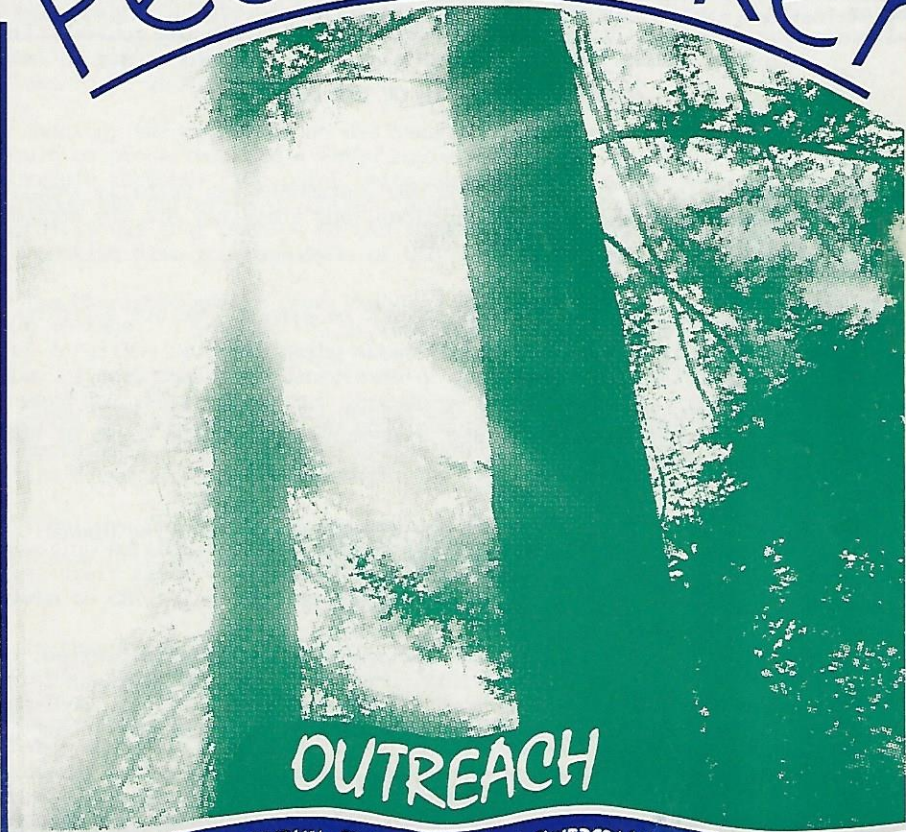




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"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"
(JOHN 8:12)



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STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE CFCPO**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.
(2 Tim. 3:16,17; 2 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 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; 1 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 3:18)

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EMBRACED BY THE LIGHT

A miraculous thing happened to me during the conference at Muskoka -- something I will never forget -- a cherished moment in which I saw and felt an expression of God's love for me -- His embrace.

It was the evening of Wednesday, August 29th, 1990, in the chapel at Muskoka Baptist Conference, Ontario. A message on THE PRODIGAL SON from the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 15, was being given by Dr. Roy W. Lawson. The famous story was reviewed, focusing on the father's compassion. The son had requested his share of the estate and then had squandered it in a distant country through wild living. Remorseful and starving, he resolved to return to his father and say, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you ... **while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.**" (Luke 15:18-20 N.I.V.)

Imagine, the congregation was asked, that all the sins of each person there could be projected onto a large movie screen for all of us to see. What a horrible thought! The point being made was not that we weren't forgiven through the suffering of Christ, and the acceptance of Him as Saviour and Lord: It was that perhaps we had forgotten the magnitude of our sin, forgetting also the magnitude of God's mercy and compassion.

The cherished moment came when my eyes were closed in prayer at the end of the message. I was feeling so remorseful about my sins and so thankful to God for forgiving me -- **thinking about the father running to meet the prodigal son.** I saw, against a background of darkness, large circles of light coming toward me. Each one passed through me to encircle me. I had an indescribable feeling of comfort, as if my body had never before known warmth of the perfect temperature. I felt so good that I wanted the experience to go on forever. After a few seconds, it was over.

I believe this was a loving embrace from God: His miraculous way of assuring me that, at that moment in time, my attitude before Him was absolutely right. **A wonderful experience it was, but only one of many signs given to Christians during their lives.**

In this Peacemaker, you will find people being referred to as "unsaved." You will find we are praying that they will come to a "saving knowledge of Christ." In the lunch room the other day, I heard a fellow officer exclaim, "Praise the Lord; I'm saved!" I could see he was joking. But I'm serious! That's why I tell of my personal experience and join other Christians praising our Father in heaven " ... who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men..." (1 Tim. 2:4-6 N.I.V.)

