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President's Place

Andrew Cowan



Don't Get Caught Looking But Not Seeing

So Moses thought: I must go over and look at this remarkable sight. Why isn't this bush burning up? (Exodus 3:3)

I am sure that Moses would marvel at how times have changed from how people respond to different events. As I recently re-read the story of Moses it occurred to me that my first reaction probably would have been to use my cell phone and call the fire department to report a wildfire. During my reading I was also impacted by the simplicity of the story as well could relate to the struggles that Moses had in listening to the voice calling us to service.

I feel that this story brought forward many parallels in how many of us struggle with taking a step in faith with Christian leadership. How many of us feel that we are the one to take up the call to start a Bible Study in your Detachment/Department, begin a new youth program at your church or an Alpha course in your home. If you are like me, it is certainly far easier and much more comfortable to show up (if we feel like it), put in our two cents and then head home at the end of the meeting.

I would encourage you to read Exodus and reflect as we delve into the 3 questions posed by Moses in Exodus 3 and 4. More than the questions themselves consider the powerful simplicity of the answer God provides each time.

First Moses asks God "who am I?" as he wonders why he is being called. Moses does not see himself as a great leader nor does he see the ultimate plan that God has for his life. God answers in chapter 3 verse 12 with "I will be with you". Secondly Moses asks God "who are you?" if confronted by the Israelites on who sent him. God answers in chapter 3 verse 14 with the powerful "I AM WHO I AM".

Finally Moses asks God "who are they?" as he struggles with what if no one believes what Moses has been sent to say. God in Chapter 4 verse 2-3 commands Moses "what is in your hand" and to throw the staff on the ground. As the staff becomes a snake, unlike with his curiosity with the bush, this time Moses runs yet listens and marvels as the snake once again becomes the staff.

God commanded Moses. Now I am pretty sure that Moses knew he should listen yet Moses, like many of us still struggled, hoping, praying that it was the "other Moses" that God was really meaning to talk to: kind of a mistaken identity thing going on he probably hoped. If God has chosen then why do we still resist, can we not consider God has a reason?

Today, how many of you have heard that voice but thought "why me". I would ask rather "why not you?" My friend, mentor and Brother Jim Snee who is now at home in Glory once told me that "God equips those that he calls to lead, we only have to listen and obey". If your area needs an FCPO fellowship group or Chapter, if your church needs a kid's leader or if your Pastor has a heart to start an Alpha course but has no help...

Listening isn't always easy and doing what is being asked of us can be harder. Does God equip those he calls? This is something that I am now more certain of than ever before.

Who am I? I will be with you.
 Who are you? I am who I am.
 Who are they? What is in your hand, give it to me.

**Andrew Cowan,
 FCPO Canada,
 National President**

**Message de paix du Conseil de la
 Fraternité chrétienne des
 agents de la paix (FCPO) – Printemps
 2007**

Ainsi Moïse se dit : Il me faut aller admirer ce spectacle remarquable. Pourquoi ce buisson ne se consume-t-il pas? (Livre de l'Exode 3,3)

Je suis convaincu que Moïse serait étonné

Officer Down

This Issue is Dedicated to the memory of:



Teyran (Ty) Patterson

End of Watch: May 30, 2007

Age: 28

Tour of Duty: 2 years

Ty gave his life so that another officer could live. His sacrifice and dedication to his Lord and Saviour will not be forgotten. All units copy 2411 off shift: "Well Done Good and Faithful Servant".

de constater à quel point les temps ont changé dans la façon dont les gens réagissent aux événements. Alors que je relisais récemment l'histoire de Moïse, il m'est venu à l'idée que ma réaction première aurait probablement été de me servir de mon téléphone cellulaire pour signaler un feu de forêt au service d'incendie. Cette lecture m'a aussi permis d'apprécier la simplicité de cette histoire et de me situer par rapport aux réticences que Moïse a pu éprouver à écouter la voix qui nous appelle à servir.

À mon avis, cette histoire établit de nombreux parallèles avec plusieurs d'entre nous qui ont de la difficulté à faire le premier pas comme chef de file dans la foi chrétienne. Combien d'entre nous estiment qu'il leur incombe de répondre à l'appel et d'entreprendre une étude biblique au sein de leur détachement ou service, un nouveau programme jeunesse à leur église ou un cours Alpha à la maison? Si vous êtes comme moi, il vous est certes beaucoup plus facile d'assister (si vous en avez envie), de participer sans plus et de retourner à la maison après la rencontre.

