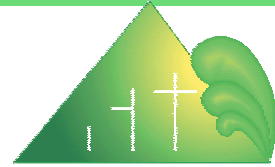


2010



Annual report

Prison Care Ministries



Supporting families
and individuals
involved in the
Criminal Justice
System.

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Prison Care Ministries - Annual General Meeting September 2010 Chairman's Report

Another year has flashed by making this the 6th year PCM has been in operation, coming alongside guys needing accommodation and support on their release. There's still a huge need for what Prison care Ministries does and Geoff and Jill are not getting any younger, but it's been another good year.

We started the year with a wait list of 53 (last year 49) and finished the year with a wait list of 71 (last year 53). We had 150 new referrals (last year 115) and had a total of 43 residents over the course of the year.

For some time we have been looking for a new full-time staff member to join Prison Care Ministries to enable us to open more houses and take on some of Geoff's roles. We've been saving funds to assist with their initial support while they grow a team of supporters and raise their salary and prayer support. But alas, we've not found the right person yet.

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Earlier this year, one of our landlords offered Prison Care Ministries another house. Despite not finding the new staff member we had hoped for and after prayer and consideration, we accepted the offer and setup the 4th house. We were able to assemble all the needed beds, furniture and kitchen things to open the house and have another group of guys move in. This brings our total capacity up to 15 guys.

Geoff's workshop remains a hub of activity for some of the guys as they get to fix up their own cars and help Geoff with his various car and bike projects. This environment provides good opportunities for the guys to try their hand at things they never thought they could do and they often get to quietly chat about stuff and work through significant issues in their lives and really make progress.

It's now the second year we've used MYOB for the accounts and Geoff and Jill have been able to get more training. This is now paying off in terms of increasing the quality of financial information we as trustees are able to review at our meetings and reduces the effort needed to process the trusts financials.

The impact of the recession has been felt in an overall reduction in direct financial support for Geoff and Jill, which they've not been able to replace yet. However with the extra house and good occupancy we've been able to supplement their support a little, but we would love to see more supporters come alongside and support Geoff and Jill.

We are always grateful for the volunteers who assist us as it really does make a difference. Many thanks to our funding providers your support is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted

Alex Shepherd



Alex Shepherd ,Len Caley, Maraenui Taituha,
Jill McMillan, Geoff McMillan.

Charities Commission
Komihana Kaupapa Atawhai

Our Charities Commission registration Number is CC22440.
This certifies that Prison Care Ministries is registered as a
Charitable Trust under the Charities Act 2005.

www.charities.govt.nz

FUNDING, SPONSORSHIP AND DONATIONS

**P r i s o n
Care Ministries**
are truly grateful to all
those who have supported the
work over the past twelve months. We
wish to say thank you and to acknowledge
the following:

Trust Waikato	Wages
COGS	Office, Volunteer & Training costs
WEL Energy Trust	Laptop computer
Hamilton City Council (HCC)	Photocopying
HCC Community Well-Being	Mileage
DV Bryant Trust Board	Needs for 4th house
NZ Post	Free Postage Envelopes
Geocon Soil Testing	Newsletter printing
NZ Bible Society	Bibles
Rhema Broadcasting Group	Word for Today
Maori Postal Aotearoa	Calendars, magazines etc
Telecom	Residential phone rates
Interspeed	Internet domain
Ellen Taylor	Auditor
AH Franks Tyres	Sponsorship
Plastic Welders	Sponsorship

We are very thankful to our other Trusts, Churches and Individuals who have generously made donations towards office rent, wages and general funds, house provisions and other needs as they arise.

We also give thanks to the support we have received from:

House Residents

Work and Income New Zealand

Community Probation & Psychological Services

Prison Staff

Prison Chaplaincy

James Family Op shop staff and other tenants in the building

Volunteers: Who help with- Grocery shopping, bible studies,
supporting residents, writing to prisoners and giving
support on release, house maintenance, house treasurer
and supervision.

Prison Care Ministries - Annual General Meeting September 2010 Staff Report

NZ has the 2nd highest incarceration rate in the world (USA is the highest), 155 out of 100,000 people are in prison. The prison population is around 8700 with an annual cost of around \$100,000.00 per prisoner. There are more prisons to be built and NZ will see a growing prison population.

