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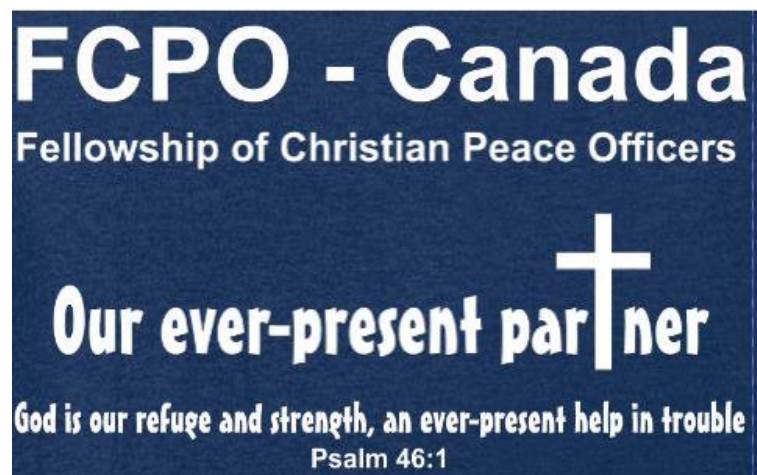
I have mentioned before that sometimes a theme develops when I am putting together an issue of the Peacemaker. I think the “theme” this time is summed up by what I found in “our vault” (page 18). A timeless message by one of our past presidents Harold Bennett - Press On!

We have been through a lot over the past few years. When I read what he wrote some 34 years ago, it reminded me of what has occurred over the last few years. Some of our chapters have gone dormant. It's time for renewal. I am very encouraged when I hear of members who get together regularly, like our chapter in Moncton that meets weekly for a time of sharing and encouraging one another.

We are thrilled to have Rev. Claude La Barre on board with us for Ministry Outreach in Quebec (and to the entire francophone population). With his help, we produced the last Peacemaker in French for the first time in our 40 year history. Our plan is to continue that, and increase our capacity to deliver content in French.

I think there is a lot to like in this issue. Personally, I really like “[The Lighthouse](#)” article. It reminds me of the 70s when I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Saviour. That was a popular gospel song then. I encourage you to click on the link and be inspired and encouraged, not only by the song, but also by the scripture verses in the video.

I'm encouraged by the great response to our t-shirt sale. What a great message for peace officers to claim - God is our refuge, an ever-present help in trouble! As of this writing, we have received 80 orders! If you have not ordered yours, I hope you will [order now](#).



God bless,

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The Wilderness

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We are all familiar with the story of Moses and the Israelites, enslaved by the Egyptians for three hundred years. God heard His people's cries for help, and by a series of divine interventions, set them free from slavery and led them out of Egypt and into the wilderness, a desert.

However, the wilderness was not the Israelites destination, it was a place God was taking them through on the way to the land God had promised to give them, 'a land flowing with milk and honey,' Exodus 13:5.

The Bible frequently uses the Old Testament nation of Israel as a type or symbol of our own lives. We Christians were all slaves too – slaves to sin and death. God heard our cries for help, and through Christ's atoning death and resurrection, set us free from slavery and led us out. And just like God lead Israel through a wilderness on the way to their Promised Land, there are times that He leads us through wildernesses on our way to heaven.



We all go through periods of wilderness just like the Israelites. When you think of their mind set it is no different than ours. Have you ever felt like turning back or giving up your belief in God? Imagine even the Israelites thought that they were better off in Pharaohs bondage. It is in those seasons that we begin to wonder just like the

Israelites did, wondering what God's purpose was for them being in the wilderness. They had difficulty seeing God's care every morning when he supplied manna for them to eat, but complained and neglected to see that He still cared for them because they were too pre-occupied complaining about the wilderness that they were going through. When I read these passages I begin to wonder - what was God trying to teach them and what is God trying to teach us? Did He want to strengthen their faith, their perseverance, endurance, their patience, their love for Him? Was it disobedience? Why was it so difficult for them to see what God was doing in their lives?

There are many wildernesses that prevent us to see His daily grace. Here are a few for us to reflect on. Have any of these prevented you from seeing His Daily Grace?

Wilderness of disappointments

Wilderness of aging

Wilderness of hopelessness


Wilderness of unworthiness

Wilderness of "Sin" an unrepentant heart

Wilderness of Non forgiveness (carrying grudges)

Even after the great miracles that the Israelites witnessed, "being liberated from Pharaoh's grip of bondage and slavery and seeing the parting of the Red Sea" they still defaulted to their human feelings, emotions and focused on the circumstances they were in rather than trusting God. They were blinded by their circumstances and forgot their trust in a living and loving God.

There are many lessons that we can take from these passages when we ourselves don't feel His presence. Ask the Lord which wilderness do I find myself in? We have to stop to remind ourselves that it is not feelings that will get us through our situational wilderness, it is not doubt that will carry us through the wilderness - it is our Faith in a Loving God and His undeniable promises that will make the difference. We are to remind each other that God is never late - God is not a liar - He will deliver in His way and in His time! Just like in ages past - "the Lord declared and the Lord delivered."



