

PEACEMAKER

Inspiration For Christian Peace Officers

January - March, 1999

"A Burning Appeal" by General William Booth

"Not called!" did you say? "Not heard the call! I think you should say. He has been calling loudly ever since He spoke your sins forgiven - if you are forgiven at all! - entreating and beseeching you to be His ambassador.

Put your ear down

to the Bible, and

hear Him bid you



"The Ligament" (Ephesians 4:16)

Jim Sneep President FCPO (Canada)

go, and pull poor sinners out of the fire of sin. Put your ear down to the burdened heart of humanity, and listen to its pitying wail for help. Go stand by the gates of hell, and hear the damned entreat you to go to their father's house and bid their brothers and sisters and servants and masters not to come there. And then look the Christ in the face. Whose mercy you profess to have received, and Whose words you have promised to obey. Tell Him whether you will join us heart and soul and body and circumstances in this march to publish His mercy to all the world. Get up! Shake yourself! Act! Do something! Do it at once! Go on doing it! Do it with all your might! Spare no pains! Never stop any more! Read, pray, talk, sing, give! Do anything you can everything that seems likely to make people know the truth about themselves and heaven and hell. God will help you! He helps those who help themselves, and especially when they are trying to help someone else. He is pleased for you to help yourself to all the

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big salvation He has to give you, But He is ten thousand times more pleased when you set to work to help other people.

I discovered this article recently in a missions publication. I was taken with the passion and immediacy of the content of General Booth's words. The call to action for Christian Peace Officers can be heard in this declaration. It is time we spoke about the hard facts rather than the palatable messages so often heard from liberal clergy. God has an expectation of us who have the privilege of knowing scripture and have seen God's power evident in their lives. He supplies each one of us what we need in talents, skills, energy to be His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works," (Ephes. 2:10) I

1 Corinthians 3: 5 to 16 speaks to us about the expectation God has for us, to work, stimulating growth and prosperity. Actions words such as planting, watering with God granting any increase is used to promote the idea of growth in the body of Christ. Verse 9 indicates that we are "God's fellow workers, you are God's field, you are God's building" all elements which show the prosperity of work carried out upon the foundation of Jesus Christ.

The passage is concluded by Paul providing us with a warning. Our expected work or neglected work will be judged, in the "judgement of rewards" that all Christians will be subjected to. Paul uses 6 materials to rank our work, Gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay and straw. Our work will be tested by the fires of judgement to see if it withstands and endures. Those whose work withstands the fires of judgement, like gold, silver or precious stones will be given a reward, but those whose work, effort, refusal or neglect is consumed like wood, hay or straw will suffer the loss of rewards. That does not mean you will loose your salvation but that you will have a reduction in final reward.

That admonition brings me to my point. We as a fellowship are praying for strengthening of Chapters in Barrie, Edmonton,

Calgary, Toronto, Surrey, Ottawa, Regina, Winnipeg and the "Bluenose" Chapter in Nova Scotia. For word on activity from the chapters in London, Niagara Region, Quebec Region and Lethbridge. We pray for those fledging works in Victoria and Vancouver, while praying for chapter interest in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, P.E.I., Montreal and elsewhere in Ouebec, for Kingston and south-western Ontario, Peel and the Guelph-Cambridge-Waterloo triangle area, the prairies and northern B.C. We pray without ceasing for new young members of the F.C.P.O. (Canada) National Board. All of these are significant prayer concerns of this ministry, and not one concern that has been described cannot be fulfilled by someone being obedient in answering the call of the Lord on their lives.

God always wraps His will in a person, we are praying in God's will that this ministry will flourish to the Glory of God. If our prayer is for strengthening of chapters, that prayer can be answered when officers in the area become active in their support for the chapter. If our prayer is for word on chapter activity or for fledgling works, that prayer can be answered by volunteers to supply leadership and influence and support. When our prayer is for areas of Canada which are not well represented by chapters, such a prayer can be answered by people meeting to organize a chapter, maybe just two, remembering that, "God grants the increase." (continued on pg 4)

This issue is dedicated to the memory of Jack Turner. January 2, 1920

February 16, 1999 We do not praise him. We remember him, and we thank him.

