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Front Page News

Yvon (Ivan) and Irene Audette

Greetings everyone, Irene and I and the Board of Directors want to thank each one of you who were able to attend our 'Bikers for Change' this year. It was great to meet with you; to make new acquaintances and to catch up with so many wonderful friends. We pray that you not only had a good time of fellowship, but were also able to hear what God had for us as bikers for change, and were encouraged to take on the year with a renewed purpose, energy and vision. This spring, Irene and I put on many kilometers and watched in awe as God moved tremendously across this great Land of ours. If you were not able to attend, we missed spending time with you, and pray that you can make it next year. It is a nec-

essary time for corporate prayer, focusing on Christ and His word, and finding out what CMA Canada is doing. Each year we try to improve and make it a better experience for everybody.

By the time you get this newsletter, we will be full swing into the riding season. With RFTS just about done and many rides and events happening, we all see our schedules filling up with worthwhile fundraisers and awareness rides.

It is important to let our light shine in the world out there, by attending events like Ride for Dad, Ride for Sight, Biker Blessings and the many other local events we can attend.

Let's remember who we do it for! Let's pace ourselves, not wear ourselves out, but to prayerfully attend the things where we can make a difference.

Some events we have been attending for years and have made many connections and built relationships. It's important to continue those. On the other hand there may be new events where we can put our support, ignite new friendships, and let them know that CMA cares about what they do and who they are. It all starts with prayer; and what level of commitment we can afford to do for what we need to do.

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Hi Everyone:



When I found out that all of you were praying for my health and recovery, I was overwhelmed. It is an honour to be part of the organization, and having just started in my position as an Admin in Red Deer, I was devastated. Through the Board's and God's grace, I was allowed to remain and get through this challenge to come back to work.

At my last visit with the doctor, I was told that I am completely cured of cancer. I do not require further treatment of any kind. When my husband found out that you wonderful people were praying for me, he started to expect a miracle. We have our miracle. This is bittersweet as I am thrilled to be released from this, God is good, but having said that, my heart hurts for those that have not had the same news -- and I met so many and saw so much of the pain that this epidemic causes. I am sure that you, with me, will pray for those who are not so blessed.

Even though I feel that words are not often enough, I would like to say THANK YOU/MERCI/GRACIAS...for all your support and prayers. I am happy to be back and pleased to be able to be of service to all of you.

God Bless

Debbie Ellis (CMA Admin)

Mark 11:24 *Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*

**Deadline for submissions for
August's CMA National Newsletter is
July 24, 2016**

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Let's not wait for the next guy to start it, or even bring it up, maybe God is knocking on your door for a reason. He has a purpose for your life!

1Tim 6:12

“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”



One of our major events is coming up; our **No Borders Rally in Otterburne, Manitoba, from July 20-24**. We are hoping that you can all make it. I know it's impossible for some, but if there is a way you can go, we encourage you to come. It's not too late to register and there are still some rooms left in the dorm. It's going to be an exciting time of getting together with our Brothers and Sisters from across Canada and the United States. There may even be folks from across the ocean that would love to meet you. We will have some awesome teaching, praise and worship, and just plain fun! C'mon let's get together this summer at our No Borders Rally; it won't be the same without you! We are looking forward to seeing you there and would love to say "Hi!!!" and give you a big hug!

We have some fantastic announcements to make. Richard Fulljames, our Area Rep for southwestern British Columbia, is moving up to fill the position of Coordinator for British Columbia. Richard is a long-time member and has served in the last few years as Area Rep. He has done a great job organizing and getting people together to Charter a new Chapter on Vancouver Island. Richard has been instrumental in our Rallies and Bikers for Change events, as well. He has been doing an excellent job and we know that he will continue with the same level of commitment and enthusiasm. He is replacing Rob and Donna George, who have done a fabulous job for the past decade or more, serving selflessly in the roll of Coordinators. Rob and Donna have many new personal responsibilities that do not allow them the time to commit to CMA as in the past and have stepped down. They will continue with CMA in their chapter and with the events in their area. "We wish you both the very best, and pray for health and strength for you. We all thank you for what you have done for our Lord, especially through CMA Canada. Richard you have some big shoes to fill!

Another announcement is the appointment of Rick and Sandy West as Coordinators for Alberta. Rick and Sandy have graciously accepted this position with much prayer and consideration and are looking forward to serving God as Coordinators for CMA Canada. Rick and Sandy, if you don't already know, are a wonderful couple that live near Calgary, in Beiseker, Alberta. They have a heart for God and want to serve in whichever way He needs them. Thank you!

