

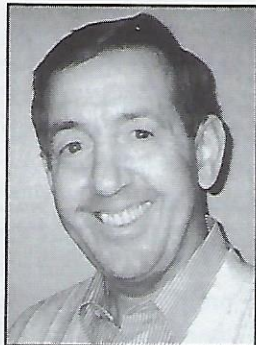
PEACEMAKER

Inspiration For Christian Peace Officers

July - September 1997

Annual General Meeting

President's Message -
Tony Baker



This year we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers in North America. To commemorate this momentous occasion, FCPO (US) and FCPO (Canada) are combining to make this our first ever "FCPO Can-Am" conference. It will be held in the heart of the beautiful Niagara Region of southern Ontario.

The organizing committee, under the chairmanship of Hank Harley of Niagara Regional Police, has pulled all the stops to make this our best conference ever. Bearing in mind September is still high season, they have been able to secure the best rates possible at our conference site, the Holiday Inn of St. Catharines. Registration even includes meals and guided tours of Niagara.

We realize that while the cost is below average for the area, it is still a little out of reach for some of our members. To those members we seek your support, even if you can only make it for one or two days of the conference. You won't want to miss hearing our dear friend Ivan C. Brown from Jamaica who will be our featured speaker on Saturday morning. You may remember my report on Ivan's visit to Toronto in May of 1996. He created quite a stir with his powerful testimony.

Also you will want to hear one of the premier Christian Peace Officer speakers in the world today, Bob Vernon, retired Assistant Chief of the L.A.P.D. Bob's messages have been given to peace officers around the world!

Now if you really can't make the conference, then will you consider the following suggestion, one I believe will keep us together both in unity of Spirit and before the Lord:

When we meet Saturday morning for our Annual General Meeting, I will ask the delegates to stand in representation of each chapter throughout the country. We will then pray for each chapter simultaneously. After praying for our chapters we will then pray for every police force and detachment, every prison and correctional center, every customs terminal and conservation officer's station, every military post and anywhere else that Peace Officers are working or reporting for duty. Then we will pray for every Peace Officer in our land, their families and their homes, that the blood of Jesus will surround them and touch them in a way they have never been touched before.

At the same time, will you organize a

meeting of your chapter, to take place at the same time, Saturday morning, September 20th, and go with us before the Lord in prayer? Don't forget, a meeting is where two or three come together in His name (Matt. 18:20). So while it would be good to get as many to meet as possible, don't get too concerned about numbers. Just meet and Jesus will be there as He promised!

Together across Canada we will pray for our chapters, police forces, prisons and correctional centers And then the customs, conservation and military posts. And finally, for every Peace Officer's family and home. Can you imagine the results of this massive prayer chain across our country! I firmly believe we have the power to change lives through prayer. Join us and be as one for that day of devotion? God will listen to us united in prayer in His name.†

In His Service,

Tony Baker
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Faith

"And without
faith it is
impossible to
please God"
(Heb. 11.6).

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Make me the kind of person You want me to be"

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STATEMENT OF FAITH WE BELIEVE



THE BIBLE

The scripture of the Old and New Testaments were verbally inspired of God and inherent 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)

FAITH

All those who by faith receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, and who confess Him as such before their fellowmen become heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ (Rom. 10:9; Eph. 1:8,9; Rom. 8:16,17)

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 (Luke 1:26 - 35; 1 Cor. 15:3,4; Eph. 1:13; Eph. 4:4,5)

HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is God. He dwells in all believers having baptized them in the body of Christ at the time of regeneration (Rom. 10:9, 10; 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:4,5)

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)

JUDGEMENT

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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Your contributions are needed to fulfill our mandate.

Thank You.

The following article is reprinted from a previous *PEACEMAKER*. Chief Grant Waddell will be one of the welcoming speakers at this year's Jubilee Conference and I thought it would be appropriate to run some of his comments again.
T. H.