Our wait list continues to grow as men in prison struggle to find suitable accommodation to get released to. 9000 men and women in prison will be released over the next 12 months. Prison Care Ministries will accommodate around 50 who have nowhere else to go. These are men who for various reasons are unable to return to family, have victims in their home town, or men who want to make a new start. These men need a place as a stepping stone to living independently.

Some released prisoners find it hard to reintegrate back into society and family. They may lack confidence to apply for a benefit, find accommodation, employment etc. and around 52% will return to prison within 5 years. This is where support that starts before they are released helps to lower the reoffending rate.

Many men on their release spend the first few days struggling to get their head around all that is new on the outside. One described it as surreal. Depending on the length of time spent inside there are changes to society that they are unfamiliar with - being alone, sleeping in a large room, these are sometimes hard after prison. Towns, road rules, society have changed, so have their family. For some, this is the first time they have seen the new currency, for others the price of groceries has gone up significantly, and life seems to be busier. Decisions and making choices on even simple items such as shavers and toothbrushes leave many struggling. Cell phones, computers and internet banking have changed. Some take a few days, others weeks, to settle down again back in the real world.

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Some men need to learn basic life skills, home maintenance, budgeting, and to be encouraged to re-establish links with family/whanau. It is a joy for us to be able to walk with these men on their journey back to a normal life and to see their hard efforts, (in most cases), result in positive changes.

“We are *all* being observed every day by *someone*.”

Two of the men who were released into Prison Care Ministries accommodation had their move back into society, (after lengthy sentences), made easier by the continuing support of people we had put around them while still serving their sentence. We introduced these men to couples in the community who wrote to them while in prison. On their release these couples have given them support and became “family” to them. Both of these men were a little overwhelmed by the support and love shown and are determined to live up to this trust and commitment made to them. We would like to extend this to other men who have no family to support them.

We enjoy our visits to the prisons to meet and interview the men applying for accommodation. This is something that we struggle to find time to do but it is an important part of building relationships with men prior to release. It is also beneficial for men to be released to someone that they have met, even if this has only been once.

We currently have a wait list of 71 men. Writing to these men continues the relationship building until they are released. For some men visits and letter writing has carried on for 2 years before we see them on the outside.

We are still in contact with residents that were in the first house we opened 6 years ago. Three past residents have contacted us recently. One invited us to his wedding, one needed to speak about the death of his daughter, and a call from another, (that we asked to leave 3 years ago), to say all is well and that he is going to get married.

Even if only one man was to be successfully reintegrated back into the community we have a success story. When we see between 40 – 45 men a year move into flats, houses or with friends or family, we have made a difference to society. Less offending means less victims. The media play on the so-called lack of sympathy for victims. We also have a heart for all crime victims and often have to deal with their needs as well. If we are successful, then there will be less victims as our guys will not re-offend!

Many, if not all of our guys have also been victims at some stage. This is a reason why many offend, to “get their own back”. The fact of being a victim is a reason, *but not an excuse*. Many in this world have been victimized but have not gone on to offend against others. If we can bring our guys to a place where they can live beyond their past and become effective members of society, all benefit, them and society as a whole.

We do not see ourselves as mentors, that gives the impression of, “*I am up here, you are down there*”. Rather, we see ourselves as family, befriending and loving our men often in a way that they have never experienced before. Love has often been portrayed to them as S-E-X first and last. Real love where one person gives to another without expecting any payment in return is foreign. We hope that the small brush against our lives has a lasting and deep impression.

Many men have come from, and developed their own dysfunctional families. They have no idea of what a working relationship should be like. As they watch us and learn that we have been married for over 40 years, it leaves them [hopefully] a little hungry for that same thing for themselves. Since Geoff's stroke they have seen that major circumstance, (good and bad), do not have to change your life completely, (OK, a *small* change in pace). We are *all* being observed every day by *someone*. People around us see us at our best, *and at our worst!* When the “chips are down”, how do you react? ...how do I react? What message do we give to others as we live out our lives on a daily basis?

How do we handle the stretching or stepping over the boundaries? It is a real balancing job between “love” and “tough love”! We have to demonstrate that our actions have consequences, and thankfully it is usually good actions producing good consequences. We love doing what we do, and love it even more when we see (mostly] good results.

Yours in love

Geoff and Jill

Statistics from PFNZ Target Community
Regional Conference in Tauranga.



