

CAM UPDATE

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Paul R. Roussel

SERVING THE LORD WITH CAM

By Guy Torgerson

ANNUAL CAM DINNER

We enjoyed another memorable dinner on October 12 at the First Congregational Church of Manchester, NH. We were blessed with a capacity crowd, delicious meal and generous Love offering. The two speakers were well received. Ray Gauthier gave a moving testimony of his seeking the Lord and how the Lord is using him now as a chaplain at the Youth Development Center in New Hampshire.

Michael McAllister, director of Field Services for NH, discussed his work in helping men and women as they are released from prison to lead productive lives.

TAILGATE EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH

On October 16, 2013, the Concord State Prison held an evangelistic outreach for more than 200 inmates. Wendall Calder, an outstanding evangelist, was the featured speaker. He gave two inspirational messages: Jesus dying for our sins, and second, the results of accepting Jesus as personal savior and the hope, peace, forgiveness and eternal life He imparts. Approximately thirty men responded and accepted the Lord as their Savior. Forty volunteers helped the new believers with questions and assurance. We were blessed by the moving of the Holy Spirit

that day and how He transforms lives.

POWER OF PRAYER

We receive many letters from inmates requesting prayer. One inmate, Evan, a Christian, asked for prayer that the Lord will give him strength and that he not lose hope as he serves a 35 year sentence. We assured him we would pray for him and the Lord is faithful to answer the petitions of believers. Prayer is a large part of our ministry. Eighteen churches in NH receive our prayer requests on Monday mornings and pray for them.

BIBLE STUDIES AT VALLEY STREET JAIL

Every Monday morning, I lead a Bible study here with about 12 men. Many are seeking to know more about Jesus and how He can lead them in new pathways in their Christian walk. We pray for their immediate needs for their families, children and court dates. God is faithful in answering.

**“Have not I
commanded you?
Be strong and
courageous! Do not
be terrified; do not be
discouraged, for the
LORD your GOD will
be with you wherever
you go.” Joshua 1:9**

Approximately six months ago I met Paul Roussel. As a result of that meeting, I volunteered to do a Bible study/mentor with the men living at CAM's Helping Hands. During my time there I've worked with David and Brian, and more recently, with another David and Glen. Not only do we do a Bible study together, but we've also become friends. I am more blessed than they are as we meet weekly and I see the men grow as Christians.

As I prepare the lesson for the week, it helps me stay in the Word of God and grow in my own walk with the Lord. I realize that serving others is part of our Christian walk and very rewarding.

Editor's Note:

Guy Torgerson attends the Orchard Christian Fellowship in Londonderry, NH. He's become a special blessing to me as I see his strong, avid desire to work with CAM by helping the men getting out of prison to become contributing members of society.

Isaiah 42:5-8 ;

"This is what God the LORD says – He who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it,

Who gave breath to its people, and life to those who walk in it:

"I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness, I will take hold of your hand.

I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles,

to open eyes that are blind,

to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

"I am the LORD, that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols."

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

By RAY GAUTHIER

I grew up in Lowell, MA with a mother and father until age five when we moved to Hudson, NH. I was raised as a Catholic and attended Catholic schools through grade four. From age five to twelve, I rebelled against my parents and ran away from home many times. Because I threatened to run away again, I was put into the State Industrial school at age 13. I started to think I was a "loser."

For the next four years I drank excessively – got in a car wreck drunk, and walked the wide road to destruction. As I survived one train wreck after another, I could sense the Lord's hand of protection on my life but I still kept making bad decisions. At about age 19, I met Kathy, got her pregnant, married her, we had a son we named Raymond III. Kathy and I started selling drugs during that time. I was arrested and convicted of seven felonies and was sentenced to two to five years.

While in prison, I met a former friend who started telling me about Jesus and I said to him, "What happened to you?" My friend would not give up sharing the good news about Jesus. **I knew my life was a mess and finally I knelt on the brick floor in my prison cell and asked Jesus to save and forgive me.**

Romans 10:9 says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Right after that I took Bible study courses, got my GED and a certificate in auto mechanics. The Lord was changing my life.

After my release from prison, I realized I needed to grow as a Christian.

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AN APOLOGY FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

We as a ministry want to apologize to those attending the CAM dinner on October 12, 2013 at the First Congregational Church of Manchester, NH because of a brochure from an advocacy group that was passed out at the dinner without our permission.

You possibly were uncomfortable if you saw the brochure. So we do apologize.

DAILY PRAYER

by Charles E. Bass, September 13, 2006
an inmate at Hillsborough County Department of Corrections.

Lord, every day you give me a good day, but sometimes I forget that and start the day with a grumble instead of gratitude. May I treasure these moments today, never taking them for granted and always trying to make the most of them. I know I have choices to make, Lord, and I pray that you will help me to make the right ones. May I always choose out of love.

Lord, one thing I need from you today is strength. I need to be at my best, for satan has a constant battle with me and all I do. Grant me faith to know you are near, even when I don't feel your presence. Please give me a sense that you are on my side in all I do.

Lord, grant me an open mind, an open heart, understanding and compassion for those who are suffering, those who are sinners, and those who cannot sleep for fear of worries that haunt them. May they have comfort and peace.

Lord, bless my loved ones as I entrust them to your care. Please give them the blessings they need most, and may they know they are loved by me, and even more by You.

Lord, I now let go of all that has happened today. Where I have failed You and those I have shared this day with, I ask Your forgiveness. Where You have given me success or blessing, I thank you. Most of all, I am grateful for the gift of life. I place my trust in You tonight and ask you for one more gift: a good night's sleep.

Thank you Lord for all you have done. Amen

(Gauthier Testimony continued from page two)

I struggled with alcohol for a time and went through another failed marriage. Finally, the Lord opened the door for me to serve as assistant chaplain at YDC,* working with troubled youth. Today I continue to serve Jesus at YDC and do ministry at the jail and prisons working with young inmates.

- *Ray*

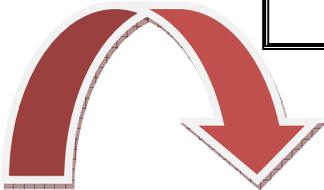


Pictured above is a meeting of the volunteer board members of CAM discussing it's future outreach. Their various areas of expertise combine for the greater good of this ministry. Please pray for these servants of the Lord and the souls they reach with the Word of God – the work of CAM.

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