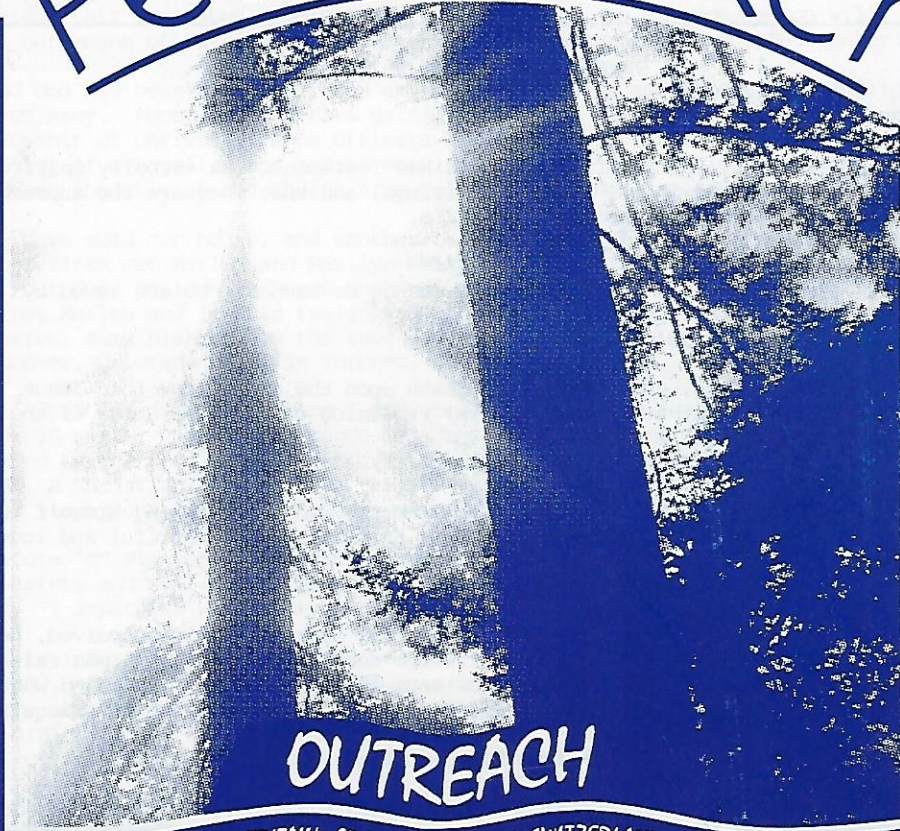




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"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"
(JOHN 8:12)



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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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PASSING THE TORCH

"... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."
(Hebrews 12:1, N.I.V.)

Ruth and I are passing the torch to Art and Miriam Francis -- and they are already running. God has been preparing them to accept the challenge of editing the Peacemaker.

Arthur, an executive member of the Toronto Chapter, has been faithfully writing excellent articles for the FCPO. These have appeared monthly, for about two years now, in News & Views, the official publication of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Association. We are delighted that the Lord has provided this dedicated couple to carry on, indeed, to enhance as you will see, our means of outreach, communication, and encouragement: the Peacemaker.

And God has been preparing Ruth and me for our next assignment: the Anglican Church Army. Experience we have gained through my police service and the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers is sure to help us in a full-time ministry of evangelism and social service. For the next two years, I will be studying intently at the Church Army College of Evangelism in Toronto.

We have sold our house, and another beautiful home has been provided for us. When I first met Marlen and Marilyn Wells, they were hosting an FCPO meeting. Who, but God, could have known that we would rent their house six years later -- that Marlen and I would resign from the Metro Force, from the same Division, same platoon, on the same day, to study for full-time ministry, he in Denver, Colorado and I in Toronto, Ontario.

At 0300, on a Monday morning I finished my last shift in a patrol car, after 20 years. It was a strange feeling to exit that car and close the door. Blessed by the Lord till the end, I worked the last few evenings with Chris de Sa, a Christian partner. We prayed and witnessed for our Lord in some tense situations, and we enjoyed some general patrol (now rare in Toronto).

Before "C" Platoon faced the next night shift, I was on my knees praying for the safety and well-being of my friends. I still have dreams about police work. I empathize with those who serve and protect.

It is interesting that Wilson Carlile, the man who founded the Church Army in 1882, enjoyed a good relationship with the police. He used to run a weekly service for about fifty officers. Mrs. Carlile held a Bible class in her dining-room. One meeting there, addressed by Miss Catherine Gurney and Mrs. Carlile, led to the forming of the Christian Police Association.

Ruth and I will continue to fellowship in the organization which brought us together, in God's will, for His service. We say many thanks to the editorial team and to all who have contributed letters, articles, and financial support to the Peacemaker. It has been exciting to hear from you and it will be exciting too, as Art and Miriam carry the torch. Pray for them and for us, please, as we pray for you.