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Let us examine our hearts and allow God to show us what He wants us to learn and get rid of in the wilderness that we find ourselves in. So let us comfort each other that God knows the wilderness that we are in and gently reminds ourselves "That God has not changed He is still the Great "I AM" still the "Alpha and Omega!"

He is still with you every step of the way.

The Lord is still in control of all our situational wilderness.

God bless,

Dino

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Deceived

C/Supt. Ronald Mostrey (Ret'd), FCPO - Canada President



Many of you will recognize this famous 1915 painting "My Wife and My Mother-in-Law" by the British cartoonist William Ely Hill. When one first looks at it, one will most likely see only one woman. If you were told it's a picture of a young woman that's what you would see. If you were told it's an old woman, that's what you would see. But of course it is famous because it is an optical illusion - it is both. To be told either version, you would have been deceived, or at the very least, been only told the partial truth.

The other day, I was enjoying a bottle of vitamin water. I had always thought this was a healthy choice - some water with some vitamins in it. What could be healthier, right? And so I thought, until my son informed me that it was [full of sugar - 32 grams to be precise!](#) I had never even bothered to read the label - I had been deceived by the name.

This got me thinking about how often we can get deceived in this world, and how often deception is not revealed. It got me thinking about one of my favourite *Criminal Code* charges - Public Mischief.

Public mischief

140 (1) Every one commits public mischief who, with intent to mislead, causes a peace officer to enter on or continue an investigation by

- (a) making a false statement that accuses some other person of having committed an offence;
- (b) doing anything intended to cause some other person to be suspected of having committed an offence that the other person has not committed, or to divert suspicion from himself;
- (c) reporting that an offence has been committed when it has not been committed; or
- (d) reporting or in any other way making it known or causing it to be made known that he or some other person has died when he or that other person has not died.

I would venture a guess that more people get away with Public Mischief, than who actually get prosecuted. Usually it is someone lying about an incident for insurance fraud purposes (i.e. falsely reporting car fires, thefts, etc.)

The bible says: *But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.'* For whatever is more than these is from the evil one. Matthew 5:37, and *Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight.* Proverbs 12:22.

I laid public mischief charges on quite a few occasions. If someone was wasting my time and our resources to try to "pull the wool over my eyes", I took it rather personal. All were convicted and found themselves in jail for a few months. Even better, one time I charged a young fellow with perjury after he lied in court under oath. It's one thing to lie to the police, it takes it to another level

when one lies to a judge! That young man who originally got off on a charge of driving without insurance by deceiving the judge, was sentenced to 9 months in jail for perjury! The consequences for deception can be significant - even eternal.

I find that in today's society we see a lot of deception. One of the greatest and most popular deceptions is that "there are many paths to heaven" - you just need to believe in something - anything. Jesus said, ***I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*** John 14:6. There is only one path - [one way](#)🔑.

Many do not consider the historical significance of Jesus Christ. The world-renowned historian Jaroslav Pelikan put it like this: ***It is from His birth that most of the human race dates its calendars, it is by His name that millions curse, and in His name that millions pray. He is very significant!***

Some conclude that Jesus is just one of many great moral teachers - a role model. However, C. S. Lewis said, ***A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else He would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.***

It's like drinking vitamin water without reading the label!

Many follow some religious rituals and identify themselves as "Christian". In reality, they just give a passing nod to Him.

They think because they call themselves "Christian" and go to church now and then that "all is good". It's like drinking vitamin water without reading the label - they are deceived!

In this issue, MC Williams again writes about a very common deception in policing. The deception that given we are all out there doing "the Lord's work" in keeping people safe, and doing good, that gives us a free pass into heaven. Of course, that is a deception. We are no different than any other human soul - we all need to have a genuine saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Another current troubling deception is that peace officers need to leave their faith at home when on the job. The truth is that the more one practices on the job the teachings we have in the bible, the more effective they are in their role. In short, we need to do our job as Jesus would do it - treat people as we would want to be treated if we found ourselves in their shoes. Treat subordinates, supervisors, and colleagues with respect. **Discern deception and champion the truth.** The job is not 24/7 - your walk with the Lord is. Rescue the lost. Your workplace is your mission field.

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5: 13-16

The new FCPO - Canada T-Shirt

C/Supt. Ronald Mostrey (Ret'd), FCPO - Canada President



From time to time we have been getting requests to offer a FCPO t-shirt. So, finally we have come up with a shirt that we think hits the mark.

We see many different special interest groups with t-shirts sending specific messages to the general public. Some are bright or multi-coloured - all with a message for public consumption.

For our t-shirt we thought it was not just about flying the FCPO flag. It needed to be something that witnesses not only to the strength of our fellowship, but also sends a message - an important message. And what better message to send than as Christian peace officers, we place our trust in our ever-present Lord and Saviour.

