

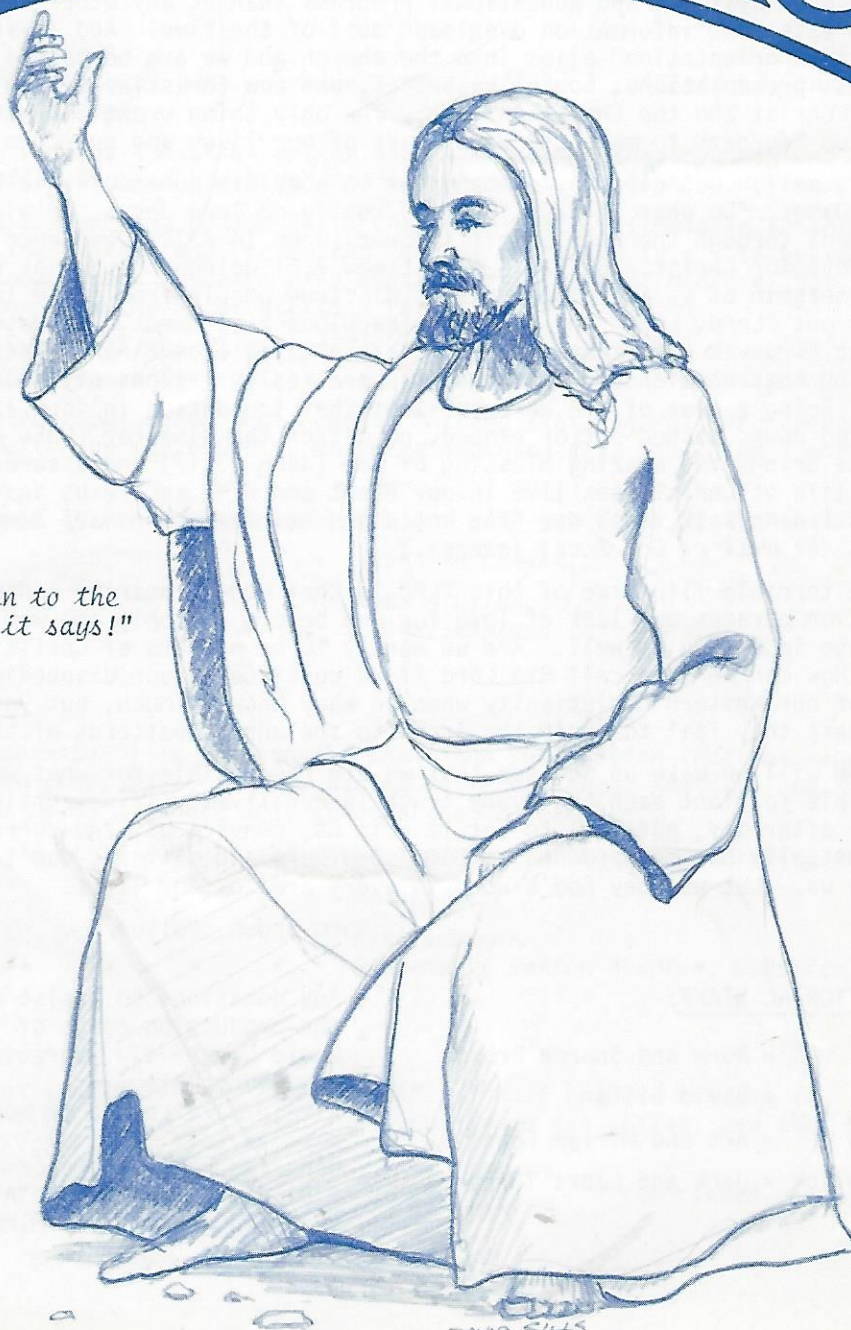


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Peacemaker

"Do not merely listen to the
Word . . . Do what it says!"
(James 1:23)



DAVID SILLS
SEPT. '86

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* HEARING IS NOT ENOUGH *

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As I write this editorial each issue, I feel the heavy responsibility from the Lord to share the most essential truths with you that will have life-changing effects. This month I particularly felt that God quietly asked me the question, "If this were my last opportunity to share, what should be said that is of paramount importance in developing our Christian lives?" I have to answer with the apostle James in 1:19,22, *"My dear brothers, take note of this: . . . Do not merely listen to the Word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says!"*

We live in an information oriented age, with more books, news, TV talk shows, computer data systems, and educational programs than at any other time in history. In fact, we exist in "information overload" most of the time. And invariably, this "information orientation" slips into the church and we are bombarded with messages, teachings, presentations, books, cassettes, and now Christian videos that detail the Words of Christ and the Christian life. The only thing wrong with this is that we most often "forget" to make the words part of our lives and put them into practice.