Fellow Christians, as we run the race marked out for us,
"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith ..."
(Hebrews 12:2, N.I.V.)

-- Rob & Ruth.

Letters to the "Peacemaker"

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I am writing to advise you of my change of address and to express my gratitude to all who make the Peacemaker possible.

My wife and I spend our winters in the Palm Springs area of California and it was great to have the Peacemaker waiting for us when we returned.

Gordon Lewis,
Saskatoon City Police (retired),
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

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Dear Jack,

A big northern Manitoba HELLO! to both you and your wife ... Before Christmas I had an opportunity to meet with Bruce and Sandra Day, while I was in Winnipeg on course ... Bruce left me with a copy of last year's national meeting on video. It was a special blessing to hear the messages of Bob Vernon.

I missed being able to attend last year's national meeting however I **look forward to attending this year's**. In closing, allow me to express the great feeling and blessing that I get from the Peacemaker and look forward to the next issue.

Robert Lockhart, Constable,
Gillam P.D.,
Gillam, Manitoba.

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Dear Jack and Laura,

Greetings in His glorious name! Glad to hear you returned from Florida relaxed, refreshed, and rejuvenated. We missed you!! We appreciate your hard work and encourage you, for, as much as you've done, we know there's much more yet to be done. God bless you for your efforts.

I have included some change of addresses for the Peacemaker and, as well, a list of new subscribers ... these are dear brothers and sisters that Mike and I met while on our holiday to Asia and New Zealand last year ... Look after yourselves and give our best to everyone there. **Looking forward to seeing you in Quebec City!** God bless!

Love in Christ,
Gwen & Mike Holland,
Edmonton, Alberta, Chapter.

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Dear Mr. Turner,

This morning I contacted Pastor John Greenwood in Surrey, B.C. in regards to an article I accidentally found in a Christian Info paper I picked up while at a funeral.

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I was delighted to learn about a Christian Police Association. When I contacted John Greenwood, he became quite excited and insisted I write to you for further information as you had just recently helped him.

My background in brief: 10 years fire fighting experience from fire fighter up the ranks -- Lt. Insp., Deputy Chief Arson Invest., Training Officer, then Chief Prevention Officer. Briefly in Ontario Provincial Police as Aux. in '88 Kingston Detachment, where I took a position in BC as Sr. Pastor.

I've been in full-time ministry for several years, and have graduated from the BC Auxiliary program (Dec. '89) -- which means I am a gun-carrying RCMP Aux. with full police powers while on duty / serving with regular member.

I am on Vancouver Island which is somewhat removed from the rest of BC and Canada. I would be delighted to learn more about your magazine & something John G. mentioned, CFCPO. Are there other people out here on the Island I could get in touch with re: CFCPO? ...

Ben Yablonski, Pastor,
Beaver Road Evangelical Baptist
Church, Lake Cowichan, BC.

Editors' Note:

Jack was pleased to advise our brother re: Randie Scott and the Greater Victoria Chapter on Vancouver Island.

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Dear Jack,

Within the past week, I received not only my membership card, but tract and Spring issue of the Peacemaker. I just wanted you to know what a blessing it is.

I've been a Christian for many years and a "policeman" for the last 13. The comments in the "Survival Kit" really helped me realize that the Lord called me specifically to this work, even though at eighteen I probably didn't think about that.

Recently, the Lord has called me back into the field after almost 9 years at a desk job in Telecoms. It has been the biggest step of faith He has ever asked me to make. Although I had left the field for a very good reason, I never expected to return.

Now, 9 months after reapplying, I find myself one of two RCMP members policing a settlement of 450 Inuit in one of the RCMP's most isolated posts in the North West Territories ... Please pray for me in the coming several months as I am being called upon to police the community alone in June and July. My closest back-up is 4 hours away, and I'm still trying to get rid of 9 years of rust. I know that I will not be alone here, and I truly praise God for His unending wisdom and strength ...

Sanikiluaq (on an island in Hudson Bay) is not far from the Quebec coast, but the water that surrounds it may as well be an ocean. I just thank the Lord that, as isolated as it is here, as lonely and at times discouraging, His presence never leaves us nor forsakes us. **Indeed, His light shines in the strangest places.**

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May the Lord bless you richly in Christ. I shall leave you with a favourite verse:

I said to the man who stood
At the gate of the year.
Give me a light that I might see.
And he said to me,
Go out into the darkness, into the unknown,
And put your hand into the hand of God.
It shall be to thee better than a light,
And safer than the known way.

Gillian Belsheim,
Sanikiluaq, N.W.T.

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Please find attached an application for membership. I would like more information on the Peace Officer "Survival Kit" if possible. I am currently stationed in La Ronge; it is an isolated post. Many times I feel alone, being separated from other peace officers and especially Christians. I initially saw the ad for the Peacemaker in Blue Line Magazine and now I cannot wait for each issue. I read it cover to cover. It makes me feel like I'm a little closer to other Christian peace officers in this province.

