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**Supporting those involved in the Criminal Justice System
and keeping the community safer.**

Chairman's Report

AGM September 24th 2013

“What about the guys!” is the cry that reveals the hearts of Geoff and Jill McMillan, our staff, (and PCM Trustees), and is the main reason why Prison Care Ministries exists. Caring for those who society would rather lock away and forget is not simple or easy, but it's what we are called to do.

A recent television documentary again highlighted the sad reality of how New Zealand is dealing with crime, punishment, rehabilitation and reintegration compared to similar countries. I was not very encouraged by what I heard and I'm glad we're able to provide “a place to go” for some of the men released from prisons and to help rebuild their lives. I just wish we could do more.

Last year we started with a wait list of 125 and finished with a wait list of 136. The number of new referrals last year was 188, this year we had 199 referrals. The number of residents last year was 63 whereas this year it dropped to 44 as fewer men on our wait list were granted parole.

Unfortunately, we've recently had to close one of our four houses. This was mainly due to the drop in numbers of men being released into our care, but also the location had become problematic as it was located close to one of the shops that sell the so-called “legal high” drugs. People buying these products would tend to congregate around the shop and on the streets nearby and consume the drugs. This created an unhelpful environment for our men to be around. The cost to New Zealand society of allowing the sale of such products is something that totally baffles me and is destroying our future.

During this year we've also had to adapt to staff changes as Andrew left to pursue full-time study to become a counselor and Kevin is pursuing other interests. This is a bit disappointing and increases the workload on Geoff and Jill, but we're delighted to welcome Melanie Dickinson as she moved from a volunteer to staff of PCM to help with administration. This has allowed Jill to spend more time doing what she loves – coming alongside “the guys” and helping them to find their way in life and back into society.

”We look forward to seeing more “places to go” for men around New Zealand as they are released from prison.”

We've also had discussions with several groups of people who share a common concern and want to provide "a place to go" for men released from prison in their own areas. These things take quite a bit of time and effort and there are many pit-falls that are best avoided and so we've been glad to help, encourage and advise these people along the way. We look forward to seeing more "places to go" for men around New Zealand as they are released from prison.

We look forward to another year and continue to trust God to provide our needs and help us meet and adapt to the various challenges that we will no doubt encounter along the way.

Respectfully submitted

Alex Shepherd

Thank you Alex Shepherd for the time that you have been the Chairperson for Prison Care Ministries.

We are grateful for Len Caley as he steps into this role.

Maraenui Taituha

Geoff and Jill McMillan

Thanks to the following funders and supporters who ensure that Prison Care Ministries continue to offer support to those involved in the Criminal Justice System:

NZ Post	Free Postage Envelopes
Telecom	Residential Phone Rates
Trust Waikato	Wages
HCC Community Well-Being	Mileage
WEL Energy Trust	Wages
COGS	Office costs
NZ Lottery board	Wages/Supervision
Norah Howell Trust	Digital TVs for Houses
Interspeed	Internet Domain
Geocon Soil Testing	Photocopying Newsletter
Fusion Print	Printing
NZ Bible Society	Bibles
Rhema Broadcasting Group	Word for Today
Maori Postal Aotearoa	Calendars/Magazines
AH Franks Tyres	Support
Plastic Welders	Support



Other Trusts, Churches and Individuals who have generously made donations towards office rent, wages, general funds, house provisions and other needs as they arise.



Thanks to our team of Volunteers who:
 Support residents,
 Write to those in prison,
 Help in the office,
 House maintenance,
 Bible studies, IT work,
 Accommodation treasurer and
 Staff supervision



Community Probation & Psychological Services
 Work and Income
 James Family Op shop and other tenants
 Prison Staff & Chaplaincy
 Ellen Taylor, Auditor...



...and a big thanks to our Landlords and Residents who really encourage us to keep going.

Trustees



Alex Shepherd - Chairperson.
Software Architect, NetValue Ltd.
Alex and Judi have 3 children and attend Chapel Hill Community Church where Alex is a part of the church Missions Team.
Previously an approved visitor to Waikeria Prison.

Len Caley
Barrister- Specialises in Criminal law.
Len and Davina have 2 children and attend Hamilton South Baptist Church.
Previously an approved volunteer to Waikeria Prison.



Maraenui Taituha
Staff at Fairfield College.
Maraenui and Alison have three children and attend a Home Church.
Previously an approved volunteer to Waikeria Prison.

Geoff and Jill McMillan
Staff - Prison Care Ministries.
Geoff and Jill have 4 children and 12 grand children. They attend Chapel Hill Community Church.
Geoff first visited a prison 45 years ago with a Church team and has continued visiting over the past 28 years with OAC Ministries and Prison Fellowship (Waikato). He has been an Associate Chaplain at Waikeria Prison.
Geoff and Jill were involved in a search group with a concern for men in prison. This led to the establishment of Prison Care Ministries in September 2004. They are approved visitors to all North Island and Christchurch Prisons.



