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BRENDA BENT

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SYDNEY — Brenda Bent acknowledges people may find it a bit unusual that someone's faith would lead them down the path to becoming a motorcyclist.

But that's what happened to the New Glasgow area resident about three years ago.

"It's a long story, but I had a spiritual healing and I decided I needed to drive a bike, I never drove one before in my life and I started biking," she said.

Bent is one of scores of motorcyclists to make their way to Cape Breton for the weekend-long Cape Breton BikeFest: Thunder in the Highlands. Events range from stunt demonstrations, a vendor village, live entertainment and

organized group rides to various attractions across the island.

As a member of the Christian Motorcyclists Association, an inter-denominational association of Christians who ride motorcycles, Bent now uses her beloved pastime as a way to spread her faith to others who are interested in learning about it. The group sometimes provides church services during bike rallies and members volunteer in various capacities at the events.

"It opens doors, the bike is just a tool in our ministry and it gets us into places where no one would normally go, it allows us to start talking about bikes and in conversation and building relationships with people because we have something in common with

them," Bent said.

"Bikers see our patch and they know what we stand for ... They see how we live and we can have fun just like them, without the drinking and all that stuff."

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ANNOUNCEMENT NEW BOARD MEMBER

We are excited to announce the appointment of Ivan Audette to the Board of Director, CMA Canada.

Ivan and his wife Irene, who reside in Essex, Ontario, have been very active in their local chapter, God Speed.

Until his appointment effective October 1, 2011, Ivan was the Chapter President, while Irene is the Chapter Secretary.

Other than his chapter leadership role, Ivan has been focused with Prison Ministry, while Irene is on the Women's Team Ministry.

Look for Ivan's biography and photograph in this edition of the newsletter.

Please join us in a warm welcome, and keep all of the Board, as well as CMA leadership across Canada in your continued prayers as God leads this exciting ministry.

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AS WE DO LIFE

by Carlos Hajen

CMA Canada National Evangelist

“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger. “ James 1:19.

I am sure that you have heard the expression ‘the largest room in the world is the room of improvement.’ This is so true in our Christian walk; however, as Christians we are not dictated a bunch of things that we must improve on or else; we want to improve because of the relationship we have with Jesus and our love for Him.

The areas that God wants to help us with quite often come as a conviction in the form of encouragement to take steps with His help.

He does not sit on His throne pointing His finger of condemnation at us. He has provided what we need to change, we have the Holy Spirit, who is our comforter and teacher, we have the Bible which is the map for our lives, and we have one another.

Consider the words of James 1:19. Would you agree with me that most of us struggle with listening – we are quick to speak and slow to listen? As a matter of fact, we interrupt one another and speak fast, maybe because we are so zealous over what we are saying or maybe so that no one interrupts us.

Whatever the reason, we do it so often that by now it has become a habit. If we, as the verse says “know this” put it into action and eventually make a habit of being quick to listen and slow to speak (without duct tape over our mouths) we will then be able to get insight as to where people are at, then we are able to process it and our words can speak into their life and minister to them.

As we listen, really hear what people are saying to us and they will feel validated and maybe even open up more - giving us the opportunity to care for them.

I have recently wondered how much I have missed because I have been blabbing away. One thing, I have discovered in many instances is if we are quick to

listen and slow to speak, then the time that we “lose” is minimal compared with the benefit of it ... especially with our spouse or loved ones.

Another thing I have discovered is that when I listen and think before I speak, I avoid useless arguments and fights. It helps keep things in perspective - slowing anger down.

Listening gives us the ability to understand one another.

...The Hajen Family



HIS TRAVELLING MERCIES

by Irene Audette,
God Speed, Essex ON

Last summer I had a dilemma. Our son told me that his university graduation was scheduled during our Americade week - we had not attended his high school grad because of family friction; and that it took him extra time to complete his courses because of a very bad accident; I'd determined to make it to this one.



We were scheduled to help in Lake George, so I contacted the people in charge and they were awesome to accommodate. They gave us two days off

out of the middle of our week; ample time to travel back to Ontario to share in the grad ceremonies and return to the team of volunteers.

