

CAM UPDATE

Christian Aftercare Ministries for Ex-Offenders

Non-profit Organization

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Praising the Lord
for 30 years!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Paul Roussel

CAM Able to Share Blessings

CAM's David Grant is involved with the Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission in Nashua, and recently they had a need for coats. CAM was able to help them with about 20 winter coats/hoodies. We also contribute clothes to clothing drives held in Manchester parks at least twice a year.

Churches Are a Vital Part of CAM's Mission

CenterPoint Church, located in the center of Concord, has held Saturday morning Bible studies for years. Ex-offenders living in the area attend, as well as our Board Member from Concord. It is a special blessing for the men.

I recently met with Gary M., a solid Christian who was released a few weeks ago. He mentioned that because the weekly Wednesday night chapel service is often overbooked (only 75 men can attend), Christian inmates have started doing Bible studies in their respective housing units. The groups start out with 5 or 6 men and increase to 20 to 25 men attending. What a blessing to know that the church inside the walls is growing.

CAM Is Overwhelmingly Blessed

Our ministry was the focus of a love offering at CenterPoint Church in Concord on Sunday, March 24th. They shared with the congregation what CAM does, then showed Dominic Barbosa's riveting testimony. Dominic and I, along with Board Members Steve Fulk and Steve Micucci, were blessed to be there.

~Paul

Biblical Accountability

By CAM Board Member
Ernie Kilman

As Christians, why do we need accountability? In John 5:19 (AMP) Jesus says, "I assure you and most solemnly say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself [of His own accord], unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever things the father does, the Son [in His turn] also does in the same way."

In the same way, we are to depend on Jesus (Hebrews 12) first as our example given to us by God the Father. In turn, the pastors and spiritual leaders of the church need to be examples to the flock, not, as 1 Peter 5:3 explains, "lording it over those assigned to your care [do not be arrogant or overbearing], but be examples [of Christian living] to the flock [set a pattern of integrity for your congregation]."

What is involved in growing as Christians and following God? Romans 14:12 says, "So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God." This is something to be taken seriously as opposed to cultural ways where people do something if they "feel like it."

Accountability is countercultural in our me-centered world today. So we have daily choices whether to serve ourselves or others. Joshua 24:15 states, "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." As Christians, what does God say that our priorities should be? God's word shows us how to live our lives in ways that honor Him. Mark 12:29-31 reflects God's two great commandments:

1. Love God with all your passion, prayer, intelligence, and energy.
2. Love others as well as you love yourself (we are to be interdependent with the body of Christ).

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Words that we speak are powerful and impacting in the conversations we all have. Matthew 12:36–37 speaks to this issue: “But I tell you, on the day of judgment people will have to give an accounting for every careless or useless word they speak. For by your words [reflecting your spiritual condition] you will be justified and acquitted of the guilt of sin; and by your words [rejecting Me] you will be condemned and sentenced.”

Hebrews 5:14 says, “But solid food is for the [spiritually] mature, whose senses are trained by practice to distinguish between what is morally good and what is evil.” At the heart of the Christian walk is not just to keep the rules, but to love intentionally because Jesus demonstrated His love to us! 1 John 4:19 says, “We love, because He first loved us.”

The church was meant to be people living life together and holding each other accountable as a loving family. The letter to the church at Ephesus, for example, states, “Be subject to one another in the fear of Christ” (Eph. 5:21, NASB95). There are other biblical examples as well:

- Saul the king was held accountable by the prophet Samuel.
- Nathan the prophet held David accountable.
- Paul and Silas were accountable to the church in Antioch.
- Timothy was accountable to the apostle Paul.

So also God wants us to live as a good witness to the Gospel, being accountable to Jesus first and also as we live and share God’s word in concert with and accountable to our pastors, mentors, and our brothers and sisters in the local Bible-believing church of Jesus.

Following are biblical ways to do this:

- “Bear one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2)
- “Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The fervent and effectual prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.” (James 5:16)

In summary, please keep the following scripture in mind:

1 Corinthians 3:11 (AMP): *For no one can lay a foundation other than the one which is [already] laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

The context and application of this verse speaks directly to us that how we live our lives is important, and we must be careful how we build on this foundation.

We at CAM practice this biblical model by building accountability into the lives of the people we minister to, so their actions will mirror Christlikeness and they will be encouraged and supported in a sincere walk with the Lord.

God bless you.

