

CAM UPDATE

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Praising the Lord
for 25 years!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Paul Roussel

SNAPSHOTS OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS AND MERCY

- I started highlighting the roles that CAM board members play in the ministry in the September newsletter. This month I am sharing how David Grant blesses us. For fifteen years, David has cooked a delicious CAM Dinner with homemade taste, contributing to the specialness of our annual fundraiser. David also arranges *all* the clothes donated to CAM in a very organized way so that sizes are easy to find. He is a faithful prayer warrior and loves the fellowship that CAM provides.
- Recently, two women that CAM ministered to fifteen to twenty years ago resurfaced, called our office, and have reconnected with us. Alice is now a facilitator with a Christian recovery group, Whitehorse Recovery, in North Conway. She and her husband, Tracy, and are walking with Jesus and attending a Bible-preaching church. Kim's testimony is in this newsletter. She is now part of CAM, helping women ex-offenders when they call our office.
- When I met with volunteer coordinator Steve Goldman at Valley Street Jail, he reminded me that, because Christian volunteers are not allowed in due to COVID restrictions, he has been showing Pastor Carlson's recorded sermons every week in all the units, with about 35 inmates coming out to services. **Recently, 120 inmates have signed up. Praise Jesus!**
- Despite not being able to have our annual CAM Dinner this year because of COVID, so many faithful attendees have sent their donations anyway. CAM is unbelievably blessed!
- A special blessing for CAM—two men who served twenty-plus years in prison were recently released. The Lord has surrounded both Kenny and Gerry with Christian men (our own Ernie Kilman and Steve Micucci) and a loving church family (CenterPoint in Concord), and more Christian men like Bill Pelletier, Denis Frediani, John LaCourse, and David Pickney. It is always amazing to see the Lord's hand of blessing. ~Paul

Positive Influence in a Broken World

By CAM Board Member
Stephen Micucci

MATTHEW 11:28–30 (NIV):

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

I am truly blessed by the relationship with CAM to be able to spend time with the board members, who have the deepest love for our Heavenly Father. These individuals have committed themselves, selflessly giving to those individuals who internally struggle with the world that we live in. Prayer and love have prevailed through the years of CAM's existence and continue to flourish regardless of the outcome of those that CAM has mentored to for over 25 years.

Bible studies, groups, community involvement with different agencies, CenterPoint Church, and CAM have exponentially compounded my personal spiritual growth. This involvement has blessed my wife and me, and those around us, with clarity and wisdom that came with the many trials we have experienced. The Lord has always prevailed, working through us to meet challenges with our personal life, churches, agencies, attitudes, and society in general to serve in a manner

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that works for the best interests of all that we serve, giving the glory to our Heavenly Father.

Psalm 89:15 (NIV): *Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, LORD.*

I am the newest board member of CAM and volunteer in Concord, NH. My wife, Donna, and I utilize the different agencies in the Concord area along with CAM to help those coming out of prison and halfway houses on many different levels. CAM has further opened doors for us as we help to assist those individuals with housing, transportation, clothing, and essentials along with prayers, as a steppingstone to a new life. We encourage those who struggle daily to not look back and let their past define their future, for there is no future in the past.

Luke 9:62 (NIV): *“No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”*

Over the last five months I have specifically helped and mentored Gerry, Mike, and Ken. I stay in contact every week to see what they may need. Mike and Gerry go to CenterPoint Church every Sunday.

We are not sure where the Lord will bring us in the years to come, but our faith and trust in Him will allow us to continue to submit ourselves to Him to use us as He sees fit, for we know that God is Good. ~

Steve

Editor’s Note: Steve and Donna have done an amazing job for CAM in Concord.

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

By Kim Hernandez

My name is Kim and I am fifty-nine years old. I went to prison when I was about twenty-six. It wasn’t my first time, but it was the first time I heard of God. I wish I could say I found Him then and never went back, but it didn’t go that way. Drugs played a cruel role in my life. That is, until I was thirty-two and I came to know Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.

2 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV): *Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.*

When I got out of prison this time, I found a church. I met with the guys at CAM, Paul Roussel and Mike Grady. God took away my desire for drugs. I have now been clean for twenty-three years. I am married to a good man and continue to go to church at Faith Bridge Church in Manchester. ~ *Kim*

Editor’s Note: As you read in From the Director, Kim is now part of CAM’s ministry, available to help women ex-offenders. Please pray with us that the Lord would expand our ministry to provide aftercare to more women who need Jesus.

PRAYER and PRAISE

PRAISE

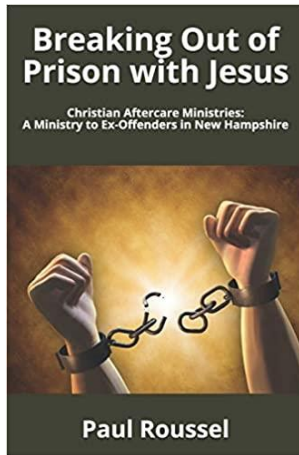
Without volunteers able to go into Valley Street Jail, the volunteer coordinator goes to all the units there every week showing Pastor Carlson’s sermons. The sign-ups are oversubscribed—over 100 men and women have signed up!

PRAY . . .

That all 5,000 men and women in jails and prisons in NH would have the opportunity to hear about Jesus and His transforming power.

Breaking Out of Prison with Jesus

by Paul Roussel



Paul's book is available in paperback and eBook formats at Amazon.com.



Lennie Spitale, the man who directly influenced me to get involved with prison ministry in 1987, approached me in the spring of 2020 about writing the story of Christian Aftercare Ministries. With the prisons being closed and restrictions on office hours due to COVID, I took advantage of the time in my schedule to write about the amazing things that the Lord has been doing through CAM for these past twenty-five years.

The book includes a foreword by Larry Nice, the director of Helping Hands, in who's building CAM offices are located. Lennie Spitale gives the background on how he and a small group of men and women identified and prayed for the need for a prison aftercare ministry in NH. Prison chaplains Bill Pelletier and Kent Threfall, as well as Pastor Dave Carlson, share their perspectives on the work of the ministry. I am thrilled to include a compilation of some of the Lord's success stories that have been printed in CAM newsletters over the years. *Breaking Out of Prison with Jesus* includes our Keys to Successful Reentry and some of the ministry challenges we have faced.

I had a twofold purposed in writing this book. First, I want to glorify God for all that He has done and is doing in the hearts and lives of ex-offenders. Second, my prayer is that young people will read this book and get excited about serving in prison ministry. As I say in the book, "We want people to realize that serving Jesus in prison ministry will be the greatest blessing possible. We know this ourselves because we experience this blessing daily."

Breaking Out of Prison with Jesus is available in paperback (\$10) and eBook (\$5.99) formats at Amazon.com. Search for it by book title. You can also go to CAM's homepage at www.christianaftercare.com and click on the link at the bottom of the page, which will take you directly to the book's Amazon page.

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