Note well: God directly commands us to obey His commands--His Word--when He said through James, "Do what it says!" If we really do love Jesus, we will keep His commandment through the Holy Spirit's power (John 14:23). Obedience is the acid test of our love for Christ. But also in Matthew 7:21 doing the will of God is proof of God's ownership of us and distinguishes His true people from those lost others who even cry out "Lord, Lord" and do many miraculous kind deeds. In Matthew 12:50, Jesus said that *"whoever does the will of my Father is my brother and sister and mother"*, indicating that obedience proves that you are really friends with God and part of His family. Being a doer of the Word provides that foundation in your life that can never be knocked down, washed out or eroded, no matter the disaster (Luke 6:46-49). Obedience brings the amazing blessing of God (John 13:17) and assures us that the eternal life of Christ does live in our heart and will secure us against the winds of time, as 1 John 2:17 tells us, *"The world and its desires passes away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever."*

The terrible flip side of this "LP" is that merely hearing God's Word without application parades our lack of love for God before not only the world but the assemblage in heaven as well. Are we merely to be members of Christ's family in name alone? How can we dare call Him Lord if we continue in our disobedience? Oh the sad plight of our Western Christianity when so many know so much, but yet love Christ so little that they fail to apply the Truth to the unruly patterns of their lives.

When will we wake up and see that we are responsible for what we know, and held accountable to plant each and every truth in our lives? If we continue to hear the Word day after day, but fail to let it grip us, convict us, and correct us, our hearts will eventually become hardened to God! Brothers and sisters, don't let this tragedy overtake us. Let us obey God's Word in every area of our lives.

Norm Brown, Editor

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Letters to the "Peacemaker"

To the "Peacemaker",

Wishing you God speed in "learning the language" and how to enter "good commands" into your Commodore. I'm wrestling with my new "Monster" and learning to write all over again.

Congratulations on the quality of the "Peacemaker".

Phyllis Primmer (wife of retired officer,
Roy Primmer, Midhurst, Ont.)

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Dear "Peacemaker" Staff,

I was passed a copy of your magazine from a colleague in Scotland, and greatly enjoyed your publication.

I belong to various Christian police organizations in this country and have a great time of fellowship and blessing from our meetings and correspondence.

It was good to see that Canada has a Christian Peace Officers fellowship, and reading through the letters and seeing the various addresses (i.e., Lethbridge and Edmonton), it brought back memories of a short time I spent at Medicine Hat, Alberta, when I was serving with the Royal Military Police in 1974.

I have now been with the Essex Police for 12 years and still enjoy it, although I must admit it's become a lot easier since I accepted Jesus as my Saviour.

Could you please put me on your regular mailing list for the "Peacemaker" and send more information on the F.C.P.O. and also anything else you think I may be interested in.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and wish you God's every blessing on your fellowship.

Yours in Christ,

Mike Aldridge
Essex, England

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Dear Norm,

It (the "Peacemaker") is a wonderful Christian publication that has reached not only Christian peace officers but unsaved officers, their families and friends. We believe God is doing a mighty work through the "Peacemaker".

May God richly bless you and all those that have a hand in publishing the "Peacemaker".

Maranatha,

Kirk Lampman
Secretary, Halton Chapter, Oakville, Ont.

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Dear Christian Peace Officers,

Thank you for sending me the "Peacemaker". I have enjoyed reading it. I trust that God will bless you as you take your stand for Christ, and that you will see many police officers won for Christ.

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I have been in the police 2 years now and have had many opportunities of speaking for my Master, Jesus Christ. I have been greatly encouraged through the Christian Police Association and have made many friends.

Yours in Christ's service,
Everett Irons - Cst.
Londonderry, Northern Ireland

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Dear "Peacemaker",

My wife and I really enjoy the magazine.

We still hope to start a chapter here and ask for your prayers for the move of the Holy Spirit.

God bless you as you labour in Christ.

Sincerely,
Dale Latham - Cst.
Nelson City P.D., Nelson, B.C.

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

Keep up the good work. We do appreciate the "Peacemaker". It's great to see the Chapters all across Canada and know that we are growing in numbers and influence for our Lord Jesus.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Joe Burns - Retired Sgt.
London, Ont.