Unlike many of my colleagues in large municipal police services, when I was on patrol with the RCMP in Alberta, I never had a partner. I always thought it would be good to have a partner - someone to pass the time with, share the exciting times (and the boring times), and someone who you could trust to have your back. Although I just stated that I never had a partner, I actually did. Like all of us who have accepted Jesus in our lives, we have an ever-present partner! This t-shirt proclaims that fact. It allows us and our supporters to show their affiliation with the FCPO, and at the same time boldly proclaim that important promise as found in Plasm 46:11.

[Order Now](#)

All orders received before April 15, 2023, will also receive a free FCPO lapel pin.



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Words for Words

Rev. Claude La Barre (FCPO - Canada Ministry Outreach, Québec)



Rev. Claude La Barre

Recently I read a disturbing story where a loud protesting “pastor” very rudely confronted a Calgary Police member, yelling at him that he was a “Gestapo”, and calling the police “psychopathic devils” etc. The officer and his colleagues were simply doing their job.

Unfortunately, I am pretty sure that in your career you have been called all kinds of names. And often these words can hurt. These words can also have a less than desirable effect on your family members, your loved ones. And perhaps you might even say that this is just a part of your job. Surely, but a question arises: what do we do with all this?

Well, I think the first thing to do is to recognize that all these insults just don't belong to you, and they certainly don't apply to you, either. How come? Because it's just not "who you are." So, who are you? I consider that when we know who we really are, we can better manage these insults, offenses and lies. I repeat myself: these kinds of slurs do not belong to you, not at all!

So, who are you, really?

Well, first of all, you are all that God's Word says you are. So, let's start with the basics.

1. You are a child of God. If you have accepted Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, you are His child. Yes, and loved disproportionately and unconditionally (John 1:12, John 3:16, Romans 8:1, 38-39)! That's who you are first and foremost.
2. The Bible tells us that you are not only a Conqueror but that you are "more than a Conqueror" (Romans 8:37), through "Him who loved you", nothing less.
3. In your life, you may also be a brother, sister, husband, wife, father, mother, aunt, uncle, friend. These are all elements that describe you and identify you.

Obviously, you work as a Peace Officer. That's your job, indeed, and that's what you do, of course. But that is not who you are. That's just what you do, as important and indispensable as it might be. It is an honorable profession, one ordained by God, whether it is recognized or not by all, appreciated or not by all. This is what God thinks of your job and this is what your profession is in His eyes (Romans 13). Now, “tooled up” with these eternal biblical truths, you are equipped to stand with your head held high and say and do as Jesus did, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do (or say!) as written in Luke 23:34. And practicing this voluntary act will “do you good”. Yes, to you!

How is this possible?

Resentment and holding a grudge are poisons for us and not for others. Resenting them would be like ingesting a poison and thinking that it will harm the other. This is nonsense, of course. But now, in practicing forgiveness, remembering the way He forgave you, all based in His unconditional love,

you place "burning coals of fire upon his head" and "vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord" as we can read in Romans 12:17-21.

Now, who are you, really?

In Him, you are all that He says you are. Now, it's just a matter of letting this reality build and grow within you. This will allow you to be even more resilient in the face of these harsh words because you are now acting from a position of strength, the place where the Good Word of God says about you! (Here's a good place to say: "Amen"!)

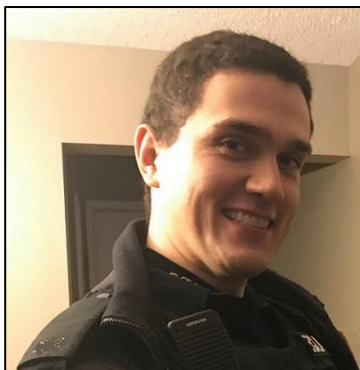
Moreover, by keeping in our minds what God's says about us, we water this Seed in our hearts and It will bear fruit in our lives as well as in the lives of our loved ones, and even in the lives of those for whom we are called to intervene.

So therefore, be strengthened, edified, and encouraged by His Words of Life, words of gratitude, appreciation, and thankfulness for the great work you do in His Name and for His glory! But above all, thank you for who you are in Him and through Him.

Thank you for just being ... And may the Lord continue to bless you and protect you. Amen!
Numbers 6:24-26; Psalm 91.

God Got My Attention

Cst. Wade Wiesner (Winnipeg Police Service)



Cst. Wade Wiesner

I was raised in the Christian faith from a young age - the primary influence being my mother at the time. In looking back on my upbringing being introduced to Christianity was a blessing and privilege, however at the time I did not consider it to be so.

As a young person, I recall wanting nothing to do with God or church as I considered it a waste of time. I was pursuing my interests and I remember despising Saturday nights as I knew I would have to go to church on Sunday mornings.

Eventually, things came to a point where I made such a fuss about attending church that I was told if I became a member of the church, and took confirmation courses, I could just attend church whenever I wanted. In short, I jumped on the offer! Not because I had any interest in Christ or the Gospel, but just so I could have my way with things and live life as I pleased.

As a young person, I recall wanting nothing to do with God or church as I considered it a waste of time.

