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Yvon (Ivan) and Irene Audette, Board Chair, CMA Canada



Irene and I would like to wish each one of you a very Blessed Easter. I know for us it will be extra special because we will be able to spend this year's celebration west, with our son Richard and our son Paul and his beautiful wife Brittany. Easter is very significant for us as Christians! In one Supreme act of obedience, sacrifice and love, **Jesus Christ became The Savior;** He gave us salvation and forgiveness of sins, the greatest miracle of all. One thing that we can certainly learn from what Jesus has given us is the blessing of forgiveness and newness of life. He also showed us how to be the servant that He wants us to be; we are all called to serve one another. Easter is a very special time

of year for us because it signifies a new beginning.

Spring is here, and nature starts to come out of its winter slumber. We are blessed to live in a country where we get to see all four seasons. Another thing that we look forward to is getting our bikes ready and riding.

In some areas we can already see bikes on the road at this time of year, where in others places it may take another month or so.

For myself I had a very close call at the end of February, the 28th actually. It was a beautiful day, about 15C and sunny. I was following a small work truck and it turned off into the left turning lane at the intersection, then the person in the cross street pulled out right in front of me. I hit the brakes hard but there was really no room. I swerved to the left and thank God they saw me at that moment and hit their brakes. I managed to stay on two wheels with just my highway peg being hit by the front bumper. All then froze on the spot. I

downshifted to first and moved to the shoulder of the road. The driver in the pickup followed and got out of their vehicle apologizing profusely, "I'm so sorry are you ok? I didn't see you!" I then set my kickstand, turned off the bike and got off.

I gave my bike a look over, saw that the highway peg was bent back a bit and said "yes I'm fine. It looks like only my peg was damaged." The person then said, "Well I guess the Lord was with us" and I whole heartedly agreed. Wanting to pay for the peg I told them to forget about it. "I'm alright and you're ok, thanks for stopping." We then shook hands and I continued my ride thanking God for my safety and that my beautiful day of riding was not cut short. That certainly would have been a bummer. So yes, let's be careful out there in the beginning of the season especially. Drivers are not used to seeing us out on the roads.

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Seasons of Refreshing/ Bikers for Change

April 6-7

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Things could have been a lot more different for me if God was not watching over me. My motorcycle could have been really damaged!!

We should be right in the thick of **Bikers for Change** as we read this newsletter. Please **make-an-effort** to get out and attend. We all need the fellowship and it won't be the same without you! We never know what could happen, so let's not take our getting together for granted.

There are a few announcements that we would like to make for **Run for the Son**. We have a great incentive for the top fundraiser! They will be invited to attend the RFTS mission trip in November of that same year, courtesy of CMA Canada. We will sponsor you for the mission trip; you will only have to pay for your flight to the departing airport and personal souvenirs. This year the RFTS trip is planned for Belize and Missionary Ventures International is hosting it. You will be joined with other RFTS champions from the USA along with one of our National Evangelists. You will be able to go and distribute the motorcycles and rub shoulders with the pastors and missionaries that will be receiving them. It is a great blessing!!

We are now working closely with Missionary Ventures International! The funds will be going directly to the missionary contacts in each respective country, allowing us to distribute even more motorcycles and transportation as needed. We are extremely grateful to be working with MVI as we already have a very good relationship with them.

We want to thank Ron and Bev Wolfe for serving CMA Canada as our Mission Trip Coordinators. They have worked extensively in the Caribbean Island of Cuba for many years and we hope that they will continue to minister there. We will now be working directly with all of our ministry partners for our mission trips, working through our CMA office. Trips will be announced in our Newsletter and by email as they are offered.

Looking forward to seeing you at Bikers for Change. Have a great riding season and stay safe.

...Ivan & Irene



We want to hear from you!

Send in your contributions to our newsletter, this isn't just for a select few, but for all.

What is happening in your area?

What outreach has been really a blessing and successful in your neck of the woods?

What rides are happening, or Rallies, or fundraisers?

Give us your testimonies of what God has been doing in your life through CMA Canada.

Tell us YOUR story!

The Abundant Life

By James & Helene Rosso, National Evangelist Prairie Region



out, and loudly proclaiming: 'Wow! What a ride!'"

I have to admit to feeling a little low lately. Caught in that stage of life and time where I just can't wait to get back on my bike. Time just seems to drag and just when the weather begins to warm up and the roads are looking almost bare enough to walk the bike to the dry pavement I wake up to more white stuff on the ground. Some days I could just about scream, "ENOUGH! Bring on the spring."

