

**PRISON CARE  
MINISTRIES  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2014**

**10 years 2004-14**

Supporting those involved in the Criminal Justice System.  
Keeping the community safer.



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## Prison Care Ministries - Chairpersons report AGM 18th September 2014

I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me – Matt 25. Every month the staff at PCM, and you by your support, do exactly that.

PCM homes started without any external resource. Four people who saw a need and put some of their own money to rent and furnish a home for those stepping out of bus's from prisons around the country. 10 years later PCM is operating 3 houses and 2 flats to house the men from the same bus without a home to go to.

In the 2013-14 year we had 136 on the waiting list and finished with 117. The number of new referrals was 160. Total residents this last year were 49.

Of the 49 men who stayed with PCM in the last year, there was no new/re offending from the men save for 3 who were recalled for breach of their parole conditions.

Geoff, Jill and Sio, the people at the forefront of PCM, will continue. We don't see the mandate changing any time soon and will continue in the work that positively intervenes in the men's lives.

I encourage you to please continue in your support for PCM so that we can maintain the momentum to transition the men back into our communities without re offending.



Len Caley



## **Prison Care Ministries - Managing Trustee report AGM 18th September 2014**

PCM has this year, (1st September), had its 10th birthday. 10 years, and our focus has not changed at all. Our focus is still with those involved with the Criminal Justice System, our men or their Families/Whanau. Every man we can assist to stay out of prison means less victims in society, which includes you and me. Maybe I am preaching the same message again, but in reality the facts do not change.

“Hey miss,  
where can  
I go when  
I get out of  
here?”

Get out of Jail free! Not even! For many of our men they face continued Stigma and Discrimination long after their release, especially when heading on to further accommodation from our houses. All agents for flats and houses have their forms to fill in with details of past rental history and references from past landlords required. Some have a "key question" as a part of this form; *Have you had any past criminal history?* (Some even ask what type of offending was involved)! When "Yes" is the answer to this question, then the reply usually is, *"Sorry, but we do not have anything for you at present ..."* Is it any wonder that there is a sense of dismay and anger after hearing this time after time? The same story can be told again when job seeking.

Because of this PCM has now moved to second stage accommodation, with two flats to move our men into from the houses to free up rooms for men waiting in Prison for an address. The men in these flats do not have the same rules, but are very much like the men who have managed to find their own homes and move on. One difference though; if things turn to custard then we at PCM get to "carry the can ..."

The Department of Corrections have a target of reducing national re-offending by 25% by 2017. PCM is a part of this goal and is helping to achieve it, and our statistics give an indication of how effective we are. Over the ten years, we have seen no more than 6 men per year out of around 50 recalled to prison due to "breaches" of their conditions and very few have actually re-offended while residing in our houses.

Some older prisons have closed and a new Men's Prison in Wiri, South Auckland will house 960 men and will be operational in 2015

playing a key role in supporting the Dept's vision by delivering comprehensive rehabilitation and reintegration programs.

This year we have had to get used to a new system having had our Service Level Agreement with Work & Income cancelled, and this with very little notice. (So did other agencies just like us)! This has meant that we are "down" on our income, with many men moving on with no bond being refunded to them, and they leave us still behind with their payments! On release, they have no money for at least two weeks until their benefit starts, (if it does by then)! In the meantime we take most of their *Steps to Freedom* off them to cover bond and groceries. We then have to get rent arrears from Work and Income. We gather [new] toiletries and [second-hand] clothing to give to the men so they will at least have something to get started with.

PCM has always net-worked happily with other agencies, Christian and non-Christian. We are now a part of regular Network meetings with other agencies involved with supporting those both imprisoned and released from Prison. This is where we can share thoughts and feelings on how better we can [all] help our clients.

13 years ago a prisoner said to us "Hey miss where can I go when I get out of here?"

*Geoff Millan*

Geoff



Geoff   Owen   Clive   Eric

### Waikeria Prison - December

Four men who between them have given over 120 years in voluntary work to men in prison.

