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From the President's Desk



If you're reading this in the pdf version, you'll note we have a new look, thanks to Gilbert Bouffard, one of our members in Ottawa. If you have checked out our <u>Facebook</u> site lately you will have seen some of Gilbert's work. Thank you Gilbert for providing us with your inspiring works of art!

I hope you enjoy the articles that we have put together for you. You'll note a lot of the articles have links where you can delve deeper into the story. Particularly, in this issue I

encourage you to check out the links in the devotional from MC William's article - there are some great

additional resources there. Also, if you understand French, you've got to listen to Eric Beauchamp's radio spots!

Our newsletter is a great vehicle to share stories and encourage one another. So... please take the time to write a little something for your newsletter. Your comments and input are always most welcome.

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God bless,

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Quebec Update

By Eric Beauchamp



Hi everyone! The last couple months have been more than busy!

I finally finished distributing information pamphlets about the FCPO to all law enforcement agencies within a 100 K radius of Montréal. Now the next step is to do the same but with the churches...

We had couple new members that joined the FCPO in Québec. Unfortunately, most of them won't be able to attend our monthly meetings as they live 6 to 8 hours away from Montréal - but praise God as our family keeps g rowing!

We are currently in the middle of study by <u>Jim Bontrager</u>. The study is based on the <u>movie</u> "<u>Courageous</u>". We are more than blessed at every monthly meeting! Praises to God again as He makes us grow stronger and bolder in our faith!

In conclusion, I never asked for this, but through a series of circumstances, I ended up in a



<u>radio station</u> here in Montréal talking about my faith, the FCPO ministry and about what God and Jesus have done so far in my life and in my job. It would take too long to explain how it happened, but it was totally guided by God!



The radio station is called "Ville-Marie" 91.3 FM Montréal. The show airs every Monday at 8:30 am. My part lasts for about 10 minutes. My appearances are scheduled for 5 weeks. The emission is in French. The show can

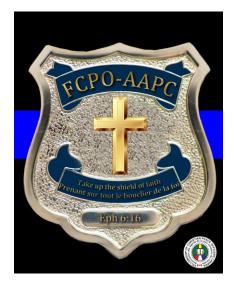
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be heard live on Mondays at: <u>http://www.radiovm.com/ecouter/en-direct</u> and replays of the interviews can be heard on the <u>Quebec FCPO</u> site.

It is more than a blessing to have the honour to serve him every time!

God bless you all and don't forget to have fun with Him!

Eric





Outreach

Although we have been in existence since 1983, there are still many folks out there that have never heard of this unique ministry. As such, in the past few months we attended "Missionsfests" in Vancouver & Edmonton, as well as "Jesus to the Nations in Halifax."

At these events we met many officers, as well as family and friends of officers who were pleased to learn about FCPO.



Halifax (L-R) Ron Seney, Ron Mostrey, Nevin Doncaster, Matt Poupart, John D. Allen



Edmonton (L-R) Richard Begin, Dan Small, Arlene Omilian, Ron Mostrey. Not in photo: Fay Goss, Pastor Gamit



Edmonton (L-R) Ron Mostrey, Richard Begin, Nicola Coulstring





Vancouver (L-R) Stephen Kolstad, Ron Mostrey





Here is a devotional from our good friend M.C. Williams of New Centurion Law Enforcement Ministry. "This ministry is a nondenominational, evangelical Christian outreach by, for and about law investigators, probation/parole, enforcement (police. deputies. corrections, etc.) and military personnel. TCLEM is affiliated with the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers – USA and provides Biblebased support, fellowship and accountability for officers worldwide. They also seek to infuse Christian servant-leadership into our profession and equip the Christian officer to boldly share and live the Gospel. The Roman centurion of **Matthew 8** -- and the namesake for their ministry and of course a ranking "police" supervisor of Jesus' day -- came to the Lord seeking help for his servant who was paralyzed and suffering terribly. He came to Jesus because he believed (had radical faith) He could heal him. Amazingly, and while Jesus was willing to come with the centurion, this 1st Century "cop" understood that, like himself, Jesus was also under authority and as such had but to speak his servant's "healing".

Serving Under Authority

By: Police Lt. (Ret.) & Chaplain M.C. Williams



Our Savior under authority? Yes! Jesus, while God the Son, still submitted to the Father (under the authority of Heaven itself). The centurion understood this authority and the power that came with it. He understood that he himself had certain rights that his position granted him to have power over situations and people. Like us, he too was a man both with and under authority. Likewise, the centurion understood Jesus' position of authority and the power that came with it - the power to heal his servant if He chose to exercise that Divine authority in accordance with His will.

