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The Peacemaker

From the President's Desk - "GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING!"



Well folks, here we are with our first e-version of the PeaceMaker! As you are aware we have moved to this delivery method as a more efficient and less-costly format. Rather than paying the costs of printing and mailing, we can put the money to better use, while still keeping you informed and up-to date on what is happening in this ministry. Once again this issue contains uplifting and inspirational writings from peace officers. Just click on the pictures below and that will take you to the full stories. (note this is the pdf version – so that does not apply here).

I would like to encourage everyone to come out to our conference this year. Marv and his team have worked hard to put together a great agenda which I am sure will be a blessing for all who attend. I am particularly pleased with this year's theme "*From Surviving to Thriving - Managing Stress & Trauma.*" A peace officer's career by the very nature of their duties is one that involves dealing with stress. I am also pleased that the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Rapid Response Team (RRT) is partnering with us to provide a day of training on June 25th. The course "*Sharing Hope in Crisis* [p." is a pre-requisite course for becoming a RRT chaplain. I recently became a RRT Chaplain, and believe this is an excellent ministry for peace officers and particularly retired officers who can put to good use some of their skills and abilities they learned while on the job.

This e-version is going out to approximately 200 folks who have subscribed online. That is well short of the approx. 1200 subscribers we had on our old outdated mailing list. So please encourage your friends to [join online](#). As you know, it's simple and fast. Peace officers or ex-officers join as regular (voting members) and anyone else who wants to support us can join as an associate member. Membership is free.

As always we would love to hear from you, and would welcome your thoughts and articles for this publication. Drop us a line at fcpo.aapc@gmail.com

God bless,

Ron

Special Training Event at This Year's Conference

Merle Doherty (ex-Alberta FCPO Director) recently became the manager of the Billy Graham Evangelistic



Association of Canada's (BGEAC) [Rapid Response Team](#). The RRT consists of trained volunteers (chaplains) who practice the ministry of caring and compassion at times of crisis. Since its inception in 2006, RRT members have been deployed to 25 Canadian communities from coast to coast—usually to deal with the after-effects of severe floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, and other crisis situations. In the field, RRT works alongside Samaritan's Purse and other relief agencies, such as the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and Mennonite Disaster Services—as well as local first responders.

The pre-requisite course to becoming a RRT Chaplain will be offered at this year's conference (*Sharing Hope in Crisis*).

FCPO-Canada National Conference June 25 – 28th 2015, Burlington, ON



Dan's Testimony

I write this letter as a true testament of the changes that I have experienced since joining the Fellowship of Christian Peace officers and coming to the Lord approximately one year ago. At that time I was at the lowest point of my life. I had completed over ten years in corrections and most recently five years as a Police Officer. I was on my second marriage. I had kids, a nice house, cars, vacations, great resume, and more overtime than I could handle.

I had built a large wall of pride and arrogance around me that I didn't realize I had begun building since I was a child. This wall was clearly evident to anyone around me but I didn't realize just how evident it really was. I had no faith. I was brought up Catholic. Not to judge, but I really never got anything from it. Mass was a ritual which made me feel closer to God but soon dissipated once I left. I felt alone and shameful. I also felt anger, depression, guilt, regret, hopelessness and cynicism.

On November 31, 2013 I decided to finally "go out with the boys". We went out for some beers, complained about our marriages and work. A few drinks in they dared me to go with them to a strip club. I went. I don't remember leaving either. I woke up in the emergency room.

On the way home I crashed my truck, was charged with drunk driving, and faced termination at work. To make matters worse, my face and story was on the front page of the local newspaper.

Four months later, I sought out what I always thought was there but couldn't find, faith. I sought out God and Police Officers who had integrity and honor. I googled Police and God. The FCPO popped up. I joined. I got an email weeks later from one of the Board Members. I wasn't sure if I would be welcomed considering my past. He asked if he could call me. I hesitated but accepted fearing being chastised or denied membership... I got the opposite.

I told him of my struggles and sins. I told him I wanted to be good but no matter what I did it never stuck. He asked me a series of questions then shared the good news of the Gospel with me. I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior for the first time.

Months later we began a long distance Bible study and I began to listen to Christian radio and attend a Bible teaching church. Last summer I was baptized.

I still face struggles with family members who do not understand my new life in Christ but I have faith, peace and joy for the first time in my life. I wish the same for each of you.