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Dear Staff,

I have been receiving and have been blessed by the "Peacemaker" since its first issue.

My wife, Patricia, and I were privileged to share our testimonies during the Sunday morning church service at your first Conference in Newmarket, Ontario, and God blessed us in a unique way.

In that service was a man who had an appointment to meet someone there, and somehow they missed each other. After the service he approached us and told us he felt God had brought him to that service for a special reason. He shared that he had a back-slidden son in Windsor, Ont., and would I speak to him. I met Steve and witnessed to him and invited him out to church. He came to our morning service and liked it so much, he also came to the evening service! Ernie Hollands was ministering, and Steve gave his heart to the Lord that night. Steve, who is now our son-in-law, is still serving the Lord, and he and our daughter are both active in church ministries.

I retired from the Windsor Police Department after 31 years of service and then spent the next 2 years working for a T.V. ministry, leaving it and moving to this area for health reasons. I regret that there was not an F.C.P.O. Chapter during my term with the force, and request that you will join me in praying that a Chapter will be formed in the near future. During a recent visit to Windsor, I

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dropped off some back issues of the "Peacemaker" and trust that they will bear fruit.

We are looking forward to joining you this fall and renewing the friendships that were formed during that first Conference 5 years ago. So, until then, God bless you all and keep up the good work you are doing.

Yours in Christ,

Paul D. Houghton - Retired Det. (Windsor, Ont.)
Campbell's Bay, Quebec

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Dear Friends,

On April 28, 1987, my wife, Myra, and I had the pleasure of meeting with Jack and Laura Turner at their home away from home, here near St. Petersburg, Florida. We also had the pleasure, at the same time, of meeting with Jack and Ruth Foster. These lovely Christian people are so encouraging and uplifting in our local Pinellas County effort to form, and go forward with, an F.C.P.O. Chapter. It has been rough, but just recently I learned of other departments in our county that are attempting to form a Chapter. Praise the Lord!

After Jack Turner told me this, I plan on getting in contact with the officers at the other departments and we can draw on each other for Christian strength.

Please continue to send me the "Peacemaker", as it is so uplifting in spirit to hear of other Christians' acceptance of Christ as their Savior.

Happy in Christ Jesus,

George W. Pinckney
St. Petersburg P.D., Florida

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Births

- * Rose and Randy Snow from Nova Scotia are pleased to announce the birth of Jessie Lynn Morash Snow (a sister for Lisa Rose) born on May 22nd and weighing 7 lbs. 6 ozs. Randy is a Constable with the Halifax P.D. and a member of the Halifax/Dartmouth F.C.P.O. Chapter. May God richly bless you folkes and give you wisdom and strength!

- * Your editors have some good news and some bad news. First, the good news! The Lord has graciously blessed us, Norm and Sharon Brown, with another son, Joel Robert, who was born on his due date--on time!! (You may remember that his two-year-old brother, Daniel, was 4½ weeks overdue!!) Joel missed our 12th wedding anniversary and Father's Day by 9 minutes, arriving on Monday, June 22nd at 12:09 a.m. (He had to have his own day!) He was a healthy 8 lbs. 1 oz., and we are so very thankful to God for His goodness. Now for the bad news. Your "Peacemaker" is LATE!! Although Joel was on time, as the newest junior editor, he saw to it that the "Peacemaker" was late!

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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.

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.

FOREST CITY CHAPTER, LONDON, Ont.:

July 17, 18 & 19

Camping weekend at WILDWOOD CONSERVATION AREA, St. Marys, Ont. Located on Hwy. #7, 5 miles west of Stratford, Ont. Check in time - from 12 noon on, Friday
Rate - \$10.00 nightly
Friday p.m. - Campfire
Saturday p.m. - Potluck Supper, campfire following
Sunday - Morning Service
There is swimming, fishing, full boating facilities, hiking, miniature golfing, playground, etc.
F.C.P.O. members, families and friends are welcome.
For the purpose of campsite reservations, please notify any one of the following at your earliest convenience:
Winston Williams (519-264-9123), Paul Graham, Secretary, 772 Dundalk Drive, London, Ont., N6C 3V2 (519-668-0456), or Robert Boyd (519-686-0220).

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 11 & 12 for all the details, and make plans now to attend.

PRAYER CANADA:

August 3-5, 1987

10th ANNIVERSARY SUMMIT PRAYER & FAST FOR THE NATION.