Managing Trustee's Report AGM September 24th 2013

CHANGES

One of our “younger” guys, (they usually get into trouble quickly), went straight into employment upon his release. This was because he had made contact previously with his boss while still in prison. It is hard to gain employment with a “record”, especially when jobs are hard to get even without a record. This young man has so impressed his boss that his job, (which was temporary), was made full-time. He is still in the same job, and when we see him he seems to be happy and doing well, even though sad things have happened in his life.

Changes can happen ...

Promise Keepers, (PK), saw 5 of our guys, past and present residents, heading to Auckland. One of our ex-residents had made a real change in his life, (while still in prison), and was doing his best to build into the lives of others. He was meeting and mentoring others who he had known in prison, and was inviting them to his church and the PK conference. Again, it was stated, “... *if he can do it, then so can I ...*” We have heard that just a few times now over the years, and that reinforces for us that a “changed life” speaks for itself. [All of] our lives are being watched, and we need to consider what is being portrayed, what messages are conveyed to others? One life change CAN make a difference.

Changes can happen ...

There have also been a number of changes in our staff over the year. Andrew resigned to head to Auckland to finish his studies full-time, having travelled there every week while working for us. He was doing part-time study and decided that he wanted to complete this quicker than he had been doing. Kevin also resigned due to personal reasons. 2013 saw two other staff obtain training with us. Ross was good around our guys, getting around the houses and building into their lives. He gave more than a “job” required, even taking the time to show how to cook up a good kai. Ross has moved on to work with younger folk where he feels more at home. Stephen was already involved in a similar ministry in his home town. He and his wife Tracy have a burden to help those in need, especially with accommodation. Steve travelled to Hamilton to work with us one day a week where we were privileged to build into him. We look forward to seeing how far this Ministry will go in the future.

Changes can happen ...

We have “signaled” where we, (Geoff and Jill), feel we may head in the future, but this is NOT away from PCM! We must train up others

to maintain this valuable Ministry long after we are gone, which means we need to take more of a “back seat” role now. The person/people we are looking for must have a burden and an affinity towards the folk we work with. They have to understand that some of our guys have never been on a bus in their lives, never been into a café, or know what a “flat white” is. The things we take for granted are not even on the horizon for many of our guys.

Our role is not to *rehabilitate*, but in many cases, to *HABILITATE*! For anyone to be reintegrated into a community requires first that they are “*brought back (or restored) to normal life*”, (whatever that means)! If they have never led a normal life in the first place, how can they be *rehabilitated*? With no pro-social skills, for many this can often be a painful process.

To be able to walk beside our men, and see them “wake up” through the simple role-modeling and friendship they may never have experienced before, is just so heart-rending and exciting! As we draw back from the day-to-day running of PCM, we will be more able to move around the country to advice and support others wanting to develop this Ministry in their own town/city. This is a *possible* area we can be involved in, having been approached by groups in a number of different places, and already visited, (or been visited by), a number of them.

We look forward to these changes with anticipation and excitement.

Changes can happen ...
Changes do happen.

Geoff McMillan



**Trust Waikato
provide a funding
grant towards
wages for
The Managing
Trustee.**

Staff 2013

After 18 months with PCM both Andrew and Kevin moved during the year to focus on other areas in their lives.

Andrew - during this time traveled to Auckland weekly to study to become a counselor, moving North to continue full time.

Kevin - is in Hamilton and remains in touch. He has almost got his own business up and running.

WEL Energy provide funding grant towards staff wages.



From Ross Anderson

PAUL wrote in 2nd Corinthians 11:24.....Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one, (*that's 195 lashes in total*). Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a day and a night in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen” and the list goes on.

WOW seriously Brother Paul, maybe somewhere along there you should have got a life. So what made Paul just head down, butt up plow on despite the odds? Maybe it's in the genes. A few brownie points to be had perhaps. None of the above folks. Paul was God inspired and God driven.

When thinking about PCM there's the realization any organization doing the same work we do would succeed to a degree without God. It would succeed because of the huge need in society for what it is we do. I believe PCM have staff that are, like Paul, God inspired, God driven. Staff that have hearts towards the spiritual, physical and mental well being of the people we fellowship with here at PCM.

We see the changes that this “God awareness” makes in the lives of our residents and past resident visitors. Some of the guys are tough nuts, (on the outside), and the majority are loveable rascals. And yet when we ask, “*can we pray for you?*” after listening to them, the answer is always, “yes”.

(Ross has a desire to work with youth in his home town.)

Stephen and Tracy

Supporting those in need of a home. Steve and his wife Tracy, (and their children), are accommodating men and women in a small rural town out of Hamilton. They have a wonderful opportunity to get alongside those who need a family. Steve spent a few weeks helping PCM and gaining knowledge in the *how to's, the why's, the what for's and the when's* of supporting those released from prison. We continue to support this family as they look at setting up a Charitable trust. We have already taken one person over to their accommodation and we will take another ex resident who returned to prison over to them in January.