Je vous invite à lire le livre de l'Exode et de réfléchir aux trois questions ci-dessous, telles que posées par Moïse aux chapitres 3 et 4. Au-delà des questions elles-mêmes, constatez l'étonnante simplicité de la réponse donnée par Dieu à chacune d'elles.

Moïse, ne sachant pas très bien pourquoi on fait appel à lui, demande dans un premier temps à Dieu : «Qui suis-je?» Moïse ne se perçoit pas comme un grand meneur d'hommes, pas plus qu'il n'est conscient du plan de vie ultime que Dieu lui réserve. Au chapitre 3, verset 12, Dieu lui répond : «Je serai avec toi». Moïse demande ensuite à Dieu : «Qui es-tu?», pour ainsi pouvoir répondre aux éventuelles questions des Israélites à savoir qui l'a envoyé. Au chapitre 3, verset 14, Dieu lui répond de toute sa puissance : «JE SUIS QUI JE SUIS». Enfin, Moïse demande à Dieu : «Qui sont-ils?», advenant que personne ne croie le message pour lequel Moïse leur avait été envoyé. Au chapitre 4, verset 2-3, Dieu dit «ce qu'il y a dans ta main» et ordonne à Moïse de jeter son bâton au sol. Comme le bâton se transforme en serpent, Moïse, contrairement à sa curiosité pour le buisson, s'éloigne, mais il demeure attentif et s'émerveille à la vue du serpent qui reprend de nouveau la forme d'un bâton.

Dieu a donné un commandement à Moïse, et je me doute bien que Moïse savait qu'il devait lui obéir. Pourtant Moïse, comme beaucoup d'entre nous qui résistent encore, espérait et priait que c'était à «l'autre Moïse» que Dieu voulait en fait parler : il espérait sans doute que Dieu avait fait une erreur sur la personne. Mais si Dieu nous choisit, à quoi

bon continuer à résister? Ne pouvons-nous pas nous rendre au fait que Dieu a ses raisons?

Combien d'entre vous ont entendu cette voix aujourd'hui, mais ont pensé «pourquoi moi?» La question à se poser serait plutôt «pourquoi pas moi?» Mon ami, mentor et Frère Jim Sneep, qui a maintent trouvé sa place dans la Gloire, m'a déjà confié que Dieu s'occupe de donner tout ce dont ils ont besoin à ceux qu'il appelle à guider. Tout ce que ceux-ci ont à faire, c'est d'écouter et d'obéir. S'il existe un besoin de créer une fraternité ou un chapitre de la FCPO dans votre région, si votre église est à la recherche d'un leader pour un groupe de jeunes, ou si votre pasteur souhaite offrir un cours Alpha, mais a besoin d'aide pour le faire...

Il n'est pas toujours facile de prêter l'oreille, et faire ce qui nous est demandé peut se révéler plus difficile encore. Dieu s'occupe-t-il de ceux qu'il appelle à son service? Plus que jamais, j'en ai la ferme conviction.

Qui suis-je? Je serai avec toi.

Qui es-tu? Je suis qui je suis.

Qui sont-ils? Ce qu'il y a dans ta main, donne-le-moi.

**Le Président national
de la FCPO (Canada)
Andrew Cowan**



Detective/Constable
Kelly Silverman
Regina Police Service

**Type "C"
Personalities**

When you talk to a group of police women there is never one clear-cut story as to why they wanted to be a police officer. The stories are a patchwork quilt of various tales but the voices that tell them resound with a common pitch and tone. Much like a church choir made up of altos only. We wear our special choir gown, though it is midnight blue and red with an awkward leather belt around the middle. We stand proudly together: a unified group. Not so much unified by what we are about to sing but more so how we are going to sing it. Strong notes, deep lungs, words that respectfully echo and most importantly belly filling pride about our desire to serve. For years many of us have been told that as female police officers what unifies us as a whole is that we are predominantly Type "A"s. We are made up of similar personality traits, singing to the beat of a similar drum. As a Christian woman and police officer this Type "A" label always baffled me.

When it is mentioned it usually elicits a quiet confirming giggle amongst us. I have

always prided myself on my uniqueness and now my job has decided to classify me. Are we all that much alike? In order to find out more about this "Type" I did a little research and learned the following. Some articles portrayed Type "A" people as positive, outgoing individuals with a drive to succeed. Others, however, said we were pompous, arrogant, selfish, ego-driven. "These were not Godly traits, wait a minute," I thought, "what about all the other things that defined me."