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Location: West - International Prayer Centre, Bellevue, Alberta
 East - Christianview Fellowship Centre, Port Colborne, Ontario

Prayer Changes Things--& US!

For further information, contact: Prayer Canada,
 P.O. Box 237, Surrey, B.C., V3T 4W8 (604) 589-1110.

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

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.

Wed., July 1, 1987

Be sure to come to our "Canada Day" Barbeque night which will be held at the home of Dennis and Gerri Seely, 11 Eckardt Ave., Unionville, just north of #7 Hwy. and east off Old Kennedy Road (Main St.). Last year we had a fabulous evening of food, fun and fellowship, and this year will be even better! All we ask is that you phone the Seelys to let them know you are coming and to get instructions as to what to bring (416-477-3632). See you all there!

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.

A Christian should be like a good watch--

OPEN FACE;

BUSY HANDS;

PURE GOLD;

WELL REGULATED;

FULL OF GOOD WORKS.

(Matt. 5:16)

NEW CHAPTERS *****

Glorious, wondrous news! The Lord has raised up another Canadian F.C.P.O. Chapter, this time in Sydney, Nova Scotia called the Metro Cape Breton Chapter, bringing our total in Canada to 30 Chapters. P.T.L.!

AND peace officers in Christchurch, NEW ZEALAND have formed the New Zealand Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers, called the Christchurch Chapter, which has chosen to affiliate with the Canadian F.C.P.O.!

God is at work in the hearts of men and women, and especially in the "people group" of peace officers and their families that He loves so dearly. We sit in absolute awe as we watch the Lord of all creation create a new thing, and write history with the lives of men and women on fire for God.

In the Name of Jesus, on behalf of the C.F.C.P.O. Board of Directors and all the members, we welcome you, Metro Cape Breton Chapter and Christchurch, New Zealand Chapter, into the fellowship. May our Saviour employ you in His service to turn the souls of your comrades to His loving heart.

Norm Brown
Canadian F.C.P.O. Secretary

Their addresses are as follows:

METRO CAPE BRETON CHAPTER
John MacDonald, President
c/o 15 Loyola Crescent
Sydney, Nova Scotia
B1P 3Y3
(902) 539-1510

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND CHAPTER
Brian Hopkins, President
c/o 127B Prestons Road
Christchurch 5
New Zealand
(03) 527-599

The Christchurch Chapter writes:

"The desire of the officers who have formed our little group of 6 is to be a steadying hand, a shoulder to cry on, of comfort to those in need, and help those in distress when the need arises. We can all see those officers in our Department who need help, whether it be marriage, alcohol or other problems, and with God's help and the prayers of fellow Christian Peace Officers we will be able to reach out to these officers and their families with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

"We pray that our faith and enthusiasm for our ministry of spreading the Good News of our Lord never fades and know that your prayers will be with us as we hopefully go from strength to strength."

Your brothers in Law and Christ,

Dave Wilkinson
Secretary

We never test the resources of God until we attempt the impossible.

--F. B. Meyer

LET'S STOP AND THINK

Thousands of years ago, God created the world. In it He placed thousands of different flowers, trees, animals, rivers and lakes.

As far as we know, the earth is the most beautiful place in the universe. Over the years, some of the plants and animals vanished from the face of the earth forever, never to be seen by mankind.

So God created man and placed him on the earth to enjoy and look after this "Garden of Eden".

Today, thousands of years later, we look around and see what man has created out of his own mind: ribbons of asphalt across the country and canyons of steel, glass and brick.

But what about that which God has given to us? What is happening to it? Where is it going? This is something I have thought about many times. Where have all the beautiful things that God gave us gone and why? Each year you have to travel further to find the beauty of the world.

The other day I was listening to a record by Roger Whittaker, and the words to the song brought it all into focus for me. Let me quote some of the words from this tune called "Make Way for Man".

"Since the world began the single most destructive force there's ever been is Man.

"Since the world began, who decimates the plans that once were green, Man.

"Since the world began, the rivers and oceans are no longer clean, because of Man.

"Since the world began, creatures that lived side by side no longer can, because of Man.

"Since the world began, so many of God's creatures, once so free, are never seen, because of Man.

"Since the world began, the most destructive and decadent, deceitful and deadly and warlike and hateful, uncaring force there's ever been, is Man."

I hate to think that these words are true, but are they?

On TV I saw a film from Africa showing a waterhole and around it drinking with each other were lions, zebras and many other kinds of animals, all sharing the water and at this time no fear of one another.

