





An Open Letter To The Members

Our Editor of the "Peacemaker", Norm Brown, has asked me to assist him by taking over the Prayer & Praise and Chapter Reports columns. I gave it much thought and prayer, and I thought that the best way for us to pray for each other is to first get to know each other and our needs. So I have come up with this idea.

Since last November I have been answering much of the mail that comes through Box 520. I have discovered one important thing, and that is many of you out there like to know what your brothers and sisters are doing in other parts of the country. I like to know, too, and that is why I have visited quite a number of them from coast to coast. But here is another way.

Each Chapter had a beginning. Some began, stopped for a while, then picked themselves up and got going again. Each story is different. Each town, city or village is different. Each has a history that is unique. We want the presidents and staff to dig down into the archives and come up with interesting anecdotes and facts that would be of interest to us from across the miles. We want to hear about your growth in the Lord's work in your area. Do you have Officer Appreciation Days in your churches? Is your town and Department behind you in your work? Do your Chief and senior officers encourage you? Who is coming out to support your ministry? Do you have family outings? What kind of things do you find the folks like most? Is it singing, sharing, praying, Bible study? We would like to know when and where and times you meet, because any reader may be going through your town and may want to fellowship with you. Besides, you might then have an automatic speaker for that particular meeting, and just when you were wondering who was going to speak that night! After all, our messages are universally accepted as we speak about the wonderful works that God has performed in our lives since Jesus came into our hearts. So tell us something about your Chapter, please.

Put your thoughts together, presidents (or whoever), and give me your story so I can put it in a column soon. Of course, I could not promise to put yours in on a certain date, but then, the watching out for it is fun too! I am allotted a page, so do up a complete and interesting story all about your humble beginnings and growth through the years, or perhaps as a new Chapter, about your "year" of existence.

All of us will be looking forward to your contribution to the "Peacemaker", and then we will be able to realistically pray for your Chapter's activities in service to our Lord and be encouraged as we see the King work miracles!

God bless you all!

Jack Turner - Ret'd. S/Sgt. Metro Toronto, President, Toronto Chapter

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- Norm and Sharon Brown

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Letters to the "Peacemaker"

Dear Norm & Sharon:

God continue to bless the very worthwhile work you are doing! The "Peacemaker" is such a fine magazine, with inspiring articles and items of interest.

May 1988 show an even greater increase in souls saved for our Lord Jesus Christ!

Hilda vander Voort (wife of Sgt. Jim vander Voort, Sebringville O.P.P.) Stratford, Ont.

Dear Norm & Sharon:

Received the "Peacemaker" today with your notice of publishing it on a quarterly basis. I will certainly miss reading it as frequently as I did before, but I would rather have it four times a year than no times! We will make it a matter of prayer that God will somehow make it possible for you to operate, without always having to look "down the well" for a little more water that has the Queen's portrait on it.

Love & prayers,
Paul & Pat Houghton
Eganville, Ont.

Dear Norm & Sharon:

The "Peacemaker" arrived at my place of employment today, much to my surprise! I had some wonderful reading for my lunch hour.

Even though I am not working on the support staff of any police force at present and night school is keeping me from the C.F.C.P.O. meetings here in Barrie, my heart is still very much with the peace officers, and it is so uplifting to hear testimonies from these men who have found this quality life with Christ. It is reassuring to know that our country is not totally in the hands of the heathen, and how I long for more and more of these special people to accept God's way of salvation.

God bless your dedication. This is no small task you two have to do to keep this paper going, along with the various other administrative duties involved in the C.F.C.P.O.

I look forward to the next issue of the "Peacemaker".

Your sister in Christ,

Marilyn Clarkson

Barrie, Ont.

(formerly from Kelowna Chapter, B.C.)

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Dear "Peacemaker",

As always it's great to receive the "Peacemaker". It blesses us so much, way out west! I would like to add my name to the list of those who are begging and pleading to keep it bimonthly. For the police officers serving in small

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communities, it's a real "life-line" to our Christian brothers and sisters. I realize it's a lot of work and expense and don't really have a solution, but I do know it sure fills a need.