Rick and Sandy are replacing Jerry and Ruth Forst who have done an excellent job of holding both the position of Regional Coordinator and Prison Coordinator. Jerry and Ruth will continue as Prison Coordinators and will continue to serve our Lord in this position. We cannot thank them enough for the tremendous job they have done for us in the past few years; holding these positions and going above and beyond the scope of their responsibilities in helping CMA Canada through a very rough time. God Bless you both and we pray for continued strength and health for you as well.

We also have a new **National Run for the Son Lead**. Gary Ross, from Winnipeg, Manitoba, has accepted the position of National RFTS Lead for CMA Canada. He will be instrumental in getting ideas and plans together to make our yearly Run for the Son a more interesting and exciting event right across Canada, working with the International RFTS leader Kerry Gibson. Gary will be challenging us with strategies to make RFTS a greater success every year; he will also be working with our Regional leaders to promote RFTS throughout Canada. Gary and Lynne Ross have held many leadership positions throughout the years and as you know, Lynne is our newest member on the Board of Directors. I think that the Ross' will be quite busy and active in the coming years with CMA Canada. We know that with their commitment to God and their enthusiasm, they are an awesome couple to have serving our Saviour through CMA. Thank you for saying Yes to God; you are a great asset to CMA.

In serving with you in CMA Canada we know that we still have a long way to go, not everything is working together as perfectly as we would want it to be. We still have a lot of work to do, not only as a Board, but also with all leadership. With all thanks to God, we are moving ahead and things are starting to fit into place. We have to continually trust Him in all ways, and believe that in His timing it will be done. We thank Him for the people that have accepted new positions, and are extremely grateful for those who serve in any position of leadership now. We certainly cannot do it without you. If you feel God is calling on you to serve in a greater capacity, let someone in leadership know; we will prayerfully consider each one.

God is doing many great things across Canada. New members are coming on and we have many people inquiring about membership thanks to our new website. This is very exciting!

We also want to thank every one of you who go out into the highways and byways, serving God, being the light out there, as you are riding for the Son, making a difference in a lost and dying world. Remember God has chosen you, Christian bikers, whether you speak the Word of God, or show it by your actions, it does make a difference. You are actually the result of someone who cared enough to go out of their way to share the gospel with you, and God's love it is too big not to share.

Philemon 5-6

“Hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints, that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.”

God Bless you



Congratulations to
Jim and Vivian Pennington

Married

January 24, 2016



A Special Biker Blessing in Gravelbourg, Sask.

by Ron Dyck
CMA Canada - South Sask. Area Rep.
Chaplain - CMA the90and9

It was a cold morning on May 15, 2016. Eleven members and one ride associate from the Regina, SK, Chapter “the90and9” met at 6:45 am in a parking lot on the south edge of Regina. The temperature was a balmy +2C with clear skies promising a warmer day. We huddled together for prayer, clad in warm riding gear, complete with long underwear, lots of layers, and electric clothing for those who had such. We gathered to ride some 200 km to visit two rural churches in southern Saskatchewan. Our destination was a 9:30 am church service in Mossbank and then an 11:00 am service in Gravelbourg. Two members of our chapter, Kevin and Lynne Prouten, provide pulpit ministry to these Lutheran congregations on the 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month.



When planning this event at our chapter meeting, Kevin mentioned that since our first visit in 2015, the Gravelbourg congregation has become more aware of their community and people that are not attending any church. They had taken the initiative and invited some bikers in the area for a special biker blessing after the church service. We were excited about what God was doing in the congregation and their community.

The service at Mossbank was warm and cozy. A mature congregation welcomed us with open arms. It was nice to visit with them after the service and too soon, we had to leave. There were two bikers from the local community that came for church, so we had a special biker blessing for them. We left Mossbank a little behind schedule and arrived at Gravelbourg about 5 minutes before service was to start. It was cool to see the

whole congregation on the front lawn as we rode up. They were waiting for us with smiles on their faces and cameras clicking. What a joyful reception. We were a little disappointed to see no community riders there, but we did see a young boy of about 6 years old that brought his small dirt bike to church. It was parked on the lawn. As soon as we parked our bikes, he moved his bike right next to mine. How cool was that. His smile could have taken over the world as we taught him the special biker handshake.