But what of man? Man, I fear, is the only one of God's creatures who, it seems, cannot get along with any other creature alive or even himself.

Man can seem to see dollar signs and not past the end of his nose to see what

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a beautiful world we have been given. Instead, Man, in the name of money and greed, has chosen to destroy all that God has created for his own personal and selfish gain.

Do we still deserve God's love?
Can we blame Him if He turned His back on us? He gave us our "Garden of Eden" and we, in the name of progress, destroy and kill all that stands in our way.

God must be very disappointed in us. Maybe it's time we took a look at ourselves before we are one of God's creatures that is now extinct.

David Sills - Cst.
Metro Toronto
"Peacemaker" Cover Artist

Joshua said: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

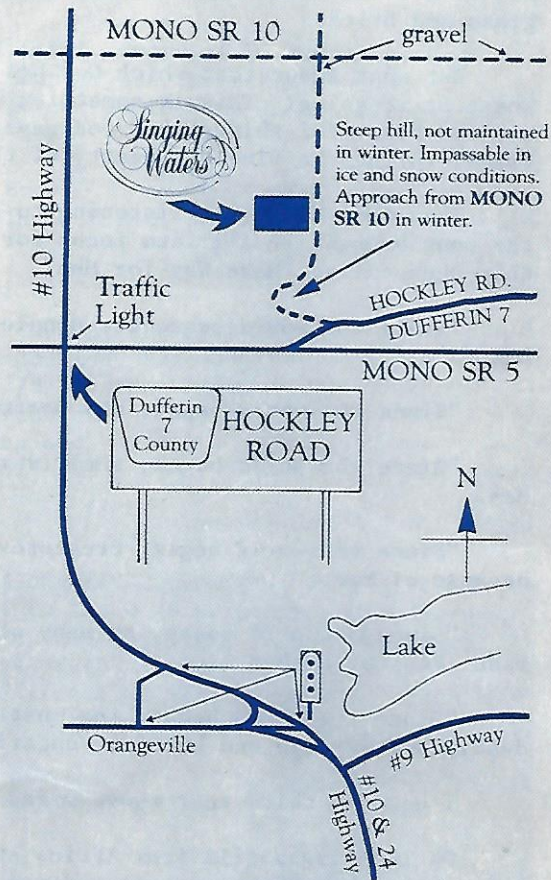
A father sat his little boy on his knee and told him the story of the 'lost sheep'--how it found a hole in the fence and crawled through--how glad it was to get away--how it wandered so far that it could not find its way back home. Then he told him of the wolf that chased the sheep and how, finally, the shepherd came and rescued it and carried it back to the fold.

The little boy was greatly interested, and when the story was over he asked, "Daddy, did they fix the hole in the fence?"

That is a good question for every Dad to consider. There are many holes that can appear, even in the best of families. Let us determine with Joshua that, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

--Anonymous

A simple map to follow, if driving:



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BRAMPTON

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

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 well in advance if you are coming, and a deadline for registration has been set for September 25th, 1987, six weeks before the weekend. Please let us know as soon as possible by filling out the Registration Form below and sending it to us right away, as accommodation is first come, first served. 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 _____

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION FOR ACCOMMODATION AT "SINGING WATERS" IS SEPTEMBER 25, 1987.

Please mail this Registration Form 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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AN EDITORIAL NOTE OF APOLOGY:

Sharon and I are sorry for bringing this "Peacemaker" issue out so late. With our many work responsibilities, a move to our new home, a very active two-year-old boy and a newborn baby, we got terribly behind in producing this "Peacemaker", answering all the mail, updating the ever-expanding mailing list, and even becoming familiar enough with "D.O.R.C.A.S." (our F.C.P.O. computer) to go "on stream". However, as the Lord supplies, the F.C.P.O. has decided to help us by providing funds for a babysitter one or two days a week. So, hopefully, we can be at least more consistent with a publishing date. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused any of you dear folkies.

Sincerely,

Norm & Sharon Brown
Editors

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Testimonies

A Ski Injury Healed

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I want to take this opportunity to thank various members of the F.C.P.O. family for their prayers. It has been several months since prayer was requested for me in the "Peacemaker". I am writing this as a testimony of answered prayer.

On January 9, 1987, I was injured in a freak fall while skiing in Vernon, B.C. My ski binding didn't release when I fell, and my left leg was contorted into all kinds of strange positions. I knew that I was in serious trouble when I heard a loud snap in my left knee and could no longer move it. My much longed for ski holiday had come to an abrupt end on the fourth run, first day of a scheduled four day ski holiday. The flight home from Kelowna was a devastating one for a "would-have-been" ski bunny. I couldn't even bear to look at the other skiers at the airport.

