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* OPEN OUR EYES, LORD! *

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The eye--what an invention! Creationist Scientists point to the wondrous accuracy, versatility and complexity of the human eye to demonstrate that man did not happen by chance but was, in fact, created by All-Powerful God.

No one has ever found or expects to find a 'Canon' or 'Nikon' camera plop out of a volcano's lava, although all the necessary components to manufacture it are contained in the magma, because design and function imply a creator! Our eyes, infinitely more intricate and amazing than any camera, were invented by the Master Craftsman for definite purposes in our lives. And He gave us, not only a pair of physical eyes to see the material universe, but eyes of the heart to perceive truth itself.

The horrific tragedy is that most people living on this planet are blind to Christ, the Light of the world, and therefore are living in darkness. People all around us see only the "earth", their culture and themselves as ultimate reality because *"the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the glory of Christ who is the image of God"* (11 Cor. 4:4). So these poor handicapped souls stumble lost through the darkness in frustration and danger, accomplishing nothing on the path to hell.

Christians, on the other hand, should see the LIGHT (John 1:4) and be the light of the world (Matt. 5:14). We should be farsighted, looking through ourselves, our culture, the world and even time, to the eternal throne of God where Christ the King reigns behind the veil of glory (Isaiah 33:17)! We should see the NOW in the light of ETERNITY as Christ graciously enlightens us to understand His glorious loving plan for His family (Eph. 1:18). This inward vision, *"fixing our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen"* (11 Cor. 4:18) gives God's children an eternal perspective that enables us to be joyful always, leading productive and meaningful lives as pilgrims who are following Christ surefootedly through this life into heaven!

Sadly, how many of us Christians still sit alone in the dark, suffering from a myoptic vision that has been limited by our greed, self-love, preoccupations and neglect of Christ. We get so grumpy as we blindly stub our toes, spin our tires and waste our time. We must ask, with the Psalmist in Psalm 119:18, *"open my eyes that I might see!"* We must fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith (Heb. 12:2). We must be willing to open our eyes to see the things that Jesus sees--the hurt, the need and the harvest (John 4:35). For it is only when we catch a clear vision of Jesus in His love and power, and the awesome devastation of humanity, that we can hear Christ's word directed to us: *"I am sending YOU to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me"* (Acts 26:18). Oh, Lord, take away our scales and open our eyes!

Norm Brown, Editor

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Letters to the "Peacemaker"

Greetings;

We want you to know how much we enjoy your magazine. It's good to hear news and happenings from other forces!

In Jesus' Name,

Merle & Elaine Fuller
Lethbridge, Alberta

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I enjoy each issue and look forward to the letters sent in from throughout the country. This is a great work and I am sure the "Peacemaker" has changed the lives of many who have been searching. May the Lord richly bless those involved in preparing each issue.

Sincerely in Christ,

Jack Webster - R.C.M.P.
Toronto, Ont.

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Dear Norm & Sharon,

May God bless you for your efforts in the ministry of this magazine, and only eternity will reveal the impact it has had in the lives of Peace Officers and their families.

Yours in His service,

Jack & Ruth Foster - Retired Police Chief
Faith Mobile Outreach Team

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Dear Norman Brown & "Peacemaker" staff,

Thank you for sending me the "Peacemaker". I always enjoy reading it. I trust that your issues reach out to a lot of officers in your country and bless both the peace officers and the unsaved officers in your forces.

For me in Germany, it is wonderful to see how God "marshals His forces in Canada". It encourages us in Germany to expect that God will do great things with His officers in our forces. We see that, by standing for Christ in our reliefs, God moves the hearts of men.

So we have to thank you for the "Peacemaker" and the uplifting encouragement we find in every issue. Please continue to send us the "Peacemaker".