Chaplaincy Nomination for Volunteer Team Recognition Award 2009

The Waikeria Chaplaincy team would like to nominate Geoff & Jill McMillan of Prisoncare Ministries for the Team Volunteer Recognition Award for 2009.

They have been visiting Waikeria for approx 25yrs initially as church volunteers taking church services and bible studies then with Geoff serving as an Assistant Chaplain with Chaplaincy during which time he held keys and worked on a voluntary basis.

They have during this time always been involved with supporting prisoners, ex prisoners and their whanau providing an outstanding contribution to their rehabilitation and reintegration culminating in the establishment of the Prisoncare Ministries Trust which currently runs three full time houses for released / paroled prisoners, catering for the immediate needs of about forty prns. each year. They estimate that about 200 men have been accommodated in these houses over the past five years or so.

Working in with Reintegration at Waikeria (and other sites) they have visited Prisoners, attended their parole board hearings, provided necessities as required and at considerable personal expense made this ministry their life calling despite significant health challenges in recent years.

Always reliable, dedicated and professional these two have made a considerable impact in many prisoners' lives and futures which continues to contribute to the community in general. Their relationship with Chaplaincy has Always been close and supportive and we are thankful for all they have contributed over the last 25 years and could not think of more deserving candidates to receive a volunteer recognition award from Corrections.



Department of Corrections

Media Release 2009

4 December

Waikeria Prison today held an event to acknowledge the hard work of prison volunteers who freely give their time and expertise to offer prisoners constructive activities.

“The Volunteer Recognition Awards are held annually in association with International Volunteer Day and it is our chance to thank all our wonderful volunteers for their positive contribution to the work of the Prison,” says Assistant Regional Manager Terry Buffery.

“The existence of a diverse and energetic pool of volunteers brings a community perspective to our services and contributes towards helping offenders positively return to the community.

“While we’re thankful for the work of every volunteer, there are some groups and individuals whose effort and dedication really stand out. Today has been a chance to give them the recognition they deserve.

“A great example of this is Geoff and Jill McMillan; they volunteer as part of the Prisoncare Ministries team who have been coming to Waikeria Prison for about 25 years.

“Geoff and Jill have always been involved with the support of prisoners, ex-prisoners and their whanau, making a considerable impact on many lives. They have also played vital roles within the Prisoncare Ministries Trust that run three fulltime houses for released or paroled prisoners.”

Mr. Buffery says Corrections is committed to developing and maintaining a strong and progressive volunteer policy to achieve the Department’s goal of reducing reoffending through the rehabilitation and reintegration of prisoners.

“By providing a varied array of constructive activities, volunteers can help prisoners by supporting literacy, numeracy and other educational programmes; by teaching life or employment skills for reintegration back into the community on release from prison; or by offering opportunities for prisoners to develop a sense of self-worth and to turn their life around.”

Corrections is always looking for new volunteers who can bring constructive activities into prisons. If you know someone who may be able to help, they can email volunteering@corrections.govt.nz or phone (04) 495 8428 for more information.

Notes to reporter:

The full list of Volunteers recognised at Waikeria are:

- Individual – Peter Henson, Justice of the Peace, who provides a very prompt and valuable service to prisoners
- Individual – Frank Paton, Pastor, who has been ministering to men of the Latter Day Saints faith for 11 years at the Prison
- Group – Geoff & Jill McMillan, Prisoncare Ministries (see story)

Fourth Support Accommodation House

Prison Care Ministries received a call from Landlords offering their house to us. The first resident move into the house in April.

Thanks to all who contacted us about furnishings etc. We received almost everything we needed.

We are
thankful to the
DV Bryant Trust Board
for funding
a bed, lawnmower and
vacuum cleaner.



Fundraising

Debbie Shepherd—Contemporary/Gospel Singer and Songwriter.

