



CAM UPDATE

Christian Aftercare Ministries for Ex-Offenders

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Stephen Fulk, Director

Annual CAM Banquet: New Date and Location

The annual CAM banquet is just around the corner and the date and location have changed. This year's banquet will be held **Friday, October 2nd, 6:00 p.m., at Fratello's Italian Grille, located at 155 Dow Street, Manchester, NH.** We look forward to a dynamic message from our guest speaker, who is well known to us. We will also hear testimonies from two men who are successfully becoming godly and productive members of our community, using their gifts and bearing fruit.

Bible Study at Calumet House

The book of Revelation has been the subject of the ongoing Bible study at Calumet House. Recently, five men were in attendance. The three regulars, Joe N., Joe D., and Gary, were joined by Joe, who usually has to work, and Cecil, a new resident. These men either attend church regularly or plan to when they earn outing privileges.

Sowing Seeds

A steady flow of men come to our office each week from Calumet House. They often come because they need clothes for work or a job interview. Because of generous donors, we/you are able to supply the men with several sets of clothes, shoes, coats, undergarments, belts, ties, and hygiene kits. You even supply bicycles to men who need a bike for transportation to and from work. The men are grateful for your generosity. When each man enters the office, the first thing he hears about is the mission of Christian Aftercare Ministries and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He is told that God loves him, a sinner, and that Jesus died for his sins. A personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an active relationship with His Church will pave the way for successful re-entry back into the community. It is also very exciting to meet men who have wandered away from God and then get reacquainted with Christ when they come to the office. What a blessing it is to see them join a Bible study and attend a local church, grow in their faith, and produce fruit.

~ Stephen

Praising the Lord
for over 30 years!

Faith-Based Support for Re-entry Is Vital

By Board Member
David Parsons

Of the 650,000 offenders who are released each year from the nation's prisons, the Department of Justice has estimated that two-thirds will commit new offenses (recidivate) within three years of their release. Each individual that returns to prison represents a cost and a risk to society as well as a soul in need of mercy and grace.

Transitioning out of prison is a time of great upheaval, stress, anxiety, and spiritual isolation. Issues related to finding clothing, housing, and work while addressing interpersonal relationships need to be successfully navigated. Not surprisingly, inmates who are released without any assistance many times go back to their "old" way of life because that is the only life that they know. Many studies have indicated that Christian-based re-entry initiatives can reduce recidivism rates:

1. Baylor University (2013), citing a study published in the *International Journal of Criminology and Sociology*, notes that "a faith-based prisoner re-entry program in Minnesota has saved an estimated \$3 million by reducing recidivism. . . . The results showed that InnerChange reduced re-arrest by 26 percent, re-conviction by 35 percent and re-imprisonment for a new felony offense by 40 percent."¹

2. A study in the *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* (2018) reports that "findings offer encouragement for those involved in the work of providing religious

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support to ex-offenders in the community, reaffirming that tailoring support programs to the religious or spiritual ways individuals make meaning in their lives can improve reentry outcomes.”²

3. According to an article published by the America First Policy Institute (2023), “data demonstrates that faith-based prison programs reduce recidivism by instilling spiritual responsibility and lasting moral influence on prisoners within prison culture. Faith-based prison programs have the potential to reconstruct all aspects of prison life, from the individual to the community to the social environment. These programs transform prison culture from a space that encourages the continuation of criminal conduct to one that promotes positive change. Additionally, they enable prisoners to become more religiously involved, which can instill a greater sense of purpose in their lives and steer them away from a path of criminality.”³

Religious re-entry programs stand out because of their ability to foster a sense of devotion to a power and community that is greater than oneself. For those who have been isolated and alienated (as is the nature of incarceration), the opportunity for identity transformation, to be a valued part of something bigger than themselves, is life changing. It is a chance to be defined not by their biggest mistakes, but rather by who they can become and how they show up in their community.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

For CAM's upcoming banquet, for our guest speaker, and for the men giving their testimonies—may they have an impact on the guests at the banquet.