At the end of my short letter I have to send you greetings from the Christian Police Association of Germany. We want to give you our warmest love, and we feel linked to the F.C.P.O. as Christian officers standing for the precious name of our Saviour and Chief Constable, Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Lutz Rohmer - Chief Inspector
Cologne Police Force
West Germany

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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 to attend.

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.

LINDSAY, ONTARIO:

November 8, 1987

There will be a Peace Officer Appreciation Day on November 8, 1987, 11:00 a.m. at the Bethel Missionary Church, 70 William Street, Lindsay, Ontario. Pastor Fraser wants to make it a civic function, and has asked O.P.P. Cst. Bob Hooper to sing, but he wants as many of the C.F.C.P.O. to attend as possible! Here is a brand new area and the possibility of opening up the doors for a Chapter. Please plan now to attend. For further information, contact the church at (705) 324-5729.

5TH NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING:

Oct. 30 - Nov. 1/87

Our 5TH NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING this year is being combined with a SPIRITUAL RENEWAL WEEKEND at "Singing Waters", a Christian Renewal Centre, located on 50 acres of wooded land in the Hockley Valley just north of Orangeville, Ont. See Pages 10 - 12 for all the details and directions. Looking forward to seeing you there.

TORONTO AREA CHAPTER:

The Toronto Area Chapter 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 John Walker (416-883-4240) 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.

VANCOUVER CHAPTER:

Sat., Sept. 19

On Saturday, September 19 at 7:30 p.m. the Vancouver Chapter of the F.C.P.O. will start the fall season with a meeting, guest speakers, coffee and dessert. All law enforcement officers, wives and associates are invited to attend. For

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further information, directions and/or transportation, please call: Bill Marten, President, at (604) 936-1641 or Vic Stelzer, Vice President, at (604) 277-3655. It will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, 1660 Regan Ave., Coquitlam, B.C. Detectives Warren and Vicki Wilson (Retired), of the Los Angeles P.D. will be the guest speakers. They were converted to Christ five years ago, and are currently residing on Salt Spring Island. We welcome any out-of-town or -province law enforcement officers.

SPECIAL EVENT!!!

Aug. 27 - Sept. 3/88 Take note, everyone, and put in now for your 1988 vacation to encompass the first Canadian F.C.P.O. holiday during the week of Saturday, August 27th through until Saturday, September 3rd, 1988. This event will be held at the gorgeous Muskoka Woods Resort and will feature a daily banquet of special speakers, including Los Angeles' Deputy Chief Mark Kroeker, breathtaking music, fabulous food and fun for the whole family, and our 6TH NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING. This promises to be the best C.F.C.P.O. event ever held and we don't want anyone to miss it!

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.

Prayer & Praise

- * Let us praise the Lord for an F.C.P.O. Chapter in Kamloops, B.C. It is thrilling to see how God is expanding His holy work in the various criminal justice agencies of our country.
- * We are thankful that our loving Heavenly Father has answered the last issue's request for "Peacemaker" funds for now. But please pray that the heavy financial needs of the National F.C.P.O. are also met. Our God is able!
- * Please remember to pray for the Spiritual Retreat weekend, October 30th to November 1st, and the National General Meeting held at Singing Waters. We are asking the Lord to dynamically meet His F.C.P.O. family there to remold us all in His perfect likeness.
- * Also, try to pray daily for the widows of officers who have died. As you know, the Lord has a special love and interest in widows and orphans, and we are obligated to "cooperate in the divine initiative".

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News From The Faith Mobile Outreach Team

It is good to be back home in Ontario after our winter break in Florida and, if you read Jack Turner's article in the last issue of the "Peacemaker" (Page 17), you will know that we have been busy for the F.C.P.O.

At the time of this writing (June 1987), I talked to our good friend and brother-in-law, John Voisey, of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office in Largo, Florida and, as a result of an initial contact made by Jack Turner which we followed up jointly, they have formed an executive and already applied for Chapter status. Praise the Lord, it is an answer to a lot of prayer and a much needed support group in that area. Pray for them that the nucleus of approximately 35 they have now will not only grow in numbers but in their spirits.

