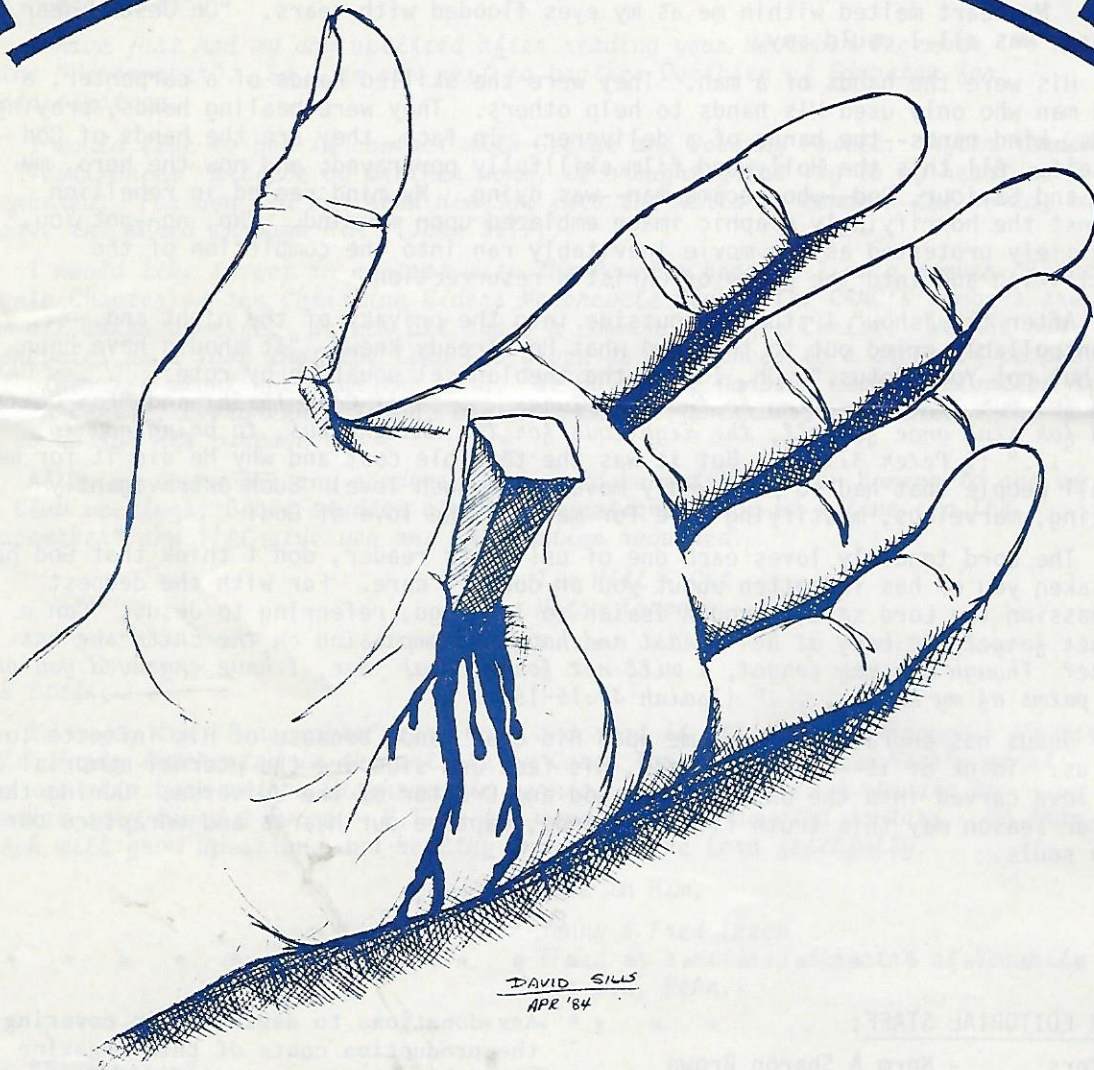




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He was nailed to the cross for ME!

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* THE PROOF OF LOVE *

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One of the most touching scenes I ever saw when I was a new Christian was the portion from a movie depicting the life of Christ in which the merciless Roman soldiers roughly threw Jesus down upon the wooden cross He had been dragging, tied His wrists to the rugged beam and then drove large iron spikes into each hand. As the cameras focussed in on those hands which spasmodically jerked with every metallic blow of the hammer hitting the nail, it was as if I could feel the harsh taste of steel as I imagined the explosion of pain that seared through our Lord's body. My heart melted within me as my eyes flooded with tears. "Oh Jesus, dear Jesus," was all I could say.