When Jesus saw that the centurion understood this principle of authority and that He did not have to visit the servant to heal him, He acknowledged the centurion's great faith. Jesus knew it took such faith to understand authority and whether He had the authority to do what was being asked.

God has placed a system of authority in our world that requires faith in to operate under its boundaries: Fathers over sons and daughters, supervisors over employees, ranking military officers over subordinates, and law enforcement and government over the people (albeit all with a mandate from the Ultimate Authority to lead as servants) and church leaders over church members (also with a biblical call to serve and shepherd the flock). These are authority structures God has placed in our lives to protect and guide us to His will. Some confuse position with worthiness or qualifications of that position, but it is **the position** of authority that God works through. The fact that an authority may not be a born again believer may have no bearing on whether God can work through that authority (**Romans 13:1-7**).

..."I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith." MATTHEW 8:10 Today, we find few who genuinely understand this Godordained system of authority and the great faith it requires to work properly. Yet Jesus said that when we understand this, we demonstrate the kind of faith that He rarely sees. Let me encourage you to be a person of rare faith -- one who: (1) sees the authorities God has placed in your life as those our Lord is using to guide, grow and protect you; and (2) understands and

biblically serves in our role as men and women OF authority.

That said, if you are a person to whom God has granted authority (a peace officer, business supervisor or church pastor/leader), let me again encourage (plead even) you to be obedient to God's call for you to be a genuine **SERVANT-leader**. Truly **serve** -- lead, mentor, shepherd, feed and comfort -- those under your

authority and care. Protect, serve, mentor and disciple your flock (your kids, officers, troops, employees and congregations). Extend **grace** and mercy to those whom



God has placed in your care. Shape and grow those who will one day also hold positions of authority. In doing so, we can be agents of change both in this world and that to come.

And HOW can we accomplish this as God intends? Only if we are serving and leading under the authority and power of the Holy Spirit. That power, of course, is available ONLY to those who are first born again in Christ. Is that you? It can be! Consider the following:

(1) Jesus' first words in His earthly ministry were: "*Repent and believe in the Good News*" (Mark 1:15). To "<u>repent</u>" is a 180 -- a radical change of mind and heart as it relates to our sin. To "**believe**" as God intends it - to completely and radically surrender to Him in faith ("believe" and "faith" have the same Greek root meaning) in the same way you have faith that your body armor will stop the rounds it is designed to stop! The two words are synonymous in meaning and intent. And the Good News? That is <u>the Gospel</u>!

(2) In **John 3:1-21**, Jesus said, "...*you must be born again.*" Note our Lord's emphasis on "**must**" (not "may" or "should"): this is the "**life-saving/life-changing**" personal relationship (not "religion") with Christ that I stress so often. See "What does it mean to be a born again Christian."

AND then...

(a) Take the "<u>Good Person Test</u>" and see how you do (as shown in this study, you can't ever be "good" enough without Christ). Then go to...

(b) How can I be saved?

(c) <u>Cops and Salvation</u> (a powerful, short message from police Commander Travis Yates of Ten-Four Ministries and <u>Law Officer Magazine</u>).

(d) Got saved? Now what?

Let's step out in radical faith to be the servant-leaders God has called us to be!

MC

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"FAITH" and "Obedience" to God's Word (Part I)

By: Dino Doria



Dino Doria

This issue's devotional is focused on "FAITH" and "Obedience" to God's Word. A Faith that prompts us and prepares us to do His will even when we face obstacles and adversity in our lives, this Faith prompts us to be "Obedient". A Faith that is alive deep within us and reminds us that He is still in control of every situation.

Some obstacles at times seem insurmountable when we survey them with human lenses. When we face roadblocks that challenge our faith we should draw close to what the scriptures declare about this Faith. Let us not forget the Great Patriarchs that have gone before us who also faced great obstacles and adversities but each one kept "near to God" and believed that He would keep His promises. In Hebrews 11: 6, we read in the Amplified Bible *"that without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must necessarily believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him out."*

When obstacles appear in our life - we should earnestly seek Him out! Allow the prompting of the Holy Spirit to guide and teach you how to respond by leaning on a factual based Faith that is found in the Bible. The Holy Spirit wants us to Trust and surrender the situation or whatever the issue is to Him. Take time to be quite and talk to Him - He already knows your needs, and what you're facing. He knows how you're feeling.