Kevin preached a second sermon on the same material. I found it interesting how he brought the same message forward, and yet the presentation seemed so different that it was like hearing a new sermon. It never ceases to amaze me how refreshing the Word of God is to our soul. Same verses, same message, presented two hours apart, totally filled up both times. A potluck followed the service, fellowshiping with the congregation. We were mindful of the time, with a community biker blessing scheduled for 1:30 pm, followed by a personal and private tour of the historic Our Lady of Assumption Co-Cathedral and town museum.

As the time approached the scheduled Biker Blessing, it was apparent that there would be little or no bikers showing up. I looked over at the kid's table and thought, “Why not bless the children with their bicycles?” Children have a special place in Christ's heart – why not share that love with these kids? I made my way over to the kid's table and told them that we were going to have a special biker blessing just for them. I asked them to make sure they told their parents what was going on and to get their parents outside by 1:30.

The Biker Blessing we had was GREAT!. We had five young children all gather around this young man's bike. I knelt down and talked directly to them, biker to biker, biker to cyclist. I shared with them about how they could also be a light to their friends at school and how to be able to let their light shine for Jesus in their actions, and their words. I asked them if they had ever thought of inviting some of their friends to Sunday school, summer camp, or Vacation Bible School and mentioned that might be a really cool thing to do. I then prayed over and for them, for safety and protection, and for a desire for each of them to invite their friends to church. After the prayer, I handed out some blessing stickers and showed them how to stick these stickers on their bikes when they got home. The young biker got two stickers, one for his bicycle at home, and one for his small dirt bike. What a treat to see the joy and awe in their faces. Some big biker just gave me some special one on one time and a sticker!! Mom's & Dad's had big smiles as well and even a few teary eyes.

Too soon, it was time to go. The congregation members thanked us again and again for taking time to come and visit them, and for sharing our morning with them. We lined up to leave and gave them a special farewell of bikes revving as loud as we could, considering the RCMP depot

was across the street. We roared off down the street to our appointment at the museum.

As I reflect on this event, I am reminded of a couple of things. First, never underestimate the joy and gratitude of a young person's heart when you share some time with them. I do it so freely with my grandkids ... why not with others? The world is such a small place. Who knows what impact our contact with a young boy or girl will have later in their life? Perhaps that moment is another seed that is planted for them to remember in their spiritual walk with God.

Second, I was again flooded with a feeling of contentment and blessing from God. I learned that divine appointments vary in nature. I have grown accustomed to thinking and praying for divine appointments with other bikers at rallies and such. This particular morning, God had arranged divine appointments for our group with some very special people. Some were mature and will never ever contemplate riding a bike. But five were young boys and girls. Who knows if we will see them some day at a bike rally or some other biking event? Or could they be future CMA members? God willing – Perhaps!

In His Service
Ron Dyck

CMA Biker Blessing Prayer

"The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you;
The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Because I have made the Lord my refuge,
Even the Most High my dwelling place,
No evil shall befall me,
Nor shall any plague come near my dwelling
For He shall give His angels charge over me,
To guide me in all my ways.

His angels are ministering spirits
Sent forth to minister to those
Who will inherit His salvation.
As I set my love upon Him,
He will be with me in trouble and
Show me His salvation.

Even though all have sinned and there is not one righteous in His sight, while I was yet a sinner, Christ died for me. He promised that if I would confess with my mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe and am justified, and it is with my mouth that I confess and am saved; for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, I call upon You, Jesus, to not only bless me with provision and protection, but to also bless me with Your Promise of Eternal Life. I surrender my life to You to be my Saviour and Lord. Please forgive me of my sins. Give me a new mind, a new heart, and a new life. Direct me in my daily decisions so I can turn from sin and walk in Your peace. Take me to Heaven when I die and fill me with Your Holy Spirit right now. Thank you for hearing my prayer and coming into my life.

By faith in Your promise, I am saved!

I am forgiven! I am blessed!

June-July 2016 – Prayer Request

1. Our National Staff, in Cuba, as we refocus and restructure the ministry for greater sustainability. Opportunities in Cuba abound and the church is growing in numbers!
2. Hogar Genesis, in Iquitos, Peru; and our National Staff Rodolfo and Saraïd (and two children). We are beginning a major fundraising campaign for the continued purchase of the property and ministry needs. Hogar Genesis will be a home for abandoned and neglected children.
3. For the Pastors who recently received motorbikes (one in India and one in Peru); for the continued outreach of pastors in Cuba, many have received bicycles through CMA funds!
4. Upcoming teams and individuals heading to Iquitos, Peru; Cuba; Nicaragua; Guatemala; Lima; and Swaziland!
5. Praise God for the impact many teams have had and the blessings and impact these trips have had on participants!



