CAM UPDATE

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Established 1994

FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Paul R. Roussel

SUCCESS STORIES

During the last four months we spoke about CAM at three supporting churches. To each church I brought one of God's success stories (**Peter Dugas**, **Shawn Kane**) to share their testimonies. At the last church one of the members said, "I was so uplifted by the testimonies and the church service. I felt we could conquer the world for Jesus!"

CONCORD AFTERCARE

...is up and running and prison officials in the Concord area have welcomed this ministry with open arms. Isn't it amazing what happens when the Lord goes ahead of us and prepares the way?

NEW BOARD MEMBER

We welcome **Dawn Beaulieu** to the CAM Board. Dawn and her husband, **Alan**, have been helping, supporting and encouraging our ministry over the last two years. Dawn has also been mentoring Julie, and others who have been released. See her article this page.

PROVIDING JOBS

For at least three years – every day – we have prayed that the Lord would raise up a Christian business man willing to give hiring preference to men and women being released from prison. Just recently I met **Rick Dion**, whose vision is to start at least two businesses that will not only mentor men, but also give them jobs! We are excited as we move forward in this much needed area of providing jobs.

EXCITING NEWS!

Frank Indelicato
accepted Jesus as Savior
at Valley Street Jail five
months ago. He was
baptized at Merrimack
Valley Baptist Church
and gave his testimony.
What a blessing!

CLOTHING

Thanks to all who have donated clothing, shoes, etc. to CAM. We are blessed to be able to have these items available for those who come to us in their time of need. (See a short list of ongoing needs on page 4.)

"See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. And this is what He promised us – even eternal life."

I John 2:4 NIV

SERVING IN CAM MINISTRY

By Dawn Beaulieu CAM Board Member

"Then shall the king say unto them on his right hand, 'Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; For I was hungry and ye gave me food; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; Naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me.' Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, 'Lord, when saw we thee hungry, and fed thee; or thirsty and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in; or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?' And the King shall answer you, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:34-40 Certain verses just seem to jump at you and say, "This one is for you." That's what happened to me when I read these verses a couple years ago. They were not new to me, but it was as though I had read them for the first time. Over the past ten years we have gone through family struggles, yet we have met (continued on page two)

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(Beaulieu- continued from page 1) many people I never thought I would meet. These were people, who tricked by Satan's lies, had made bad choices for their lives and were now in trouble with the law. God seemed to be speaking directly to us to help people who need a second chance. They need to know God's grace is for them. We realized, however, it is their basic physical needs (just as these verses point out) that get in the way of them listening to their need for a Savior. They need food, shelter, clothes, and someone to be there with a smile for them. Our hearts melted and we wanted to help.

That's when we heard Paul Roussel speak at church about CAM. (God's timing is perfect, don't you think?) So we spoke to Paul and volunteered to meet with people he would send our way. Alan and I want to build relationships with the people God brings to us. Through these relationships, we hope to share Christ's love and show what a true relationship with Christ is all about.

Although I have met with a few women, I have been able to start to build a relationship with only one woman, her husband, and their daughter. It began with a meeting at CAM and for two years we have kept in contact with each other. I have watched her struggles and learned a lot about the needs of her family and other families like hers. The combination of a prison record, high cost of living, lack of education, physical struggles, and past debt make life changes seem insurmountable.

That's when God planted the idea in our hearts of a home for people who no longer have a good relationship with their families. We can understand the strain on family relationships that bad choices can make. Sometimes a separation is needed to give the opportunity to heal those wounds. So an apartment building for families to live in while getting a second chance seems to be the answer. We soon realized that we don't have the expertise to run such a home. With the help of CAM, we are praying that God will open the doors for this Home for people who want a new life, but need help.

-Dawn Beaulieu

(Ed note: Call CAM office at 603-669-5090 if you have information regarding the availability of a home for families.)

PRAYER REQUEST:

That the Lord would raise up a Christian business that would give hiring preference to men getting out of prison.