His were the hands of a man. They were the skilled hands of a carpenter, a good man who only used His hands to help others. They were healing hands, praying hands, kind hands--the hands of a deliverer. In fact, they are the hands of God Himself. All this the Hollywood film skillfully portrayed; and now the hero, my Lord and Saviour, God--who became man--was dying. My mind reeled in rebellion against the horrifyingly graphic image emblazoned upon my mind. "No, no--not You," I futilely protested as the movie inevitably ran into the completion of the crucifixion and into the glory of Christ's resurrection.

After the "show" I stumbled outside into the privacy of the night and uncontrollably cried out to the Lord what He already knew: "It should have been me, but not You, Jesus." Oh, I knew the theological equation by rote: ". . . *Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures . . .*" (I Cor. 15:3b) and "*For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God . . .*" (I Peter 3:18a). But it was the terrible cost and why He did it for me of all people that had so profoundly moved me. Such love! Such extravagantly amazing, marvelous, mystifying love for me. Oh the love of God!

The Lord tenderly loves each one of us! Dear reader, don't think that God has forsaken you or has forgotten about you or doesn't care. For with the deepest compassion the Lord said, through Isaiah so long ago, referring to Jesus, "*Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands . . .*" (Isaiah 49:15-16a).

Jesus has engraved you and me upon His dear hands because of His infinite love for us. Think of it--Christ's hands, His feet and side are the eternal memorial of His love carved into the unchangeable God and Creator of the Universe. During the Easter season may this truth fill our minds, capture our hearts and enrapture our very souls.

Norm Brown,
Editor

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Letters to the "Peacemaker"

Dear Friends in Christ,

You probably didn't realize that someone way down in Texas would receive your magazine, but we do, and I have been reading it for several years now. I wait for our copy and when it is late I actually have thought that maybe you forgot to mail it.

Yours in Christ,

Russell D. Pillittere - Lewisville P.D.
Lewisville, Texas

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Dear "Peacemaker",

I have just had my day uplifted after reading your November-December '86 issue of the "Peacemaker". So I am now next to brother Doerksen of Edmonton for procrastination.

I would like to get in contact with George and Dorothy Powell. After reading the "Testimonies" article by brother Norm, it brought great joy to my heart as I remembered, "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him" (John 3:17).

I would like to get in contact with the Powells because I am a member of the Toronto Chapter of the Christian Riders Motorcycle Club. The CRMC's members are from all walks of life. We now all share a common love for Christ. We use our motorcycles as a tool that the Lord has given us to witness to a group of people that otherwise might not hear the Word. We go to the Harbour Light, Salvation Army Drop-In Centre, Evergreen Mission, prisons, church functions, or wherever the Lord has us go for His purpose.

Also, if there are any readers that would be interested in coming to one of our Club meetings, Bible studies or other functions, drop me a line c/o The "Peacemaker" and I'll give you any information required.

Tim Hill - Cst.
Metro Toronto

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Dear Staff,

We enjoy the "Peacemaker" very much and read it all the way through. We were particularly interested in the article by Carol Tyrrell. Our daughter's first baby was also born with a diaphragmatic hernia. We weren't so fortunate as Jeremiah only lived 2 hours. P.T.L. for wonderful and devoted doctors. We pray Joseph will grow up strong and healthy and serve the Lord faithfully.

Love in Him,

Jenny & Fred Leech
(Fred is a retired director of security
for B.C. Penn.)

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Dear "Peacemaker",

Thank God for police officers. Without them this world would be absolute

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pandemonium.

I have good reason to be thankful, too. A few years ago I was assaulted with a knife and ended up with a near fatal wound across my neck, one-quarter of an inch in either direction of my jugular vein. To make a long story short, the police were there when I needed them. They arrested the man, found the weapon and also drove me in the back of a cruiser to the hospital.

Praise the Lord, I am now saved, married, enjoying two children and a new life in Christ. This may never have been if the Lord had not placed such caring individuals who put aside their very lives for others.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Robert Wilhelm
Cambridge, Ont.

