



CAM UPDATE

Christian Aftercare Ministries for Ex-Offenders

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Stephen Fulk, Director

Annual CAM Dinner & Fundraiser

CAM hosted our annual dinner and fundraiser on October 11, 2025, at the Puritan Backroom Event Center. We thank all of you who were able to attend and for your generous contributions to the ministry. The food was exceptional. The evening was spiritually uplifting with encouraging testimonies and messages. Ernie Willis gave glory to God for the true friends after incarceration and shared how God watched over him while he was in prison, and then he sang "His Eye Is on the Sparrow." Joe Pullin testified how God got his attention with a message inscribed above his bunk, "God loves you, Jesus saves." This prompted him to read his Bible and believe in Jesus. He attributes his current success to those who assisted and supported him after his release. We had two main speakers this year. Roger Phillips, Chairman of the New Hampshire Parole Board, shared with us the needs of men getting out of prison, transportation being the greatest. Concluding the evening, Chris Svoleantopoulos gave a riveting message beginning with his initial face-to-face encounter with his old prison cell when ministering back inside. He preached how Jesus stressed the importance of ministering to those in prison. Jesus's very last act before dying was to forgive and save a convicted felon hanging of a cross.

Winter Coat Donations Are a Blessing

Praise God for one of our supporting churches, Bethany Covenant Church in Bedford, who sponsored a winter coat drive for CAM in November. They collected nearly 30 beautiful winter coats and ski jackets to be given to men getting out of prison. Thank you, Bethany Covenant Church, for your ongoing support of CAM!

CAM Is Coming to Churches

In October CAM was invited to share our ministry with Village Bible Church in Amherst. I gave a brief overview of the CAM ministry during the service. During the luncheon afterward, Mike Keegan gave his testimony. The church had already made a donation at the CAM banquet, but following our visit to their church we received three more substantial donations. We are humbled by the generosity of those who faithfully support Christian Aftercare Ministries. Thank you, Village Bible Church! We also recently presented CAM at First Congregational Church of Manchester and CenterPoint Church in Concord. What a

Praising the Lord
for over 30 years!

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Trials, Testimonies, and Turnarounds

Part 1

By Board Member
Guy Torgersen

I began volunteering in the State men's prison in 2004 playing music with the prison worship team and facilitating one of the Authentic Christian Men's series groups for many years up until 2015. At that point, I made a significant career change as I followed a God-led journey.

One door shut with a tech career layoff in 2015, at which time God opened another door leading to a whole new career beginning as a recovery coach. I earned my Certified Recovery Support Worker license in 2016 and completed my education in addiction counseling to become a Licensed Drug and Alcohol Counselor (LDAC) in NH in 2019.

God has helped me stay sober from alcohol—as of January it has been 10 years. Before I knew I would shift my career to drug and alcohol counseling, God used my experience facilitating groups in prison. I have been able to use this experience in the field.

I joined Helping Hands Outreach Ministries as a case manager, working with men coming from prison, jail, treatment, and homelessness. I felt the Lord leading me to work closely with these previously incarcerated men and help them stay sober. After becoming an LDAC, I began working in a

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blessing it is to meet our supporting churches face to face. We will be at Immanuel Community Church in Concord in December. Early next year, we will be visiting Bethany Covenant Church in Bedford. Let us know if there is an opportunity to share this ministry with your fellowship.

At the CAM Office

There is a steady flow of men from Calumet House coming into the CAM office. They come seeking to meet physical needs, and this gives us a perfect opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and encourage these men to seek to know Him. What a blessing to see these men attend the weekly Bible study at Calumet House. We are also blessed to see a large number of men attending our two Bible studies at Valley Street Jail.

CAM Is Looking to Expand Our Board of Directors

New Hampshire non-profits are required by law to have a minimum of 5 board members, and currently CAM has 6 active members. We would like to increase this number. CAM is especially seeking someone with experience in finance to be the CAM treasurer. We extend an invitation to interested parties to call our office and attend our next board meeting, January 14, 2026, at 6:30 in the CAM office. Please call 603-669-5090.