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Serving persecuted Christians worldwide

June-July 2016 – Prayer Requests

1. In northern Nigeria, worshippers are slaughtered in their churches and living rooms
2. In Kenya, Christians have been hunted down and killed in their university dorm rooms, at shopping malls, and on public buses
3. In Libya, Egyptian Coptic and Ethiopian Christian migrants were singled out and beheaded
4. In Pakistan, Christian families were blown up while celebrating Easter in a park.
5. In Yemen, the nuns of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity were tied up, shot to death and mutilated; their staff was murdered and their priest, the last surviving Christian in the port city of Aden, was kidnapped
6. At the outset of the 101st anniversary of the Armenian genocide, the Armenian Christian quarter in Aleppo has come under jihadi siege though there are no military installations there—only defenseless civilians

Put God First.



After a very great and positive Seasons of Refreshing that we all had at Moncton (the preaching , praising and sharing, which was to the utmost) I am reminded of 2 Cor:4:16 “Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man (the flesh) is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.” Praise the Lord. Now, all our decisions we make ... are they made to answer the Will of God or for our flesh? We have to kill our will every day so that we can meet the will of the father.

“Jesus did not commit Himself to them ... for He knew what was in man.” John 2:24-25

Put Trust in God First.

Our Lord never put His trust in any person. Yes He was never suspicious, never bitter, and never lost hope for anyone, because He put His trust in God first. He trusted absolutely in what God's grace could do for others. If I put my trust in human beings first, the end result will be my despair and hopelessness toward everyone. I will become bitter because I have insisted that people be what no person can ever be -- absolutely perfect and right. Never trust anything in yourself or in anyone else, except the grace of God.

Put God's Will First.

“Behold, I have come to do your will, O God” (Hebrews 10:9).

A person's obedience is to what he sees to be a need---our Lord's obedience was to the will of His Father. The rallying cry today is, “We must go to work! The heathen are dying without God. We must go and tell them about Him.” But we must first make sure that God's “needs” and His will in us personally are being met. Jesus said, “Tarry ... until you are endued with power from on high” (Luke 24:49). The purpose of our Christian training is to get us into the right relationship to the “need” of God and His will. Once God's needs in us have been met, He will open the way for us to accomplish His will, meeting His “needs” elsewhere.

Put God's Son First.

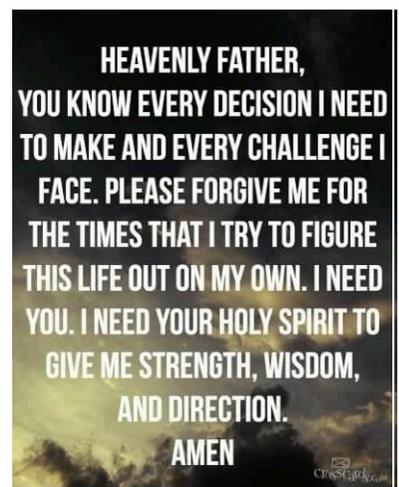
“Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me” (Matthew 18:5).

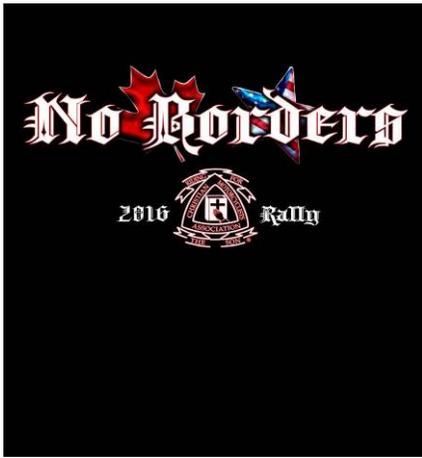
God came as a baby, giving and entrusting Himself to me. He expects my personal life to be a “Bethlehem.” Am I allowing my natural life to be slowly transformed by the indwelling life of the Son of God? God's ultimate purpose is that His Son might be exhibited in me.

God bless you all! ... and keep looking up!

Praise His Holy Name.