I'll have to admit, I was crushed. I knew how much pain other people have suffered as a result of knee injuries. I also knew a knee injury could mean the end of a lot of enjoyable activities (just ask Todd Brooker). Because I am a "street cop" I was concerned about how an injury could affect my career if I faced lengthy periods of rehabilitation. I had seen fellow officers leave street duty because of injury, and I did not want it to happen to me.

Dan Doerksen, the President of the Edmonton F.C.P.O. Chapter, is a firm believer in the power of prayer. He would like to see all Christian peace officers become effective prayer warriors. Well, I gave our Chapter a practice session in prayer. While I was still in Vernon, I called our Chapter and requested prayer. They promised they would pray immediately. (I think they were afraid I would drive them all crazy if I had to be sick for very long.) Anyway, God did begin to work quickly. I had no trouble sleeping that first night (or any other night since). Although I still couldn't move my leg the next day, the pain had subsided. A bottle of pain killers, prescribed on the date of injury, still sits full in my medicine cabinet. When I got home from Vernon, our F.C.P.O. Chapter prayed over me and anointed me with oil, according to James 5:14.

I do thank God for orthopaedic surgeons and physiotherapists. I was in the hands of two of Edmonton's best, and I believe they are instruments used by God to effect the miracle of healing. But I am even more thankful that I was in the hands of the Great Physician, Jesus Christ, who is in charge of all healing.

I did limp noticeably and was a regular at physiotherapy. I was not healed instantly, and recovery was not without pain. However, the miracle of healing has taken place in my body. The knee is doing well. I am back to full street duty, which is where I want to be. I can run again, and have even gone skiing again since my healing. (Like a typical cop, I guess I don't learn, do I?!)

The point I want to emphasize is that God heard the prayers of praying peace officers, and He answered. How much more is He willing to do if more of us prayed more often, and devoted more time to praying for one another. We cannot afford to be complacent in this area. Prayer is the most powerful weapon peace officers can arm

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themselves with. It has to be an integral part of our Christian life so that God can move among us. My healing is just a small sample of great things God can do through prayer.

Arlene Omilian - Cst.
Edmonton P.D.,
Alberta F.C.P.O. Rep.

P.S. I have since bought ski bindings with a stronger release mechanism!

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Devotional

REMEMBER . . . We Are The Body Of Christ!

The Good Samaritan is a classic example of human kindness in all literature. In Luke 10:25-37 Jesus tells the story, but Jesus Himself is the true Good Samaritan.

Jesus spent most of His time speaking to the ordinary person . . . in need. He sat among sinners, dined with them, and listened to them. He was often called a wine bibber because of the company He was seen with. He went out of His way to visit with the woman of Samaria. He cared about people's problems. He healed the sick, fed the hungry and preached. Often He prayed all night. All this He did in three years.

Jesus put so much stress on this thing of kindness that He identified Himself with those in need, and told us that we cannot be friends with Him and at the same time be indifferent to the suffering (Matt. 25:40,45). Just think--He came to build a world of beings like Himself, through the Holy Spirit!

In writing these few words, I feel that the first place Jesus would be visiting today, if He were walking in the flesh, would be in Africa feeding the hungry, healing the sick, visiting hospitals, jails, the alcoholics, the widows and orphans.

However, He lives in each one of us and will use our bodies to minister to the hurting if we will be obedient to Him.

How can we allow Jesus to use us? Can we think of a police officer's family that maybe the dad has died and the boys and girls need a male role to take an interest in them? Maybe we could plan something special for them at least once a year, or we ladies could invite a few widows of officers out to dinner or to an F.C.P.O. banquet. You Christian officers could be true friends to your work mates and share the Good News of Christ. We should individually examine our priorities and see where the Lord would lead us in service that reflects the loving heart of God, and be obedient to His voice.

May Jesus use us all to be a reflection of the Good Samaritan today.

Love,

Muriel Hooper (wife of O.P.P. Cst. Bob Hooper)

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Retirements

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my dear friend and faithful servant in the Lord, Brian Peel, for all his hard work as Toronto's very busy Treasurer, handling both the Chapter's and the "Peacemaker's" finances. As he retires from the Metro Toronto Police Force and relocates in the Picton area with his dear wife, Audrey, we know that the Lord has another ministry that He will be calling him to fruitfully labour in. I almost cried when I read the following article in Toronto's News & Views magazine, because it brought the reality of Brian's retirement home to me, and I began to realize how much I (along with many others) would miss him both personally and professionally.