WHAT IS YOUR VISION ?

by Art Francis

'How are you today?' and you respond 'fine thanks' or 'I'm well, thank you very much.' 'But often, we say that rather lightly or tritely,' said Chief Grant Waddell of the Niagara Regional Police Force, in his opening remarks to FCPO and supporters.

Chief Waddell is a Christian who has a great responsibility in a high profile position. He attributes this as the leading of God in his life. His challenge to us on 'Vision' and 'Wellness' is evident of his own experience and faith in the word of God.

In dealing with the issue of vision, he reminded us of a true story of Sir Winston Churchill who, in Britain's darkest hour, said 'Don't despair, I am planning the invasion of Europe.' Churchill was a leader with vision who was able to rally his people at a particular time and gave them some cause for hope. Chief Waddell also shared with us about a Roman Catholic priest named Father Jersey who, at the request of the steel workers in Gdansk, ministered to them and encouraged them; 'not men of diplomacy and political correctness' he said, 'but men who had a yearning in their hearts for freedom, in the very early days of Eastern Europe.'

Father Jersey became a martyr to a cause. He had a vision but did not live to see the walls of Berlin falling down or his nation becoming free. But he saw in the early days the hope, a little flame and a little candle of freedom that was burning bright.

Referring to Proverbs 29:18 Chief Waddell said 'without vision, men perish. For I have in my own experience seen a vision in a particular ministry and a particular avenue of work and have followed that dream and have created something of value, something of lasting goodness.'

The wellness factor was the second

point in the Chief's address. 'The wellness factors are not from Grant Waddell,' he pointed out. 'They are from a female doctor, Jo Cannon, of UCLA.' He then cautioned us to do our own checks and balances as he talked about the following factors of wellness in order.

#6 ECONOMIC ESSENTIALS : is at the bottom of the scale. He noted in times of social contracts (now restructuring), in the midst of all the problems of financing and governments, he asked 'do you have a shirt on your back, bread on the table, a roof over your head?'

#5 STRESS : He quoted the baseball player Casey Stengle who said 'the future ain't what it used to be.' Chief Waddell then commented 'And isn't it the truth. It's not quite the way we thought it was going to be but how are you dealing with that?'

#4 WORK SATISFACTION : There is an expression these days that somebody has an attitude and it is given a derogatory connotation, 'this guy's got an attitude.' 'The Word tells us to be a good worker for the Master,' he said. The Chief believes that he has no more power, no more authority than the youngest constable on the job and would suggest that the attitude should not be status, wealth, grandeur or rank. All the work that we do, that we are seized with, that is our privilege to have, should be done for the Master.

#3 POSITIVE SELF ESTEEM : Chief Waddell suggested that if he were to ask ministers, psychiatrists, medical practitioners and psychologists, 'what is the one common denominator they have found in dealing with their patients?', a fair amount would say 'it seems to be a bit of, or lack of, self esteem that comes through.'

#2 PHYSICAL FITNESS : 'Are you exercising, getting enough rest, looking after that body that has been given to you for a time?' asked the Chief.

#1 FULFILLING RELATIONSHIPS : 'How are things at home, with the kids and yourself, between you and your spouse, the extended family. And how are things with you and God?' Chief Waddell posed this most important question to each of us to ponder.

There is an expression, he told us, that came to him forcibly since moving away from the big metropolis. 'In some of our society we know the price of everything and the value of nothing. The things which are meaningful, good, wholesome, of external significance, of much deeper relevance than all of the other material, unfortunately gets shoved so far to the side that it sometimes slips off.'

While listening to the Chief I found myself looking to the cross and realizing that Jesus Christ had a vision in what the Chief called 'deliverance day'.

Chief Waddell reminded us that we, as peace officers, have a special place in the economy of God. He said something to make us think... 'that police officers and correctional officers were the ones who took Christ to the cross, who got out the dice and marked down the scores, who took part in the scourging and who made fun of the robe and crown of thorns. In a sense it was our hereditary colleagues and we're not proud of that,' he said.