I ventured up to Human Resources next and asked if they could give me a little insight into this "Type." According to my Human Resources Department, Type "A"s are what make up the majority of police officers. "Mamby Pamby Kumbaya singing" cops need not apply ; we are all business here! You see Type "B" people are all those artsy, tree hugging, emotional, stop and smell the flowers type people. The type that just rolls with the flow and wherever life takes them is exactly where they are meant to be.

I must say that at that moment I had never felt so bewildered as to who I was. If I took their test and I qualified as their Type "A" police woman what happened to all those other qualities? I like art, I cry at most Hallmark commercials, I find gardening somewhat soothing, and there isn't a church girl in the world who doesn't know all the choruses to Kumbaya from her years at bible camp! I did not want to be their Type "A". In fact, the Type A label was a far cry from who I really was or wanted to be. As Christian women we are taught to be humble, gracious, and serving; my badge motto even says "Public Service First." When I joined I thought policing would be like missionary work right in my own back yard. They reassured me that there was some overlapping of the "A" and "B" personality types but like it or lump it I was a Type "A" or I wouldn't be wearing the uniform.

Yes, I will admit I am driven and focused, as most of the women who wear the shield are. However, I am also compassionate, kind and sensitive, and, I am a Christian. Was there room for all that in this job? Where were all these things going to fit? So I decided, with a steak of creativity (gosh knows that falls into the touchy feely Type "B" category) to create my own "Type." A type that would embody all women I knew in policing. The Type "C"s. Type "C" had such a nice sound to it. If I said the "C" slow enough the consonant had a softness to it. Most importantly, I was proud to wear that Type "C" as that letter was truly what police women are. In some type of profound acronym, that letter was the beginning of the word that best

described the women I knew who wore the shield; CONFLICTED, but not in a bad way.

Police women lead conflicting lives but we carry them out with compassion, diligence, intelligence, pride and Godly action. We thrive on the fact that we wear two so very diverse hats. We wake up in the morning to change diapers, make breakfast, pack lunches, brush the teeth of our babes, kiss our husbands, drop the kids off at the sitter and drive to work. We then pull on our midnight blue and red attire, strap on a gun and wield our invisible superhero cape; I'm thinking Wonder Woman meets Bat Girl with a side of Annie Oakley. Midmorning we comfort a grieving widow while at the same time imparting our wisdom on a new recruit who isn't sure how to deal with the situation either. At lunch we are the athlete running just a little farther to get rid of that last bit of "baby chub"; and to heck with the fact that junior is already 7 years old.

Early afternoon, we have to be the tough guy when we haul a drunk off to cells as he throws-up on our boots and tells us to "get lost." In the evening, we are a friendly face who takes home a lost two year old, hoping in the back of our minds that our own children are safe and wondering if they miss us, as it has been 12 hrs since we last saw them.

When we finally return home we are mommy, wife, girlfriend, sister, auntie and grandma, but most importantly we are women in all our glorious femininity holding the hands of our children and loved ones as we stop and smell the flowers. We try desperately to make the conflicting transition from the tough face of police work to the softness of our womanhood but it is sometimes so difficult to leave behind. It is a true dichotomy. Conflict from tough to sweet, guns to Corning ware, fighting to kissing, wrestling to embracing, rights and warnings to Dr. Zeus, polyester to cashmere, and streetlights become candlelight. Oh how I am proud to say I am one of these women.

When I started police work the "choir" was really small and as the years go by more and more women join us wearing that midnight blue and red. Their songs are different but our sound is so unique and special that the harmony is overwhelming. We are a choir of Type "C"s revelling in the balancing act of our womanhood and our career and if we want to sing Kumbaya hear us roar!

There is a place for each and every one of us in policing and the nice thing about police work is the diversity of career options it affords us. In all things, I have found that God has grounded me, and the notion that

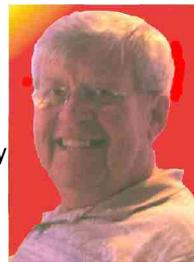
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he places me, at any given moment, exactly where I am meant to be is what makes my life understandable. My dreams as a young girl did not involve policing but as time progressed that is where I have ended up and my purpose here is greater than ever. I currently work as a detective in child abuse and realize every day how impacting my work is on the Lord's littlest and most vulnerable lambs. It is in this capacity that I truly see the manifestation of my Type "C" personality. I am a police officer, a parent to the parentless, guidance to the unguided, caregiver to the uncared for, an advocate for the helpless, a fiancé, a wife and a mommy. I have finally realized after 10 years in policing that my purpose here is so Godly.

