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The Peacemaker

From the President's Desk - "Onward"



Welcome to our spring edition of the Peacemaker.

Although there is still snow on the ground in many parts of Canada, it is time to look forward to our June conference in Moncton! This year's conference is shaping up to be one of our best. I want to thank Ken Smith for his diligent efforts to put on what I believe will be an outstanding event. I hope all will seriously consider attending. Registration is now available online, with costs being very reasonable.

We are continuing to grow our membership as we encourage officers to share their faith with one another. We were greatly encouraged by the folks we met at Missions Fest – Vancouver. There are still legions of peace officers out there who do not know about this ministry! The harvest field is great! We need to encourage one another and be a light for our fellow officers who do not know the gospel message. In that regard, we are thrilled that in partnership with The Canadian Bible Society, we now have a simple booklet specifically for peace officers which will help to enlighten them about our Lord and how He can bring peace to their life.

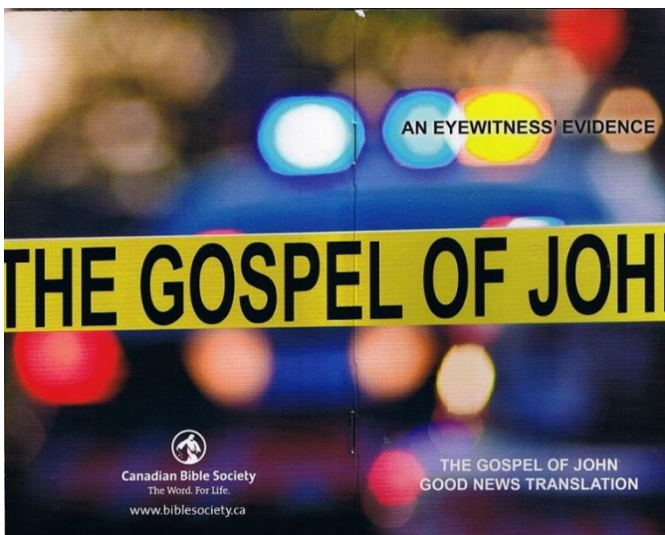
As always we would love to hear from you, and would welcome your thoughts and articles for this publication. Your story can touch a fellow officer and encourage them. Send your story to: fcpo.aapc@gmail.com

God bless,

Ron

An Eyewitness' Evidence

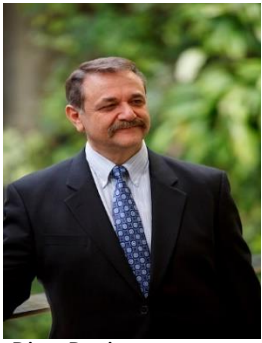
In law enforcement we all know the value of an eyewitness' account of what they saw. Their evidence can be potent and powerful. Likewise, in corroborating the Gospel story, there is nothing like hearing from those who were there when Jesus walked on this earth. They saw, they experienced, and they knew Jesus. In order to know Him, it is valuable to glean knowledge from one who was there – The Apostle John. The Gospel of John is known as a simple read for people who are searching for God. The book is a great "starting point" for one to come to faith and grow in their faith and understanding.



[The Canadian Bible Society](http://www.biblesociety.ca) has donated to us over 1000 copies a unique booklet containing the Gospel of John for peace officers. The booklet starts with a message for peace officers, recognizing their unique profession and the challenges of the job. It thanks them for their service and goes on to let them know that Jesus is the best partner they could ever have. He loves them and is always there 24/7.

We are very grateful to Don Miller, Director of Canadian Ministry, and his team at the Canadian Bible Society for partnering with us on this project.

These booklets are free of charge, available in English and French - just let us know if you would like some to give to a peace officer(s).



Dino Doria

Are We Taking Inventory?

Today I am writing on self-reflection of where we are going in life. Let us examine our priorities and what we value in life and never forget the ultimate priority of our existence on this earth is to serve our Lord and Savior in the best capacity that we can. How do we serve our Lord one asks? By reading the revealed word of God in the scriptures it will guide you as to what needs to change in your life in order to truly serve Him. The question we must ask ourselves as we take inventory of our lives is: are we willing to obey

His word and actually put it into practice? Being doers of the Word of God must be the number one priority in life. As you surrender your complete life to His Lordship you will discover that Our Lord is ever so caring to provide us with all of our needs. That does not mean that we become lazy and not strive to work. We must continue to excel in all that we do wherever he has placed us. The Lord is asking us: where are we storing our treasures? This is the season for us to revisit and take inventory - of whatever is diverting us from obeying His will for our lives. Let me remind you that by reading His Word - "the revealed will of God" - we will discover what His unique will is for our life.