We were able to attend chapel services in the early morning. John Sr. and Miss Becky were also attending these... and I asked for extra prayer concerning Paul's graduation. (This was a continuation of prayer, from the previous year when things were very stressed in our household and Miss Becky had prayed with me.) We received prayer covering for travelling mercies.

Wednesday it was pouring, so we donned rain gear and headed west towards the Canadian border. We decided to ride two up, instead of me lagging behind on my own bike. Nearing Schenectady, travelling quickly along the interstate, Ivan's Valkyrie did a bit of a noisy wobble. He pulled under the overpass and checked the tires, etc.. He attempted to move the bike forward, but it was stopped and would not go anywhere else! We had split the driveshaft and u-joint, making a horrible noise, and it left us stranded.

Ivan headed across the highway, up the hill, over the fence, through the farmer's field and

went to seek assistance at a nearby plaza. For two hours of pouring rain, with my helmet beside the bike on the road, and cheerful motorists beeping and waving as they passed me by; I waited. (Note: if a helmet is on the ground beside the stopped motorcycle, the rider is in need of assistance.)

Ivan returned and I was in painful anguish - I had to use the ladies' room! We went to a plaza where we called for help. We thanked the information guy and returned to our bike on the interstate and waited for the flatbed from Geneva, NY who brought us to Canandaigua, NY.

We were at the dealership for most of the day, but the part wouldn't be in for several days. We were invited by a mechanic to spend the



weekend with him and his wife... he saw the CMA back patch and had phoned. We declined, as I really needed to be at that graduation.

The secretary phoned for a rental, but there were none available in town or nearby city. We sat and waited, rested, and prayed. After work, the lady took us to the airport, and we were able to get a car there. We thanked her most graciously

Continuing west, it was nightfall and foggy. We found the bridge and made it through Customs. We were able to use our phone on the Canadian side and called our two sons who had been waiting for us to go for supper, but it was 9:25 p.m., so we drove into Niagara Falls and found a place. We told our story of travelling mercies, which they could not believe, but could not deny that the help we received was a miracle.

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We attended the graduation on Thursday and it was a beautiful day. We had hoped our son, Paul, could drive us back to the airport, but he didn't have his passport with him. We took the van he had been using and the rental car back into the States. We made it to Rochester in time to only be charged for one day, then headed back to Lake George, without much more expense.

Arriving in the middle of the night, there was a large number of bikers partying in front of our motel room where my Intruder was still parked. Our reception was amazing. In the wildness of their imagination, the owner of the bike, which had not been moved, or attended to, must have been murdered and stuffed under the mattress. We received very big hugs from these folks we did not know. We shared our story and were friends from that moment on.

Mike and Carrie were in the same motel and we met them at breakfast and then at chapel on that Friday morning, we shared about God's travelling mercy. It does not mean luck... like a St. Christopher's medal.

Travelling mercy was extended to us time and time again. Each Good Samaritan that helped along the way... showed us God's mercy -- we are still very grateful.

We finished the week and I drove my van back to Ontario, being the tail gunner for the three of them on their bikes. Mike and Carrie camped out in Niagara Falls and Ivan and I returned to the dealership in NY and picked up his Valkyrie. We met the mechanic who had stayed late to get the bike ready for us, and had a prayer time and then paid the bill and were on our way again.

We returned the van to Paul, in St. Catherine, and headed back to Essex County. Back on my Intruder, trying to get out of the parking lot, I geared up the hill to enter the street and a blind spot covered an approaching car, but Carrie could see it and prayed that I would stop. Stop, I did. I fell backwards off the bike and hit pretty hard. I was shook up and crying (again). That car was close.

I was done! I had made it to NY - my first big ride. We did ride home, but I have not been in the driver's spot since then. I blew a disc in my lower back, which I can usually manipulate into place, but I also have arthritis in my spine, which has gotten worse. I ask God for healing, but I mostly pray for wisdom. Even on the back of Ivan's Valkyrie, I can watch God's hand of protection, and count up His travelling mercies. I'm good with that.