A Brother in Christ ... Pierre Boissonneault





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OUR COMMON GOALS
OF REACHING THE
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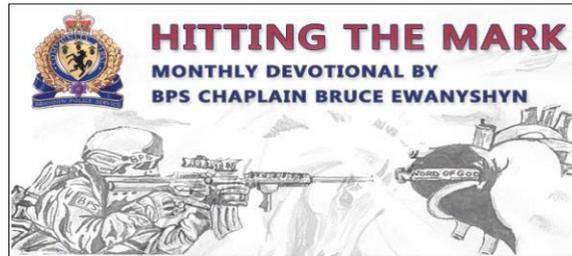
Prairie Crocus

Providence Bible College – Otterburne, Manitoba July 20 to 24, 2016

**Please pray for our No Borders Rally for the safety of those riding or driving to the rally and that God's Holy Spirit would move greatly throughout the weekend.

Registration brochure: <http://www.cmacanada.ca/uploads/3/5/4/0/3540591/no-borders-registration.pdf>

<u>SCHEDULE</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
<p><u>Wednesday, July 20, 2016</u></p> <p>Registration 2:00 to 7:00 pm Pre-service Prayer 6:40pm Opening Service – 7pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday, July 21, 2016</u></p> <p>Registration opens 8:00 am Morning worship service 9:00 am Lunch 11:30 am Guided Tour – 1:00 to 4:00 pm Afternoon session 2:00 to 3:00 pm Supper 5:00 pm Evening Service 6:30 pm</p>	<p>John Ogden Senior CEO/Chairman of the Board of Directors for the CMA United States</p> <p>Roger Wilson National Evangelist - North Central CMA United States</p> <p>René Changuion President - Started CMA South Africa in 1980</p>
<p><u>Friday, July 22, 2016</u></p> <p>Registration opens 8:00 am Morning worship service 9:00 am Guided tour 1:00 to 4:00 pm Afternoon session 2:00 to 3:00 pm Supper 5:00 pm Evening Service 6:30 pm</p>	<p><u>Saturday, July 23, 2016</u></p> <p>Registration opens 8:00 am Morning worship 9:00 am Afternoon event 1:00 to 5:00 pm Supper 5:00 pm Evening Service 6:30 pm</p> <p><u>Sunday, July 24, 2016</u> <u>Sunday Service TBA</u></p>	<p>Ivan Audette Chairman, CMA Canada</p> <p>Malcolm Read National Evangelists – Region 6 Atlantic Provinces</p> <p>James Rosso National Evangelists – Region 3 North Western Saskatchewan</p>



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HONOR

The word “honor” appears over 146 times in the Bible; thus it’s not a stretch to conclude this is an important term to God. Starting from our childhood we are instructed to, “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you”; Exodus 20:12 (TNIV). Not only is this a commandment but we see it comes with a promise from God; that we may live a long life. Notice this commandment doesn’t say you must agree with everything spoken by your parents; there is a difference, and comprehending that difference is paramount. Honor as defined by Merriam-Webster is, “respect that is given to one that is admired”. What if you don’t admire your parents, must you still demonstrate respect towards them? To admire is, “to feel respect or approval for someone or something”. This definition introduces emotion, namely “feeling” into the equation; immediately a red flag goes up for me. Emotions are not stable; they are in a constant state of flux. Our manual for life directs us in 2 Corinthians 5:7 to “live by faith, not by sight” because if we act according to how we perceive things and allow perception to fuel our emotions, we would live an emotional roller-coaster life. Instead of being ruled by our emotions, what if we chose to embrace God’s word and the promises attached to it? In doing this we would release ownership of our negative emotions and place the responsibility back on God to demonstrate His promises to us as we walk in obedience to His commandments. This is what it means to walk by faith and not by sight. We relinquish our control and put the responsibility back upon God to move in this area of our life. By faith we trust in the Lord to fulfill His promises as we step aside and honor Him as God. God is sovereign; man is not. Man fights relinquishing con-

trol over to God and yet truly we are not in control of much of anything. In a heartbeat the circumstances around us can change; we can’t control that but we can choose to remain in the perfect will of God through honoring His commandments and trusting Him to fulfill His promises. You may have had a father or mother who did nothing to earn your respect; they may have been absent or harsh or abusive; I propose then how much more will God honor you if you honor His commandment despite these circumstances. Your mind may provide a hundred valid reasons not to honor them but if you choose to still honor them then you are opening a door for God to honor you. You are demonstrating to God that you are putting him first above your circumstances and His response as recorded in 1 Samuel 2:30 is, “But I will honor those who honor me, and I will despise those who think lightly of me” (NLT). You are thinking more about God than your own feelings and by putting him first, He will honor you!