I will soon be leaving Edmonton as I have been transferred to Bonnyville, Alta. Detachment. We'll be leaving with mixed feelings knowing that we are leaving behind a lot of good friends from the Edmonton Chapter. But as always we take this transfer as coming from the Lord and are looking forward to good things.

It's been six years since I last did uniform police work, so it will be interesting catching up on the new laws, etc. At least I know the root of man's problems have not changed and the only solution still exists.

Well I must close now. If anyone is ever passing through Bonnyville, Alta., be sure to look us up.

Love,

Ron & Shawnie Mostrey R.C.M.P., Edmonton, Alberta

"Peacemaker",

I am a member of the R.C.M.P. for 14 years now and I have accepted Christ as my Saviour on August 15, 1987 in Manitou. Please place me on your mailing list and send me more information about the F.C.P.O.

Yours truly, Yvow Villeneuve R.C.M.P., Manitou, Manitoba

Dear Sir,

Just a short note to say thank you to you all for your efforts in making the F.C.P.O. organization a success. It is so inspirational to read the "Peacemaker" publication and see other fellow officers finding Christ and spreading the fellowship.

God bless you all and keep up the good work.

With Christian love, Jerry and Rosemary Michalski Estevan, Sask.

Dear "Peacemaker" staff & brothers in Christ,

Praise the Lord!! Praise the Lord!! Praise the Lord!! God is so good!! Glory!! Glory!! Glory!!

It's such a blessing and a treat to receive the "Peacemaker" in the mail! Sorry to read that you've decided to go quarterly, but do just exactly as you feel led of God to do. Thank you so much for your faithfulness and your labour of love month after month. I enjoy every issue, and it's so exciting to see how the Lord Jesus is moving and working among our own ranks and in our midst. Praise God!!

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"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58).

In His Service, Art Servante - Cst. Red Deer City Traffic, Red Deer, Alta.

"Peacemaker",

I feel Dale & Linda Latham are right in their letter concerning the need for the "Peacemaker" on a regular basis. I have been away from the 0.P.P. for over & years now, but through the pages of the "Peacemaker", I can see God at work with peace officers across the country and around the world.

May God bless this fine organization.

Yours because of Christ,

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Ken Willis Wardsville, Ont.

P.S. The Fellowship is on my daily prayer list.

Dear Norm and "Peacemaker" Staff,

I write to you in concern to the special editorial note that was on the bottom of Page 2 of the last "Peacemaker" issue. I very much enjoy all the articles in the "Peacemaker" and do find them an encouragement.

In the last issue, Cst. Al Brooks (Surrey, B.C.) called the "Peacemaker" a unique magazine. I strongly agree. I would sadly miss the bi-monthly issue. I thus issue the following challenge and I pray that it may help you with your financial needs.

The Challenge: Every Christian peace officer, prison guard, associate member, etc., send to the "Peacemaker" a regular tithe every quarter--spring, summer, fall, winter. This tithe to the "Peacemaker" could be instead of one regular Sunday church tithe.

I've given the challenge, now let's keep the "Peacemaker" afloat and strong. Let's help Norm and the staff. Turn to the Lord and seek His guidance on this matter, fellow brothers and sisters. If you are already helping out financially, may the Lord bless you.

Many have said how they appreciate the "Peacemaker", let's help it! We all have been blessed by the "Peacemaker".

God bless, Uwe Steil - Cst. Edmonton P.D., Alberta

DON'T FORGET . . . The 6th NATIONAL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING is being held at Muskoka Baptist Conference from August 27th - September 3rd, 1988. It will be a holiday to be treasured, so don't miss it! Phone M.B.C. at (705) 789-4031 right away for reservations. We hope to see you there, especially on Saturday morning (Sept. 3rd) for the Business Meeting, as we need a quorum of members to vote on some crucial issues.

NEW CHAPTERS

GOOD NEWS FROM SUDBURY, ONTARIO!

"Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

"We have begun an F.C.P.O. Chapter here in Sudbury. A "planning" meeting was held on Ol Feb. '88. This was attended by 5 P.C.s including myself, at which time we laid out details for monthly meetings and elected 2 executive positions.

"The Lord is working in miraculous ways. There have been numerous occasions where officers have asked myself, as well as Cst. Kevin Serviss, about the Lord, and we have been able to tell the story of Jesus to them."

In His Service,

Michael Mieto (Cst., Sudbury Regional P.D.)
Site 27, Box 7, R.R. #1
Lively, Ont. POM 2EO

We all would like to extend the "right hand of fellowship" to you in the Sudbury, Ontario Area Chapter. We are thrilled to have you stand shoulder to shoulder with us in the work of God in reaching peace officers and their families with the life-transforming reality of Jesus Christ! May God always richly bless you as you labour for Him!

Norm Brown (Cst., Metro Toronto P.D.) National C.F.C.P.O. Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Ajax Christian Community Fellowship will be holding its 12th annual Festival of Praise weekend September 30th to October 2nd, 1988. This year we are pleased to announce that our special guest speaker will be Ernie Hollands.

We would especially like to extend an invitation to members of the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers and their families to attend our meetings during this exciting weekend, and also to the <u>Saturday Prayer Breakfast</u> at the <u>Grenada Restaurant</u>, Pickering Town Centre, <u>Pickering</u>, Ontario commencing at 8:30 a.m. <u>Tickets are \$8.00 per person</u>.

There are a limited number of free tickets available for the breakfast. These are to be used to invite unsaved fellow peace officers.

The Friday night meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. at 120 Dreyer Drive West, Ajax, Ont. All other meetings for this weekend will also be held at this address.

We are expecting great things to happen and are praying that the Lord will save many souls during this weekend. If you are unable to attend, please remember to uphold Ernie and these meetings in your prayers. For further information, please phone 686-1289 or 686-4308.

A CALL TO UNITY IN DIVERSITY

The inception of the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers in Canada began with a vision that many have had, of a network of Chapters and individual peace officers across this great nation of ours being joined together by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This was done prayerfully and also with the experience learned from our parent organization in the United States.

In the organization in the U.S., they adhered to a statement of not only "non-denominational" but also "non-charismatic". From this second statement, differences became polarized.

Therefore, with prayer and a different and more open, but not liberal, mind, we sought what the C.F.C.P.O.'s purpose should be in Canada.

First of all, we changed our membership to include peace officers with a minimum of five years honourable service as voting members. Secondly, with a great deal of debate, we went into the decision to retain spouses as non-voting members. And thirdly, we decided, for the sake of unity, to exclude the term "non-charismatic" but retain "non-denominational".

With two major changes and our eventual incorporation as a charitable corporation, registered with the Canadian Federal Government in April 1983, our National President, Dick Hayward, met again with representatives of the U.S. National Board of Directors in California. They prayed together and welcomed us and blessed us as a sister organization in Canada, receiving a copy of our legal documents.

With this purpose in mind and with the mind of Christ, we pray and determine to reach out with the gospel of Jesus Christ, in particular to those families in the criminal justice system in Canada, especially peace officers and their families, and not neglecting others with whom we come in contact, nor neglecting to come together to worship our God in our own churches.

In order for Chapters to survive, we must heed the call to unity. Although there are theological and experiential differences, there is far more for us to agree upon than otherwise. Regardless of whether we are non-charismatic or charismatic believers, we are still part of the body of Christ and can still keep our focus true. This is not a "middle of the road" view, because our faith is far from that.

We not only do battle with the outward evidences of the power of sinful humanity on our jobs, but we also do battle with Satan who initiates these things in order to destroy and kill. The battle is for human lives, young or old, peace officers or civilians—it doesn't matter. Let us keep our eyes on the targets and the sights and our aims straight.

These things we hold to be true, do we not? That Jesus Christ, who is the only begotten Son of God, who was and is eternally part of the Godhead, became a man in order to shed His blood on the cross of Calvary for an unholy mankind destined for hell—not heaven!

