

C A M U P D A T E

FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Paul R. Roussel

CAM FURNITURE MINISTRY

By Dave Rattigan
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NEW CHAPLAIN

After three years of prayer, the Lord has wonderfully raised up a born-again chaplain at Concord, NH State Prison.—He is **Dennis Frediani**. We look forward to see how the Lord is going to use him to minister to the men in Concord SP. With Dennis there, we have someone to contact who can visit and minister to the spiritual needs of men who have requested help from CAM.

RE-ENTRY PROGRAM

Four years ago, CAM became the faith-based ministry for a federal re-entry grant applied for by the Commissioner of Corrections. The re-entry program has been started up again and I have been asked to be a member of the steering committee. The two directors, **Ellis Therrien** and **Dick O'Leary**, offer case management to some of the same people that CAM is helping. They will assist **Charlie**, one of our clients, with job leads, housing and case management. Through this program, I have made invaluable contacts

with many helping agencies in the Manchester area who assist our ministry to be more effective.

SATURDAY SERVICE AT CONCORD, NHSP

On Saturday night, Jan. 17, I had opportunity to speak at the chapel service to about 60 men regarding our ministry and how we are ready to help them when they are released from prison. I shared some biblical principles that will help them transition well. It is always a blessing to see how the Lord is working and blessing lives inside prison walls. **Thanks for your continued prayers.**

"This is love for God: to obey his commands. His commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world." 1 John 5:3,4

Delivering furniture to ex-offenders, who have chosen to answer God's call, is what I do. It started with a prayer to the Holy Spirit to send me a message, to show me how I could serve and be a part of His plan - not mine. Paul Roussel was put right in the way of my busy life and I heeded the call - the least I could do for my King who died for me.

When I serve, like all who serve, it is to fulfill God's plan. I am simply a tool, the vehicle God uses to execute the plan. Anyone and everyone has access to His plan, the written version of it is the Bible. The unwritten version is the answer to prayer, and opportunities given to each and everyone of us from the Holy Spirit. Don't question the Lord or try to do the math of why or how
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something happened, just believe, jump on, and let Jesus drive the bus!

We all have or have had a void in our life that was filled by manmade things. This left us unfulfilled, confused and unsatisfied. When this void in filled with something from God, it is solid, everlasting and perfect. Make it a point daily to ask God to send a message to you from the Holy Spirit on how you can fill these voids with things from above. When I deliver the needed items, I always spend time talking to our client about their walk with the Lord. That way I feel I am part of the overall CAM ministry.

Romans 12:2. "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect His will really is."

Philippians 4:6-7. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

PRAY *that the Lord would continue to work out details for the Escort Program to be reinstated so ex-offenders are allowed to attend church with their assigned escorts.*

My Personal Testimony

By Wayne Andrews

I was raised in Maine the middle of three children. Church was: Dad dropped us off at church for Sunday School and picked us up after, so I knew about God. As a teen I was wild and rebellious until the woman that would become my wife lead me to the Lord. **February 1979 I asked Christ into my heart and received Him as my Savior.** I was baptized in a lake shortly after Ice-out early that Spring. I walked closely with the Lord for about 18 years. Then I got tired of doing good. (Galatians 6:9-10)

I fell into temptation. I was not the first. (I Corinthians 10:13) *"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man..."* However, my eyes were closed to the way out with my back toward God. Eventually I committed my crime and was put in jail. When I first woke up in jail, I realized that all my earthly possessions were gone! (I did not even have my own underwear.) That is when I remembered Joshua 1:5. *"No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you: I will never leave you or forsake you."* At that point I re-dedicated my life to God. I asked for a Bible and began to read and share the Word with all who would hear me. I was blessed enough to bring one person to the Lord in the county jail.

In Concord, NH State Prison I went to every biblical meeting I could find, up to 15 times a week in the chapel. I met **Jean Metzger,**

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PRAISE The Lord continues to bless our ministry financially which enables CAM to help more men and women. Also, the Lord continues to open all the doors in the jails and prisons for us to minister.

SAVED TO SERVE

By Joey O'Brien, Manager of CAM Transitional Housing

Serving and ministering to the men at Helping Hands Outreach Center is a privilege I enjoy in many ways. Seeing people respond to the Word of God, whether from sharing the Gospel, facilitating Bible studies, or using Scripture to encourage those who are despondent, is such a blessing. Furthermore, I have learned that Christians need an outlet to exercise and cultivate their gift(s). If not, their gift(s) will stagnate and become useless or inoperative. Helping Hands Outreach Center affords such an outlet. What a blessing!

Another area the Lord blessed me with is the Higher Ground Ministry which is a Christ-centered fellowship for those who have been affected, either directly or indirectly, by sinful, life-controlling habits. Using the Bible, we seek clear ways to understand and respond to addiction (sin). In addition, High Ground promotes and encourages responsibility and dependence upon God's Word. It also encourages men to change fleshly desires with spiritual desires, and rebellious attitudes with surrender. Only then may a Christian live and lead a victorious life

Praise God for all He does.

Joey

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Artie, and many other volunteers who came to share God's love with us. It was a wonderful time learning all I could about God and my personal relationship with Him.

Later on I went to Berlin, NH. I still remember the empty room with bare walls that would be the chapel. As volunteers stopped in, I would support them all by attending and encouraging others to attend at least four or five times a week to discern what the Bible studies were all about. Eventually we had a consistent group attending. I personally became close to Dana Hoyt, a Baptist preacher who eventually became the Chaplain. When I was not in the chapel, I was in the yard where I walked the track, counseling and encouraging inmates one on one.

When I got out of Concord, the first year I spent reading the Bible each day all alone. Then I was invited to a men's fellowship where I met **Tim**. He became my chaperone when I was released.

So, now I go to church each Sunday, attend a life group on Wednesday nights when we meet at different houses each week – kind of like the old time churches did.

Through it all, Jean Metzger, along with Prison Fellowship and Christian After Care Ministries, has been there to help me send birthday cards, Christmas & Easter cards, asking what they could pray for on the list of needs I had. The main need I have is for their continued prayer support, but also for my dedicated commitment to the Lord. That's what we all need in those dark times when we feel that no one even cares. We can know that these wonderful people are out there praying for us.

In Christ,

Wayne Andrews

We want to thank each and every individual and church that has supported CAM all these years, specifically 2008. The beautiful clothes you donated brings a smile and a thank you from the recipients. Your financial support enables CAM to help make a difference in the lives of the men and women we minister to.

THANK YOU SO MUCH !!

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