Receive Christ by Faith Through Prayer

"Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Saviour and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life.

Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person you want me to be."

Campus Crusade for Christ

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STATEMENT OF FAITH WE BELIEVE





THE BIBLE

The scripture of the Old and New Testaments was verbally inspired by God, and inherent in the original writings and that they are the supreme and final authority for our faith and life. (2Tim 3:16,17; 2Peter 1:20,21)

FAITH

All those who by faith receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour, and who confess Him as such before their fellow men (and women), became heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. (Rom. 10:9,10; Eph. 2:8,9; Rom. 8:16,17; John 1:12)

HUMANKIND

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; Gal. 3:13)

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 3:16, 14:6, 10; Exodus 34:6,7; Matt. 28:19)

CHRIST

Jesus Christ is God incarnate. He was supernaturally conceived, born of a virgin, was put to death by crucifixion under Pontius Pilate, was raised from the dead on the third day, and now sits at the Father's right hand from whence He is coming again personally, bodily and visibly to this earth. (Luke 1:26-35; 1Cor. 15:3,4; John 1:1,2,14)

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; 1Cor. 12:13;14 Eph. 1:13 & 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 3:36 & 16:7-11; Jude 14,15;)

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Your contributions are needed to fulfill our mandate.

Thank you

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We said the official good-bye to Jack yesterday (19 Feb 99) but somehow, I wasn't sad.

Its true that we all will miss our Brother Jack but the service would not allow me to be sad. It was not only a celebration of Jack's time with us but it was reaffirmed to everyone there, and in extension to you who could not make it, the love of God, the salvation of Jesus Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The FCPO was there in full uniform praise. Jim Sneep's gift of musical voice stirred each heart to praise and Tony Baker proved he was truly inspired of God when he spoke of Jack and the "train ticket" each of us cannot buy but have been given through grace. The pall bearers walk with the casket provided the solidarity of peace officers, united in Christ, walking with Jack one more time.

Pastors Rush and Hull were excellent. I cannot recall a service where the pastor's message was given only to the grieving spouse and family as was done here. Yet, we were all included



Above - Jack lies in state in the People's Church, Toronto.

Below - Jack's casket is carried by uniform members of the Toronto Police Service.

in receiving the message of hope and salvation.

And now Jack no longer needs our prayers for he has been fulfilled and is with Jesus, just as he was promised. Laura, Wanita and Jeff need our prayers though. Laura has a hard go ahead of her as she misses the man she loved for more than 50 years. Some of you know this pain.

Wanita accepted God through Christ and gave her life to Him, just in the last few days. She needs our prayers that she will continue to grow in faith. Jeff started asking questions at the service. The seed, my friends, is planted. Jack's prayer was that his children would be saved. Please pray hard that Jeff comes to know God and realize what his parents have known for years.

THERE IS SALVATION JUST FOR THE ASKING!

Blessings to each of you. Yours in Christ

This text originally sent to the FCPO prayer list on the internet.



The Editor's Desk

Over the past year and a half I found myself in great turmoil. I was on the go more than I had ever been. At church, at work, as a volunteer



and whatever else I seemed to be into I was in a constant state of movement and rushing.

Two things happened over the 1998 Christmas season that became very important life messages for me. The first event was actually two occurrences separated by a few weeks. My home computer crashed twice. The first time delayed the mailing of the PEACEMAKER to Canada. The second delayed the mailing to USA, Europe, Africa and Australia. (In fact, at the time of this writing, I still don't have my labels printer on line for world wide mailing. Some file seems to be lost and, since it is an old printer, I am having trouble locating a suitable driver) The second crash was severe. I had to reformat my hard drive and when I tried to reload windows - BOOM! - nothing worked. The repair needed a professional and that wasn't going to happen until January sometime.