Mark Wharton, RCMP,
La Ronge, Saskatchewan.

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Editors' Note:

Again we say thanks to Cst. Morley Lymburner of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force, a brother in Christ and Editor/Publisher of Blue Line Magazine, for advertising the Peacemaker. We are encouraged by a number of enquiries which have come in. The new address for Blue Line Magazine:

4981 Highway 7 East, Unit 12A, Suite 254,
Markham, Ontario, Canada, L3R 9Z9.

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ELECTIONS AT THE CFCPO 9TH NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING

At "LE CAMP DE L'ARCHE" - ST-ELZEAR-DE-BAUCE (QUEBEC), Saturday, September 14, 1991, elections will be held to appoint four persons to the National Board of Directors. The below listed have served their 2 year term and are eligible for re-election:

Jack Foster (Retired Police Chief, Stirling, Ont.)
Harold Johnson (Sgt., Edmonton Police Service)
Kirk Lampman (Cst., Halton Regional, Ont., Police Force)
Larry Wilson (Corrections, Kingston, Ontario)

You may nominate others. All nominations must be received by the National Secretary no later than September 1, 1991.

To nominate a person, you must be a regular member of the CFCPO and you must fill out the nomination form on page 19 with the nominee's signature to affirm his/her consent. Mail to the National Office.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT



Dear Rob & Ruth,

I want to commend you on the excellent work you did on the last issue of the Peacemaker. It was one of the best issues I've seen.

Well, summer is finally here, a time to sit back and relax, maybe do a little fishing, just enjoy oneself and put all those bad memories of winter behind us.

If that sounds too good to be true, it most likely is. As time goes on I find there are never enough minutes or hours to accomplish everything I intend to do.

As the world rushes headlong towards spiritual bankruptcy, I can't help but think of two different places where Jesus anguished over the lost and dying: John 4:35 and Luke 10:2. In both scriptures He talks about the Harvest Fields being ripe and the need for Labourers. I look at this Ministry and hurting people in Law Enforcement that we come in contact with and wish that we could touch each and every one with the Gospel of Christ. As Luke says, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that He would send forth Labourers into His Harvest."

In closing, I want to urge you to plan on attending our general conference in Quebec City, where the spiritual needs have been considered before everything else.

I remain your humble servant in Christ!

Larry Wilson, National President.

Chers Rob & Ruth,

Je veux vous éloger pour votre excellente besogne que vous avez faites avec la dernière livraison du Peacemaker! C'est une des meilleures publications que j'ai l'u.

Enfin l'été est arrivé, un temps pour s'asseoir et se relaxer, peut-être faire de la pêche, en profitant de s'amuser et d'essayer d'oublier les mauvaises mémoires d'hiver.

Je trouve qu'il n'y a jamais assez d'heures et de minutes dans une journée pour accomplir toutes les choses dont j'ai le désir.

Tandis que le monde se précipite vers une faillite spirituelle, je peux m'empêcher de songer aux deux fois que Jésus s'est angoissé pour les âmes en peine et les mourants: Jean 4:45 et Luc 10:2. Dans ces deux écritures Il parle de la moisson qui est mur et qu'il y a un besoin de travailleurs. Lorsque j'observe notre ministère et je vois les personnes blessées dont nous avons rapport avec je désire qu'on pourrais les touchées avec l'Évangile de Jésus Christ. Comme Luc dit: "La moisson est grande mais il y a peu d'ouvrier. Priez donc le Maître de la moisson d'envoyez des ouvriers dans sa moisson."

Je vous encourage de faire parti a notre conférence qui aura lieu à Québec, où les besoins spirituels ont été considéré avant tous.

Je demeure votre servent humble en Christ!

Larry Wilson, President National.

Upcoming Events

THE CFCPO INFORMATION LINE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM 281-8110 TO 416-730-1686

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. 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.

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 national office of FCPO, USA is located in Chattanooga, Tennessee, P.O. Box 11547, Chattanooga, TN 37401, (615) 622-1234 and welcomes responses and visits from anyone interested in the FCPO. Our local chapter meets for an outreach luncheon on the third Thursday of each month. We also have a group that meets each Tuesday morning for breakfast and prayer.

GREATER VANCOUVER CHAPTER, B.C.