The writer from Arizona State Prison said (Page 17, this issue), " ... without Christ we are all guilty before the Lord. You might say that we are all criminals outside of Jesus Christ." **Let us recognize our sins, realize our need of forgiveness, repent, and lean on the everlasting arms of Jesus.** In this world of darkness, He is the Light, longing to embrace us!

Rob Sweet, co-editor.

Letters to the "Peacemaker"

Die Christliche Polizeivereinigung Schweiz entbietet die besten Segenswünsche für 1991. (Best wishes and God's blessings for 1991 from the Christian Police Association of Switzerland.) Editors' Note: Our brothers and sisters in Switzerland sent us a card with 21 signatures and a verse: **"THE NIGHT IS FAR SPENT, THE DAY IS AT HAND: LET US THEREFORE CAST OFF THE WORKS OF DARKNESS, AND LET US PUT ON THE ARMOUR OF LIGHT."** (Romans 13:12) On the cover of the card is a photograph of the sun beginning to rise over the dark outline of forested hills. This exhortation goes well with the message of our Peacemaker cover: **outreach to peace officers with the "light of life."**
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We enjoy the Peacemaker and encourage you to continue this ministry.

Brian and Tanya ABRAMS,
RCMP Constable, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

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As a member of the RCMP, presently in charge of the Maple Creek Detachment, I would like further information and a membership application to your organization. I have been a peace officer for 23 years and a born again Christian for 13 years. Your information is eagerly awaited.

Sergeant Mike JOHNSTON,
Maple Creek, Saskatchewan.

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I am very interested in CFCPO. I am presently a second class constable with York Regional Police (Ontario), 2 district. I would like to be on your mailing list and would like to also receive information on the peace officer survival kit. Thank you very much.

Henry DERUITER,
Bramalea, Ontario.

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I had the opportunity to read one of your magazines (Peacemaker) and am impressed with it. I am a Conservation Officer with the Ministry of Natural Resources in the North Bay (Ontario) District. I am aware of about 3 other C.O.'s in the province that are born again Christians.

I am very interested in receiving information about the CFCPO ... am 39 years old, have a dear wife, 4 children (12-18), was saved on March 21, 1970, worship at Bethel Pentecostal Church in Sundridge, and am on the board of deacons. I have been a C.O. for 17 years and have worked out of Cambridge, Kirkland Lake and now North Bay.

Roger WEBER,
North Bay, Ontario.

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I have a praise report. My function in the RCMP is the Division Staff Relations Rep. (DSRP) or Union/Association Rep. I have 23 years service and the Lord has blessed me in the last 3 years with 2 promotions -- the most

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recent to Staff Sergeant.

In my daily duties, I deal with 1,250 members. My partner is unsaved; however, that is subject to change. Letting my light shine is the greatest opportunity to show the unsaved RCMP officers that Christians can be normal ... The unsaved have normally looked at Christians as "whimps." However, Jesus wasn't a whimp and we are created in His image ... I am a happy member, happy to be living in a great city like Toronto and to know that Jesus is Lord of my life.

Steve ROWE,
Toronto, Ontario.

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As a retired member of the London, Ontario, Police Force, I truly appreciate the faithful ministry involved in the publication of the Peacemaker. At this time of the year (December 1990), we are deluged with solicitations from many worthy causes. However, God always lays your ministry on my heart for support even though you never send a direct request.

I shall continue to pray for you all, as well as commit myself to the financial support of Peacemaker as long as God enables us. Anne joins me in wishing you all God's best as you continue your work in His vineyard.

In His love,
Gordon BELL,
Clearbrook, British Columbia.

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Hi. My name is Bill Berg, a constable with the Winkler Police Department in Winkler, Manitoba. I am a Christian and have been a peace officer for 2 years. I was not aware of the CFCPO until I recently read your ad in Blue Line Magazine. I would like to be on the Peacemaker mailing list and I would also like to receive more information about the CFCPO as well as membership application.

Bill BERG,
Winkler, Manitoba.

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Upon reading the November 1990 issue of Blue Line Magazine, I saw an ad for your publication. As anyone in the police profession could tell you, all police officers need support of one kind or another and your publication seems to be the sort of support a Christian police officer can use.