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Grandpa “Now I know what you mean about Freedom”

by Jerry Forst, CMA Prison Coordinator

For me it started in 1961, I remember going to Alberta Cycle in Edmonton and looking at the Honda Cub and dreaming of owning one. Although I had savings, the price tag of \$299 seems so out of reach, but I was determined to save my monies and make my dream come true. In May 1962, the dream did come true for me - I bought a Blue 1962 Honda Cub, paid my \$5 for a learners permit and I was out riding with no instruction, having taken no tests and no requirement to have insurance or wear a helmet.



I took my bike everywhere to do my papers, to deliver prescriptions to customers for the drug store I worked. I remember my buddies taking our shotguns and going duck hunting. How times have changed. Today we would be subject of a take down by the swat team if we carried our guns on our bikes.

Last week I relived the memory of owning a Honda Cub, the bike that is credited with starting the motorcycle craze, when I took delivery of a 1964 Cub I bought from Ontario. On hand when it arrived was my Grandson Curtis who is turning 10. When he saw the bike for the first time I saw the excitement in his eyes and heard the joy in his voice as he talked about the bike. He asked if I would take him for a ride and I did. When we came home he asked if he could sit on it himself and I said sure. As he rode off on his bicycle to go home that night he said Grandpa “can we go again tomorrow” and I said “yes.”

The next day we had a family supper and Curtis waited patiently until after supper before he asked if we could go for another ride. When we went to the garage I handed him a helmet and said to him I think you should take it down the alley yourself. With a few instructions off he went and for the next half an hour I watched with a tear in my eye and a lump in my throat as Curtis drove up and down the alley like a seasoned rider. I remember doing much the same thing and struggling to go to bed the first while after I bought it as I just wanted to keep riding.

One of the trips up the alley Curtis stopped beside me and said “Grandpa, now I know what you mean about the Freedom you feel when you’re riding a bike.” I said, “I’m glad that you have experienced that freedom, but remember the real Freedom you have is knowing that Christ is your Saviour.” Curtis smiled and gave me the thumbs up as he rode off.



This past week I met up with a new biker who is on Parole and recently found Christ. As we sat, had coffee and chatted I saw the excitement in his eyes and heard the joy in his voice as he shared with me about his Saviour and his new bike. As he talked about getting out of jail and buying a bike and wanting to use his bike to minister, I felt his excitement for Christ emotionally overtaking me.

When I got home I started to reflect how lucky I have been to have found the Freedom of riding over 50 years ago and how fortunate I had been to take an Alpha Course and on March 4, 2000, found God's Freedom when I accepted him as my Saviour.

Thinking of my Grandson and his first ride on a motorcycle and my new Christian friend with his new motorcycle and new found faith, made me think how important it is as CMA members that we seek out new people considering taking up riding, new and older riders and new friends who are lost and seeking the meaning of Freedom in their lives, as well as new and older Christians and to share with them our love of riding and the love of Christ. I also believe it is extremely important that we encourage one and another to serve Christ. I encourage you to take up the challenge of being part of the CMA Prison Ministry. Try it and I guarantee you will have tears of joy in your eyes and a lump in your throat.

Brenda Bent *Continued from page one....*



Brenda Bent was one of the women to take part in a ladies ride as part of Cape Breton BikeFest: Thunder in the Highlands Saturday morning. The New Glasgow resident says it was her faith that led her to biking.

While motorcyclists generally may be known for dressing primarily in black, Bent proudly wears a pink jacket when on her bike, for which she said she receives many compliments.

While the Christian Motorcyclists Association is a worldwide organization, there are only currently 16 members in Nova Scotia, Bent said, with 600 across Canada. Six members are attending Cape Breton Bike Fest.

Bent said she was particularly looking forward to the ladies only ride, the Storm the Fortress event and seeing more of Cape Breton's scenery.

Cape Breton Regional Police have issued a traffic advisory, urging all roadway users to be respectful of each other and exercise caution to help ensure an accident-free weekend.