Enroute home we spent four days at St. Simons Island in Georgia with a beautiful couple we met while ministering in Charlottetown, P.E.I. last June (1986). Lew Sobke is a retired Colonel and he and his lovely wife, Sarah, invited us to minister near their home.

Our ministry and the concept of the F.C.P.O. has been well received without exception as we travelled from coast to coast in both the Canadian Provinces and the United States, but we believe that the contact Col. Sobke made for us in Georgia could well be the greatest yet in terms of potential outreach.

James Linn, Program Manager for the massive Federal Law Enforcement Training Centre in Glynco, Georgia, whom we met at the Christian Renewal Centre where we shared, was really excited as we presented the F.C.P.O. He and three other born again Christians lecture at the centre where new recruits and officers from across the Nation attend at the rate of approximately 20,000 per year. Think of the potential of reaching these officers for Christ before they return to their prospective departments across the country!

We supplied James Linn, Wesley Cox and an interested Attorney named John P. Rivers with all the necessary information and forms from Los Angeles. PRAY FOR THEM.

We also had a great time of fellowship with Hank and Nina Lancaster in Cherry Hill, New Jersey and other members of Chapter 53 of the U.S. F.C.P.O. We shared video-taped greetings from Ralph Evans from L.A. as well as a bit of our conference and parade at The Peoples Church.

We are now based at Mountain Lake, Minden, Ontario where we purchased a modest home on the water, and we will travel from here into Northern Ontario this summer for the F.C.P.O. Pray for us as we travel and minister. The time may be short and the fields are white unto harvest!

Yours in His Service,

Jack & Ruth Foster
Retired Chief of Stirling, Ont.

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We can be thankful God's answers are wiser than our prayers.

In Sympathy

In July of this year 1987, our brother officer in law and grace, Marc Taylor, was promoted to glory by the Chief of all Chiefs. Melanie, his beloved wife, in the midst of this most difficult time, has written a beautiful letter which we are sure you all will find most uplifting. Please, as she has so openly requested, lift her up to our Heavenly Father in your daily devotions. Thank you!

"I am sorry to have to write you under these circumstances. My husband, Marc, was a Police Constable with Peel Regional Police (Ontario) up until a week ago (July 1987) when he was killed in an accident. Marc was 21 years old--we had been married for only 6½ months.

"Marc was able to be a Christian witness to guys and gals at work, for which I praise God! We prayed always that fellow officers would come to know Christ as a result of Marc's witness to them. Already I know of one officer who rededicated his life to the Lord at the funeral this week Monday.

"This is a really hard time for me, and I would greatly appreciate your prayer support.

"Although Marc and I never attended any F.C.P.O. meetings, we enjoyed reading your magazine and found it very edifying. Marc wore his F.C.P.O. jacket very proudly!"

Love,

Melanie Taylor

Also, the "Peacemaker" recently received this following letter . . .

"Thank you for continuing to send me this informative and interesting magazine. I'm enclosing my change of address . . . and please change the name Bob Haines to Yvonne, as my husband Bob went to be with the Lord in August 1985.

"I'm also interested in knowing if there are any other widows who would be encouraged in the Lord by writing or meeting together. This idea came to me several months ago, and although I am active in a local church with very warm, caring individuals, I wondered if there might be those women who are lonely and could use some encouragement.

"If so, my address is: Mrs. Yvonne Haines, 96 Raylawn Crescent, Georgetown, Ontario, L7G 4N1. I would love to hear from you!

In Christ,

Yvonne Haines

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Eternity is not just length of time but completeness of everything man could ever want.

Poetry

STAND FIRM AND TRUE

Stand firm and true for Jesus,
Wherever you may go,
The task may not be easy,
For strong may be the foe,
So keep your colours flying
And witness for the Lord,
That by your good example,
Some soul may be restored.