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/Administration
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
Te Rapa Mowers & Chainsaws	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



### **Len Caley — Chairperson**

Barrister, Criminal, Mental Health and Mediation. Len is married to Davina. They have 2 children and attend Hamilton South Baptist Church. Len was previously an approved volunteer to Waikeria Prison.



### **Alex Shepherd**

Software Architect, NetValue Ltd. Alex and Judi have 3 children and attend Chapel Hill Community Church. Alex is an Elder and a part of the Church Missions Team. Alex was previously an approved visitor to Waikeria Prison.



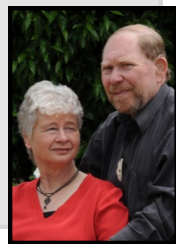
### **Maraenui Taituha**

Staff at Fairfield College. Maraenui is married to Alison and they have three children. They attend St. Marks Church. Maraenui was previously an approved volunteer to Waikeria Prison.



### **Pam Neilson**

Pam is a retired Nurse/Midwife/Counselor. Widowed with 3 daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Pam is a Host to Israel Tourists (H.I.T.) and attends Saturday Christian Fellowship.

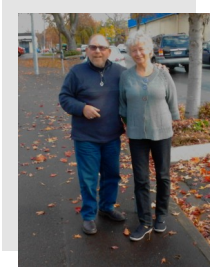


### **Geoff and Jill McMillan**

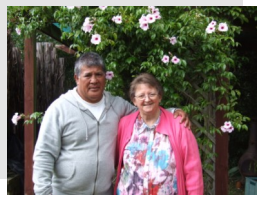
Staff - Prison Care Ministries. Geoff & Jill have 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. They attend Chapel Hill Community Church. Previously involved with Prison Fellowship (Waikato), Geoff has been an Associate Chaplain at Waikeria Prison. Geoff and Jill were involved in a search group with a concern for men in prison. In September 2004 Prison Care Ministries became a Charitable Trust. They are approved visitors to all North Island and Christchurch Prisons.



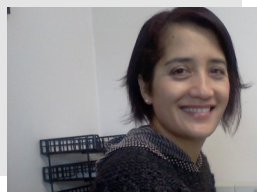
## Staff 2014



Geoff and Jill have continued in their role over the 10 years and during the year spent a month in Israel on tour. They have enjoyed meeting the men in the prisons around NZ on their working holidays.



Sio and Kathleen came in to relieve Geoff and Jill while they were away for a month. After a crash course in January, they were left in charge. We appreciate the time they spent with us. PCM managed to stretch finances and their time to 9 months before both took up further employment.



Melanie has been with us since early 2011 and has been a great support to other staff doing all tasks such as getting newsletters ready to post, Facebook, lots of paper shredding and filing. Melanie resigned at Christmas to take up new challenges.

## Volunteers



*We welcome Pam, Ray and Bruce who joined the team during the year. They are supporting the men in the houses, house maintenance and corresponding with men on our wait list for accommodation and will be a part of their support team on release.*

*We are also grateful to our trustees, supervisors and those doing bible study at the houses, to Stu who has helped with our computer issues and Geoff who has been our house treasurer since the beginning.*



## Prison Care Ministries celebrate 10 years - Jill 2004 - 2014

Hey miss - Where can I go when I get out of here?  
In 2001 Geoff and I were taking a church service in Waikeria prison when one of the men asked us this question.  
No big deal but.....



Geoff and two other men started talking and decided to invite people to a meeting. 17 attended and a committee of 7 was formed. This committee talked and prayed and considered different housing options that became available in Hamilton. Large complexes were out, blocks of flats were out and buying a house was out. Our only option was to rent a house where men could flat together.

