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Front Page News

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

Greetings from the Board of Directors.

We are living in exciting times, with the start of 2017 we see a shifting in our country by the commitments our government is making towards a more liberal agenda; disregarding the sanctity of life; plunging our country into spiraling debt beyond our imaginations; negatively compensating for the decisions of our neighbors to the south. We see that these are exciting times indeed!

This makes our vision and mandate as Christian bikers much more important, to touch the lives of the lost around us, making a difference by "Changing the world one heart at a time"!! This is not just a catch phrase for those of us in CMA

Canada but a real goal in seeking to fulfill the great commission:

Matt 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of ALL the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

This is a great verse, and to me it never gets old. Many of us have this verse memorized, which is great; but God didn't tell us to just memorize His word, He commands us to do it.

Last year we gathered together at our Bikers for Change and our theme was that "It starts with me". We need to look at our lives, see where we are not lining up

with God's Word and repent from our sins. Revival should first start with us, so that we can then go ahead and fulfill the great commission. This year at our Bikers for Change our theme is "Taking it to the Streets".

Let's take what we have learned, apply it to our lives and bring it out there to the bikers as we ride, rub elbows, have coffee with each other on the highways and byways and wherever we meet. Let's take the love of Jesus to the Streets; it's too good to keep to ourselves.

We all need to make a concerted effort to get to our Bikers for Change this year to encourage each other, hear what's happening in CMA Canada, meet together,

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CMA is an inter-denominational association of Christian motorcyclists, whose mission is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with motorcyclist, or anyone who wishes to hear the gospel message. The heart and soul of the ministry is, and shall remain, evangelism.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CMA Day of Prayer

March 5, 2017

Let's Pray and Let GOD be GOD.

Join CMA'ers across Canada and the
US so God will heal us of our sins.

2 Chronicles 7:14

25th Anniversary Rallies

July 20 – 23, 2017
Eastern Rally (Ottawa, ON Area)

August 17 - 20, 2017
Western Rally (Calgary, AB Area)

Congratulations & Thank you

Please join us in welcoming new area
reps David and Michelle Manning for New
Brunswick. A heartfelt thank you to Peter
and Wanda Shearer for their service.

**Deadline for submissions for
the next CMA National Newsletter is
April 1, 2017**

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and welcome our new members too. Invite a friend along and make this an evangelistic outreach as all our events should be, and pray.....one of the most important things we do as Christians.

1Thess 5:17-18 "Pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

The fields are ripe for harvest for sure; we have to be ready for the harvest.

We are just coming back from our January Face to Face Directors meeting and I have to say that it was a very productive time. It's amazing the way God puts people together that have a common goal, a united vision and willingness to move ahead and get things done. We are working together with our leaders to help serve you our membership better, by making their job descriptions clearer. We also promote those who haven't been to Iron Mountain to go and see the big picture and catch the vision. We are constantly seeking ways to improve our methods of communication using media, Web meetings etc. to make things easier.

This year is the **25th Anniversary** for CMA Canada! We were chartered 25 years ago as an International member of CMA and we are celebrating. We will be having two Rallies: an Eastern Rally near the Ottawa Ontario Region from Thursday the 20th to the 23rd of July and a Western Rally near the Calgary, Alberta Region in August from Thursday the 17th to the 20th. Make sure to mark your calendars, book your time off and hitch up the wagon to the motorcycle because we are going to have a great time of fun and fellowship. Plans are in the works and you can follow what's happening on our website. Registration will be happening as soon as possible and we are forming our Rally committees to get everything planned and ready. We will be making further announcements in the Newsletter and through social media.

You may have already received our financial reports through an email from area leadership. This is something that we as a Board have committed to, so that our membership stays informed of our financial health as well as knowing what our costs are to run CMA Canada. We have had a shortfall of our general donations and at this time I would like to remind everyone that part of our commitment to belonging to this ministry is to be able to support it financially as well as prayerfully. We have been talking about our fuel the ministry program where if each member gave a minimum of \$15.00 per month it would go a long way to help maintain our office and staff. We are on a downslide with our general support donations and our need for this is great. We can't continue this trend for very long and maintain the same level of service that we have now. If you are not supporting CMA Canada financially on a regular basis we prayerfully ask you to consider this at this time.