Monthly meetings are now held at Cloverdale Evangelical Free Church, 17400 60th Ave., Surrey, B.C. (Pastor - John Greenwood) **Breakfasts are scheduled for July 11, and August 12, 1991 at 7:30 A.M.**

REGINA CHAPTER, SASKATCHEWAN

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

WORD OF LIFE INN, BOX 600, SCHROON LAKE, NEW YORK 12870, 518-532-7111

6th Annual Law Enforcement Conference: Honourary Chairman Conrad Jensen, Dep. Insp. NYCPD Retired, Guest Speaker Robert L. Vernon, Assistant Chief LAPD, Activities: indoor swimming/sightseeing/outlet shopping/mountain hike/baby day care/children's program/**March 27-29, 1992/WRITE NOW FOR REGISTRATION FORM, INFO**

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

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. **Guest Speaker will be Mark Kroeker, Deputy Chief of Los Angeles Police Department.** 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)

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NAMEPHONE ()

ADDRESS

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**

News

FROM THE KOINONIA CHAPTER, MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK *** Ken Smith, Moncton P.F.

... Just wanted you to know that after being dormant for a year or so, we have once again come alive and are doing well.

We meet once every five weeks, usually at someone's home, as we find that the warm atmosphere allows for a better unity in spirit. At our meetings, we sense the presence of the Lord in a most beautiful way, as we share and pray for each other's needs. Our group is composed of members who are very gifted in music ministry and we usually have a special speaker, which highlights the night.

Our membership stands at approximately fifteen couples at this time (Praise the Lord!). I am making an effort to update the membership list with applications and will forward them accordingly. I want to extend Christian greetings to fellow brothers in the Lord from Ontario, namely Kent Laidlaw and Rod Galbraith as well as their families. We haven't forgotten you and hope that we can see each other soon.

A word of encouragement for all peace officers is to "hang in there", as we have a job to do, and that is first and foremost to **win souls for Christ**. We can do this **through our actions, our speech, and our daily walk with Christ**.

A RECENT ENCOUNTER WITH A PRISONER, WHO WAS OUT OF CONTROL IN ONE OF THE LOCK UP CELLS, SENT A MESSAGE TO FELLOW WORKERS WHO WATCHED MY ACTIONS. HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON A PROPERTY RELATED OFFENCE, WAS LOCKED UP, AND WENT OUT OF CONTROL -- DEFECATED AND SPREAD IT WITH HIS HANDS ALL OVER THE CELL WALLS AND WINDOW OF THE DOOR. THE STATION OFFICER CAME TO ME FOR ADVICE, AND I COULD HAVE GIVEN IT, BUT INSTEAD DECIDED TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING MYSELF. I FIRST OF ALL ASKED MYSELF WHAT WOULD JESUS DO IN A CASE LIKE THIS, AND THE FIRST WORD THAT CAME TO MY MIND WAS A FOUR LETTER WORD, "LOVE."

I WENT TO THE CELL AREA WHERE I FOUND THAT I HAD TO LOOK BEYOND THE STENCH AND THE ACTIONS OF THIS INDIVIDUAL AND SEE SOMEONE WHOM CHRIST DIED FOR. AT THIS POINT HE WAS YELLING AND CURSING AT ME, SO I PUT UP MY HAND IN FRONT OF HIM AND CALMLY SPOKE TO HIM, BRINGING HIM DOWN TO MY LEVEL. I EXPRESSED MY CONCERN FOR HIM AND HE COULD SENSE THIS. HE COOPERATED WITH ME FULLY AND WASHED THE CELL ON HIS OWN. I LET HIM OUT SO I COULD HEAR HIS CONCERNS AND WAS ABLE TO SHARE JESUS CHRIST WITH HIM, TELLING HIM WHAT JESUS HAD DONE FOR ME.

NOW I REALIZE THAT THINGS DON'T ALWAYS WORK OUT THIS WAY, BUT I DO THANK THE LORD FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS FOR HIM. SOMETIMES, BECAUSE OF THE EVERYDAY SMUT THAT WE HEAR AND SEE, WE MAY BECOME INSENSITIVE, AS PEACE OFFICERS, TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS. I PRAY THAT THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN.

IF WE HAVE ASKED CHRIST INTO OUR HEARTS, THEN WE HAVE ACTUALLY ASKED HIM TO FILL US WITH HIS LOVE. IF THINGS DON'T WORK OUT THE WAY WE WANT, OR IF SOMEONE WE COME IN CONTACT WITH RUBS US THE WRONG WAY, THEN IT SHOULDN'T BE HATRED THAT COMES OUT OF US, BUT IT SHOULD BE THE LOVE OF CHRIST THAT FLOWS FROM OUR HEARTS.

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NEWS FROM WINNIPEG, MANITOBA *** Bruce Day, Provincial Rep., Manitoba

The Winnipeg Police Department FCPO annual Christmas party was a huge success (46 people, several first-time participants). From there we had a pancake breakfast featuring Michael DISANZA, retired New York cop, head of Cops for Christ operating out of Florida. This gentleman was fantastic, and most important, one of the men that attended accepted the Lord; it was very exciting.

I have the names and addresses of a few men that would love to receive the Peacemaker, (among them A/Cpl Lewis Taylor, Summit Police Station, White Sands P.O. Montego Bay, St. James, Jamaica West Indies. "Okay," Bruce confesses, "My wife and I spent two glorious weeks there. It was tough, but we managed.")