On the 12th September 2009 we celebrated the 5th anniversary of Prison Care Ministries becoming a Charitable Trust with a fundraising event.

www.debbieshepherd.co.nz/bio.html

**Prison Care Ministries give thanks to
Community Organisations Grants (COGS)
for
funding towards Office costs, Training and
Volunteers**



- Meeting in Rotorua regarding Support Accommodation.
- Court support.
- Support/whanau hui at office for men released from Prison.
- Support/whanau hui at Airport for men prior to release from Prison.
- PFNZ Regional Conference in Tauranga.
- NZ Prison visitations.
- Funeral of ex residents baby.
- House meetings.
- Wedding of ex resident.
- Meeting the release van.
- Moving men into own accommodation.
- Cakes - Celebration of Birthdays, Farewells, Completion of Parole Conditions etc.
- Induction of a Chaplain in Tongariro Prison.
- Speaking engagements
- Opening of 4th house.
- Network/Team meeting with Community Probation Services.
- Network meeting with WINZ.
- Christmas BBQ.
- House meetings
- Department of Corrections approval to visit all North Island Prisons.
- Interview by Mr. Tim Sisarich, Focus on the Family. Broadcast on Rhema July 14th.
- Orientation—On Board bus/Orbitor
- Fundraising and Funding Expo.
- One on one men's time at Cafes for Hot chocolate and.....

Workshop—Geoff



Working on the body

Another year of work in my workshop with the guys, and some more progress has been made. The car being built in Taupo has since been put on the market as the builder is off to live in England.

The Tachos, (the car build), went down to Wellington in February on an “A” frame behind the Camry. I

had three activities on to make the trip worthwhile, I do not believe in wasting time or resources. A friend, (past resident, now friend) did most of the driving, and we traveled firstly to get the car through a scrutineering check. Next day saw me visiting in Rimutaka Prison,



Skite night Wellington

all good, and then our car clubs annual show of cars that evening. We traveled home next day with no problems and all satisfied at how things went.

Our goal was to take the car back again this February for its *final scrutineering*, but somehow the year has gone with that goal not being met. Projects like this often go this way, but not to have any goals at all is to fail before you start. This year, 2011, we hope to get the car “on the

road” all things considered. There are always things that *could* get in the way, and some of these things *should* do so, worthwhile things like having time away to relax, and just to stop and listen to each other, (that does not mean we don’t talk)! We find that being on call 24/7 means that we have to leave town for this to happen more easily, and look forward to more staff joining us to help alleviate this situation.

I have made the comment that I need to live 3 lifetimes to complete all the projects I have to do! All to keep us focused on the positive things of life and live past the negative. Our fleet has increased by one, the acquisition of a three wheel motorbike that [most of] the guys love to get on behind me. Since my stroke my balance does not allow me to ride two wheels any more, (*read that as Jill put her foot down*)! The Trike still gives me the “wind in the face” experience and helps me to unwind as I get out on the highways and byways. The guys (2 have motorbikes) and I have been to some car shows around the area and Jill and I have been to Tauranga twice and Raglan three times since acquiring it. Jill is quite happy to be on the back but refuses to go for her motorbike license, citing at least two years before she had a full license to be able to handle it from the front seat, (learners are only permitted up to 250cc’s, the Trike is 1500 cc’s).



Ready to go



Geoff and 4 past residents

Referrals for accommodation

Prison Care Ministries began with a wait list of 53 and received 150 new referrals. These 150 new referrals were from:

NZ Prison staff	37
NZ PARS	22
Community Probation Services	23
Chaplains, PFMZ, Church teams	11
Family/Friend	8
Self	43
Other social service agencies	4
Justice agencies	2