In light of the organized rides, police advised that motorists should be aware of the potential for large numbers of motorcycles travelling together in groups and to expect some traffic delays as a result of several Bike Fest activities.

For further details about Bike Fest and all associated events and activities, visit www.capebretonbikefest.com

Road Captain Course

Northern Lights Chapter Edmonton, Alberta

written by Ed Ferrero and Jerry Forst



Since 2003, the Northern Lights Chapter of CMA has been offering its members and to Secular Motorcycle a group riding course. Each year the Chapter runs 3-4 courses with 20-22 riders in each course. The courses are always full and the Chapter is always asked to put on more courses; however, each time a course is held 10 or more men and women from the Chapter are needed to put the course on as the course requires that the riding groups be no larger than five riders, a road captain and a tail gunner.

The Chapter Road Captain arranges for the courses and staffing and the Sherwood Park Alliance Church provides a classroom for the two hour classroom sessions and the use of its parking lot for the demonstrations. The course is and all day affair, after the classroom sessions, a demonstration is held in the parking lot and then the course moves to the surrounding community and to the highway portions. The day ends with an ice cream stop and presentations of certificates and a CMA Bible. If your Chapter is interested on how your Chapter can use this course as an outreach, please contact the Northern Lights Chapter for details.

BABES ON BIKES...

Written by Tammy DuChene Founder

Edmonton's Ladies Motorcycle Club... since 2007



Babes on Bikes is located in Edmonton, Alberta, and is proud to be celebrating our 5th summer. In the summer of 2007, we came together to form Babes on Bikes. We participate in different weekend charity events, Babes and Friends bike tours, the Edmonton Toy Run and so much more – every season we grow and ride more!



“Babes on Bikes” is a very casual club. We set days of riding, different events posted and volunteer events that we are asked to work...it’s up to the rider to how much to participate.

When riding in a group, the most important thing to remember is clear communication and standard riding procedures between all the riders. With Babes on Bikes we ride with the group ranging from 5-15 ladies each week.



After completing the Road Captains course two years ago, I recommend all the Babes on Bikes members to take the Road Captains course offered by the Northern Lights Edmonton Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

Upon completion of this course I felt it would ensure all of our safety knowing our communication is clear. With exceptional instructors, a very easy to understand classroom and on-bike instruction, the ladies were guaranteed to learn how to ride with confidence.

After taking the Road Captains course I changed the way I lead the group. With new routes, new riders and the unknown for traffic and conditions, I was confident enough to know that my communication within the group was standardized.

Having a good tail gunner on each ride has ensured our safety. Knowing the distance the group should be riding apart, the number of bikes we should have in each group and the hand signals to forewarn all riders of what is ahead, has given me the opportunity to communicate while on the road knowing that they can trust me to lead them on a safe tour.



Thanks to the Christian Motorcyclists Association Road Captains Course, Babes on Bikes now has **34 of our 50** members trained on the same safe riding rules and regulations.

Editor’s Note: In August 2011, Babes on Bikes attended the 11th Annual SPAC Motorcycle and Car, Truck Show and Shine to support the Northern Lights Chapter. NLCR Secretary Ruth Forst took time out from the CMA Children’s tent to talk with the Babes ladies. The annual Charity Fund Raiser is to raise funds for the Edmonton inner City Mustard Seed Church. This year over \$10,000 was raised.



Keep an eye on our website at www.cmacanada.ca for exciting announcements over the next few months

GOD'S TIMING

by Laurie Dutt, Area Rep, Southern BC

JEREMIAH: 29:11 – “For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Riding motorcycles has been in our blood for years and we are soooo blessed to combine it with the Christian M/C ministry, attending bike rallies to be a presence there for the Lord.

On a sunny July morning we're anticipating an early start to go to Boogie Bash, a 500+ bike rally in Rock Creek. Known to be a little on the wild side, we pray God prepares hearts and speaks through us as well as covering us with His protection as we ride our bikes. Typically, we get away a little later than planned and after a couple of stops finally arrive around 6:30 pm. Some of the ways CMA shows its presence at rallies is to provide gate duty, serve water, general clean up duties, as well as provide baskets of toiletries along with bibles and tracks in the bathrooms.