Thank Him and praise the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ that He did that for us all, if we would individually accept it and depend upon it and lean upon it. He has bridged the gap between sinful man and our Holy God by His sacrifice. Now because

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He loves us and we now love Him, we seek to please Him by adhering to the Word of God in the Holy Bible and seek the leading of the Holy Spirit every moment of every day for the rest of our lives. This will keep the C.F.C.P.O. busy!

Now this is the Word of God for unity amongst believers by Paul in 1 Cor. 1:10: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you: but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement."

Peter says in 1 Peter 3:8: "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another: love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous." In vs. 9 we are told to bless, because we are called to bless each other in order to inherit a blessing. If this isn't sufficient, our Lord Himself says in John 10:16: "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."

And finally, if this isn't sufficient, our Lord Jesus prays this heart-rending prayer prior to His unjust arrest and terrible execution. He prays for the unity of the church in John 17:21: "That all may be one: as thou Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

Now it has been the experience of those who have been in leadership in Chapters that, when a speaker or leader speaks and the unity has been broken, he has overlooked the C.F.C.P.O.'s non-denominational position and has taught or said or lead something that is controversial among believers. This has happened because there has been insufficient background check, or insufficient briefing, or the speaker is ignorant of the necessity to choose his words correctly, or is overly zealous of his own position or experience and insists that all must share his experience.

We want our meetings to be such that we do not hinder the Holy Spirit. We also recognize that believers worship God in different ways. So we urge a tolerance for our respective differences and denominations. We urge a screening and briefing for guest speakers and wisdom amongst our leadership in local Chapters and C.F.C.P.O. functions.

We recognize that some Chapters may well be very charismatic, while others are not. We also recognize that some Chapters feel led by the Holy Spirit to emphasize fellowship amongst Christian peace officers more than worship or Bible study or prayer, because those needs are met within their own churches. Some invite friends and neighbours to Chapter meetings.

As a National Board, we urge upon you the centrality of Jesus Christ in all our functions as primary. We also urge upon you this fact. The Canadian Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers is not a church. We urge members to attend and support a Bible-believing church of their choice. We are simply an arm of Christ's universal church. Neither are we a political lobbying group, although we would suggest, as individuals, we support efforts to retain or reinstitute or institute Christian biblical values in Canada and elsewhere.

Therefore, we, as the National Board of Directors, pray that you will realize these few words do fall short of all that could be said. This has been written as a call to unity for a divine purpose.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CANADIAN F.C.P.O.

The F.C.P.O. started in 1971 from the Los Angeles Police Academy where several L.A.P.D. officers decided to meet on a weekly basis to have fellowship and Bible study. In September, 1972, monthly meetings were started and included guest speakers, Bible studies, prayer meetings, sharing, and the conducting of business matters. There were 65 interested peace officers at this time.

In July, 1974, the F.C.P.O. was incorporated as a non-profit organization with the objective of bringing others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and to promote Christian maturity and growth through the study and teaching of the Word of God. In 1976, there were a total of 13 chapters of the F.C.P.O. located throughout the United States. Today there are 125 registered chapters in 35 states, with 3,000 members.

In 1978, the F.C.P.O. infiltrated into Canada with a chapter in Toronto, Ontario and a chapter in Vancouver, British Columbia. In April, 1983, the Canadian F.C.P.O. was incorporated with the federal government as a non-profit charitable organization and had chapters in Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia. As of December 1987, the C.F.C.P.O. has chapters in every province except for Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Yukon and the Northwest Territories, for a total of 31 chapters with approximately 1,200 members.

The F.C.P.O. is watching in anticipation as God moves powerfully across Canada and the United States to form new chapters and to bring peace officers into fellowship with each other. In 1986, a chapter of the F.C.P.O. was formed in Christchurch, New Zealand, truly making the F.C.P.O. an international fellowship. We look forward to having new chapters formed in other countries throughout the world as the Holy Spirit moves upon peace officers to form extensions of the F.C.P.O. in their own countries.