Kelly Silverman

Executive Directors Commentary

Henry E. (Hank) Harley
by
Merv Tippe



As some of the membership already knows, our Executive Director, Hank Harley has recently been diagnosed with a bowel cancer. Here is a short excerpt from one of Hank's emails to the executive:

Well today was the day. The second opinion as the Head of Oncology Surgery at the University Hospital in London and his team once again examined me and gave me another colonoscopy. Confirmed, 1 cancerous tumor of the sigmoid colon. Doctor says, "You have a choice to make, surgery or funeral?" I have chosen life and surgery.

This will be preceeded by Chemo and Radiation prior to removal of the tumor and I will be left with a colostomy. "Do you want a bag or a box?" is not a hard decision to make. I don't know what God has planned for me however, the doctor says he will have my next 10 months filled with Chemo/Radiation/Surgery/more Chemo and Radiation and then perhaps he will be able to tell me "You're now clean!"

I AM AN OPTIMISTIC GUY WHO KNOWS HE IS IN GODS HANDS. At this time of my life I truly can say, "I know not what the future holds but I know who holds the future!"

*God Bless
Hank*

Hank will be drawing back in order to concentrate on himself for the next few

months but we as a membership, some 1200 strong, need to be making our voice heard at the portals of the throne room heaven on Hank's behalf. You see, there may be times over the next number of months when Hank may not have the strength to pray himself, so we need to keep a constant vigil on his behalf.

Do me a very great favor and photocopy this page of the newsletter, then cut out Hank's picture and paste it somewhere that you will be in constant remembrance of him. You may want to place it in the front of your notebooks, or on some folder you carry with you all the time. Then everytime you open your notebook or handle that file, you will see Hank and then take a moment to pray for him. If you are a part of a prayer chain, or if your church has weekly prayer services, take this request to them and lets get Canada praing for Hank.

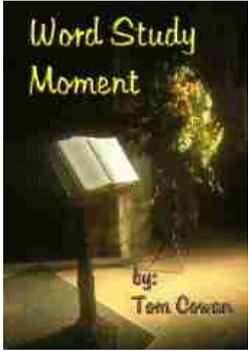
Also be in prayer for Hank's wife Andrea. As married couples, we invest ourselves in each other very deeply. Infact our spouse is probably the greatest investment we make over the years of our lives here on earth. When things like this happen to this investment, it is hard to see past the problem to the provision. Andrea will also need our prayers. She will need prayer for strength as she wrestles with the news, as she tries to be the caregiver that the love of her life will need over the next while and prayer for comfort as she too carries this burden with Hank.

As peace officers who are supposed to have all the answers for everyone's needs at anytime, we sometimes either by default or design (I am not sure) become this for our spouses also. Thus, when things like this strike us, our spouse is left at a loss of how to understand this and how to deal with it. So pray for Andrea as she with Hank carries this load.

As you see in the picture above, Hank is smiling. Quite frankly, I haven't ever seen him without a smile and I am certain if he was looking at you across a table right now he would smile as he said: "At this time of my life I truly can say, "I know not what the future holds but I know who holds the future!"

Let us all do our part to ease this burden they carry by ensuring that all times in a 24 hour period of the day, someone's prayer for Hank and Andrea is being heard in heaven.

Be Blessed
Merv Tippe



Reflections

JESUS: THE PERFECT EXAMPLE

Remember when you were learning to write. It was hard to make "o"s really round, keep letters straight and stay on the line. But what helped you was an example of the letter or word at the top of the page as a perfect specimen of what you were trying to copy. The trick was to keep looking up to the top of the page and copy what was there.

In 1st Peter 2:21 says to us:
To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

This verse deals specifically with Christ's suffering, but the key is that it says Christ is *our example*. That word "example" literally means ~ the word written at the top of the page so that we can copy it as we write underneath it. Think about this. Jesus stands at the top of the page of every new day which is like a clean sheet of paper, and he sets himself before us in every aspect of life as a perfect example of what we are to do.

Here are several ways in which Jesus sets his perfect example at the top of the page for us to copy.

LOVE: He says, "...as I have loved you, love one another." If we need to be reminded about what this love looks like and how it acts, read 1st Corinthians 13.

SERVICE: In an upper room, Jesus took off his robe and washed feet, which was the task assigned to a servant. He says, "...I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."

There are many situations we face every day in which we think, what should I do here? Can you imagine Jesus writing his example at the top of the page of every incident we face for us to follow his example.

If we copy Jesus, we will not go wrong!

POLICE MISSION TRIPS?