~ Stephen



PRAYER REQUESTS

For housing approval for Al. He is currently living at the North End House and working in Concord. He has rented an apartment in Concord and is awaiting approval from parole.

Praise for Answered Prayer!

You prayed for housing for Lou Humber, and God has answered your prayers. Lou is now living in his own apartment in Concord.

For more prayer requests and praises, please go to <https://christianaftercare.com/current-prayer-requests/>.



MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Part 2

by Ryan Gobin

Part 1 of Ryan's testimony appeared in CAM Update, September 2025. Now out of prison, Ryan has been living at Calumet House. First printed in Gobin, R. (2025). Life Beyond What I Could Imagine, Yard Out, 28(2). Reprinted by permission of Prisoners For Christ Outreach Ministries.

So many of my values were rooted in a criminal lifestyle, the changes I needed to make were dramatic.

In prison I continued to live a life of violence and addiction which led to a lot of time in segregation. It was during these stints in seg when I would reach out to God and ask Him to fix the mess I got myself into. I continued to use God to get what I wanted the way I used everybody else.

I was unbelievably selfish and God knew it. Instead of giving me what I told Him I wanted, He gave me what my actions suggested, more prison and hardship. Tough love was exactly what I needed. That day in closed custody (thinking about) the trajectory of my life, I made a decision to try "the God thing" one last time. Because I knew it might be the last time, I figured I would do everything suggested by the chaplain. He told me to get familiar with the book of John and pray for guidance to live a more fulfilling life.

I didn't know what kind of life I wanted except it should be different than the one I had. Thankfully, God started offering me suggestions little by little. After a while I could see how much better my life could be if I lived for Him.

I started feeling a peacefulness, knowing I didn't have to live a life of violence and crime. Unlike some experiences I've read about, I didn't experience an abrupt change when I asserted Christ as my Lord and Savior.

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Thank you to all who attended the CAM Annual Dinner in October.

Guest speakers from left to right: Roger Phillips from the NH Parole Board, Chris Svoleantopoulos, Ernie Willis, and Joe Pullin.



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Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program with Better Life Partners that helps men and women attend groups and stay sober. I have worked for them as a licensed substance abuse counselor since 2019.

My background and volunteer experience has helped the men I work with see an empathetic, understanding, compassionate counselor who understands what they have gone through.

~ Guy

Editor's Note: Part 2 of Trials, Testimonies, and Turnarounds will appear in the next CAM Update.

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It happened slowly, deliberately, at a pace that was set by my (acceptance) of change. The more willing I was to take God's advice, the more change I experienced. In prayer, I would thank Him and ask for more.

So many of my values were rooted in a criminal lifestyle, the changes I needed to make were dramatic. Over the last couple of years, God helped me identify character defects and showed me what it means to live a principled life.

Today I'm 25 years old and I can be proud of the person God has molded me into. I expect to be released next year. I'm confident it will be the last time I ever have to walk out of another prison gate.

This time I will bear the responsibility of carrying what I learned to the streets and upholding the same values which I profess to live by in here.

If you're reading this and you're struggling, do yourself a favor and give God one last chance but be willing to give it a 100% effort. If you do, you will understand what God has given me. I was offered a life beyond the (normal grind and took it). If He did it for me, He will do it for you.

Editor's Note: Stephen Fulk recently spoke with Ryan, who had this update to share:

Since my original story was shared, God has continued to open doors in my life. I'm now working at FitLab in Manchester, NH, at the front desk, as well as at Wendy's, and I'm grateful to be rebuilding my life with steady routines and responsibility. The spiritual growth I experienced in prison remains the foundation of my sobriety and daily progress, keeping me grounded, focused, and committed to the goals God has placed on my heart.

~ Ryan

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