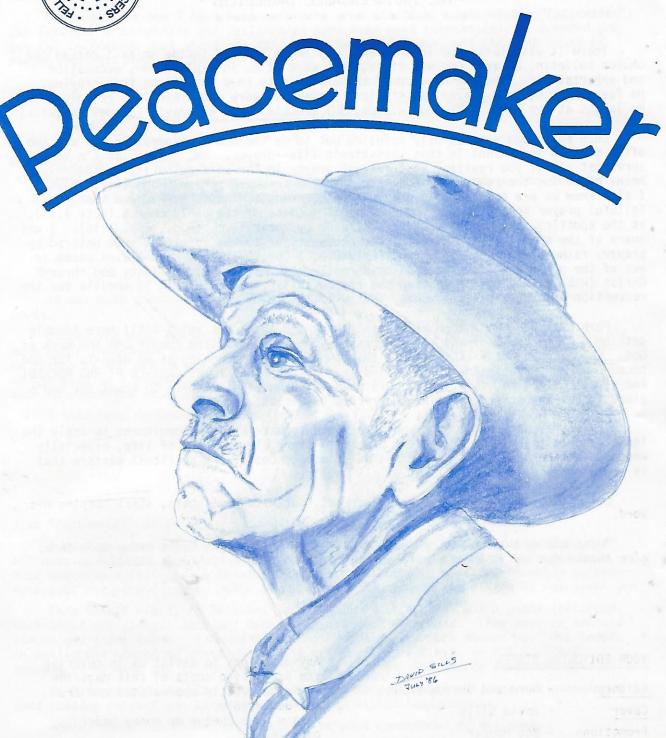


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"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills.

From whence cometh my help?"

(Psalms 121:1)

There it was staring me in the face. My heart twisted inside me as I reread the church bulletin, because God was firing each word at me in explanation, accusation and exhortation: "The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks our wisdom, BUT trembles when we pray!" (Samuel Chadwick)

Once again God was urgently pointing out to me the one indispensable but all too often missing ingredient in this Christian's life--prayer. Oh, I knew, as I'm very sure most all of you realize, that fervent prayer in Christ's authority is the only means of moving the resources of heaven into the temporal sphere (John 14:13,14). I also knew we are commanded to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), and that faithful prayer accounted for the phenomenal success of the early church (Acts 4:31), as the apostles, as our examples, illustrated by their lives (e.g., Eph. 1:16). I was aware of the spiritual principle of the necessity of sowing spiritual seed watered by prayer, rather than by human effort (Gal. 6:8; 1 Cor. 3:11-15). And I even stood in awe of the privilege of being able to directly communicate with Almighty God through Christ (Heb. 4:16), not to mention the responsibility of being able to wrestle for the redemption of a devastated humanity (Matt. 18:18, 19).

Perhaps like you, I knew all these things and more, but yet I still have trouble getting down to the business of intercessory prayer for hurting people and the work of God. When I read Chadwick's thought that the devil was laughing at my efforts for God because of my prayerlessness, it galled me. NO ONE LIKES TO BE LAUGHED AT AND MOCKED! And yet it helped me, for I want, more than anything else, my life to count for God's glory in helping others discover the riches of Christ.

Therefore, with me, I urge you before God to make a fresh commitment to apply the indispensable ingredient of fervent prayer to every circumstance of life, especially when we consider the deadly and perpetual consequences of the spiritual warfare that is raging around us for the lives of all people.

Let us not only read the "prayer verses", but with God's help, start obeying His Word.

"Here are my directions; pray much for others; plead for God's mercy upon them; give thanks for all He is going to do for them" (1 Tim. 2:1, Living Bible).

Norm Brown Editor

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Letters to the "Peacemaker"

Dear Sir.

For some time now I have been receiving your excellent magazine the "Peacemaker"; the letters, commentaries and testimonies have been most encouraging. I commend you for the initiative your group has taken on a National basis, and the many hours of prayer and hard work you have put into the F.C.P.O.

Your brother in Christ, David Greenhalgh - Detective Delta, B.C.

Dear Staff of "Peacemaker",

May God richly bless you for the necessary and excellent work you do for Him! We deeply appreciate the "Peacemaker" magazine.

In Christian love, Hank and Marg Bax London, Ont.

It was with great interest that I read the "Peacemaker". I read from cover to cover.