Please place me on the mailing list for your publication and please send me membership information and the "peace officer survival kit." Thanking you in advance. In His service,

J. Frank FERGUSON, Constable,
St. Stephen Police Force,
St. Stephen, New Brunswick.

Editors' Note: The last two letters mention Blue Line Magazine (Canada's National Law Enforcement Magazine) which is excellent and informative. We know the Editor/Publisher, Morley LYMBURNER, a brother in Christ and constable with the Metro Toronto Police Force who very kindly helps our cause. For more information about Blue Line Magazine, inquire through the head office at

118 Main Street North, Markham, Ontario, Canada, L3P 1Y1

Upcoming Events

BARRIE, ONTARIO, 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, Ontario.

HALTON REGIONAL, ONTARIO, CHAPTER:

We meet every third Friday at 7:30 P.M.. The location changes each month so we invite you to call for information and the location of the next meeting. We can be reached by telephone at (416) 845-7171 ext. 515 or after hours at (416) 333-4357. You are always welcome to join with us.

TORONTO, ONTARIO, 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. Phone Jack Turner at (416) 755-4780 for details.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CHAPTER:

Meets every month on the first Tuesday evening at 7:30 P.M. in the third floor conference room of the Edmonton Police headquarters building. (New mailing address: CFCPO Edmonton C/O Edmonton Police Service, 9620 - 103A Ave., Box #46, Edmonton, Alberta, T5H 0H7).

Weekly Bible Studies: CFCPO Edmonton announces they are holding weekly Bible studies at Evangelical Church Richmond Park, 9340 - 69 Ave., Edmonton - Monday evenings at 7:30. Contact Harold Johnson at 467-9462.

Special Event: CFCPO Edmonton invites everyone to attend the 5th Annual Spring Retreat at Pioneer Bible Camp - 130 km N/E of Edmonton - May long weekend (17-20). Contact Harold Johnson at 467-9462.

TACOMA, WASHINGTON, U.S.A.:

We meet every Friday at 11:00 A.M. at Linn & J's Restaurant, 2015 S. 96th, Tacoma.

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, U.S.A.:

The new national office of FCPO, USA is located in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Our chapter meets for an outreach luncheon the third Wednesday of each month, with approximately sixty in attendance. We also have a group that meets each Tuesday morning for breakfast and prayer. We would love to have you visit with us. (P.O. Box 11547, Chattanooga TN37401 (615) 622-1234)

GREATER VANCOUVER CHAPTER, B.C.

Monthly meetings are now held at Cloverdale Evangelical Free Church, 17400 60th Ave., Surrey, B.C. (Pastor - John Greenwood)

REGINA CHAPTER, SASKATCHEWAN

Meetings are being held the first Saturday of each month. Contact Cst. Garth Penn at the Regina Police Service, 569-3333.

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**CFCPO 9th NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING, SEPT. 13 - 15, 1991,
"LE CAMP DE L'ARCHE" - ST-ELZEAR-DE-BAUCE (QUEBEC)**

We praise God for this good news from Brother Ronald Lussier of Sûreté Du Québec: From Friday, September 13 to Sunday, September 15, 1991, the Canadian FCPO will have the 9th National General Meeting at a Christian Retreat Centre called "Le Camp de l'Arche" on Fermanagh Road at St-Elzear-de-Beauce, 50 km south-east of Quebec City. The actual business meeting will be held on Saturday morning only.

The cost is \$60.00 per adult for the weekend (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon). This will include the Banquet for those registered there. Children 6-18 are half price and those under 6 are free. Registration will be \$25.00 per family or \$20.00 per single member. Cost will be adjusted for those who arrive Saturday morning.

There are very clean rooms that will accommodate 30 couples, each room having 2 double bunk beds. If more than 30 couples come, there are 14 cabins and sites for camping are available. There is also a motel close by which is clean and reasonable.

As soon as you are on "Le Camp de l'Arche" grounds and into the building, you will immediately sense the quiet presence of the Holy Spirit. **For sure, you will be glad you were there and will leave having met the Lord and his people in the CFCPO.** "Le Camp de l'Arche" is a special place for a retreat. It is located far from city noise and worldly distractions, in the heart of the Appalachians, 35 minutes from Quebec City.

This camp is available only for Christian families and is strictly for the CFCPO that weekend. No other group will be present. Be prepared to receive lots of blessings. Bring your musical instruments. Come pray, worship, listen, sing and praise the Lord. Come to relax, eat well, have fun, laugh and to fellowship. So plan to attend!