P.S. We were privileged to have Officer Bob Hooper sing at our church. He encouraged me, not only in spirit but also to write this letter.

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Dear Friends,

Encouraged by our Chapter President (Dan Doerksen), I am finally putting pen to paper. It is always a thrill to receive the "Peacemaker" and to be able to get a little glimpse of what is happening in other Christian peace officers' lives. Thanks for publishing this fine magazine.

I've been with the R.C.M.P. for 8½ years and very much enjoy the challenges and rewards of police work. I've been a Christian since I was a teenager.

When I joined the Force, I was sure I was the only Christian. Thanks to the C.F.C.P.O. I now know there are hundreds of us across Canada.

I used to think it was best to say as little as possible about my Christianity. But now I know that all I was doing was hiding my light under a bush. I firmly believe as Christians we must let our light shine, and I have a burden for other police officers.

Our Edmonton Chapter is very much alive and is a great group of Christians. I would like to encourage any other R.C.M.P. in Alberta to get involved with the C.F.C.P.O. It has greatly encouraged me to fellowship with other peace officers who love the Lord. In Alberta the R.C.M.P. are spread out in many isolated areas, and this type of fellowship is much needed. If anyone needs more information about our Chapter, they're more than welcome to contact me at work.

Ron Mostrey - Cst.
Edmonton R.C.M.P., Drug Section

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Dear Friends,

I found Him!! I found Him!! Not so long ago I asked the Lord Jesus Christ to come into my life. Well, I'm ecstatic to report that that's just what He's done. I once was blind but now I see. I once was deaf but now I can hear. Praise His holy name! I said, Praise His holy name! Now He's the Shepherd and Bishop of my soul (I Pet. 2:25).

I love the "Peacemaker". Please put me on your mailing list.

Happy in Christ Jesus,
Art Servante - Cst.
Red Deer City R.C.M.P., Alberta

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Upcoming Events

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY CHAPTER:

The Annapolis Valley Chapter meets on the third Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. for a breakfast fellowship meeting at the Wandlyn Motor Inn, Coldbrook, Nova Scotia. Visitors are encouraged.

BARRIE DISTRICT CHAPTER:

The Barrie District Chapter meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month and at present is meeting at 85 Cook Street, Barrie, Ont.

MONCTON "KOINONIA" CHAPTER:

May 16, 1987

A Fellowship Buffet Style Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 16, 1987 at the Howard Johnson Motor Inn on the T.C.H. in Moncton, New Brunswick at 8:30 a.m. There will be special music and testimony by Sgt. Ralph Gilkes of the Dalhousie P.D. Tickets are \$8.50 per person. The Breakfast is planned to bring together the Christian Community of the Maritime Peace Officers, City, R.C.M.P. and Highway Patrols, and then to anyone else who would like to attend. Please confirm in advance if you are planning on attending. Call Thomas Weaver at (506) 384-5468 or Ken Smith at (506) 384-8418.

TORONTO AREA CHAPTER:

The Toronto Area Chapter ("Jesus is Lord") meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the Chapel of the M.T.P.A. Building, 180 Yorkland Blvd., Willowdale. Call (416) 281-8110 for details.

UPPER FRASER VALLEY CHAPTER:

The Upper Fraser Valley Chapter, B.C. will be holding meetings on the third Friday of every month. Saturday morning breakfasts will be on the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. The President, Tony Gagne, will co-ordinate the breakfasts, speakers and location. Contact 858-6688 for further details.

TACOMA, WASHINGTON:

We encourage and invite anyone in our area to come have breakfast on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. at Rocky's Restaurant, 8710 S. Hosmer. Just take the 84th St. exit from I-5. Cross back over the freeway and take the first street to the right until you get to Rocky's. We meet in the rear rooms; just ask the waitress. God bless you all.

When you have nothing left but God, then for the first time you find out that God is enough.

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Testimonies

AN ENCOURAGING WORD FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

I am excited to be writing the "Peacemaker" for the first time. I have been waiting for this opportunity over 10 months, and I feel the Holy Spirit wants me to present this now.

I am employed as a police officer with the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary for 7 years. Donna, my wife, and my two daughters, Melissa (5) and Amanda (3), love the Lord very much. I thank the Lord for providing me with such a beautiful family.