4 men referred twice

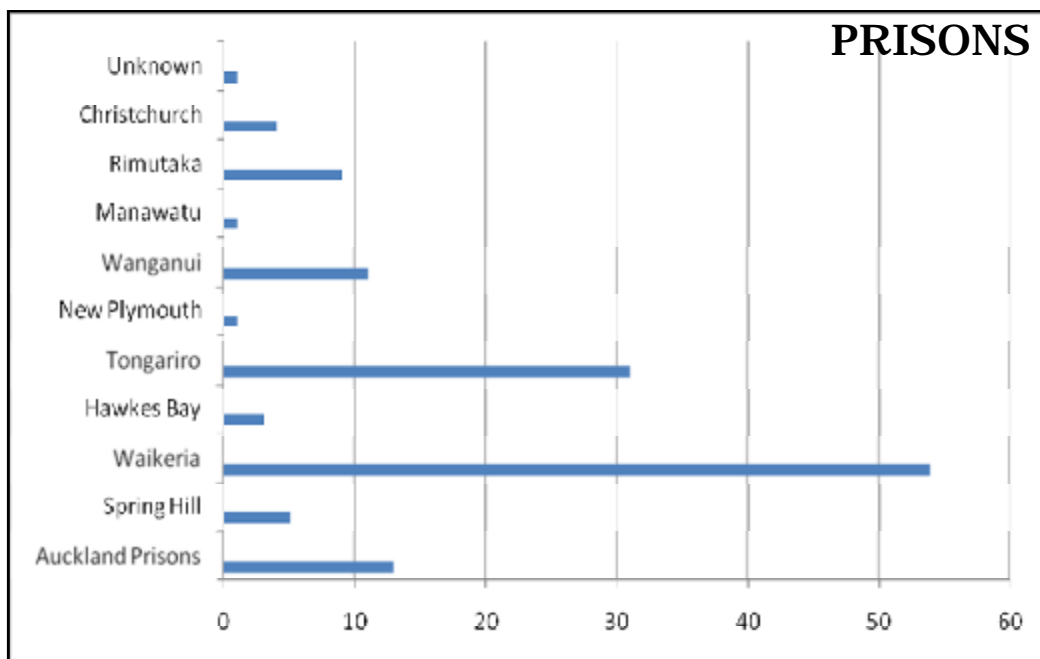
17 men were living in the community at time of referral.