"Inspector #114. He served 8 years and 6 months with the Royal Marines. On August 10, 1958 he joined the Force. On April 6, 1977 he received the Medal of Merit and 6 Months' Promotion; the Policeman of the Month Award in March 1977; and the Canadian Banks' Law Enforcement Award in 1977. He was appointed a Probationer Patrol Sergeant on December 30, 1969 and promoted to the rank in 1970; promoted to Staff Sergeant December 10, 1974, and promoted to Inspector on April 21, 1981. On August 10, 1979, he received the LSM and the PESM on November 28, 1984. He has taken many courses too numerous to mention, starting 1970 through 1986, attending at the following--George Brown College; Ontario Police College; Seneca College; West Humber Collegiate; Canadian Police College; Canadian Forces Base (Borden), and the University of Toronto. His file contained 17 Letters of Commendation. He is a very active member of the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers. On June 1, 1987, he retired, aged 56 years, upon completing 27 years and 9 months' service." (News & Views, June 1987, Volume 41, No. 6)

May God richly bless you, dear Brian and Audrey, in your retirement, and allow you to be His chosen instruments to reach the suffering with Christ's glorious News. May your motto read: "Retired into full-time service for the Lord Jesus!"

Norm Brown
Editor

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CHAPTER REPORTS

Forest City Chapter:

Greetings from the Forest City Fellowship in London, Ontario. We have had a very successful 12 months of blessing. Last summer we had a picnic at Goderich, Ont. and a Christmas Banquet at North Park Community Chapel in London with 53 officers, wives and friends attending.

A camping weekend is planned this coming July, and we extend a hearty invitation to all Chapters, members, families and friends to join us for a weekend of blessing.*

Robert Boyd
London, Ont.

* Editor's Note: See "Upcoming Events" for the details of this camping weekend.

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Prayer & Praise

- * Please pray for retired Inspector Brian Peel and his wife, Audrey (see Page 15), that the Lord will lead them into His perfect plan and ministry in their retirement.
- * Fervently ask God that the group of Christian peace officers in Nelson, B.C., Windsor, Ontario, and St. Petersburg, Florida will form strong fellowship chapters in order to reach out with Christ to their fellow officers.
- * Pray that God will continue to meet the financial needs of the "Peacemaker" and the F.C.P.O. National Office. Our God is able!
- * Let us with joyful hearts thank our all-powerful God for raising up two more F.C.P.O. Chapters, in Sydney, Nova Scotia, and Christchurch, New Zealand (see Page 8). God is to be praised in the highest!
- * Thankyou, Lord, for so obviously answering our prayers and putting a "street cop" back on the streets and a Christian worker back in the yoke when You healed Arlene Omilian of the Edmonton P.D. (see Pages 13 & 14).

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In Sympathy

- * On March 21st, 1987, Shelly Campbell went home to be with her Lord, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was the young bride of R.C.M.P. Constable Ron Campbell of Sherwood Park, Alberta (Edmonton F.C.P.O. Chapter). During her short lifetime, she blessed many lives by her beautiful spirit and her spunkiness. Our prayers are with Ron, that God would comfort him and strengthen him. We also rejoice with Shelly, knowing that today she is happy in the presence of her Saviour.
- * On April 30, 1987, Rev. Don Brown went home to be with Jesus. He was the Protestant Chaplain at the Edmonton Penitentiary. Rev. Brown was the founder of the Assiniboine Pentecostal Church in Winnipeg, where he also volunteered his services to Stony Mountain Prison. He became the Chaplain at the Edmonton Penitentiary in June 1986, and learned shortly afterward that he had cancer. He battled until the end, continuing to work full-time despite being ill. Our sympathy and prayers are with his wife, Ruth, and three children. We know that today he has complete healing in the presence of our Lord.