We must know well in advance if you are coming, and a **deadline for registration** has been set for **August 1, 1991**, 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. **PLEASE MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH YOUR \$25.00 DEPOSIT TO: F.C.A.P., A/S RONALD LUSSIER P.O. BOX 1111, QUEBEC, (QUEBEC), CANADA, G1K 7B5, (418)-848-2536 Fax(418)-623-6413.** Anyone wishing to arrive 2 days before and/or leaving 2 days after the retreat will be charged the regular weekend rate. (Please detach or copy)

NAMEPHONE ()

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I WILL BE ATTENDING THE WHOLE WEEKEND OR

ARRIVAL TIME

HOW MANY ADULTS 6-18 CHILDREN UNDER 6

MY DEPOSIT OF \$25.00 IS ENCLOSED**REGISTRATION DEADLINE AUGUST 1, 1991**

I would encourage all who read this Peacemaker to register for the Annual CFCPO Conference in Quebec this September. We need to stand united with our brothers and sisters in Quebec. Let's make this the best and most well attended conference ever. You will be blessed by the ministry of Deputy Chief Mark Kroeker, Los Angeles Police Department.

I thank God for allowing me to be part of this vital ministry. As of January, 1991, I will have much more time to devote to the CFCPO. My three year term as church elder is up February, '91. I finished my course at Ontario Bible College and I'm back on 12 hour shifts, where I have plenty of time off.

I am in the process now of recruiting "Area Reps" to assist me with "Provincial Rep" duties in Ontario. Some of you will be receiving letters requesting your assistance as Area Reps. We need representatives in every area of the province to encourage active chapters, rejuvenate inactive chapters and to provide a strong network of CFCPO people across this land. If you receive such a request, please consider it prayerfully. If anyone would like to volunteer as an Area Rep, please write me c/o 1043 Havendale Blvd., Burlington, Ontario, L7P 3P7.

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News

UNITED KINGDOM POLICE OFFICERS MINISTRY -- Robert SHARP, U.K. Director

Christian Greetings.

PLEASE NOTE: Later this year, the Ministry hopes to take part in a large Christian exhibition and I have an idea of creating a **display of police badges from various countries** to show that internationally there are various organisations reaching police officers with the gospel. **Can I ask ... for (CFCPO) members to consider sending me their department's badge to add to the display?**

It was good to receive the winter '91 edition of Peacemaker, which I have read with interest. In the news section, Garth Penn from Regina mentions how thankful he is to "all those who have helped and participated in making the FCPO what it is today." It has been my privilege to have been associated with the CFCPO since 1982 and to have met many people over the years who were involved with the Fellowship.

Sadly, a number who made the Fellowship what it is today are no longer involved. The evil one has had the victory in some of their lives, some have been hurt by fellow believers, and some have taken a back seat because they are no longer in the limelight.

My reason for writing is to challenge those who once were associated with the Fellowship to become active again. In the words of the hymn writer:

**RISE UP O MEN OF GOD, HAVE DONE WITH LESSER THINGS;
GIVE HEART AND SOUL AND MIND AND STRENGTH, TO SERVE THE KING OF KINGS.**

Robert Sharp, U.K. Director,
United Kingdom Police Officers
Ministry, P.O. Box 777, Lanark,
ML11 9HA

NEWS FROM THE QUEBEC CHAPTER *** Jacques Matte, President, Chapter Quebec Area
Sgt., Montmagny Police, Quebec.

The Chapter of the Quebec Area of the FCPO (F.C.A.P. in French) began the year 1991 with a brand new executive. Many projects are to be realized such as the planning of the next National Meeting of the FCPO, evangelism, and also a free trimestrial newsletter distributed to every Christian peace officer of Quebec. We are doing a census of all Christian peace officers and we would like to open other chapters in Quebec, such as Montreal. There is a lot of work to do, but we all know that it is not us, but it is the Lord who builds. As per now, about fifty F.C.A.P. Newsletters have been distributed in Quebec during January.

Prayer meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. in homes of our members. The Spirit of God is powerfully manifested among us. **Last fall, our chapter had hard times and without the hand of God, according to some members, it would have certainly closed.** The President and Vice-president of CFCPO, Larry Wilson and Dick Hayward, have been informed about it and strongly felt an urge to come to Quebec in order to encourage us and pray with us on **November 19, 1990, during a prayer meeting.**

According to many, it would probably have been the last prayer meeting of the F.C.A.P. in Quebec. **Our Lord Jesus Christ spoke to every heart that night** and a prophecy then confirmed God's will for our chapter. I'll never forget that night. Larry and Dick both blessed us and we thank the Lord for them.