Sincerely,

Officer Dan

New England



New Chapter in Longueuil, Quebec!

Bonjour à tous!

Je m'appelle Eric Beauchamp et je suis policier depuis 9 ans. Je travaille présentement pour le Service de Police de l'Agglomération de Longueuil (SPAL) qui se trouve dans la région de Montréal au Québec.

Depuis aussi longtemps que je me souviens, j'ai toujours voulu être policier. À l'âge de 14 ans j'ai donné ma vie à Jésus et j'ai cherché à m'impliquer de plusieurs façons dans mon église locale.

Quand j'ai rejoint les rangs de la police j'ai cherché un groupe de policiers chrétiens qui se réunissaient pour partager et grandir dans leur foi. Après quelques mois de recherche je n'ai jamais trouvé un tel groupe et j'ai donc oublié cette idée.

En janvier 2014, j'ai participé à une conférence dans une église de ma région dans le but d'apprendre comment briller pour Dieu au travail et ceci a eu pour effet d'allumer un désir brûlant d'avoir encore plus d'impact pour Dieu dans ma carrière.

Après plusieurs recherches sur internet j'ai finalement découvert le FCPO et remarqué qu'il y avait une conférence nationale à Chattanooga au Tennessee. J'y suis donc allé j'en suis ressorti encore plus assoiffé pour Lui.

J'ai finalement compris que je devais arrêter de chercher un groupe de policiers chrétiens mais que je devais en débiter un!

C'est donc le 21 mars 2015 que notre chapitre a tenu sa première rencontre! Nous étions 12 lors de la rencontre et 9 autres personnes ne pouvaient pas y être du à leur horaire de travail pour

On April 25th 2015, FCPO – Canada president, Ronald Mostrey presented Eric Beauchamp with their new charter and welcomed the latest FCPO – Canada chapter. Also present for this occasion was Quebec Director, Donald Desbiens and Quebec Provincial Representative, André Bigras. **Look at the address number of the restaurant where they meet!**

un grand total de 21 personnes!

Éventuellement, j'aimerais débiter également un groupe anglophone pour les policiers américains qui sont en service dans notre région ainsi que pour ceux de l'Ontario qui partagent notre frontière provinciale.

Vous raconter de quelle façon Dieu a tout orchestré serait définitivement trop long mais je voudrais terminer en Le remerciant de m'avoir confié ce ministère et vous partager le verset qu'Il m'a donné avant le début de cette grande aventure : « *Ne pensez plus aux événements passés, Et ne considérez plus ce qui est ancien. Voici, je vais faire une chose nouvelle, sur le point d'arriver: Ne la connaîtrez-vous pas? Je mettrai un chemin dans le désert, Et des fleuves dans la solitude.* » Esaïe 43; 18-19

Agent Eric Beauchamp

Hi everyone!

My name is Eric Beauchamp and I've been a police officer for the last 9 years. I'm currently serving for the Longueuil Police Department (SPAL) in the Greater Montreal Area.

As far as I remember, I always wanted to be a cop. At the age of 14, I gave my life to Jesus and always looked for a way to get involved in my local church.

When I became an officer, I looked for a Christian police association but after a couple months of searching I didn't find such a group and forgot the idea.

In January 2014, I went to a Christian conference in my region to learn how to shine for God in my career and it created a burning desire to have even more impact for Him at my job.

So after couple researches on the internet, I finally found the FCPO and noticed they were having a national conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee. After the conference, I became even further burning for Him and finally realized that I needed to stop looking for such a group and just start one here!

On March 21st 2015, our chapter held their first meeting! We were 12 people at the meeting and 9 other people couldn't come as they were working for a grand total of 21 people!

Eventually I'd like to start an English meeting for the American police officers serving in our region and for the officers from Ontario that are close to our provincial border.

Telling you how God orchestrated everything would definitely be too long but I want to take the time to thank Him for entrusting me in this ministry and also share with you the verse He gave me before this great adventure: "*Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*" Isaiah 43; 18-19

Agent Eric Beauchamp

Wrap Around Prayer Hug

On July 4th 2015, at 5:30 AM, people of faith from all walks of life assembled at the Champlain Mall Parking lot in Moncton. From there, they marched towards the Codiac Detachment and were joined along the way by others to form a group of hundreds. Once they arrived at the detachment, they encircled the detachment, praying for the the officers' and staff's protection, peace, wisdom, and for deliverance from any evil that would try to torment them following the tradgic events of June 4th. We are very proud that one of the organizers of this event was FCPO member Ken Smith (Retired RCMP).