Next, reference was made to others such as the Centurion, when Jesus said in Mark 8:10, 'I have never found faith like this, even in Israel.' He also spoke about those who were present at the cross to hear Him say 'forgive them, they know not what they do,' and those who kept guard at the tomb.

The battalions of God are far larger, far more infinite than any battalion that ever marched, Roman or military army of any kind. Many of them finished the course and may have heard the 'well done' and they await us. Tomorrow can be a day of victory for every person because deliverance day has happened, deliverance day in happening right now!

Chief Waddell said 'Today do not be uncommitted, today do not be apathetic, let us not, ladies and gentlemen, somber in the sunset. Rather, let us take up our cross, His cross, and march with our faces to the sun, victors with Him in our relationship.'

Chief Waddell finished with this "Of all the wellness factors, relationship is the most important one and, at the end of the journey, to hear His 'well done'."†

We, as peace officers,
have a special place in
the economy of God

HEY BUDDY - GOT A MINUTE?

By Tom Huntley



While on lunch one day I picked up a magazine and read an article on the need to have a friend who is more than an acquaintance, but a confidant. The writer described his entry into the army

as an officer trainee. His first assignment was his toughest - find a friend who would stick with him, prop him up when he is down and depend on him for total support. This friend was to be selected right away from a pool of men he had just met in his boot camp.

The writer pointed out that we weren't meant to be alone and separate from one another. The history of the earliest Christian period indicated that the hermits who lived alone in the wild in order to spiritually meditate maintained contact with others like them. They may not have spent Saturday nights together around a campfire but they did do what comes natural, what comes from God. They sought other human company.

As a peace officer do you have a Christian buddy? Or, have you had to face your tough times alone with your thoughts?

I can think of many situations where I could have used that Christian buddy. Had I been a born again Christian at the time I could have used a confidant when I was involved in a fight that injured me. Instead, I waited home alone in pain while recovering. Or, when I was facing a possible assault charge over something that occurred during a struggle with a prisoner I could have used a Christian perspective instead of the well meaning but non helpful guardroom response 'Ah don't sweat it Boomer, I've been there and they'll never convict you. A good cop has to get into trouble or he's not doing his job.'

Have you ever had similar experiences?

Consider for a moment this statement :
'The importance of having that one person you can talk to is Biblically endorsed.'

Through this article I realized that Jesus knew the need and the power of a mentor. When He sent the 72 out into the world He sent them in pairs. Going alone they could have covered much more ground for God but Jesus knew they would not have been as effective as He needed them to be. He knew that each person had to lean on the other for support because there would be bad times ahead. *'Go, I am sending you out like lambs among the wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals.'* (Luke 10:3-4) Jesus knew he could send them without materials because they would be provided for, but he could not send them without each other's support.

The life of the Apostle Paul is a lesson on close friendships. Here is a champion of the faith who travelled extensively through the Mediterranean. All of his writings include the need for his friends. In his letters Paul greeted his friends, wished them well, travelled with many and, in one known case, refused an open door in Troas because his friend Titus would not be there with him (2 Cor 2:12-13).

If you don't have a Christian Peace Officer mentor now is the time to go out and find one. It may take some work and should take some prayer but God will see to it that you are taken care of. If you know of someone who could use a Christian Peace Officer mentor now is the time to be one. Corrections

Officers are assaulted and spat upon,

Conservation Officers field obnoxious abuse from those claiming to be 'sportsmen' and Police Officers face physical and emotional threats

each day. You may be the one person who helps to keep a fellow peace officer together as you bring Jesus into their lives through the close contact of being a buddy.†

Yours in Christ,

Tom Huntley

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Suffering for what is right

Richard W. De Haan

From Our Daily Bread - June 27, 1997

The world is hostile to the gospel, and those who live for the Lord are not likely to be very popular. To be reproached for our own foolishness, however, is a different story.