Jesus said: "**I have come that you might have life and life abundant.**"

I read a statement once that said "Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn

Our Life is made up of choices and decisions. Some we make wisely seeking the council of godly men and women spending much time in prayer. Some we make on impulse or logic that can lead us to questionable outcomes. Sometimes good, sometimes regrettable.

This morning I went to my local barber and he tried to make me look presentable. Following that I chose to go to our local A&W (I had a coupon) for breakfast and to read the complimentary newspaper. Just as I finished a couple of gentlemen in military uniforms sat down across from me and we struck up a conversation. The first to sit down is a believer and before his companion joined him we connected on a spiritual level. His companion, a training officer from France, joined us and the conversation changed and it wasn't long before he let me know that he did not believe in the existence of God. Then the conversation really began to get interesting. The choice to sit down and have breakfast became an opportunity to share my reasons for my faith and I trust that in some way a seed was planted that his believing companion could follow up on. In all we talked for an hour and a half and it was good.

We all go about our day living the life we have been given and we never know what affect the choices that we make, big or small will have on those we come into contact with. But we walk by faith and not sight so we know that our life in Christ is not lived in vain. Here are some things I have learned about a Christ centered life:

1. Life is an adventure and it can be fun just like riding a bike.

Here's the reality, we might tell people we ride because of the great mileage we get but my Impala gets about the same mileage as my Honda.

We might justify our rides by saying it keeps the mileage off our cars, and that's important but not that important in the rain and cold according to my wife.

We might attempt to make an environmental or economic case for riding but the reality is if it wasn't fun we wouldn't be doing it.

There is something about the wind and sun and the freedom on a bike that makes you want to grin when you crank the throttle. Bottom line is riding a motorcycle is fun.

2. There are times when life is hard, it's cold out, your butt is sore and the visor on your helmet is covered in bugs. And that is life.

3. Sometimes It's Scary.

I enjoy riding my motorcycle, but there are times that it scares me, I go into a corner a little too fast, and for me that doesn't have to be that fast. I hit a crack in the road and my front wheel goes . . . or it starts to rain and the road is a little greasy. And not only is it no fun it is downright scary. My pulse goes up, my heart changes pace and for a brief moment I contemplate my own mortality.

And while I'm not afraid of death the pain that might go with it coming off a motorcycle concerns me a little bit.



My life and your life may be as different as all our motorcycles are. However we all have something in common, we get on at the beginning of our journey and we get off at the end and in between it is all a matter of balance. So no matter where we are in our stage of life we need to put our trust in Jesus and live the abundant life He paid for on that old rugged cross.

...James

Bikers For Change/Seasons of Refreshing

Whether you need a refreshing or are seeking a change come join us this year for a great time of **Fun, Fellowship, Praise and Worship and of course Food**. We need to see you there so come be an active part of the family. We love you and wish to have your company.

Come hear the Word of God and see what it means to be **CMA Family**. It is a **Calling of the Clans...** each chapter, each individual has something special to offer and share. Let's show the world our love for them by having an outward show of love for each other!

As the old song goes, "They will know we are Christians by our Love".

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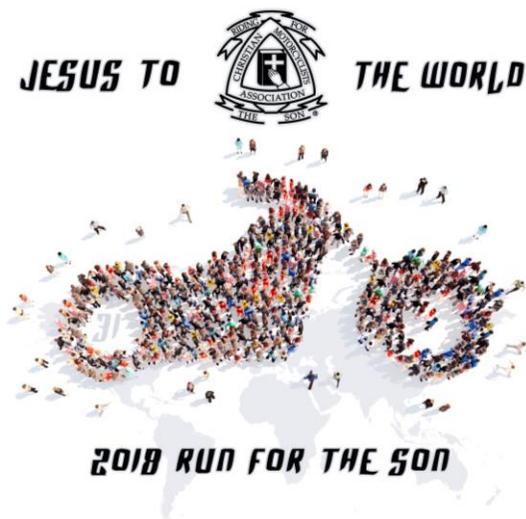
THANK YOU to these leaders for your service through CMA Canada.

Rick & Sandy West
Region 2 Coordinators

Ron & Bev Wolfe
Mission Trip Coordinators

Run for the Son

By Gary Ross, Run for the Son Lead, CMA Canada



WOW, it's almost RFTS time again! Are you ready to ride on June 2nd? When we saddle up on that day, we become part of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in Canada and around the world. The money we raise provides motorcycles and other modes of transportation to pastors, puts Bibles and training materials in the hands of those who need them and helps to translate the Jesus film into many languages. Our goal for this year is \$135,000.00. When we all get involved, we can easily exceed it.