From Geoff Allnatt

Greetings

I have lived in Hamilton for the last 23 years, moving across from Te Aroha when I was about 17; I have been involved with New Life Church Hamilton for the same amount of time. In my early years with New Life we as a church were quite active in prison work. Over time I was to become heavily involved with this type of work; we used to be frequent visitors to Waikeria and Rangipo prisons.



In the last two years I have been doing Ministry and Leadership Diplomas at Vision College, Hamilton. As part of my leadership internship with Vision College, I needed to gain some experience in an area that was different from church work. I was fortunate to become involved with PCM; the involvement of Prison Care has been invaluable to helping me complete my studies. Working under the guidance of Geoff and Jill has allowed for me to be exposed to men from many walks of life.

Getting to know the guys on a personal level has been a real privilege, and it has been good to see them open up and share some of their life stories with me. I have been able to learn so much about myself and about how prison life can affect men after their release.

This experience has made me aware of the different challenges that these men face on a daily basis, for example, the pressures of trying

to deal with such issues as finance, work, and family, can be a real struggle for a lot of our men.

As my time here with PCM winds up in early January, I am planning to pursue some more studies in Chaplaincy, with the aim for future work in the areas of Prison or Hospital Chaplaincy. I take away with me the many experiences and lessons that I have learnt from being a part of this organization, and I wish PCM the very best for the future.

From Melanie Dickinson



I have officially come onboard as part-time staff since April this year, although I have been volunteering for PCM since 2011. My role mainly involves General Administrative duties and support.

As I write, a guy has just been released and has come into the office with his Probation officer. Geoff is going over the house rules with him and he has been handed one of our Orientation packs which I put together. These packs contain Bus timetable's, Hamilton Maps, a Pen, Notebook, Calendar, Bible, Library application form, Work and Income appointment cards etc. I have also been compiling CV's for the guys and tailoring it to their skills, interests, qualifications and/or experience. I have also created a Facebook page to promote Prison Care to connect and reach a greater target audience.

It is so rewarding seeing these guys turn their lives around for the better. With the assistance of PCM, one guy who comes to mind is doing extremely well for himself. He has actively sought (and found) employment, has his own flat, and has grown in independence and maturity – a huge contrast to when I first met him!

As Dr Karl Menninger once said

“Prison need not be the end of the road, but the beginning of an interesting and productive life”.



Lottery Board has provided a grant towards staff wages.

**4th June 13: For Prison Care Ministries.
Autobiography by R-Dee, past resident.**

Well R-Dee is my name and life is the game to whoever may venture these lines,
now in view unto you that I know to be true in verses I know now to rhyme.
I was born on the West Side but raised on the East after Sixty Three came to my face,
when time then seemed sweet and life was complete but sadly I may never retrace.
Anyway come what may I have been asked now today to spill out the beans of my life,
before lock downs came fast now regarding my past and where changes I knew were just strife.
Pukekohe was where I was born through God,s care as far as I know now to be,
and Pokeno was the place that from life I'd embrace then this journey now handed to me.
Alcoholic was Dad and dysfunction was sad for the family I needed so much,
where abuse had been in from that shthead called Sin then always regardless the touch.

So shoot the gap I then went with my worries then spent but regardless I never had choice,
but to proceed I then did from the life I then hid in a way that would then be my voice.
Well this life on the streets which I thought was complete had its troubles that only God knew,
and prison life came to me from Seventy Eight then to be a journey Id never get through.
Of which I thought was a find I would love, through all time and that a crim for all time I'd be,
and that life would then shine for the sake of mankind but then reality too came to see.
I know for a fact this isn't the place now to be regardless my friend come what may,
though situations I know leave some no place to go and through life is here now then to stay.
But that was then and this is now and to the future somehow may find you not locked in a cage,
but out there in the fresh air for loved ones to share without orders or sounds of those keys.

Because my home too was one of many which was made of steel and stone,
just another concrete cell a home in hell and there I sat alone.
Because for every crime you paid with time where lights glared night and day,
and though you raged and paced your cage you had to stay and pay.
Another concrete cell your home hell that no man wanted to own,
because your body cramped with cold and damp that chilled you to the bone,
but Hey!! don't feel sad cause it aint that bad but I'll keep that well within,
because no trace of pride and now I know inside that my trip through hell has bin.

Well I found the **Prison Care Ministries** a helpful lot when Rimutaka was my stay,
at the ending of my four year lag and the Faith Base Unit lead the way
Unit Seven was the last resort when my sentence came to pass,
and that was where I also met the **Prison Care Ministries** that in truth shall always last.
They are a help for guys that have no where to go and to thank God I truly do,
I spent just one week when I shifted out before Hamilton came to view.