Finally, we must say that **our Quebec Chapter is doing well, Glory to God!**

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FROM EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CHAPTER - Harold Johnson, Sgt. Edmonton Police Service

Greetings from Edmonton. I have certainly enjoyed the Peacemaker, especially the many letters that have come in. Keep up the good work. "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Our Edmonton Chapter hosted a Christmas banquet to which 100 persons attended. A local church pastor, Craig Churchill, was our featured speaker. Craig had served with both the RCMP and Edmonton Police Service before going into the ministry. Therefore he related well to us, and we appreciated his message. Al Hart, a member of the Edmonton Police Service, gave us a concert of song and led us in carols. Al has for years been a noted soloist and is currently in a professional musical ministry. We are thankful and appreciative also for his willingness to share with us.

We continue to have monthly meetings, on the first Tuesday evening in a conference room of Edmonton Police Headquarters. We have found that even when we don't have a featured speaker, that we can encourage and uplift as we fellowship together with God. Some of our best meetings are just sharing times. Hebrews 10:23-25 reads, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promises is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, **not forsaking our own assembling together** ... encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

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Because THE DAY is certainly drawing nearer, we have all the more reason to be encouraging each other, and to be ready with the reason for the hope within us. Therefore we are planning to start a weekly Bible study in March. We have picked a location (see UPCOMING EVENTS page) and we are trusting God for great times together. "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." (2 Tim. 3:16,17)

This past Wednesday, February 6, several of us went down to Camrose where we met with seven wonderful fellow officers who were part of an Alberta conference of Special Constables being held there. We were encouraged by Richard Tomporowski and others from across the province who shared their testimonies. We also watched the video HEAVEN'S HEROES -- about a Christian police officer killed in the line of duty. (Assistant Chief Bob Vernon of L.A.P.D. has a credit in this movie.) I recommend it for everyone to watch.

Well, I must close. Please note that we have changed our mailing address again. Check this and the other events we are planning (on the UPCOMING EVENTS page). A welcome awaits all who will attend. May God bless each of you. Rev.22:6,7.

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FROM REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, CHAPTER *** Constable Garth Penn, Regina

We had our dinner on December 3rd, and we consider it a success. Twenty-seven people attended, mostly from around the Regina area, although there was one couple from Saskatoon, Trygve Njaa and his wife. Special thanks to Harold Ferguson for being our guest speaker. Harold was a police officer about ten years ago in Regina and is presently the president for the Regina Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. Also special thanks to the Salvation Army Youth Outreach Group, Won-by-One, for providing the entertainment.

I'm looking forward to getting the next issue of the Peacemaker. Keep looking up. -- Garth Penn, Ephesians 6:12.

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FROM THE HAMERS, SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO - Hans, Simona, Leanne, Tim & Chris

Greetings from the Hamer family. By now all of you know that we have left Holland and returned to Canada ... In our summer ('90) letter we shared how the Lord was leading us home and that we were praying and trusting God for a pastoral position, hopefully in the Southern Ontario area.

Well the Lord answered our prayers and since October 15, 1990, we have been at Scarborough Baptist Church where I am the pastor. Scarborough Baptist has been in existence since 1927 and has a rich history. Many people have come to know the Lord through its ministry and many people have matured in their faith through the faithful teaching of God's Word. However, in recent years the church has been through some tough times. The membership has declined and the average Sunday attendance dropped to about 60 people. Before we came, the church had been without a full time pastor for several years.

The people who are left have a real heart for God and a real desire to press on. They are a very friendly and caring group which makes for a good first

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impression for visitors. What the church really needed was some stable leadership and we are trusting God that we can provide that for them. Since we have been there, there has been a noticeable increase in attendance at all the functions of the church. The enthusiasm and faithfulness of the people is obvious in the fact that more than half return for the evening service. The average Sunday attendance is now (Nov. 28/90) between 80-90 people and we praise God for that.

... We want to thank you again for your faithful prayers and support during our ministry in Holland ... We do value your continued prayers as we minister in Scarborough. If you are ever in the area please be sure to drop by. (Scarborough Baptist Church, 1597 Kingston Road, Scarborough, Ontario.)