Why have I expended so many words on honoring father and mother? For this reason; above all else, God is our father. Many have skewed thoughts about our heavenly Father and these may be partially based upon our encounters with our natural father. However, our heavenly Father is a perfect father whereas natural fathers are not. We need to shift our paradigm from living what we have seen in the natural to living and believing in the supernatural promises of God. God is love and he is perfect so how much more will He love every son and daughter compared to the love shown by our natural parents. You open a door to His supernatural love when you choose to walk in obedience to God. I’m not suggesting that God’s love is conditional upon your obedience to His Word. On

the contrary; God so loved the world despite all its rebellion against Him that He sent His best, His only son Jesus Christ to die a torturous death on a cross so that we would have relationship with Him. What kind of a father sends his son to be tortured and killed? A Father who equally loves each male and female He created on earth as much as He loves Jesus, and a Father who knew the love his son Jesus had for Him and his heart to please his Father. The Father still gave Jesus a choice which is evident in Jesus' last hours in the Garden of Gethsemane; Jesus chose to honor his Father above all else and in doing so gave us dominion over the devil and hell and opened a door to a personal relationship with Father God. God is sovereign and He sees past our circumstances and sees the end from the beginning. We are limited in our understanding and wisdom so it is fairly easy to not always agree with everything God says or does. In Isaiah 55:8 it is written; "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord" (NIV). However; God's way is perfect (2 Samuel 22:31, Psalm 18:30), and the ways of the Lord are right (Hosea 14:9).

The following is a natural illustration of a supernatural event that occurred in the Olympics because a man chose to honor God above himself. In 1981 the movie "Chariots of Fire" was released and won the Academy Award for Best Picture. It was the true story of Eric Liddell, an Olympic athlete who chose to seek God first and was rewarded with the desire of his heart. Eric was from Scotland and excelled in the 100-meter dash which is the event he specifically trained for. He qualified as the United Kingdom's representative and was expected to win the medal for his country in the 1924 Olympics. After qualifying he found out the race was to be held on Sunday. Since God was first in his life, he refused to run on the Lord's Day. His choice was not based upon religious obligation but upon a deep rooted love for God and His commandment to keep the Sabbath day holy. To love God is to love His Word. To Eric the choice was clear. He could not honor God in his heart if he felt he was being disobedient.

The desire of his heart was not only to gain victory but to bring glory to God. Eric was a fierce competitor yet he kept his heart soft for the things of God. Since he was the fastest runner in the world at 100 meters, great pressure was put on him to run this race. His reply remained the same; he would not disobey God. Another young man from the UK was qualified to run in the 400-meter final. This athlete selflessly offered Eric his spot supporting Eric's beliefs. Eric had not been training for the 400-meter; however, before the race a young Christian from America handed Eric a note on which was scribbled, "1 Samuel 2:30, "Those who honor Me I will honor". Eric ran the 400 m race and won the gold medal. He won victory and did not compromise his faith in doing so. Eric had a vision which he trained hard for and in the end God gave him the victory. It took a great a measure of faith combined with works in order to accomplish the victory. God gave him the desire of his heart because he did it God's way, not his own way. There are no angels in Heaven today singing Frank Sinatra's song "I did it my way". One angel tried that and was forever cast down from Heaven.

Eric trusted God's promise to honor and He understood his heavenly Father's heart for his son. I encourage you to not only look for God's commandments and instructions but to seek out the promises that come from honoring God at his word. When you seek to find His promises, the weight of carrying the burden of adhering to His laws is removed and joy and freedom are two of the many by-products. This is life changing; it closes the door on religious bondage and opens a path to encounter a freedom to love God as the good, good Father that He is! Who will you choose to honor today?

Bruce Ewanyshyn
CLR President



Congratulations to
Sheryl and Bruce Ewanyshyn

Married May 7, 2016



Scripture: Ephesians 3:17-19 " Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

The love of Christ is so great it can even save His enemies.
God's love reaches out to the whole world and continues through the entire length of our lives.
His love is so deep, it can reach you in discouragement and depression.

He even reached Lazarus after he had been in His grave four days. Be strong, His love is reaching you always ...