Dino Doria

We are so pleased to have Dino Doria back on our national board as our Ontario Director. Dino was one of the founding members of FCPO – Canada. He has a renewed passion and a zeal for this ministry. Be Strong and Courageous!

As Christian Peace Officers we know that our strength and courage comes from the Lord Jesus Christ. Psalm 44: 7, - 8, reminds us who gives us victory. "You are the one who gives us victory over our enemies;" oh God, we give glory to you all day long and constantly praise your name.

As Christian Peace Officers at times we come across ridicule from our own

colleagues on the job - I remember being called "a bible thumper" by another police officer on my shift. I had just recently accepted the Lord and was not familiar with the terminology that I was being labeled with "a bible thumper" - some of my colleagues would approach me and quietly ask me if I was going to back them up during an arrest incident or would I turn the other cheek as stated in the bible?

What was interesting to me was that although they mocked the scriptures and at times were very loud with put downs they actually wanted to see my response to their behavior. In retrospect what they were really trying to do was test the waters to see if this so called "Jesus" was really who He says He is.

I felt that when I was being ridiculed - the Holy Spirit who lives in my heart gave me the right words to reply to their labeling. Our Lord does have a sense of humor - to the label of "bible thumper" the Lord had me respond by saying "I only read the bible - I don't thump anyone with it" that would be an assault something we can arrest for - so to alleviate your fears that I might assault you or anyone else or thump you with the bible, rest assured my Lord would not approve of such behavior - Our Lord has given us a free will to reject or accept His love and assurance for eternal salvation. John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

As for turning the other cheek, the Holy Spirit reminded me who had planted the seed for us to become peace officers by giving me this scripture: Romans 13, "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. Consequently whoever rebels against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgement on themselves. For rulers hold no terror 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. 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. 5 Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience."

This response was new to my colleagues - some still questioned it however they quickly found out that it is by our Christian actions that we will show an unbelieving world that we are more than conquerors and that we are God's ambassadors to keep "Law and Order" where lawlessness exists. The Lord knew that He needed special ambassadors to keep some order in this chaotic world we live in.

Instead, be very glad--for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world. 1 Peter 4:13.

People all around us are searching for reality, environmental sustainability, and endurance of happiness. As Peace Officers we are to Shine as bright lights for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Approximately 38 years ago - I was the officer searching and asking myself is this all there is to life? I wanted to make a difference in policing and address crime the best way we were taught at the Police College. However, I quickly found a lingering void in my life. I was a keen officer wanting to do the job to the best of my ability. I did not realize that my priorities were skewed by putting the job first - my after shift meetings with my police colleagues second and my family at times was not even on the radar screen.

This was affecting my family life and I didn't even realize it. I had been married only for a short time and friction was manifesting itself because of my absence at home. I was the person that would go to domestic situations on the job and give advice however would not put it into practice in my own life. I was the person who would not be found in any church - I was so tired with the hypocrisy of the church institution.

Little did I know that the Lord had His hand on my life even though I was not going to church. I want to be perfectly clear I did not run after God - however God's mercy towards us was demonstrated long ago. In Ephesians 1: 4, we read a wonderful passage that God was thinking of us before He created the planets and the world.

"For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love" Ephesians 1:4.

Everything has an appointed time and a season - the Lord knew how I felt about church and the hypocrisy thereof. It's interesting it never occurred to me that I too was a hypocrite - I was quick to point out flaws in others but never stopped to reflect on my own shortcomings after all I was a good officer upholding the laws of the land. The Lord came looking for me and sent an officer to share His reality with me. The Lord knew full well that I would be most receptive to His saving grace if the message came from a police officer. I thank God today that the Lord sent this officer to share God's reality. Thinking back, I now see how the Lord prepared my heart - I noticed that this officer was the only one who respected me - never made me feel worthless or put me down as a rookie. He lived his Christianity - but only spoke to me once about the Lord when the time was right in God's eyes. I also thank God for this officer because he was obedient to the Lord to share the gospel of Jesus Christ on his last night as a Toronto Police Officer. I was unaware that he was leaving the service for the RCMP and this was going to be his last shift.