I was a Christian in High School but, like so many other Christians, decided to do what I wanted and not what the Lord had planned for me. In 1980, I was accepted for the police force. On my third year (1983) of my job, I was charged internally. For approximately the next 5 months, I was depressed, discouraged, and hurt that I was charged.

In October of the same year, I was permitted to attend a course in Nova Scotia. During the two weeks, I met a fellow officer on the job who knew Jesus as Lord and Saviour. He also worked with the Constabulary. One morning, while I was singing Christian songs in the shower, my friend, Lloyd, came along and heard me singing. He asked me how I learned the songs and I told him that I used to be a Christian.

For the next two weeks Lloyd and I began a close friendship. He suggested to me that I should get to know the Lord again. With my problems back at work, I didn't consider it.

I arrived home on Friday after two weeks of learning about the Borkenstein breathalyzer. Two days later on Sunday morning I was out doing patrol and I met a former High School teacher, Harold Andrews. Harold invited me to the Worship Centre that night. Reluctantly, I accepted. I enjoyed the meeting at church but I didn't accept the Lord, knowing that God had directed Harold to keep at me. Harold and I went out to McDonald's after church for a snack. Then we went back to the church parking lot to get my car. We talked again about accepting the Lord, and finally in that car on October 30th, 1983, I accepted the Lord--a decision I have not regretted!

Four days later, on my fourth visit for my hearing on internal charges, I was confident that the Lord would take care of the situation. Wouldn't you know it, the charges were dropped! I knew I was innocent, and God knew it also.

During the last 3½ years, I have had my ups and downs, but I love the Lord even more for guiding my family and myself through them all!

Last June I had the privilege of meeting Dick and Joan Hayward and Jack and Ruth Foster. Through Gene Hillier (R.C.M.P., Grand Falls, Nfld.) I was introduced to the C.F.C.P.O. I assisted Cst. Hillier in setting up a banquet for the C.F.C.P.O. and this excited me knowing that in this way I can help the Lord by reaching out to other peace officers to come to know Jesus.

During that special weekend in June, Jack and Ruth stayed in my home, and I loved it.

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There is no Chapter of the C.F.C.P.O. in Newfoundland at all. Cst. Hillier of Grand Falls has had a couple of meetings. In St. John's, I, along with Cst. Todd Flynn and Lieut. Ralph Pitcher (both from the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary), was able to have a meeting on Friday, Feb. 20/87. Six peace officers attended the meeting. It was decided that letters would be sent out to other Christian peace officers to attend a meeting on March 31st. At this time we will, I pray, form the first Chapter of the C.F.C.P.O. in Newfoundland. Praise the Lord!

Romans 10:11 says, *"Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed."* I know I am not.

In closing, I just wish to say, please give us your prayers to form this Chapter.

God bless you all and I know God will direct.

Yours in Christ,

Glenn Moores - Cst.
Royal Newfoundland Constabulary

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CHAPTER REPORTS

Halifax-Dartmouth Chapter:

We had monthly meetings for all but July and August 1986. Our June meeting featured our National President and his wife, together with the Mobile Ministry Team, the Fosters. We had 50 present and enjoyed good music and Christian fellowship.

Our meetings through 1986 had an average attendance of 20-25; however, we saw little growth in actual memberships. Overall it was generally a good year and concluded with a family potluck at the Carters in early December.

May God continue to bless you in His service.

Lloyd Mitchell
Secretary
S/Sgt. - R.C.M.P., Halifax, N.S.

Upper Fraser Valley Chapter:

The Lord is blessing Upper Fraser Valley Chapter with much activity and new members. After a short period of inactivity we have all of our activities taking place regularly once again.

In His service together with you,

Ken Long
Secretary
Kent Inst., Agassiz, B.C.

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News

Upper Fraser Valley Chapter:

The Upper Fraser Valley Chapter of the C.F.C.P.O. in B.C. met at the home of Tony and Betty Gagne in November, 1986 for a business meeting and an evening of fellowship. There were 30 officers and their wives in attendance. A new executive was elected. A short devotional was given by Prison Chaplain, Stan Smith. Betty served a delicious lunch, and we had a wonderful evening of fellowship.

On December 11, 1986 we met at the home of Dennis and Hildegard Watts for a "Potluck Christmas Supper". There were approximately 24 officers and their wives in attendance. The food was delicious, and thanks to Hildegard for planning the evening. We had a hilarious evening playing games and singing Christmas carols, especially the "Twelve Days of Christmas". Dennis Watts brought a devotional. We all felt we had been drawn closer to Him and to one another, and felt that we had unity in the group.