That's it for now. I want to mention that I am definitely planning on attending the National Convention in September. See you there, or up THERE, whatever comes first.

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BULLETIN FROM GODERICH, ONTARIO *** Paul May, Assistant Provincial Rep., Ont.

National Secretary Jack Turner received great news, just as this Peacemaker was being completed. Paul May advises a new FCPO chapter has formed in the Goderich area. A four-man executive board is now in place. Thanks and Praise to the Lord!

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LETTER OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM SASKATCHEWAN

Dear Editors,

Thank you for your publication. It is truly a blessing that we can all meet together in Jesus' name through the Peacemaker.

I have often felt a calling to the ministry and yet I was drawn to a career with the RCMP. I have had many varied experiences through three postings in under five years of service. It is something I will always cherish. Yet, I have struggled with the calling I've felt God has been giving me to the ministry.

To this end, I've prayed for the answer. It came during a prayer and Bible class that I participate in prior to our regular Sunday church service. I woke up that morning almost ready to turn in my badge and work towards a career in the ministry. However, the unique fulfilment I've received as a peace officer made me balk and I prayed about this as I went to church that Sunday. It was there that God spoke to me through our church's youth group director.

She listened to me and said that the ministry of a Christian peace officer was very important, touching people in so many ways in His name. She emphasized that often times the lay person can reach others in ways that the clergy may not.

After speaking in general about having had poor experiences with police

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during her youth, she said **there are too few Christian police officers for the public to look to as examples in such a high profile profession.** She concluded by noting that through my church and community involvement, I was ministering in a special way, albeit not in the pulpit. Her comments were truly a revelation to me.

I in turn gave this teacher a reason to have faith regarding her concern of too few Christian peace officers when I made her aware of the important ministry of the FCPO worldwide and specifically the ministry of the CFCPO Peacemaker.

Thank you again for the Peacemaker and many thanks and blessings to all who share their experiences, thoughts, and prayers within its covers. God bless each one of you.

David R. Boyce, Torquay RCMP,
Torquay, Saskatchewan.

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TESTIMONY

Although I've been a Christian all my life, and have had numerous occasions to see God's Spirit work in my life and others, I am continually amazed at the power of the Holy Spirit. On March 31st (Easter Sunday, 1991), I was suddenly placed in a position to minister to a 36 year old man who was about to commit suicide.

He stood at a street intersection at approximately 11:15 P.M. with a .458 Magnum rifle (loaded) pointing to the left side of his head, with his thumb on the trigger. He had already pressed the trigger once, only to find he had forgotten to put a live cartridge in the chamber. He had done this a short time earlier in front of the headlights of a police car, with two of my fellow police officers taking cover behind the car. He had pointed another loaded rifle at them and then tossed it on the ground in front of them. He then chambered in a live round from the magazine in the .458. He had already fired several shots into the air from the first rifle. He told his girlfriend he was ending it all and had started three suicide notes before leaving a residence with these rifles and a large quantity of ammunition.

Being a Canine Handler, I had gotten a call-out to assist in the dramatic events that were unfolding. I had practised this type of scenario before with my police service dog, the intent being to have the dog take him down with a bite, without having to shoot the subject if at all possible. Suddenly, I realized I couldn't use the dog. He had the muzzle of the barrel against his head. **With his thumb on the trigger, it could be over for him before the dog took his first leap towards him!** If I released the dog, and he squeezed the trigger, I could be held accountable for aiding his cause. Unless he pointed the firearm towards me or the other members present, or even in some direction other than his head, I couldn't release my partner. There were several guns pointed at him by other members -- ready to take his life, too, if he made the wrong move to fire at us.

Contrary to good police procedure, I put myself within a proximity of less
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than ten yards from him. Strange as it may sound, I knew I had to talk to him as a vulnerable human being with compassion -- not as an armed policeman hiding behind the door or fender of a police car. It probably wouldn't make much difference anyway, because the .458 Mag. Cal. is the second largest bullet made. It's used to hunt elephants, rhino, and waterbuffalo in Africa. The vehicle engine block might stop it, but not much else.

During the 25 to 30 minute negotiating conversation that followed, I asked him why he was bent on blowing himself away. "Bob" replied he had nothing left to live for. He was at the bottom of the barrel in life. Nobody cared about the state of affairs he was in. Everything had gone wrong. **When I asked him if he had asked God to help him, he replied he had lost any faith he might ever have had in Him.** After all, look at the mess the world was in. He accused God of making it this way. God didn't care about him or his circumstances in life. God hadn't helped him before.

I have no hesitation in saying that I was scared. Things were tense. In those moments I prayed to God to help this man and the rest of us in the unique time and place of this desperate situation. I prayed that God would give me the words to convince him to give God another chance -- to put his life on the right track -- to put that rifle down.