June 15-23 Costa Rica-Honduras
September 7-17 Bulgaria- Belarus-
Ukraine
October 12-26 Belgium, Liberia,
Zambia
November 2-10 Afghanistan

If you are interested contact Randy at Mission Mobilization International, P.O. Box 77165, Colorado, Springs, CO 80970. Toll Free Phone # 1-866-314-2678, or at 719-761-6258, by fax at 719-596-2443 or by email at randygreen@aol.com.



Editor's Account:

M. L. (Merv) Tippe

Getting To Know You

This is a new venture for the Peacemaker and with it I hope to overtime put a face to FCPO and promote fellowship. So don't be surprised if one day you receive an email from me in an interview format asking you to participate. I hope you will find these very interesting as we learn about our own part of the Body of Christ - each other. I will run these a couple of times a year. In this is the inaugural segment I am speaking with Steve Raine.



Merv: Steve, thank you for being the first person to participate in this new Peacemaker segment, "Getting To Know You."

Steve: Thanks Merv....it's an honor to chosen by the Peacemaker to do this.

Merv: Tell us a little bit about your childhood. Where is your hometown? What was it like growing up there and did you live there all your childhood life?

Steve: Well my dad was in the Air Force so I have done a lot of traveling. I was born in Nova Scotia , lived in Europe (France and Germany) before we settled down in Portage la Prairie Manitoba. There is where I call home. I lived there from the time I was 10 until I finished high school. It was a great community to live in ... as small city with just about every amenity one would need .

Merv: Share with us one fond memory you have about your childhood.

Steve: Because we moved around a fair bit I didn't see my grandparents as often as I all would have liked. But I do remember my Grandpa Raine visiting us in France and we toured some of the World War 1 battle fields. Gramps was a member of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment...one of the first 500. I remember this enormous sense of pride in him and what he had done as a 17 year old. I also got a real sense from both him and my dad just how important those battles were in forming Canada. I think that was the impetus for my love of Canadian history.

Merv: As a young man what was the first job you ever had and how did you get it?

Steve: I am actually surprised I remember this.... but my dad was a competitive skeet shooter and I use to manually load the traps, and release the clay birds. I made 25 cents a round and got the job because dad ran the skeet range. I also got to shoot a few rounds off at the end of the night and that was better than the money.

Merv: When did you first have thoughts of becoming a peace officer?

Steve: I think during high school. There were always some of the officers coaching football or some other sport and it seemed to be a really interesting job.

Merv: How many years have you been a peace officer and where was your very first posting?

Steve: Just coming up 27 years. I was an Auxillary before that. After training at Depot Division my first posting was Whitehorse Yukon Territory.

Merv: If you could choose one event that you were involved in as a peace officer that you would say was the most intriguing what would it be?

Steve: I think I would have to say all of my time in the Northwest Territories. I had the opportunity to go to some pretty remote communities in the Western Arctic and compared to what we have today the policing was pretty simplified . A lot of interaction with the community members and relying on the community to basically exist.

Merv: Can you tell us a little bit about your walk with the Lord. At what point in your life did you decide to follow Him? Where were you at the time?

Steve: I started to attend church with some regularity about 8 years ago. To be honest I had always had a hundred excuses not to go....worked night shift , was my only weekend off , you name it. When I was transferred to Yorkton (about 14 years ago) though I started attending services with my wife and children. I met some really good friends who encouraged me. Then on our next transfer Barb and I became good friends with our Pastor Dave Hamp and his wife Susan.

Dave was an encouraging man who helped me through a couple of difficult files that I worked on while there. When we moved to Regina, the Lord had planted many seeds over the previous years and I finally let them germinate ...excuse the farming analogy. But we attended a church that my current pastor was preaching at and became very close friends with Bruce Corson and his wife Mary. We spent a lot of nights talking about their walk with Christ and I was continually encouraged by Bruce in my faith.

Merv: Have you ever found that your faith conflicted with being a peace officer?

Steve: No never.....It is now who I am and I think that a lot of people who work with me know my Faith a very important part of who I am.

Merv: In what ways do you feel your faith has complimented your role as a peace officer?

Steve: I think it has made me more accepting of people who are "dis-enfranchised ". It certainly has also helped me when I was in the role of a Collision re-constructionist. There were a large number of fatalities that I dealt with and I think knowing that physical death was not the end enabled me to deal emotionally with some of the fatalities.

Merv: What would you say is the greatest way your faith impacts your role as a peace officer and is there any example you can give us of how the Lord assisted you in your job?