Hans Hamer is a former sergeant with the Halton Regional, Ontario, Police.
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FROM FAITH MOBILE OUTREACH TEAM *** Jack and Ruth Foster

Greetings in His Precious Name from Florida. Temperature today, a breezy 80 degrees (Feb. 3/91) The weather has been nice and warm but the fellowship even warmer as we make new contacts down here with Christian peace officers active and retired. There are many of the latter right here in our area of Largo in the St. Petersburg district.

Of course our buddy Jack Turner, National Executive Secretary, and his dear wife Laura are nearby. We fellowship at the same church and met January 28th with the local FCPO chapter with about 16 present. Pray for these men and women down here; law enforcement in Florida can be very dangerous as the gun laws are less stringent than back home.

We have been here less than a month and already had several opportunities to minister in song with several tentative engagements ahead. No matter where you are the Lord will use us if we are willing vessels ... Let us all be busy serving the Chief of chiefs, our Saviour, Lord & King.
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FROM THE TURNERS IN FLORIDA *** Jack and Laura

I am writing this report from my condo in Largo, Florida where Laura and I reside during the winter months. However, as your secretary, I felt that I could not leave the work unattended for 4 months so I took my work with me. Tony Baker (Staff Sergeant, Metro Toronto Police), my able assistant who does up the mailing list for each issue, is sending me my mail for FCPO work. I am happiest when I am reading over your letters and answering same. Keep up the good work that God has begun in you.

I have been reading a couple of books during my stay here and I want to recommend them to you. RETURNING (a Spiritual Journey) sounds uplifting. Reading the book, I found a man who falls into the category of thousands of people between 20 and 50 years of age who are intelligent by the world's standards, are mixed up mentally, have encountered many of the problems associated with this lifestyle such as drinking, drugs, bad associations with the opposite sex, attempts at suicide, poor marriages, and of course, most of all a lack of acknowledgement of Jesus Christ as the One who came to save them
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and love them and die for them. Dan Wakefield writes the book. The whole book is about "religion" per se, but he cannot bring himself around to the most important decision of his life. When I read the story, I thanked God for opening my eyes, even at a late age: 61 years. I could not help but think that even now, as Dan is still young compared to me (71), God will seek him out and fill the most vital need of his heart and soul.

The other book is about the latest crisis in Iraq. It is a well written book by Charles H. Dyer called THE RISE OF BABYLON -- which also deals with its fall. It will give Christians a lift, to go out and give the reason for our belief in God to a lost society, in our case peace officers in particular, as that may be our particular calling. We are a strong arm of the Church, preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The last chapter of the book emphasizes that mission. It is a book everyone should read. It is current and relevant and based on His Holy Word, our Bible. Both books come out of respected publishing houses.

We had an FCPO meeting in Largo last night, January 28th, and heard Deputy Sheriff Bruce Rahar enlarge on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5). **Many of our officers all over Canada and the U.S. are conducting Bible studies such as this, and to me this is most encouraging in a world that is aching to hear the true Gospel.** There were several Canadians at the meeting along with our friends and executive members of the CFCPO, Jack and Ruth Foster. We fellowship with them regularly through our church here, First Indian Rocks Baptist with Pastor Charlie Martin -- the preacher who tells it as it is -- right from the Bible. We need more churches like this all over North America. Praise God for leading my wife and me to this one. What fellowship and witness, with genuine friendship and concern for each other.

Well, it is time to say so long ... Drop a line to the Peacemaker about your news and comments. Rob and Ruth, our editors, will be glad to hear from you. God bless you all.

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MEET THE EXECUTIVE

A couple of our members have suggested that we present a series of articles on the executive members of CFCPO. We agree. This would give you a background on the characters who are leading us -- we mean leaders of good character produced by perseverance (Romans 5:4). The Christian Peace Officer, publication of FCPO, USA, set the example with such a series. Larry Wilson, in his first message as the President (WINTER '91 issue), introduced himself and his family to us and we are pleased now to give you a family history of our **Western Canada Director**: Harold Ira Johnson (47 Dec. 25), married to Hilde (48 Nov. 09), May 23, 1970, and blessed with two girls: Andrea Holly (73 Jan 04) -- 1st year CBC - Regina, and Rebecca Diane (75 Apr. 21) -- Gr. 10

We were all born in Alberta to Christian parents. I grew up on a farm about 130 km northeast of Edmonton (a little town called Newbrook). After graduating from high school, I attended one year of Bible school at Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta. I then worked in the oilfield for several years out of Edmonton. I met Hilde in 1969 at a church social and at her suggestion joined the Edmonton Police Service in 1970.