**Almost 3 years later.....**

### Highlights

#### 2004

**February** At the February committee meeting a motion was moved to open the first house by mid July.

**July 26<sup>th</sup>** The committee had received a call offering us a four bedroom house to rent, and a Tenancy contract was signed, Wow. The committee put in the money and over the next 3 weeks we painted the house inside and cleaned up. Everything we needed for the house was donated. We compiled application forms, house rules and met with Work and Income. Done. We were ready.

**August 24<sup>th</sup>** our first 2 residents moved in. In the first week these two were breaking the rules, locking each other out and I resigned for the first time. By the 6th September we had 4 residents in. We were one happy family. Really! A family with dysfunctional kids and parents who didn't know what to do. We certainly learnt some lessons along the way, in fact in the first 4 months we had 9 residents through the house - 5 we asked to leave, 3 went missing and for one success at last. even if after a week he went to family.

**August 31<sup>st</sup>** was to be our last day with Prison Fellowship NZ (Waikato). We had all our paper work in for Prison Care Ministries application to become a Charitable Trust.

**September 1<sup>st</sup>** Prison Care Ministries became a Charitable Trust.



## **2005**

**July 11<sup>th</sup>** The committee moved a motion that we open a second house. The next day we were offered a fully furnished 4 bedroom house available for rent. We had our second house.

## **2006**

PCM and some residents were intervened by The NZ Herald who were running a series on "Our Idle Jails". The men thought quick and blackmailed the reporter. No KFC no information. Prison Care Ministries and men remained anonymous.



## **2007**

**January** – Call from a current landlord offering a further house to rent. We had been discussing the possibility about a third house as this was needed for the men but do we ourselves need this? It was offered to us!!!.

**January 12<sup>th</sup>** – Took occupancy over third house.

## **2008**

**January** – The former committee from 2001 was disbanded with members remaining as volunteer advisors and support in the specialist areas. One is still involved as the treasurer for the houses.

## **2009**

The Department of Corrections has a Volunteer recognition awards event and for Waikeria Prison the Prison Care Ministries team were presented with the group award.

## **2010**

We had a call from a couple working in the prisons offering their house to rent. At this time we had enough work with the first 3 houses but we could stretch ourselves just that bit further. To date all the homes have been offered to us.

## **2011**

We needed to expand staff wise and legally we needed Employment contracts. All staff each had to raise 40% of their wages to top up funding grants.



## **2012**

At the Volunteering Waikato Awards event evening the Prison Care Ministries team were presented with the Team Excellence award.

**2013** - Not such a highlight but we closed a house as it was too close to a dairy selling Synthetic drugs and they all congregated around the house.

## **2014**

Prison Care Ministries now rent 3 houses, a two bedroom flat and a two bedroom unit.

**August 31st** - Prison Care Ministries celebrated our 10th anniversary.

We thank those who put the hard work into the founding of this organization, our staff and volunteers and our landlords as they have to ensure that their houses are insured.

We are grateful to our residents who continue to both bless us and challenge us, well, without them we wouldn't be here.

Life has not been boring and I can't count the number of times I have resigned.

From a seemingly small request grew Prison Care Ministries.

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

### **Our thoughts over the years:**

- With every challenge comes an achievement.
- We learn to celebrate the small steps.
- Can we call a growing waiting list progress?
- One man can make a difference (for better or worst).
- You can never plan the future by the past.
- When success comes celebrate, congratulate and graduate.
- Always assume the best.
- You will see it when you believe it.
- Even if only one man was to be successfully reintegrated we have a success story.

## **Prison Care Ministries 10 year Birthday Celebrations - Melanie**

10 years ago a small group of faithful 'pioneers' gathered to discuss and arrange the immediate needs of released inmates. Fast forward 10 years, and Prison Care Ministries celebrated its milestone with a day of True Gratitude and Thanksgiving.



On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August, we celebrated at Chapel Hill Community Church taking over the morning service there. The 'roof' was lifted with Waiata (the songs chosen were all familiar to what inmates might sing in Prison). Our Trustees then shared a few thought's, Geoff gave our morning sermon which was concluded with Cake cutting and a shared lunch afterwards.

