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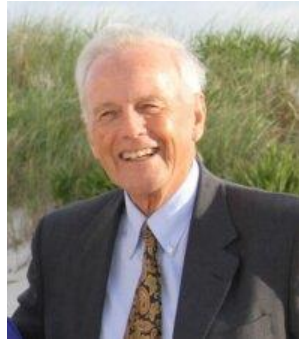
August 2024

Established 1994

Praising the Lord
for 30 years!

Well done, good and faithful servant ... Enter into the joy of your Lord. (Matt. 25:21)

On August 9, 2024, the Lord took his faithful servant Paul Roussel home. We are all experiencing a deep sense of loss at his Home-going. Paul was a pillar of the New Hampshire Prison Ministry Community. His passion and love for CAM was evident throughout his lifetime and in his last message to us. He will be greatly missed, but we rejoice in knowing he is in the loving arms of Jesus Christ, his Lord.



Paul Roussel, 1935–2024

FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Paul Roussel

CAM Is a Support Network

In past newsletters, I've mentioned the wonderful work the Concord re-entry group does. I attended their meeting on June 19 and was overwhelmed with the number of Christian volunteers the Lord has raised up for this ministry to men and women being released from prison. CAM is well represented in this group with Steve Fulk, Steve Micucci, Ernie Kilman, and myself. The women volunteers (about 8) minister to, mentor, and help not only women who have been released but also those inside the women's state prison and at Shea Farm (woman's prison halfway house) as they are close to being released, providing Bible studies, prayer, and encouragement. The bottom line is that sincere, born-again believers get out of prison and are overwhelmed with all the support they need to successfully re-enter society—support such as prayer, rides, food, mentoring, encouragement, rides to church, clothes, phones ... the list goes on.

At the office, the prison halfway house Calumet has been calling on a regular basis and sending at least 2 or 3 men down every Monday. We also continue to help men living here at Helping Hands. Finally, I just read a prison story about an inmate in the New York prison system. He blamed America, society, police, and everybody else for prisons. Well, what a difference in NH with Christian ministries! We value each inmate, treat them with respect, and tell them about Jesus.

~Paul

Remembering Paul

By CAM Board Members

I have known Paul since volunteering in the prison in 2000. His passion for prison ministry and the love he showed to the men that others could not love was genuine and heartfelt (Matt 18:12–14).

Matthew 18:14: "So it is not the will of your father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish."

Paul wanted all men in the prisons and jails (Paul's sheep) to find the love of Christ that we all have found. He never gave up on any one, always encouraging them that their lives could be changed. I had the pleasure of working side by side with Paul when I worked at Helping Hands where he shared office space. He changed so many lives everyday he was there. He joined us in prayer every week praying for sobriety, for a relationship with Jesus for the men, and financial blessings for our transitional sober house. He genuinely cared and showed compassion and the love of Jesus everyday. Paul recently worked with a resident at Helping Hands who is facing pending prison time. Paul led this young man to Christ, was a constant encourager to him, and had prayer time with him every week. He shared that praying was more powerful than any potential sentence and God could work His miracles and set captives free.

~ Guy L. Torgersen

I thank Jesus for Paul as a good friend who prayed regularly for many including myself. He was an answer to prayer. The LRF state facility closed in Laconia where I had volunteered. But I became involved with CAM, and with Paul's input, I was able to continue volunteering in the prison and most recently outside the prison.

~ Ernie Kilman

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All I wanted to do was find out more about prison ministry. I heard about a guy named Paul Roussel and went to visit him in the CAM office. That was two-and-a-half years ago. I've been back every Monday since. The first question Paul asks a new guy is, "Do you know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?" followed by a discussion of what it means to be a Christian. Paul would pray for each man who entered his office and then continued to pray for them every day after as the Lord brought them to mind. I count it a blessing and a privilege for the opportunity to spend time with Paul as he ministered to our men.

~ *Stephen Fulk*

I came to know Paul when I joined the CAM board many years ago. He was truly a blessing to those who knew him. His faith shone brightly, he had a heart for Jesus. That was shown as he cared and ministered to the many men and women in the state and county jails over the years. He will be missed and loved by all who had the privilege to call him friend.