Stand firm and true for Jesus,
Throughout each day and night,
When dark clouds dim your pathway
The Lord will be your light;
Put all your trust in Jesus,
When Satan's host assail,
For this one thing is certain,
Jesus will never fail.

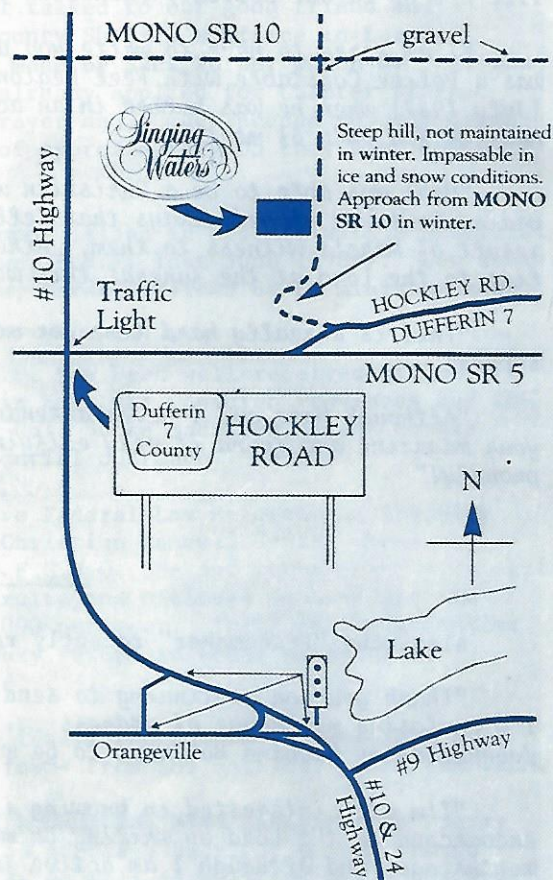
To some with tragic swiftness,
Misfortune comes their way;
And many will forsake them,
Their friends of yesterday;
Stand firm and true for Jesus,
To Him, your needs make known,
He never will forsake you,
You'll never walk alone.

Stand firm and true for Jesus,
The Saviour of the world;
Lift high the gospel banner,
And let it be unfurled;
The world's great need is Jesus,
His love, His grace, His power;
So let us work for Jesus,
Each day, and every hour.

--Walter Rogers
(Submitted by Everett Irons,
Constable, Londonderry, Northern
Ireland)

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A simple map to follow, if driving:



BRAMPTON

Singing Waters Inc.
R.R. #1, Orangeville
Ontario, Canada
L9W 2Y8
(519) 941-0929

The devil rolls out the carpet for the compromising Christian, only
to roll him up in it when he steps on it!

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5TH NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
CANADIAN FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN PEACE OFFICERS

On Friday, October 30th to Sunday, November 1st, 1987 the Canadian F.C.P.O. will have the 5th National General Meeting at a beautiful Christian Retreat Centre on the Nottawasaga River, called "Singing Waters", 40 kilometers north of the Toronto Airport near Orangeville, Ontario. The theme of the weekend is "Spiritual Renewal in the Lord", geared primarily for adults; however, a children's program will also be provided. The actual business meeting will be held on the Saturday morning only.

The cost is \$70.00 per adult per weekend (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon). This will include the Banquet for those registered there. Children 6-12 are half price and those under 6 are free. Registration will be \$12.00 per family or \$10.00 per single member. Cost will be adjusted for those who arrive Saturday morning.

There are very nice rooms that will accommodate 25 couples, each room having two single beds. And cots for the kids will be provided. If more than 25 couples come, there is a motel close by in Orangeville which is clean and reasonable.

As soon as you come onto the grounds of "Singing Waters" and into the building, you will immediately sense the quiet presence of the Holy Spirit. You will be glad you were there and will leave having met the Lord and His people in the C.F.C.P.O. So plan on attending!

