



PRISON MINISTRY

“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;”

Isaiah 61:1



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About the Ministry

SLAM Australia is an evangelistic faith ministry branched out from Local Churches, reaching out to Australia's prisons, juvenile centres and correctional facilities with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. SLAM, as indicated by the title, utilizes various sports as a platform to enter prisons, establish a friendly environment and proclaim the Word of God.

SLAM has now been operating by the Grace of God for 14 years and the Lord continues to open prison doors for us to preach His word. *"It is my strong belief that the Lord will continue to bless this ministry because we have remained faithful to the calling by which we have been called: preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ with no compromise. By God's grace we will stand firm in preaching the gospel with no compromise, honouring our King's Name and not being ashamed, bringing glory to God."* – **C Haddad**

A typical day

A typical day in prison would be outlined as follows:

7:00am	Devotion and Prayer
8:00am	Arrive at the prison grounds
8:30am	Enter the prison, carry out appropriate security checks with officers and get ready for the game ahead
9:00am	Sport goes for approx 1 ½ hours
10:30am	Time of sharing, a message is preached and a player's testimony is given
11:00am	The SLAM players now have a time of one-on-one fellowship with the inmates where they are challenged about what they heard from the Word of God, and where they stand. Tracts are handed out and inmates are invited to make a personal decision to pray and accept Christ as their Saviour if they so desire.
11:30am	Prepare to leave prison. Time of prayer is made to thank the Lord for the Day and to pray for those that heard the message of Salvation.

Procedure and Policy

All activities carried out by the players within the prison are governed and approved by the Governor of the respective prison, the activity officers and the Chaplains involved. Further, the ministry takes time in training and formalising the players with the procedures and policies approved and recommended by the Correctional Services Procedural Manual.

The spiritual foundation of the ministry is based on the beliefs outlined in the SLAM Australia statement of faith.

In due course a policy manual, brochure and newsletter will be created and circulated amongst the players, churches and prisons for review.

Prison Conduct

NOTE: Each SLAM player must abide by the following rules when visiting a prison:

- DO NOT give any of your personal details to the inmate. This includes your surname, address, phone number and work details etc...
- DO NOT PROMISE ANYTHING – We must not give the inmates anything without the approval of an officer. This includes prizes, Bibles, clothes etc...
- NINO (NOTHING IN, NOTHING OUT) – We are not couriers for the inmates.
- Section 37: Trafficking - Any person who without lawful authority who brings liquor or any drug into a correctional complex may be arrested and imprisoned for up to 6 months and/or fined \$1000.
- Section 37A: Supply of Syringes - Any person who brings a syringe into a correctional complex may be arrested and imprisoned for up to 2 years.
- Section 38: Miscellaneous Offences - Any person who enters any correctional centre, communicates or attempts to communicate with an inmate, conveys or delivers any goods into any correctional centre; money, letters, other documents, clothing or other articles without prior approval may be imprisoned for a term up to 6 months and/or \$1000.

REMEMBER: Ensure that your behaviour, language and attitudes reflect that of a Christian. It is on display for all to see and one of the ways we can shine for the Lord Jesus Christ is to live the gospel, to be a true witness with the testimony we hold.

Medical Shots

For the health and safety of all SLAM Australia members, each player is required to take all appropriate medical shots and to keep their immunisation current.

As a bare minimum, these shots include vaccination against:

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B

Requirements of Members

Those who wish to participate in the SLAM ministry must be Christians who share the following common values and beliefs in DOCTRINE.

- A Born Again Christian
- 18 years of age and over
- Love the Lord and maintain a life of purity (holiness), being an example and witness.
- Committed to Spiritual Devotions & Prayer before entering the Prisons.
- Ladies should maintain a modest dress.
- A commitment made by every player to attend the dates given, unless God would change their direction in the Ministry, or a sudden emergency needs to be attended.
- All members ought to read and abide by Slam's statement of faith.
- All members ought to abide by Slam's Policy in all-areas by God's Grace

Vision and Direction

It is the vision of this ministry to continue to preach God's word faithfully in Australia's prisons and to reach increasingly more inmates with the good news of Jesus Christ. Our vision includes:

- Seeing many saved out of the bondage of sin
- Reaching more prisons in NSW
- Seeing more Christians have a heart to serve God and to see souls saved.
- Establishing and maintaining a solid follow-up program to help those who accept the Lord to grow in grace. (Discipleship)

Team Leaders Contact Details

The Lord has provided a group of young men and women who love the Lord, and desire to bring Glory to God and see people saved. The team-leaders are from various local churches who are responsible to make sure all visits are cleared, and to encourage their team to be Saviour and Soul Sensitive.

After much prayer, it was decided that the local Church should be the guidance for each ministry, especially the Slam Australia Prison Ministry. This is the Lord's ministry, and it is our desire to do the Lord's work His way, according to His will, and for His glory. – *C Haddad*

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