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# *The Extra Mile*

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## Front Page News

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

**Family**, this theme is so very appropriate for us, and especially to Irene and I this year. Not only did we get to see many of you, **our CMA family** at Bikers for Change, but we were also able to be with 2 of our sons, Richard, and Paul with his wife Brittany this spring at Easter. We were able to take more time than usual because of the schedule of the Rallies and how Easter fell between them. It was all very good for us, but it went by way too quickly.

As soon as we returned on May 1<sup>st</sup>, Irene had two MRI's scheduled and a surgeon's appointment to make. Please pray that everything is healing up as it should for her so that the remaining pain and discomfort goes completely away.

We have been home for two weeks now. We are trying to catch up on all the things that accumulated since we left way back in the middle of March, as well as trying to accomplish the needed chores and commitments that

are necessary for every home owner. Days are just flying by. Within the next six weeks we will be hitting the road again, Lord willing.

We want to head back to the regional rallies on the motorcycle, pace ourselves, and spend some time camping along the way. We are looking forward to this and to the **No Borders Rally in International Falls, Minnesota this coming July**. It will be good to get together with our CMA USA family and have a great time of fellowship and ministry. By the time you read this, if you have time, we will be in full swing of ministering to our fellow bikers out there. Often there can be something going on for every weekend of the summer that we can be at, and there are even times where we must split up our chapters to be able to cover two events on the same weekend. What a problem to have! Remember though that we are not to burn out. **Prayerfully choose the events where the Holy Spirit is calling us**

**to**, where He sees the most need. God is opening many doors for us to minister, as I have seen through your event reports and by seeing some of your schedules of events for the year. From British Columbia to Prince Edward Island and on up to Newfoundland, the need is great, and I wish it were possible to be by your sides as you ride this summer **"Changing the World, one heart at a time"**.



... Ivan & Irene

## **The Extra Mile**

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## **Regional Rallies**

**July 6 – 8**

Beiseker Community Hall  
410 – 5 Street  
Beiseker, AB

**July 13 - 15**

Yarrow MB Church  
41995 Yarrow Central Rd  
Chilliwack, BC

**July 25 - 28**

No Borders Rally  
International Falls, MN

**Aug 10 – 12**

Triple C Bible Camp  
2676 Front Road  
Simcoe, ON

**Aug 17 – 18**

Christian Fellowship Church  
489 Abercrombie Road  
New Glasgow, NS

**August 31 – Sept 2**

Mount View Christian Assembly  
525 Whitmore Ave  
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# Family

*By James & Helene Rosso, National Evangelist Prairie Region*



Well it's begun, and I have to admit this past month has been like riding a rollercoaster. All winter long I have longed for the open road and the freedom I feel when I leather up to ride, ride, ride. Bikers for Change in Region 3 was held in Winnipeg and for some of our members it meant a 1200km drive just to attend and that takes commitment. Preparation & promotion for the event also takes the commitment of the local chapter's executive, as well as our Chairman Yvon and his wife Irene, Board members, Area Reps and Presidents. At our B4C we were also privileged to see commitment in action as we concluded our sessions on "Family" with 2 of our members Brian Peters and Heather Doerksen being married and celebrating with them. Thank you to all who

helped make this event such a success.

On April 30th we travelled to Maskwacis Alberta to attend the funeral of CMA members Kevin and Lisa Montour who were tragically killed in a motorcycle accident on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Despite the sadness of the event it was exciting to see over 20 bikes at the funeral and I would have to guess at well over 300 individuals who came out to remember and celebrate their lives.

The apostle Paul writes from a prison cell in Rome:  
Philippians 1:3-11

*"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, <sup>5</sup> for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; <sup>7</sup> just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God."*

How could this man write such a joyful letter while under such dire circumstances? I'm first struck with the number of times he uses the expression "you & your" in these verses. Like a proud father watching his children Paul, in these tough times, focuses on others and not himself. It brings him Joy. "I thank my God; in all my remembrance of you."

The immediate reason for the thanksgiving is given in verse 5, the ultimate reason in verse 6. Your **perseverance** in participating in the work of the gospel; has convinced me that you are the objects of divine **preservation**.

He is thankful for their fellowship in the gospel. The Fellowship of all Believers in Christ.

1. It is a fellowship of Grace, not natural, platonic or man-made. It is sovereignly affected by Jesus Christ, is a gift of the Spirit, sent by the Father. Apart from Christ and his spirit this fellowship is entirely impossible.
2. It is a fellowship of faith. Just as Christ draws sinners to himself.
3. It is a fellowship in prayer and thanksgiving.
4. It is a fellowship of believers with one another; a fellowship in love for one another.

5. It is therefore a fellowship in helping each other; hence it's a fellowship in contributing to each other's needs.
6. It is a fellowship in promoting the work of the gospel.
7. It is a fellowship in separation. Attachment to Christ always means detachment from the world. For what fellowship could there possibly be between light and darkness?
8. It is a fellowship in warfare. Spiritual warfare.

As we ride this season let's remember our CMA Family and be thankful for each-and-every one in the body of Christ. Remember we are here to reach the world one heart at a time. In Christ we are family.

