

# CAM UPDATE

Christian Aftercare Ministries for Ex-Offenders

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Established 1994

Praising the Lord  
for 25 years!

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Paul Roussel

### Being Faithful

Each CAM Board Member has a role to play in the ministry. Samson Duclair's role, for example, is to give rides to inmates the day they leave prison to go somewhere—a rehab program, possibly Helping Hands, or to their new home. Recently, I received a message that an inmate needed a ride the next morning from Concord prison to Helping Hands. I called Samson, who has his own business, and asked if he could pick up this inmate. Samson immediately said yes. Samson's faithfulness is a blessing to me and to CAM.

### The Lord's Hand of Blessing

Kenny West faithfully served Jesus behind the walls while serving a 58-year (possible) sentence (21 years to date). He recently filed a petition for a sentence reduction hearing. The judge not only agreed to reduce his sentence to time served but also wrote a glowing letter about Ken faithfully serving his fellow inmates all these years. Ken was chaplain assistant and has mentored, prayed for, and shared Jesus with possibly hundreds of fellow inmates. Only Jesus could have touched this judge's heart. Ken was released in mid-August this year. Praise the Lord!

Sadly, we have had to cancel the CAM Dinner this year because of the restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus. Join us in praying that we will be back to normal for our 2021 dinner.

Some months back, Lennie Spitale (who helped start CAM) called me and said, "Paul, you should write a book about CAM." So, I have written *Breaking Out of Prison with Jesus*. Our goal is to publish it by the end of the year and have copies available for anyone wanting to see Jesus's amazing work in the lives in ex-offenders.

**CORRECTION:** Mark Yphantis's personal testimony in the May 2020 edition of *CAM Update* incorrectly stated that he had been charged with 13 DUIs. In fact, Mark had only been charged with 2 DUIs. We sincerely apologize for this error. ~Paul

## God's Word and His Presence—A Priority

By CAM Board Member  
Ernie Kilman

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9:

*And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

This scripture is true for me in my experience. Throughout my life, the common theme for me is that the Lord uses a very inadequate person like myself in my weakness. How can this be? Prayer and reading His Word is key.

In a recent meeting, my pastor shared that in a very real sense we must realize we are nothing apart from Jesus. God can use us because we can do all things necessary through Christ Jesus, who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13).

We can do all *necessary* things in our lives. God is more interested in saving people than we are. Here is a recent example in evangelism with my friend. Pastor Roberto and some folks from his church met an individual who gave his heart to the Lord. The team gave him a Bible, but he did not have glasses to read it as he was homeless. One team member "happened" to have reading glasses and gave them to the man; he was delighted to be able to read the Bible. This was clearly God's provision!

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A man named Jerry got out of prison recently, and I count him as a friend. He now attends Centerpoint Church and its men's group. Doing work for God is about relationships. This begins with our quiet time with God and allows us to live out our lives to serve with friends. Jerry is a blessing as he has God's Word ready on his lips always. God is doing something in all of us if we let Him. This is a challenge to me—that He wants these relationships and can use them if we are available. These relationships not only encourage and grow us but also others as well.

One thing to remember when we feel inadequate is that He ever lives to intercede (Hebrews 7:25) for us and will lead us, especially as we read His Word and pray. Over the past year, I have faced some medical challenges, and I appreciated prayers, including those of Paul and Mike at CAM, to encourage me through them.

During this COVID crisis, we would do very well to begin each morning studying God's Word and storing it in our mental data base so that when fear or anything else assaults our mind, we bring His words to our mind as a priority.

**Psalm 23:4:** *Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

~ Ernie

**PRAYER and PRAISE**

**PRAISE**

*The Lord has kept both Helping Hands buildings free of the Coronavirus, as well as inmates in Concord and Berlin state prisons and Valley Street and Brentwood county jails*

**PRAY**

*That the Lord would reopen all the prison and county jails in NH to volunteers so that we can minister inside the walls again*

**MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY**

**By Jordan La Chance**

From when I was a teenager, my life involved use of all kinds of drugs. About four years ago, I was staying at Helping Hands, and I met Paul Roussel and Mike Grady from CAM. For at least a year, Paul and I did Bible studies and talked about Jesus, all the while I was still using drugs.

I never told Paul that I had never made a profession of faith—I had never asked Jesus into my heart as personal Savior. Finally, about three years ago, my heavy drug use caused me to spiral downward where I overdosed three or four times. Finally, just about that time in my drugged stupor, I realized Jesus would not let me go. I dropped to my knees and for the first time, I truly accepted Jesus into my heart.

**Psalm 91:2 (NKJV):** *I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."*

As I was detoxing on my own, the Lord's hand of peace, protection, and comfort overwhelmed me. In the next few days, my mother came by and told me about a Christian drug rehab program in Florida. I drove down to the program and ever since I have been drug free (three years now), and gave up smoking. The Lord took all those desires away.

While at the treatment program, I had a strong desire to find my daughter, who I had lost contact with. In a miraculous way, Rosiland's mother (led by the Lord) drove down to Florida (from NH) and brought my daughter to visit me. I now attend a Bible Institute in Dallas and am heavily involved in my local church. When I finish my studies, I want to serve Jesus in some way.

~ Jordan



Stand firm in the Lord!  
Isaiah 7:9

## ANNUAL CAM DINNER & FUND-RAISER

We are sad to report that there will be no CAM Dinner this year because of the Coronavirus. Our usual church facility is not able to allow gatherings.

Our prayer is that we will be back on track for the CAM Dinner in October 2021!

Wayne Sargent was all set to give his testimony this year, but since he can't, he has shared some of the things on his heart with us below.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.  
Ephesians 3:20-21

### AGAPE LOVE

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It has been a great pleasure to be part of the CAM ministry and all that it represents. Since I've been released from prison, it has been a joyous journey with the Lord in many ways despite the many struggles I've had. Thankfully, God has been there through them all.

In prison I was able to overcome old wounds that left me scarred and torn. And now I have discovered new wounds that have caused me to experience some moderate to severe PTSD. Life back on the outside has been a challenge in many ways for me, but I know that with Christ to lift me up in times of trouble, I can stand strong. I'm not going to lie. There have been times I was depressed since my release. Some might say that prison is no place to be, and I would agree, but prison is what built me into the person I am today.

I had to be broken before I could be fixed. I had to see the bottom of the barrel before I could see the top of the mountain. I will end with these final words: Fellowship is the most important thing to have in your life if you are to stay strong and stay focused on Christ. Man alone is not enough to overcome the temptations that Satan puts in our path each day.


God Bless!

Wayne Sargent


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