The F.C.P.O. has as its main objective the worshipping and glorifying of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. The F.C.P.O. is not a charismatic movement, nor a denominational group. It believes that a strong husband/wife relationship is vital to the Christian life and therefore involves both spouses in all its activities. Our bylaws do not allow membership dues or initiation fees, and all chapter activities operate on member donations which are tax deductible.

You may become a member of the F.C.P.O. if you have received the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, are able to give evidence by your life and words of such a decision, and give assurance that you desire to live a consistent Christian life. To become a regular member with full voting rights, you must be a full-time sworn member of a criminal justice system (or retired member with more than five years service), sign the Membership Application Form and adopt the Statement of Faith of the F.C.P.O. Associate members have all rights except voting and office-holding rights. Associate members are all non-sworn officers, spouses, reserve officers, or other interested parties. Members are encouraged to meet with other chapter members for fellowship, Bible studies, prayer meetings and local chapter activities.

It takes some work, vision and a lot of prayer to start a chapter, but the rewards from the Lord are so great. Basically all you need is a minimum of three Christian peace officers who are willing to commit themselves to the enterprise of reaching out to lost peace officers and to encourage the Christian peace officers and their families to grow in their faith. Write to us c/o the "Peacemaker" address and ask for the five page instruction handout on forming a Canadian F.C.P.O. Chapter.

Application for Canadian Membership

CANADIAN FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN PEACE OFFICERS, INCORPORATED (1983)

The aim and purpose of the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers is to bring others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, to promote Christian maturity and growth through the teaching of the Word of God, and to conduct and promote Christian fellowship between law enforcement agencies.

I subscribe to the Statement of Faith on the reverse side of this application, I desire to have a part in this ministry, and hereby make application for membership.

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Let God direct you in support of this ministry as we have no regular membership dues.





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FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN PEACE OFFICERS

APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION IN THE CANADIAN FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN PEACE OFFICERS, INCORPORATED

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WE BELIEVE CONCERNING:

THE BIBLE: The scripture of the Old and New Testaments was verbally inspired of God, and inerrant in the original writings, and that they are the supreme and final authority for our faith and life. (II. Tim. 3:16, 17; II. Peter 1:20, 21)

GRACE: Eternal Life is a free gift and cannot be earned. We are saved by grace and not by our own works. (Eph. 2: 8, 9; Rom. 6:23)

MAN: We are sinners; and that by His death upon the cross, the Lord Jesus Christ made a perfect atonement for sin, redeeming us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse in our place. (Rom. 3.23; John 3.18; Rom. 10:9, 10)

GOD: There is one God, Holy, eternally existing, and manifesting Himself to us in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is merciful and loves us, but is just and must punish sin. (John 14:6 & 10: Exodus 34:7: Matt. 28:9; John 3:16)

CHRIST: Jesus Christ is God incarnate. He was supernaturally conceived, born of a virgin, was put to death by crucifixion under Pontius Pilate, was raised from the dead on the third day, and now sits at the Father's right hand from whence He is coming again personally, bodily, and visibly to this earth to inaugurate His millennial reign.

Luke 1:26-35 1. Cor. 15:3,4 Rev. 20: 1-7 John 1:1,2,14; 15:7

HOLY SPIRIT: The Holy Spirit is God. He indwells all believers having baptized them into the body of Christ at the time of regeneration.

(Rom. 8:9; I. Cor. 12:13, 14; Eph. 1:13; Eph. 4:4,5)

FAITH: All those who by faith receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour, and who confess Him as such before their fellowmen become heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. (Rom. 10:9, 10; Eph. 2:8,9; Rom. 8:16, 17)

JUDGMENT: Those who reject the love of God and the saving work of Christ will be judged and punished for sin. They will be eternally separated from God.

(John 16:7-11; Psalm 89:32; Exodus 34:7; Jude 14:15; John

"Attach additional list if necessary

IMPORTANT! We must have a separate Membership application on file for each member before the Chapter Application can be processed. Please submit copies of individual applications as new members are added........ making sure to retain a copy for your own files.

- Send one copy of the Application to us.
 - Retain a copy for your files.
- Enclose application fee. \$50.00.