BCC Prison Visit – May 28, 2016

*by Bruce Ewanyshyn, President
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Repeatedly we rely solely on the Lord to grant us the privilege and honour of ministering in the BCC courtyard having no backup plan if it rains. Spring and autumn, year after year, God answers our prayers and keeps the rain from falling despite the weather forecasts; today was no exception.

Prayers began to be answered earlier this week when I sat down to write out a message to share with the inmates and immediately knew the focus was to be on "Deception". In less than an hour and a half, the message was complete; for me that is close to a miracle LOL.

When we pulled into the courtyard this afternoon just after 12:30 pm, we were a small group in number, only 7, however God had expanded our hearts and we were ready to minister.

Four inmate groups came out through the afternoon and in total, 102 people heard the message on Deception. Afterwards, a time of mingling around the motorcycles took place which always provides open opportunities to minister one on one and can lead to personal prayer.

Twenty-three inmates received personal prayer. Of that 23, one recommitted their life to Jesus, and three gave their heart to Jesus for the first time. Scripture tells us in Luke 15:10 that, "there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents." I also took notice that many of the men I spoke with had already given their heart to the Lord in recent months during their prison stay. This occurred through other ministries that were actively attending BCC. When I first began to participate in prison ministry eight years ago, I did not see ministry at this level-taking place. Thus it is wonderful to see and hear that these men and women are not being forgotten despite having to serve periods of incarceration. Hope through the power and love of Christ is being shared with them so that they can begin to believe there is a better life for them void of alcohol and drugs. Blessings to all of you who attend prisons and minister; you are making an impact for the Kingdom of God!



On a personal note, my heart was touched when one of the female inmates approached me and wanted to talk. I've dealt with her many times as a police officer, but had never seen her sober. Today her eyes were clear and her voice steady as she talked about wanting a different life for her and her daughter.



She prayed the sinner's prayer with me and received Jesus in her heart along with the Holy Spirit. I was blessed by the softness of her heart and I ask that you keep "C" in your prayers that she would fully embrace God's plan for her life as she spends time in

the Bible that was given to her and seeks counsel through Bible studies.

Heartfelt thanks to Chaplain Bernie for providing me with wise counsel prior to this event, organizing this event, and spending time with us today. Thank you to the Corrections Officers who worked with us and to the Superintendent and Management Team at BCC for allowing this event to take place. Thank you to the six CLR members who ministered side by side with me and to the others whom were unable to attend but prayed which included my lovely wife Sheryl. Most of all thanks be to God for orchestrating everything today. We look forward to our next visit in September and even greater things happening for the glory of God.

2016 Spring CMA Leadership Workshop



An Alberta Regional Leadership Workshop was held recently at a local church in central Alberta. What was that all about you might inquire?

The meeting was birthed with the idea that the aggregate wisdom of the leadership groups would benefit from gathering together and sharing the common goals, initiatives, and ongoing challeng-

es that face this particular ministry. As such, it was structured to encourage questions, comments and suggestions from each of the more than 20 people in attendance. Participants included the spectrum of the CMA Leadership group, from Chapter Executives to National Board Members.

After the opening worship session and greetings, an outline of the agenda was shared with the members highlighting items to be covered, all under the theme of how we can better seek to edify, educate and encourage one another.

Our thanks to the hosting Pastor for the use of the church facility. Dave gave a challenging devotional, urging us to be cautious that our motorcycles do not become idols to us as we serve in this ministry.

The Mission Statement of the Christian Motorcyclists Association was referenced. *To inspire our leaders and members to be the most organized, advanced, equipped, financially stable organization, full of integrity in the motorcycling world and the kingdom of God.* It was noted that not all chapters would look the same but that you should be able to recognize each one as belonging to CMA.

Chapter Presidents or designates then shared with the group some of their planned events, activities, and challenges for the upcoming year. Andrew gave an update from the National Board and fielded questions from the floor, rounding out the formal aspect of the workshop. Quite a number of the group assembled at a local restaurant to continue their conversations and fellowship. Plans are in the making for an early fall workshop.

Special thanks also to the techies that put together this workshop material, and also documented it with pics that can be viewed on the Chinook Riders website at <http://www.chinookriders.ca/>.

Riding so that others may know,
Keith Howard

Life after Depot: The stories of the RCMP cadet class of 1967



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From the beginning, 32 baby-faced young men began bonding when they joined Troop C 66-67 on June 10, 1966.

