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Front Page News

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

I hope everyone is starting to enjoy the warmer spring weather and the start of another riding season and year of "Taking it to the Streets". Although as of this writing I have heard that they have gotten a major dumping of snow in the British Columbia area of Grouse Mountain, I am so glad that we in the Banana Belt are having a great start to Spring, riding, planting gardens and taking care of all



the outdoor chores that have been lying dormant over the winter months.

After our final Bikers for Change in PEI I was contemplating all the work that goes into preparing and hosting these events, from the very beginning of seeking God for the messages and themes of Bikers for Change to looking for and finding the venues and making arrangements for all the activities and events that will take place for the weekend. For all the work that is done at our office, preparing the forms and instructions, making sure the venues suit our needs for the weekend, and then at the end tallying up all the reports and finances making (trying to make) sense out of it all. I must say that each place that we held our Bikers for Change this year was

exceptional, some were a little out of the box and a bit of a challenge but all in all worked out really well, we still want all our events to be evangelical in nature so we need to step out there some times. The chapters that hosted our events did a great job as well; in one of the Regions we didn't even have a chapter there and Bikers for Change went very well with the help of those who attended and even the host Pastor!

We will try to get more information out there to make our events even more successful and easier to do the final results (records and finances).

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CMA Canada Run for the Son

June 3, 2017



25th Anniversary Rallies

July 20 – 23, 2017
Eastern Rally
Grenville Park
2323 County Road 2
Johnstown, Ontario

August 17 - 20, 2017
Western Rally
Beiseker Community Hall
410 5 St, Beiseker, AB

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Some of the chapters had fundraising events such as silent auctions and a few had tables put out to sell items for RFTS. This is a great way to raise awareness for RFTS and an easy way for the Chapters to raise money for RFTS. Everyone can do it, keep up the good work.

I would also like to acknowledge those of you who were behind the scenes, those who we don't always notice but contribute a great deal to making our events a success. It's those who billet our members so that they can come from out of town and attend our events; for some a Hotel or Motel room is just a bit out of reach financially and billeting makes it possible for them to attend Bikers for Change or our Regional Rallies. Thank you so much. I know that Irene and I have benefitted from the generosity of those who have offered their homes, a nice comfortable bed and even meals so that we can do what we do; I want to personally acknowledge those of you who did put up with us. Thank you! When we travel so much it makes it really nice to be billeted. We not only benefit expense wise but we get to know our members better and build great relationships and friendships all across Canada.

As we do get ready for this great riding season, we need to get our rides ready. Make sure we have good rubber on our bikes, tire pressure is good, all the lights are operational, good brakes, and oil changed, etc... a long list but still makes us as safe as possible out on the road. Some of our Chapters offer spring safety courses to get us road aware honing our skills on our bikes and giving us confidence as we take to the roads. This is a great idea. In the same way because we are in a spiritual battle we must be ready spiritually and mentally for what we come across as we meet all the folks on our rides. Are we prayed up? Have we been in God's Word? Are we caught up in this world's cares and troubles? We need to put on the whole armour of **God**.

"Put on the whole armour of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Ephesians 6:11

We are a different people, in some of the versions of the Bible, we are referred to as a "Peculiar people"

"Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:14 (KJV)

I like that, "zealous of good works". We are different by being a light in the world means we stand out; people will notice us because we show Christ's love to them and to each other. They will notice it, there are many times that I have heard that the world out there have noticed how we act between each other, how we get along, work well together smile and hug. Let's keep it that way & put aside those childish things that seek to entrap us, that we do not destroy our witness with petty squabbles and arguments. Let your light shine,

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 (KJV)

We heard some great messages across Canada as we attended Bikers for Change; let's put God's Word into practice!

We also have seen some great ministry opportunities take place as well. Biker Blessings have been taking place. We saw people getting personally prayed for, hearing a message and sent on their way with a blessing and prayer for the upcoming riding season. What a tremendous event to start the year and a great open door for ministry; to come alongside those that we ride with throughout the year at various events. Seeing blessing stickers on their bikes reminds us and them that God is always caring for our needs; the relationship has already begun and we have a great chance to share again of God's goodness. Some of these events have been going on for years, but there are some that have just started and have already been invited to come back next year, what a Blessing! What a great way to start the year.