For the second event I came down with a bad flu that was making its rounds here. I was literally knocked out of commission. I hurt everywhere and my asthma kicked in. I was weak and very sickly. The coughing got so bad that I pulled some muscles in my chest wall and back. That only made the coughing more painful.

As already mentioned, I had been on the go for some time and one of the worst time consumers I was attached to was the internet. I would find myself on the net at 1:30 a.m. when I had to get up for a full day and evening of work starting at 5:30 a.m.

So, what did these two things do to me? They took me out of the rat race! The computer crash got me off it and the internet. It also stopped me doing additional work at home while I was supposed to be on vacation. The flu (which turned into bronchitis) made sure I didn't go and do work somewhere else.

What to do with my time? God provided exceedingly well. I read and read and read. First I studied several books of the Bible. I have the NIV study Bible so there is a lot more than just reading chapter and verse. I got caught up with my readings of *Our*

Daily Bread (RBC Ministries publication, often featured here in PEACEMAKER). I delved into two new readings. One is a daily devotional called Streams in the Desert (Zondervan Publishing). The original was written by L.B. Cowmann in 1925 and was updated by James Reimann.

For Christmas Anne gave me an inspirational self-help book, *The Man in the Mirror*, by Patrick Morley (Zondervan Publishing). This book is great. By paragraph 3 of the first chapter I said "that's me! I'm in the rat race and it is time to get out."

The result of this was over three weeks of computer crash and illness. When my vacation was over I tried a couple of days at work and ended up taking another week sick leave (for those who know me well this was a major personal break-through).

I was able to refocus. I have so many commitments on my time that I often scramble two and three things at once.

Those that end in 1999 will not be renewed.

I will continue to move top speed at work (Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord Eph. 6:7) but I will stop trying to put twenty-five hours in an eight hour work day.

Are you in the rat race? Are you pushing yourself for material gain or personal recognition? Or are you one who just can't say no sometimes? If you are I urge you to re-think things and start removing some of the go for a lot more slow. Sit back, relax and read your Bible. As you read, ponder it, study it and absorbs its wonderful beauty as God's personal message to you sinks in.

Find some inspirational books and articles to fill some of your new time. Let the experience of others influence you for a time, instead of you having to influence all those around you.

Finally, like Jesus told us, go to your darkened room and talk to God. He sent me a couple of reminders that I had been missing one on one contact with Him. He made me realize that I was suffering needlessly for a race no person can win.

Blessings to each of you.

Tom Huntley, Editor *

The Ligament (continued from pg 1)

Finally I know of, and have met many across this land who are fully qualified and gifted to provide leadership, whether to a chapter or at the National Board level. I believe that God is right now calling on some who have taken the time to read this president's message. Are you weary? Have you been hurt in the past? Have you left your "first love"? God is a God of forgiveness, healing and fresh starts. "Get up! Shake yourself off! Act! Do something! Do it at once! Go on doing it! Do it with all your might! Spare no pains! Never stop any more! Read, pray, talk, sing, give! Do anything you can - everything that seems likely to make Peace Officers know the truth about themselves and heaven and hell. God will help you!"

"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work" (Rev. 22:12) Are you prepared for the judgement of believers? After reading this message and still saying no, you are making yourself even more culpable.

I do not apologize for this frank approach and "shooting from the hip," desperate times, call for desperate measures. How many of our fellow peace officers are destined for the unbelievers judgement and the lake of fire? There is still time to labour with this ministry in providing the message of salvation to so many who are without Christ in their lives. The F.C.P.O. has grand schemes and clarity of vision, but "the workers are few," and the "Time is short."

I have no alter for a call, but we have an 800 number and an address to write to. Please be obedient to His call and do not hesitate in seeing how you can be involved.