Then on December 20, 1986 we had our annual Christmas Banquet at the A.B.C. Restaurant in Sardis. Greetings and grace were given by Chapter Chaplain Reid Fowler. The "Strings of Hope", a local western gospel band, provided musical numbers during the meal. New members were acknowledged. There was a short word of praise by Bert Loewen. A "Parable of a Fishless Fisherman" was read by Tony Gagne. Bob Elliott, the Chapter President from Abbotsford, gave us words of encouragement, and some of the members of the Chapter gave words and praise. Tony Gagne read a letter from Dick Hayward, our National President, with regards to Ed and Ann Dalton. A plaque was presented to Ed and Ann by the Chilliwack and Abbotsford Chapters, as Ed has retired from being Area Co-ordinator. A testimony was given by Maggie Isaik, a member of the Parole Board. The theme of the evening centred around the birth of Christ. Total present at the banquet was 86.

Vera Sheldon - wife of Henry Sheldon of
R.P.C. in Matsqui

Prayer & Praise

- * Please pray for R.C.M.P. Cst. Steve Harrington as he, along with others, starts off a new Chapter in Grande Prairie, Alberta. This Chapter will reach officers in the whole Peace River area of B.C. and Alberta.
- * Pray, pray, pray that God will form the very first C.F.C.P.O. Chapter in Newfoundland. On March 31st all the Christian officers will be joining together for a formation meeting. Ask God to empower, direct and lead them into this important work.
- * Praise God for extending His F.C.P.O. family again to Regina and Grande Prairie. Thank you, Jesus!
- * We are so thankful to the Lord for the very enthusiastic responses and testimonies that we are receiving from the "Peacemaker" readers. It is obvious that God is at work in the F.C.P.O., in our profession and in our country. Keep them coming in!

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I was at the cross

Loretta Ball

I am the sister of Jesus' mother -- the aunt of Jesus. I was with Mary, the mother of Jesus and Mary Magdalene when our Jesus was crucified upon the cross.

We cried and cried. It was so hard for me to comfort his mother. I felt terribly sad myself. It was the saddest day of our lives.

Jesus' mother had been so proud of him and had big hopes for his future. And now this!

We talked on together about the carefree days in Nazareth. What a dear, sweet boy he had been! What a help around the house! How kind and gentle and loving he was!

Then we talked about his last few years of ministry. How he tried to do so much for the poor, the sick and the needy! Poor Jesus!

How he must be suffering up there on the cross. If only we could do something. Then, as his mother looked up into his face - for a moment we thought he was smiling.

"Yes!" he whispered. "Goodbye, Mother. John will look after you."

Then he looked at John and said, "Behold your mother!"

We all understood.

It was around three o'clock in the afternoon and darkness had come over all the earth. Then his voice cried out, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"

People were so surprised and said, "Did you hear him? What does he want?"

This was the moment Jesus had suffered for the sins of all mankind during his crucifixion.

He cried out again. "It is finished. Father into your hands I commend my Spirit." And his head fell.

He was dead.

Jesus' mother and I hugged each other and cried so very hard. Suddenly the earth quaked. Rocks rolled down into the valley, lightning flashed and thunder rolled.

Everyone ran in panic.

We women went back to the cross after the storm to find Jews talking with the soldiers and pointing at the three crosses. They said, "Get these men down before sunset. We can't have them hanging there during the Sabbath -- the Passover Sabbath at that."

A well-dressed man came up to the foot of Jesus' cross. Behind him were his servants with ladders. They carried a piece of white linen.

The man was Joseph of Arimathea -- a secret disciple of Jesus.

He said, "I have come for the body of Jesus. Pilate has given me permission to bury him."

Then, Joseph asked another rich man, Nicodemus, to climb the ladder to help lower Jesus from the cross. Slowly, step-by-step, Nicodemus covered the body with myrrh and aloes; and then they wrapped the body in the white linen shroud supplied by Joseph.

A little procession developed. Where were they going to bury him? We watched. But they didn't go far from where Jesus was crucified. There was a new sepulchre in the garden nearby.