Now I am free to wake up in my bed and never a strangers house,
or maybe waking up in a jail cell without recollection of a spouse.
Never knowing what you did the night before with verbal abuse of death,
or maybe trouble with the local police where you hid with single breath,
spewing up in the local park or abusing all the ones you love the most,
or who knows shivering out in the pouring rain on every street from coast to coast.
Well now that was then and this is now and to the future I am sure,
that this time at hand may understand that my life I must endure
and now I trek the happy road of destiny for what come into view,
for what the God of Gods may have in store for which I know is true.

R-Dee that's me...

Events

February

Chapel Hill Community Church Invited residents and past residents to a BBQ and to watch the game on the big screen.

The Chiefs won!!!



Highlanders
Versus The Chiefs.

April

Community Organisation Grants
(COGS) Funding Expo
Central Baptist

Provide funding for the office and
volunteer costs.



May

Dunedin

Geoff and Jill were invited down to Dunedin to speak and to share their journey with released prisoners to a group of people interested in setting up support accommodation. There are several groups around the country interested.



Exult Conference, Auckland

In May Jill, Ross and myself (Melanie) attended a 2 day forum in Auckland for Christian Organizations. Among the many wonderful seminars, speakers and presenters, we had the chance to hear directly from the Funders themselves. How are decisions made when so many are putting their hand out? How can we maintain a relationship with our funding providers built on trust, good communication, honesty and mutual benefit? How is PCM making a positive difference in our community? These were just some of the things discussed and we are continuing to improve on some of these area's.

An outcome of Melanie attending this conference is that PCM is now on Facebook.

June

PCM In Service Staff training day
We appreciate the Trust Waikato venue for our day



August

Congratulations to Trust Waikato celebrating 25 years of philanthropy in the Waikato. 1988—2013. The staff enjoyed the evening and the entertainment from StarJam, Te Maurea Whiritoi Kapa Haka group.

October

The Choir :- Hillcrest Chapel, Hamilton.



The story of young and angry Jubulani and the choir master Coleman both inmates in prison in South Africa.

Music triumphs over diversity

December

Paremoremo Prison Christmas Performance from prisoners

A two hour concert with performing bands as Soul 4 U, Prism, Taro Licious, Tone Deaf, Hypnotrons and Children of the Mist along with Christmas Carols, Waiataa and Haka. The invited guests enjoyed a high quality concert and the work put in by those who were the MCs, the sound technicians and stage manager, wardrobe and all the work that goes with such a professional performance and BBQ tea.

Well done guys.



Christmas

A BBQ brunch saw 24 enjoy time together on Christmas Day at the home of Geoff & Jill. Many men have no one to spend Christmas with and appreciated this time together with others.

The Journey to Prison.
The past may be an excuse
but it not the reason...



Hamilton Police Station



Hamilton Court House



What makes the difference?

.... The reason are the choices that are made.

The revolving door..... or a good citizen?