**Deadline for submissions for
the next CMA National Newsletter is
July 15, 2017**

E-mail submissions to:
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...Ivan & Irene

Be Ready

By James Rosso, National Evangelist Prairie Region, CMA Canada



"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:"

1 Peter 3:15

I have to admit that the Battlefords Light Brigade members hosted an outstanding event at Bikers for Change in North Battleford Saskatchewan. With 106 registered and a number of visitors dropping in we saw an amazing display of cooperation and fellowship. Many of Area 3 members commented on how encouraging and uplifting the meetings were even weeks after the event. A special thanks goes out to Bill and Rhonda and their chapter for their faithful service to us all.

Since then I've had the privilege to attend two district conferences for pastors one in Manitoba and the other in Sask. where I was allowed to set up a CMA display and even make a presentation to the pastors sharing the heart and vision of CMA.

As I look at my calendar on my wall I see that things are about to get busy busy busy for the next few months with many opportunities to explore. We have to be cautious that the busy doesn't crowd out the heart of our mission. We need to deliberately take the time to "sanctify the Lord God in our hearts". We need to make sure we are "spiritually" healthy enough to minister to others before we head out into that mission field.

When I was a young boy I was in Boy Scouts, our motto was Be Prepared. And here in this passage of scripture we are admonished to "be ready" always. Ready to give an answer to every man that asks you the reason of your hope....how do you know you're saved, how do you know Christ is Lord, how do you know you are going to spend eternity in heaven. What is it that makes you so sure your sins are forgiven?

Before you head off on a ride, don't you get ready; don't you make sure everything is in order? I believe we are going to see a number of great opportunities this summer riding season not only to advance the kingdom of God but also to grow the membership of CMA.

If we want to stay upright in a world that wants to lay us down. We need to beware of what can knock us down, we need to be vigilant in our walk, and we need to be ready with the answer. We need to know...whom our redeemer is and keep our eyes focused on Him.

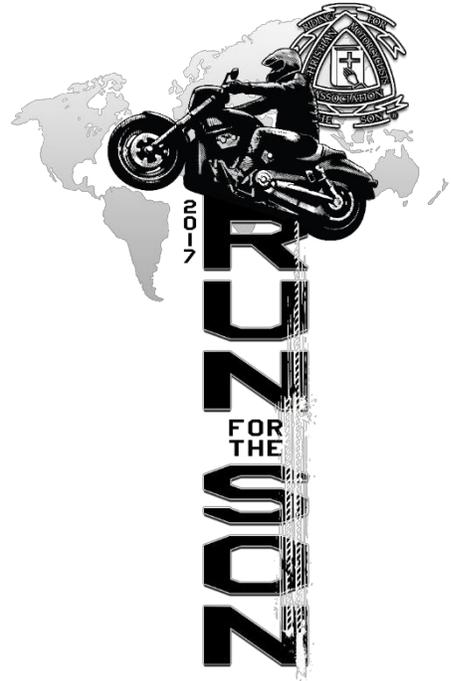
I look forward to seeing many of you this summer as we travel around the Prairie Region and attend our Western Rally in Alberta this August.

...James

Run for the Son

By Gary Ross, Canadian RFTS Lead

By the time you read this newsletter our June 3rd Run for the Son will have been completed. Thank you everyone for your participation. Thank you all for doing all you could to help reach our \$135,000.00 goal for this year. Thank you for helping to provide motorcycles and other modes of transportation to pastors, putting Bibles and training materials in the hands of those who need them, helping to translate the Jesus film into other languages, and taking it to the streets both here in Canada and around the world.



Remember all the funds raised must be sent in to Red Deer and postmarked **no later than June 16th**. Let's all help our chapter secretaries by handing in our envelopes in lots of time so they can meet the deadline.

We are establishing a ministry wide network to help every chapter, and all members, be as effective as possible in raising support for CMA's Run for the Son. We are continuing to work on that network and still need a few more Provincial Leads to be encouragers and keep Run for the Son in the forefront all year long and not just a couple of months in the spring. If you feel the Lord leading you in that direction talk to your area rep and make sure the information gets to me or you can email me directly at giross@shaw.ca

The 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. Let's work together to make the 2017 RFS the greatest ever. Through Run for the Son we can take it to the streets and change the world one heart at a time!