Steve: Well as you know Merv last summer was particularly taxing with the murder of Csts. Robin Cameron and Marc Bourdages in Spiritwood. In my job as the Staff Relations Representative for F Division we were and continue to be very involved with Robin and Marc's families.....we are good friends to this day.

There were many days up there during the search for the suspect , dealing with the emotions of the members involved in the investigation and with the members of the public and press that I called on the Lord
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continually to give me the right words, the right actions etc. And he provided.....a couple of friends by the name of Merv Tippe and Harvey Zinc who came up to Spiritwood and at the hospital in Saskatoon as Chaplains and just "loitered with intent" I think you guys called it. I absolutely know that God put people in my path that I needed to garner strength from to do my job.

Merv: Is there a time when you knew but for the grace of God things could have turned out drastically worse than they did?

Steve: Absolutely.....interesting though that many of those times I learned about after the event was over....finding out later that I had stopped a couple of guys for speeding who were armed and I never did know that until they were picked up for an armed robbery in Edmonton a day later....being struck from behind while stationary in a PMV by a fellow trying to get into the back of a Drive In without headlights.

Merv: What is the most difficult experience you have had in policing?

Steve: It was being the main investigator, re-constructionist and person who had to do the NOK as a result of a single vehicle roll-over that took the lives of three young people including twin daughters of a neighbor. I still recall that evening and following days very vividly.

Merv: I know you are married and a proud dad. Tell us a little bit about your wife and children.

Steve: I am married to an amazing woman. Barb and I will be married 25 years this July. We met while I was in training and had a long distance relationship until she joined me in Whitehorse. We have 3 children. Joshua (23) is finishing his music degree at Briercrest Bible College. He has an amazing voice and is hoping to complete a Masters degree in Toronto after he finishes this year. Benjamin is 21 and he is studying to be a Youth Pastor at Briercrest also. Lauren is 18 and she is graduating from
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that the work Diakonon Retreat in Calgary will continue to flourish.

Pray for the Government of Canada each of the provinces and municipali-

ties to govern with God's guidance and not abuse the powers we afford them.

Pray for the National Board as they begin planning for a joint Canada/USA FCPO Conference in Saskatchewan next year.

Pray for all graduates of Police Colleges across Canada as they embark upon this ministry of policing.

Pray for President Andrew Cowan and his dear wife Kristina as they await surgery for her health issues. Both are great soldiers for the Lord and we appreciate all their efforts for FCPO.

Pray for Todd Snooks as he works with Jesse Weeks to promote FCPO in the greater Toronto area.

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ONE SPIRIT

CONFERENCE

FCPO CANADA AND FCPO USA ARE PLANNING A JOINT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CONFERENCE FOR 2008

The host Chapter will be the Saskatchewan Chapter. More information will be available in the fall in next issue of the the Peacemaker.

Luther College High School this year. She is hoping to attend Briercrest also and wants to try out for the Volleyball team. She will be entering their Business program.

Merv: What Church do you attend and what has the Lord gifted you for in ministry?

Steve: I attend New Beginnings Lutheran Church here in Regina where I am involved in the Worship Music ministry. I should add that when I am in Ottawa I attend Redeemer Alliance Church which I call my church home when I am there. Some of the members of that congregation have gone out of their way to welcome myself and a couple of other co-workers when we are in town.

Merv: Tell us a little bit about your group, I believe it is called "Arise." How did you first meet? When did you sense the Lord leading you to formalize a relationship and give yourselves a name?

Steve: Well we have been together about 8 years this fall. When Barb and I started attending church and became friends with Pastor Corson and his wife Mary we all had a love of music. Mary and I sang in church one Sunday with me playing guitar. Bruce is a great encourager and supporter of contemporary worship music.

One of the members of the congregation, Wayne Whalley, wanted to start a contemporary worship team and he approached Mary and myself. He also approached a young pianist Denise Morstad. Wayne is the leader of our group.....and he happens to be one of my best friends. He "made" us study what our role would be as a worship team long before we even started playing songs together....it drove me nuts at first but it certainly helped plant in us the dedication to "play skillfully unto the Lord."

Mary's daughter Carrie, my son Joshua and Wayne's daughter Danica have all joined the group at one time or another and then moved on as they grew older and moved away. A couple of years later we planted New Beginnings Lutheran Church. At that time Keith Bjorndahl joined our group as a drummer. So now our group consists of Wayne on bass, Keith on drums and vocals, Mary on vocals, Denise on keyboards and vocals, Wayne's youngest daughter Brittany joined us last year and played percussion, vocals and keyboard and I play guitar and do lead vocals.