Within the next few weeks I will be contacting some of my fellow offiers who are born again Christians with the view to letting them know about the F.C.P.O. We have in excess of 400 men on our force and only five are Christians. So you can see that we are also in a minority in this force. I know there is a place in our force for such an organization as the F.C.P.O.

I will keep in touch and pray for the F.C.P.O.

Yours in Christ, Ralph Pitcher Royal Newfoundland Constabulary St. John's, Nfld.

Dear "Peacemaker" Staff,

I want to drop you a few lines to let you know we are alive but floundering a bit here in Winnipeg. I want to quickly add that Norm and Sharon Brown's visit in June was very uplifting. I thought I was an enthusiastic, positive-thinking person-Norm goes one step further. Keep it up, Norm. Don't lose the vision He has given you.

From Norm's visit, to Jack and Ruth Foster's visit, this was a great follow-up. Talk about uplifting. Jack and Ruth were just what we needed. They gave us renewed vision and fresh ideas. I loved the video tape ministry Jack showed us. One couple in particular caught my heart--Cpl. Doug and Kay Lee, R.C.M.P. in P.E.I. They encouraged my wife and I; their sincerity and love for God really shone through.

We have started to plan some new outreach to peace officers, and are planning a fund raising banquet for Christmas in order to assist headquarters.

Again, thank you Browns and Fosters for your commitment to His work.

In Christ,

Bruce Day - Cst.
Winnipeg P.D.

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More Letters . . .

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I read an artical in "Real Living" on Dick Hayward's testimony: "One of Ontario's Finest Shares His Faith."

I am a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and am interested in joining the Canadian Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers Inc. Would you please send me further information?

I've accepted Jesus into my life now going on five years. My wife, Sheree, and I have been attending the Merritt Full Gospel Tabernacle for three years before moving to Dease Lake, B.C.

We are hoping to hear from you very soon.

God bless.

Willie Shuter Dease Lake, B.C.

Letters to the "Peacem

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for my copy of the "Peacemaker" with its quality of content, telling of how the Lord is working through the lives of His chosen people. God has said: "You did not choose Me; I have chosen you", which means we should be reflections of His light ("Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father which is in heaven").

If we are to have revival, it must begin with His chosen people.

In His service,

George B. Walker Belfast, Northern Ireland

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ANOTHER NEW CHAPTER!

"Praise the Lord, great things He has done!" As of the 27th of July 1986 the Delta Canadian F.C.P.O. Chapter was recognized as an official F.C.P.O. Chapter. David Greenhalgh, Rob Murray and Ernie Frers (all Delta police officers serving a large community south of Vancouver, B.C.) are this new Chapter's executive. May God Himself richly bless and empower them as they start this most important work of God!

If anyone needs to contact them, they may do so in care of David Greenhalgh, 11433 - 75 Avenue, Delta, B.C., V4C 1H4, or phone (604) 590-3551.

Incidentally, that brings our count of official F.C.P.O. Chapters in Canada to 23, with at least one in every province except Saskatchewan, P.E.I., Newfoundland, and the Territories. Let all of us pray that God will have dominion from sea to sea in the Canadian law enforcement community as He raises up bold and dedicated servants of God to form Chapters in these remaining provinces, as well as in the 14 or 15 other areas where we know of groups of Christian peace officers.

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Upcoming Events

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY CHAPTER:

The Annapolis Valley Chapter meets the second Monday of each month at 8:30 a.m. for a breakfast fellowship meeting at the Wandlyn Inn, Kentville, N.S. Visitors are encouraged!

BARRIE DISTRICT CHAPTER:

October 5, 1986

A new F.C.P.O. Chapter has been formed at Barrie, Ont., and they will be taking their first church service on Sunday, October 5, 1986. It would be appreciated if as many members as possible attend from other Chapters to support Barrie with this service which will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 128 St. Vincent Street, Barrie, Ont. If you can attend, please advise Merrill Klingbeil, 85 Cook Street, Barrie, Ont., L4M 4G5 (home phone 705-728-1832 or Toronto office 416-860-2293).

HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH CHAPTER:

Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13 -- Breakfast meetings and fellowship hours are held on the second Saturday of each month at the Mic Mac Motel (in the Prince Albert Room), 313 Prince Albert Road, Dartmouth, N.S. (at the Mic Mac Rotary). These meetings will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the buffet breakfast is only \$5.00 per person. We welcome all peace officers, spouses and friends, together with representatives from other departments within the Criminal Justice System. Please join us. Our meetings will include special speakers, music and the opportunity to discuss items of business. For further information, please contact John Carter (865-1244) or Vince MacDonald (421-6855).

4TH NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING:

Sept. 19-21, 1986

This year the NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at Polson Park Free Methodist Church in Kingston, Ont. and kindly hosted by the Kingston "One Way" Chapter, commencing on Friday, September 19 and running until the following Sunday afternoon. The weekend will be filled with exciting F.C.P.O. activities including a share time, thrilling Chapter reports, a much needed business meeting, sightseeing in the beautiful Kingston area, lots of fellowship and great cooking! Hope to see you there!

OSHAWA AREA:

October 19, 1986

The largest church in Oshawa and the F.C.P.O. are hosting a Peace Officer Appreciation Day on Sunday, October 19 in order to say "thank you" to all the officers living in the Durham area for their service and help create interest for the formation of an F.C.P.O. Chapter east of Toronto.

TORONTO AREA BREAKFAST:

September 27, 1986 For details and tickets call (416) 281-8110.

Devotional

PRAYER COUNTS!

How important is prayer? The Scriptures place this human activity at the top of the list, and yet we probably spend less time in prayer than we do in placing our money in the offering plate. The Bible--God's Word--tells us that God does not move unless we pray.

Here are some biblical examples. Jesus said: "Ask and it shall be given you" (Matt. 7:7); "Men ought always to pray and not faint" (Luke 18:1); "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24). And Jesus also taught us the Lord's Prayer. First Chronicles 16:11 is repeated in Hosea 14:2: "Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His face continually." Paul says in 1 Thess. 5:17 and in 1 Tim. 2:8, "Pray without ceasing."

In the Bible we can read how Abraham prayed for the city of Sodom, how Jonah prayed from a whale's belly, how men of God prayed for famine and for rain, and how women prayed to become pregnant. We can pray in public, in private, while prostrate, standing, sitting, in bed, kneeling, crying out loud or under our breath, in the morning, in the evening, or all night. We read about foolish prayer and wise prayer, short prayers and long prayers. And God answered those prayers, sometimes even the foolish ones, to the asker's sorrow.

While I write this, I am not sure what the outcome will be of our 4th National General Meeting in Kingston this year. But this I do know: I need to pray more; we need to pray more. We need to pray for our country, its leaders, for the C.F.C.P.O., our families and friends. We need to be specific about certain things, like changes in our laws, and for healing of lives and families. We need to be specific and name names so that God will bring the guys and gals that we work with into His glorious Kingdom and light!

To all of you who have prayed for me specifically and for my family, I thank you with all my heart! While I was in Newfoundland this past June with Jack and Ruth Foster and my wife, Joan, I was strongly reminded of where the Lord has brought me from. We were at Cape Speak, the most easterly point in the entire Western Hemisphere. It was here that I looked across to the entrance at St. John's harbour and saw for the second time this view. The first time was in 1953 when I sailed into it from England with my father onboard the S.S. Seaboard Trader. I was a young lad of 16, wet behind the ears and a sinner in need of my Redeemer. Here I was, 33 years later, saved, married, a father of 5 children and even a grandfather! I have been a police officer for 21 years, the President of the Canadian F.C.P.O., and have touched the Pacific Ocean in Vancouver 3 years ago while on C.F.C.P.O. business for the Lord. Now, for the same purpose, I was touching the Atlantic Ocean! Humbled? You bet! Tears? You bet! Did I pray? You bet! For I was strongly reminded that God leads every life for His own purpose, even in spite of ourselves sometimes. It was there that we joined hands, formed a circle with our wives, some children, a pastor and other peace officers, and prayed a fervent prayer for law enforcement personnel and their families and for the Canadian F.C.P.O. across this great country of ours. Oh let it be the Lord's!!

As I mentioned already, Joan and I have 5 children. One has been in full-time

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ministry in P.E.I. Another has spent 2 years in Bible College. Another has rededicated her life to the Lord, her husband has given his heart to the Lord, and their child has been dedicated to the Lord. Another daughter loves the Lord, and another son who has been away for years is coming home. Are we joyful? Yes, indeed, but we have been broke, and broken and exhausted.