At the time I was a lost sinner in bondage and slavery to sin. The Apostle Paul described this as being "in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the

power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just at the others" Ephesians 2:2-3.

For a long time, I continued in my hell-bound race being ignorant of the righteous wrath and condemnation of God which was upon me due to my sinful rebellion against Him. However God has a way of getting people's attention and as in so many cases He eventually caught mine due to a life-changing incident in our family in which I was often left in the care of my two Grandmothers, one being a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. Over time I became more exposed to the truths of God as it was my Grandmother who shared the Word of God with me and witnessed of God's grace and mercy through sharing His Word and through her witness. I didn't observe this at the time but looking back she was simply an instrument that God was using to lead me to Himself.

One summer I went on a trucking trip with my Grandfather through much of Canada and the United States. Before I went on the trip, even though I was still an unbeliever, (not being born again of the Spirit), I asked God "show me how to follow you". Not long after my prayer I received a pocket bible in the mail from a relative which I took with me on the trip and read frequently.

Throughout the journey, I was exposed to who I was as a condemned sinner before God and His Holiness, how I broke His Law in my rebellion against Him incurring His just judgement, how I had no hope within myself but that one's only hope to be reconciled to Him was through His Son - Jesus Christ, who Himself lived a perfect life of obedience to God's law, which I never could do. I understood He died the death I deserved to die, by being crucified on the cross. I understood He bore all my sin and suffered the punishment of His Father's righteous wrath which I should have borne. He then triumphantly rose from the dead on the third day conquering death itself.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT, I BECAME
A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST!***

Upon being exposed to all this, I accepted the fact that I was a sinner. I needed God's forgiveness. I confessed my sin and asked Jesus to come into my life. I remember the moment so clearly as God did a work in me that day - I was born again! By the grace of God and the Holy Spirit, I became a new creation in Christ!

What the Apostle Paul wrote about the sinner's lost state in Ephesians 2:1-3 is true. However, now I claim that what he wrote in Ephesians 2:4-9 "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast".

Simply stated, due to the sovereign grace, mercy and love of God I have become a new creation in Christ and by the sanctifying work of God the spirit I am being conformed to the image of Christ in preparation for an eternity spent with Him. What more could anyone ask for? What the Triune God has graciously done for me, He can and will do for anyone who repents of their sin and places their trust in the person and work of Christ alone for their salvation. For as the Apostle John declares "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life".

Sola Deo Gloria - To God alone be the glory!

In Memorium

On Friday March 17th at 10:00 am, a group of FCPO members along with other invited men huddled at a local McDonald's for our regular weekly time of fellowship. I met with the manager and explained



to him who we were and what we are about. I told him that at exactly 10:30 am, the men would hold a 2 minute time of silence to remember and honour the two fallen Edmonton police officers who were tragically killed by a 16 year old boy the previous day. That was followed by prayer by retired RCMP S/Sgt. and Pastor Andre Bigras, for those affected by the tragedy including the families of the police officers, their colleagues, the community, and even the family of the assailant.

We also prayed for our nation and our governments as in 1 Timothy 2:1-2. **“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness”.**

Sgt. Ken Smith (Ret'd)
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Sûreté du Québec Sgt. Maureen Breau

[End of watch 2023-03-27](#)

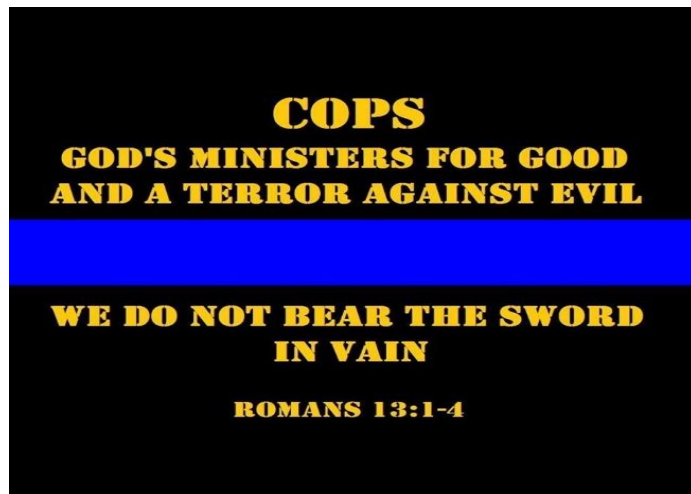


Edmonton Police Service Cst. Brett Ryan and Cst. Travis Jordan

[End of watch 2023-03-16](#)

Getting back to the basics of our biblical calling, biblical roots, and our mission as a ministry to our own.

Police Lt. (Ret'd) & Chaplain MC Williams



Lt. MC Williams (Ret'd)

For he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.
Romans 13:4

There are only two truly God-ordained professions in Scripture -- the pastorate and related roles (pastor, minister, elder, deacon), and law enforcement/government (including Godly servant-leadership in government). In fact, our signature passage of Scripture for this ministry -- [Romans 13:1-4](#) -- deals directly with our God-ordained calling. Our paraphrase of this passage is also incorporated on our website, gear, social media pages and more (see the image above).