During their six months in training at the RCMP's "Depot" Division, they created many memories. And 15 members relived the good and bad times when they met in Regina this month to celebrate this 50th anniversary.

For many, it was the first time they'd seen each other since graduation day. The good times were dimmed by news that troop mate Bob Allison and his wife couldn't attend the reunion after they were injured in Kamloops when a stolen vehicle crashed into them. During a memorial service at the reunion, the members' thoughts also turned to Dave Mate, discharged for medical reasons two weeks before graduation. Mate remained proud of the RCMP and was on his way back from a tour of Depot in 1985 when a drunk driver killed him, his wife and their two small children on their way to Brandon.

Members of an RCMP troop who are at Depot Training Division to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their training days.

Mate's was one of many stories from Troop C 66-67. Some left the force early because of traumas they experienced on the job. Others experienced great heights in far different fields. Each year new RCMP cadets come through Regina and, for the most part, those in the city never know what becomes of them. Reporter Pamela Cowan tells the stories of some of the class of 1967.

"She pulled the trigger"

Jerry Forst was 19 when he wheeled his Volkswagen into Depot and began training for his dream job.

Throughout the course, discipline was the name of the game. Chuckling, Forst recalls recruits learning to swim "the RCMP way."

"At that time, the swimming instructors carried canes and if you were doing the wrong stroke, they'd whack you on the head," he says.

He credits the strict training for helping him develop disciplined thinking and mental toughness.

And toughness was required when Forst and troop mate Derk Doornbos worked together on the drug squad in Burnaby. Forst vividly remembers the day they pulled over a convertible in Vancouver.

"When we approached the car, we found some drugs on the driver of the car," Forst says. "He started fighting with us. Derk grabbed ahold of him and, as I turned around, his wife had a sawed-off shotgun pointed at us. She pulled the trigger."

The gun misfired.

"You don't think about it until you get home," Forst says. "I was involved in a few situations where we had holdups and a shootout after a robbery."

During one robbery, two of his co-workers were fired at. At another, officers shot a suspect. Those situations were hazardous, but domestic disputes rank among the most dangerous calls.

“When we trained, we learned the law, but one thing we were lacking was the situational training that they have now where they bring in actors,” Forst says. “A lot of us had never seen a family fight because our folks had never fought ... You learned on the job.”

Over time, close calls started taking a toll on him — and other officers.

“There were times when you were walking the beat by yourself — you’re no different than anybody else,” Forst says. “You’re carrying a gun, but you come across situations and you’re afraid.”

In those days, little was known about post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

“The only thing we had was the folks we worked with,” Forst says. “Nobody wanted to let anybody down. You learn in training that you work as a unit and nobody wants to be the weak link in that chain. As a result, you take it on yourself.”

Jerry didn’t discuss the perils of policing with his wife, Ruth.

“Jerry kept a lot of things to himself,” Ruth says. “The only thing that I can remember at the time was him telling me to check under the hood of the car to make sure there wasn’t anything there that shouldn’t be there.”

When her husband was on duty, she didn’t dwell on the dangers he could be facing. “Otherwise, I don’t think I could have handled it.”

“He loved it so much,” Ruth adds. “I wanted him to be happy ... But you start to worry when they don’t come home for a few hours after a shift.”

Forst was passionate about his job. But his passion became tainted by fear while working on Burnaby’s drug squad. Forst was among a group of police officers and court officials stalked by people with mental health issues in 1978.

“The Mounted Police came to me and told me that they had learned that these fellows wanted to kid-

nap both my children,” Forst says (his daughter Tanya, incidentally, would grow up to be a police officer herself).

The RCMP tightened security around his home, but within weeks the Forsts were transferred to Fort St. John, B.C.

Meanwhile, anxiety about his family’s safety had been building, so Forst made the painful decision to leave the force after 12 1/2 years of service.

“I’d done some homicide work and the provincial government came to me and asked me if I was interested in becoming a provincial coroner,” Forst says.

He believes he was one of the first RCMP officers diagnosed with PTSD.

“I had nowhere to go, so I ended up quitting,” he says sadly.

Afterwards he underwent counselling for three years.

“That really gave me strength. And at the same time, I had found God, which really was a help to me.”



Const. Tanya Franken, Edmonton Police Service, her father Jerry Forst, and his wife Ruth. Pictures: BRYAN SCHLOSSER / Regina Leader-Post

**"JESUS came to set us
FREE FROM SIN
...not to free us TO SIN..."**