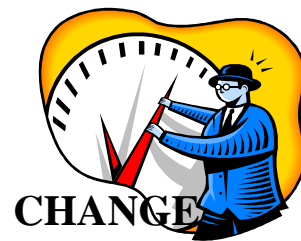
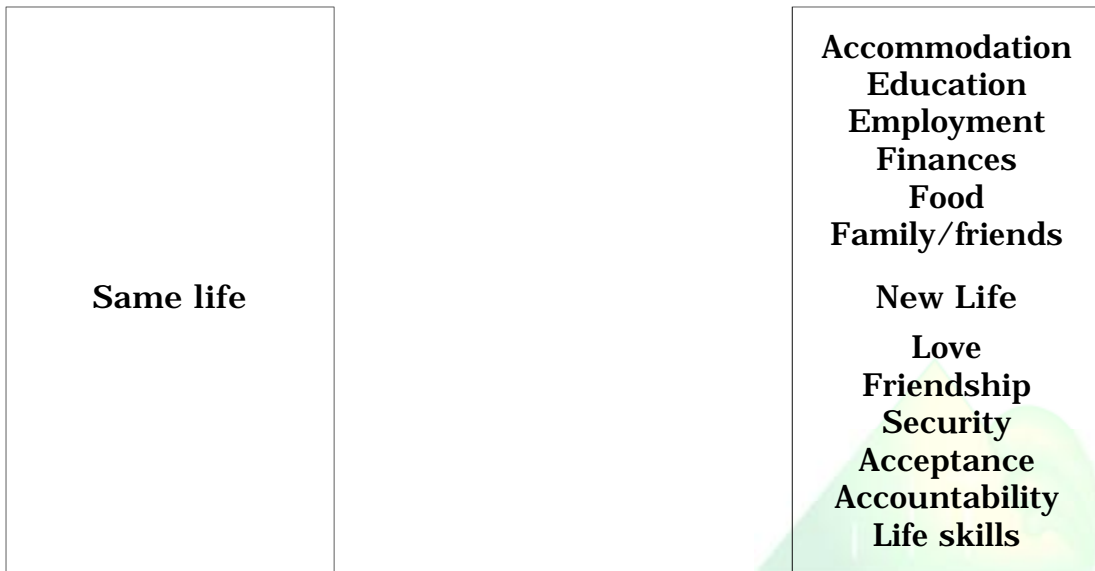
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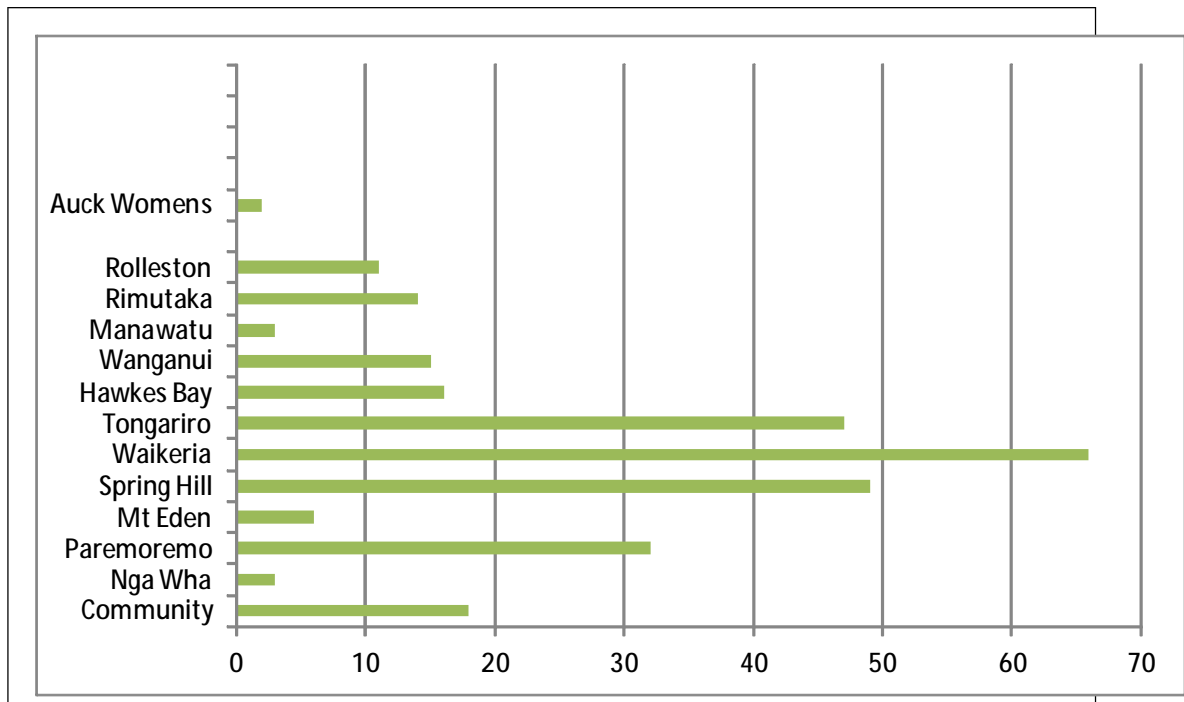
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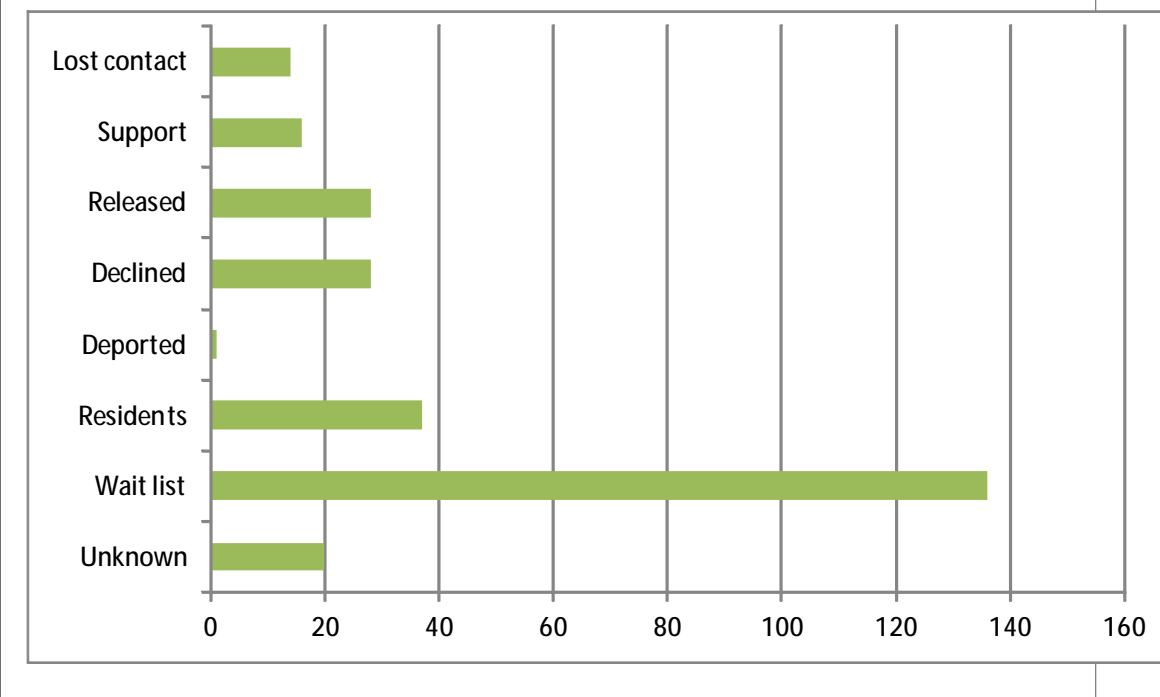
