

Free Inside
A Christian Prison Ministry
A Partner with Vision New England Prison Ministries
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Free Inside News – Easter 2005.

Prison ministry is intended to bring encouragement and hope to men and women who are looking for a new direction. Our ministry is built on the conviction that true hope and encouragement is to be found in Christ who loved, died, rose again and is able to save all who come to God through him.

Congress 2005 Boston

Congress was a great experience for Sheila and I. We enjoyed the opportunity to hear great speakers, meet many interesting folk and renew old friendships. I was able to make some important contacts for the ministry of Free inside. We also enjoyed the opportunity to spend a bit of time with our daughter Fiona who lives in Boston.

Making Free Inside known

During February and March I had the opportunity of making the ministry of Free Inside known in several churches.

- NewLife Christian Fellowship, Glastonbury.
- St. Peter's Episcopal Church, South Windsor.
- Display at "Purpose Driven Life Missions Fair"; St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Gales Ferry.
- Adult Forum at First Presbyterian Church, Hartford.

I would appreciate any invitation to speak in churches or small groups about the opportunities for prison ministry in Connecticut.

Spring Courses

Free Inside continues to reach incarcerated men and women through 7 courses in 3 prisons this spring.

Our Great Volunteers

I want to take this opportunity of paying tribute to our volunteers. This group of men and women are amazing; they faithfully serve the Lord each week ministering to prisoners. The ministry is challenging, often difficult, yet these men and women bring the love of Christ selflessly into the adverse environment of prison. I thank God for each of them, without them our ministry would not exist.

Team Leaders

Volunteers other than myself are leading 6 of the 7 courses we are doing this spring. I am only leading 1 course and participate in 2 others. This means that I will be able devote more time to developing the ministry and especially to finding ways to develop the Vision New England aspect of the ministry.

Upcoming Events

April 3 – Holy Spirit day at Gates C I
April 17 – Holy Spirit day at Bergin C I

New Volunteers

Several new volunteers are getting ready to join one of the Free Inside teams. Please pray for them

Third Connecticut Prison Conference – April 9

The conference brings together folk who are involved in various aspects of prison ministry and the aftercare of ex-offenders. It provides a forum for inspiration and information, and gives an opportunity hear what God is doing in prison ministry in Connecticut. The keynote speaker is Rev. Morris Webster from New Jersey, and a 25-year veteran of prison ministry.

God's Provision

The opportunities we have are growing and along with the opportunities comes increased financial need. I am therefore grateful each one of you who supports Free Inside by your prayers and financial gifts, may God bless you richly. I am also grateful for the following churches that support our ministry, NewLife Christian Fellowship, Glastonbury; The Worship Center, Hebron; Glastonbury Community Church; St. Peter's Episcopal Church, South Windsor and River of Life Christian Fellowship, Tolland.

New England Prison Ministries (NEPM)

As the Connecticut representative of NEPM I need to give more time and effort to developing this side of the ministry. It is difficult to know how best to do this, please pray for wisdom and for contacts with Chaplains and others involved in prison ministry in Connecticut. Especially pray for the many individuals who are ministering without the help and support of others. These faithful folk need to be encouraged. The conference is one of the ways that this is achieved.

Sincerely,

Peter
For Christ and His Kingdom