We need your help

We want to renovate the CMA office! We want to restructure our office space to accommodate another ministry... Canadian Association of Pregnancy Support Services (CAPSS), which Susan Derksen works for as well as for CMA Canada. This will bring both under one roof which makes it easier for Susan to be in two places at one time and we will be getting rent from them to help us with our expense of running the office. Our need is for the costs of material and labor to do the renovations. We need to update the existing offices as well as try to build a new office in the warehouse area to have separate spaces for both ministries. We also have to bring some of the areas to code such as the stairs that go to the mezzanine. We want to update the bathroom situation, which is very much needed. We are going ahead at this time, as CAPSS will be moving in by June 30, and we will be moving ahead one step at a time as the finances come in.

Are you Really Prepared?

By Malcolm & Gail Read, National Evangelist Atlantic Region

And the check list begins. Oil changed, tires ok, everything working, in my case do ALL 2700 of my lights work. Bike clean, tracts and bibles present and accounted for, Blessing Stickers, rain gear, Gail you ready, where is my such and such ??? And the list can go on. I on purpose arranged these items sporadically because that is sometime how we began to go to the Highways and Byways, unorganized; this should not be.



There is nothing about the works, actions and grace of God that is kaotic and unorganized and yes I even spelled chaotic wrong. This is a reflection of my message at Bikers For Change. "If you are taking **you** to the streets please stop". 1 Samuel 7:3 speaks of preparing your hearts for the Lord before a battle. Well are we not in a battle for the salvations of lost souls wondering aimlessly around this ole world. And if we are in a battle is not strategy an important prerequisite of going forward? So before you actually began any of the secondary items listed above, take the time to be Holy and let God know that you are serious about going forward for Him. The preparing of the heart and mind here is paramount to being of use and being useful. Not only is that a step in the right direction it must be the first step. I myself, long over the years have read and have seen reports from those who are our leaders speak of this important step. Not only did they speak of it; they themselves did this. God answered these previous prayers and made the fields that are white unto harvest available and I so wanted to be like them and do this. With a little prayer you receive little in return. With much prayer you receive much in return, THIS WORKS folks, it really does. Call it one of the mysteries of the world if you want but God's Word is not a mystery. I am really coming to terms with this fact, when I hear some folks say they are not getting any results or seeing any fruit for their labour.

So in all honesty how long do you pray? On top of that how often do you pray? This is not my expectation of you by any means. This is a reality check that we all have to come to terms with. The challenge is from God and His Word. He tells us in numerous passages throughout the Bible to draw near to Him and He will draw near to us. As the apostle Paul said do not follow me but follow me as I follow Jesus. The reason that this verse came to mind is that Jesus prayed early in the morning and He departed away in the evening to pray. These were not 10 minute sessions. How do I know that, because my 10 minutes session doesn't work either? A prayer just before we fire the bike up to leave to go to a function does not work either. But spending quality time. Quantity time together with God works. Gail and I read and pray together about 30 minutes in the evening. And that is just our prayer time together. Then there is my war room time in the morning by myself with my Bible, Days of Praise devotional, membership list for CMA, church list and a box of Kleenex and no cell phone. Then there is my prayer time again later in the evening. This is not a boast dear friend's this is what works. It took us time to develop into this mode of commitment and God has honored this labour that happens in the quiet of your house ... even in your closet. You want to have folks come right out of the crowd to seek you out. Let your light so shine that God will make you the light house that He wants you to be. It works God's way; taking God to the streets always works when it is done his way as well.

... Malcolm

Jesus Film went into the Village

By Yvon (Ivan) and Irene Audette, CMA Canada Board of Directors

Ivan and I had a unique opportunity this winter. We have never had the privilege of participating on a mission trip representing CMA. 28 years ago we went to a tropical island and brought wonderful gifts to the people there, which is how we met our dear brother Paul. Several years ago we returned to that island and met some beautiful servants of Christ, and it was actually there that we were given a Crossroads book that had been gifted to them by Herbie Shreve... which God used to get us to CMA.



This winter we were invited to attend a Jesus Film Project joint ministry effort to go to the Mayans people and work in three villages there. Wow. We were able to use our flight vouchers before they expired, and flew from Windsor to Cancun. We met up at the airport with about 40 people from all over the states and took our bus for a 4 hour journey into the 'jungle' of Mexico. This trip was family friendly and at least a dozen kids or grandkids attended with supervision. It was late when we arrived at our base hotel in the Izamal, the Yellow City, but we ate supper and moved to our rooms.