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Hilde grew up on a small farm at Millet, about 60 km south of Edmonton. She finished her high school in Edmonton when the family moved there in 1965. After graduating, she joined the secretarial work force in Edmonton -- work she stayed with until the birth of our first child. Once the children started school, she took a part time job as a bookkeeper for a senior citizens' complex -- she still has it.

My career with the Edmonton Police Service has been rewarding for me. I have served in beats, patrol, park unit snowmobile patrol, detention unit, traffic (motorcycle two years), identification for six years, drug control unit for over four years, youth unit, information desk and park unit supervisor, and now am back in traffic section as the breathalyzer unit sergeant.

I was not one of the charter members of our Edmonton chapter of the CFCPO, which started in 1983. My wife and I attended the first Christmas banquet in 1983 where the speaker was Judge Conroy out of Saskatchewan. My Christian witness was undercover for the first 15 years of my career, but because of more exposure to encouraging Christian work peers and God's grace and power, that is changing. I thank God, the Fellowship, and our church for the ever increasing abundant life that we experience now. As president of the Edmonton chapter and western Canada director for the national executive, **I ask for your prayers as I fully realize that I need God's wisdom and guidance to enable me.**

We attend the Sherwood Park Christian and Missionary Alliance Church and are very thankful for the ministry it has had in our spiritual development. Hilde and I have been a part of the boys' and girls' clubs, adult fellowship, the elders board and Evangelism Explosion. Currently I am an usher, a high school youth sponsor, part of an EE team, and sit on the Evangelism/Discipleship Committee.

Pioneer Bible Camp, an evangelical, non-denominational children's camp located just a few km from my parents' farm, has been a great part of our spiritual journey. I accepted the Lord there as a child of eight years. Our youngest daughter accepted the Lord there at the age of five. Hilde and I have spent at least one camp week there for the past thirteen years working as sports director, lifeguard, cabin counsellors, class teachers, registrar, etc. Again we thank God when we see our daughters stepping right into leadership roles there.

CFCPO has been inspirational to us. **I have had the pleasure in attending three national conferences:** 1987 near Toronto, 1989 in Alberta, and this past August at Muskoka, Ontario. **If at all possible, you must attend the next conference.** It gives one encouragement, a challenge, and a further commitment after fellowshiping in God's presence with fellow officers and families from not only across Canada, but also the USA, Scotland and Wales this last year.

I want to close off this document by giving God all the praise and glory for what He has given us and allowed us to be a part of. In no way do I want to take any credit. I have not earned it nor do I deserve it. Truly God is most gracious, all forgiving and kind. And I thank Him for the privilege of being able to work with you fellow Christians in His vineyard. **May we be cognizant of and faithful to His will.**

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Prayer & Praise

*** Praise God for the news about the 9th CFCPO national meeting (Page 7) and God's work in the Quebec Chapter (Page 11). Prayers have been answered! Please continue to pray for wisdom, strength, and guidance for our brothers and sisters in Quebec and for the Lord's blessing on this conference.

*** See Page 9 (Kirk Lampman's article) -- thanks to our Lord for FCPO meetings at the Ontario Police College in January. Pray for salvation of peace officers and spouses who attended the Christmas banquet sponsored by the Halton Chapter. Pray for volunteers to step forward as "Area Reps" for Ontario.

*** Please note prayer requests:

Page 15 -- wisdom & guidance to enable Harold Johnson as Western Canada Director.

Page 13 -- prayer for peace officers in Florida (request from the Fosters)

Page 13 -- for the ministry of the Hamers in Scarborough, drawing people to the Lord.

*** Pray for the United Kingdom Police Officers Ministry (Page 10) and for its involvement in a Christian exhibition later this year -- for Robert Sharp as U.K. Director, whom we shall miss at the Quebec conference this year. Bert will be attending the Keswick Convention for 2 weeks in July.

*** We praise God for answering prayers for peace in the Middle East and look forward to the day when the Prince of Peace, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, returns to this world to rule and to establish lasting peace.

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Poetry

TIME

Time isn't for sale; time is life.
Yet how we fritter the time away,
In worry, and folly, and strife.
Spend time as you spend gold or silver.
Spend time that God may give.
Time squandered is time gone forever,
And cannot be recalled to be relived.
But when at the last, time grows precious
And time is the only thing that we lack,
We'll think of the days that we wasted,
The days that can never come back.