After a long, warm ride, setting up camp and greeting old friends, it's time to settle in for the evening – I'm tired; tomorrow is a busy day and I'm looking forward to sleep - a quick trip to the bathroom and I'm done!

While brushing my teeth, a lady comes into the bathroom – saying she's forgot her toothbrush among other things. Friend and fellow CMA Donna and I start to chat with her while handing her a toothbrush and paste from the basket. Her story touches us as – coming to the BB excited to see many friends here she's burdened with the sad news her husband has just been diagnosed with rectal cancer. Pain keeps him from riding, but they have borrowed a golf cart to get him around the grounds. As a wife and caregiver she is trying to be strong every day. We listen as she bravely tells us it's so hard telling family and friends the sad news and they just want to forget and “have fun” this weekend. Donna asks if we can pray with her. There in the bathroom with heads bowed we shared God's love and prayed for His comfort and strength through this trial; that He would ease the pain and make Himself known to both of them. As my hand rested on her shoulder, I pulled her in hugging her as she released her tears – God was present!! Parting with more hugs and hopes of seeing each other again sometime during the weekend, we headed for bed. Throughout the weekend we met, talked and prayed with others, but never did see our bathroom girl again. God set our arrival just for His timing.

So when you think you are done – He's not!!!

Mission's Opportunity – January 2011

Ron and Bev Wolfe, Mission Trip Coordinators

Please continue to consider joining us on a Caribbean island...doing God's work! We are finalizing details and need to hear from you soon. Anyone interested in coming on this or any CMA Mission's Trip, please contact us via email at missions@cmacanada.ca.

THANK YOU – SPECIAL CMA OPPORTUNITIES

Region/Location/ Event	In Attendance	Report
<p style="text-align: center;">Region 1 - CMDRA Drag Races</p>		<p>It was a good weekend at the track. CMAers were able to help with registrations, staging, weighing bikes and water, as well as doing the opening prayer. The organizers were very glad to have us there and really appreciated the help.</p> <p>Our Sunday service Rob brought the message and we had the opportunity to pray for a lady who is hurting. Overall it was a great weekend and God was able to work at the racetrack, He is so good!!!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Region 2 (Eckville)</p>	45	<p>The event was at a private residence and CMAers and friends gathered to love and pray for a friend of the host.</p> <p>The weekend continued with music and praise, eating and much joyful fellowship. The Lord turned on some beautiful weather. Many of the attendees attended church at a local church on Sunday morning – great praise and prayer.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Region 3 (Winnipeg) - Teen Challenge Winnipeg, Ride for Eternity</p>	60+	<p>Charity ride, 680 km ride - supper following ride. TC acknowledged the presence and encouragement of CMA.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Region 4 (Goderich, ON) - Blue Water Prison</p>	50	<p>We had a beautiful day! The group met at the Sunday morning service held in the high school gymnasium, as the original plan was to meet in town centre, but a tornado hit there last Sunday and it is still closed. From there we ate lunch together, and met up with the chaplain for the centre. We road together to Blue Water, met up with a few more bikers, signed in, and entered. The opportunity was a blessing to us even with a few hitches. All but one of the boys attended.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Region 6 (Brackley Beach) - Island Rally</p>	80	<p>The PEI Motorcycle Touring Club hosted the Island rally this weekend. The numbers were low with the threat of Hurricane Irene coming Sunday, great opportunity to connect with everyone at the rally. CMA members had a great time at the bike games and there were 20 people at the service (11 CMA); CMA shared the message.</p>

Wings of Wind Bug Run

*by Gerald Letourneau, President
Wings of Wind, Prince George, BC*



This year marked the 10th anniversary of our CMA Wings of Wind Bug Run, with registration help in Prince George, Quesnel and Williams Lake. We had a great time with about 71 registered participants. The object of our Bug Run is a fun way to reach out to the biker community here in the Prince George area.