[A] As the family goes so goes the nation. Governments come and go but families stay forever.

[B] The family that stands together – stands together.

[C] The family is our highest calling.



*...James & Helene*

## **Break Out Sessions at Bikers for Change**

At some B4C we held Break Out sessions... For some they were given this as chapter homework. Here are some of the ideas that came out of the sessions held at B4C.

The need to break out of a rut, and bring in new ideas, fresh outreach plans, and different roads to travel on... is somewhat of a renovation project. In this we keep what is working and has been fruitful and as for the rest, change it up a bit.

We have been granted the theme of CMA Family this year. The emphasis is on covering each other, standing with each other, yet never compromise on sin. The family unit of chapters coming together with the same focus of giving glory to the Father, starting at home and then moving on out... to the highways and byways.

**Remember to have fun! fellowship! and focus!**

### **FUN**

1. Flash mob at a Tim Hortons
2. Church crashing - might want to warn Pastor :-)
3. Pie Run or butter tarts
4. Continuous meal: start apps at one place, salad; then ride for a main course; and then end up for dessert somewhere else

## FELLOWSHIP

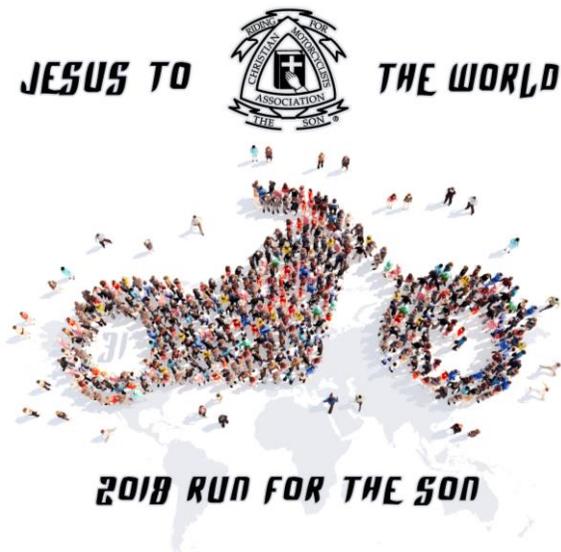
1. A common thread for together time was holding a BBQ
2. Meeting other chapters on a designation ride; then picnic
3. Movie night, very fun outdoors too
4. Go canoeing or rock climbing or zip lining

## OUTREACH FOCUS

1. Flagging at a different event – in some instances they have asked for individual pit prayer with the racers
2. Purpose driven ride – doing yard work for an elderly or disabled person
3. Borrowing a Popcorn machine, or candy floss etc., to hand out at a Canada Day festival
4. Host a mystery ride open to other bikers!

# Run for the Son

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



Thank you everyone for your participation in Run for the Son. Thank you everyone for doing all you could to help reach our goal of \$135,000.00 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.

It was great seeing and talking to so many of you as we travelled across Canada at Bikers for Change. Sorry we missed you in Ontario as we had prior commitments. It was very encouraging to hear of so many awesome ways you were raising funds for RFTS.

**Remember all the funds raised must be sent in to Red Deer and postmarked no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Let's all help our chapter secretaries by handing in our envelopes in lots of time so they can meet the deadline. There is a 15-minute seminar available on the [CMA Canada website](#) to help all secretary/treasurers prepare their submissions to CMA Canada.

Don't forget to send those last-minute donations in to Red Deer to help us finish well. Any donations that do not make the deadline will still go to RFTS but will be the start of RFTS 2019. Because of Run for the Son, the gospel has been shared in 194 countries of the world. Thank you for being part of that amazing story. Together, through Run for the Son we can help change the world one heart at a time!

If you have any stories or ideas to share, or have any questions about RFTS, feel free to contact me anytime at [giross@shaw.ca](mailto:giross@shaw.ca)

*...Gary*

# Chapter Health

By Kerry Gibson, Vice President Ministry Development, CMA USA

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## **A Healthy Chapter**

In much of our training we talk about the four elements of a healthy chapter. What are the four elements? How do we incorporate them into our chapters? What's my part in making my chapter healthy?

First, it's important that we understand the 4 elements and recognize the need to build our chapters and our ministry around them. Leave any one of these elements out and your chapter will suffer.

I suggest you memorize these four words. Get them ingrained in your thought process, make them a part of your planning and your meetings.

## **Prayer, Fellowship, Evangelism, Discipleship.**

**Prayer:** Our chapters must have people who pray. We must recognize that God could send us members whose only function is prayer, and that's OK.

**Fellowship:** Our chapters must be fun and welcoming. There will be people who join simply to enjoy the fellowship of good Christian people. Maybe that's all they want, and that's ok.

**Evangelism:** We are an Evangelistic Ministry. It's why we exist. Our chapters must be involved in evangelism. God will send us members who only want to get out there and tell others about Jesus, and that is ok.

**Discipleship:** We must be a ministry willing to help others walk out their commitment to Christ. We need people who disciple others and maybe that's all they do, and that is ok.

