

C A M U P D A T E

FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Paul R. Roussel

MY PARENTS' DREAM LED ME TO CAM

By Samson Duclair
CAM Board Member

One of the blessings of working in this ministry is the opportunity to speak at our supporting churches and share how the Lord is blessing CAM and touching lives. Joey O'Brien, our housing manager, and I, spoke at Bethany Covenant May 31. We were blessed. We also spoke to church members after each service. Thanks Bethany Covenant for all the years of your faithful support to CAM ministry.

The Federal Reentry Grant group, of which I am a member, continues to help their clients with resumes, find jobs and directs them to community service opportunities. They also provide case management for those who don't qualify (because of age or place of birth). The bottom line good news is that there is help for those getting out of prison who sincerely want to turn their lives around.

Mike Grady, CAM board member, continues to do

Weekly Bible studies at Valley St. jail, Calumet (prison halfway house) & in our office with 3 to 10 men in attendance

I continue to visit inmates at Valley St. every Monday, and at Concord prison about once a month.

We receive about six letters per week from inmates who typically say "my life has been filled with bad decisions and I want to turn my life around." When I write back, I share that "Jesus can transform their lives." I then follow up with a visit.

"HE (GOD) will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy." Job 8:21

"O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"

Psalm 8:1

In spite of the fact that they were not considered to belong to the easy class in the social scale of their time in Haiti, my parents always believed that to help others is one of the noblest things that exist. They always told me that one does not need to have much money in order to help others. Thus, passing from the word to the acts, all their life, they helped many others with what little they had.

When the opportunity arose to go to Brentwood County Jail to help a couple of Haitians in a Bible study, I found myself falling in love with the ministry. CAM offered a good setting for people not only financially, but also by letting them know that God cares for them no matter where they are and who they are. It is true that it is easier to find a lot more people who are in need in my native Haiti, especially on a socio-economic level. However, here in the U.S. where I
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have been home for some time, the financial need is not as great as it is in Haiti. When the opportunities came, I was able to go as a voluntary translator in Brentwood County Jail, at court houses and a hospital for the Haitian people.

Having had a taste of the ministry in the prison, I did not stop at interpreting for the Haitian prisoners. With CAM I am also devoted to transporting and assisting with the placement of prisoners for rehabilitation purposes. The love of God shown through CAM is the most lasting rehabilitation one can receive because it is not based on what we can offer as a group, but what the Lord offers. It is most rewarding to hear at our monthly meetings how many receive Bibles and have accepted Jesus as their Savior, and how many have been helped with clothes. As we minister, we share the love of Jesus with each one.

I will continue my weekly Bible studies at Brentwood and be part of CAM board and enjoy the opportunity because God has always provided more for me through His love in these meetings than anyone else attending.

Today, I **first thank the Lord** who gives me the force, health, and courage necessary to help others; **then my parents** who taught me how important it is to help others, and **Finally, the authorities** who offered me the opportunity to be part of the Lord's great plan for all mankind.

~Samson

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY
GIVEN AT HIS BAPTISM AT MERRIMACK VALLEY
BAPTIST CHURCH

By Peter Dugas

I believe Jesus Christ died for me, a wretched sinner, to save, change and redeem my life.

A dozen years ago I had it all – a wonderful family, nice home and a successful business. Outwardly my life was good, but inside I was in turmoil – self-doubt, feelings of inadequacy which led to destructive behavior, which culminated in my losing everything except the love of my family, thanks to God, and my going to prison in 2001. Now the loneliness settled in.

I was raised believing in God and the Holy Trinity.

All my life I had attended church. With my young family, we prayed together at night before bedtime. I hadn't had a conversation with God before, but in my prison cell, I began to pray differently. God answered all my prayers. Being isolated in that cell was what I needed to figure things out. One day I found a Decision magazine from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Assn. A man's testimony in the magazine touched my heart. I knelt alone in my cell, confessed my sins to God and asked Him to save me and help me change. I accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior and right away I felt better.

I met other Christians in prison whose lives encouraged me to go to the Bible study. I thrived as a new believer in Christ.

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" PRAISE the lord, o my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Psalm 103:1 & 2

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DENNIS FREDIANI NH STATE PRISON
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. When I was released from prison and went home, my young son was with me again. I started a business and was thankful that it took off. God gave abundant blessings, and I was growing in the Lord, but I was missing a spiritual home. The church I grew up in was not working for me. A friend invited me to her church, so I went the next Sunday to Merrimack Valley Baptist Church.

Pastor Larry Clouse introduced himself to me, and I only gave him my first name so as not to be recognized as “the felon.” He said he knew me but was not judgmental, and was excited that I was there as a sinner saved by the grace of Jesus Christ.

That first day at MVBC I met many wonderful people. Ralph invited me to sit next to him and he shared with me his love and knowledge of a lifetime of Bible study. **Ralph called me a “fellow churchman” and I like that.** After the service I knew I found where I belonged.

A wonderful couple came by my home the next day and dropped off cookies and said, “welcome to the church.” I was not home, and don’t know who they were, but my son, Alex, was impressed. Then **Paul Roussel**, another committed Christian, called and offered to do a Bible study with me. We get together most Tuesdays and have become friends. I value his teaching and knowledge. I look forward to a lifetime of learning and belonging to MVBC. God is at work in the lives of two of my children. **Alex** is interested in the youth group activities because his friend is there. **Abby** asked me if there is someone at the church who could mentor her and help answer her questions about the Christian life. I pray God will change their lives too.

So, here I am, so very thankful to have found MVBC, thankful to meet so many fine people and thankful to be called “Christian.”

Peter

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