Date _____

Secretary

C.F.C.P.O., P.O. Box 520, Station "A", Scarborough, Ontario MIK 5C3 CANADA Please mail to:

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Testimonies

DELIVERED FROM MY PAST

Many times the dark incidents of the past refuse to release us from our mental prisons until we confront them and seek the victory through God. That is the story of Ed Dalton, who, even after his salvation, struggled with bitterness and anger stemming from his childhood. He is still learning how to deal with those problems.

"I'll kill you!" I screamed, brandishing the baseball bat I had anxiously grabbed from the corner of the church basement. "Don't you ever touch me again!"

My heart pounded as I watched the young man calmly back away, then turn and shuffle up the stairs. That was the last time I ever went to a Boy Scout meeting. The student who had sexually molested me three times left for the seminary six months later.

For more than 30 years, the awful pain of that childhood incident lay buried beneath the tough outer wall I erected to keep it hidden. Why didn't I tell anyone? For one thing, I didn't think that anyone would believe that a "respectable", holy man had done this to me. And, in the early 1950s you just didn't say anything; you were supposed to "deal with it". I tried and failed miserably.

Sixteen months ago, I shared this dark secret with someone for the first time. My wife, who had been hired by a Christian agency that dealt with sexual abuse in the family, wasn't surprised by this revelation.

Throughout the first 25 years of our marriage, I had exhibited all the classic symptoms of a male abuse victim: anger, mood swings, rapid personality changes and an intense hatred for homosexuals. Keeping this anger locked up solved nothing, except to keep me in a state of turmoil that often erupted in violence. It nearly destroyed our marriage.

Besides the trauma of abuse, I suffered from medical problems as a youngster. The modern treatments for kidney stones were unknown then, and my affliction caused frequent hospitalizations and three major operations between seven and 14. When I finally lost my left kidney, the doctors predicted that I wouldn't live beyond the age of 25.

My medical problems helped contribute to a rapidly-mushrooming rebellion. Unable to play any sports, I sought refuge in Toronto's street gangs. I began drinking at 13, the year after my molestation, and learned to hustle in pool halls. The street scene helped me forget my outrage at my father's drinking sprees and apparent lack of love for his family. I was developing the rough exterior that I thought would help me deal with life's problems.

Luckily, a policeman who walked the beat helped steer me in the right direction and in time I drifted away from the gangs and started attending the weekly dances at my Catholic church. There I met Ann, a pretty native of Scotland, and after graduation we were married, on September 22nd, 1962.

I began my work career as a yard clerk for the Canadian Pacific Railway, where

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I met a man everyone called "Preacher" because of his aggressive witnessing. The seeds he planted are bearing fruit in my life today, although at the time I shrugged him off. Ann and I made our customary church appearances at Christmas, Easter, weddings and funerals.

However, when our first two daughters had both reached school age, we thought it would be a good idea to provide them with religious training. In addition to attending services, we got involved in helping operate the parish bingo games which, at the end of the evening, were topped off with pizza and a couple bottles of whiskey. During our year-end bash, when we ran out of whiskey, we would dip into the sacramental wine.

After two years, this practice didn't seem right. I saw myself becoming an alcoholic like my father if something didn't change. So, we quit going to church altogether.

Following six years with the Railway, I signed on with the Toronto Transit Commission for seven years, then bought my own taxi cab and drove the streets of Toronto for eight years. During this time, we were the living ideal of the "happy" family. Our jobs weren't lucrative, but, as our family grew to four children and we moved into a nice home, life seemed perfect.

But beneath the surface it wasn't. Combined with the festering sore of hidden sexual abuse was my lack of spiritual focus and continuing heavy use of alcohol. Frequently my ferocious temper erupted in screaming fits at Ann and a heavy backhand for my children, particularly my oldest daughter.

As the kids grew, so did Toronto's undesirable influences. Seeking to escape from the city's ever-worsening street crime and drug scene, in 1978 we moved to a small town 150 miles to the north. There I became a chemical salesman, spending a lot of time on the road. During my travels, I stopped at a hospital, trying to sell them some boiler chemicals. In turn, an engineer offered some Gospel tracts. Not wanting to offend a potential customer, I took them, but carelessly tossed them into my glove compartment. A few weeks later I read them and felt a strange, inward spark. Before long I was stopping frequently at the hospital. I could have cared less about a sale, I wanted more tracts!