I can't remember everything I said to Bob, but I could feel God's Spirit taking control and filling my mind with what Bob needed to hear. I remember telling him that God didn't make this world a mess. We -- man has done that without any help from Him. God has given us our own free will to do and choose as we wish. Man has made a lot of bad choices! **I shared with Bob briefly that things in my life hadn't always gone well.** I had often despaired too. **But God has helped me** and, with full faith, **I promised God would help him too.** God doesn't give us the right to take our lives and doing so is a grave sin. He would have no hope for eternity if he squeezed that trigger. When he asked me how I knew about these things I was telling him, the answer was simple -- The Bible -- the Word of God.

Bob could obviously see that I believed in what I was saying. This was no cop trick to get him to do what we wanted. Bob was a Catholic and so was I. I told him about a close friend, Father PRINCE, a priest in our local church. Father PRINCE used to be an oil worker, in the oil patch (common occupation around Estevan). I promised Bob we would go to him immediately and talk to him about Bob's desperate situation. I had no idea Bob was also Catholic and an oil worker! God knew!

Bob took the rifle from his head, ejected the 500 grain cartridge from the chamber and let it fall to the pavement. He handed the gun over to me as I walked up to him. We shook hands, and I felt a deep surge of love -- God's love between us. I kept my promises to Bob and I have no doubt God will keep His.

If Bob wants to change his life, I know God will be there every step of the way. **I will be praying for him and I hope all who read this will do so too.** I pray that the other members who witnessed this event will also open their minds to God's Spirit and know that it was He and not I that cheated the devil from getting Bob's soul that night!

With Christian Love,

Jerry Michalski, Cst., Estevan City Police Dept., Saskatchewan.

SALVATION IS NOT HEREDITARY

I was born in 1932 at Westbury, Wiltshire. My father was Chief Engineer in the merchant navy and my maternal Grandfather was the Baptist Minister at Westbury. In fact I was born at "The Manse." At the beginning of the war the family moved to Shrewsbury and I attended Priory School.

My earliest impressions were of a Christian home where I was taught Bible stories of Jesus from my earliest years, and we all went, as a family, to the Baptist Church in Shrewsbury, three times on a Sunday, morning and evening, and Sunday School in the afternoon.

If someone had asked me, "How long have you been a Christian?" I would probably have replied something to the effect, "Well I've always been a Christian; I was born into a Christian home and all my family are Christians," and I would have believed that.

But in April 1943, an evangelistic crusade was held in the Town under the auspices of the National Young Life Campaign and the meetings were held in the St. John's Hill Methodist Church, literally just around the corner from the Baptist Church where we attended. On the Sunday evening, the young people of the Church were encouraged to go straight from the evening service to an "After Church Rally" conducted by members of the NYLC at the Methodist Church, and I went -- it must have been FOUR times that Sunday!

I remember that occasion very well, even though well over forty years have passed since then. The main speaker was a man called Roy Hession, and I was sitting with a group of my friends, in the front row of the back gallery. I can recall several things that he said in his address, but one phrase stands out and I shall never forget it -- **"SALVATION IS NOT HEREDITARY."** He went on to say, "Just because your parents are Christians, that doesn't make you a Christian. You have to make a personal decision to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour; nobody can do that for you."

A lot more was said, of course, and various texts from the Bible were quoted, many of which I have remembered to this day. At the end of the meeting Mr. Hession "made an appeal." Now this was a challenge to anyone who was listening, who wasn't a Christian, but who wanted to become one, to come forward to the front of the Church during the singing of the last hymn.

"But I am a Christian," I told myself, "and anyway, it's an awful long way down there to the front of the Church!"

The last hymn was "Come to the Saviour now! He gently calleth thee; In true repentance bow, before Him bend the knee; He waiteth to bestow salvation, peace and love, True joy on earth below, a home in Heaven above. Come, come, come."

It is a hymn which is sung slowly, and there are five verses, and the speaker made the appeal after each verse. A number of people had already gone forward. I could see them. I was looking down on them; they were kneeling at the communion rail at the front of the Church just below the pulpit. "Salvation is not hereditary ... come, come, come;" but Mr. Hession said that the last verse would be sung again so that there was still time for anyone else to come. Something made me get up out of my seat -- I know now that it

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was not something, but someone, the Holy Spirit -- and make that long walk, from the front of the back gallery to the back of the gallery where the stairs down to the ground floor were, then through the doors of the main body of the Church and right down the aisle to the communion rail, and there I knelt, along with the others, and **prayed a simple prayer, asking the Lord Jesus to come into my heart and cleanse my sins -- and that's how I got saved!**"

Three years later I was baptised by immersion, and became a member of the Church.