So, again, for your prayers, we thank you, for they have been answered. So you can be joyful, too!

Dick Hayward

Recipe Corner

Sweet 'n Sour Meatballs

1½ lbs. ground beef
½ cup milk
1 cup bread crumbs
1 egg (beaten)
diced onion
salt and pepper

Mix together and form into balls. Brown in frying pan.

Sauce: l cup water, ketchup,
brown sugar, ½ cup vinegar,
2 tbsp. flour.

Mix brown sugar and flour. Add liquids. Pour over meatballs and cook in oven for 1 hour at 325°-350°F.

(Submitted by Nikki MacKenzie, wife of Dave, Constable with Calgary P.D. and President of Calgary F.C.P.O. Chapter)

Poetry

CHOSEN PEOPLE

Make Thy Chosen People joyful, Some are downcast, some are sad, Some have fallen by the wayside, Others lost the love they had.

Make Thy Chosen People joyful, Make their countenances bright, Let them be a true Reflection, Of Thine own eternal light.

Make Thy Chosen People joyful, Tune their Hearts to sing Thy Praise, Lift them up that they may serve Thee, Throughout all their length of days.

Make Thy Chosen People joyful, Send refreshment yet again, Breathe upon them with Thy Spirit, Till they reach their journey's end.

--George B. Walker, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Weddings

On July 12, 1986, Ron Mostrey and Shawnie Hoddinott were united in marriage at the Millwoods Pentecostal Assembly in Edmonton. Ron is an R.C.M.P. Constable, serving in the Edmonton Drug Section, and is a member of the Edmonton F.C.P.O. Chapter. We wish this couple God's richest blessings on their new life together.



FROM EAST TO WEST

Jack and Ruth Foster and Joan and I (Dick Hayward) travelled to the Maritimes during June 1986. We went with them as a ministry team. We travelled approximately 9,000 km in 23 days, crossing by ferry to P.E.I. then Newfoundland. We had 16 engagements. Our purpose in going was to encourage peace officers to come together to form chapters and to encourage those already formed. We met and ministered in the following places in this order: Cornwall, Ont., Summerside, P.E.I., Charlottetown, P.E.I., Montague, P.E.I., Grand Falls, Nfld., St. John's, Nlfd., Cape Breton, N.S., Halifax, N.S., Moncton, N.B., St. John, N.B., Fredericton, N.B., and Dalhousie, N.B. We also stopped briefly outside Quebec City and met with Marcel Gauvin, our National French Canadian Outreach Chairman, and Tom Jamieson, President of the Kingston Chapter.

Was our trip confirmed by the Holy Spirit? The answer is yes. This is not because I say so, but because of what was said by the Holy Spirit through many peace officers and wives that we met along the way. The Holy Spirit gave us the power and strength to minister; it did not come from ourselves. Were we ministered to as we travelled? To this question the four of us can say a glorious "Yes"!

The Holy Spirit was very evident in those we met. Their enthusiasm and love for the Lord was very evident. The difference that the power of Christ has made in their lives is obvious and very visible as they talk about Him. This is true for those who have loved and obeyed the Lord for many years, as well as for those whose acceptance of their Redeemer has been recent.

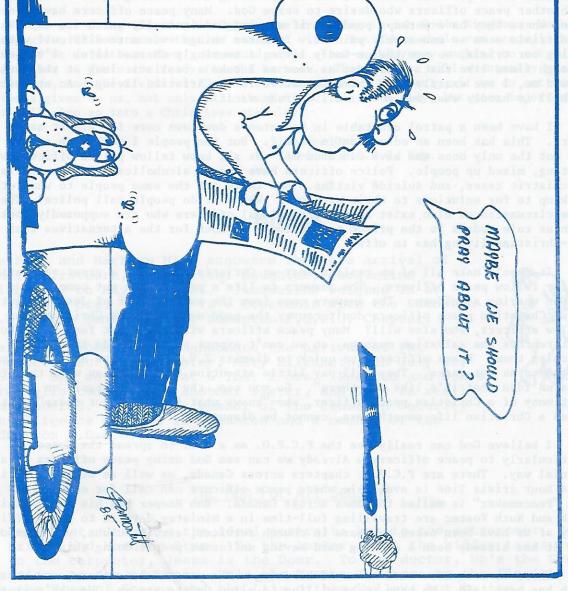
There are so many people we could thank for their gracious hospitality. The contrasting beauty of this country of ours--Canada--cannot match the beauty of those Christian peace officers and their wives and children we met. Those who arranged meetings, helped us minister together, hosted us when the motor home broke down and understood our exhausting schedule, and those pastors who opened up their churches and pulpits to us, we give a special thanks. When Jack and Ruth Foster visit you, ask to see the testimonies that Jack made of the peace officers' wives. They are a real ministry in video to our ladies--a very needed, high priority area. You will sense the love of the Lord, their grasp of their husband's job and the love for their husbands and children. Your eyes will well up with tears as you view and listen to their testimonies.