We must know right away if you are coming! Already we have folks from both the East and the West coming, and we would love to include you in our fellowship. Please let us know as soon as possible if you can attend by sending in the Registration Form below. "Singing Waters" has to know our numbers to reserve the required space for us. Put your Registration Form in the mail TODAY! Thank you.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ PHONE () _____

ADDRESS _____ POSTAL CODE _____

I WILL BE ATTENDING THE WHOLE WEEKEND _____ OR _____

ARRIVAL TIME _____

HOW MANY ADULTS ARE COMING? _____ 6-12 year olds _____ children under 6 _____

MY \$25.00 DEPOSIT IS ENCLOSED _____

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM TODAY, along with your \$25.00 deposit, to:
 C.F.C.P.O., c/o Mr. LeVerne Ellenberger, P.O. Box 111, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 4W3.

← See Map for directions.

5TH NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING
RETREAT ITINERARY

DATE: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 30th - November 1st, 1987.

PLACE: "Singing Waters", Orangeville, Ontario.

SPECIAL SPEAKER: Conrad Jensen, Retired Deputy Inspector, New York P.D.

SPECIAL MUSIC: A. D. McConnell, Retired S/Sgt., Ottawa P.D.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30th, 1987

- 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Registration
- 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Fellowship & Sharing with Norm Brown
(coffee and sandwiches)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 1987

- 7:30 a.m. - Devotions with Norm Brown
- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. - Full breakfast in dining room
- 9:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Children's program with Mrs. Marilyn Weaver
- 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Business meeting
- 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Ladies fellowship (optional) with Mrs. Jan Yucick who will sing and share.
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch
- 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Renewal & Prayer Service with Rev. Tom Johnston (revivalist) and Harold Bennett (Supt. with Metro Toronto P.F.)
- 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - "Choir Practice"
- 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. - Banquet with special speaker Conrad Jensen

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1987

- 7:30 a.m. - Devotions with Norm Brown
 - 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. - Full breakfast
 - 10:30 - 12:00 noon - Morning Service with Conrad Jensen and A. D. McConnell (officers in uniform for video)
 - 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch
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REGARDING NOMINATIONS:

Please prayerfully consider anyone who you would feel could contribute to the Board of Directors, and send in a personal letter of nomination before the National Meeting, care of the "Peacemaker" address, to the attention of Jack Turner. Thank you.

REGARDING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIBLE RECEIPTS:

The cost of the weekend and all transportation expenses are tax deductible. See our treasurer, LeVerne Ellenberger, at the Meeting for forms and information.

Testimonies

BEFORE I RECEIVED CHRIST, I LIVED AND THOUGHT THIS WAY:

I was raised on Moosomin Indian Reservation, 21 miles north of North Battleford, Saskatchewan by my grandparents. My parents split up because of alcohol. I was taught to worship the Indian way, sundances, pow-wows. In my young days I saw a lot of drinking, violence and death. My grandmother was a person I really trusted and loved. When she died, I thought I had lost everything. I started drinking and went to the Indian religion for peace and comfort. In 1975 I joined the R.C.M. Police and did my training in Regina Depot Division. My first posting was Spiritwood Det. It was there that I met with my wife, Chris. She was a Christian girl. During our short courtship she shared her faith with me, but I did not pay too much attention to it. We got married shortly after. I was slowly becoming an alcoholic due to the pressure of my job. In 1979 I got transferred to La Ronge Det. It was there that I saw a lot of violence, shootings, stabbings, drownings, suicides and bar fights, mostly all alcohol and drug related.

HOW I RECEIVED CHRIST:

I used to hear my wife reading the Bible to our children. By this time we were blessed with two little boys. My family would go to church on Sundays and I would be home with a hangover. Once in a while I would go to church with my family, but it seemed like the preacher was always talking about me. I would feel guilty and so I would decide not to go for a while. My boss knew I was drinking too much. He told me one time that if I didn't stop I would be looking for another job. My wife couldn't take the abuse I was giving her and my kids were afraid of me. I would not take any abuse from anybody. Finally, every time I would have a hangover I would have to go to the hospital. One day my doctor told me that I would die at a young age if I didn't quit drinking. I knew that I needed help and that people were praying for me, but still I didn't turn to Jesus.

