after a hard day's work. I would sit and watch the men and women as they drank, while I sipped on a pop and ate potato chips. Eventually I began drinking beer along with the adults well before I was 21 because the bartenders knew my family and would turn a blind eye.

Along with drinking, I used drugs all through High School. After graduation most of my friends went off to college or to work; they knew what was important; unlike myself, who continued to drink and abuse drugs. Due to my drug abuse I went through two rehab programs, where I was told that, if I did not stop doing drugs and drinking, I would wind up dead or in prison. But I still continued using.

I moved around the country for a couple of years working at whatever jobs I could get, but of course, the whole time I was getting further into addictions. Eventually, I wound up in New Hampshire where, under the influence of drugs and alcohol, **I committed a serious crime which landed me in the state prison for 20 years.** It is there that I received the help I needed.

At the nine year mark, I met the woman who would become my wife. Seeing the sadness and heaviness of heart in me, she spoke to me of Jesus and the forgiveness that was mine for the asking. We spent many occasions talking and she opened her heart and faith to me. After a while an elder from her church came to talk to me. I studied the Bible with him for several months until one day in the NH state prison I accepted Jesus into my heart and asked him to forgive me for the sins I committed in my life. Afterward God gave me the opportunity to work in the prison chapel where I met some very special individuals who helped me to grow firm in my faith before I was set free from prison.

That was 10 years ago, and since then, God has opened doors for me and given me opportunities that I could never have imagined possible. **Today, my wife and I own a wonderful home and are part of a very genuine and loving church family. We have even spoken at a Christian Conference together. I can go on and on, but suffice it to say that God has blessed me mightily and continues to show me his love in all ways.** -Eddie

**Prayer Request: That the Lord would open up home churches and employment opportunities for ex-offenders.**

# **ANNUAL CAM DINNER AND FUNDRAISER**

DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012  
 TIME: 6:00 P.M.  
 PLACE: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
 508 UNION STREET  
 (CORNER OF UNION & HANOVER)  
 MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PLEASE MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR  
 A WONDERFUL MEAL, GREAT SPEAKER – LENNY SPITALE  
 AND BEAUTIFUL CHRISTIAN MUSIC & INSPIRING TESTIMONIES

## TESTIMONY BY MARJORIE FRANK, CAM NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I was born into a Christian home in Harrisburg, PA. I invited Jesus into my heart and life at age 9. After graduation from High School, I attended Nyack Missionary Training Institute (now College) in Nyack, NY; Received a BA in Christian Education in 1954. Married in 1956 and we raised three children. Through the years I sang in church choirs; did solos and trios; worked on various committees; later learned sign language – ASL – and interpreted for the deaf for ten years. I was a part time office manager in various churches for about 50 years. I retired in 1992, then worked as a Christian school office manager for about 9 years. Paul and Maryann Roussel asked me to edit the CAM newsletter starting in 2004 (I think).

**God has been faithful** to His word every step of my journey through rough and/or happy times. When our first born son, Alan, was 9 years old, he was diagnosed as having cystic fibrosis. We went through lots of medicine, physical therapy and doctor appointments. He slept in mist tents for a few years. He grew and excelled in school and two years of college studies. Our second son, Byron and daughter, Sylvia were born before Alan died in 1981 at age 23. Alan is now in the presence of God, and we have God's Son, Jesus, present with us. God "gave the oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that we might be trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, THAT HE MIGHT BE GLORIFIED." Alan amazed us many times with his creativity, poems, observations, etc. We still miss him.

One day the dentist, Bill Green discovered I had a blood problem and sent me directly to Memorial Hospital in Nashua where I had a bone marrow biopsy and was diagnosed with acute leukemia and taken immediately to Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. That was January 28, 1986 – the same day the Challenger blew up in space. While I was going through two weeks of chemo, Byron and Sylvia took over the household duties, and Bob visited me often and continued with his engineering position in Cambridge, MA. (his mother was in Greenbriar nursing home) In the next ten weeks, the chemo caused me to lose the function of all of my bodily organs. I was in ICU two times – very close to meeting God personally. BUT, the word of my illness spread far and wide and countless people were praying for my healing. I myself asked God to take me home because I was tired. God answered me and said "No, not now." God answered the many prayers for my healing and said "Yes." The healing began. I woke up in ICU and the good cells started to multiply, and my organs started functioning again. **All glory to God.** I had lost my voice and hearing. God in His mercy allowed me to hear, talk and sing again. In a few months I was back at work in the church office. **The love of God is something wonderful!** On the day of my birthday in October that same year, my husband lost his job for several months. **God remained faithful.**

Byron graduated from college as a nuclear engineer and is now in PA with his wife, Lise and their twin girls, Abby and Emily. Sylvia went on to become an editor in the book publishing business, has written two books, married John Rodrigue and lives now in Massachusetts. I keep busy at home and in church and singing with ELMAR and FRIENDS as we hold sing a-longs in nursing homes and senior centers.

God holds me in the palm of His hand, and give my days one at a time until I see Him in glory. Hallelujah!  
 I am happy for this opportunity to Praise God once again for healing me and guiding my steps. ~Margie

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and  
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