Unfortunately, law enforcement is also a true mission field. Despite our biblical roots and calling, only a very small percentage of officers have a genuine, saving faith in Christ (a "Christian" as God alone gets to define it). Tragically, a great many instead falsely believe that our service in law enforcement earns us a "get out of jail" (ultimately a very real place called hell) card while also "earning" us a place in heaven (a lie from the very pit of hell). In fact, they will take passages of Scripture out of context to "prove" their beliefs that God is mandated to let into heaven (also "dead" wrong).

Accordingly, my purpose here today is to dispel these myths while also getting you on the path our Lord would have for us. Are you ready? Let's dig in.

First, [Romans 13:1-4](#) is in fact about us in law enforcement and civil government in general. Paul, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (the Bible is "God-breathed" on the authors -- [2 Timothy 3:16](#)), wrote this passage when the Roman empire was ruled by one of history's most evil despots in [Caesar Nero](#). Let's break down the passage verse-by-verse (the short version via the New Living Translation):

1 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

God Himself has established ALL governing authorities, including those of us who serve in law enforcement. Ours is in fact a calling, but this calling comes with a command for us to govern and enforce the law justly. Tragically, both in our own country and so often throughout history, this has rarely been the case when it comes to the highest offices of government (evil, sin).

2 Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

Essentially, this refers primarily to the criminal element/law breakers/evildoers (much more can be said on this but I'm staying focused here)

3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended.

God has in fact called the police and our justice system to be a righteous "terror" against evil/evildoers while being ministers (the word is simply translated, "servant") for the law abiding public. Wickedly, we are now seeing [Isaiah 5:20](#) being played out before our very eyes -- "woke" <sigh> government officials now calling what God says is evil to be "good" and what He says is "good" is now evil.

4 For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

Again, our governing authorities are no longer allowing those of us in law enforcement to "bear the sword" (including the death penalty, tough penalties, etc.) and be what God has called us to be. And we're seeing the results of "revolving door justice" in which criminals are essentially encouraged to go out and victimize others with impunity.

Finally on this, it is vital that you understand that even though ours is a God-ordained profession, **our service can't save us!** On the contrary, God is 100% clear in His Word ([Ephesians 2:8-10](#)) that we are saved by faith in Christ alone and not by works (our service in law enforcement, for example). At the same time, once we come to a saving faith, God has in fact THEN called us to do good works but for His glory and in alignment with His will.

Another verse many officers falsely cling to is [Matthew 5:9](#) -- "*Blessed are the peacemakers...*". Folks, as I've shared so often, our Savior was and is **NOT speaking about cops** in this verse. On the contrary, this passage is about those believers (Christians as God defines it) who share the peace found ONLY in a right relationship with Christ. For more, see my article on this

that I wrote for Law Officer Magazine some years ago: ["Blessed are the Peacekeepers??"](#) (FYI -- "peacekeepers" is not in the Bible at all).

Ok, what about **John 15:13** -- *"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."* Isn't this about us in law enforcement? NOPE! Folks, here Jesus is speaking about those who lovingly sacrifice their lives while sharing the hope found only in Him. In fact, Jesus was referring to his own impending death for us on the cross while also prophesying how most of His apostles would go on to give their own lives for the sake of the Gospel. The short answer here is that this verse is about sacrificial love--even to the point of death--for the sake of the Gospel (and not about dying in the line of duty as cops). Again the sacrifices we make for others as police officers only "count" if we do them out of sacrificial love for others as born again believers. For more on this, see [What Does "No Greater Love" Mean?](#).

I could go on and on, but here's the point: God clearly says that **our service as police officers CAN'T SAVE US!** On the contrary, God is clear in His Word, the Bible, that it is **ONLY** by being *born again* in Christ alone (**John 3:1-21, 14:6**) that we can be saved. Does that describe you? Are you sure?

Folks, let's get real. I know a LOT of truly great cops while on duty or by the "world's" standard, but we have a generally terrible reputation OFF duty (divorce rates as high as 85 percent -- with infidelity being a major player; alcohol abuse, sex outside of marriage, suicide and more). These things are NOT excused by our service as police officers. Jesus Himself called the lost to ["repent and believe"](#) (**Mark 1:15**) so that our sins can be wiped clean through a right relationship in Him alone (no "other" way).

Finally, many continue to argue that they are **"good" persons** and **"good cops"** and that their so-called "goodness" mandates God to let them into heaven. Folks, it just ain't so. On the contrary, Jesus tells us that outside of a right relationship with Him as Lord and Savior, **NONE** of us are good or good enough for heaven or to escape a just, eternal sentence in hell!

Yes, our sacrificial service as cops can count as part of our [rewards in heaven](#), but **ONLY** if they occur **AFTER** we come to a genuine, life-saving/life-changing faith in Christ alone. And without that, we won't be spending eternity in heaven (nor in a fictional place like Valhalla).