That night Whitiora Bible Chapel hosted us where we screened the movie "Saving God" to a diverse and well attended audience. The plot followed an ex-convict turned pastor who returns to his family neighborhood to re-build the now crime ridden area whilst helping a young drug dealer turn his life around. We felt this was very applicable to our Ministry as we strive to make a difference in the lives of the men and families whom we are called to work alongside.

Looking back, many of you have been supportive of this work from the very beginning. And while there have been difficulties along the way, and times of testing, we have seen lives changed. Thank you for your prayers, commitment and giving to this worthwhile and important ministry.

## I AM METH

If you try me be warned - this is no game,  
If given the chance, I'll drive you insane.  
I'll ravish your body; I'll control your mind,  
I'll own you completely; your soul will be mine.

The nightmares I'll give you while lying in bed,  
The, voices you'll hear, from inside your head.  
The sweats, the shakes, the visions you'll see,  
I want you to know, these are all gifts from me.

But then it's too late, and you'll know in your heart,  
That you are mine, and we shall not part.  
You'll regret that you tried me, they always do,  
But you came to me, not I to you.

You knew this would happen, many times you were told,  
But you challenged my power, and chose to be bold.  
You could have said no, and just walked away,  
If you could live that day over, now what would you say?

I'll be your master; you will be my slave,  
I'll even go with you, when you go to your grave.  
Now that you have met me, what will you do?  
Will you try me or not? It's all up to you.

I can bring you more misery than words can tell,  
Come take my hand, let me lead you to hell.

*(This was written by a young Indian girl who was in jail for drug charges, and was addicted to meth. She wrote this while in jail. As you will soon read, she fully grasped the horrors of the drug, as she tells in this simple, yet profound poem. She was released from jail, but, true to her story, the drug owned her. They found her dead not long after, with the needle still in her arm.)*

## Contacts 1 September 2013—31st August

Began year with wait list of 136

New referrals  
160

Total referrals  
296

No further  
contact 115

Residents 49  
Support only  
15

Current wait  
list 117

### No further contact:

No reply  
House full  
Unsuitable  
Released elsewhere

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.

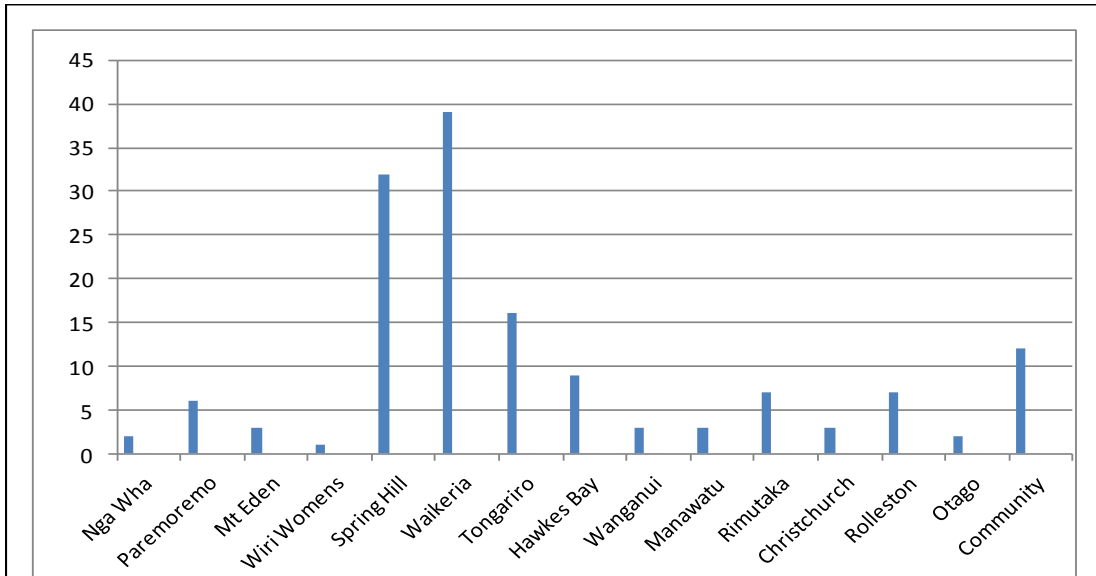
	Visits	Interviews	Men
Paremoremo	1	3	3
Mt Eden	1	3	3
Spring Hill	3	16	16
Waikeria	4	39	35
Tongariro	2	17	17
Hawkes Bay	1	5	5
Wanganui	1	7	7
Rolleston	1	8	8
Christchurch	1	1	1