When they arrived, Joseph and Nicodemus carried Jesus in and laid him on the floor. Then they came out and closed the entrance with a huge stone. Everyone went home to keep the Holy Sabbath.

In our borrowed room we prepared spices and ointments as we thought we'd return to the tomb after the Sabbath and anoint Jesus' body.

We couldn't believe that within the last 24 hours, Jesus had been arrested, tried, condemned and crucified. We talked on about his beautiful life. How all would miss him!

On the Sabbath morning, we heard that the priests and rulers had sent 100 men to guard the tomb as it had been rumoured he would rise in three days.

Evening came and night slowly wore on. Midnight passed. All were asleep.

Suddenly our place swayed, and buildings trembled. People were screaming and dogs barking. Another earthquake!

Out at the tomb where Jesus lay - the whole hill shook. The Roman soldiers fixed their eyes on the tomb they were guarding.

A moment later (so a soldier told me secretly later) a brilliant burst of light fell from heaven to earth. Then a dazzlingly beautiful being appeared from nowhere and snapped the Roman seal. He rolled back the huge stone as if it were a pebble.

"A Spirit!" the soldiers cried out -- and fainted and at that very moment Jesus, the king of life, walked out of the tomb and vanished into the night.

Then the light faded and the earth stopped shaking. When the soldiers awoke they found the tomb empty.

What would they do? Pilate would never forgive them or believe their story. The soldiers hurried into Jerusalem and asked to see the chief priests at once.

It was terrible! They kept it quiet so there wouldn't be a riot.

We women hadn't slept a wink. We could only think of getting to the tomb before dawn with the spices we'd prepared. As we neared the tomb we stopped and our hearts beat faster. The tomb was open. We could hardly believe our eyes.

We then saw an angel sitting on the stone; his face shone "like lightning" and his gown was "pure white." We were so afraid, then the angel said, "Fear not, for I know you seek Jesus. He is not here. He is risen! Go tell the disciples and Peter that he goes before you to Galilee. There you will see Jesus."

We ran with fear and joy back to Jerusalem.

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We said to the disciples, "It is empty. The tomb is empty! His body is not there. And we saw an angel who said, *He is alive.*"

The disciples didn't believe us. Peter and John went to see for themselves. They were puzzled and ran back to the city to tell the story. Mary, -- my sister -- went back to the tomb and stayed there alone. As she looked around crying, she

saw a gardener. He spoke one sentence, "I am God's gardener."

She recognized him. She cried out, "Master."

He said, "Do not touch me, but go to my disciples and tell them I have ascended to my Father and your Father and to my God and your God." Then he was gone.

She had seen him! Heard his voice! "He is alive! He is risen

from the dead!"

As she came to tell us the good news, the sun was rising over the Jordan valley. The rays were warm. A most glorious morning! The dawn of a great new day for all the children of men! Jesus is alive!

Loretta is the wife of Harvey Ball, retired O.P.P. officer from Forest, Ont.

UPCOMING 5TH NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING

Due to unforeseen problems the proposed National General Meeting that was to be held in Ottawa will be changed. Arrangements are being made to hold the Meeting at a Christian Retreat Centre just north of Orangeville, Ontario, called "Singing Waters". The tentative dates will be Friday, October 30th through Sunday, November 1st, 1987. The plan is to incorporate a couples' retreat with the General Meeting scheduled on the Saturday morning. Look for more details about this super get-together in the next "Peacemaker".

NEW CHAPTERS

Once again, it is my thrill and honour to officially welcome two more Chapters to our C.F.C.P.O. family: Regina Area Chapter in Saskatchewan and Alberta/British Columbia Peace River Area Chapter. May the Lord bless and use you in His glorious service!

Their addresses are as follows:

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The Regina Area Chapter writes:

"Well we're finally getting our act together after our organization meeting of 01 November 1986. We got about half of the people to attend that said they'd be there, but even that's encouraging. In the past couple of months we have managed to catch up with a few of those that, for a number of reasons, couldn't come that night.

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"On the 20th of December we held a Christmas banquet that was really something. About 52 people shared a real great time together. Several were out for the first time."

God bless you all.