So where are YOU today? Are you a **"cop for Christ"**? My "mission" and this ministry is all about sharing the following in love: only those who are born again in Christ can be "for" Him. Only saved officers are **"Cops for Christ."** And if you are not for/with Him as a born again believer, you are against Him ([Matthew 12:30](#)).

Accordingly, I beg you - if you've never placed your trust in Christ alone for your salvation, make [TODAY the day of your salvation](#).



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The Lighthouse

Sylvia Clemons



The song "The Lighthouse" is one of my favorite songs. I have sung it in church many times throughout the years. I found that it was written in 1970 by Ronnie Hinson who was a teenager at the time. He and his siblings were at "The Pentecostal Tabernacle" rehearsing for an upcoming concert and were searching for new material. Ronnie went to the downstairs bathroom with the intention of coming back with their new original hit song, and they all had a good laugh. He was gone for several minutes and returned to the sanctuary with a long piece of toilet paper with the title "The

Lighthouse." As he began to sing someone grabbed it, wadded it up, laughed and told them to get back to the hymnals. His brother Kenny, their guitar player, collected that piece of toilet paper out of the trash as he had an idea. When he started playing and singing the presence of the Lord filled the sanctuary, and from that point on it was a hit.

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12

This is not the end of the story because at the time Ronnie had wrote this song, he had never laid eyes on a lighthouse before. He truly did not understand what was so special about his song, until he jumped on his bicycle and rode

30 miles to find a lighthouse. He parked his bike and climbed up on a sand dune and for the first time to his knowledge saw the Pigeon Point Lighthouse in Santa Cruz, California. As he sat staring at the lighthouse that was so desolate looking, he thought, "What a scene," there stood the lighthouse filled with hope in the middle of all that dreary hopelessness of the gray ocean. He then looked at the words written on that piece of toilet paper and with tear filled eyes he knew that it was something that God had orchestrated. No matter how many songs he wrote or how many awards he received for writing them, he always remembers that trip to the lighthouse as God's way of keeping him humble.



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♪ There's a Lighthouse on the hillside that overlooks life's sea. When I'm tossed it sends out a light that I might see. And the light that shines in darkness now will safely lead us o'er. If it wasn't for the Lighthouse my ship would be no more.

And I thank God for the Lighthouse. I owe my life to Him. For Jesus is the Lighthouse, and from the rocks of sin he has shown a light around me that I could clearly see. If it wasn't for the Lighthouse (tell me) Where would this ship be?

Everybody that lives about us says tear that Lighthouse down. The big ships don't sail this way anymore, there's no use of it standing round. Then my mind goes back to that stormy night, when just in time I saw the light. Yes, the light from that old Lighthouse, that stands up there on the hill.



Greetings to the FCPO Family,

My name is AJ. I am nineteen years old. I was born into a Christian household. I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior when I was six. I enjoy reading, writing, poetry, music, running, biking, and much more. My goals in life are to serve others in whatever way the Lord sees fit, and to share the message of Christ with lost souls. I have an interest in becoming a police officer.

As a young girl, I developed an irresistible interest in policing. Probably from when I was a mere toddler, watching the show COPS on TV with my father! My mother tells me that it was the flashing lights, wailing sirens, and oftentimes tense atmosphere that intrigued me most. I have always been someone who loves action and being dead smack in the middle of it, so it's no surprise that I took to this TV show as much as I did! I have a handful of family members and family friends that are or were in law enforcement. I have always admired their service, and was always so proud to tell my friends who they were and that they were keeping our country and communities safe.

Nothing drew me to consider policing as a career more than when I gazed upon the hundreds of names engraved in the [Canadian Police And Peace Officers Memorial](#). This grave and solemn site brought me to the stark realization that policing is one of the very few careers where one faces the possibility of being murdered, simply because they volunteered to keep their communities safe by standing in the gap between good and evil. Something very deep within my soul was stirred at the prospect of choosing policing as my career.

One aspect of policing that greatly concerned me ever since I seriously began exploring it as a future career, was how the vast majority of police officers did not know the Gospel message. My soul was deeply troubled by the fact that so many officers continuously put their lives on the line without knowing Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. It pained me to think that some are holding onto a false hope that they could “earn” or “badge” their way into heaven.

Having a very deep respect and admiration for police officers, in addition to the knowledge and the understanding of the immense value of a human soul, my heart became burdened with an unyielding desire to do something about this “Code 3 Urgent” situation (as MC Williams would say!). This was a situation that I just couldn't ignore. I knew that I had to do something, but I just didn't know what.

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part in waging this spiritual war, was through earnest and faithful prayer. Day and night I cried out to the Lord on behalf of these police officers who were immersed in spiritual darkness. I begged

the Lord to watch over them and to not permit their earthly lives to end until they had accepted him into their hearts.

In addition to my mounting concern for police officers who were without Christ, I couldn't help but think about the police officers out there who were Christians. I could only imagine how small they were in numbers, and often wondered if the majority of them felt alone in their respective workplaces. I wondered how many of them made an effort to pro-actively share their faith with

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their unsaved colleagues. I feared that a lot of them were “closet Christians” because of a lack of sufficient resources that met their unique needs as police officers, thus rendering their efforts to maintain a strong faith in Christ a difficult task.