Incidentally, I am writing this as I am flying 35,000 feet up, returning home from Edmonton, Alberta. The Canadian F.C.P.O. is very much needed. My first duty in Edmonton was to attend a police funeral of an Edmonton officer killed while riding his bicycle. I was introduced to his young widow. My heart went out to her, so I presented her with a New Testament with some words from me as the National President to her on behalf of our fellowship. Later I met with the members of the Edmonton Chapter and was encouraged by them. We extend a special congratulations to Ron Mostrey (Edmonton R.C.M.P. Drug Squad) and his wife, Shawney (a nurse), as they launch out on their new life together.

Is the C.F.C.P.O. needed? Does it need your support as a believer, your interest or active involvement as a peace officer? Before God, ask yourself these questions. To help with your response, consider what God is doing as we are receiving enquiries about the F.C.P.O. from peace officers from Australia, New Zealand, West Germany and throughout Great Britain.

Dick Hayward National C.F.C.P.O. President

That's Life!



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An Open Letter Of Exhortation

I had the privilege of attending the 4th Canadian Law Enforcement Conference held in Toronto in May. As usual, the organizers of the event deserve to be commended for a job well done. It was so uplifting and encouraging to be together with other peace officers who desire to serve God. Many peace officers have faced times where they have perhaps pondered if serving God is really worth it, especially when trials seem so unbearably painful. It makes things even more difficult when, during our trials, we see the un-Godly living a seemingly charmed life. I've been through times like that. But just as soon as I take a realistic look at the world around me, I see exactly what the alternative is to Christian living. An eternity in hell is hardly what one could call a dream vacation.

I have been a patrol constable in Edmonton's downtown core for almost seven years. This has been an education in itself. But the people I deal with on the street are not the only ones who have educated me. We all know fellow police officers who are hurting, mixed up people. Police officers have become alcoholics, divorce statistics, psychiatric cases, and suicide victims. And these are the same people to whom others look up to for solutions to their problems. Why else do people call police? These same circumstances also exist among correctional officers who are supposedly looked upon as role models in the prison population. So much for the alternatives that non-Christian living has to offer.

It should make all of us realize that as Christians we have a great responsibility to our fellow peace officers. The answers to life's problems do not come from a person wearing a uniform. The answers come from the saving power of Jesus Christ. If we as Christian peace officers don't convey the good news of Jesus Christ to our fellow officers, who else will? Many peace officers will never set foot in a church that teaches the salvation message, so we can't expect pastors to do the job of reaching them. Peace officers are quick to dismiss T.V. evangelists and street corner preachers as nut cases. They will pay little attention to a civilian whom they feel "has no idea what it's like out there". So you see, the onus is largely on us. The testimony of a Christian peace officer, who "knows what it's like out there", but lives a Christian life nonetheless, cannot be disputed.

I believe God can really use the F.C.P.O. as a tool to spread the Gospel, particularly to peace officers. Already we can see God using peace officers in a special way. There are F.C.P.O. chapters across Canada, as well as other countries. A 24 hour crisis line is available where peace officers can call for counsel and prayer. The "Peacemaker" is mailed to names across Canada. Bob Hooper has his music ministry. Jack and Ruth Foster are travelling full-time in a ministry devoted to peace officers. Many of us have been asked to share in church services, service clubs, youth groups, and it has already been a drawing card having uniformed people doing this.

There is much more that we could be doing. The potential is there, and the ground work has been laid. We have to be willing to allow God to use us. We can't expect people like the Fosters and Norm and Sharon Brown to carry the entire workload, then expect God's work to flourish while we sit by and do nothing. For a body to function smoothly, each body part has to be operational.