The day came when my wife told me that she was going to leave me. I told her that I would leave instead. I moved to a motel and worked from there. I started feeling sorry for myself. I stayed in that motel for three days, and would have to drink in order to sleep. I didn't know what to do. I was a drunk. I failed my wife and children and my pride was gone. I was ashamed of myself. So I decided I was going to kill myself, using my service revolver. I thought I would take one last drink of that whiskey then blow my brains out. I wanted to leave a note, so I started looking for a piece of paper to write on. I couldn't find any paper. Instead, I found a Bible inside the drawer. I opened it, but didn't know how to read it. I just picked any scripture and my finger stopped at John 3:16: "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE." I didn't understand it, but I read it over and over, and by the grace of GOD I understood it. Then I realized that JESUS loved me and died for me. That same evening I received a phone call from my wife telling me that my kids were lonesome for me and wanted me home. I told her to pick me up right away. It was in that motel room that I had called on the LORD. In Romans 10:9 it says, "THAT IF YOU SHALL CONFESS WITH THY MOUTH THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD AND BELIEVE IN THY HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU SHALL BE SAVED."

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AFTER I RECEIVED CHRIST, THESE CHANGES TOOK PLACE:

I began reading the Bible and would ask the Lord to give me understanding. My whole life seemed like it was new. The Lord healed my alcohol problem and my marriage, and my personality changed. I began to care for people and not just myself. My work became easier and I was able to share the love that Jesus gave me with others. I would witness to the drunks and especially to the prisoners or people who wanted to commit suicide. As I began to read more of God's word, I began to change in the way God wanted me to be. My heart was burdened for my Indian people. I could see that they were bound by sin.

I used to sing for the world, but now I sing for Jesus. Praise the Lord! Since our transfer to Blaine Lake, we began a ministry on Muskeg Lake I.R. and Mistawasis I.R. The Lord has blessed us with a beautiful baby girl, an answer to our prayers. He has blessed us with a new home and two other foster kids. Doors have been opened for us to share our testimony in other churches and schools. I've shared my testimony with other policemen. It isn't always an easy road, but God's grace is sufficient to meet all our needs and see me through all circumstances.

In closing, I would like to share with you some scriptures from God's Word. Phil. 4:7: "YOU WILL EXPERIENCE GOD'S PEACE, WHICH IS FAR MORE WONDERFUL THAN THE HUMAN MIND CAN UNDERSTAND. HIS PEACE WILL KEEP YOUR THOUGHTS AND YOUR HEARTS QUIET AND AT REST AS YOU TRUST IN CHRIST JESUS." Isaiah 26:3: "HE WILL KEEP YOU IN PERFECT PEACE ALL THOSE WHO TRUST IN HIM, WHO'S THOUGHTS TURN OFTEN TO THE LORD." Amen!

Brian Arcand - Cst.
Blaine Lake, Sask.

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"I AM THE BIBLE"

Men have challenged me, it is true, but I still stand as the book of books. Every second that ticks away a completed volume drops from the printing presses of the world. Dictators have tried to destroy me. Men have reviled and criticized, but I have won every victory.

For me men have been willing to die. Tied to the stake, thrown to the lions, placed upon the rack, they would not refute the truths that were found upon my pages.

Divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit Himself and divinely preserved throughout the centuries, I represent God's love letter to humanity. I tell with no compromise that man is a sinner and that he needs Jesus Christ. I am the spearhead of evangelism.

Many are the stories told of my power--power in the hearts of men--power that helped transform the destiny of nations. A veteran missionary who had spent many years in the service of the King summed it up so well when he said, "The Bible is still the world's best missionary."