LOVE,
FAITH,
PEACE,
HARMONY

NEW WEB PAGE from Bert Sharp (CPA - Scotland)
Please note that the Strathclyde Christian Police Association web
pages have been changed and moved to the following new site.
http://www.cpa-strathclyde.freeserve.co.uk
Please take time to visit it.

PENDER ISLAND POSTING

In July of 1995, I was posted to an island (Pender Island) situated between Victoria and Vancouver. Our detachment is comprised of a Cpl/Cst on Pender, a Cst on Mayne and a Cst on Galiano and is responsible for about 20 islands of varying sizes and population base.

In coming here, we didn't attend a church regularly and we had occasion to start corresponding with Jack Turner. After a number of letters back and forth, It was suggested that perhaps an FCPO chapter could be formed in the Victoria area. (A 45-minute ferry and a half-hour drive!) I must admit that I did think Jack had no idea about what he was suggesting and it was probably a good thing, as then, he may not have done so.

My time on Pender Island has been a real blessing to both my wife and I. We were able to get out of the hustle and bustle of separate lives in Vancouver and begin to grow together. We were also blessed with our daughter in 1997 and are expecting our second in about 6 weeks. I, like so many members, took my time of monthly fellowship for granted. Coming here, there were 2 RCMP members and little chance to gather in a group setting with other Christian Officers. It did, however, serve to instill more of a discipline in daily devotions and strengthen my marriage. I have to say that the greatest impact in my walk has been becoming a father. It was at the moment that I held a tiny child in my arms and knew that there was nothing I would not do for her, that I truly understood just how much we are loved by our Father. It served to teach me just how much he hurts when we sin and brought home meaning to "for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son..."

This past summer saw some real opportunities for the FCPO in Victoria and in September, a small BBQ was held at a Saanich Officers house. In December, we had our first meeting of the Southern Vancouver Island FCPO Chapter and are continuing to grow and establish contacts up and down the island with other Christian members. One of the biggest hurdles is getting the news out there that the FCPO even exists. Many Christian officers aren't aware and are so excited once they hear of the local chapter.

I was encouraged at the annual conference when Jim Sneep admonished us with the fact that numbers aren't what count. Whenever, two or more gather, then the Lord is present and the important thing is

that you provide the time and place to gather. The matter is simple: if a Mountie who doesn't even live on Vancouver Island can help start a chapter, then an officer who simply has to get in his car and drive certainly can. Listen and you will be blessed.

At the time of writing, I have been notified of a transfer to Colwood Detachment (just outside Victoria). How ironic in that Jack must have known something so long ago. Despite all my correspondence over the years with Jack, my regret is that he was too ill to make it to the annual conference in Calgary where we had hoped to meet. I would have to say that his lack of any idea into demographics and his vision for the FCPO were a blessing in our Chapter starting. Our hope as Christians is that we will all meet again and to that I am thankful that I will see Jack.

Andrew Cowan RCMP, Outer Gulf Islands Detachment (Pender Island,) 'E' Division

God's Palette Creates the Lovely Pastels of Spring

A TOUCHING STORY

from the internet

On a cold day in 1942, inside a Nazi concentration camp, a lone young boy looks beyond the barbed wire and sees a young girl pass by. She too, is moved by his presence. In an effort to give expression to her feelings, she throws a red apple over the fence - a sign of life, hope, and love. The young boy bends over, picks up the apple. A ray of light has pierced his darkness.

The following day, thinking he is crazy for even entertaining the notion of seeing this young girl again, he looks out beyond the fence, hoping. On the other side of the barbed wire, the young girl yearns to see again this tragic figure who moved her so. She comes prepared with apple in hand. Despite another day of wintry blizzards and chilling air, two hearts are warmed once again as the apple passes over the barbed wire. The scene is repeated for several days. The two young spirits on opposite sides of the fence look forward to seeing each other, if only for a moment and if only to exchange a few words.

