

CAM UPDATE

Christian Aftercare Ministries for Ex-Offenders

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Praising the Lord
for 30 years!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Mike Grady, Chairman and Acting Director

Philippians 1:3–5 (ESV): *I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.*

The apostle Paul was always thankful for everyone God brought into his life and partnered with him in ministry. Paul Roussel likewise continually prayed, thankful for all those in this ministry, especially the CAM Board of Directors. Paul believed every member of the Board was an answer to prayer, sent by God to meet the needs of CAM. Prayer has always been an important part of CAM and will continue to be. After Paul's passing, the Board quickly came together to keep CAM functioning, keeping the CAM Dinner on track and the office open by filling in as needed. Many of the lives Paul touched needed prayer, consoling, and reassurance that CAM is still here and will be here for them.

CAM Seeks New Director, Volunteers

The office is now open three days a week to serve those in need. Bible studies still go on in the County Jail, halfway house, and at the office. The re-entry taskforce at the State Prison has become an important part of the ministry. We have a new computer and are setting up a database to better track what is given out and to whom. We are also tracking those we minister to with Bible studies, biblical counseling, and sharing the Gospel. This will allow us to have better communications with each other as we often minister to the same people and need to know what needs have already been met.

Please pray for the Board as we seek a new director. Paul always stayed in touch with state and local officials, seeking ways to improve CAM's interactions with the prison system. We need help in this area. **Anyone involved in prison ministry interested in joining the Board, please call (603) 669-5090.** Board members are actively serving in many ways. God may have a perfect place here where He can use your gifts.

The Breadth of Prison Ministries in New Hampshire

By CAM Board Member
Steve Fulk

What an unusual place to find a church. A living, breathing, thriving New Testament Church. Where? Inside the walls of the NH State Prison in Concord. The structure might be a bit different from your local church, but it has all the essentials: leadership, worship, fellowship, discipleship, regular attendance, and prayer. And it is all because of the people in New Hampshire who support and pray for those involved in the Prison Ministry and pray daily for the men and women inside the walls.

Christian Aftercare Ministries exists to serve these individuals. We help anyone who will give us the opportunity to share the Gospel. We have Bible studies inside the prison and halfway house. We offer Bible studies in the office for those who are released and provide clothes, toiletries, financial help, bicycles, coats, boots, prayer, and counseling, along with job search opportunities. Because of your support and prayers, CAM is helping to make a difference in the lives of those formerly incarcerated who want to renew their mind and walk in the light.

Just last month I shared the Gospel and prayed with a professed atheist. The following Sunday he went to church and had a positive experience. In a follow-up phone conversation, he ended the call with "God bless." I look forward to what God will do in his heart next.

But CAM is not alone in this ministry. The **New Hampshire Re-entry Task Force (NHRT)** located in Concord works together with CAM in this ministry. NHRT sends a representative into the New Hampshire State Prison three days a week. There he mentors inmates one-on-one, conducts Bible studies, and teaches classes on renewing the mind. Upon return to the

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community, these individuals join a Circle of Support and Accountability (CoSA). CoSA is a group of dedicated individuals who meet monthly with the newly released to support the many needs related to housing, jobs, getting a driver's license, clothing, etc., and also holds them accountable for their spiritual growth in regard to attending weekly Bible studies and church services. There are several on the NHRT board who pen-pal with those inside, and NHRT has a chaplain serving individuals in the prison with prayer and counsel.

KAIROS Inside is a ministry whose mission is to develop a Christian community inside the prison. Thirty plus volunteers go into the NH State Prison four times a year for a three-and-a-half-day weekend to transform lives, challenge hearts, and promote a Christian community inside. Many inside get saved at these weekend events and get involved in the church inside the prison. Volunteers return weekly for a reunion of the Kairos community for follow-up support and fellowship.

Prison Fellowship Academy (PFA) recently graduated 17 men in the NH State Prison. Volunteers facilitate classes on building integrity and making real life changes so the men are better prepared to re-enter their families and communities. This is a year-long journey with much potential for lasting change. The second PFA has just started with another 23 men seeking instruction and transformation.

This summer I saw the first Revival Service held at the NHSP for men. **Granite State Baptist Church in association with Rock of Ages ministries** held three revival services in one day and saw over 125 men come to hear the Gospel and to praise and worship God together. Several men met Jesus for the first time that day and became believers. Many others expressed a desire to recommit and reconnect with the spiritual foundations they walked away from earlier in life.

The most important events are the **Bible studies down in the pods led by those inside**. This is where Church happens. Men get saved, turn their hearts over to Jesus, and are discipled by men who have walked in their shoes. They get invited to Chapel (Church) each Wednesday evening led by a local pastor. This Church and all the above ministries are making disciples of Christ inside the prison walls just like the apostle Paul.

Colossians 4:3 (NIV): *And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.*

~ Steve Fulk

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY, Part 2



by W. Michael Keegan

Part 1 of Mike's story appeared in the CAM Update for August. God saved Mike out of an abusive home life at the age of 12. The Lord had helped him overcome an addiction, but after marrying and raising a family, Mike stumbled.

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.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

John 14:18

My first night in county jail, the person that was bunking with me prayed for me as I asked the Lord for forgiveness. God began to help me deal with the shame and brokenness of years of abuse that I had psychologically buried in hopes of forgetting them forever. I asked God for forgiveness and guidance, which brought me a newfound freedom and peace that I never thought I would ever find.

On December 2014, I arrived at the Concord State Prison. As I walked through the door, I asked God, How am I going to get through this? The Lord answered me with these words:

Be still and know that I am God.

Psalms 46:10

I became active in the prison chapel, studying the Bible with a greater intensity than I ever had before in my life. To become closer to Jesus and His Father's Word, I engaged in several Bible studies with other Christian brothers.

Little did we know that the Lord was preparing us for the COVID-19 pandemic. During the pandemic, the chapel was closed, and volunteers were not allowed into the prison. No services were allowed. Praise the Lord, for He changed the hearts of the prison staff, allowing the

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Tribute to Paul Roussel



Pastor Peter Chamberland, Keynote Speaker



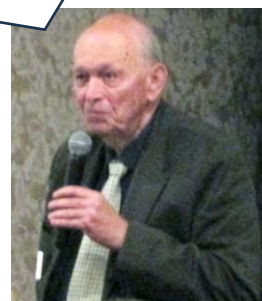
Larry Nice, Director Helping Hands, tribute to Paul Roussel



Pastor Dana Hoyt, opening prayer



Pastor Dave Carlson, closing prayer



Mike Grady, Board Chairman and Acting Director



Steve Fulk, CAM Treasurer, evening's emcee



Part of the "Four Flats and a Spare" band

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inmate population to hold gatherings twice a week within the units for Bible study and services. We were sharing the love of God with the men that came. Like a potter, God can mend broken vessels and make them better than before.

I was paroled in March of this year. I feel truly blessed to join a Bible-believing church, where true believers strive to fellowship in oneness with Christ. I also attend two men's groups weekly, which provide support, fellowship, and accountability. I don't know what the Lord has in store for me, but I will remain open to the leading of the Spirit. I thank God every day for His grace and mercy. He never lets go! Philippians 1:6 says **God is completing the good work He started in me until the day of Jesus Christ.**

Thank you all who have shown so much guidance, love, and support. You have all been a blessing to me, God Bless.

~ Mike

Prayer Requests

That the Lord would raise up more volunteers to serve in prison ministries and that the Gospel would have free range behind the walls.

That the Lord would provide a new director for CAM.

For a client-friend of CAM, Dominic, who is facing federal prison time.

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Office Hours: Mon. 10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
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Thurs. 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
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