### Other interviews:

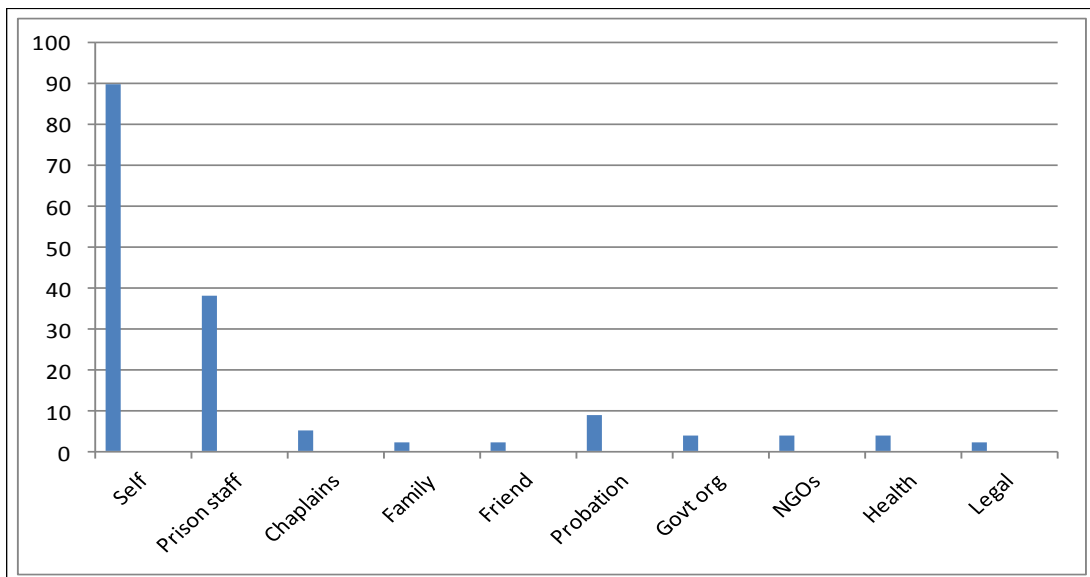
1 interviewed at a Residential program  
1 while on day parole  
1 interview via Audio Visual Link  
26 waiting for interview

## New referrals

### PRISONS



### REFERRED BY





## Outcome of new referrals

**Declined** - gang affiliation, bail, victim in area, women, unsuitable, or no room available.

**Unknown** - lost contact, did not arrive on day of release or released elsewhere.

Declined	23
Unknown	36
Family	2
Alternative accommodation	12
Support only	5
Residents	10
Wait listed	30
To be interviewed	26
Waiting paper work	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>

We have several men who have been on our wait list for some time.