I was reminded of this when I read about a young man in the armed forces who faced a court-martial. He insisted on carrying his Bible on guard duty despite being forbidden to do so. Apparently he was in the habit of reading it when he was supposed to be guarding his assigned post. The serviceman said, 'Sometimes I get bored on duty. The Bible helps me concentrate on the job.'

The base commander explained, 'It simply is against regulations for anyone to be reading on sentry duty. We don't want his senses distracted from guarding the base.'

Now, I don't want to be judgmental, but it seems to me that this believer was not suffering 'for righteousness' sake' (Mt. 5:10). In fact, his insubordination was bringing reproach to the cause of Christ. It's commendable that he wanted to read the Bible. Yet his first responsibility was to fulfill his duties Faithfully. He could read the Scriptures on his own time.

When we are reproached as Christians, let's be sure we're suffering for doing right - not for doing wrong.

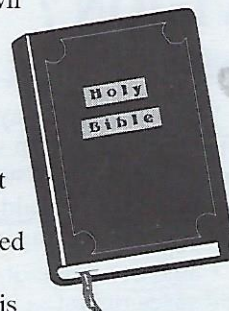
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What's the Real Problem

Herbert Vander Lugt

From Our Daily Bread June 26, 1997

The escalating violence in our society is alarming. Brutality ranges all the way from domestic child abuse and spouse battering to unimaginable crimes and senseless murders. As a result, politicians and police chiefs are advocating better crime prevention and stiffer penalties for offenders.



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These measures, while having some value, do not get to the underlying source of our social problems. The root problem is a wrong response to God's words and ways.

We see this in Ezekiel 16. God declared that Sodom was destroyed because her citizens responded to His goodness with pride, heartlessness and all sorts of abominable conduct instead of gratitude and obedience (v.49). When life is easy, we tend



to take God's goodness for granted and focus on the earthly temporal rather than on the heavenly and eternal. Idleness provides an environment in which pride, self-centeredness, and heartlessness can flourish. Therefore, as we look at all the problems in the world today, instead of calling for civic action to make the world safer it might be well for us to pray, 'Lord, help me to be more thankful for Your goodness. I want to be a Christlike influence on those around me.'

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Making Your Conversations Count

Bonnie Schmidt

Have you ever noticed what a master Jesus was at making His conversations count? For example, His encounter with the woman at the well in John 4:1-25. He was to the point, bold and challenging, yet loving. Her response? Faith in the Messiah. He never missed an opportunity to make His conversations count.

Have you ever missed a 'golden' opportunity to share your faith? I have many times, but one particular time stands out in my mind. It happened while I was still a member of the RCMP and a very young Christian. A female member I was working with had noticed a change in my life. She wanted to know more about Christianity and why I was so committed to it.

Unfortunately, I couldn't answer many of her questions because I lacked biblical knowledge. I was also fearful of what a fellow officer might think of me. I didn't realize that she was searching for spiritual truth

too. Shortly after, she resigned from the Force and enrolled in a New Age program. She became immersed in that philosophy because they supplied answers to her questions about the spiritual dimension of life.

For me, she was a missed opportunity. I failed to make a very important conversation with her count. If you're like me, you regret those missed opportunities. Why not plan in advance some of the ways in which you can make your conversations count?

The first thing you can do is to ask God to fill you with His Holy spirit. To experience an abundant and fruitful Christian life, all you need to do is to pray, confess any sin, then ask the Lord to fill you with His Holy Spirit.

Then, begin to ask the Lord to show you specific people in your family, your neighborhood and workplace, that you can share with. Ask Him for opportunities with those people and for conversation openers.

The second thing you can do is to think ahead about which conversation openers you could use in talking with someone about Jesus. To introduce the subject of faith, you may say, 'Are you interested in spiritual things?', or 'Do you attend church?'. The stressful nature of policing brings plenty of opportunities to capitalize on a fellow member's spiritual needs. In those circumstances, try being bold and ask 'Where do you think God is in all of this?'