I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ while on patrol in August 1977. My partner

introduced me to the reality of our Lord Jesus Christ. That night I felt a peace come over me - a peace that surpasses all human understanding. That night the Lord told me that He was going to heal my marriage and restore me as an individual because he had work for me to do for His Kingdom. Well since that night in the patrol vehicle the Lord has kept true to his promises and has blessed me beyond my wildest dreams. He blessed my family life - He blessed my policing career - He blessed everything I undertook, provided I would put Him First in every aspect of my life.

After much prayer the Lord inspired a group of officers and I, to be visionaries for Canada and establish and incorporate the 1st Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers Chapter here in Toronto. The love for the Lord grew and we had an east and west chapter of the FCPO in the Toronto area.

As I stated in the beginning there are seasons for all of us - my season with the FCPO had been completed for that season as the Lord directed me to raise my family. We were blessed with three lovely children. The Lord had blessed us with children after seven years of trying - children weren't coming and we wondered why Lord? However hind sight seems to reveal that during these seven years the Lord had us busy in planting the FCPO. When the Lord's time arrived my wife and I found out that she was finally expecting. Before I left the FCPO - I said: "if the idea of the FCPO was of us it would not last but if this was of God it would certainly last the test of time"

Well after 32 years evidence of chapters across Canada declare that this was and is - a ministry and work of God alone - PTL! I strongly Believe that now is the Season that the Lord will bless the FCPO in a way that we have never seen before.

Now that my children have grown up and gone - the Lord has inspired me to come back to FCPO. He used my daughter Melanie - our first born to remind me that my work with the FCPO was not over and that the Lord was calling me back for another season. The Lord impressed in my heart that I was not to forget the Peace Officers ministry of the FCPO.

The Lord is calling us to pray for the peace officers and their families all over the world.

In the 1980, I was blessed to be used with my fellow officers to conduct Christian outreach in the Toronto Police Force - Toronto, Canada and we witnessed the

power of the risen Lord as officers responded from the UK, US and across Canada marching in full uniform over 200 of us - marching to a church service at Toronto's People Church - Officers on Motorcycles and the Pipe band piping amazing grace as we became strong witnesses for our Lord Jesus Christ in Toronto. Marriages were restored and peace officers accepted the Lord Jesus Christ...

Today the Lord is calling his Christian Peace Officers to be HIS messenger to conduct outreach and unite globally so that they may come to KNOW the reality of Jesus Christ - the Living Christ.

The Lord has given a vision that there will be Peace Officers marches all over the globe accompanied by pastors, church people. The Lord is calling us to Service in a mighty way - many need to know that Jesus is who He says He is. The sole purpose of these marches are to glorify HIM - Our Lord Jesus Christ!

The Lord has revealed one of the themes of the March - "In CHRIST Alone" it's actually a song that you may know. I believe that this time many peace officers will march in key localities.

During my prayer time the Lord revealed that Officers will come from the four corners of the globe to know who He is. Are you catching His vision - it's exciting to be part of this new season!

We are to encourage one another and continue to pray for a great awakening in Peace Officers circles and expect great things. Please join us in prayer for a great revival so that many Peace Officers will come to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For any revival - we MUST PRAY - without prayer there will be no revival. Every great revival moment in history began with continual PRAYER to our Lord.

The Lord has instructed me to share a few passages with you today - please take time to reflect on these passages. The Lord spoke directly to my heart to examine where I am today as a humble servant of the Lord. If He is speaking to you today - please answer His cry.

"Because you have obeyed my command to persevere, I will protect you from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole world to test those who belong to this world. I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown." Revelation 3:10-11.

"I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference." Rev3:19.

"Look I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends." Revelation 3:20.

Our God is a jealous God - He is calling us back with great urgency to reach Peace Officers with His Saving Grace!

He is calling on all of us in the FCPO to pray earnestly for revival in peace officers. This is the season for the FCPO to increase in outreach - to share His Holy word with thousands of Peace Officers across Canada!

Please Stop, Reflect and Act - ask yourself what the Lord would have you

do for this important ministry that our Lord has established. I have re-dedicated my efforts to the FCPO and pray that the Lord will continue to bless the FCPO in a powerful way, God Bless You and your families. Hope to see you at the FCPO National Conference 2015.