The above poem was sent to us by Samuel Hill, retired sergeant of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. He enjoys the Peacemaker and is a member of the Christian Police Association in Northern Ireland. From Coleraine, Co. Londonderry, N.I., Sam sends encouragement and support.

TAKE TIME TO ...

1. TAKE TIME TO WORK -- it is the price of success.
2. TAKE TIME TO THINK -- it is the source of power.
3. TAKE TIME TO PLAY -- it is the secret of youth.
4. TAKE TIME TO READ -- it is the foundation of knowledge.
5. TAKE TIME TO WORSHIP -- it is the highway of reverence and washes the dust of earth from our eyes.
6. TAKE TIME TO HELP AND ENJOY FRIENDS -- it is the source of happiness.
7. TAKE TIME TO LOVE -- it is the one sacrament of life.
8. TAKE TIME TO DREAM -- it hitches the soul to the stars.
9. TAKE TIME TO LAUGH -- it is the singing that helps with life's loads.
10. TAKE TIME TO PLAN -- it is the secret of being able to have time to take time for the first nine things.

The above was sent in by Warren Schizkoske of Pembroke, Ontario, retired from Correctional Service of Canada, Bath Institute.

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I ENCOURAGE YOU TO

**SET ASIDE TIME EACH DAY
TO STUDY THE WORD AND PRAY.**

(Kirk Lampman, Page 9)

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LETTER OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM ARIZONA STATE PRISON

The following letter was received in December, 1990. It was addressed to our good friend and former Peacemaker editor, Norm Brown, who has moved on from the Metro Toronto Police Force to counselling with the Institute of Family Living in Toronto. It was a real pleasure to visit with Norm & Sharon recently. Their prayers are with us and we know that they are encouraged by this letter just as we are:

Dear Brother Brown,

Choice greetings in Christ Jesus! I ran across your address in the Canadian Almanac Directory some time ago and for some reason the Lord would have me write you a letter.

... The Lord needs servants in every area of specific vocations. I know police work must be tough and can probably become quite frustrating at times. I'm sure every law abiding citizen gets fed up with crime which may cause them to become very bitter towards criminals ... But inspite of what anyone says, I praise God that in Christ Jesus the barriers have come down. What is really amazing is when we discover that **without Christ we are all guilty before the Lord.** You might say we are all criminals outside of Jesus Christ. It is

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awesome to think that we were each personally responsible for Christ's terrible death and suffering upon the cross. I am very grateful that the Lord had mercy upon me, particularly when I had done so much wrong. In every one of my victims was my Lord, yet I was too blinded by my sins to see or care about anyone else. My selfishness would have consumed me if it were not for the love and mercy of God.

I am presently incarcerated at the Arizona State Prison, Winslow, serving a ten year sentence for the crime of armed robbery. However, **I want you to know that this is the best thing that could have happened.** It was the Lord's way of "arresting" my attention and giving me another chance. I feel so blessed to have this time to spend in His Word and sharing His love with all here who will listen.

Praise the Lord! It is absolutely amazing what the Lord can do for us if we will but seek after and follow Him. (Jer. 29:13) Brother Brown, although we have never met face to face, I want you to know that I love you because of Jesus and I want very much to encourage you in the Lord. **May our Lord Jesus Christ shine brightly through you (Gal. 2:20),** as He draws others to Himself through you. You are much loved in the Lord and are very precious to Him.

Greetings to my brothers and sisters up there in Canada!

In Jesus' strong grip,

(Name withheld by editors as this letter was addressed to Norm Brown c/o FCPO, not to the Peacemaker. The letter is of value to all of us. Let us thank the Lord and pray for this man. The Lord knows his name!)

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Our thanks to Al Heemskerk, summons server with Metro Toronto Police, for designing and sending in the following "wordsearch." The words to be found are those shown in bold print in the verse.

GOOD NEWS!> INSEPARABLE FROM GOD'S LOVE:
ROMANS 8:38,39

38. For I am **CONVINCED** that **NEITHER DEATH NOR**
LIFE, neither **ANGELS** nor **DEMONS**, neither the
PRESENT nor the **FUTURE** nor any **POWERS**, 39. neither
HEIGHT nor **DEPTH** nor **ANYTHING ELSE** in all
CREATION, will be able to **SEPARATE** us from the
LOVE of **GOD** that is in **CHRIST JESUS** our **LORD**.

ROMANS 8:38 & 39.

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ETC...

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