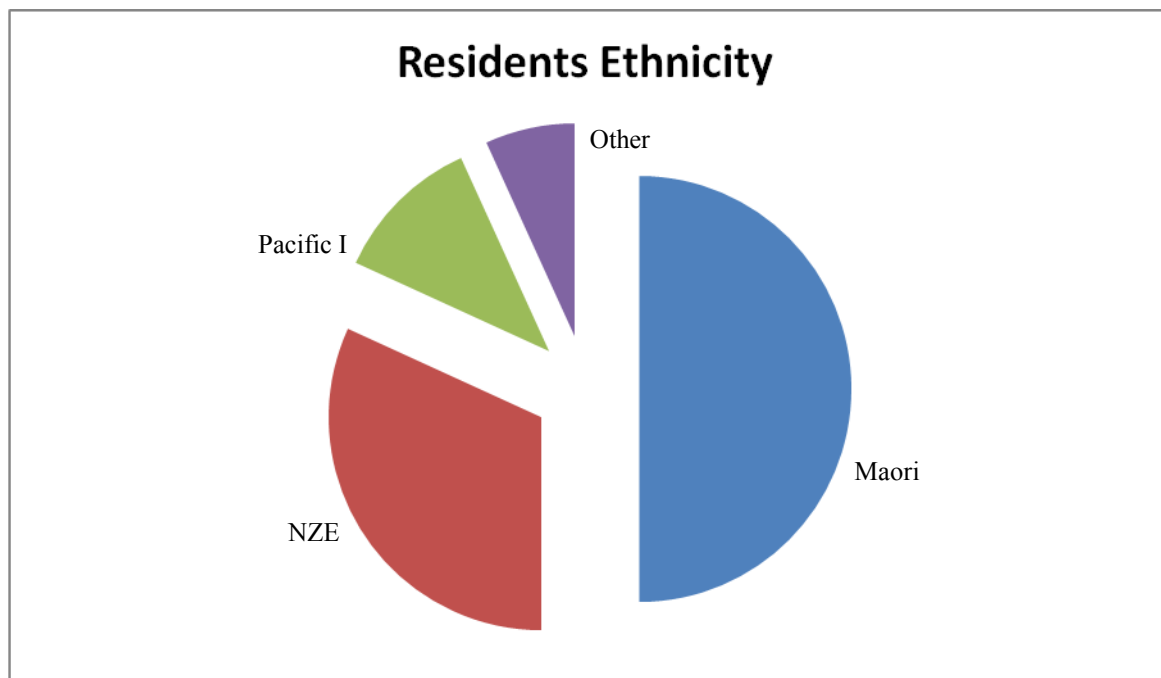
2008	1
2009	2
2010	6
2011	6
2012	0
2013	32

45 men were housed over the year.

4 of these men placed twice.

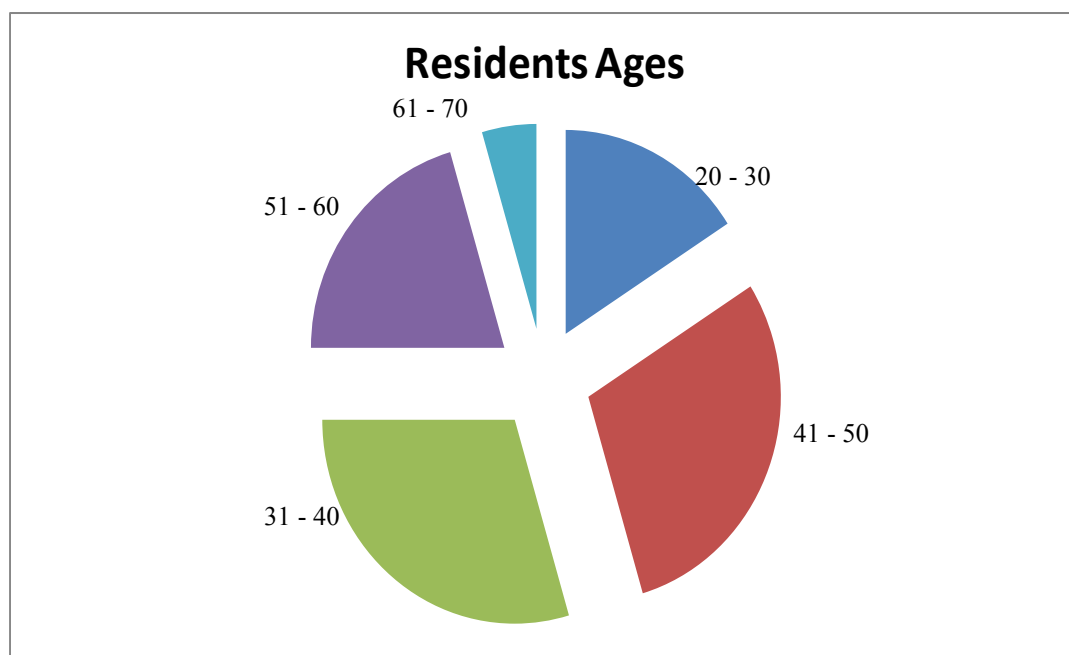
Total of 49 residents.