When the engineer invited me to his church, I eagerly accepted. Before long I was reading the Bible and calling the preacher so often with questions that he told me to look in the Book for the answers.

My family knew something was up. Their suspicions were confirmed the night I poured all my whiskey down the kitchen drain. Ann agreed to attend services with me the next morning, but since she had never been to a "charismatic" church, she wanted to know more about it. She concluded her long list of questions with a strange declaration: if they sang "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art" the next morning, she would go again. If not, she was never going back.

Sunday morning the song leader arose to start the service. But after announcing the first number, he suddenly stopped and changed it to "Amazing Grace". When it was over, the song leader grew quiet again and, after reflection, announced, "Next, we will do 'How Great Thou Art'." My wife stared and kicked my leg, accusing me of arranging the whole situation. But when we returned that night, she met the song leader. She wanted to know why he had chosen those two numbers.

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He showed her the printed agenda, which listed neither, and explained, "God spoke to me and told me those two songs must be sung first since there was someone who had to hear them or they would leave before the service started."

Praise the Lord! That night, I rushed to the altar to give my life to Jesus, while Ann did the same without moving out of our pew. Within six months, our daughters and son were also saved.

Of course, many times, attacks follow triumphs. Before long, I lost my job. Unable to find other work, I accepted a friend's invitation to come to British Columbia where, a few weeks later, I secured a position in Canada Phone & Wire's manufacturing plant. The job was fine until a year later when a separate plant worker's union struck and I was laid off. One afternoon as I walked down the street with my five-year-old son, he tugged my elbow as we walked past an employment office.

"Dad, there's a job in there for you."

"Son, I don't need a job," I smiled, patting his head. "I'm only on a temporary layoff."

"Well," Glenn replied, "you're always telling me to do what God tells me to do and God told me He's got a job for you in there."

As a result of what happened, I have learned to never ignore my children. Stunned by my boy's remark, I went inside and was hired part-time at B.C.'s Matsqui Institution, a medium security prison which had just been the scene of intense rioting. Four weeks later, when the manufacturing plant called me back to work, I refused. I knew the Lord had a job for me in the prison, where I advanced to correctional officer and now serve as a junior supervisor.

You might not consider my call to become a prison guard a miracle unless you know that I was so turned off to jails that when the friend whose tract-sharing led me to salvation tried to encourage me to visit one, I avoided him like the plague.

My first job at Matsqui was helping clean up riot debris. On the side, I helped the chaplain conduct written Bible studies. For six months, I kept receiving sudden, unexpected work extensions until a correctional officer's position opened up.

There is complete confidence in knowing that you are doing what God wants you to do, and I know that God has me at this prison. At Matsqui, I met two inmates who were rival gang members during my teens. Over the past three decades they have spent all but several years in prison because crime is the only life they have known. Praise God, I've been able to witness to them and trust God for their salvation. Happily, many other inmates have come to Jesus. In fact, it's quite easy for prisoners to accept Him once they understand that Christ loves them, regardless of their past. In the last seven years, I have seen more than 150 people accept the Lord. Not all of them have been prisoners. I have seen all kinds of people come to salvation: cops dying of cancer, hard core street prostitutes, alcoholic derelicts literally lying in the gutter, and hard-hearted prison guards.

Both Full Gospel Business Men and the Canadian Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers have provided me with many witnessing opportunities. I learned of the F.C.P.O. in 1982 at job training classes and helped organize Abbotsford's first chapter later that year. I also helped manage the local FGBMFI's Voice magazine

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outreach, with that chapter experience helping me in my current work as B.C.'s Coordinator for the F.C.P.O. I travel some 3,000 miles a year to minister in the province's current chapters and to help start new ones. Our format is similar to Full Gospel's, with testimonies and prayer playing a key role in our meetings. Our vision of peace officers reaching other peace officers is the same as FGBMF's vision of businessmen witnessing to other businessmen.