What is involved you ask?

We charge \$10 per person and with that they receive a draw ticket and a target that is Toonie sized. Participants place this target anywhere they want on their bike, with the object being to get a bug to commit 'harry carry' on it. The person who has the closest bug to the center is the 1st place winner (\$100) and the biggest splat on the target is 2nd (\$50) place winner. Everyone is given a chance to prizes donated by numerous businesses in the area. For 10 years we have travelled to the same restaurant in Alexandria.

We also sell our famous bug pin and a t-shirt with the monies raised are used for such things as food hampers, cash used to help needy biker families, and we also put on a family Christmas party later in the year.



God's Amazing Love

by Bruce Ewanyshyn, President,
Christian Light Riders, Brandon, Manitoba

“How can you call yourself a Christian and wear that (police) uniform...you don't know God or you wouldn't hide behind that uniform...you disgust me... burn in hell.”



It was December 25, 2009, and I just had the honour of speaking a blessing over a gathering of about 100 mostly underprivileged persons receiving a meal donated then distributed by the Westman and Area Traditional Christmas Dinner. I was in the process of waiting on tables as I have done since 2007 after I gave my heart to Jesus that summer and had the revelation that life wasn't all about Bruce and his wants. I view this function and others I attend in uniform as an opportunity to bridge the gap between being perceived as one performing law enforcement duties and one who may also perform acts of service in kindness to those who have transgressed our societal laws. This is not to say that many who attend this function have transgressed the law; I believe the opposite is true. However, there are some whom I have dealt with, that because of addictions and poor choices, have failed to abide by the standards society conforms to.

After such a verbal onslaught, we as lovers of Christ have two choices. One is to defend ourselves to save face with those that witnessed this event and in doing so try to preserve our pride. But God sets Himself against the proud and haughty (1 Peter 5:5 & James 4:6). God alone judges our heart and I am accountable to Him alone for my motives



My second choice was to walk in unconditional love, the love that brought Jesus to the cross in an ultimate sacrifice for all, Jew and Gentile alike. He gave His life so that I may live and know my Heavenly Father and experience the Father's love. That is not just for me to hoard all to myself, but to share with those who are difficult to love because of their past hurts. In Matthew 5:44/45 Jesus tells us “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven” (NIV). Now I do not profess to walk in unconditional love, but my heart is that in time I may as I continue to be transformed into the image of

Christ through His Word and His Holy Spirit.

The correct choice was clear and that day I was able to act in love with the help of our Lord. It also was of great benefit to recall God's words in Ephesians 6:12 that “our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms” (NIV). I recalled those words in my heart which helped me to see that it was a spiritual force that was coming against me as a Christian and as a Police Officer. There before me stood a person whom God loves dearly and sacrificed His only begotten son for so if God who is the judge of all loves this person then should not I also as one created in His image?

I forced a smile on my face and replied in love that I did not receive the things they had said and was saddened that they felt this way. I told them that Jesus loves them and for them to have a blessed day. As they began to speak again I walked past them and continued to serve. They immediately walked away and left that place. My flesh was hot, but my spirit was in a place of love and peace. Had they persisted afterwards then perhaps I would have been forced to affect an arrest depending upon how they escalated things. However, the enemy was deflated and chose to retreat.

I believe there is nothing greater than the force of God's love. It will defeat the devil every time. We as Believers can grow in God's love by guarding ourselves against strife and offence and walking in forgiveness. When we fall short there is His grace to embrace and His mercy is new every morning. So what do we do with His mercy and grace? We can choose to forgive, repent and abide in His love.



I would like to write that this person has now come to the Lord and is experiencing His love; however, I do not know this to be the fact. A few days after the encounter a letter crossed the desk of the Chief of Police. A complaint was lodged of how I was wasting tax payer's dollars, abusing my authority and so forth. I was asked to give an account of my actions; however, it helps to be wise in that my superiors were already aware of my participation in this event as written proposals are always forwarded seeking approval for attendance in advance. The

appearance was on a voluntary basis. Nothing more came from the complaint. On December 26, 2010, I saw this person again at the same event and although they did not come to the table I was serving, they did ask that I bring them a coffee after the meal.