It was these concerns that prompted me to turn to the internet in search of law enforcement related organizations in Canada that professed Christianity and had a passion for pro-actively sharing the Gospel with police officers. I was looking for an organization that provided an opportunity for Christian peace officers to connect with one another. I had never heard of such an organizations before, but I was sure that there was one somewhere.

In July of 2022, I happened to come across a video on YouTube titled: "[Jesse Weeks—Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers](#)". It was a segment of Living Truth which featured Toronto Police Sergeant Jesse Weeks and York Regional Police Constable Steve Mackenzie, who publicly declared their faith, described how they apply it to their career as police officers, and introduced the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers - Canada. (A very sincere and special thanks to the both of you!)

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I found the [May 2022](#) issue of the Peacemaker newsletter after browsing through the FCPO - Canada website for only a few minutes. Because I wasn't all that familiar with

the organization, much less the newsletter itself, I had intended to just simply skim through the newsletter. I was not planning on reading any of the articles thoroughly. However, approximately halfway through the May 2022 issue of the Peacemaker magazine, I came across an article that captured my interest. It was written by FCPO President Ron Mostrey, and was titled "[Don't Shoot the Wounded](#)". That title alone spoke to me on a very personal level, so I decided to read it through. Even though it appeared to me that Ron had intended for the message of the article to be directed more towards peace officers who had a colleague that was in trouble, I was able to apply the message to my own life and cultivated much thought and encouragement from it.

The second article that caught my attention was a rerun from the [July-August 1986](#) issue of the Peacemaker. It was titled "[An Opportunity through Prayer](#)" and was written by Pinellas County Sheriff's Deputy John T. Voisey. Just like Ron's article, I found the story that Deputy Voisey shared about his interaction with a young man to be very touching. By the time I had finished reading that article, I was smiling and crying at the same time. I was so overjoyed to hear how the Lord used such an unlikely (and somewhat frustrating) set of circumstances to rescue this young man from a life filled with pain, misery, shame, regret, and hopelessness. I was so touched by the compassion that Deputy Voisey displayed and how he recognized that this young man was a lost soul, rather than simply an intoxicated drug abuser that belonged behind bars. My faith was strengthened by how this story portrayed that nothing, not even the power of alcohol or a drug addiction, can stand up to the power that the Holy Spirit has to aid the desperate cries of a lost soul.

After reading the other articles in that [May 2022](#) issue of the Peacemaker, and gleaning as much inspiration and encouragement from them as I did, I went into the [archives](#) on the website and (literally) downloaded every single Peacemaker that I could find. Since then, I've read through every single one of them and can honestly say that I do not regret doing so. The articles have been so uplifting, inspiring, and encouraging on so many different levels. Many of them tug at my emotions. I have found the testimonies of fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to be especially touching. They remind me that each of our stories are unique and beautiful in their own individual ways.

I have paid very close attention to the articles that cover topics pertaining to a Christian's perspective of policing, especially the ones that discuss the importance of Christian peace officers pro-actively sharing their faith with unbelieving colleagues. I feel as though articles like these have given me the opportunity to (Lord willing) step into a career in policing with knowledge that many veteran peace officers are just receiving now.

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that you have. Your efforts to ensure the safety and wellbeing of others have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated by the sensible members of your communities. You have positively impacted the lives of countless people, and continue to do so as you faithfully persevere through these difficult and trying times. You, and those who came before you, have played a large role in making Canada the safe and peaceful country that it is today. Regardless of who says what, you are essential to the survival and function of your various communities.

To my fellow associate FCPO members, I ask that you continuously uphold in prayer the 550+ current and retired peace officers in this organization. May they be safe and bold in their faith as they serve and protect. They have sworn to serve and protect us, and they and their families have made numerous sacrifices for our benefit. They have taken (and continue to take) a disgusting amount of abuse for their bravery, and are expected to maintain a level of professionalism through it all. Remember, while we sleep behind locked doors in peace and safety, they are out on the streets facing the dangers that the majority of us would flee from. We cannot take them for granted. They need our prayerful support!

In closing, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has contributed in any way to the production and distribution of the Peacemaker. Please know that this newsletter has positively impacted my life, and no doubt the lives of many others. Your efforts have not been put forth in vain. They have not gone unnoticed.
May the Lord be with you all,

AJ

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)



From our Vault

Articles from [past Peacemakers](#) make for a great second read. And for many of you - the first read. They are timeless. We opened the vault for this issue, and hope you will be blessed again by this contribution.

Press On!

Staff Superintendent Harold Bennett (Metropolitan Toronto Police Force), FCPO President

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A very disturbing trend has occurred within the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers over the last two or three years. Chapters that once were very active have become dormant, or have folded completely.

When presidents or executive members are asked why, the usual response is: "People stopped coming due to lack of interest." or "The members are too busy in their own churches."

Let's look at the first response for a moment: "People stopped coming due to lack of interest." Think back to when your chapter or group got started. There was enthusiasm and excitement.