Murray J. Langgard
President

The Peace River Area Chapter reports:

"It is with much gladness that I send you this application enabling us to form a new F.C.P.O. Chapter in the Alberta/B.C. Peace River area. It is our hope that you will approve of our small group of four. We have one active R.C.M.P. member and one ex-Metro Toronto member who have also expressed a desire to be a part of the Chapter (both from Grande Prairie). There are another two active policemen who have shown an interest as well. So, as you can see, we are pretty excited about it all and just pray, with God's direction, that we can help fulfill a much needed fellowship in this area.

"The area our Chapter would encompass would stem north from High Level, south to Fox Creek, east to Slave Lake, and west to Chetwynd, B.C. This would be subject to change, of course, depending on what the future holds for us.

"The problem we face, unlike a city or densely populated district in which a Chapter is situated, is the vast geographical area in which there are numerous policemen spread throughout. It was the decision of the four of us to include the aforementioned designated area as it would afford any given member "reasonable" travelling time for meetings, etc.

"On behalf of the handful of us in the Alberta/B.C. Peace River area, I would like to thank the members of the Edmonton F.C.P.O. for their support, encouragement and, most of all, their prayers in helping us to form a much needed Chapter in our area. May God richly bless you and guide you in reaching and helping others as you did us."

A fellow servant,

Steve Harrington - R.C.M.P.
Grande Prairie, Alberta

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WE ARE CALLED TO BE SALT

It is always with joy that I open the "Peacemaker" and read the testimonies of men and women across Canada, telling how God has delivered them from sin. Your magazine has been a blessing and encouragement, particularly during a time when God was 'working me over' (for my good) to produce maturity.

It has been a privilege during this time to have occasional fellowship with Arne Bryan, President of Prayer Canada. Arne has a burden to pray for those in positions of Government and authority. He has set up many weekly prayer meetings in City Halls, Legislative Assemblies and in Parliament. He is constantly exhorting Christians to 'pray for those in authority over you'. Arne has a special burden for police officers. Almost 10 years ago the Holy Spirit revealed to him that there would be a National Association of Christian police. Arne has consistently prayed that God would bring this to pass. This is confirmation of the significance of the F.C.P.O. in God's eternal purpose.

Articles in the "Peacemaker" stress the centrality of Jesus Christ, His mercy, atoning grace and mighty delivering power. The totality of God's plan for us begins and ends with Christ.

Matt. 5:13-36 challenges us with this: *"Ye are the salt of the earth . . ."* This simple analogy illustrates the preservation of goodness and Godliness. We were born in sin and God knows our sinful nature and character. God changes not. At a time when the Israelites were walking with Him as a Nation, He gave them laws covering every aspect of life. These included defence, economics, agriculture and, more to the point, criminal justice. These were called the Mosaic law and illustrated eternal and unchanging principles by which man was designed to live. Violation of these principles results in terrible consequences.

How many of us are aware that the Mosaic laws were restored to us to some degree in recent history, and are the foundation of our legal heritage in terms of criminal law. This applies here in Canada, in Britain, the U.S.A., Australia, and even South Africa (which today has only credible, independent Judiciary on the continent). Within living memory so called 'British Justice' was the world standard for a fair and effective justice system. It was only fair and effective to the degree that it appropriated Biblical principles. It was world renowned because justice was administered by wise, God-fearing men using Bible-based principles. God intended that man should have an effective justice system for the protection of society. The effectiveness of any justice system relates directly to the degree to which it utilises unchanging, eternal, God-given, Bible-based principles, and to which that system applies Biblical moral absolutes.

The Justice System of Canada used to be fair and effective. Anyone on the front line of police work knows it is now in serious trouble. During my 16 years' service in this Nation the consistent decline has been evident, as man's reason takes precedence over the spiritual common sense of our Biblical legal heritage.

Is this decline inevitable? I suggest that it is not. There is today a groundswell of support in the church for restoration of Biblical morality, principles and absolutes in the Government of our Nation. The term 'separation of church and state' has been distorted from its historical origins by those who

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believe reason should prevail over God's absolute law. Of course the church should be separate from the state, provided there is a clear understanding that the church has a mandate to tell the Government by which principles it shall govern.

Here is an illustration. There is a clear demonstration of righteous judgement in what God did to Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 19:24). Our Biblical legal heritage made Sodom's particular sin an unqualified offence until 1969. Now this sin is so acceptable that our Government plans to force the R.C.M.P. to accept people who engage in this abomination. Remember our Romans 13 role as representatives of Godly authority. Our Government is giving tax money to these people to advance their sinful cause. Noted historian Arnold Toynbee says 17 civilisations have come and gone with hardly a trace. Why do we as a Nation think we can flaunt God's law and escape judgement? Has our salt lost it's savour?