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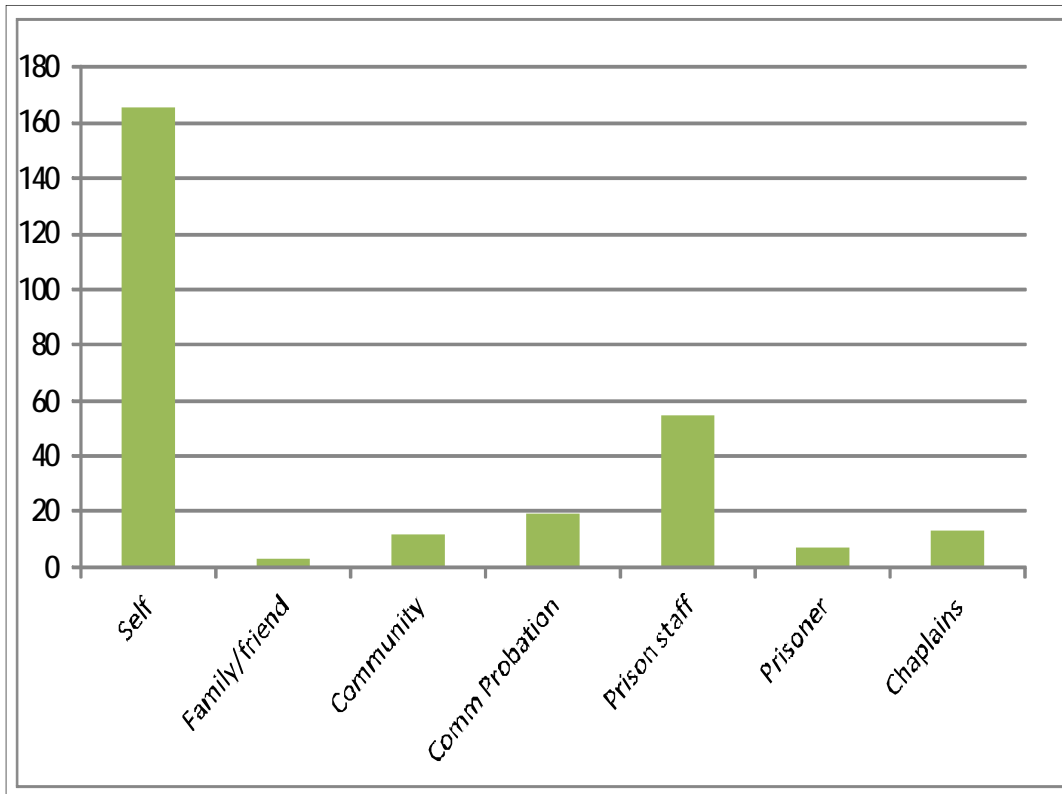
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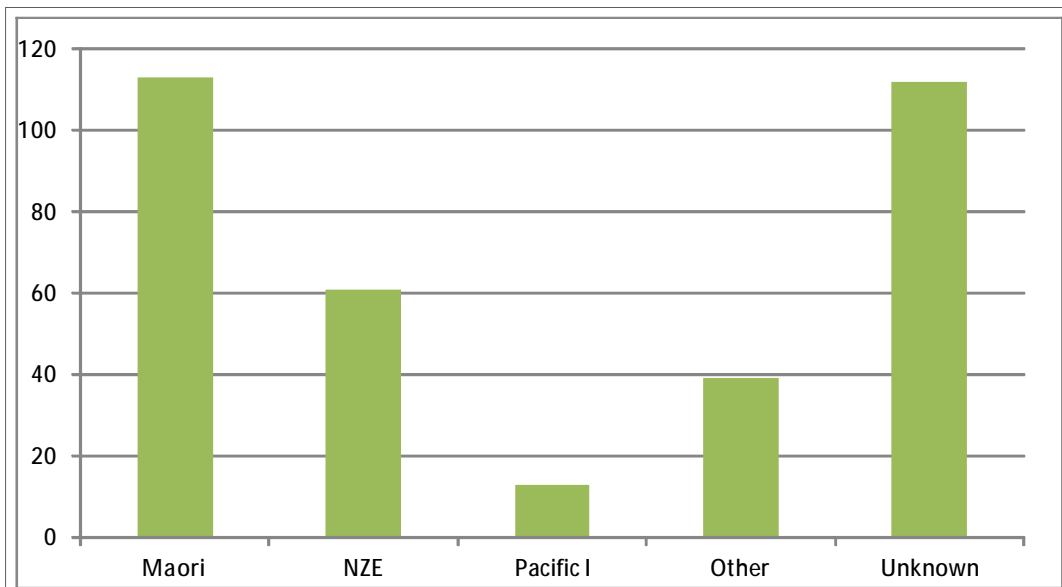
Declined - gang affiliation, victim in area, bail, women, elderly needs, house not suitable and no room available.