For those of you who are generously supporting CMA Canada we are very appreciative of your support, some of you go above and beyond and are very encouraging to say the least. Thank you!!

These are exciting times, but we are not to be discouraged. God is in control. He says in John 16:33

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

To all of our membership thank you for being out there, you are the reason we have a CMA Canada and as a Board we will continue to serve you, by God's grace, to the best of our abilities. Thank you and God bless each and every one.

Welcome to 2017

By James Rosso, National Evangelist Prairie Region, CMA Canada



Welcome to 2017. I have to admit that time just seems to fly in the service of our Lord. As I look back at 2016 I cannot believe the number of kms Helene and I put on the bike and car attending all sorts of events and having all kinds of adventures and God moments. Recently we returned from a trip to Arkansas to meet up with our American Evangelists at Mena to review the activities of 2016 & plan for 2017 and it was exciting to spend time with them and see their vision for their country and the world.

It has been our pleasure to spend time with so many of our regions members and to get to know the hearts of our area reps and presidents. I firmly believe that we are surrounded with leaders who are passionate in their love for Christ and hungry to see God move in the ministry of CMA. I believe we are about to see a breakthrough in Canada and CMA like never seen before. As I have travelled and heard your stories I have also seen the endless possibilities that surround each chapter and member. I also know that God rewards faithfulness and obedience.

John Wesley said

"Give me one hundred preachers [bikers] who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on earth".

The apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 2:3-7 writes to this young pastor who he encourages to do the work of an evangelist and exhorts him with three pictures of faithful service. He uses the illustration of Soldiers, athletes and farmers. From this we can glean that Christians should be...as Dedicated as soldiers, Disciplined like athletes and Diligent like farmers. Soldiers who are willing to suffer in their attempts to serve. Athletes who are willing to discipline themselves to receive a crown, and farmers who work diligently to benefit from the fruit of their labors. As we pray, fellowship, disciple and evangelize in our areas in 2017 I would remind us all to remember we are workers together with Christ and that CMA is His Ministry and we are blessed to be a part of it.

As Paul instructed Timothy:

"Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things..."

– 2 Tim 2:7.

Run for the Son

By Gary Ross, Canadian RFTS Lead

Hello everyone. Please allow me to introduce myself, I am Gary Ross, the new "Run for the Son" Lead for Canada. My wife Lynne and I, live in Winnipeg, MB and have been involved in CMA since 1999. We have also participated in "Run for the Son" (RFTS) every year since joining.

"Run for the Son" is a very effective way to fulfill, not only the vision of CMA (Changing the World, One Heart at a Time), but to fulfill the great commission (Matthew 28: 19) as well. In Canada "Run for the Son" happens on the first Saturday in June and is one of the important events we do. Did you know that "Run for the Son" International has impacted 192 out of 196 countries of the world with the message of the gospel?

CMA Canada is establishing a ministry wide network to help every chapter and every member to be more effective in raising monies for CMA's "Run for the Son". To do this, a RFTS Lead is needed in each province and a RFTS Lead/Secretary (one person or two) is needed in each chapter. The main task for the RFTS Leads is communication. The Provincial RFTS Lead will be responsible to communicate with each Chapter Lead in their province and the Chapter Lead will be responsible to communicate with the chapter members.