Is there a time set aside at every chapter meeting to talk about and promote RFTS? This is the time to give information, discuss ideas for raising funds and encourage each other to really get behind RFTS. RFTS is not just a spring event but goes on all year. When we generate excitement about RFTS, it motivates others to be involved. Have we spent time in prayer seeking what God wants us to

do individually as well as a chapter? Have we set our personal goals, as well as chapter goals? Do we have all the supplies needed? Is the RFTS secretary all ready to go and have we done our part to help that person(s) to do their job?

Remember all money must be sent in to Red Deer and postmarked no later than **June 15th**. Anything received after that date will still be counted for RFTS but for the 2019 year.

Take a few minutes to look at the new CMA Canada RFTS video for you to use in your presentations. There also is a 15-minute online seminar to help the new Run for the Son secretaries and will be a great review for all the secretaries continuing in their position. When we all do the paperwork the same, it helps the office (Susan Derksen) as she tallies up the numbers. Both of these are ready to view on our website on the RFTS page <http://www.cmacanada.ca/run-for-the-son-forms.html>. There are also other instructions and promotional helps on this page.

RFTS is one of the more important events we do each year, so let's all join together to make the 2018 RFTS the greatest ever. Thank you for all you do for RFTS. Together we can change the world one heart at a time!

...Gary



**HELP CMA CANADA RAISE MONEY FOR
RUN FOR THE SON**

**Purchase a CMA Canada 25th Anniversary Limited
Edition Patch for your vest with all proceeds going
to our Run for the Son Missions partners!**

**Patch size is 4" tall by 4.5" wide and will be
available at Bikers for Change or through the
office. \$15 each**

Guatemala or Bust...

By Nick Blackwood, Gospel Warriors, Red Deer, AB



I still recall the phone call I got from Ivan Audette our board chairman here in Canada. His words to me were "hey Nick how would you like to go on a mission trip". My first thoughts were maybe he wants me to run some errands to prepare for the upcoming western Rally in Beiseker, Alberta. Turns out that I had earned the trip from Run for the Son. By the way, it was a chapter team effort (thanks Gospel Warriors).

Ok, let me hit the fast forward button by saying that after a long flight out of LA and 5 hour layover I ended up in Guatemala City where I felt somewhat lost as my Spanish was "non-comprendo" and I had "el touristo" written all over me. After looking around for team members I heard the voice of John Ogden Sr. call out from a nearby Cafeteria as both he and Ivan had arrived earlier. The rest of the team showed up about a half hour later sporting their missionary venture t-shirts. Then we were loaded onto a small Hyundai bus which I named "The

Magic Bus" and we bounced along like dice on a roulette table to our first destination.

After one overnight at a nice motel we arrived in Nebaj a quaint little city in Guatemala, with a population of around 55 thousand people most who are descendants of the Mayans and still speak the language (yep I googled it). Our host was a gentleman by the name of Gilbert or Gilberto in Spanish who rolled out the red carpet in so many ways. We were put up in a hotel just a short walking distance from the medical center where we ate most of our meals. I bunked in with John Ogden Sr. and Ivan Audette and I must say we shared a lot of laughs together though they were almost ready to have me sleeping outside, perhaps I do snore (actually mostly due to my jokes). The medical centre is not yet complete and I kind of expected we would be doing some work but this turned out to be more of a "thank you" to the CMA'ers for the support over the years. We enjoyed planned trips and outings.

John, Ivan and I along with others from the team went down to the local market...you know, just to check it out and see what was happening. I must confess Guatemala health standards are not quite as high as they are here in Canada. In fact, I think most of the venders would be shut down for cleanliness but this is Guatemala and anything goes. Fruit and vegetables were plentiful but most were strewn over a sidewalk that hadn't been cleaned in months, if ever. Well, John had a hankering for some fried chicken and soon we found a vender that had some. He and Ivan were brave enough to try it but I declined as I heard too many horror stories and there was no way that chicken was going to be munched on by my few remaining teeth and in no way did I want Montezuma's revenge. Not only that I think the oil was cleaner in my 06 Kawasaki Vulcan. Well it didn't matter much as pretty much all of us on the mission trip got sick although I am pretty sure John was sicker than most. They fed us pretty good at the medical centre but there is only so many refried beans a guy can eat. Ok enough said about that. Now, I want to talk about the highlight of the trip...giving the bikes away.