For the spiritual growth of the men recently released from prison: Patrick O'Brien, going to Centerpoint Church; Jason Spaulding, going to Grace Capital Church; and John Vinneau, going to Immanuel Community Church. Praise God these men are following the teaching they received in prison mentoring.

Praise God for a new Chaplain at NHDC, Stephen Warfield.

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



MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

by Mike Keegan

Readers were first introduced to Mike when he shared his testimony in the August and December 2024 editions of CAM Update.

The Joy of Giving and Serving

I started to volunteer at CAM in the Clothes room in July 2025. Having spent 42 years in retail, I had some ideas to help make the room more accessible. I came down with Steve Micucci every Wednesday and with Steve Fulk every Monday. I was given the opportunity to share with men coming to CAM. This opportunity to serve men coming out of prison along with those living at Helping Hands has been a real blessing. I can share my testimony and learn about the spiritual condition of the men that come in as well as provide needed clothing. I'm able to share information on available churches in the area as well as Bible studies that are available at the halfway house and at the CAM office. This July, I was given the opportunity to open and close the CAM office on Wednesdays so that we can open three days a week and be better able to meet the needs of the men we serve.

Deuteronomy 10:12 (NKJV): *What does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, serve the LORD your God with all your heart and all your soul . . . ?*

I'm thankful to God and to those that believed I can be an asset to Christian Aftercare Ministries. It is a true blessing to be able to serve God in this important mission to help men as they assimilate back into society and help them in their spiritual journey, finding the greatest gift of all, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Looking forward to serving with all of you.

~ Mike

ANNUAL CAM BANQUET & FUNDRAISER

Friday, October 2, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Fratello's Italian Grille

155 Dow Street, Manchester, NH

Reservations Required / At No Cost

~ Donation envelopes will be available. ~

Join us for
encouraging
testimonies, a special
speaker, fellowship,
& worship music!

SAVE THE DATE!
NEW
LOCATION!

PLEASE NOTE: The restaurant requires an accurate head count in advance. Email or call the CAM office at 603-669-5090 by September 23, 2026, to reserve your seats.

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

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We have spent too much time on what people have done and not enough time on what has happened to them. Faith-based programs address criminogenic factors and indirectly begin to deal with crime prevention.

CAM does not just serve those upon release from prison. CAM executes a seamless and continuous faith-based support model in which CAM volunteers work with the currently incarcerated on a one-on-one basis every other week and then “hand off” the relationship to CAM volunteers on the outside as the incarcerated man or woman transitions out. On the outside, practical assistance can begin immediately. Assistance can include the following: finding a receptive church; Bible studies; help to procure clothing, housing, and employment; and providing overall mentoring support.

Imprisoned men are God’s children—and Jesus loves them. The Lord is delivering amazing grace and transforming lives in prisons. He offers hope, healing, and a new purpose for each life. He can make even the most broken people and situations whole again. No matter how far we have fallen, NO ONE is beyond Christ’s love and power to redeem.

I have the blessing and privilege of working with men in individual counseling behind the walls of the Concord State Prison for Men. It is a true joy to share the hope of the Gospel and witness the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of those we counsel.

CAM receives no public funding. We are grateful for the support of our partners—churches, volunteers, and individuals—whose gifts of money, prayers, time, and generosity make such a difference.

~ *David*

CAM would love to include you in our email list for future communications, updates, and opportunities. Please take the time to send us your email address:

info@christianaftercare.com

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1. Baylor University. (2013, August 13). *Faith-based Re-entry Program for Prisoners Saves Money, Reduces Recidivism, Baylor Study Finds* [Press Release]. <https://news.web.baylor.edu/news/story/2013/faith-based-re-entry-program-prisoners-saves-money-reduces-recidivism-baylor-study>. *Editor's note: InnerChange Freedom Initiative was a faith-based prison program operated by Prison Fellowship International, established by Chuck Colson.*
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Weds. 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Thurs. 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Phone: 603-669-5090

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INVITE A SPEAKER: If you would like a CAM Board Member to visit your church or group to speak about this ministry, please call the CAM office at 603-669-5090 to schedule a date.

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