4 became residents

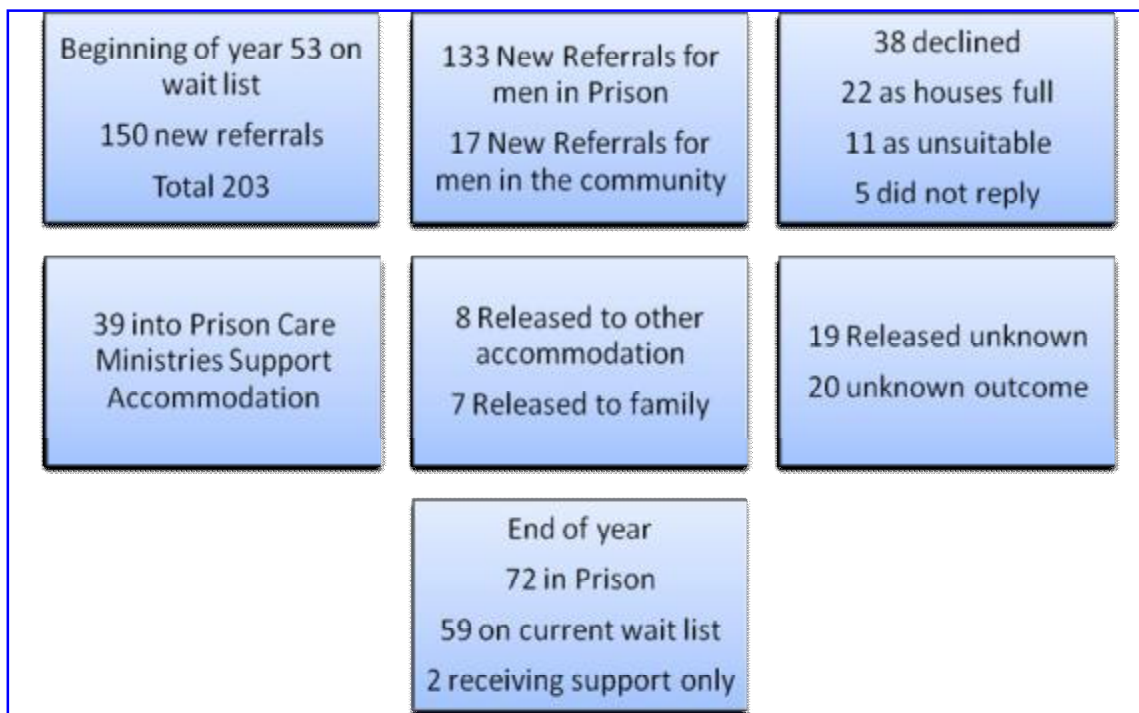
7 declined house full

4 unsuitable

2 other accommodation



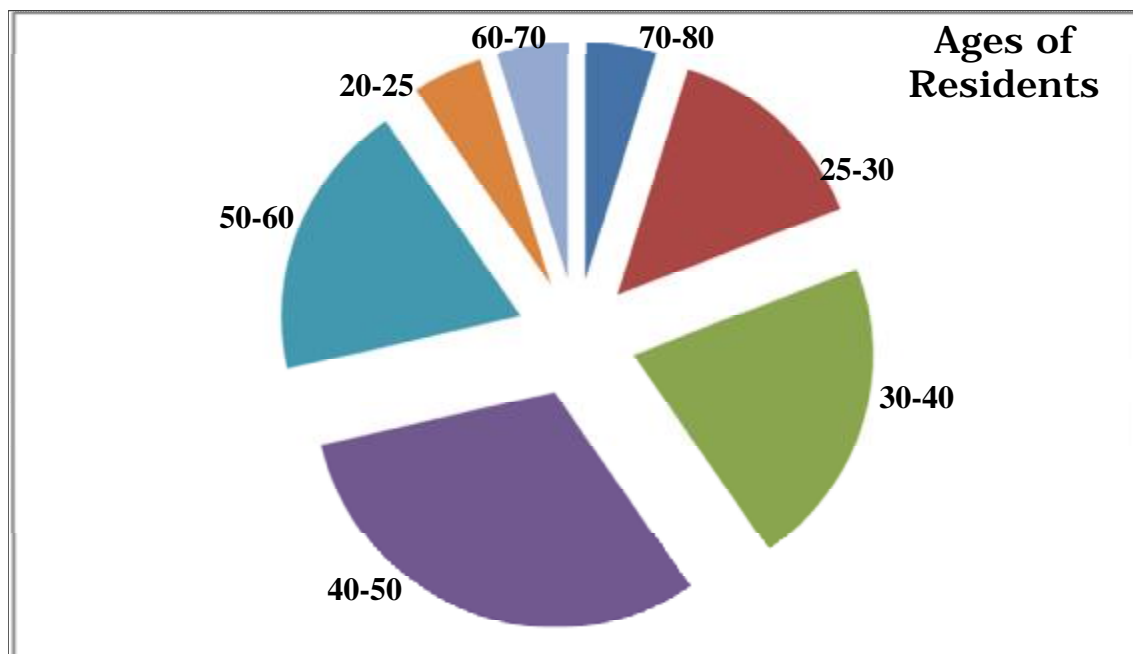
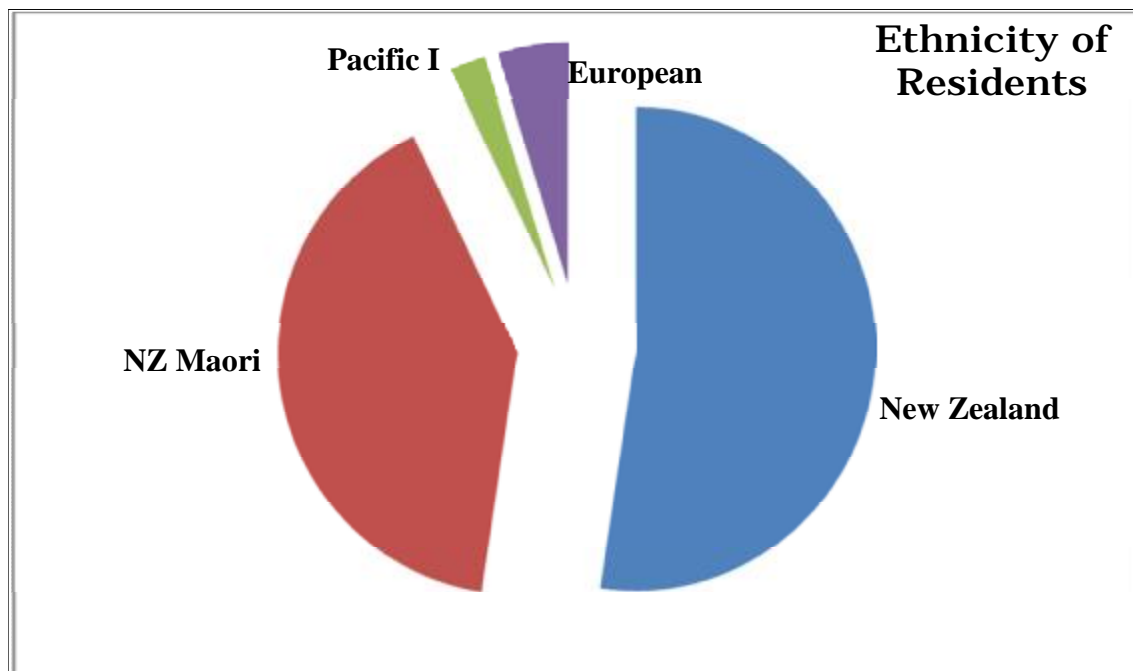
Referral Outcomes



Staff visit as many applicants as possible to enable them to build a relationship with the men. There is an expectation that correspondence will be on-going until their release.