After leaving School, I went into Local Government and worked at the Motor Taxation Office of the Salop County Council, until, at the age of 18 I joined the RAF and served a short regular engagement, being posted to a number of Stations before being transferred to the Air Ministry in London. From there I was drafted overseas and spent two and a half years in Egypt where I was on the Personal Bodyguard of the Air Officer Commanding in Chief Middle East Air Force.

Whilst in the RAF my parents moved to Cardiff to live and therefore on demobilisation in 1955, I settled in Cardiff and joined the CARDIFF CITY POLICE. I worked all areas of the City and spent five years in the Traffic Department driving patrol cars and motorcycles. On promotion to Sergeant, I worked in the Butetown and City Centre areas before qualifying as an instructor and spending two years teaching police law at the District Police Training Centre, Bridgend. On returning to Cardiff, I worked all areas of the City as a Section and Station Sergeant, and also spent two years as the Coroner's Officer for the County of South Glamorgan.

I am a keen swimmer and hold the RLSS Bronze Medallion Award. I also played football (with a round ball!) and cricket, the sport which has commanded keenest interest in which I still participate, as Hon. Scorer for the South Wales Constabulary Cricket Club.

Another interest is singing and I am a Founder Member of the Choir of the South Wales Constabulary.

But apart from CRICKET and CHOIR, the third "C" in my life has been the CHRISTIAN POLICE ASSOCIATION, of which I have been a member since 1955, and have held offices at both local and national level. I am Member of the National Council of CPA and travel a great deal throughout the United Kingdom and the Continent, taking part in public meetings and enjoying fellowship with other Christian colleagues in the police service. I am also a member of the United Kingdom Police Officers Ministry.

I retired from the police service in April 1985 and divide my time amongst my many and varied interests. I am a lay preacher in the Methodist Church, but take services in churches of all denominations and I am out almost every Sunday of the year.

In conclusion, being a committed Christian in the police service means that there are opportunities for fellowship with other police officers who are Born Again of the Spirit of God. It enables you to maintain a concern for righteousness both on and off duty, and obey Christ in proclaiming His Gospel especially to colleagues in the police service that might be brought to know

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HIM personally. Do YOU know HIM personally? Have you been converted, saved, born again? (Each of these terms means the same thing, and they are all Scriptural). Remember, Salvation is not hereditary, and it cannot be earned; but it is the Free Gift of God, through Jesus Christ His Son.

COME TO THE SAVIOUR NOW ... COME ... TODAY!

-- Gordon A'Court

Editors' note: It was a real pleasure to meet Gordon at the CFCPO national meeting last year in Muskoka, Ontario.

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Prayer & Praise

*** **Praise God** for our brothers and sisters in Quebec hosting the 9th CFCPO national meeting (see Page 9), and for the encouraging letters from members looking forward to this conference. **Please continue to pray** for God's blessing on those organizing and taking part. May it be a great time of fellowship, refreshment, and worship, to the glory of our Lord!

*** **Praise God** for the new FCPO chapter in the Goderich area (Page 11) and for the good news of revival in Moncton (Page 10)!

*** **Please pray** for Gillian Belsheim (Page 5) and for Cpl. Rich and Beth Votour, policing the remote area of Sanikiluaq.

*** **Please pray** that we don't, as peace officers, become insensitive to the needs of others (Page 10 -- Ken Smith, Moncton).

*** **Pray** for "Bob" in Estevan, Saskatchewan (Page 12, 13) and for Cst. Jerry Michalski and Cst. Dave Boyce who are interested in setting up a chapter in the Estevan area.

*** **Please remember** in prayer Marlen & Marilyn Wells (Page 3) as they travel to Colorado, continuing their service for the Lord in a new adventure!

*** **Praise God** for the courage and commitment to God which Shelley Townsend shows in the following letter:

"Dear friends in Christ,

I would like to thank you for your thoughtful donation to the Gideon Bible Society, in memory of my late husband Terry. He appreciated the support and encouragement that he received through the FCPO during his latter years working as a policeman in Lethbridge (Alberta).

For his part, I believe he did his best to live his life for Jesus since becoming a Christian in late 1985. His faith was true and strong, his witness was in his life, both at home and at work. As a Christian police officer, he faced many trials but through it all he leaned on the broad shoulders of our Lord Jesus Christ. With His help and guidance, many on the police force were challenged by Terry's life and witness. **May Jesus continue to be the Chief Officer of the FCPO.**

In Christ's love, Shelley Townsend."

TERRY TOWNSEND: A CELEBRATION OF HIS LIFE**December 7, 1956 - March 5, 1991 - ETERNITY WITH THE LORD**

Terry was born December 7th, 1956 in Medicine Hat, Alberta, to Helen and Arthur Townsend. He was the "baby" brother of Peggy and Brent Townsend. At a very young age Terry chose a career as a fireman, proving his capabilities by breaking the basement window and hosing down the basement of his home. This vocation proved to be not quite so suitable and was laid aside for other pursuits.

