

CAM UPDATE

Christian Aftercare Ministries for Ex-Offenders

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Paul Roussel

CAM Provides Clothing for Men at Valley Street Jail

Recently, Valley Street Jail asked if CAM could donate men's clothing to replenish its empty clothes bins. We were able to bring into the jail three large bags of men's clothes—shorts, pants, belts, winter coats, and a few hoodies. We had previously brought in three ski jackets. The Lord has blessed CAM with plenty of clothes, and we were happy to help.

Opportunities for Learning and Growing

On Wednesday, April 19, I attended a seminar in the chapel at the State Prison in Concord with about 70 inmates. We heard a speaker talk about proof that we have a Wonderful Creator—our Heavenly Father. Many of us attending know that evolution is a theory made up by scientists to disprove the Bible's claim that God is our Creator.

Bible studies with CAM are going well. Mike Grady has been able to start up a Bible study again (since COVID) at Calumet House in Manchester. Mike, Pastor Carlson, and I (as well as others) continue our Bible studies at Valley Street Jail every week.

On the weekend of May 19, 20, and 21, Kairos had a Christian outreach for 24 men at the Concord State Prison. Kairos has quarterly weekends focused on Jesus and the men's Christian walk. Over the years, I have asked many of the attendees about these weekends, and they have said "It changed our lives."

~Paul

Serving Jesus by Serving Others

By CAM Board Member
David Grant

Praise God for all He has done through CAM to minister to others in need and for the dedication of those who are committed to serving our Lord Jesus to accomplish His will! It's a blessing for me to have been part in the ministry at CAM for a number of years now. I also was part of the ministry team at Concord State Prison for 8 years under the leadership of Jean Metzger, an incredible and compassionate lady who has encouraged many in her service for our Lord.

From my ministry at the prison, I eventually moved on to help two inmates who were being released the same year. One needed a chaperone in order to attend church services. I went through chaperone training taught by a certified counselor in Manchester. This Christian brother and I are still good friends and he is doing well.

I have a background in food service and have served in CAM to help prepare the annual fundraiser dinners for several years. For the past few years, I have been volunteering at the CAM office once a week to organize and help distribute clothing and household donations to people in need in our community.

Colossians 3:17 (ESV): *And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

On Monday afternoons, Paul, Steve Fulk, Jerry, John, Patrick, and I share fellowship, prayer time, as well as a Bible study led by Paul in his office. Paul also ministers to clients. I have personally seen many people who are helped by Paul's godly counseling and compassion; many of whom are struggling with life issues and re-entering

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society after being incarcerated. The clients are strengthened in their faith as they are encouraged to submit to the Holy Spirit and walk with the Lord in obedience to His will. Paul encourages the clients to get involved in a local Bible-believing church, to participate in Bible studies, to fellowship with believers, and to keep themselves immersed in God's Word.

For a number of years, I've led a weekly Bible study called R12 (Romans 12) Life Change Discipleship Program at the Southern NH Rescue Mission in Nashua. (The rescue mission has also recently opened Hope Shelter for Women.) R12 is an intense study of the Bible, in which I focus on going through individual books of the Bible in verse-by-verse exposition. We also look up relevant scriptures closely related to what we are studying. We examine the context to get the whole picture as well as use reputable Bible commentaries. We then have discussion and answer questions that arise. It has been a blessing to see the men transformed as they walk with God and glorify Him in their lives.

Romans 12:2 (ESV): *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Serving the Lord has become more challenging as I age and health issues arise, but the Lord is faithful in helping me get through each day by trusting and resting in Him.

In **2 Corinthians 12:9**, the Apostle Paul wrote about his own struggle with a "thorn in the flesh." God told Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Paul responded, "Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me." In serving Him by serving others, we can also find a great blessing and personal growth when we don't trust in our own strength but rely on His strength.

~ David

Prayer Requests

Continued prayer that all men and women inmates would have the opportunity to hear about our Wonderful Savior.

For the Lord to continue to bless CAM with many opportunities to share Jesus and, just as importantly, for receptive hearts.

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Part 1



by Vinnie Moser

The Lord has placed many people in my life and has blessed me with many agencies too. But this testimony will not be about naming those who He sent into my life. It's not about naming people. It's all about giving honor and praise to the Lord Jesus for what He has done for me.

Before I trusted Christ alone to save me, I lived and thought this way: Life is all about money, drugs/alcohol, violence, and women. And for me to get what I wanted—no matter what the cost and having no regard for those whom I viewed as weak. I also felt unloved by most of the people in my life (even though that wasn't true) except by my friends and some gang members. My life was hard. Trusting people was not on the table, especially when poor interactions from people happened. This only became worse during my legal process and my incarceration.

I was introduced to God when I was younger by going to church. The God that I understood Him to be then was an angry and condemning God. He sent all the bad people to hell. The only way to heaven was to be good all the time.

Please take note of Paul's testimony and his conversion in **Acts 26: 1–29**: After his conversion, Paul stopped being violent and persecuting people, especially Christians. Jesus' example of loving the lost is the example that I try to follow. I still need the Lord's help in this area when it comes to sharing the gospel.

Acts 26:22 (ESV): *To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass.*

The other parts are healing from drugs and alcohol and what was mentioned above. I don't womanize anymore, I stopped being violent just like Paul, and my desire is for us as Christians to live a life for Christ worth dying for and to reach the lost gently but truthfully. I learned that Jesus doesn't need me to argue His case or defend Him or call people names or become abusive with others who deny Him, slander Him, and/or disagree with biblical views. But to show them the same love that He has shown me. By

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ANNUAL CAM DINNER & FUNDRAISER

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Testimonial
Speakers

Saturday, October 14, 2023
6:00 p.m.

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~ We look forward to seeing you there! ~

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simply telling them what He has done for me kindly, gently, respectfully, truthfully, and as lovingly as possible. It's not about me or my pride, it's all about JESUS! When I was in jail, God blessed me by bringing a chaplain into my life. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, he helped me understand that trying to be good was work and not faith. In fact, Jesus was in the restoration business. He would go through trouble with me. Just like He was in the fire with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, so Christ was with me in my fire.

Once I understood that He died for my sins and that He wanted to transform me from the person that I once was to make me into the man that He wanted me to be, I became saved. He brought the right volunteers into my life. He even had visiting pastors and laymen coming into the prison to see me. Never once did they judge me, while mostly everyone else did.

Becoming a child of God has changed my life in many ways. I'm a lot more sharing and caring for other people and their welfare. I see Christ at work in more areas of my life with success versus me trying to change on my own. He has CHANGED me like never before. I still ask the Lord to help me die to self and to allow Him to live in me.

~ *Vin*

Editor's Note: Please look for Part 2 of Vinnie's testimony in the next issue of *CAM Update*.



Jordan, Melanie, and son Levi LaChance dropped in to visit Paul recently. Jordan first came to CAM around 2014.

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