	Visits	Interviews	Men
Paremoremo	1	7	7
Spring Hill	1	6	6
Waikeria	6	52	42
Tongariro	5	32	26
Wanganui	1	6	6
Rimutaka	1	1	1
Parole Board attended			
Waikeria	3		
Tongariro	2		

Residents



Residents

	Length of stay
Under 2 weeks	4
2-4 weeks	3
1-2 months	5
2-3 months	6
3-4 months	4
4-5 months	3
5-6 months	4
6-7 months	1
7-8 months	2
8-9 months	1
9-10 months	2
Current residents	
2-4 weeks	1
1-2 months	2
2-3	3
5-6 months	2

Found employment	11
Study/courses	4
Written warnings	2
Asked to leave	3
Disappeared	1

Short term stays (under 4 weeks)

Overnight only required	1
Reoffended and imprisoned	1
Warrant for arrest	1
Disappeared	1
Family/friend	4
Flat	3
Boarding	1

**Prison Care Ministries are grateful for the funding from
WEL Energy Trust
for a Laptop computer which has enabled staff to keep up with e-mails and data as they travel to prisons around the North Island.**

Residents outcome

Residents moved on to



Flat/House	16
Family/Friends	8
Private Boarding	2
Boarding House	2
Homeless	1
Warrant out for arrest	1
Prison	6*

- Reoffended 2
- Recalled to prison for breaching conditions 4
- 1 man recalled released back to support house

Community referrals

Often family members of men and women in prison phone or pop into the office for support or advice. We continue to support many past residents who also come into the office for a chat and a cuppa.



In Prison

Friend	1
Wife/Partner	5
Mother	5
Sister	2

In Community

Woman released from prison	1
Wife/Partner	4
Mother	1
Sister	1

**Prison Care Ministries are
thankful to the
Hamilton City Council -
Community Well-being Grant
for
funding towards Mileage costs.**



Prison Care Ministries
wish to thank
Trust Waikato
for their grant towards
wages for a support worker.





Alex Shepherd - Chairperson.
IT Consultant, AJ Systems Ltd. - Alex and Judi have 3 children. They attend Chapel Hill Community Church and Alex is part of the Mission Team.



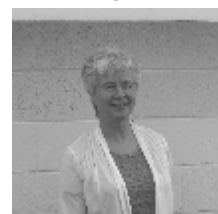
Len Caley
Barrister - Len and Devina have 2 children and attend Hamilton South Baptist. Len specializes in criminal law. He was previously an approved volunteer to Waikeria Prison in a Church team for Sunday Church services.



Maraenui Taituha
Customer Support Agent - Maraenui and Alison have three children and attends a Home Church. Maraenui is a qualified Legal Executive (NZ Law Society) and is an approved volunteer to Waikeria Prison for Sunday Church services



Geoff and Jill McMillan
Geoff first visited a prison on a Church team 43 years ago. Earlier a Motor Reconditioner and a Secondary School teacher. During 22 years with OAC Ministries they were in a visiting Prison Church team. Geoff later became an Associate Chaplain at Waikeria Prison. Geoff and Jill were foster parents for 14 years prior to Jill's 18 year employment by Parentline Trust as the Fostering Co-coordinator. During their 5 years with Prison Fellowship (Waikato) they were a part of a search group with a concern for the needs of prisoners on release. They established Prison Care Ministries which became a Charitable Trust in 2004. Geoff and Jill have 4 adult children & 12 grandchildren. They attend Chapel Hill Community Church.



Prison Care Ministries



Building relationships with prisoners, assisting them to regain independence on release and supporting them as they reintegrate with family and community.

- **Prison Post Release visitation**
- **Family visitation**
- **Social work**
- **Relationship support**
- **Brokerage**
- **Advocacy**
- **Networking**
- **Support accommodation**

To provide both accommodation and rehabilitative support for men released from prison and those involved in the Criminal Justice System