Unknown - did not reply or for 2 did not arrive on day of release

Referrals



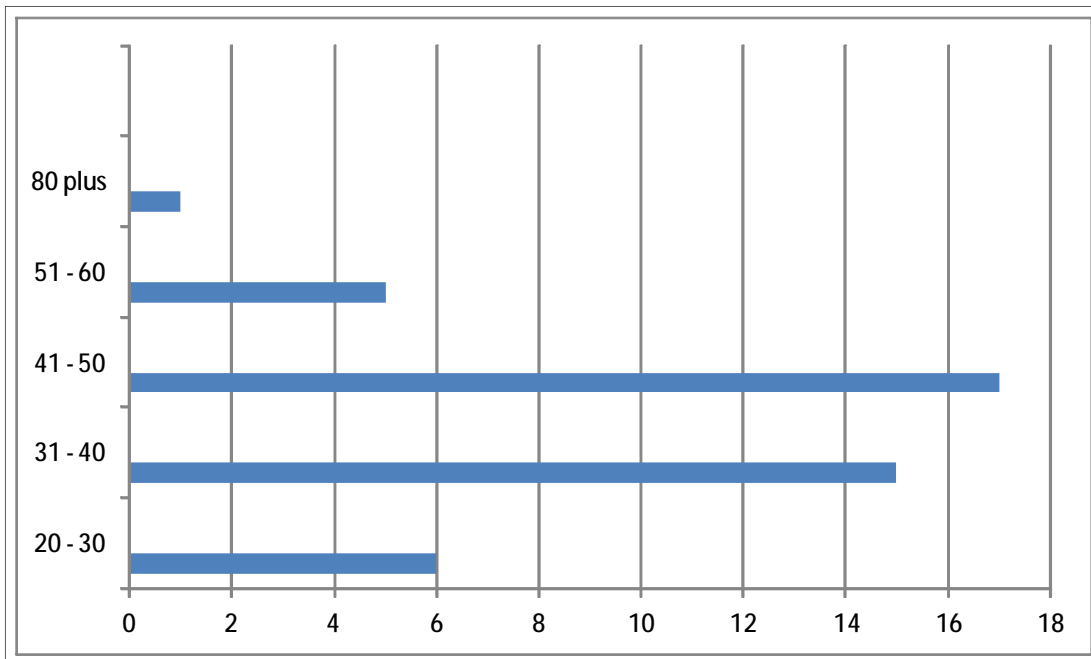
The majority of self referrals are due to our brochures circulating around the men in the prisons.



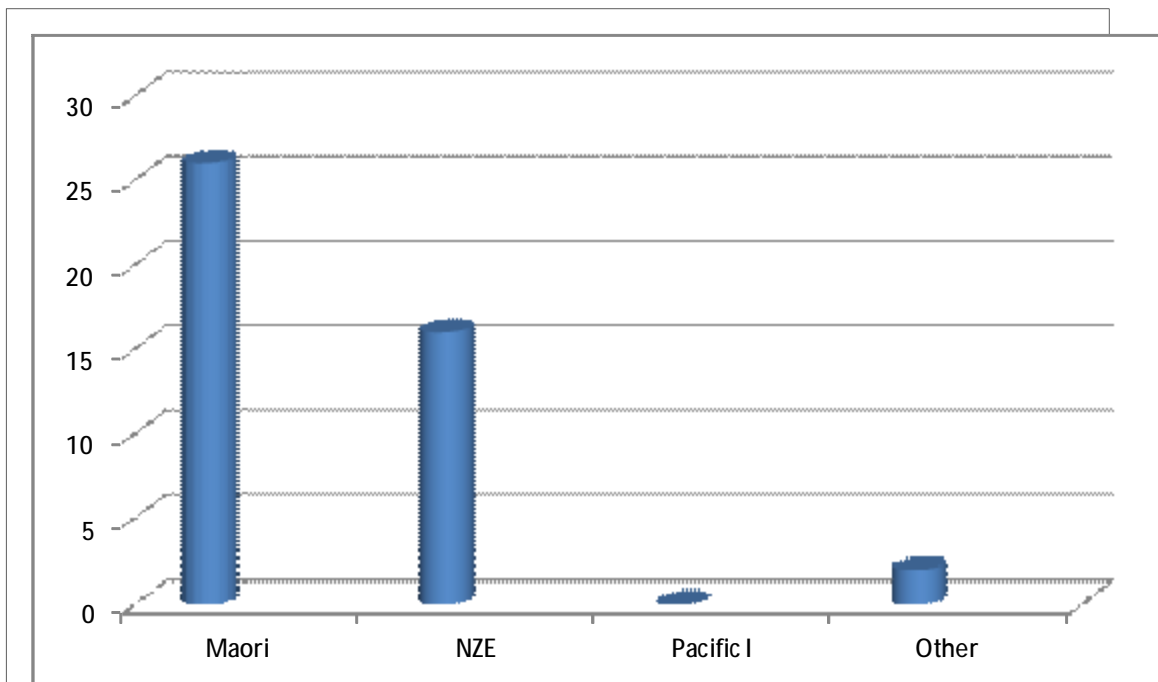
Other ethnicities include:

European	23	Mexican	1	Macedonian	1
African	3	Dutch	4	Italian	2
Celtic	1	Fijian	1	Australian	1

Ages of residents



Ethnicity of residents



We had a total of 44 residents. This was down from last year due to the need to keep one house vacate for a time, another house flooded out by a resident and the Parole Board declining Parole. We thank our landlords as they have to negotiate with their Insurance company to house men who have a criminal record. This was tested with the flood. PCM also have Liability cover.

Residents Outcomes

Length of stay	
Under 1 week	4
1-2 weeks	1
2-4 weeks	2
1-2 months	6
2-3 months	9
3-4 months	7
4-5 months	1
5-6 months	5
6-7 months	1
7-8months	0
8-9 months	1

6 men were recalled to prison. This is not for reoffending but for breaching their Parole Conditions. e.g.

Working without permission
 Breaking a curfew
 Around alcohol/drugs
 Being in the wrong place
 Being away without permission
 Asked to leave and nowhere to live.

All wrong choices.

Current residents in at end of stats year. In houses to date:	
1-2 weeks	1
1-2 months	2
2-3 months	1
4-5months	2
7-8 months	1



Hamilton City Council CAPS provide funding towards staff travel costs.

Residents moved on to:	
Flats	12
Boarding houses	1
Family/friends	12
Night Shelter	3
Disappeared	1
Camp ground	2
Recalled	6

Prison Care Ministries staff continue to give support to may men after they have moved from the houses.

Staff have ongoing contact with several of our past residents from 2004 - 2012, 3 from the first house that opened in 2004. Some men (with their wife's or partners' have become friends.

Staff are supporting families through the difficulties of having a family member in prison.

Staff visit as many applicants as possible for the initial interview. This builds the relationships and makes the transition into the community easier for the men and staff.

	Visits	Interviews	Men
Community program	2	2	2
Paremoremo	3	27	23
Spring Hill	3	20	19
Waikeria	6	47	34
Tongariro	3	24	19
Hawkes Bay	-	-	-
Wanganui	2	20	14
Rimutaka	-	-	-

A further 13 men were known to us: 9 past residents serving another sentence and 4 known outside of prison.

2 men arrived at the office.

3 interviews via Audio Visual Link

An introduction to 2014

Staff

- Geoff & Jill continue in their roles
- Melanie works Mondays in the office
- Sio and Kathleen Sauni will be staff as from January 6th.



Goals

- To build a group of volunteers to walk alongside men in the Circles of Support program.
- To fundraise for bigger office space - 20 square metre, 3 desks, 5 staff and up to 6 residents/visitors.
- On going fundraising to cover all staff wages.
- To celebrate our 10th anniversary:
1st house July 2004
Charitable Trust 1st Sept 2004

Volunteers

Our Trustees - Len, Alex and Maraenui.

House Treasurer - Geoff S

House Bible study leaders - Joel, Margaret, Pam and Geoff A

IT (when in trouble) - Stu

Staff supervisors - Roland and Unice

Our audited accounts are not included in this electronic version of our annual report. To view our annual accounts via the Charities Commission web site;

- Go to www.charities.govt.nz
 1. Use [Search the Register] – (left hand side)
 2. Type in our NUMBER which is CC22440 in the SECOND field
 3. Click on [Search] at the bottom of the page.
- Search results will show Prison Care Ministries Details under Registration
 1. Click on PRISON CARE MINISTRIES
 2. Scroll down on right to the link to Annual Returns
 3. Click on the year that you want
In supporting document(s) you will find the Audited Accounts.pdf ready to be downloaded
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