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Front Page News

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



Greetings everyone! We hope that you all have had a great Christmas and have a very Happy New Year. May the New Year's resolutions continue for the whole year and for most of us.... well there's always next year.

Irene and I had a beautiful Christmas, spending time with my siblings and families and our dogs, in a small farmhouse near Collingwood, Ontario. It was a good time together, something we had not done since my parents passed away and the family home was sold. One of the highlights was having about two feet of snow come down in just five days; haven't seen that since my young days back home in the great white north.

After our Christmas Irene and I attended the evangelist and

director's meetings in Hatfield Arkansas getting to spend some time with the leadership from CMA USA, gleaned some wisdom and knowledge from them. They are awesome supporters of CMA Canada and always encourage us in ministry here in Canada, wishing the very best for us. For that I am truly thankful.

We then drove on to our CMA Canada Directors' meetings where all the directors spent four days together as couples, getting to know each other better as well as having our meetings. It was very fruitful, encouraging us to move onward and upward to His higher calling in the ministry of CMA Canada.

*One of the changes we have made is in the requirement to maintain an active membership. Buying something from the Goodies store will no longer qualify a member to stay active. Now you must support CMA Canada with a minimum \$20.00 yearly donation, and/or attend and register at a spring conference rally,

whether it's called Bikers for Change or Seasons of Refreshing and/or attend and register at a Regional Rally or National Rally, and/or participate in or support Run for The Son. Whichever way you do, it must be documented one way or another.

We are getting ready for our Bikers for Change/Seasons of Refreshing this year. Check out our website for the location near you, and as soon as the registration opens, make sure to pre-register as soon as you can. Our theme this year is **CMA Family!** It will be great to fellowship; getting together after a long winter and hear teaching from the Word of God. We will have a t-shirt with the theme of the event and will post it when we have the graphics completed. Come one come all, invite your unsaved biker friends and non-members out for our reunion. You never know what God can do!!

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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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CMA Day of Prayer March 4, 2018

Join CMA'ers across Canada & the USA in prayer so God will heal us of our sins. Participate in prayer walks around the areas of your churches, government buildings, city offices, court houses, capitals, schools, and hospitals to pray for God to intervene and forgive our sins and to heal our land.

Seasons of Refreshing/ Bikers for Change

March 23-24

Living Branches
4304 – 49th Ave

Rocky Mountain House, AB

April 6-7

Summerland Alliance Church
14816 Victoria Rd N
Summerland, BC

April 13-14

Christian Life Assembly
1042 Jefferson Ave
Winnipeg, MB

April 20-21

Essex Gospel Community Church
335 Talbot St. S
Essex, ON

April 27-28

Christian Fellowship Church
489 Abercrombie Road
New Glasgow, NS

**The CMA office will be closed from
Feb 19 – 23, 2018**

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We are also preparing a new batch of **Goodies** for our Rallies this year; some very exciting items will be shown for the first time this spring along with our regular tool box items like our **Biker Bibles** and **Biker Blessing Stickers**. Our Blessing stickers are a great outreach tool. It is very rare that a biker will turn you down if you offer to pray for them for a blessed year on their motorcycles.

Irene and I are looking forward to seeing all of you as we travel to these events. Please make the effort to come and support CMA Canada. Pray for us for safety as we travel, and that God would supply our needs for the trips. Also, please pray for continued recovery for Irene's neck surgery as we do travel. She will be seeing the surgeon at the end of January for a follow up CT Scan, and consultation on the issues in her lower back.

Mostly we want to let each one of you know that you mean a lot to us; that we appreciate you, your love, and all your prayers 😊

...Ivan & Irene

Don't forget to have fun

By James & Helene Rosso, National Evangelist Prairie Region, CMA Canada



Years ago I worked for an airline company in Northern Ontario fueling aircraft and shipping fuel to isolated communities by aircraft. This job paid well but I was waiting on God for my next assignment in ministry. I had an excellent rapport with my customers and the company but then one day I knew what God wanted me to do and I gave the company my notice. The company asked me to stay, offered me an excellent raise and benefits package. I thought that would end the matter, but instead they came back with a better offer and an increase in salary. I turned that down, too, but again they came back, doubling the financial package. This was amusing as the church I was going to was a nonpaid position where I would have to find employment to support the ministry work I would be doing.

Someone once said "It's not your salary that's too little. It's the job that's too small!"

Going into all the world to make disciples is a BIG job!

We are confronted with BIG, God-sized challenges.

Challenges like Jesus made...