As a side note I'm currently a Justice Professor at the University of Guelph Humber Toronto preparing the next generation of Justice Professionals. Students in the Justice program are being touched by the Holy Spirit in class. These students are also praying for the FCPO ministry.

Do you need the Lord's strength to conquer an issue in your life today? Maybe you need

the right words for your colleagues on the job or maybe you need His help to overcome something that has become your master and you have become its slave. Whatever you may be facing, remember it is God's desire to give you supernatural strength in every situation.

When you open your heart to the Lord and ask Him to forgive you for your sins and doing things your own way, He promises to forgive you! He will come into your heart and strengthen your foundation.

As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God (Psalm 42:1)

See you at the National FCPO conference!

FCPO-CANADA PEACE OFFICER CONFERENCE 2015 NATIONAL

*From Surviving to Thriving
Dealing with Stress and Trauma from the Job*

JUNE 25-28, 2015 | REGISTRATION: 07:30 HOURS

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Jeff W. Naber

You will not want to miss this year's conference! Starting with the training day on June 25th (*Sharing Hope in Crisis*) [Jeff Naber](#), Manager of Chaplain Development and Ministry Relations for the [Billy Graham Rapid Response Team](#). Friday we will hear some excellent speakers and topics: Kent & Paulette Laidlaw of [Canukcare](#), [The PTSD Epidemic, Fact or Fiction?](#); Colin (Chaplain Woodstock Police Service) & Catherine Nanton, *The Effects of Trauma and Stress on the Peace Officer Marriage*; [Rob McKay](#), and Merv Tippe, Emergency Management Consultant, Ministry of Health, Regina, *Compassion Fatigue*.

Friday evening we will have the President's Reception (business casual)

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Saturday morning. All are welcome to attend.

Saturday afternoon is free time with some tourist activities.

Saturday evening is the Conference Banquet. (Officers - Dress Uniforms)

Sunday morning is a Church Parade with Officers again wearing Dress Uniform).

Venue: [Crossroads Christian Communications Centre](#), 1295 North Service Rd. Burlington, ON

Book your hotel now: Call Doug Campbell at [Canadian Christian Tours](#). 905-319-8687 He will provide you with a special conference rate at the Quality Inn.



Una biblia perdida

The Montreal Lost Bible Project

Last November (2014), a Spanish bible was found at the Montreal Pierre Elliot Trudeau International Airport. Since that time, one of our members who works at the Airport has been trying to locate the owner of the bible. He senses that this bible was very precious to someone. He is so passionate about seeing this bible back in the hands of its owner that he is offering to personally deliver it to the owner anywhere in the world (at his own expense)!

Our Quebec Representative, Pastor André Bigras (retired RCMP), has made [a video appeal on YouTube](#) to find the owner of the bible. The appeal is in English, French & Spanish. In partnership with the Canadian Bible Society, we are promoting this video world-wide. Much like a police investigation – someone knows something! Using the power of social media, we just need to get the message to the right person's ears. Please share this video with your circle of influence – the more people that see it, the better. Also join us in prayer that we will find the owner. We all know that God's word is precious - this is not just the case of a "lost book." Someone cherished this book enough to be reading it in the airport and it is clear that this bible was well-read. Someone will be amazed and encourage when this bible returns to them. Unfortunately, our member needs to remain somewhat out of the story at this point, but his passion to personally return the bible is unbridled. Maybe the owner is in Montreal, or maybe they are in the far corners of our world, but he has committed to go anywhere to hand-deliver the bible.



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MEMBERSHIP

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

NOTICE

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held June 26th 2015 at 10:00 AM at Crossroads Christian Communications, 1295 North Service Road, Burlington, Ontario. All are welcome



FCPO - Canada National Conference – 2015 Burlington, Ontario

“ From Surviving to Thriving”



Registration Form

We are looking forward to seeing you at our conference!

Name: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

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Name of Spouse (If Attending) _____

Attending: Thursday 25 June, 2015 _____
Friday 26 June, 2015 _____, Friday Evening Reception _____
Saturday 27 June, 2015 AGM _____
Saturday Evening Banquet _____

Conference Fee: \$100.00 Spouse, if attending: \$ 40.00

Please make cheques payable to: FCPO - Canada

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