Devotional

"FOLLOW ME" (Luke 5:27-32)

As I thought of our role in society, I was reminded again of this incident in the life of this public servant. Matthew was a PUBLICAN. Although he was a Jew, he was an agent of the Roman Government. Not only was he a publican but he was a man of POSITION in the community. Despised by his own people, yet he was the voice of authority as he acted on behalf of the governing body. Not only a publican of position, but it would seem he enjoyed some PROSPERITY. Not poor like many of his fellow countrymen, but with a fair measure of prosperity. (Of course we know that at that time, the system, unlike today, was rampant with graft; it's no wonder these publicans were despised with their ill-gotten gains.) A publican of position, prosperity and a man of PROMINENCE. Not well liked but well known in the community.

I don't know about you, but I see some similarities there with our lot as peace officers. As we seek to serve the community, as an arm of the justice system, we certainly do find ourselves in a place of POSITION, with a measure of PROSPERITY and PROMINENCE. Yet with a great segment of society, often misunderstood, our intents questioned, and at times our actions despised.

I found it interesting to note the way in which the three writers record this incident in scripture. Luke, in his very forthright manner, says, "Jesus went forth, he saw a 'publican'--remember, one of those despised ones. Mark, in his plain factual manner, says that "Jesus met Levi son of Alphaeus". Matthew himself records that "Jesus saw a man". I'm sure that's the way Matthew thought of it: "I'm just a man." Those around him may have viewed him having respect to his role, his position in society; but Matthew knew he was just a man, with all the human frailties, with all the human needs.

My fellow officer and friend, the world may see you first and foremost in your role and position in society, but as the God of heaven looks inside you, He sees you as you really are--a man or woman, with all the human traits and all the human needs.

The Lord very graciously calls this misunderstood, despised civil servant, this poor wretched sinner, this man, and He calls him to a personal relationship with Himself. The grace of God in action.

Wonder of wonders, friend, Jesus is still calling those who would seek to serve society, peace officers, men and women with all the similar human needs. He calls them to a personal relationship with Himself. He does this regardless of how we may be viewed by our fellow citizens. He does this regardless of how society sees us.

Now note the invitation of the Lord Jesus to this public servant. "Follow me." "Follow me" . . . it all sounds so simple. Remember as children we would play 'follow the leader'. It was a lot of fun, and when we failed, it was only a game. It seems to me that this is about the amount of effort and dedication that we sometimes put into our Christian life.

It's true that as we come to Christ, we come in all our need, our own unworthiness, our own helplessness, and we trust in Him alone for salvation--"Jesus alone can save". And the joy that the salvation brings is great to know and

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experience. But we must not and should not be misled into thinking that being a follower of Christ will be a life of ease. God never saved us to a life of ease.

Let me ask this very pointed question as the Holy Spirit challenges my own heart. "Just how well are we following?" Let me suggest that one of the reasons we, at times, don't follow too well or too closely is because we don't have a good or as good a knowledge as we should of the person we are seeking to follow.

On each occasion that the Lord uses this expression, "follow me", there is the thought of not just a simple walking as He walked, but an intimate relationship, fellowship. In this fellowship we begin to take on the characteristics, the attributes of the one we are following. "Let this mind be in you", said the Apostle Paul, "which was also in Christ Jesus." We really become more Christlike, and we cannot be more Christlike unless we know and grow in that knowledge of what Christ our Saviour is really like and, in particular, how He led His life here on earth. "Learn of me" was the message to His disciples, and His desire is the same for you and for me.

Jim Currie - S/Insp.
Halton Regional P.F., Ont.

(This devotional is a portion of a lengthy treatise on following Christ.)

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What Is A Revival?

A REVIVAL IS . . .