"Go and sin no more." (John 8:11b)

"Jesus told him, 'If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'" (Matthew 19:21)

"But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!" (Matthew 5:20)

"Then he said to the crowd, 'If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me.'" (Luke 9:23)

"But Jesus told him, 'Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead! Your duty is to go and preach about the Kingdom of God.' "(Luke 9:60)

Jesus confronted his disciples with challenges so big that to respond would mean turning their lives upside down!

In 2018, could I be so bold as to challenge each chapter member of CMA Canada to commit to 6 principles.

1. **Believe in your people.** When is the last time you looked a team member in the eye and said, "I believe in you; I want to do everything I can to help you succeed"?
2. **Celebrate.** Shine a light on what's right instead of what's not right. Make heroes out of your chapter members. Apparently the number one reason people leave their jobs is because they do not feel appreciated. While it's important to publicly recognize chapter members, don't forget to praise people privately and "in the moment."
3. **Build community.** Work hard to build a sense of family among your team. In your meetings and events take time to build relationships. Pray together. Celebrate birthdays.
4. **Listen aggressively.** Listen to people's ideas. Listen to their frustrations. Be accessible and approachable. Give them your undivided, unhurried attention.
5. **Constantly communicate.** Communication is a major challenge for most people. And as the ministry grows, so do the complexities surrounding communication. In other words, lack of communication fosters negativity and cynicism. Few things are more demoralizing than being blindsided by a public announcement about something that directly impacts you. Don't make decisions in isolation but rather in collaboration. We all need to feel included, not just informed.
6. **Have fun.** There is nothing unspiritual about fun. We all know our mission is serious and the cause is demanding. A healthy team must learn a healthy rhythm that includes fun, laughter and healthy banter.

May I challenge you to spend more time this year on relationship building Focus more on people than plans? Have an unhurried conversation with chapter members that isn't about their leadership, but is about their lives.

Let's challenge ourselves to be the best we can be for Jesus.

...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".

Check out page 2 for the date and location nearest you.

Nov 2017 Island Trip

By Ron & Bev Wolfe, Mission Trip Coordinators, CMA Canada

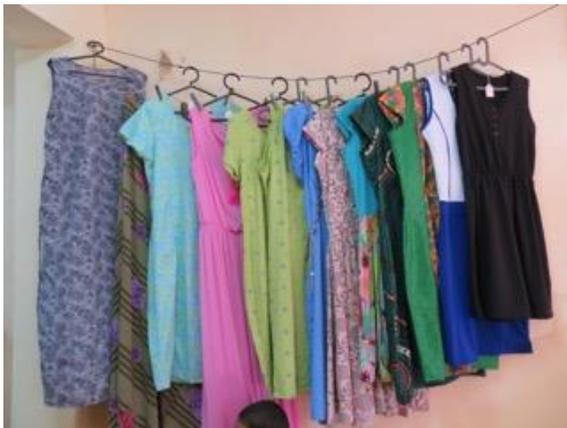


Our four-member CMA Canadian team left Canada for the island on November 26th with almost 560 pounds of goods and materials including 32 large Spanish Study Bibles and plenty of fabric and sewing notions for Christian ladies on the island. We had also asked our personal doctors for medicine to bring with us and were gifted one hockey bag full.

This resulted in us having two extra bags which we had to pay \$210 each to take. Our arrival customs experience was long (1 1/2 hours) but ultimately satisfying as we were granted entrance with all our 10 heavy checked bags, 8 hand-carried bags, a pushchair and a walker intact with no tax. Two of us were detained upon arrival at customs, a story best told in person.

When we finally boarded our bus to take a 2+ hour bus ride to our hotel we apologized for making the other 25 people wait for us. On the ride, the bus guide told everyone how wonderful the country is. He told us not to worry about any stories we heard about the hurricane, that there had been some damage but it has all been repaired.....not quite so. It didn't take long to see the destruction.

One of the most amazing things we heard was about a miracle happened at our friend's church. Two weeks prior to the hurricane a little girl told her Sunday school teachers she had a dream or better yet a nightmare. The water was chasing her so she ran to the church. The water parted and went around the church. Just like Moses and the Red Sea. The teacher didn't think much of this story until after the hurricane. The church is located about 500 feet from the ocean. On the day of the hurricane the members prepared as best they could to secure the buildings. The hurricane came and all the buildings around the church were damaged, most retaining walls were gone. The floodwaters went three blocks past the church. The miracle is the water parted in front of the church and nothing was damaged, not even a brick or tile. We have some amazing pictures to share in person. The witchcraft leader who lives close to the church had seen them working all day securing it and then saw they held hands and prayed in a circle. He told them after, next time there is a hurricane he will get them to pray for him.