Many Christians feel unprepared when it comes to sharing their faith because they are. Always be ready to tell people your story. Be sure you explain what your life was like before Christ, exactly how you accepted Christ, and what your life has been like since. Writing your testimony out will help you to organize your thoughts. You'll be better prepared to give it verbally when asked.

Finally, use the 'tools of the trade'. There are many resources available that will help you share your faith effectively. Booklets such as 'Steps to Peace with God' or 'the Four Spiritual Laws' will help you lead someone to Christ. Carry a copy with you. Be familiar with the booklet's content, especially the prayer at the end.

Do you remember the missed opportunity with the female member I told you about? I did have a second chance to share my faith with her almost 10 years later. This time, I was prepared. I shared my testimony with her and planned my conversation openers carefully. I challenged her on her opinions about the bible and Jesus. Did she pray and

invite the Lord into her heart? No. But my missed opportunity became a 'golden' one.

Your greatest evangelistic tool will be you! People, especially Peace Officers, are searching for the meaning to life, just like the woman at the well. Take a queue from the Master and view people as He did. You'll seldom miss an opportunity to make your conversations count.†

Bonnie is a former RCMP Officer. She is presently Director, Women in Leadership for the Campus Crusade for Christ. She is a contributing editor to PEACEMAKER Magazine.

Cheri Rose Creations Poetry

Greetings from Alberta - my husband, Wayne has served on the Edmonton Police Service for 21 years. He has worked in Communications, Cell Block, Task Force and VIP Security. He was born again on November 22, 1984. I accepted Jesus in 1982 and prayed for a Christian policeman who would share with Wayne. God Answered that prayer by sending Constable Bill Beckwith, who led Wayne to the Lord. Since then, Wayne has had countless opportunities to share the Gospel of our Lord Jesus in the highways and biways.

Wayne currently runs the Eastwood Community Station where he encounters people every day with broken lives and shattered dreams. He continues to share the Good News as the Spirit leads. Wayne has also shared his testimony on 100 Huntley Street and at Central Gospel Temple In St. Catharines where Pastor Mel Jenkins hosts a provincial wide service to honour Peace Officers.

My art and writing are my life's work and ministry. I have enclosed a copy of 'Peace Officer' which I wrote in December 1996 as a surprise for Wayne. He thought you might like to feature it in the Peacemaker. I also have a version of the 'Peace Officer' for female officers.

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Cheri Dennis

FCPO SILVER JUBILEE CONFERENCE

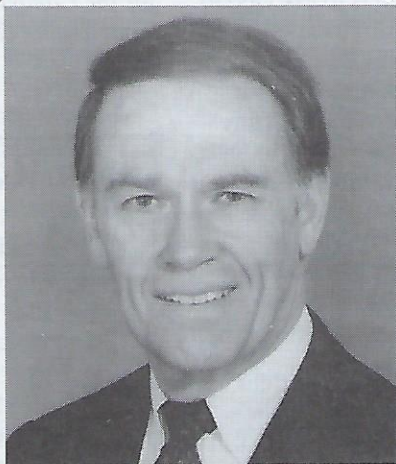
The conference registration will start on Thursday September 18, 1997, at 3:00 pm in the Holiday Inn Hotel, St. Catharines. The official opening will take place later that evening at 7:30 pm when FCPO (Canada) President Tony Baker will welcome the delegates. There will be some music and testimony presented at this session.

On Friday September 19th the conference will be in full swing with the opening session starting at 9:00 am. You will be greeted with a welcome from Chief of Police Grant Waddell, Niagara Regional Police Service. Next, Tony Baker and Jim Hammond (FCPO - US) will speak and the morning session will be completed with a motivational presentation from Serge LeClair.

After lunch the FCPO (US) and FCPO (Canada) will hold their separate board

meetings followed by a joint plenary session to discuss issues of mutual concern. Delegates will be able to enjoy the comfort of free time.

