

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

Answered Prayer

Many of us had been praying that Valley Street Jail would open up to volunteers so that the Good News (Gospel) could be spread there. The Lord answered that prayer, and we gratefully started Bible studies the week of August 15.

Volunteer Highlights

CAM continues to be blessed by our Concord re-entry group and the help they provide to men and women being released. It's amazing what the Lord is doing through them. Specifically, Steve Micucci helped Mr. Gordon with a bed and other needs; provided Jay Neeper with clothes and a Planet Fitness membership, took him to church and sat with him, picked up the furniture he made at the prison, plus gave him a lot of encouragement; and picked up Chip Chaplain's property before it was thrown out (involving long distance travel). Please read Steve's article in this Update for even more details of what he and other CAM volunteers are doing to "answer the call" to serve our Lord.

Ernie Kilman has cookouts, works closely with Gerry Goetch, and encourages all the men. Ernie and Steve attend Bible studies on Saturdays at Centerpoint Church with some of the men.

CAM Board Member Steve Fulk has joined the Concord Spiritual Outreach. Recently, Concord State Prison had a 2022 Group Summit Tailgate with testimonies shared by Bay and Peg Forrest. Food and music were provided, and the chapel was packed for both services on August 8 and 9.

Jesus Is Active at Concord Prison!

Chaplain Bill Pelletier had a seminar for inmates in the past month, handing out questionnaires on how to determine your spiritual gifts. The men enjoyed the exercise. Wednesday night chapel services have replaced the Saturday night services that Jean Metzger used to lead. It has the same format—four pastors rotate every month to bring the message. Celebrate Recovery meetings are also offered every week inside the walls.

~Paul

Answering the Call

By CAM Board Member
Steve Micucci

We look at our phone and make the decision to either answer or ignore it. How many times a day do we do this? Do we do the same thing when Jesus calls?

Jesus left us the Holy Spirit. The Spirit nudges us quite frequently, yet we may ignore those nudges. Why is it so easy to ignore the help that Jesus left us? The call is about living the godly life that Jesus intended us to live when no one is watching. Will you help your brothers and sisters to answer that call?

Philippians 4:8 (NASB95): Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

Philippians 4:8 is a guideline for continual growth and transformation in the life of a Christian. Refusing to dwell on negativity and intentionally focusing on positivity are ingredients God uses to allow peace to grow and turmoil to dwindle.

The community is blessed by CAM, which answers the calls daily through a group of volunteers who selflessly give to and mentor individuals with prayer and positivity so they can move forward with Jesus at the helm. CAM successfully engages with Christians who have accepted Jesus into their lives who have done prison time. These individuals who are on parole not only have to deal with the daily challenges that we all have but also may have multiple other restrictions that can create additional challenges in moving forward in their lives. Relationships are key, and CAM, along with church partnerships,

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has continuously filled the void to successfully help individuals become productive, law-abiding Christian members of society. We all can be the hands and feet for Jesus by sharing the love that our heavenly father freely gives to us daily with our brothers and sisters. Those who are often viewed with contempt by society are those whom Jesus tells his followers to care for and value.

1 John 4:19 (NASB95): *We love, because he first loved us.*

Recent Calls Answered by CAM

Housing is a huge hurdle for registered offenders, who need it to obtain parole. CAM has investigated property to provide housing for parolees with Rise Again Outreach, a Christian faith-centered organization that is willing to accept the challenge to procure a property that could possibly fulfill this need in the future.

Through a speaking engagement with CAM, we established a relationship with Immanuel Community Church in Concord, which is heavily involved with Kairos Prison Ministry working inside the walls. At a later date, we attended this church with Jeff, encouraging him to find a church family. Much to our surprise, Jeff knew many people attending this church. His relationship with Immanuel Community Church has grown, and he now leads the Worship Team on a weekly basis.

CAM and Rise Again purchased a plane ticket to send Heather back home to family after her release from prison.

We paid Jay’s membership to Planet Fitness so he is able to take showers after work as he was homeless coming out of prison. Prayers for Jay were answered when housing fell into place and he obtained a permanent full-time job. A cell phone was purchased for communication with agencies, helping Jay to move forward with his life. Furniture that Jay made was picked up from the NHSP Store and stored for him. Transcripts needed for court proceedings were picked up from NHSP property and copied for Jay.

CAM picked up Erik’s personal items and is storing them until his release from NHSP. His release is contingent on

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MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY



By Alice LaCroix

It is with great pleasure that I share my testimony with CAM. I met Paul Roussel 20 years ago and have remained an advocate for CAM. I gave my life to the Lord in 1973 at Stark Methodist Church in Stark, NH. I was 13 years old and living with a dysfunctional, alcoholic mother and stepfather. The church was my refuge.

Psalm 91: 1–2: *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.*

I was sexually abused by my stepfather at the age of 13. When I was 17, I graduated and left home to attend SNHU, my mother was diagnosed with cervical cancer and passed away, and four months later, my older brother committed suicide. Still at age 17, I married my high school sweetheart, and he passed away with a brain aneurysm.

As you may understand, my life was a mess with all the traumas. I was a lost sheep during this time. I ended up committing a financial crime to support my family and was sentenced to the Goffstown Women’s Prison, where I met Lynn and Jinnie Hagemeister.* These folks brought me back to the Lord and my walk. I experienced the forgiveness of my FATHER (Lord). They were such an instrumental part in my life and the reason I am where I am today. Jesus is the only “real” father that I know.

In 2014, I recommitted my life to Jesus. I am currently a clinician in a recovery center working with women who are struggling with addiction and alcoholism. I am a faith-based clinician and share the Lord with everyone that HE puts on my path. I am here to “serve” HIM, and I am so very grateful for the love and the support of CAM. My husband, Tracy, and I attend Manchester Christian Church.

*Lynn and Jinnie were part of the original team with Lennie Spitale that prayed CAM into existence.



Prayer Requests

Prayer—*That the Lord would open Cheshire Jail to volunteers so that Jesus can be shared with the inmates.*

Praise—*Valley Street Jail is now open to the Gospel.*

ANNUAL CAM DINNER & FUNDRAISER

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

Main
Speaker:
Pastor Dave
Carson

Testimony
Speaker:
Ken West

Puritan Backroom Pappas Room
[inside the restaurant]
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! ~

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finding a place to live in the Concord area, where he chooses to be paroled. Multiple volunteers rode with Vincent so he could practice driving before obtaining a driver's license. A rental vehicle was provided so Vincent could travel to Massachusetts to visit his brother who is disabled, which has been going well. Jess from Shea Farm Prison Halfway House for Women was blessed with a shopping day to help with essentials.

Paul Roussel, Steve Fulk, and I visited North End Halfway House to share the good news of Jesus with inmates and provide Bibles. We provided work boots, pants, shirts, socks, underwear, and coats for three men at that facility.

Additionally, rent is provided to individuals for housing. Churches provide personal hygiene packages for women. Bicycles for transportation to work, bus passes, clothing, and rides to Bible classes are all provided by numerous volunteers from CAM and through relationships established with church volunteers.

The Lord has blessed us all collectively to help reduce the burden of institutionalism and a criminal record, a stigmatizing label that comes with collateral consequences such as barriers to employment and housing, for many previously incarcerated men and women who now choose to accept the call to live for Jesus.


When you get the call, will you answer?

~ Steve


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