~ Ernie

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY



by Gary Moriarty

In 1959, I was born into a family that did not believe that God or Jesus existed. My family did not believe in heaven or that we are judged after death.

As a child, I was subjected to unimaginable cruelty by my parents. In their hearts, all they knew in life was to sin. They had succumbed to drunkenness, sexual immorality, and hatred towards mankind. They were never compassionate, patient, or kind to anyone including their own children.

As an adult, I had adopted those very same traits. My life was very difficult. I was constantly getting into trouble with the law. I was despised by most people and was unable to see the error of my ways. I was a very angry and violent individual that did not fit in with any crowd.

In 2003, I was arrested and sent to prison for several crimes against our community. I was given 25-plus years for violent offenses against humanity. During the intake with a mental health worker, she quickly told me that I was not a nice person and needed to change my evil ways. As I look back, this was the very first sign from God that I needed to change.

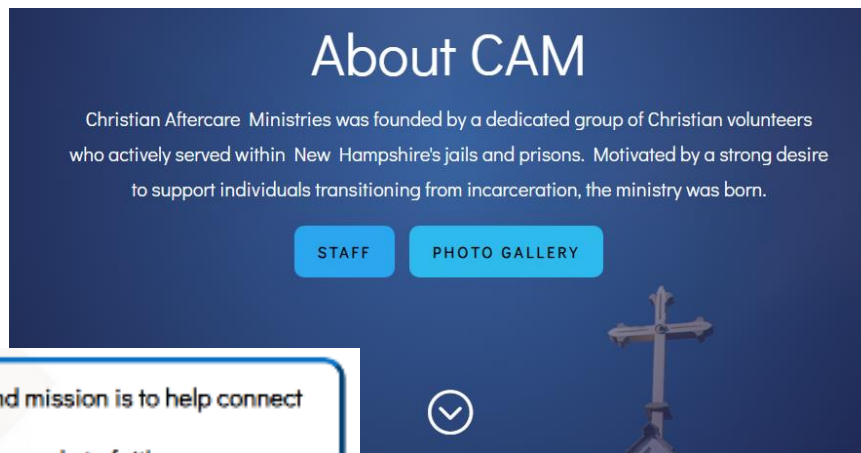
When I left receiving and discharge (R&D) to general population, I was housed with a gentleman who was a devout Christian. Over time, we built a good relationship. He suggested that I might want to turn my life over to Jesus. He continued to ask me how my life was going and, of course, it was not going well. He also asked me what I had to lose by reading the Bible and turning my life over to God. So I began to study the Bible with him and other Christians along with going to the chapel services. **I realized that Jesus is real and that if I wanted to change my life, all I had to do was ask Jesus for help.** It was at this point I turned my life over to Jesus and never looked back.

As I reflect over the signs that I have received from God over the years in prison, I have many blessings. I have received Jesus in my heart. My life has changed dramatically. I praise the Lord every day for showing me

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Check Out CAM's New Website!

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From the homepage, our clients will find links to **Connect with a Church**, a **Contact** form for communicating with CAM, a **Staff** page with short bios of the Board of Directors, and a **Resources** page with links for Bible study, family support, and more.



[Click Here for Current Prayer Requests and Testimonies](#)

The homepage also links to **Current Prayer Requests and Testimonies**, including Dominic Barbosa's video testimony, which was shared at CenterPoint Church on Palm Sunday.



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how much I am loved by Him and how to love others as He does. I try to live as Jesus would like me to live, such as by working for the chapel helping others come to the Lord.

I was paroled from prison in 2024. As I began attending church outside of prison, I was welcomed with open arms. I was invited to join the worship team in which I continue to worship and serve the Lord. I was blessed with the opportunity to acquire housing with other Christians, as well as live a simple, loving life today. None of this would have been possible without the guidance of Jesus.

Today, no one could ever convince me that Jesus does not exist. Jesus has done so much for me that there is no way I can deny Him. He has guided me and placed me within a Christian community that truly loves and cares for me. I'd like to thank Chaplain Jim Daly, Pastor William Pelletier, and the Rise Again Ministries volunteers for all their help and support over the years guiding me to Jesus. But for the grace of God, I have been saved. God bless.

~ Gary

Prayer Requests

That all 5,000 men and women in the jails and prisons of NH would have an opportunity to hear "God's Plan of Salvation."

That churches inside and outside the walls would continue to grow; that men and women ex-offenders would be welcomed into Christian communities where they can have accountability in their walk with the Lord.

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