MY DERSONALT ESTIMONY By Jay Langford

I find myself sitting here filled with love, joy and happiness, thanks to the grace of God. I often reflect back on my life that once was! I grew up with all the things one could ever ask for, i.e., a great family, loving parents, good education, and the success of always working for myself. Even as a teenager, I never seemed to be satisfied. As young as 15, I always wanted to drink. In college I tried using pot and other drugs, finding that euphoric high feeling. This urge led to a serious addiction to cocaine and the power that went with having it around. Somehow I managed to keep my life in balance with work, drug usage, my wife and family, convincing myself I could do it all, all the time. This continued unfulfilled desire led to a criminal lifestyle and a career of mixing illegal activities with what appeared to be the "All American Family," with the all American dream. I was making millions of dollars, buying businesses and properties all over the country. However, the more I made, the more I wanted. Until one day it all came tumbling down.

I was indicted by the Federal Justice department facing a ten year to life sentence. All the material things I thought were so important were gone over night – nothing left but the clothes on my back and an unknown amount of time to serve in federal prison. For the first time that I remember, I got down on my knees, (Alone – no family, - no friends – nothing) and prayed to God to guide me. The answer came sooner than I expected. It was short and clear: "Walk into prison naked and you'll know what to do." So on May 30^{th} 2006, I did that very thing. I self-surrendered to a federal correctional institution in West Virginia.

The first week in prison, I was introduced to the Prison Fellowship and Pastor Joe from the Morgantown Faith Center. Several weeks passed and I never missed a service. I was "born again" around June 8th of 2006. I remember it as clear as day. When Pastor Joe made the first call to be saved, I was still unsure. As I sat through the service I kept wishing for another altar call. Sure enough Pastor Joe asked once again. Not even realizing what I was doing, my hand went up real fast. It seemed like and out-of-the-body experience! I was filled with love, joy and happiness for the first time in my life as the Holy Spirit filled my heart and I was born again.

My thirst for the Lord became stronger each day. I asked the prison chaplain to be baptized by Pastor Joe (no easy task in federal prison). But on August 27th 2007, I became the first inmate allowed to be baptized by an outside pastor, Pastor Joe, in that prison. I continued my walk with the Lord which grows stronger each day. Part of that growth taught me to tithe. When I earned \$5.75 per month for 60 hours a week, I gave \$1.00 to the Lord. As promised, my monthly pay grew and so did my tithes to a point that upon release I was one of the top paid inmates out of 1300 inmates!

Since my release to the Halfway House in Manchester, NH, my thirst for the Lord guided me to Christian Aftercare Ministries and Paul Roussel. With his fellowship and prayer, I have spoken to my (Continued on page 3)

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ANNUAL CAM DINNER AND FUNDRAISER

DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

508 UNION STREET

(CORNER OF UNION & HANOVER) MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PLEASE MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR A WONDERFUL MEAL, GREAT SPEAKER, BEAUTIFUL CHRISTIAN MUSIC AND INSPIRING TESTIMONIES!

NOTE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A TABLE CAPTAIN (10 PER TABLE), PLEASE CONTACT PAUL ROUSSEL AT (603) 669-5090

(Testimony from page 2)

wife for the first time in more than five years. I have a job waiting for me in Middlebury, VT, a house, a vehicle and a church in New Haven, VT. But while in Manchester, NH, I attend the Gospel Baptist church with Pastor Dave Carlson.

I finish my story with you knowing what love truly is: the Love of God. God loved me so much that He took me right from the grasp of the devil and put me in prison. The one place He knew where I would listen to Him. Thank you, Lord for loving me so much. Forever Your servant,

Jay Langford

HOW TO STAY SAFE IN THE WORLD TODAY:

- 1) Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
 - 2) Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
 - 3) Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
 - 4) Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water <u>because</u> 16% of all accidents involve these modes of transportation.

5) Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in hospitals.

SO, above all else, avoid Hospitals.

BUT you will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in church worship services (!) and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less.

THEREFORE, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time, is **CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES** or **BIBLE STUDY.**

SO

ATTEND CHURCH, AND STUDY YOUR BIBLE -- IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

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Men's jeans, sneakers, work boots, gloves,
clean shirts in good repair, and
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Thank You

NOTICE: If you would like a CAM board member to visit your church or group to speak about this ministry, call Paul Roussel, Director, to schedule a date. Phone: (603) 669-5090.

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