In 1 Timothy chapter 6:6, we read *"And it is indeed, a source of immense profit, for godliness accompanied with contentment - that contentment which is a sense of inward sufficiency - is great and abundant gain"*. Mark 8:36: *For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"* A renowned verse, frequently quoted throughout history and later literature. There are numerous definitions of what a soul is, but the most common biblical translation is the spiritual and immortal part of a person. To God, the soul defines who we are as individuals. *"Gain the whole world, and lose his own soul"* describes the sacrifice of spiritual well-being in favor of worldly goods and pleasures. A basic paraphrase is: **What good does it do someone to gain the whole world and forget about God in the process?** Our Lord is calling us to take inventory and realize that there is much more to life - *"For we brought nothing into this world and obviously we cannot take anything out of the world."* 1 Timothy 6:7. *"But those who crave to be rich fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish - useless, godless, and hurtful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction and miserable Pershing."* 1 Timothy 6:9.

Remember our God is prepared to bless us and has blessed us already with many good talents and material things. He wants us to recognize Him as the author of all good things that are bestowed upon us - but most important, He wants us to ask ourselves - how are we using our talents and blessings? Are we being good stewards with what He has given us? Are we on a daily basis - assisting others?

Finding Success in Your Life

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." John 15: 1-8

"For we brought nothing into this world and obviously we cannot take anything out of the world." 1 Timothy 6:7

Pause and reflect & ask the Holy Spirit to show you what needs to change.

Paris Under Attack

By Ronald Mostrey



Like all of you, I was shocked when I learned of the Paris attacks. Little did I know that a couple days later I would be deployed to Paris as a chaplain with Canada's Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's Rapid Response Team.

When the attacks happened the ministry sought out French speaking chaplains. I received a call on Saturday and was on a plane the next day.

In my career as a police officer I had experienced a vast variety of tragic events, but I had never experienced something as senseless and tragic as what I found in Paris. I was glad our small group was able to provide some comfort to the people of Paris, as well as to help equip the local churches on how they could respond with hope to a shocked and bewildered population.

[For 2 weeks we provided a ministry of presence and encouragement](#), working with a hastily established group of believers working under a banner of "Pray for Paris".



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Trusting in the Lord



Rae Banwarie

To my brothers and sisters in the Lord,

I wanted to write today and share with you all how great our Lord is. I am currently the national president of the [Mounted Police Professional Association of Canada](#).

I have met a few of the executives in the FCPO and I am blessed to see the work that you all do, nationwide. Indeed we are all called as police officers to be the lights in this world and the salt of the earth. We have all been placed in our positions to make a difference to our brothers and sisters in arms, the public we serve and to be the people whom the public turn to in time of need. Indeed this is our ministry and our calling as police officers. There is no greater calling I believe.

I am watching our Good Lord build his mosaic and his masterpiece for the changes desperately needed for the proud organization I belong to - my RCMP. I have been put where I am, to be the catalyst for positive change in my organization and called to be his witness, with everyone whom I meet. The Lord is bringing more and more of his people into my path so that I will have the help and support to transform our organization. Day by day, month by month he is opening up opportunities and leading me to meet some of the most influential people in government and in our country. I on my own would never, ever meet these people.

He has shown me that what he wants more than anything else is for me to blindly trust and believe in him. Believe in Him and trust absolutely in Him as a young child trusts his or her parents unconditionally. This is the exact opposite of what we are taught as police officers. You must be in charge, you must have a plan - you must be in control.

I am here to tell you brothers and sisters - that is the way of the world. That is not what our Lord wants us to do. Instead he wants us to totally and completely, blindly

trust in Him. I have seen so many significant answers to my prayers that I am convinced that this is the only way forward in my life. I keep saying to Him, I'm here, send me, I will go - open the way and I will go. I know that if He sends me, He will prepare the way before me and He will never, never lead me to failure.

As a parent of two beautiful children, we want to ensure that our children attain the very, very best in life. We want them to be so much more successful than we ever were and we will do everything in our power to ensure this, because we love them so much. Can you imagine how much more your heavenly father wants to bless you? He who has everything of this earth in the palm of his hands? Think about it...