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



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We thank our landlords as they have to negotiate with their Insurance company to house men who have a criminal record. We have 3 landlords between the 5 homes.

## Residents Outcomes

### Length of stay

Under 1 week	2
1-4 weeks	2
1-2 months	5
2-3 months	12
3-4 months	5
4-5 months	3
5-6 months	3
6-7 months	1
7-8months	1

10 current residents

2 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.

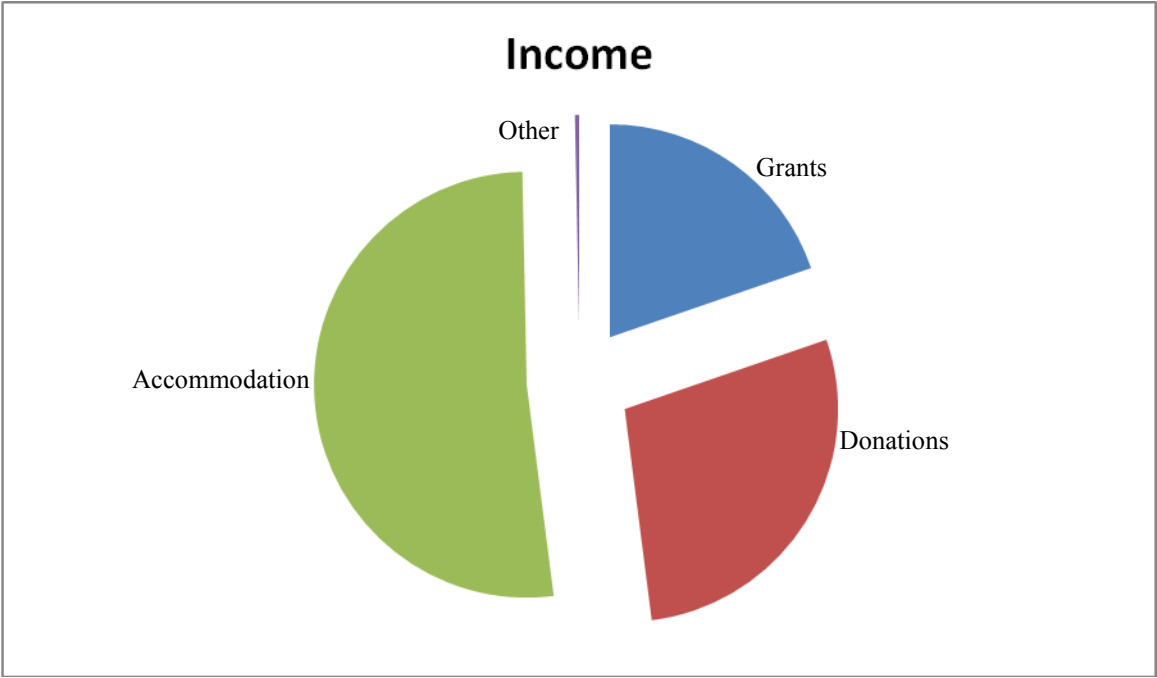
### Residents moved on to:

Flats	17
Boarding houses	5
Family/friends	5
Night Shelter	3
Disappeared	1
PCM flats	4
Recalled Prison	2
Warrant arrest	1
Current residents	12