Over the next week, we visited 16 churches gifting each with items we brought. One stop was to deliver the fabric and sewing notions to some ladies from the church. These ladies informed us we started a sewing ministry called Dorcas.

Their goal is to provide inexpensive modest clothing for the ladies in the church. They have started a legal business, registered with the government. We dropped the fabric off on Tuesday. When we returned for a women's day on Saturday they had already made dresses with the fabric we gave them.

This year we were especially encouraged that some of our Island friends have a group picture we gave them a couple of years ago and they remember to pray for us. They also told us that our visit and encouragement spurred them to go up into the mountains and spread the gospel there. Coincidentally, we have the exact same picture on our fridges at home.

We had lunch with one of the pastors whose wife has started a ministry to other pastor's wives. She said they carry a great burden as everyone comes to them with their troubles and they don't really have anyone to share with. The day that she organizes gives the pastors wives an opportunity to have a fun day and a place where they can talk to like-minded people.



The cost of food has sky rocketed since the hurricane. Ron was especially disappointed there were no bananas. As an example, the egg ration is 3 eggs per person every 15 days. Yet, there was no shortage of eggs at our hotel breakfast.

We had a wonderful time and feel blessed to be able to go to help our brothers and sisters. Please consider joining us next time. We will try to have information out early; we usually go the last week in November or first week in December. The ministries we visit are the ones we support through Run For The Son.

...Ron & Bev, Bill & Malvina



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!

Deadline for submissions for the next CMA National Newsletter is March 15

E-mail submissions to: susan@cmacanada.ca

Run for the Son

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



When Lynne and I were recently in Florida, we were part of a tour at Missionary Ventures International (MVI). We got to see and hear how MVI is working with CMA to present Motorcycles and other modes of transportation to Indigenous pastors around the world. CMA is the only organization that MVI works with to give motorcycles away. Two of the people we met, at MVI, were Rex & Melinda Guynn, missionaries in Uganda. It was exciting to hear their story and hear the passion they have for the local people in Uganda. They started as CMA members raising money for RFTS and now they are missionaries with MVI and will soon be presenting two RFTS motorcycles for CMA Canada. We also met Arlen King, who is on staff at MVI. The first time we met him was in 2004 while we were on a CMA Missions trip to Guatemala. He and his wife Keturah were the missionaries responsible for looking after us while we were there. It was great to re-connect and hear more of what God has been doing in his life. If you ever

have the opportunity to go on a CMA Missions Trip, I highly recommend it. You will come back changed, with great memories that will stay with you forever.

MVI informed us that they track the pastors who receive the motorcycles for a five-year period. On average, for every motorcycle given, 180 people are saved, 10 churches are planted, and 100 people are discipled each year. That means for the 12 motorcycles MVI expect to present for CMA Canada for our 2017 RFTS, over 2100 people could be saved, 120 churches planted, and 1200 people discipled per year. That is just amazing!

For 2018, the CMA Canada Board has kept RFTS goal for Canada the same as last year, at a very achievable \$135,000.00. That will mean each of our three ministry partners will receive \$27,000 and \$54,000 will remain for outreach in Canada. This year we have a brand-new DVD for RFTS Canada. It will be available soon to help you with your presentations. I have seen it and it is very well done.

Just a reminder, CMA Canada has 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 will help Susan as she tallies up the numbers. It is ready to view on our website on the RFTS page <http://www.cmacanada.ca/run-for-the-son-forms.html>. You can also find instructions and promotional helps on this page as well.

Your National Leadership Team and the entire organization of CMA Canada are ready and willing to do whatever possible to help you to be more effective in your RFTS fund raising. Now, let's get out there and focus on RFTS so thousands can hear the gospel of Jesus Christ around the world.

Thank you for being a part of RFTS. If you have any questions or testimonies contact me anytime at giross@shaw.ca **Wouldn't it be great to exceed the 2018 RFTS goal?**

...Gary

Open Doors Conference

By Ron & Bev Wolfe, Mission Trip Coordinators, CMA Canada



For a number of years, it's been our pleasure to serve at Open Doors' Stand In Unity Conference in Sumas, WA. We have been fortunate enough to have Bill and Malvina Trask join us in service. We are responsible to chauffeur guests from Canada to the conference. Whether it be from their home or the Abbotsford airport, we are happy to make new friends while doing this. We meet and greet attendees and help them find their rooms. We also purchase and facilitate the snacks and communion (we were well trained in snack purchasing by our friend Paul Johnson).