I wanted to share these thoughts today as I felt that somewhere out there, one of my brothers or sisters in the Lord may need to hear these words so that their faith may be renewed. Stay strong, stay grounded in your faith and in your beliefs. That is the Holy Spirit that is with you right now, just reach out to him. I hope that my note has brought a smile to you and you remember that our God is greater than anything and everything that is in this world. Stay safe

Your Brother in Christ,

Rae



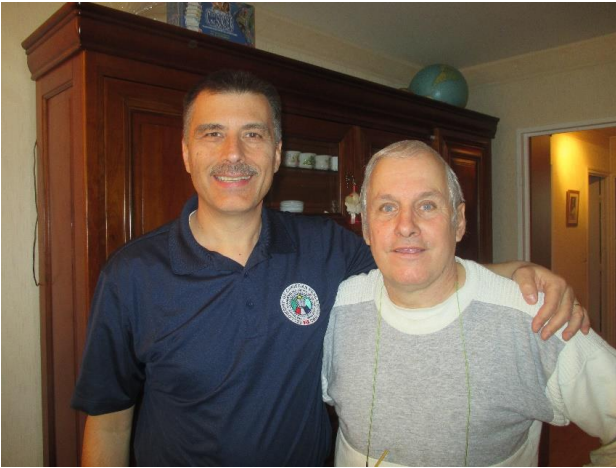
This issue of the Peacemaker is dedicated to the loving memory of our very dear friend and long-time FCPO member and executive Henry (Hank) Harley.

On February 2nd Hank went to be with the Lord. All who knew Hank, loved and appreciated this faithful and loving servant of the Lord. A gentle giant - we will miss the twinkle in his eye and his consistent optimistic attitude. Hank always had a kind word on his lips, a broad smile and a very hearty laugh. He now rests with his Lord.

New Friends

By Ronald Mostrey

While ministering in Paris, I had the occasion to enjoy fellowship with Dominique De Nale, the executive director of the [French Christian police officer's fellowship](#). Their fellowship came into being following a 1986 Billy Graham crusade in France. I also spent some time with Lionel Knaub a French Christian police officer that was a friend of one of the local pastors we were working with. As I am sure most of you know, the common bond we share with our fellow peace officers across the world is remarkable.



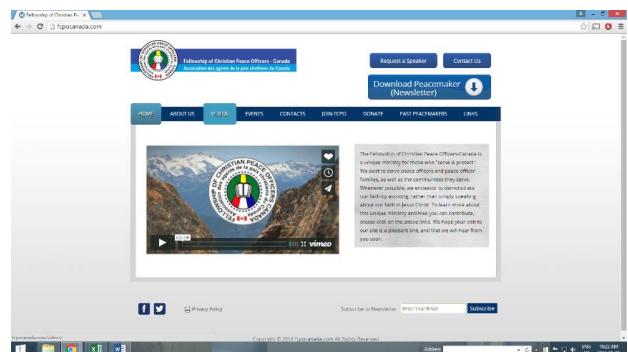
Ronald Mostrey and Dominique De Nale



Ronald Mostrey and Lionel Knaub

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Have you checked out our website lately? We have made a few changes. We now have a section for [videos](#), including a must hear sermon by Pastor John MacArthur (Grace to You) about the root of evil in society and the Biblical role of Police in society. We have also included a section for [past Peacemakers](#). So now one can easily catch up on what they may have missed, or want to enjoy again.



MEMBERSHIP

Do you know someone who may like to join us? We have 2 types of membership. Regular Membership is for peace officers, while Associate Membership is for any Christian who agrees with our Statement of Faith and wishes to be a part of this wonderful ministry. Join online at: www.fcpocanada.com

An Ambassador for Christ - in Jail

By Dave Ball



A jail is the last place where this 56 year old Christian could have ever imagined himself working and yet I have now just completed my 12th year of employment. The past 5 years have been among the most rewarding.

As a Correctional Officer it is my responsibility to maintain order within the living units of which I have been assigned. These units are home to an assortment of maximum security inmates who are awaiting trial. Each work placement is based on seniority having the duration of 1year. In my case I have maintained the same assignment for the past 5 years which has allowed me sufficient time to develop a rapport with both my colleagues and with the inmates.