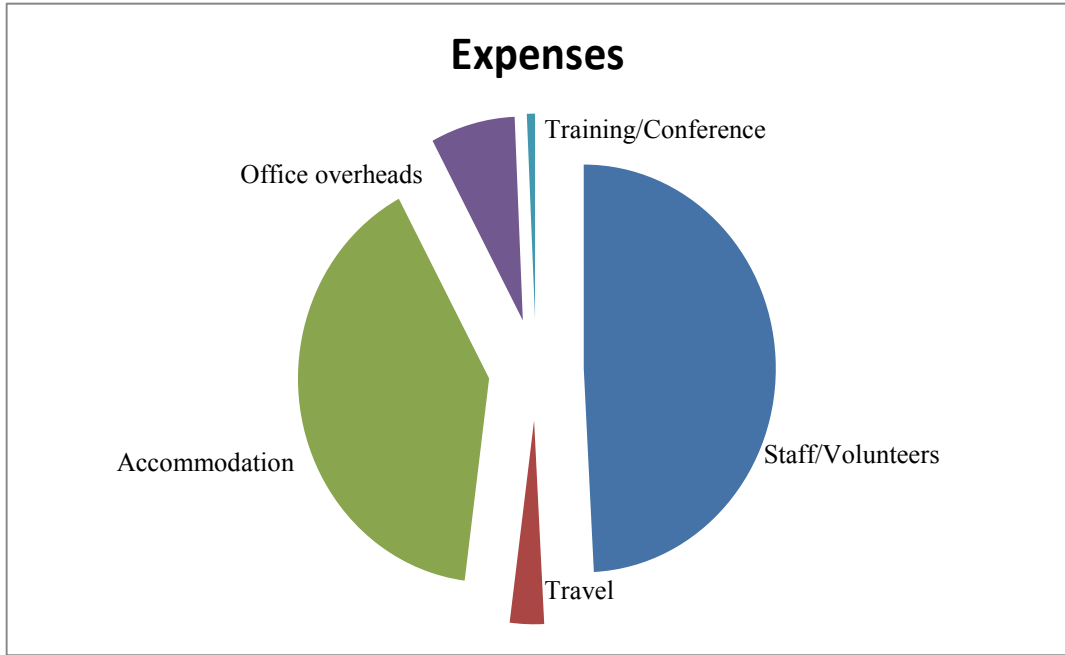
Prison Care Ministries staff continue to give support to many men after they have moved from the houses.

Staff have ongoing contact with several of our past residents from 2004 - 2014, 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.



Our residents pay rent to Prison Care Ministries. This covers the rent Prison Care Ministries pay to its landlords, the power, telephone, liability insurance, maintenance, repairs and replacement bedding, kitchen ware, household items and everything else that goes missing.



Of

## 2004 – 2014 Celebration

**10 Years**

	Referrals	Residents	Asked to leave	Warrant arrest	Recalled	Re- offended
2004 - 05	88	28	5			1
2005 - 06	93	27	6			2
2006 - 07	124	29	8			3
2007 - 08	108	29	7		4	
2008 - 09	115	35	2		8	2
2009 - 10	150	39	3		5	1
2010 - 11	186	43	6	4	3	4
2011 - 12	188	31	1	3	4	1
2012 -13	199	35	3		3	1
2013 -14	160	37	6	1	2	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>323</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>

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

Go to [www.charities.govt.nz](http://www.charities.govt.nz)

1. Use [Search the Register] – (lower right-hand side)
2. Type in our NUMBER into the field called [Registration number] (CC22440) and hit [ENTER] and you will go to the search results.
3. Click on our name, (which should be the only one there), and you will be directed to the page with all of our details.

#### Details under Registration

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3. Click on the year that you want. You will be directed to page that is headed up;

#### Annual Return Summary

... which gives all the relevant figures. You will also find under *Supporting document(s)* our Audited Accounts.pdf ready to be downloaded if you so desire. Click on that PDF file to download.