We came to the name Arise through prayer and during our devotionals. It is such a

powerful word in the New testament...words spoken by Jesus to the man who had been lowered through the roof, words spoke by Jesus to Lazarus and words that were no doubt spoken to Jesus by the Father on the resurrection. I don't really remember who came up with the name, but it was only said once and we all agreed that was it!

Wayne continues to be the "organizer" within the group....I think it is probably a lot like herding cats.....we are all good friends. Wayne is the person who does all the organizing of practices, puts set lists together and is a huge encourager of my musical development and worship leading abilities.

Merv: Something very special happened recently for Steve Raine and Arise, tell us about it.

Steve: We released a CD titled "Steve Raine with Arise". We held the release at Lighthouse for all Nations Church. Another worship team called Resurrection we had met at a City wide praise night at was asked by Witness Promotions if they would join us on our release night and they agreed to do so. They are an amazing group of musicians and vocalists who are very tight musically.

The ladies at Witness Promotions put their amazing energy and ministry to work to sponsor the event and we had this fantastic evening of Praise and Worship to kick off the CD release which consists of all original music with the exception of two songs. God certainly blessed us.....a Catholic worship team leading off for a Lutheran group hosted within a Pentecostal Church and promoted by a very dynamic and charismatic group of Spirit filled ladies. It was wonderful!!

Merv: Pick one song from your new CD and tell us how it came to be.

Steve: "Remember Me," is one of my favorite songs. I remember having conversations with Pastor Bruce about the two thieves who were crucified on Golgotha with Jesus. In particular the thief who recognized who Christ was and asked Jesus to "Remember Me when you come into your kingdom". Pretty well the same words I want to say to our Lord also. Jesus' response to him must have lifted all fear of death from that man's heart. I wrote the song as a declaration of who I am as a sinner and as a recognition that I don't deserve what I will receive through faith in Jesus Christ and the Grace that he gives.

Merv: When Steve retires from policing; what do you hope the Lord has in store for you?

Steve: I hope He sees me as being worthy to continue to lead people to worship Him through music. Failing that I hope he gives me the ability to hear his voice and follow the new direction he will have for me.

Merv: Is there one last thing you would like to share with our readers, or a word of encouragement you might have for those reading this article and may be feeling like I wonder what the Lord has in store for me.

Steve: Yes. I think we have a huge responsibility as Police Officers. We are called to do such a wide variety of duties that only those who are intimate with the job can appreciate the frustrations and emotions that we go through. We need to know that God is walking with us and that he reveals Himself to us constantly, whether it is on the lonely late night patrol when you can turn the lights off and gaze at the heavens that only He could make, the smile of a child who looks at one of us as though he or she was looking at a super hero, or the miracles that we witness during our duties.....those times when everyone seems to recognize something special has happened and instead says the person was "lucky". Know that there are others who share your profession and your faith and know that for every time we can say we were "lucky" there were probably 50 other times that God intervened without us even knowing he was softening the anger in an offender or dispelling the violent thought of someone who is wondering whether they could "take you or not". Above all it is OK to take your Faith to work with you!

Merv: Steve, thank you for sharing a bit of your life with us in this inaugural segment of "Getting To Know You."

Steve: Thanks Merv.....thanks for the opportunity to share.

Humour From the Beat:

"If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."

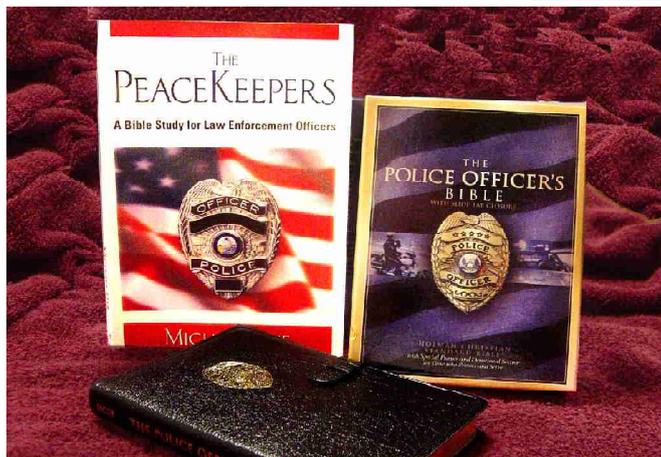
"Warning! You want a warning? O.K., I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."

"Yes sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I am the shift supervisor?"

"Uh....yes, Chief, it only appeared as if I wasn't paying attention to your speech. Actually, you inspired me to meditate on the mission statement and envision a new paradigm."