He received his education in Medicine Hat. In 1974 he graduated from Medicine Hat High and moved to Calgary. While installing cable-vision in her home, Terry met Shelley Simpson and they were married in 1979.

Terry's career plans led him to the Lethbridge Community College where he enrolled in the Law Enforcement program and graduated with honours in 1979. **Terry then joined the Lethbridge City Police Force, serving for twelve years.** His career began as a general patrol officer and led to the Identification Unit where he established himself with excellence.

It was during a summer of intense police investigation that Terry was led to an investigation of another sort. Terry set out to find a meaningful answer to life's questions. In short, **Terry made an investigation into Christianity.** As a result, he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and Lord in the fall of 1985. Terry and Shelley were baptized together on Easter Sunday, 1986.

Terry's commitment to Christ was deep and sincere. He saw Christ as his Friend, someone whom he always turned to for guidance, strength, and love. He knew that no matter how many times he failed or felt discouraged, Jesus was always there to pick him up, wipe off the dust and set him on the road again.

Terry's life exemplified his love for Christ. He was dedicated to his family and was a wonderful friend to all he met. His quiet, gentle manner gained respect from all who came in contact with him and **his sensitivity and humility drew others to the Lord who so obviously shone through Terry.**

In the fall of 1990, Terry and Shelley, with their three children, Erika 10, Trista 7, and Aaron 3, moved to Abbotsford, B.C. to pursue his dream of becoming a pilot in the hopes of serving his Lord as a full-time missionary pilot.

He enrolled in the pilot training program at Trinity Western and once again entered the realm of studying, report writing, and exam cramming. Shelley worked full time at MSA Hospital on the Pediatrics Ward and the girls settled into school.

During Terry's reading week in February, a group of five planes flew down to California to attend a Mission Aviation Conference. This trip became a special time of bonding and fellowship among the students. It was on the flight home that two of the planes encountered bad weather and went down, killing the six people aboard.

We mourn the loss of a truly wonderful Christian man. **We rejoice in that Terry is home with his Lord, whom he strove to serve faithfully and loved so dearly.**

TRIBUTES

Dave MacKenzie, Calgary Police, CFCPO Alberta Provincial Rep.

Dave met Terry a few years ago: "... as president of the CFCPO Calgary chapter. At the time, Terry was the Lethbridge chapter president. As we shared with each other we felt the common bond of our Christian faith and also some feeling we both had in regard to the visions for our respective chapters and the frustrations involved. I could feel Terry's love for God and sense his longing to help his fellow policemen, both Christian and unsaved. Terry had a warm friendly personality and a big wide smile to match. Although my times with Terry were few, I enjoyed them and was encouraged.

"I have been to several funerals over the years, but none have been more pleasant and moving than that of Terry's. I came away spiritually renewed and challenged to press on. We share with Shelley and the children in the loss of their loved one. It is the desire of the members of the CFCPO in Alberta to help in any way we can. I also encourage the Lethbridge chapter to carry on the Christian work there amongst the policemen. Surely Terry's death and memorial service planted the seed of the Gospel in the hearts of many police personnel present."

Captain Richard Weber, Anglican Church Army, Senior Provincial Chaplain, Correctional Services Alberta: "What made him that kind, loving, warm man many of us have come to love so dearly as a brother and friend? I believe it was because Terry allowed Jesus to live through him. In his words and actions, he radiated the person of Jesus and it was Jesus in Terry that made him the man he was and is. Terry died in the service of his Lord and Saviour whom he loved so dearly and there is no greater honour given to man than to serve the King of kings."

Sgt. Harold Johnson, Edmonton Police Service, CFCPO Western Canada Director: "He was a quiet unassuming gentleman. But he had that twinkle in his eye and that grin which showed his appreciation of others. It was easy to get to know him. And when he did speak, people listened. He spoke very reverently of what Jesus meant to him. And the fruit of the Spirit (love, peace, gentleness, etc.) confirmed his verbal testimony. Terry is an example to all of us. He was committed to serving God.

"We may never know this side of heaven why God took Terry home on March 5th, but we certainly have reassurance that we will see him again. **For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.**' (1 Thessalonians 4:14) Let us praise God for His promises. And to those who never knew Terry, look forward to meeting him in heaven."

AND WE KNOW THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM, WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE ... NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE, NEITHER ANGELS NOR DEMONS, NEITHER THE PRESENT NOR THE FUTURE, NOR ANY POWERS, 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 8:28, 38, 39 N.I.V.)

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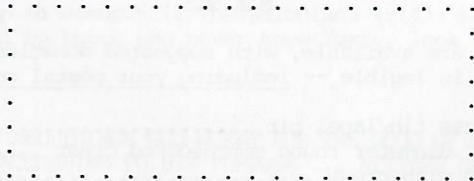
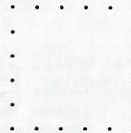
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