

CAM UPDATE

Christian Aftercare Ministries for Ex-Offenders

Non-profit Organization

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Established 1994

Praising the Lord
for 25+ years!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Paul Roussel

Making New Friends and Reconnecting with Old Ones

This April and May, I was able to make two prison visits inside the chapel at Concord State Prison (another “finally” for 2022 now that COVID restrictions have been lifted). The visits are set up by Chaplain Jim Daly and Bill Pelletier. In April I visited Jay, Benhard, Ted, and Steve; in May I visited Tommy, Kevin, and Wayne. These men will be released in the near future. We share what our ministry can help them with (i.e., clothes, bikes, toiletries), share the love of Jesus with each one, and ask them how CAM can help. We pray with each one and make plans to meet them when they are released. What a blessing for CAM to be able to meet them and tell them about the wonderful plan Jesus has for them.

Recently, some of the CAM Board Members attended the Helping Hands fundraiser. Helping Hands and CAM share an office building. It was nice to catch up with people I hadn't seen for years. Aaron said, “Paul, you visited me 25 years ago in Valley Street Jail,” and Phil said, “Paul, you visited me at Teen Challenge.” They are both walking with Jesus and doing well.

For the last five months, we have been praying that the Lord would raise up a born-again believer to be chaplain at Brentwood Jail to replace our own Kent Threlfall, who retired last year. Well, the Lord answered our prayer and sent Angie Estevez, who is a believer, to be the new chaplain. We plan to work together with Angie to help men and women being released to reenter society successfully.

Some Quick Updates

CAM is pleased to introduce our newest Board Member, **Steve Fulk**, from the Concord area. Steve had attend CAM dinners in past years and liked what he heard. He has been serving in our Concord men's group, ministering to about five men recently released. Board Member **Jack Shuler** is serving in the office on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. CAM is excited to host our **Annual CAM Dinner and Fundraiser** at the Puritan Backroom Event Center again this October. See page 3 for details.

~Paul

Generous Hearts and Faithful Servants

By CAM Board Member
Don Grosso

Over the last seven years, as treasurer of Christian After Care Ministries, I have observed the giving nature of southern New Hampshire Christian churches and individuals, which has allowed for a very robust CAM program of assistance for ex-offenders. Clothing, rental assistance, car repairs, bus tickets—these are all provided to recently released inmates in need thanks to those giving hearts.

1 Corinthians 1:4 (ESV): *I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus. . . .*

Just as important, over the last twenty-eight years of CAM's history, many individuals have faithfully served the Lord through CAM. I have listed below some of the people I've had the pleasure of working with to reduce the recidivism rate by improving the chances for a successful return to society.

- Lennie Spitale, Al Lamore, and Ernie Kilman—cell-to-cell ministries in the Secure Housing Unit, Concord
- Paul Roussel—Berlin, Concord, Valley Street inmate visits
- Mike Grady—Valley Street and Lowell Street Bible classes
- Annie Lescard, Carol Cox—Prayer Fellowship, statewide (and beyond) card and letter program

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- Jean Metzger—Minimum Security Unit Bible classes, Concord
- Guy Torgersen—Alcohol and drug prevention programs
- Steve Micucci and Steve Fulk—Concord region outreach
- Dave Grant, Jack Shuler—CAM office and clothing staffing, Lowell Street
- Deb Torgersen—CAM reports and meeting minutes

May God continue to bless these people and their efforts for Christ and the good that comes from giving.

Many years ago, when going into the Secure Housing Unit (SHU) with Lennie Spitale, he expressed what he felt when Christians went into that SHU, "that darkness was pushed back and light entered."

~ Don

Editor's Note: Lennie Spitale was the director of prison ministries for Vision New England from 1982–2004. He saw the need in New Hampshire for an organization that would help men and women successfully reenter society upon release from prison. Through a small group of volunteers/faithful prayer warriors, CAM was established. *Breaking Out of Prison with Jesus*, by Paul Roussel, describes Lennie's role in CAM's beginnings and how CAM has grown into a fruitful ministry (available at Amazon or by calling the CAM office).

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY



By Dave Sheridan

I grew up in a very dysfunctional home and struggled with many issues. At an early age, I was sexually abused and, to deal with my problems, I started drinking. I drank to escape the numbness I felt.

Matthew 18:14 (ESV): *So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.*

At age 18, I started getting arrested for drinking and driving. I went to rehab in Rutland, Massachusetts, and that's where I met my current wife, Debbie, who was a counselor there. Because of my drinking, I spent a lot of time in rehab, and each time I got out, I would start drinking again. Much of the next ten years I spent doing jailtime. During those years, I got married and divorced twice.

I met Debbie again, and we started living together and drinking together. Our lives spiraled downward, and we both spent more time in jail.

Luke 19:10 (ESV): *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*

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Prayer



That Valley Street Jail (Hillsborough County) would reopen their doors to volunteers so that Jesus can be shared with the inmates.

Praise

Prayer Requests

For the new born-again chaplain at Brentwood Jail.

ANNUAL CAM DINNER & FUNDRAISER

Saturday, October 8, 2022
6:00 p.m.

YOU ARE
INVITED!

SAVE THE
DATE!

Puritan Backroom Event Center
245 Hooksett Road, Manchester, NH

Reservations Required / At No Cost

A donation basket will be available at the door.

PLEASE NOTE: The restaurant requires an accurate head count in advance. Please call the CAM office at 603-669-5090 **by September 23, 2022**, to reserve your seats.

~ We look forward to seeing you there! ~

(My Personal Testimony, *continued from page 2*)

After living together for many years, Deb's dream was to get married. So we did. Fast forward to 2020. In July, I finally stopped drinking and, with a clear head, I asked Jesus into my heart as my personal Savior. Shortly after that, I was accepted at Helping Hands. It was "luck" that got me in, but the Lord who showed me where I should go.

Isaiah 48:17 (NIV): *This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. . . ."*


Deb has been sober for one year plus, and works at an accounting firm. With the help of Larry, Frank, Guy, and Tim (all from Helping Hands) and Paul Roussel, Deb and I are living a grateful and sober life beyond our wildest dreams. The Lord is real! Deb and I renewed our marriage vows with Pastor Carlson (Gospel Baptist) and attend there every week. I am working to become an addiction counselor so that I can help others.

~ Dave


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Thank You for helping to meet our needs.

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