Each year we are blessed by the God moments we experience. We hear remarkable stories, secret speakers, have wonderful fellowship with like

believers, great accommodations, and delicious food at a very reasonable price.

We have flown and other times we have driven and have experienced clear roads, white knuckle travel, and the closing of the Coquihalla Highway.

Please consider joining us. If you are a supporter of Open Doors you should receive an invitation. If not we can easily get you one as we are all supporters of Open Doors through RFTS. Next year's retreat is already booked for November 2-4, 2018 in Sumas WA.

We would be happy to answer any of your questions about this event. Bill & Malvina Trask, Rob & Donna George and Randy & Irene Lavallee attended this year and would love to share their experience with you also.

Be blessed as you are a Blessing

...Ron & Bev



Big THANK YOU to these leaders, who have stepped down from their positions.

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Bill & Malvina Trask – Northern Alberta Area Reps

The White Stuff Does Not Make *it* Stop

By Malcolm & Gail Read, National Evangelist Atlantic Region



Happy New Year to everyone! The first month is already gone, wow time marches on. With that being said what does a snow bound CMA'er do? Well for one, there is still very much to say for our love of biking. I am not sure if anything really puts a stop to that in the realm of normal. Any break in the weather like the January thaw that the Maritimes just experienced with a high of 19 C, saw bikers out riding. Even our visit to the Dorchester Corrections facility had folks talking about winter bikers.

There is a lot that happens throughout the winter months for CMA. The driving goal set by Jesus in Luke 2:49 was when he responded to his parents' concern for his absence, "**I must be about my Father's business**". We can all learn from that statement. Jesus was always ready to give an answer about what he was up to, even if it was his parents asking. We're told to be ready in 1Peter 3:15. He never let anything deter him from his passion and focus, which was always to accomplish that which his heavenly Father had tasked him to do.

Well CMA is not a business but a **Ministry** and as such it is ongoing and at the forefront of our minds. During the colder/white months north of the 49th parallel there are meetings to attend, rallies and events to plan for. I have monthly reports and events to write about, Spring leadership meetings to prepare for, messages to write for Biker for Change and requests to speak. There are sessions for our leaders to go to and evaluate new ideas and concerns that are ever encroaching upon our beliefs and ministry. We have winter chapter events and functions that go on and of course the bike shows that bring everyone out in mid-winter to 'ooh and aah' their way up the isles of row on row of bikes. (I am looking forward to the Halifax bike show to see the new Goldwing.) But with all this aside, this is not all.

Yes, CMA can take up a lot of our personal time and commitment and rightly so. Then there is the desire to be with likeminded brothers and sisters in the Lord sharing a passion of first for Christ and biking second. But folks, here is the real key to this message: summer and winter, spring and fall will come and go. Gen 8:22 has informed us of that, but our growing in understanding of God through his son Jesus Christ shall always be ongoing. I will let you all in on a little secret...you ready ...I do not have it all figured out yet! I have even heard various folks say to me, "When you do let me know." SO what does the white stuff not make stop is the real question... our LOVE for the Lord Jesus Christ and our service to and for him. There are Bible studies, worship service, prayer meetings, personal devotionals and studies that we all enter into in various ways, church outreach, mission works, CMA ministries, choir, Sunday School teaching. Have I missed anything? You're right, I have. Think about 4 wheeling/side by side, snowmobiling, hospital visits and church functions that serve hundreds of purposes. Those purposes are all around us actually.

You see we're being watched and not only by God and big brother Jesus but even our fellow Christians watch us. One of the best encouragements is to see other Christians entering into a life of truth and commitment to their personal Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We see it and marvel at their stamina as they themselves strive to stay true to Jesus, and they do it as they see us do it. We actually bless and help others when we are faithful to God when we hear them say God has not told me to check out yet... (Thank you John Sr.). I heard a fellow Christian say the other day if you can do it, so can I.

So let us find in 2018 not our wills, wants and desires being put forth, nor our personal agendas, opinions, thoughts and ideas. But say to Jesus, whom we should know personally, **how can I best serve you Lord?** Here I am, use me. But if you do make that request to God, prepare yourself he will put you to work in his fields. **They are white unto harvest.** There are some things the white stuff should not stop and for that matter cannot stop. God bless you all. See you on your bikes when *it* disappears. But if you like snowmobiling maybe Gail and I can see you there as well. Onward Christian Soldier

... Malcolm & Gail