~ *Deb Torgersen*

Paul loved his Lord, his family, his church, tennis, scarves, and Christian Aftercare Ministries. Paul's commitment to helping those being released was impressive. Thank you, Lord, for the privilege of serving alongside him.

~ *Don Grosso*

Paul and I went to the CAM office in Manchester on Mondays as well as a few other times. I saw Paul proclaim our Lord Jesus as he met with others who—many of them—had been incarcerated. Paul loved Jesus and was excited to tell others about the Lord's love for us and how He provided us with salvation through His sacrifice on the cross by grace through faith. Paul had compassion for others, not only for their spiritual lives but their physical lives as well. Paul listened to many who had heartbreaking stories about their past lives and offered encouragement and advice. We also had prayer time and Bible study at CAM on Mondays. Paul was a true friend and kept me in prayer daily. I'm sure that Paul is in indescribable joy as he is in the presence of our Lord. Paul sought to help many people come to Jesus in their time of need. Paul always glorified the Lord.

~ *David Grant*

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MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY, Part 1



by **W. Michael Keegan**

It is truly a blessing to share what Jesus Christ is doing in my life.

Psalms 103, verses 1–5 say our Father through Jesus Christ forgives all our iniquities, heals all our diseases, redeems our life from destruction. He crowns us with loving kindness and mercy. He satisfies our mouth with good things. Verses 11–12 say He removes our sins as far as the east is from the west, and verse 12 says the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

I was born January 25, 1952. My dad was in the Air Force and my mom was a registered nurse. I also have a sister and brother; my mom was the spiritual leader of the family and ensured that we went to church weekly.

My childhood was rocky and filled with sexual, physical, and verbal abuse. This environment often made me feel unsafe and unwanted. At 12 years old, I had accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior on Easter Sunday, March 29, 1964, at Getchell Street Baptist Church in Waterville, Maine.

As a young person, I struggled with ongoing sexual and verbal abuse. Even then, God was beginning to work in me. He started pulling me away from the abuse and called me to share the Good News!

From ages 12 to 22, the Holy Spirit led me to speak in churches in central Maine and travel to Haiti to share the Gospel. During this time, I was given the opportunity to work with David Wilkerson, the founder of Teen Challenge, within New York City.

I was married at the age of 23. My wife and I raised three children. God helped me to overcome my addiction, until I stumbled in 1988. This poor choice would have a profound impact on my life and my family later in life. Because of my choice, I was sent to prison where I lost my home, family, friends, and freedom.

My first night in county jail, the person that was bunking with me prayed for me as I asked the Lord for forgiveness.

~ *Mike*

(*Mike's story will be continued in the next CAM Update.*)

ANNUAL CAM DINNER & FUNDRAISER

Saturday, October 19, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker
Pastor Peter
Chamberland, Granite
State Baptist Church

Puritan Backroom Event Center
245 Hooksett Road, Manchester, NH

Reservations Required / At No Cost

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~ *We look forward to seeing you there!* ~

Save the
Date!

(Remembering Paul, *continued from page 2*)

Paul Rousell indeed had a life well lived. The Lord gave me the gift of knowing him for many years, thus I was fortunate to spend a lot of time with him. Paul was:

1. A man without GUILT.
2. The most focused person I ever knew.
3. Made "full proof" of the ministry which God entrusted to him.
(2 Timothy 4:5)
4. Finished WELL.

Looking forward to being with you again, Paul. And I WILL!!!

~ *Jack Shuler*

I met Paul 7 years ago to fulfill a need transporting bicycles from Concord, NH, to Manchester. During that time, I learned to Love this Incredible Man who had a heart after Jesus. Gracious, Humble, Caring, Forgiving, Loving, and Detailed are a few words that surrounded his dedication of a third of his life directing CAM's Ministry to share Jesus with all, through Prison Ministry.

~ *Steve Micucci*

In the midst of a very difficult family situation about 8 years ago, I was asking the Lord if He could still use me to serve Him. The next Sunday, Paul and Maryann approached me about taking over the newsletter from Marjorie Frank. I immediately knew the Lord was answering me through them. Paul always saw the potential in everybody because he knew the great power of our Savior to redeem any situation, any person. Paul and Maryann were both wonderful, encouraging, faithful servants of the Lord.

~ *Kathy Deselle*

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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