As I receive tips and testimonies on what has worked for people, I will pass them along to the Provincial Leads to forward on to the Chapter Leads. For this to work properly, information needs to travel both ways, from me to the members and from the members back to me. This can help each of us in our efforts for "Run for the Son". So far, we have Provincial Leads in the Maritimes and Ontario, but still need Provincial Leads in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. If you are interested in this position, please contact your Coordinator or Evangelist, so they can pass your name, etc., on to me. If you have any questions or need any more information, you can contact me any time at giross@shaw.ca

Are we prepared and ready for "Run for the Son"? Have you set your chapter goals, and your personal goals for RFTS? Have you prayed about RFTS? Do you have your supplies yet? Let your RFTS Secretary know what supplies you need so they can be ordered. Now let's get busy! It would awesome to have 100% participation.

Thank you for participating in "Run for the Son" and helping to **"Change the World One Heart at a Time"**.





Bikers for Change Events

March 17-19
Fresh Start Recovery Centre
411 - 41 Ave NE
Calgary, AB
<http://www.chinookriders.ca/bikers-for-change.html>

March 24-25
Community Baptist Church
2911 Silver Star Rd
Vernon, BC
<https://goo.gl/forms/CTJAH4E5DydLg2UZ2>

March 31-April 2
Territorial Drive Alliance Church
232 Clements Dr.
North Battleford, SK
<https://goo.gl/9VXolm>

April 7-8
Fellowship Christian Reformed Church
641 Elm St
St. Thomas, ON
<https://goo.gl/xN5c5k>

April 28-29
Summerside Community Church
150 Industrial Cres
Summerside, PE
www.cmacanada.ca/events.html

Life Change

By Malcolm & Gail Read, National Evangelist Region 6

The title of this letter can go almost anywhere and that is where I plan to take it.

Here in the confines of my little office I sit and reflect upon things in life. The interesting thing is, that little office can be anywhere. It can be in a tractor, a long drive in a car, a motorcycle on an open road, just simply sitting staring out a window or even in an airport. I have been in all of them. The fact of the matter is I have had a lot to reflect on since Dec 30th 2016, I retired. With that retirement has come all kinds of thoughts, aspirations and ideas of what to do with myself now. Those are all fine and dandy. Then there are the thoughts of my wife, and those are long and detailed lol. The thoughts of friends and family who say to themselves, "Malcolm has lots of time now, he can do this and this and this". However, the only thing to really change is that I do not have to go to my job anymore, I am still the same.



Gods Holy word says this about himself, "I change not" found in Malachi 3:6. There are numerous pieces of scripture that portray this about God from eternity past to eternity future. So why do we say it is a life change? Here with God in my little world is a guy who continues to eat, sleep, laugh, breath, interact and make plans but above all, one thing that I do not want to change in my life is my service to God. If anything has happened since my retirement it has been to immerse myself even more into service to Him and that is mainly through CMA.

Since Jan 2nd we have been to Evangelist meetings in the states, chapter meetings in three Atlantic Provinces, getting ready to present CMA at various churches, planning a ladies retreat and Bikers for Change, numerous issues to deal with, reports to fill out, a little direction counselling with scripture and that did not include my church commitments and writing my papers for my studies.

Actually, I found in one of my study books, "Shepherding God's Flock" an entire chapter on how to deal with...yup you guessed it, "retirement", I said to myself this section should be interesting and it was. Everyone thinks that their life should change, why? As Christians in this world we really do not want our lives to change. What we really want is to be more committed to our faith in Jesus Christ. In all actuality our lives were already changed for the better when we accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior and that is the only change that is needed the most. From there it is a progressive step towards further commitment to a life in Christ. With CMA is this not our goal as well, to Change the World one Heart at a Time. A changed heart is a changed life; retirement has nothing to do with it. All it has done for me is to allow me to do more in the line of service to God. If you are looking for a change in life style than that is a different thing all together. But here in CMA we're looking for opportunities to change a life with Christ for eternity and once it is done properly it is done forever.

So yes my wrenches are hung up, my days as a heavy duty mechanic are over, 8 till 4 is no more and a 40 hour work week is a thing of the past. Now I am flat out, hair straight, back serving the Lord full time in CMA. Loving every minute of it and the benefits are out of this world. See you all...sometime...when I get around to it.

Malcolm<><