The interaction is always accompanied

by an exchange of inexplicably heartening feelings. At the last of these momentary meetings, the young boy greets his sweet friend with a frown and says, "Tomorrow, don't bring me an apple, I will not be here. They are sending me to another camp." The young boy walks away, too heartbroken to look back.

From that day forward, the calming image of the sweet girl would appear to him in moments of anguish. Her eyes, her words, her thoughtfulness, her red apple, all were a recurring vision that would break his nighttime sweats. His family died in the war. The life he had known had all but vanished, but this one memory remained alive and gave him hope.

In 1957 in the United States, two adults, both immigrants, are set up on a blind date. "And where were you during the war?" Inquires the woman. "I was in a concentration camp in Germany," the man replies. "I remember I used to throw apples over the fence to a boy who was in a concentration camp," she recalls.

With a feeling of shock, the man speaks. "And did that boy say to you one day, 'Don't bring an apple anymore because I am being sent to another camp'?" "Why, yes," she responds, "but how could you possibly know that?" "He looks into her eyes and says, "I was that young boy." There is a brief silence, and then he continues, "I was separated from you then, and I don't ever want to be without you again. Will you marry me?" They embrace one another as she says, "Yes."

On Valentine's Day 1996, on national telecast of the Oprah Winfrey show, this same man affirmed his enduring love to his wife of forty years. "You fed me in the concentration camp," he said, "you fed me throughout all these years; now, I remain hungry if only for your love."

Comment: The darkest moments of one's life may carry the seeds of the brightest tomorrow.

Editor's note: The crucifixion of Jesus must have meant the end of a wonderful dream for many early followers. What joy there must have been in the realization of His resurrection. That joy will be seen again when He returns to bring peace to the world. Just like the couple in this story, we will rejoice at our reunion. Happy and Blessed Easter to all! T.H.

MATURITY INSTRUCTIONS TIMOTHY II 2:22-26

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II TIMOTHY 2: 22-26

PURE the EVIL DESIRES of YOUTH, and PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS. FAITH, OVE, and PEACE, ALONG with THOSE WHO CALL ON THE LORD out of a PURE HEART. 23 DON'T HAVE ANYTHING to do with FOOLISH and STUPID ARGUMENTS, BECAUSE you know they PRODUCE QUARRELS. 24 And the Lord's SERVANT MUST NOT quarrel; INSTEAD, he must be KIND to EVERYONE, ABLE TEACH, NOT RESENTFUL. 25 THOSE who OPPOSE him he must GENTLY INSTRUCT in the HOPE that GOD WILL GRANT them REPENTANCE LEADING THEM to a KNOWLEDGE of the TRUTH, 26 and that THEY WILL COME to THEIR SENSES and ESCAPE from the TRAP of the DEVIL, who has TAKEN them CAPTIVE to do his will.

WORDSEACH BY Al Heemskerk

THE MOST DIFFICULT TEST OF THE HUMAN HEART IS TO HEAR OF AN ENEMY'S SUCCESS WITHOUT BECOMING JEALOUS!

OUR DAILY BREAD From March 10, 1999 Vernon C. Grounds

"Find your own Calcutta." That was the response Mother Teresa sent to a woman who wanted to join her in ministering to one of India's most crowded cities.

Was there a touch of romanticism in the woman's desire to leave all her past behind and give service in a distant exotic land? Whatever the motives, the terse advice she received is a discerning word we all should heed. It captures the essence of Paul's message to the church at Corinth: "Serve the lord in whatever situation he has placed you." (1Cor. 7:17-24).

I recall the illusion-punching challenge John Alexander, one time president of InterVarsity, gave to a group of students: "What have you done this past year to make a helpful difference within a mile of your home?" The hungry, the suffering, the unevangelized at our doorstep lack the more appealing aura of the needy souls elsewhere on the planet. But the ones closest to us are those whose needs we are best equipped to meet.