Like a thundercloud, in that lightning leaps from it and sometimes hits to kill;

Like the sunshine, in that it sheds light and banishes darkness;

Like a hammer, in that it breaks chains and frees their victims;

Like the weather, in that it cannot please all;

Like the moon--no matter how much the dogs of opposition bark at it, it moves right on;

Like a war, in that there are always two sides, and the lines are closely drawn;

Like the earth, in that it is created and upheld by an unseen power;

Like the Day of Judgment, in that both judgments and rewards attend it;

Like a charge in battle, in that the true and the brave press to the front, while the untrue and the cowardly fly to the rear;

Like a forest fire, in that when it gets under headway, it spreads rapidly and destroys all dead material.

--Unknown

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Births

As you can see from the four births mentioned below, July was "Baby Boom" month for our F.C.P.O. family.

- * Jeff and Carrol Williams (the police couple who lived in Israel for one year) now have settled in Fenelon Falls, Ontario and have become farmers! And now their children, Ryan, Nicole, Aaron and Rebecca have a new sister--Sarah! Sarah Carrol Elise was a sweet 8 lbs. 7 ozs. when she was born on July 1st, just minutes before the fireworks display went off in the park behind the Lindsay Hospital. What a grand entrance she made into the world! She is a beautiful addition to a family living with the blessing of God!
- * Frank and Glenda Malina announce the arrival of their firstborn, a girl, Tiara Joy Sharon. She arrived on July 16th, healthy, happy and beautiful. Frank is the Bible study leader for the Edmonton F.C.P.O. Chapter, and Glenda is a detective with the Edmonton P.D. Both Frank and Glenda were instrumental in starting the F.C.P.O. Chapter in Edmonton.
- * On July 24th, Dino and Lyne Doria were blessed with their third child and a boy this time. They named him Julien Eric and he weighed 8 lbs. 3½ ozs. Julien is a real delight and "little brother" to Mélanie and Sophie. We are praising God for this wonderful gift of new life! Dino is a Constable with Metro Toronto P.D.
- * Then on July 30th, Uwe and LaVonna Steil welcomed their firstborn, a girl, Johanna Elizabeth. Although tiny to begin with, Johanna is able to hold her own very well. Uwe is a Constable with the Edmonton P.D. and a member of the Edmonton F.C.P.O. Chapter.



EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have a birth you would like to share with us, please send it in to the "Peacemaker" address.

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CHAPTER REPORTS

Metro Cape Breton Chapter:

I thought I would drop you a line to let you know we are a new Chapter and the first in our area of Cape Breton. We have thirteen members at this time and hope to increase. We meet once a month and are planning our first breakfast meeting this month. We are looking forward to our first issue of the "Peacemaker". Hope everything is going well in your area.

Your brother in Christ,

David Hickey - Cst.
Sydney P.D., N.S.

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NEW CHAPTERS

Rev. Ray Parker, Chaplain, writes:

"This letter is to advise you of the formation of the Kamloops Chapter of the F.C.P.O. You will be pleased to know that we have had one informational meeting and one fellowship evening. Both were well attended.

"At our informational meeting, a carload of officers from the Kelowna F.C.P.O. came to assist us with our planning.

"Within the Kamloops District there are about 20 Christian peace officers from all three departments--R.C.M.P., Corrections and Sheriffs. I am overwhelmed by the support we have received from the line officers, as well as senior administrators who look upon the F.C.P.O. as a tremendous resource for staff and families.

"Some good news. One of the larger churches has asked us to do a service, and are calling it "Peace Officers Appreciation Day".

"I submit this information so you can be aware of the good things that are happening in Kamloops."

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Ray Parker, Chaplain
District 111 - Interior Region
Kamloops Regional Correctional Centre

EDITORIAL NOTE:

Welcome! Welcome, Kamloops, Canada's 31st Chapter! It is a great thrill to see our all-powerful Lord raise up a fellowship cell in order to minister to the needy community of officers in your area. May Christ empower you greatly in this divine task.

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