I'm not implying that we should all take the pulpit and preach. But let's not sit back and be apathetic either. For starters, let's pray. Let's pray for each other in the F.C.P.O. Let's meet together and pray for the salvation of our fellow officers.

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Everybody can do that. Let's get out and support our local F.C.P.O. chapters with our attendance. Our National Executive needs to be upheld in prayer. The "Peacemaker" needs our support. Let us pray for peace officers who do not have the support system of a local F.C.P.O. chapter. They need to know that they have our support.

We are not doing this for our glory; we are doing it for God's Kingdom. He has already given us some tools that we can work with. But these tools can accomplish nothing if we do not use them. We would never allow a shiny new combine to sit idle while fields of grain are ready for the harvest. That combine will eventually rust without use, and the fields will still be unharvested. Similarly, if we do not use the tools given to us, not only will the F.C.P.O. die as a body, but more importantly, souls will also go into a Christless eternity.

Arlene Omilian Alberta F.C.P.O. Rep.

Births

- * Gerhard and Marilyn Hiob announce the safe arrival of their firstborn, a beautiful daughter, Jacqueline Michelle, on May 16, 1986. Jacqueline weighed in at 7 lbs. 15 ozs. Gerhard is a Constable with the Edmonton P.D. and a member of the Edmonton F.C.P.O. Chapter.
- * Gary and Leona Compton announce the arrival of yet another beautiful daughter, Mary Elizabeth, on July 31, 1986. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 2 ozs. Rebecca and Debra are delighted to have another sister, and Gary is really outnumbered. Gary is a member of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service in Edmonton and a member of the Edmonton F.C.P.O. Chapter.



THE Man For All Seasons

To the artist, Jesus is the ideal portrait; but to the astronomer, He is the Bright and Morning Star. To the banker, He's the hidden treasure; but to the carpenter, Jesus is the Door. To the doctor, He's the Great Physician; to the educator, He's the Master Teacher; to the florist, He's the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley; but to the horticulturalist, He's the True Vine. To the geologist, He's the Rock; to the biologist, He's the Life. To the lawyer, He's the faithful witness; but to the judge, He's the supreme advocate. To the newspaper man, He's good tidings of great joy. To the philanthropist, Jesus is the unspeakable gift. To the sailor, He's the anchor that holds; to the soldier, He's the Captain of Salvation; and to the sinner, He's the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

--Author unknown

News

Eugene Hillier reports from Newfoundland:

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Greetings in the precious Name of Jesus! It was a blessing to have Dick and Joan Hayward and Jack and Ruth Foster visit our beautiful province from June 12th to the 16th. It was our pleasure to have them in our home overnight for fellowship. We saw the leadings of the Holy Spirit during their visit to this province. We sensed much of the presence of God in the church services at Grand Falls and St. John's. The people really enjoyed Jack's and Ruth's music ministry.

The evening banquet held at the Holiday Inn, St. John's, brought together members of two of our major Police Forces (the R.C.M.P. and the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary) for fellowship in the Lord. Supt. Genry Lechy of the R.C.M.P. represented the Chief Commanding Officer, as did Dale Henry. Lieut. Ralph Pitcher of the R.N.C. represented Chief Don Rendall. Supt. Lechy spoke favourably, supporting the formation of Chapters in Newfoundland and Labrador. Lieut. Pitcher led in the singing of choruses and related his desire to see a Chapter formed in St. John's where there are 389 members of the R.N.C. stationed—the largest police force east of Montreal.

Lieut. Pitcher stated at the evening banquet that he had read an article in the News & Views magazine from the Metro Toronto Police about the Canadian F.C.P.O. and wrote a letter to our President (Dick Hayward) for information on starting a Chapter. At the same time he heard there was an R.C.M.P. member in Grand Falls interested in forming a Chapter, and during this time I was stationed at St. John's Airport Detachment on temporary duties and had been in contact with Cst. Glen Moores (R.N.C.) for assistance in setting up a church service and banquet. Lieut. Pitcher related how one day this young Cst. Moores of Crime Prevention Unit showed up at his office all excited about the C.F.C.P.O. It was then that he found out the R.C.M.P. member's name from Grand Falls who was interested in forming a Chapter, and at the banquet he related that he had written a letter to our president, and he (Dick) arrived in St. John's before receiving Lieut. Pitcher's letter! This obviously was a sure confirmation of the leadings of the Holy Spirit!

