

# CAM UPDATE

*Christian Aftercare Ministries for Ex-Offenders*

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR/EDITOR, PAUL R. ROUSSEL

**CAM OFFICE ACTIVITIES:** Mike, Jack and I have been very busy with visits from ex-offenders and their families requesting help. We have met some of their physical needs such as: clothing, shoes, work boots, rent money and bicycles. We also try to meet their spiritual needs by sharing the Gospel and that the Lord is the only one who can transform their lives by turning them from darkness to light and set them free. We received a call and subsequent visit from a mother and an aunt of an inmate who has been in and out of prison because of drug abuse. We shared how Jesus died on the cross for all of us and how all three of them could have hope again by putting their faith in Christ. When I visited Steve in prison, he accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

**BIBLE STUDIES:** There are several ongoing Bible studies held in the CAM office each week during the day and on Monday evenings. Guy Torgensen, a Christian businessman, leads a Bible study with men from Helping Hands who wish to attend. We thank the Lord for Guy's faithfulness in service to the Lord and to these men and for the special way he interacts with each one.

**VALLEY STREET JAIL PRAISES:** Pastor/Chaplain David Carlson led the Easter service with 110 men and women attending. Sixteen accepted the Lord as their Savior. Praise also for answered prayer for a Christian mother who traveled from down South to visit her son in prison. Her prayer was answered and she was able to spend time with her son and encourage him. Praise for Justin who accepted Christ as his Savior, and also received a release date from prison. An overall praise for the good working relationship we have with the administration at Valley Street Jail as we minister there.

**CAM ANNUAL DINNER:** Reserve this date for our annual CAM dinner and learn about the CAM ministry activities this past year; be richly blessed by the testimonies, music and guest speakers. (See page three for dinner details)

## SERVING THE LORD, -BY CAM BOARD MEMBER ERNIE KILMAN

I have been leading a Bible Study Friday nights with assistant Chaplain Dennis Frediani with up to 40 men on some nights. I have been blessed as I see the men grow as Christians as they seek to know more about Jesus. A recent study was, "What or Who Do We Value?" It is usually revealed in the things we think or talk about the most. Do we value people over things?

In Exodus, God is showing how testing reveals how committed we really are to Him. Pain sows the depth of our commitment. Absolute dependence on God makes our partnership with God work. God is molding us – taking the world out of us. **Love God with all your heart and mind and soul and strength.** In Matthew 4:4 Jesus says, "It is written: 'Man does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Think about the fact that God is the living Word. The continuum of knowing Jesus step by step and word by word in our life speaks of God's living presence in us, who is an incomparable treasure to which (continued on page two)

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nothing can compare. Psalm 119 verse 11 says, "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." (God) What do we value? Isaiah 55:1 says, "**Come all who are thirsty, come to the waters and you who have no money, come buy and eat. Come buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me and eat what is good and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me that your soul may live.**"

God wants our hearts to be filled with His word and His Spirit. In Philippians 3:10 says "**I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death and so somehow attain to the resurrection from the dead.**"

Remember – God is molding us – taking the world out of us. Love God with all of your heart and mind and soul and strength. God wants to know what is in our hearts. When tests come, pray for strength of obedience.

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Refer to Philippians 4:10 to 13 where the Apostle Paul ends by saying, "**I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.**"

Jesus is our Treasure. John 14:6.

**"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except by me.'"**

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## **MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY**

*By Shawn Noble*

I was born in Manchester, NH in 1962 and grew up in a family that, although we knew about Jesus, we did not attend church. At age 26, I started to fall. I did not have the Lord in my life and I started to do things my way. At that time I was arrested for bad choices. I went to prison for my crime and was released in 1995.

In 1996 I started a business and got married. In 2001 we lost this business, and because of a domestic issue, I was arrested again. In 2010, still in prison, I received news that my son John, who was a Christian, had died. A Christian volunteer at the prison asked me if I ever wanted to see my son again. **I needed to accept Jesus as my Savior and that day, I did.**

From that point on, everything got better as the Lord blessed my life. I was released from prison May 26, 2013. I now attend the Gospel Baptist church and help Pastor Carlson. I am also involved in helping CAM with their clothing and furniture ministry.

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**PRAISE THE LORD** for His daily guidance and blessings; His ever presence within us; His Spirit working in the hearts of men and women to embrace the Gospel; His strength to walk as HE taught us in His Word; daily contact with other followers of Jesus; giving us wisdom as we act on situations that arise daily; and always for His unending love and forgiveness.

# ANNUAL CAM DINNER AND FUNDRAISER

**DATE:** SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 2014  
**TIME:** 6:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
508 UNION STREET, MANCHESTER, NH  
(CORNER OF UNION AND HANOVER STREETS)

PLEASE MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR AND MAKE  
A RESERVATION TO JOIN US FOR A WONDERFUL MEAL, GREAT  
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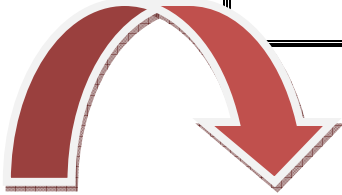
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The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? .....For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me.....Teach me your way , O Lord, and lead me in a smooth path ..... I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord; be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord! Psalm 27:1,5,11,13,14.

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