There is no doubt we all accept our calling which is to evangelise and preach the Gospel, to become a demonstration of the life and character of Jesus. What is the Gospel? Salvation, of course, but much more. It is the Gospel of the moral Government of God, the Gospel of the throne of God representing authority here on earth through His Son. Jesus Christ is Lord of this earth, not Satan. Satan has only as much power and authority as we allow him.

The F.C.P.O. does not exist to be merely a substitute or supplement to the local assembly. This is not to question the tremendous significance of brother helping brother within the unique aspects of our professional calling. I believe God created the F.C.P.O. for additional purposes to do with the restoration of morality, principle and Biblical absolutes to our Nation. It is not for me to define this role; in the years to come it will become apparent. Daily there is an assault on the Biblical heritage of our Nation. We are called to stand against that firmly. Psalm 94:15 states: *"Who will stand up for me against evildoers, who will take his stand for me against those who do wickedness?"* We are called to be the salt and to disciple the Nations (Matt. 28:19). In our particular calling, we have a duty to protect the weak and innocent, to see justice result. We cannot stand idle whilst the effective criminal law of Mosaic origin is gutted, distorted, abused or eliminated!

I sincerely encourage every one of you to pray diligently about our role in these affairs of the Nation, and to pray also for the God-given men entrusted to lead the F.C.P.O., that He will give them wisdom and boldness, individually and corporately, so that they may clearly hear, understand and follow the direction that God will give.

For the Nation!
Your brother in Christ,

David Greenhalgh - Detective, Delta P.D.
President, Delta Chapter, B.C.

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Let the main sermon of your life be illustrated by your conduct.

--C. H. Spurgeon

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We should be leaders of men but followers of Christ.

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Poetry

Sweet, Precious Jesus
A name from above
I'll tell you the story
of life's sweetest love.

He died on a cross, friends,
For you and for me
Nailed hands and nailed feet, friends,
To set us all free.

A crown made of thorns
On His head had been placed
A river of blood
Down His glorious face.

"It is finished," He cried
As the time it drew nigh
And the whole world shook
With resounding reply.

The body hung limp
O'er all there was gloom
As the soldiers removed Him
To place in the tomb.

T'was Joseph had hewn
This place out of rock
A great stone was rolled
Its entrance to block.

On the third day as said
From the place where He laid
Our Jesus arose
Saying, "Be not afraid."

"Go! Teach them the things
That I have taught thee
I'll be with you always
And you'll be with me."

Give your life to Him
As He gave to you
And think of His promise
That all will be new.

Sweet, Precious Jesus
He still stands and waits
When our time has ended
He'll open the gates.

--Andy Nimmo, S/Sgt.,
Vancouver P.D.

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Recipe Corner

CHEESECAKE CUPCAKES

- * 24 paper muffin cups (large)
- * 1 pkg. wafers, buttered and crushed
- * 1 cup sugar
- * 3 - 8 oz. pkgs. cream cheese, softened
- * 4 eggs
- * 2 tbsp. lemon juice
- * vanilla to taste
- * cherry pie filling (or blueberry, or raspberry)
- * Preheat oven to 350°F. Line cupcake pans with paper. Place buttered, ground wafer crumbs on the bottom of muffin papers.
- * Mix sugar, cheese, eggs, lemon juice and vanilla until smooth. Spoon over
- * crumbs to fill cups 3/4 full.
- * Bake for 18-20 minutes. Cool. Cupcakes will sink in the middle while cooling.
- * Spoon pie filling on each cupcake and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving. May be served with a whipped topping if desired.
- * (Submitted by Arlene Omilian, Cst. with Edmonton P.D., and executive member with Edmonton Chapter.)
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EDITORIAL NOTE:

- * Dear friends, we apologize for our
- * tardiness in getting this "Peacemaker"
- * issue out. We are still trying to dig
- * ourselves out of the canyon of boxes that
- * surround us after our strenuous move into
- * our new house. Praise the Lord--as we
- * get organized, the stack is slowly going
- * down (but so is our energy level--help!--
- * and Sharon is over 6 months pregnant).
- * If any of our readers would like to
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