We have things put on hold until summer holidays are over, and we are hoping to have two Chapters started in September in Grand Falls and St. John's. Please continue to pray for us. I am hoping to be able to attend the 4th National General Meeting, Sept. 19-21, 1986 with my family to give reports on the Newfoundland Chapters!

In Christ's service,

Eugene Hillier, R.C.M.P.

Grand Falls, Nfld.

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Believing Christ died--that's history.
Believing Christ died for ME--that's salvation.

You may be the only Bible some people will ever read!

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If God exists, why is the world in such a desperate state?

The common answer is that the state of the world is the result of man's sin, not God's inattention, and that in fact the world would be much worse if God did not restrain man's sinful activities.

But this answer must become something that we can live with every day; we must be able to apply it to the situations in which we daily find ourselves.

As police officers, we are all aware of the sinful state of mankind. The effects of constant exposure will be accelerated for some, and slowed down for others. Yet at some point we all say, "What could lead a human being to do something like that?" We can all think of examples. As Christians we have learned that the source of all the perversions that we see around us is the sin within man. So why are we surprised by them? These crimes only show that man is indeed utterly depraved by sin. The unbelievable foulness of some of these crimes shows us how disgusting sin really is—the 'minor' sins or crimes are really the same foulness in disguise.

We are also faced everyday with the fact that, no matter how hard we work to put criminals behind bars, society has arranged it that the criminal doesn't have to work very hard at all to get out from behind those bars. For us, this is a very frustrating reality. I think it would help, however, if we realized that, as most of the criminals are sinners, so also are most of the law-makers. The only difference is that the law-makers sin in ways that are acceptable to society, while the criminals sin in ways that are unacceptable to society. They are birds of a feather. So we should not be surprised that the overruling tendency of society is to be lenient with them.

How can we deal with the first horror—the results of man's sin? God, in His perfect holiness and righteousness, has said that He hates the workers of iniquity. As Christians, we should echo that revulsion for iniquitous acts, and for their perpetrators.

At the same time I must not forget that if the righteousness of Jesus Christ has covered all of my sins, it can surely cover all the crimes of the most depraved man on the earth. There are no distinctions among sinners; I was once as wicked in God's eyes as that criminal is now.

We should feel no guilt because of the reaction of revulsion, loathing and hatred that comes over us when faced with the aftermath of sin; we are only reflecting God's feelings about sin. But we must be sure that we do not allow this feeling to dominate our reactions. If our hatred becomes unreasonable, or blind, we will only be led to sin ourselves.

It is our duty, therefore, to labour to put an end to the violent outpourings of sinful activity. That is the most direct way of dealing with the terrible things that we sometimes see. We must also remember that there is One who sees it all, and who does not forget. Whether or not we catch them, there is a Day of Judgement. We usually only think of that Day in reference to ourselves as Christians; but that is also a Day of Judgement for those who murder, rape and abuse others.

We can take all of the frustrations and stress that comes from our close proximity to sinful men and give it to God.

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"For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by them that heard Him." Hebrews 2:2-3

Every act of disobedience will be rewarded by God--rewarded with punishment. The final responsibility does not rest on us.

Michael Mead - P.C. Metro Toronto P.F.

PRAISE

- * We are praising God for the four new Chapters that He has formed in the last four months. God is really moving in the Canadian law enforcement scene! Thank you, Lord!
- * It is a real blessing to have such fine facilities offered to us for the National General Meeting in Kingston this year. Thank God for the devotion and leadership of men like Tom Jamieson and Larry Wilson as they put this event together.

Needing Prayer ...

- * Please remember our C.F.C.P.O. Vice-President, Jack Foster, and his wife, Ruth, in the Faith/Outreach Mobile Ministry, as they continue to travel across western Canada and then into the United States visiting all the F.C.P.O. Chapters and ministering in many churches. Pray that God will mightily use them, protect them (and their motor home) and provide for their needs.
- * The F.C.P.O. executive needs your prayers for God's wisdom and direction as they decide on several major issues. Pray also that the needed funds to cover the computer, accounting, legal, mailing and printing costs will continue to be supplied.
- * Officers in Newfoundland, P.E.I. and Saskatchewan have asked for us to pray that God would somehow raise up F.C.P.O. Chapters in their province. Let us honour their faith and join them in praying the work of God into existence.

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