

CAM UPDATE

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Paul Roussel

VALLEY STREET JAIL

Pastor Carlson held Christmas services just prior to Christmas at Valley Street Jail. I spoke to the fifty-three men and women in attendance about our ministry, telling them how much the Lord loves and cares for them and that they need to accept Jesus. Many said they had accepted Jesus as Savior. Then Pastor Carlson gave a message from the Bible followed by a gospel invitation. I am very blessed to be a part of the gospel outreach and to work in the jails and prisons for Jesus.

NEW BIBLE STUDY

On January 15, 2018, I visited an inmate who said, "Paul, why not lead a Bible study in our unit?" So I started a Bible study in his unit and twelve men showed up. The Lord is so faithful in touching lives for His glory.

GUIDELINES

Some years ago, our ministry wrote a one-page "Guidelines for Successful Reentry into Society for Ex-Offenders." It contains eight bullet points with appropriate Bible verses. We just reissued these guidelines in January and are sharing them with you, two at a time, in the next four newsletters (see page 3).

CHAPEL SERVICE

On January 27, 2018, I went to Concord State Prison's Saturday night chapel service with Jean Metzger, our board member, and Virginia Adams. I shared the eight Bible-based principles from our Guidelines with the approximately eighty men who attended. Many of these men will be released in the next few years.

DRUG CRISIS

Our ministry, along with Helping Hands, is right in the middle of the drug crisis. About 80 percent of the men and women in prison have a drug or alcohol issue. We share how only Jesus as personal Savior can give them victory over these addictions. Secular authorities realize that drug rehab programs are only effective if the individual has the strength (which we know Jesus gives) to overcome it. ~Paul

THERE ARE NO GENERALS

By CAM Board Member
Kent Threlfall

I'd like to share a short inspirational story I came across recently.

During the American Revolution a man in civilian clothes rode past a group of soldiers that were repairing a small defensive barrier. Their leader was shouting instructions but making no attempt to help them. Asked why by the rider, he retorted with great dignity, "Sir, I am a corporal!" The stranger apologized, dismounted, and proceeded to help the exhausted soldiers. The job done, he turned to the corporal and said, "Mr. Corporal, next time you have a job like this and not enough men to do it, go to your commander-in-chief, and I will come and help you again." It was none other than George Washington.

Philippians 2:3 (NIV): *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.*

The Work of the Lord Continues in Prisons and Jails

Recently, I went through eight weeks, five days a week, of radiation treatment that affected my stamina

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to minister effectively. As a result, I had to cut back my schedule without cutting back on ministry. I am so very grateful to have some individuals who have come forward to help me fill in the gap. Our God has always been faithful to supply for the need.

It has been my privilege in fifteen plus years as Chaplain at Rockingham County Department of Corrections (RCDC) to train up Bible study volunteers, Chapel speakers, and one-on-one counselors to help in the ministry. There are no generals here; everyone has the same vision and humble heart to bring hope to a neglected population that some would consider "misfits."

There are many weekly Bible studies in Rockingham County Jail and I hold Sunday services there. I especially want to thank Matt and Frank for helping me during this time of need. ~Rev. Kent Threlfall, Chaplain, RCDC



1 Peter 4:10 (NIV): Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

By Robert Johnson

I grew up in Washington, DC, where my grandmother raised me and took me to church. I accepted Jesus as my Savior at about age 9 at that church. After high school I went to trade school. I got married at age 21, then two weeks after the wedding, my wife died in an accident. At that point I was full of rage. I moved to Massachusetts and got involved in boxing.

Jeremiah 29:11-13: For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

About the year 2000 I met my second wife and moved to New Hampshire. She got cancer, and because of high medical expenses I chose to start selling drugs. I did that for three years then stopped. A year later I was arrested and sentenced to twenty-eight months. Eleven months ago I was released and began living at Helping Hands.

For most of my life I walked with Jesus. **God has been there for me all these years and has blessed my life.** At Helping Hands I share Jesus with other clients in the building, trying to mirror Christ in my life. I attend Gospel Baptist church every week. Paul Roussel says I am a blessing to CAM and a positive influence in Helping Hands. Praise Jesus! ~Robert

PLEASE KEEP CAM AND THE PEOPLE WE SERVE IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

that those we minister to would turn to Jesus Christ and live the victorious Christian life by reading their Bible, attending church, and praying daily for guidance.

that more women being released would take advantage of the resources our ministry offers.



CHRISTIAN AFTERCARE MINISTRIES

Guidelines for Successful Reentry into Society for Ex-Offenders

As CAM reaches its twenty-fourth anniversary this year, we want to share some spiritual truths critical to an ex-offender's success as he or she reenters society. In the next four newsletters, we will share our Bible-based guidelines, two at a time. We review these guidelines with inmates and ask them to contact us six months before their release, or call our office when they are released, so that we can discuss how best to help them.



- Truly believe and clearly understand that only Jesus Christ can transform a person's life.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV): *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

- Accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior with all your heart and read the Bible and pray every day.

1 Peter 2:2 (NKJV): *As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.*




Barry Brown with Dominick Scarpa. Dominick is leading a Christian nine-step recovery group.


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