If I keep the Word of God tucked deep in my heart then I will be able to call on it for strength in situations on and off the job. In fact, that day I was actually blessed for God tells us in Matthew 5:11/12 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (KJV).



What does this story have to do with my ministry with CMA? Well Carlos, Jerry and others asked me to write, based upon my walk as a Christian and a police officer. The Lord has blessed me with many divine encounters over the four years since becoming a Born Again Spirit Filled Believer, but I was led to share this because I feel it leads to Carlo's question of how do we reach the men and women of the policing world? My answer is that you must share God's amazing love. I policed for 17 years before knowing Jesus and I encountered horrific crimes, acts of hatred, evil and violence. There was much in me that was not good and hard to love, after seeing for years the negative side of human life.

But this journey has led me to be a Chaplain for the Christian Light Riders, laying hands and praying over inmates at the Brandon Correctional Center - some of whom I have dealt with as a police officer. Also, a weekly ministry in Teen Challenge Brandon with men whom many have had negative experiences with police officers; serving for a time on the board of directors for a ministry that feeds and clothes the homeless; weekly bible study and worship night (where before I wouldn't even invite my cousin over for a visit several years ago). That was the beginning that led me to serve in several ministries in an incredible

church of God, Bethel Christian Assembly in Brandon and on the road to being able to be a peacemaker in my workplace and humble myself to my peers who do not see what we as Believers see. Matthew 5:9 reads, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God" (NIV).

Lastly, if you know a police officer or anyone who may appear beyond God's reach, remember that all things are possible with God. My cousin who led me to the Lord shared with me a couple of years later that of all the hundreds of unsaved cousins in our family, if I could come to the Lord, all in our family can come to the Lord. She felt I was the toughest case. God's amazing love conquers all. Longing to reach the world one heart at a time in Jesus' love

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Yvon (Ivan) Audette - New Director



I was born in Elliot Lake, Ontario in 1960, and was raised near Sudbury, Ontario in the bush near Dowling just off of Hwy 144. I then moved to Windsor, Ontario to seek my fame and fortune at the ripe old age of 18. Soon after that I accepted the Lord, on Sept. 11, 1978. A youth group meeting was the greatest influence in my accepting the Lord. The other great thing that happened that Christmas was meeting the love of my life Irene. We were married in 1980, on August 30th and within six short years had my quiver full with four boys. Tragedy struck in 1986, in the month of June, when one of our sons, Jonathan, died from Meningitis (a virus that attacks the spinal and brain fluid); it was a very dark time in our lives, but the Lord kept us. It was only the grace of God that united us together as a family.

Fast forward to our motorcycle experience:

We started riding five years ago loving everything about it: the freedom, fun, fellowship and ice cream. A short while after buying the bike we were questioning if this is all that God had in store for us. We then started praying and searching for a motorcycle ministry and wondering if one ever existed. We soon met up with our now very good friends and cohorts Mike and his wife Carrie. They introduced us to a group of Christian bikers from another ministry. Irene and I soon joined up with them, but as with all things, the Lord has His ways, and our whole chapter joined with CMA, forming our own chapter of CMA in Windsor. In a short time span I was elected as Vice-President, until this year when I was made President of God Speed CMA Windsor.

I was approached by our National Evangelist Carlos Hajen to prayerfully consider moving to a Board position since there had been a couple of vacancies. With much prayer, seeking the council of my pastor, and those that I respect in the Lord, (including our officers and membership of God Speed) have accepted. After almost a year to the month I was asked, the board officially asked me to come on board. It is with great humility and trepidation that I move forward into this position, seeking to do the Lord's will in CMA, and working with men that seek to do the same thing. I am still wondering why they asked me to serve on the Board of CMA Canada, but humbly want to walk in the Lord's ways, seeking to do His will, along with my lifelong partner and the love of my life, Irene.