Recently I was praying about starting additional chapters in our province, but could only think of three possibilities. The Lord told me there were 16! I didn't understand how that was possible until a new chapter formed with just four members—in a tiny outpost called Hope!

I praise God for the vision of both of these Christ-centred organizations, and for His power that enables me to battle the depression that Satan tries to thrust on me every time we take a forward step with the F.C.P.O. I praise Him, too, for directing Ann to her work with abused youngsters, for, in reading the books she brought home from training classes, I found the courage to reveal my own problems.

This came at a critical point in our marriage, since two years ago my continuing dark moods and temper had caused a temporary separation. But prayer brought us back together. Now, with my terrible secret unveiled, we are enjoying a new honeymoon in our 26th year of marriage.

The Lord is now lifting much of the bottled up anger and hatred that bound me for so long. I have forgiven the man, who has since died, for abusing me. With the Lord's help I am learning to love everyone through Him.

As you can see from my testimony, I don't walk in perfection. But I do have <u>His</u> power at my side, which enables me to go forth into spiritual battle. As Isaiah 54:17 says, "... no weapon formed against you will prosper." I know I have victory when I stand in the Name of Jesus.

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We pray for you as we pray for ourselves, that Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, may guide and direct us all.

"But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Be merciful to those who doubt." (Jude 20-22, N.I.V.)

Dick Hayward, National President for the Board of Directors

"The Christian who tugs on the oars hasn't time to rock the boat!" Austin A. Lewis

Prayer & Praise

Since I have been assisting our Editor by opening and answering much of the mail to Box 520, I have had the privilege of reading many requests for PRAYER and PRAISE among our members coast to coast. In each issue of the "Peacemaker" I will be including some names and addresses of Chapters or persons (along with their families) so that we can realistically pray for each other. Due to space, I have selected a few, and each issue will have some new persons or Chapters with needs or praise. Here are some requests:

- * The "Peacemaker" is meeting the needs of many, and a number of you have requested for us to go back to 6 issues a year. Please pray about this need.
- * Praise the Lord for new Chapters and pray for some that are struggling.
- * We thank God for men like Bill Marten (President of the Vancouver, B.C. Chapter), along with his members, for raising up this Chapter once again.
- * Pray for officers under stress. There have been many letters of this kind.
- * There have been kind donations from people who have the interests of the F.C.P.O. in their hearts.
- * There have also been testimonial letters from new converts and some backsliders returning to the fold. Praise God for these!
- * We praise the Lord for members going on to greater things in the Lord's work.
- * Births and even deaths are reasons for praise and prayer.

Philippians 4:6 says: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Each "Peacemaker" will also include a selected few from across the country so that we can all pray effectively for each other. Here they are:

- * Randy Snow (Secretary) Halifax/Dartmouth Chapter and F.C.P.O. members there.
- * Ralph Gilks (President) Dalhousie Chapter in New Brunswick.
- * Carold Kennedy Ste-Foy, Quebec Chapter with members and friends.
- * Jack Norton (Norton Electronics) Kingston, Ont., who is a strong supporter.
- * Ron Prangnell Unity, Sask., a faithful member.
- * Ron Mostrey Edmonton R.C.M.P. who is now being transferred to Bonnyville in the northeast corner of Alberta. He is a strong F.C.P.O. member.
- * Susan Bedwell She recently resigned as a member of the R.C.M.P. in Yellowknife, N.W.T. and is now in Victoria. Pray for her needs in the Chapter there.

OUR GOD IS FAITHFUL AND JUST! Please keep these needs before the throne of grace.

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AN URGENT PLEA! . . . Please fervently pray for God's Spirit and wisdom to descend on all those who attend the 6th NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING from August 27th - September 3rd, 1988 at Muskoka Baptist Conference (see Page 5). Particularly ask our loving heavenly Father to give us His direction during the Saturday morning Business Meeting (Sept. 3rd) so that we can $\frac{1}{100}$ Missing!

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