The next morning was chapel, briefing (don't drink the water), and prayer time. Our group was joined by 'Message for Mayans', and 'Feet that Move'. 'Message for Mayans' are a bunch of youthful translators who donate their weekends to bring the Gospel to their people. They are coordinated by Pastor Gamma who travels about Mexico in response to Pastors who want The Jesus Film shown in their community. He translates in Spanish to the Mayans. 'Feet that Move' is actually a young man from the states that brings in hockey bags and huge boxes of croc-like shoes as gifts for the poor villagers. Great shoes because they are washable, and all of the streets out there are dirt and dust.

The first village on Saturday had set up chairs in front of the local church but Jesus Film actually set the material screen up on the basketball court in the center of the village play area. We were divided into four teams and walked door to door to invite everyone to see a movie and hear it in their heart language. The 'Message for Mayans' translated of course, but some of the brave souls did try at inviting in Mayan. Not I. I smiled a lot and prayed even more. A missionary Pastor (Korean) from a nearby village thought they would hold an Outreach the same night and at first there seemed to be a conflict but in actuality they appreciated the presentation and then played their band music after the altar call.

Sunday we joined a church for service which was amazing. Several groups went up to sing and as they did members from the congregation would go to the altar to pray. The message delivered was in English, translated to Spanish, and then to Mayan for the people. The entire church went up to pray for their neighbors, family and friends. Then again in teams we went out, but this time with paint cans, rollers and brushes. Four home fronts were painted, in purple, yellow, or cream, or all three colours! They are a colourful people. The church folk came along with our teams and brought rakes and garbage bags and did



yard work for them too. After the groups divided to invite everyone, vans pulled up bringing men home from work. The evening program ran later but families came in their Sunday best and there were 14 motorcyclists on the outskirts of the pavilion ... like a Drive-in theater, showing The Jesus Film in Mayan! The church brought out a full supper and served the entire town after the altar call.

Monday we toured the town where we stayed and did a little mingling with the villagers. In the afternoon we boarded the bus again and went to the poorest of the three villages. A neighboring Pastor had requested the previewing of the Jesus Film. There was one family of Christians in this village, but in the two weeks before our arrival it was fantastic to hear that a few more had come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. This village was getting 'Feet that Move' blessings of shoes. A make shift store was set up at the cement play area and a cardboard size chart unfolded. Buckets were filled with water and soap added to half. Each bench had two stations for foot washing and paper towels for drying.



Before each showing, a team of 'Message for Mayans' present skits for the children and sometimes a puppet show. They play games with the children and then finally they do a parade around the play area and the rest of us make a wall to high five the kids, but at the end of the line they receive toothbrush and toothpaste and colouring books. For this last village the children also received a pair of shoes. By this time the adults were lined up and the numbers kept coming. It was explained they would be sized for shoes and then at dusk the movie would begin.

I kept looking for Ivan as he and a team had not come back yet. Then down the dusty road came a lady being pushed in a wheel chair. The Mayan team had met a family where the mother was stricken in hammock (they do not sleep in beds). The young Mayan lady from their team prayed fervently for this elderly woman, and she accepted the Lord! And then the lady said she was having less pain and was able to move. Then she decided she wanted to go to this movie. The daughter there was shocked because before their eyes she swung her feet over and got up from the hammock. The men put her into her wheelchair and brought her to the presenta-

tion. They had to lift the chair up onto the cement court, passing the lineup of adults and I had the privilege of washing her feet. It was so beautiful. Her name was Isabella. I was humbled and so very thankful to have been a part of this.

To sum the weekend up 219 adults lined up to accept Jesus Christ and each received a Jesus Film DVD. They gave their names and addresses to the Mayan translators and this list of names was given to the pastors in the village. The Pastor also received a DVD of The Jesus Film and a translated version of the Bible (most of the people are illiterate) with a solar powered player and a soccer ball with the colours of the story of salvation, for them to use for the citizens of their town.

If you want to have a vacation with a deeper meaning, try going on a mission trip! Please contact Ron and Bev Wolfe!! It will change your life forever.

