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**Wish you were there.**

I wish you were with us for the Free Inside - Vision New England Conference on March 20.

I wish you could have experienced the spiritual energy, the joy and the burden of the participants to make Christ known to prisoners. 35 people came, from a wide variety of prison ministries. From the fledgling Free Inside, Vision New England's prison ministries, Prison Fellowship, Kairos Prison Ministries, Connecticut Prison Ministries, Full Gospel Foundation Ministries. There were individuals from their local churches, who sometimes go in with another person, often alone.

*Heard at the conference: "Prison Ministry is challenging, it is often lonely, but it is very, very, rewarding and I wouldn't want to do anything else." "When I started going into prisons I thought that I would be bringing a blessing, I leave every time having been blessed."*

**Sharing resources and giving encouragement.**

The collective wealth of knowledge, experience and resources among those present is impressive. There was an eagerness share resources with each other.

**"Let's get together regularly."**

Was the unanimous agreement of all present, our next get together is to be August 14, 2004.

The format that we agreed on for this next meeting is to have a keynote speaker and then offer some workshops on specific topics.

**Free Inside - Vision New England Partnership.**

The partnership between Vision New England Prison Ministries and Free Inside was formally announced at the conference. What this means is that Free Inside will be the Connecticut representative of Vision New England Prison Ministries.

**York Correctional Institution.**

The chaplain at York C. I. Connecticut's only woman's prison has asked us to present Alpha there. This is an answer to prayer. This opportunity will stretch our resources considerably. This facility has both maximum and minimum security sections, this means two Alpha sessions at least. Eventually the chaplain wants both a Catholic and a Protestant session in each section, a total of 4 sessions a week. In order to do this we will need a minimum of 12 volunteers, both men and women. Please pray that the Lord will supply the right people for this.

**Bergin Correctional Institution approved.**

Bergin C I has been approved, a team of 5 is ready to go in. These folk are just waiting for their DOC clearance and the issuing of their I D cards. The actual start date has not been settled yet, but I hope that it will be after Easter.

**Praise:**

- For the Conference.
- For the openings at York and Bergin.

**Pray for:**

- The need of at least 12 volunteers for York.
- The start at Bergin.
- For the many faithful workers who take the Gospel into Prisons each week.
- For the chaplains at each facility.
- That we will reach our goal of full financial support by the end of the summer.

Sincerely,

Peter

*For Christ and His Kingdom.*