Ask yourself, and be honest, does my chapter welcome people who are only interested

in the fun and fellowship CMA offers? If not, why not? I joined CMA for just that reason. It was later that I caught the vision and got involved in the evangelism of CMA. If someone had told me I had to be involved in evangelism to be a part of CMA I wouldn't be here today. To all those people who made me feel welcome way back then, thank you!

Yes, CMA is an evangelistic organization; we exist to promote the Good News of Salvation through Jesus Christ. But we must have these other elements functioning within our ministry and our chapters in order to grow and prosper.

## **A Balanced Chapter:**

We have members and sometimes even leaders who lose sight of who we are and try to make us into something we're not. Some attempt to steer the ministry in a particular direction that's significant to them. Some try to use CMA to further their own personal agenda. Some attempt to get the membership and/or resources of CMA behind a favorite ministry or cause. You can't blame them but we must remember who we are.

CMA is a servant ministry. (We seek to serve, not to be served.) Our goal is to go, serve and earn the right to speak.

CMA is a ministry aimed at Motorcyclists. Our main focus must remain on the motorcycling community. Yes, we do other things, but in order to stay in "balance" or on track with God's plan for CMA we must remember who we are.

CMA is an all-inclusive ministry. We have members who ride Goldwing's, Harley's, Yamahas, Triumphs, MBWs, Ducatis and everything in between. We even have some who don't ride. We desire to minister within all of those groups, but we're not a brand specific ministry.

CMA is a ministry that reaches out to all bikers, including the Hardcore Bikers. There are some organizations out there that may be called to some specific group or type of bikers. That's who they are. That's not who we are. CMA is a ministry to all bikers.

CMA is not a single focus ministry. A single focus ministry or a single focus chapter loses its ability to attract and keep members with diversified interests. People may come in but unless they are interested in that one thing they won't stay.

If you want a healthy chapter remember who we are and stay focused. Do your part to help your chapter be a place where all the members, with all of their diversified callings, can come and draw strength and encouragement from each other. A place where new people can come and "catch the vision" when they hear of the fantastic things that God is doing through the ministry of CMA; a place where believers work together in order to accomplish many different things for our Lord, our Master, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



# Are You Ready?

*By Malcolm & Gail Read, National Evangelist Atlantic Region*



Sometimes I am just so amazed with God's impeccable timing. What do you suppose is the relationship between a L3710 Kubota farm tractor and CMA? Well from all logical perspectives absolutely nothing, but that is our present thoughts on this. God on the other hand can use any situation and weave Himself or CMA into it in a heartbeat.

By now all across Canada we have had the B4C weekends completed and we are eagerly waiting to go out into the highways and byways. But one thing is for sure we do not need to be on the highway to be of use to God, share his word or present CMA. 2 Tim 4:2

is a very familiar verse that I have heard in many CMA services. *"Preach the word; be instant in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine."*

Today I was driving around on my lawn mower, mowing grass for the first time in my back yard. Then out of the corner of my eye I see a man whom I have never met before come strolling up to me. So, the lawn mowing is stopped and I listen to a man named Rob begin his presentation of why I should switch from my present tractor, a Kubota, to a John Deere brand. He was a new sales man in the area and just moved from Alberta back home to NS and was trying to drum up sales. So we're standing in my back yard looking out over the valley below and he turns around and sees the big CMA decal on the side of the motorhome. I have seen that before he says, out in Alberta. The door is opened and I step in just as smooth as a hand into a glove. Rob and I began an hour-long conversation about CMA. He has four bikes his wife rides as well and now has a ton of questions. He sees our bikes, thinks my wife is so amazing to ride a 1000 Ninja. He is told all about CMA, RFTS, The Jesus Film, No Borders, rallies, events and chapters. He is given a Hope for the Highway Bible, a Bikers Daily Bread and my card for future contact. This sounds all too good doesn't it, but the best is yet to come. I have been thinking and praying a lot about the Parrsboro, Great Village area due to last year's efforts and interest by a fellow that showed up at a church where we attended during a CMA weekend. Also, while at the Truro Bike Blessing another fellow and his wife joined us for our dinner together after the blessing whom I have had previous contact with recently. This new fellow Rob ...you guessed it, has just moved into this area as well. Who can put all this together, who can weave the interests on multiple levels in multiple lives all at the same time? I shared with Rob my interests in the area and thoughts and potential for a new riding chapter there and their commitments before forming a chapter. All it takes is a little time...prayer time and wait upon the Lord to open the doors to people's hearts.

If there is one underlying theme from all the CMA messages it is the opportunities, God moments and situations that the Lord has provided time and time again for us to share His word and further His kingdom. This should come as no surprise to us in the fact that He has left us with a task. Go into all the nations, we do it with a motorbike and he commissioned this as well. Gail and I look forward to hearing about all of the opportunities that you may have as well, during this riding season. Share them with everyone. They will encourage each one of us that we are out there together in the fields that are white onto harvest. Also, it will focus us on our theme of this year's B4C which was the CMA Family. A family does things together, maybe not all at the same time but it is so encouraging to know that others are out there co-labouring as well, just in another part of the field. So go, pray up before you go and you may just never know what God will have planned for you to experience out there this year. God Bless and take care.

*... Malcolm & Gail*