

CAM UPDATE

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FROM DIRECTOR/EDITOR, PAUL ROUSSEL

“Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”

CHRISTIAN RE-ENTRY TASK FORCE

Mike Grady and I recently attended the NH Christian Re-Entry Task Force meeting. It included pastors, parole officers, chaplains, in-prison counselors, program directors, and prison volunteers. The meeting was led by Prison Fellowship New England field director, Jose Negron. The vision for this task force is to help more men and women in prison/jail to come to know Jesus Christ as personal Savior and in the process successfully re-enter society. They are excited about the direction the Lord is taking them in their work.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Recently many men being released from prison are finding jobs very soon after they are released. God has been opening doors for them and they are so grateful to have employment as they re-enter society. One example of this happened to our cook at Helping Hands. He was recently hired by a restaurant directly behind our building when they smelled the aroma of the food he was cooking here!! If any of our readers know of job opportunities for our ex-offenders at their place of business or work, or at other places of work in the Manchester, Concord, or Nashua areas – please call the CAM office at 603-669-5090. We will give the names to our clients.

SUPPORTING CHURCHES

On Sunday, September 27, 2015, I was invited to speak and set up a display at Bethany Covenant Church in Bedford, one of our supporting churches, for their Missions conference. It was a blessing to share with our many friends at the church the work of CAM this past year. The Lord has raised up nine supporting churches in the NH area, and each one prays, encourages, and supports the work of CAM. We thank the Lord for these, and all our partners in ministry.

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GOD’S WORK AT VALLEY STREET JAIL

By Board Member, Mike Grady

Several men we have ministered to in the past were back in jail again. This is disappointing but we remain patient with them as God was with us. (Galatians 5:22 ESV ...”*but the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and faithfulness.*”)

We sometimes grow more than those we minister to. Over the past months I have seen these men grow through the Bible studies they attend although they, as we all do, still struggle with the old self. Slowly the men changed and began a new walk with God. Watching and being a part of that change is the greatest privilege of my Christian walk.

One man whom I’ve known for years was on the unit for several weeks and finally came to Bible study. When asked what took so long, he stated that God could no longer use him because he ruined his testimony. He was once very active in his church – even leading Bible studies at the jail. He turned to a life of drugs and crime. “Addicted to everything” is what another man told me.

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CAM ANNUAL DINNER

Our annual CAM Fundraiser Dinner was a great blessing again this year as we heard from Tim Lanigan, our guest speaker, as he challenged us to overcome our giants with God's help, and to serve the Lord. Dominick Scarpa, an ex-offender, gave his testimony as to how the Lord has blessed his life since his release from prison. He is married with three children and they all attend a Bible believing church in Derry. Dominick is employed full time for which he is grateful.

The delicious baked ham dinner with all the fixings was prepared by David Grant, one of our board members. It was served by a very efficient crew.

A very generous LOVE offering was received that evening and we thank all the attendees who gave from their hearts to support the work of CAM.

~Paul Roussel



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MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY BY JOHN KUNZE

I GREW UP IN Keene, NH in a strict Christian family with parents who loved each other. Growing up I felt like the black sheep of the family, and a neglected child. We attended church every week, but the church had strict rules that I struggled with. Part of my issues growing up was addiction to pornography and leading a double life trying to please everyone.

I strayed away from the Lord in my teenage years and was involved in unhealthy, sinful, behavior. After graduation from high school, I went to one year of college.

I was arrested and sent to prison and while there, I cried out to the Lord for help. In reaching out to the Lord, I could feel His hand of blessing and protection. **Within a year in prison, I re-committed my life to Jesus.** The Lord surrounded me with friends behind the walls. Halfway through my sentence I applied for a sentence reduction which was approved by the judge. I again felt the Lord's hand of blessing on my life.

I met Paul Roussel before my release and He shared how CAM could help me. After I was released from prison I started doing Bible studies with Paul, which helped to strengthen and build my faith.

I have been out of prison now for 14 years and the Lord has blessed me with a good job. When not visiting my family,

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It seems all are addicted to something; that something is usually our self. I'm not belittling the physical addictions many struggle with: alcohol, heroin, and other drugs. The root cause of addiction is self, and self pleasure. Christ call us to be selfless - not selfish, and that's the battle; as long as we are self-seeking, satan does not need to do anything - we will destroy ourselves.

After many weeks of frank discussions of God's word, Christ became important to these men in jail, and they began to change. Their selfish nature was slowly eroded and replaced with Christ's love. Others noticed the changes and soon the group grew and new believers were added. **A mini revival of sorts.** It is gratifying to see these Christians boldly sharing Jesus with other inmates. God can, and does, use each of our lives to share Jesus with others.

We must put on God's love, mend a quarrel, remove bitterness, replace suspicion with trust, keep our promises, express thanks, and pray for our enemies. Ask God to help you to love the way Jesus did, and still does.

~Mike Grady

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I attend the Gospel Baptist church. Paul and I continue to do Bible studies every week. Praise the Lord for His goodness and daily blessings.

~John

THIS IS WHAT JESUS SAID:

John 8:12-16 NIV

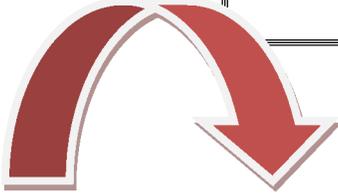
When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."

Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I came from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. In your own law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid. I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me."

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