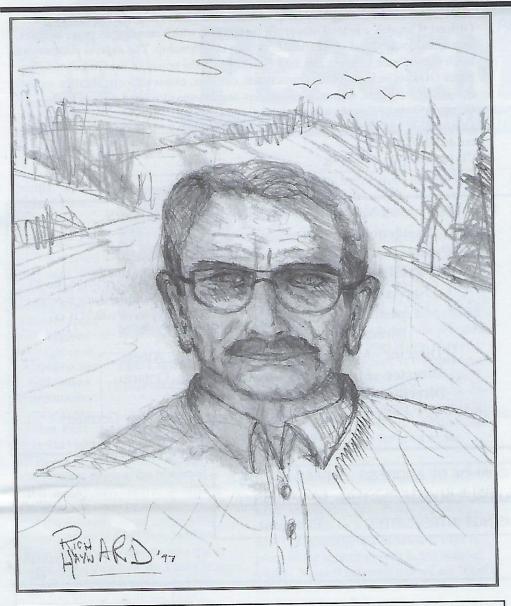
Let's take personally what Jesus said to a man he had set free from demons: "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you." (Mk. 5:19)

If we look around us through the eyes of Jesus, we're sure to find a Calcutta close by.

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As I was getting ready to put the finishing touches to this PEACEMAKER, I caught up on my readings of Our Daily Bread (I was about a week behind). This article struck me hard. We have peace officers in the prison system, the courts, the great outdoors, and in the police services that are not in contact with Jesus and need ministering. Look to their saving and help close to home. That was one of Jack Turner's most personal and important objectives.

Tom Huntley, Editor



MY TRIBUTE TO JACK TURNER

Richard Hayward

My first view of Jack was at a Pizza Meeting of the F.C.P.O in the O.P.P. HQ cafeteria on Harbour St. in downtown Toronto about 19 years ago. He was skinny as a rail. His voice was raspy. He had just retired from Metro Toronto PF.

His testimony was vibrant, combining laughs and tears with the Power of Christ having entered his life.

We traveled together sometimes for the FCPO and one such trip was in B.C. There were 5 guys in a Mercury Pacer with our knees up our noses.

Memories of Jack flood my memory. I smile through the tears. Here was a man who loved life and fought for it. He loved his wife, his "Dutch Tulip", Laura, and so do I and my wife Joan. He loved people and he loved the F.C.P.O. and he loved police officers.

By far he loved his Lord and Saviour (and mine), Jesus Christ.

Richard is the Founding President of the Canadian FCPO 1980 - 1988 and is retired from the Ontario Provincial Police

THE NATIONAL STRATEGY

Jim Sneep, National President FCPO (Canada)

Jack Turner

Brothers and sisters, we lost Jack Turner from our imperfect world. He is receiving his reward in the perfect company of God. You will read much about Jack in this issue, and so it should be for Mr. FCPO in Canada.

How do we replace him? We don't. Jack is an eternal member of the Canadian FCPO. The Board of Directors, for as long as we are here, will cherish his influence and memory.

Thank you Jack. We will keep the FCPO alive in Canada and your presence will continue throughout the world where we interact with the saved and unsaved peace officers.

The National Brochure

We have a little bit of imperfection on the Board to admit. You see, we approved a FCPO brochure that, while it is historically correct based on the material in our files, it is scripturally incorrect in the references used and, much to our dismay, contains some wording that might be offensive to a few people.

We do not want to offend anyone and we would never knowingly release inaccurate scriptural references to our readers and the unsaved peace officers we are all committed to reaching.

In view of this the Executive has halted distribution of the brochure and is working on producing a corrected outreach tool. Unfortunately this move has cost some money (the original cost of the brochure). This funding came from your generous donations. Much debate on this move went into a recent meeting of the Executive. We were embarrassed by our error. We were further embarrassed that what you sent to us as trustees of this money, to be used in God's purpose, we unwisely misspent.

We ask your understanding and forgiveness. We also ask for your prayers that we will always improve our service to God and to you. Thank you.

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