Let me start off by saying I have been a CMA member for twenty years and for most of those years I have been involved in Run for the Son. There were eight bikes to give away and they were all 250 Suzuki's in red and white colors. Of course we gave away a white and a red one to kind of match the colours of our beloved flag. Ivan and Gail Read road the bikes to the church where we were going to present the bikes to the pastors. They were going to parade through the city following the bus which the rest of us were in. I videoed the ride and it made me chuckle to see Ivan on such a small bike as it made him look a little like Magilla Gorilla on that thing. We were treated to a barbeque and a tour of the nursing school which was attached to the church and then the presentations came.

I have to tell you seeing these bikes presented was a very emotional thing for me. To see the smiles on their faces as they were given these tools for ministry. We had the pleasure of meeting Pastor Thomas who received the first bike ever given back in 1987 I believe. It was an honour to meet him and some of the other pastors who had come for this very special event. I could feel the tears well up in my eyes as we prayed over these pastors and thinking "God, this is why we do this, this is what it's all about". Back in 2005 I wrote a song called "If We Don't Go". This song was for these pastors as well because if they don't go how will the people of Guatemala know. Isaiah 6:8 "I heard the voice of the Lord saying, and who will go for us? And I said "Here am I, send me"". It's true sometimes that the only Jesus that people see is found right inside His people and that is why He commands us to go as the late Keith Green sang.

There were many friendships made on this trip and we had many opportunities to pray with people and just to bless them (by the way that's what John Ogden said we were here to do). I don't think this article could really cover it all but let's just say it was a life changing experience for me. Would I go again? Yes in a heartbeat but I still "ain't gonna eat that chicken".

...Nick

Are You Ready?

By Malcolm & Gail Read, National Evangelist Atlantic Region



Wow just when I thought that spring was upon us. A bike show to wet our appetites and get us drooling over shiny chrome and new concept models. Snow disappearing with pictures of tulips and other early flowers starting to show themselves on flower beds. Having days without having to make on a wood fire, as the sun gains in strength and duration of time. The local sugar wood opening up and cars lining the side of the road as folks walk in to enjoy this wonderful natural taste. And a very great sign on the near horizon, Ivan and Irene about to head west to kick off Bikers for Change. It's here, biking season and you start to think about getting the bike out and getting excited about this

and that and in an instant it is gone. I write this article in the midst of a raging winter Nor'easter. We are in the midst of our third Nor'easter, practically one right after the other. All winter thus far having very little use of my tractor and snow blower; today I see that I have less than a ¼ tank of fuel left. What happened? However it's ok, that is one thing that Canadians know...our weather can change in an instant.

One thing is for certain though is being ready to give an answer of why we believe for the hope that is within us does not rely on the weather to CMA members. How can I say that with any conviction at all? Well just in the last three months alone I have seen many postings on FB. From NFLD to NB, PEI and NS here in Region 6; I have read and liked some of the many experiences of CMA members who have seized opportunities to share their faith. In 2 Tim 4:2 it tells us to be INSTANT in season and out of season. And many of you have done just that and you all deserve to be congratulated for these efforts. The fact that there is snow around presently has nothing to do with it. We're not alone. We have a great group of likeminded CMA friends all across this country that are doing the exact same thing. I have seen bikes put in trailers for trips, chapter meeting pictures and comments about trips with folks requesting prayers for journey mercies and the list is long of those wanting to be of service to God. I certainly call that being ready or instant as 2 Tim 4:2 states.

In looking at this word instant it actually has three connotations to its use here in this biblical principal. A, "be present", B, "be at hand" and C, "come upon." The main idea is to simply be there doing what needs to be done at the time it is needed. Is this not the CMA application and action plan that we have? When we are at an event, of any nature, do we not desire to seize any opportunity at all to place our Lord and Savior in the best possible light? People are watching us. I heard this story two weeks ago. A CMA member was in Tim Hortons in Moncton NB and got into a conversation with a person about God. Soon he pulled out a bible and started showing this person the word. However it was another person walking by that saw the bible and simply stated you do not see that very often, "a Bible out and open in public." The conversation stayed the same but there were now three people involved. Interestingly, the third person was a 1%er who is trying to get his life straightened around. The CMA member asked him if he knew who the bible was about he said yes and pulled out a CMA card from his wallet. He said this guy here shared the gospel with me months ago and told me if I ever needed anything to give him a call, do you know him? Firstly the fellow said I am a CMA member myself and yes I do know the guy on the card. I do not remember giving this 1%er my card but he has clung to it and the conversation we had ever since. The CMA member said yes, I know Malcolm very well and will pass this on to him if you want. Some plant, some water but it is the Holy Spirit that gives the increase.