When we doubt "His Power" we deny who He is and in fact indirectly call Him a liar! In Hebrews 11: 30, we see another example of "God's Way" in operation coming to fruition and in His time. God's Ways are so unique

"When we face roadblocks that challenge our faith we should draw close to what the scriptures declare about this Faith". reminding us that His ways and thinking are higher than ours. So let us "NOT" place boundaries in His Almighty Power or try to comprehend how the Lord will answer our requests. Instead take a step back and Praise Him for who He is and Praise Him for what He is about to do. Know that your Faith is "NOT" a blind Faith but a Faith that has factual substance. In Colossians 1:11, the scriptures reminds us to be invigorated, and strengthened in His Power and

Glory! We pray that you be invigorated and strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory, (to exercise) every kind of endurance and patience (perseverance and forbearance) with joy."

Our Heavenly Father "Always" answers prayer. His answer at times may not come immediately or when we expect it to come, but in His time, He Answers I have seen it in my life - the Lord does answer my prayers. In each situation the Lord has strengthened my resolve and Faith even when the answer is slow to come, even when the answer is "No" to my request - He gently reminds me of what the apostle Paul through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit so clearly stated in Romans 8:28, (Amplified Bible) *"We are assured and Know that God being a partner in their labor – ALL Things work together and are (fitted into a plan) for good to and for those who Love God and are called according to His design and purpose."* When the answer is "No" I reread and remind myself that *"ALL Things" work together and are* (fitted into a plan) for good to and for those who Love God and are called according to His design and purpose."

We are to love God and diligently seek Him and NOT seek the answer to our prayers but seek the Lord Jesus, Praise Him and Thank Him leave the "answering" to Him. Just know that He hears your prayer before you ask. Give Him Praise and Thank Him with Faith expectation.

Bluenose Chapter Fall Gathering

By: John D. Allen



Bishop Ben Anom Praying for officers

Taking nothing from God's Providence, but Truro's Community Life Church was perhaps the nation's best protected congregation on the morning of Nov 13th 2016 as it hosted the <u>FCPO Bluenose Chapter</u>'s Fall Gathering and Wild Game BBQ.

The home church of Bluenose Chapter President D/Cst. Matt Poupart, the congregation was overjoyed to welcome members to the young congregation's new Worship Center in Truro's South end.

Several new friends, in blue, were made at the FCPO info table, before the service.

Led by Pastor Emmanuel Anom, the worship began with the Praise Team offering up a lively round of song, with a decidedly African flare. Prayers for the people, including the sick and infirmed, were followed by words of greetings, from FCPO Prov. Rep. John D. Allen who read several passages,

including Ezekiel 22:29-30, Romans 13:4 closing with the Chapter's Life Verse Psalm 127:1.

The congregation had the great pleasure of Pastor Anom's parents visiting from Ghana, to celebrate the dedication of their grandchild the week before. Bishop Ben Anom offered a powerful message on responsibility and brought the law enforcement officers forward for a prayer of anointing and protection.

Then the feasting began! Both Ron Seney and Matt are avid outdoorsmen and the air was soon filled with the grilled aromas of a variety of native game, coupled with homemade salads and desserts. With many in the congregation from outside Canada a buffet of deer, bear, moose and goose was an exciting introduction to the legendary Great White North.

Community Life looks forward to growing in the Gospel, and in numbers, in their new home and FCPO offers up many thanks and prayers for blessings as they reach Truro with the Word of God.



(L-R) John D Allen, Matt Poupart, Bishop Ben Anom, Pastor Emmanuel Anom, Ron Seney and Ken Matthews





Sharing Some Salt in Miami!



In the last couple Peacemaker issues Dino wrote on "Drawing a Biblical Analogy on the Numerous Uses of Salt". On March 17th former NYPD officer, and now pastor, <u>Andrew Columbia</u> and Dino were invited to attend the Miami Dade FCPO Chapter meeting in

Miami Florida to share God's word. There, our friends at the Miami Dade chapter heard Dino share his teaching on his Biblical Analogy of "Salt". The two chaplains were a great blessing for all those in attendance.



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Many of our members are dynamic and accomplished public speakers with strong testimonies of what the Lord has done in their personal and professional lives. The credibility of having a law enforcement officer, active or retired, share their personal faith in Jesus Christ can be very uplifting and inspiring.

The Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers – Canada has men and women across Canada who would be pleased to assist your church, or organization. You can make a request for a speaker via our website: <u>www.fcpocanada.com</u>. Upon requests from churches or other Christian organizations, we will do our best to have one of our members attend your service or meeting with the view of sharing their faith and experience as a Christian officer

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We have 2 types of membership: Regular Membership (voting) is for current or retired peace officers, while Associate Membership (non-voting) is for any Christian who agrees with our <u>Statement of Faith</u> and wishes to be a part of this unique ministry.

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