

# CAM UPDATE

Christian Aftercare Ministries for Ex-Offenders

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## FROM DIRECTOR/EDITOR, PAUL ROUSSEL

### CAM BOARD MEMBERS

As a ministry, we are excited that the Lord has raised up three new CAM Board members: Guy & Deb Torgensen, who attend Orchard Christian Fellowship in Londonderry, lead a weekly Bible study group at the Helping Hands building in Manchester. Don Grosso and I started Bible studies at Concord State Prison twenty-eight years ago. He is now retired from his full time job and wants to get back into prison ministry. Welcome to all of you.

### SERVICES AND RECOVERY PROGRAM AT CONCORD STATE PRISON.

Ron Menard from our Concord location has been able to start a Sunday morning service in the Minimum Security unit. The unit manager encouraged Ron to hold this weekly service. Ron was also able to start a Christian-based Recovery Program in the same unit called CELEBRATE RECOVERY. ***The Lord has been faithful to open doors in the prison system for people to minister the gospel.***

### EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH AT CONCORD STATE PRISON

On April 22 and 23, 2015, Concord State Prison hosted a SLAM DUNK EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH. Approximately 50 men attended each day and 40 made professions of faith in Christ or re-committed their lives to the Savior. Three weeks later I met with Crosden, one of the new believers from the outreach, and promised to help him when he is released from prison. It was such a blessing to see his life being transformed by the Lord.

### GRATITUDE FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS AND CAM SUPPORTERS

Many Thanks to all those who minister in the prisons throughout New Hampshire. It makes our job easier when prisoners have a strong spiritual base when released from prison. We continue to disciple them and help them to find a local church home where they can grow spiritually and have Christian fellowship with new friends.

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## FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Guy and Deb Torgensen

### A BLESSING TO SHARE

Two years ago Paul Roussel asked me (Guy) to lead Monday night Bible study at CAM in Manchester. I've played guitar with the prison worship team and have been a facilitator in the prison. This request opened up a completely different ministry for me. These men live in transient housing; are former inmates; recovering addicts, or just needed temporary housing. There are men with little or no faith system as well as those who are already believers.

I asked the Holy Spirit for guidance on purchasing DVD's that were topical based, flexible and fit the short term stay of many of the men. My wife, Deb joined me to help six months ago. We have had movie nights during breaks between studies, all with a Christian theme such as "Courageous". We have done studies such as Lee Strobel's "Case for Christ"; Andy Stanley's "Follow" and "Five Things God uses to Grow Your Faith" and currently Rick Warren's "God's Answers to Difficult Questions."

I want to share two great stories of men whom have either gone through our group, or are currently in it.

### GLENN'S TESTIMONY:

Glenn attended our Bible study for over a year. He lost his business and everything he had due to his addiction. He also had (Continued on page two)

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some serious health issues that required expensive medicine. He was able to become part of a Dartmouth medical study in order to get the medicine for free. We prayed for weeks as a group and God answered our prayers. He was selected for the five-year study which has gradually improved his breathing.

**Glenn has been clean and sober for more than a year now.** His faith in the Lord has grown. He began to lead a Bible study on Sunday nights. He is working a couple jobs that are helping him to build savings so as to get a place of his own. I am so very proud of him and to call him a friend. Glenn's friends said "How can you be happy in transient housing?" Glenn said this was the best thing that happened to him and he was content. God puts us in places where we need to be in life to grow us in our faith and walk with Him. **He became a leader in the house, helping and encouraging others.**

STEVE – AKA "SLUMPY"  
Slumpy took over running the house over six months ago. He has a compassionate heart for others and always has an encouraging word. He has helped bring new people to the study. I remember one lesson on "follow" from Andy Stanley when Slumpy started looking up scripture verses and highlighting

## PRAYER REQUEST:

**THAT EVERY JAIL AND PRISON IN NEW HAMPSHIRE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE OPEN TO THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.**

them. His faith is growing. He has great business skills coordinating chores with the men in the house. **Slumpy is now leading Bible studies on Sundays.**

**Our God is an awesome God!** He uses ordinary people to grow in their faith when they feel they have very little to offer the world and God uses them in a mighty way to bring others to Christ. Deb and I are blessed by this group every week. We never know what to expect week to week but the Holy Spirit is always present. We always walk away feeling more blessed by what we receive than what we have to offer. Thank you Lord for this great group of men walking on a faith journey with you, one day at a time.  
~Guy and Deb



LET'S ALL GIVE  
PRAISE TO OUR  
AWESOME GOD

## MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

By Steve Slemp

I grew up in Manchester, NH in a two-parent home and was baptized as an infant in the Catholic church. As a family we did not attend church as I was growing up. My father was an alcoholic and there was some physical abuse. At a young age I started drinking and using drugs. At age seventeen my girlfriend got pregnant and I dropped out of high school to support our daughter. We married in 1998 but because of domestic abuse on my part, I was sent to the county jail for three months.

After my release my wife and I separated. We did not get divorced until ten years later. Then we re-married to each other, but since we both abused drugs and alcohol we divorced again. My life was difficult during these years and finally in **April 2014 I went to Helping Hands (where CAM rents space) and stopped using both drugs and alcohol.** I started to attend CAM's Monday night Bible study led by Guy Torgensen. After many months attending Bible studies I developed a clear understanding of God's plan of salvation. Other Christian tenants at Helping Hands told me about Jesus too.  
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THANKS TO ALL OUR DONORS We appreciate the clothing, winter jackets, shoes, boots, sneakers, vacuums, household goods and bed linens and tableware which are donated throughout the year. One of our ex-offenders' wives came to the clothing room and spent a day organizing it. Thank you Rhonda! What a blessing that was to the ministry!  
~Paul Rousset

## ANNUAL CAM DINNER AND FUNDRAISER

DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 508 UNION STREET, MANCHESTER, NH.

PLEASE MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR AND MAKE A RESERVATION TO JOIN US FOR A GREAT EVENING WITH, DINNER, GREAT SPEAKER, AND INSPIRING CHRISTIAN MUSIC AND TESTIMONIES.

NO COST FOR RESERVATIONS! RESERVATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL! NOTIFY PAUL ROUSSEL AT CAM'S OFFICE BY OCTOBER 1, 2015 - - - 603-669-5090

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About four months ago I accepted Jesus as my personal Savior with Guy Torgensen's counseling. The Lord continues to bless my life, to use me to encourage others living in Helping Hands about the Lord, and I lead a Sunday morning service in our building. ~Steve

[Editor's Note: Thanks to all who support CAM - **you** have a vital part in leading men and women in prison, like Guy was, to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. That's the goal of all who work in CAM.]

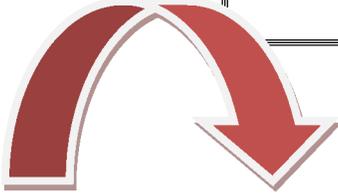
WHAT DID JESUS SAY?

John 17:20, 21. Jesus prayed for all believers. "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

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Thank you for helping to meet our needs.

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