As a Christian I am an ambassador for Christ. For this reason I am always cognisant of my behaviour. It has been a practice of mine since conversion to constantly look for new opportunities to share my testimony with others. This practice has opened many doors for me "to preach the gospel and bring glad tidings of good things" (Romans 10:15) to this captive audience of both inmates and officers.

My jail nicknames are the "Rev", "Pastor" or even "Gospel God". Each is a title that I regard to be a compliment.

Dave is an FCPO member in Ontario. Check out his website: - [Mountain Movers Canada](#).

Hey folks, this spot here would be great for a little story from yourself!

It's always great to read about how a fellow officer came to faith, or how the Lord is working in their lives. Some articles from some of the spouses or some of our supporters would also be very welcome.

The Peacemaker provides you with an excellent opportunity to glorify the Lord with a word of testimony. Let's hear from you soon ☺

Please send your submission to: fcpo.aapc@gmail.com

We would love to hear from you.

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Missions Fest Vancouver January 29 – 31, 2016



Left to right: Russ Ideson, Ronald Mostrey, and Steve Kolstad

We had an amazing time at [Missions Fest](#) in Vancouver! This was the inaugural event for our new pop up display. Complete with flashing red & blue lights shining on the back drop, it certainly attracted a lot of attention! We met dozens of officers or families of officers who were not aware of this ministry. It sure seems that there are a lot of Christian officers in the Vancouver area and elsewhere in BC. This also gave us the opportunity to give out several dozen copies of our new booklet "The Gospel of John" for peace officers.



Don Miller presenting Ronald Mostrey with copies of "An Eyewitness' Evidence - The Gospel of John"

We sincerely thank the [Canadian Bible Society](#) for providing us with "An Eyewitness' Evidence - The Gospel of John" – a special publication for peace officers.



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WHEN YOUR EGO GETS TOO BIG!

By [Pierre Bergeron](#)



Have you ever heard the proverb *“Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall”*? This biblical proverb (Proverbs 16:18) is lived out every day in many organisations. Ego can be an ally but “unchecked” ego will become one of your worst enemies.

The effects of ego in the life of leaders can sometimes be seen in the military and para-military organizations like the police.

A leader driven by ego will have a “closed mind” and becomes blindly obsessed by an overinflated sense of their importance and sees the world revolving on the axis of “self”. This often results in self-promotion and “exploiting”, taking advantage of others in order to fulfill their own desires or self-aggrandizement. Take for example Alexander the Great. He was educated by Aristotle, regent of Macedonia at eighteen, king at twenty and dead at thirty-three. This undefeated warrior, searching for more worlds to conquer died from an alcoholic liver disease, fever, and strychnine poisoning. His unchecked ego and power left a 32,000 kilometer trail of slaughter and rampage. His wife Roxana and son were murdered and Alexander’s line became extinct. All his efforts amounted to nothing and the proverb *“Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall”* was certainly true in his case.

A good level of self-esteem will drive leaders to intentional and significant accomplishments. But when a leader’s ego goes unchecked, it becomes pride and he / she is blinded to reality. They don’t take advice nor listen to reason because they believe that “their way” is the only way. So rather than assume responsibility for their poor leadership, they point fingers and blame others. Bashar al-Assad is a great example of a leader who created chaos in his country, Syria, and rather than

assume responsibility for the care and safety of his people, he is obstinately continuing in the same destructive patterns. The consequence is that the UN and democratic countries of the world are having to take responsibility for millions of migrants who would have preferred to raise their families in their own country. How many organisations have been hurt or destroyed by leaders who led them into grandiose projects simply because their leader needed a platform to “prove” how influential and worthy they were.

I was taught in the military that as a leader, every problem in my organisation is my problem. So good leaders stay up at night to find solutions and better ways of doing things. Great leaders with a healthy level of self-esteem and humility look for like-minded people who will partner with them to make a difference rather than perpetuate confusion and chaos. It was these characteristics in Jesus Christ that made him such a powerful leader, not his ego.

This truth is applicable in the day-to-day leadership of Christian peace officers. Here is a great video worth listening to where Navy SEALs explain how your ego can destroy.

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Pastor Pierre Bergeron is one of our FCPO members in Quebec. He served as a Chaplain with the Canadian Armed Forces from 1993 – 2013. After retiring with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, he founded [SIS Leadership Inc](#) , a ministry providing French leadership training and resources. He publishes a great weekly [leadership blog](#).

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"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

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