Once again God's word comes forth as a shining light in this dark world. By the way the other person listening to all this then got saved as well. Isn't it great how God can bring a few people together out there in a busy world and draw them together to lift up and sustain each other and encourage each other. Another aspect to this verse is that the challenge applies not only to those times when we are officially on duty and by that I mean wearing our CMA back patch. But it applies to our off hours as well, if there is such a thing for the Christian. We must always be on call when God places a God moment before us. The wonderful thing about this verse is a clear and present responsibility being stressed to us as believers to just be there with Gods word. To exhort and encourage with his words, yes with some reproof if needed, yet all the same given patiently and gently. We're getting ready to go out there into the Highways and byways. We're getting ready to go out into fields that are white unto harvest. And we do not know at what point in time or instant in which God will place an opportunity before us. All the same prayers come first and foremost and let God provide all the other necessary strategy of placing and timing and presentation of people and see his wonders unfold. Take the word with you in your heart, mind and pocket. The forecast is for another great and wonderful year for the family of CMA.

In closing, a prayer statement that I heard many many years ago goes simply like this. "The Family that prays together stays together." May God Bless each and every one of you this biking season and good Lord willing we will see you out there in the harvest field together.

... Malcolm & Gail

Heed His Call in the Family of God

Bruce and Barbie Salmonson Victory Riders, Southeast MB

God is good all the time AND all the time God is good! What a blessing it is to share the love of God along with riding motorcycles! Do you wonder which ride God has polished and waiting for you? God

loves each one of us and is waiting for us to reach out to Him. God created His people in His image.

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there lies the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore." Psalm 133 (NIV)

As members of God's family, we have a spiritual connection. We are a spiritual family, bound together in unity of and with the love the God. As a family we are to love one another as John 13: 34-35 (NIV) states, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

God has placed His people where He sees fit, where each one will do what God wants them to do. With love and unity, the spiritual family of God work together to share the love of God. Listen to where God wants you to be, and what God wants you to say. Know your place. I am not saying this to disrespect anyone by no means. With anything, you have a job, a duty, a reason. With each situation, there are people placed into positions to complete tasks. God knows what He is doing and has appointed people to do His will here on earth. We sometimes forget that God's love, God's guidance, God's discipline, is used to mold His people to His purpose. Most importantly, love God with all your heart and soul. That is what God asks of His people. He has given us the choice to follow Him. God waits eagerly for His children to call upon Him. Without God, without a personal relationship with God, one cannot do what God calls them to do. Be open to hear what God is saying to you.

God has allowed each one of us to go through sufferings to become exactly what He wants us to be, where He wants us to be. Each one precious to God. Grasp onto the fact that God wants each one of us to be with Him, rejoicing in His name. That day will come, will you be ready?

It can be difficult to wait on the Lord. Sometimes we just have to be, waiting on God's word for us. Not going before God but waiting on God and then doing what He has called us to do. Listen for that still soft voice, or that loud banging on the top of your head. We all receive God's nudge differently. When others hear God's calling or see a vision sent from Him, one should never take that away from that person. We do not know what God has asked our brother/sister in Christ to do, for God has a plan for each and every one of us. Encourage each other. Be bold.

Be ready. Read God's word, put the armour of God on. Be strong in God's name. He has given us what we need. Claim it. God waits for each of to ask for Him. His loving arms are aching for His children. I do not know about you, picturing God's loving arms around me sounds absolutely wonderful.

Love is truth, and truth brings change. We are called to share the truth. God did not say that we were to be tolerant with people. Share with others of God's love, the word of God, do not be silent and do not worry about offending anyone. We are called to share His word, it is God's desire, His longing, to share heaven with His people.

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15: 5-6 NIV)

We are Christ, following people, who love God, love motorcycles, and have a love to reach the heart of others.

God has called people for His purpose to reach others whose hearts have been hardened for one reason or another. As CMAers, be confident in what you know, in whom you know. Be bold, stand strong with God, speak of God's love to our fellow bikers on the highways and byways. Ask where they stand in the faith of God. Tell them God loves them. Speak of God, showing love, guidance, all in love.

God has equipped us with what we need, with what tools we need. Each one has a gift put upon them. Claim what God has given you and go out to reach people.

You are so very loved by God, and by us. With that love, go out and reach "one heart at a time".