The evening will feature some excellent music and our key-note Speaker, Mr. Bob Vernon, retired from LAPD. Mr. Vernon has spoken to Christian assemblies throughout the world. His message is timeless and timely.



Robert L. Vernon
Retired Assistant Chief of Police
L.A.P.D.

On Saturday the 20th we start promptly at 8:00 am with the FCPO (Canada) Annual General Meeting. The agenda includes an election of officers and consideration of proposed by-law changes. After the meeting the morning session will start at 9:00 with prayer, music and a powerful message from Inspector Ivan Brown of the Jamaican Police. His testimony has been

featured before in PEACEMAKER Magazine.

After all of this business taking place the afternoon is reserved for a Bus Tour for all the delegates to enjoy the Niagara Region.

Saturday evening is full of activity starting with the banquet which begins at 7:30 pm. Your host, Superintendent Hank Harley of Niagara Regional Police, will introduce speakers from The U.S. and Canada. Bob Vernon will once again address you with an important message.

On Sunday morning we will join in worship with music, scripture, testimony and a final message from Bob Vernon. You will leave the Jubilee Conference with renewed spirit and vigor as you take up the calling of God in your lives.

Join us for the Conference that will make a difference!

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Your Conference Committee.

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I believe that Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God and I have received Him as my personal Lord and Savior.

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- ☐ I request an associate membership. I understand that this does not include voting or office privileges (Spouses, Auxiliary Officers and others)

Please check the one that applies

Today's Date: _____ Signature: _____

How to Deal with Criticism

Richard W. De Haan

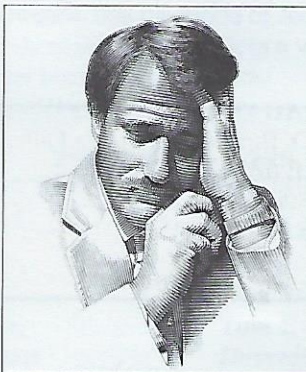
From Our Daily Bread - July 16, 1997

Robert A. Cook, a former president of King's College in New York, told a true story from early years of his ministry. He had been receiving some rather pointed criticism, and he sought the counsel of a friend, pastor Harry A. Ironside.

Pouring out his heart, Dr. Cook asked what he should do about the accusations being made against him. Ironside responded, 'Bob, if the criticism about you is true, mend your ways! If it isn't, forget it!'

The stinging barbs hurled at us by our adversaries may be uncalled for. When a verbal attack comes, therefore, it's well to analyze it. If it isn't justified, let it roll like water off a duck's back. If the accusation is true, however,

take the necessary steps to correct the situation. I like what the Apostle Peter said, 'If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and



of God rests upon you.... But let none of you suffer as ...an evildoer, or as a busy-body in other people's matters' (1 Pet. 4:24-15)

Are you being criticized? Are charges being made against you? If the accusations are true - mend your ways! If they're false - forget about them! That's how to handle criticism†

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His authority comes from a higher power,
Providence has made him the man of the hour.
He's a friend to young and old folks in need,
With a hand to help and courage to lead.
He has ventured into the darkest night,
For many he's been a beacon of light.
In dread places of fear he's gone alone,
For the Safety of others, no thought for his own.
Somewhere a candle glows on this dark night,
A precious soul has felt his plight.
The battle is on, but the victory he'll win,
For somewhere someone's praying for him.
And though of assistance he's unaware,
An angel is sent in answer to prayer.
To protect him as he battles for good,

This hero so often misunderstood.
This friend to the homeless,
Who brings hope to the hopeless.
The fearful have been saved by his strong arm,
And many a child he's rescued from harm.
He's led many a young one gone astray,
From darkness to the light of day.
His reward is drying a tear on a child's face,
Leading a young woman from a life of disgrace.
Directing a wanderer back to his home,
Befriending a stranger who's sad and alone,
His steps have trod where none would dare,
To rescue the innocent from a snare.
His brothers risk their lives across our nation,
To bring justice and peace to this generation.

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