(Submitted by Arlene Omilian, Cst.,
Edmonton P.F., and Secretary for
the Edmonton F.C.P.O. Chapter)

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A Successful Trip To Florida, April-May, 1987

I have written before on my trips to Florida and elsewhere to let you in on some things that might have a particular interest for you. During the past three years I have made some 20 contacts with Christian police officers, and recently I have been involved with my friends, Jack and Ruth Foster, who you know as our roving ambassadors with the C.F.C.P.O. They have crossed Canada and the U.S., interviewing peace officers by way of video tape for presentation to areas interested in beginning a Chapter. We have been aiming at starting a Chapter in Pinellas County South as there seems to be a great need. There are over 20 different police jurisdictions with nearly 2,000 officers working out of them. There is a Chapter in Dunedin, Florida which meets every month for breakfast, and this is in the heart of Blue Jay country, so we feel right at home. Did you know that 10 of the 26 man roster of the team are born again Christians? It shows that money and fame are not the answers to life's pressing problems. Many people in all walks of life are realizing that they need spiritual help. Praise God. He is working all around us in a world that is morally in a state of decay.

One of the officers we approached, who has worked so hard with us and is convinced of the need for this fellowship, is Deputy Sheriff John Voisey of the Pinellas Sheriff's Office. I met him 3 years ago as I was coming out of a church and he was completing his traffic point duty. I struck up conversation with him and we talked about churches. He was looking for a church to attend as he had just moved into this area of Pinellas from the Miami area, and I directed him to Indian Rocks First Baptist Church where I had attended a couple of times. A few weeks later he was sitting in a pew with his wife and with us, and since then we have kept in contact. Anyhow, John spearheaded the action to start a Chapter, and they had their first official meeting on Monday, May 4th at Lt. Scott Steiner's home.

No doubt Jack Foster will be writing his version of this good news, and they will seek our prayers from across the country. It is something else when we look at the video and see and hear the interviews of officers and their wives expressing their love for the Lord and how they relish receiving the "Peacemaker". Thank you, editors and the people who send in interesting information for publication. Keep it coming.

Remember, Chapters, that many hands are needed to keep a Chapter healthy and receptive to the work of our Lord. More hands lighten the load, and we wish you all well and that you will prosper in every way, as you do your job, until the approaching of the "DAY".

God bless you all!

Jack Turner
"Peacemaker" Distribution

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God does not die on the day when we cease to believe in a personal deity, but we die on the day when we cease to be illumined by the steady radiance, and renewal daily, of a wonder, the source of which is beyond all reason. --Dag Hammarskjold

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Recipe Corner

CARAMEL TOFFEE SQUARES

Bottom Layer:

1/2 cup butter (plus 2 tsps.)
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1-1/4 cups all purpose flour

Crumble first 3 ingredients well. Pack into ungreased 9" x 9" pan. Bake in 350°F oven for 20 minutes.

Second Layer:

1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
2 tbsps. corn syrup
1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk

Combine butter, sugar, syrup and milk in saucepan. Bring to boil. Boil 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Beat 2 minutes and pour over bottom layer.

Third Layer:

12 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips
Melt chocolate in saucepan over low heat. Pour over second layer. Chill. Yields 36 squares.

(Submitted by Ruth Walker, wife of John, Cst. with Metro Toronto)

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"SIN NO MORE"

(Thou God Seest Me)

Genesis 16:13

If you believe that God is about your bed, and about your path, and spieth out all your ways, then take care not to do the least thing, nor to speak the least word, nor to indulge the least thought, which you have reason to think would offend Him. Suppose that a messenger of God, an angel, were now standing at your right hand, and fixing his eyes upon you. Would you not take care to abstain from every word or action that you knew would offend him? Yea, suppose one of your mortal fellow servants, suppose only a holy man, stood by you. Would you not be extremely anxious how you conducted yourself both in word and action?

How much more cautious you ought to be when you know, not a holy man, nor an angel of God, but God Himself, the Holy One, is inspecting your heart, your tongue, your hand, every movement--and that He Himself will surely call you to an account for all you think, speak or act! --John Wesley

Poetry

FOOTPRINTS

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One night I had a dream--
* I dreamed I was walking along the beach
with the Lord and
* Across the sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene I noticed two sets of
* footprints in the sand,
One belonged to me and the other to the Lord.
* When the last scene of my life flashed
before me,
* I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that many times along the path of
* my life,
There was only one set of footprints.
* I also noticed that it happened at the very
lowest and saddest times in my life.
* This really bothered me and I questioned the
Lord about it.
* "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow
you,
* You would walk with me all the way,
But I have noticed that during the most
* troublesome times in my life
There is only one set of footprints.
* I don't understand why in times when I needed
you most, you should leave me."
* The Lord replied, "My precious, precious
child, I love you and I would never leave
* you during your times of trial and
suffering.
* When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."

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(Author Unknown)

* Editor's Note: We dedicate this poem in
honour of Brian and Audrey Peel.

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