People were encouraged to attend. Then what happened? The numbers started to taper off.

But is that reason to call it quits? Sometimes in our own chapter only two or three show up. Is that time for despair? Certainly not! We pray about the next meeting and we make some phone calls. Then, the next week, maybe fifteen or more may come. Perhaps the lack of interest stems from us leaders, not the members. Just think how much work goes into planning a fishing trip or a hunting trip. Should we not put as much effort into an FCPO meeting or event? Paul said, "And whatever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus ..." (Col. 3:17). Perhaps we need to evaluate why the FCPO exists, and the reasons for getting together.

Now let's look at the second response: "The members are too busy in their own churches." (They can neither get involved in this ministry, nor can they attend even one

meeting.) Many of us are busy in our churches and in the Lord's work, **but if we don't reach our fellow officers in law enforcement, then who will?**

Many members of the law enforcement profession are reluctant to go to a minister or counsellor when they need help, because they feel that "outside people" don't really understand. They would rather go to a work-mate, someone they feel "has it all together."

This year, your chapter, despite poor attendance, may introduce someone to the One who can solve the deepest problems and concerns of life. Would that not make persistence worthwhile?

What I am saying is: Don't give up this ministry! We get down sometimes in Toronto also, but just when we seem to be at our low point, God sends along a new member, or we have the privilege of leading someone to the Lord. Then our spirits are renewed and we press on with fresh energy and vigor.

If God wants you to reach your brother law enforcement officer (and He has commanded

us to be witnesses), then God will give the increase in due time, if we labour and faint not. However, the preparation of the ground for receiving the seed may be a hard task. Did God promise in His Word that working for Him would be easy? Psalm 126:5-6 says, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him." "But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in and in all and in (Canada) and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Fill in the blanks for your community & province.)

Ask God to make you an effective witness among the people at your part of the earth. Don't give up or even think of quitting, but press on!

YouTube

We are always looking for ways to better communicate with our members. We pride ourselves on not flooding peoples' inboxes with emails. We try to use emails just to disseminate the Peacemaker and occasionally for some special announcements.

You are probably aware that we have a [video/audio](#) tab on our website. There you can find some content, definitely worth watching, but only when you have the time to do so.

Sometimes we have messages that we don't want to "blast out" to everyone, yet we want them to be available for everyone.

In our busy world, sometimes we just have time to watch a short message. One of the ways we are working on this is to have short videos (3 minutes or less) on our YouTube channel. We have started with [a message from Ron in French](#) and will continue to add content. So... this will be a "pull" rather than a "push". To this end, it would be good if you subscribed to our YouTube channel. You would get a notification when there is new content. And then you can go view it only if and when you want to.



[Link to our YouTube Channel](#)

Walking in the Footsteps of History

Alana Drouin

Being the wife of a RCMP officer has meant a life of constant change and travel. This life can be exciting but also difficult. It requires a lot of patience and flexibility to adjust to different cultures and ways of life. For us, it also meant having to deal with being away from family and friends for prolonged periods. It also meant drying the occasional tear from our children's cheeks when they had to say goodbye to friends.

While not without its challenges, it was also a rewarding experience, as moving some ten times over twenty years gave us the opportunity to explore new places and cultures, witness inspiring landscapes, and meet amazing new people. It provided me with the gift of entrepreneurship as I learned to recreate myself in business since I could not rely on having a career of my own.

I feel blessed that the Lord gave me this gift, which eventually led me to owning my own travel agency. For the past thirteen years, my passion has been helping people make their dreams come true. With worldly events and its effect on travel over the last couple years, this passion has been tested, but despite the down turns brought on by the pandemic, I'm still standing, and my faith is stronger than ever.

With the exciting world of travel returning with a vengeance for 2023, I wanted to provide others with the same opportunity to experience their faith through travel, like I have. As I continue to move forward with this passion, it seemed fitting for me to also create an amazing tour to the Holy Land (Israel). My hopes with this passion project are to bring the Bible to life by walking in the footsteps of history, visiting some of the most historically significant Christian sites in the world. I believe this experience can help develop a deeper appreciation for the different perspectives and experiences that have shaped our Christian faith and the world today.

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Day 2	Discover Jaffa	# of Passengers	Land only	Air & Land
Day 3	Discover the Old City of Jerusalem	25+	\$2415 USD	\$4580 CAD
Day 4	Discover Bethlehem	30+	\$2392 USD	\$4550 CAD
Day 5	Discover Masada / Dead Sea / Qumran	35+	\$2333 USD	\$4470 CAD
Day 6	Road to Galilee	40+	\$2443 USD	\$4350 CAD
Day 7	Jesus Ministry in the Galilee	Prices are quoted per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes and surcharges. Tour includes English speaking guide. For more details visit: www.ownyourdaytravel.com/israel2023		
Day 8	From Abraham to Jesus			
Day 9	Megiddo / Mt. Carmel / Caesarea / Tel Aviv			
Day 10	Return to Toronto			

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