"I'm glad to hear the chief of police is a good, personal friend of yours. At least you know someone who can post your bail."

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If you wonder whether or not your investment in this ministry of FCPO is worthwhile, here is a short testimony.

My name is Kent Ashworth and I have been a Constable in the RCMP since September of 2005 and have been posted to a small town in Saskatchewan called Wakaw. Since joining the FCPO, Merv Tippe and I have been getting to know each other and he asked me to write out what my thoughts on the Peace Officer's Bible and Bible study book he gave me called "The Peace Keepers." Many of you may recall the incident last year where two RCMP members were slain in the line of duty near Spiritwood, Saskatchewan. I met Merv Tippe when I was involved in the manhunt for the person who had perpetrated this crime. He informed me of the FCPO and asked if I would consider becoming a member. It seemed like an interesting organization that had peace officers at heart so I completed the application a couple weeks after the incident and sent it to Merv.

After signing up, I met with Merv for coffee in Wakaw and he gave me the police officers Bible and a Bible Study guide. The book format is more for a group setting, but the message and principles speak truth even to the individual reader. The book is written by a police officer, for the police officer, so the topics are relevant from the general duty Constable to the Officer ranks. The book touches on topics such as "Can a Cop Be a Christian?" and "Stress and Family life as a Christian police officer." The book challenges you to place your trust in Christ and live a Christ centred career in

policing. I believe the message of this Bible study guide is pertinent to all who will use it, and that message is to trust in Christ Jesus and in His word and pray everyday.

I'm not saying that there have not been any rocky roads in the past, but the Bible study guide has helped me discover and understand God's purpose for my life and career as a peace officer. I recommend this book to all Christian peace officers as a tool and a possible answer guide to most of our career questions as we seek to serve Christ in this ministry of policing..

God Bless
"Hate the sin, but love the sinner"
Cst. Kent Ashworth
Wakaw RCMP,"F" Division

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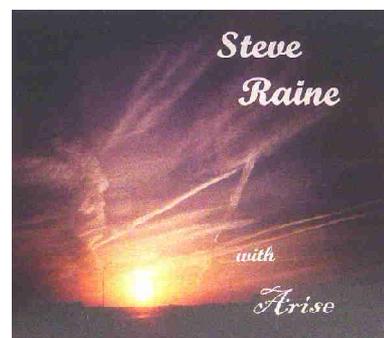
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FCPO Member Releases New Album



Steve and his group Arise have poured their heart and soul into this album and all those who attended the release performance were not disappointed.

If you would like to obtain a copy of this CD you can do so by emailing Steve at steve@steveraine.ca and he will be pleased to tell you how to order a copy.

Keep an eye on Steve and his group Arise, you may just be purchasing the inaugural CD of a group God will use to touch the lives of many in years to come.



Application For Membership
 Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers (Canada)
 Incorporated (1983)

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

Statement: I subscribe to the Statement of Faith of the FCPO (Canada). I desire to have a part in this ministry and hereby make application for membership. I provide the following information to establish my eligibility for membership and promise to pray and assist whenever possible in the work of FCPO. I understand that FCPO will use this information for the purpose of FCPO and its ministry efforts.

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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 Saviour.

- I am an Active Officer (Police, Corrections, Customs, Excise, Conservation, Justice - as defined by the Criminal Code) and I request Regular Membership with full voting privileges.
- I am a Retired Officer with a minimum of five years service and I request Regular Membership with full voting privileges.
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Today's Date _____

Signature: _____

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Signature: _____

Send the completed application form to FCPO Canada at 73 Devonshire Ave., Tillsonburg, Ontario, N4G 5C3

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The Bible:

The scripture of the Old and New Testaments were verbally inspired by God, and inherent in the original writings and that they are the 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 Saviour and confess him as Saviour before their fellow men and women become heirs of God and joint heirs with 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, Holy Spirit. God is merciful and loves us, but is just and must punish sin.
 (John 3:16, John 14:6, 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 where He is coming again, personally, bodily, and visibly to this earth.
 (Luke 1:25-35, 1 Cor 15:3-4, John 1: 12-14)

Holy Spirit:

The Holy Spirit is God. He indwells all believers having baptized them into the body of Christ at the same time as regeneration.
 (Rom 8:9, 1 cor 12: 13-14, Eph 1: 13, Eph 4: 4-5)

Grace:

Eternal life is a free gift and cannot be earned. We are saved by grace through faith 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 Jesus Christ will be judged and punished for sin. They will be eternally separated from God.
 (John 3: 3-6, John 16: 7-11, Jude 14 & 15)