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Front Page News

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

Greetings Everyone!!

I can't believe that summer is almost over, by the time you read this it will officially be the fall season, some good riding still available but mornings are cooler and the days they are getting shorter. I can't believe where the time has gone! Our summer has been a very challenging time for Irene and I, with her surgery being first scheduled for the beginning of July on



the 12th and being cancelled and rescheduled for September 5th, cancelled again and finally happening on September 7th of 2017. Whew talk about a rollercoaster!

The one good thing that this did make happen was that we were able to attend and participate in both the Eastern and Western 25th Anniversary National Rallies. I believe that they were a great success and am very proud of the work that our members did and especially appreciate the hard work our Coordinators did, namely Rick and Sandy West and Clark and Jill Oakley. Without their tireless effort and sleepless nights these rallies wouldn't have been as awesome as they were. We learned a lot from doing these and know that we can do this again, as we plan to have National East

and Western Rallies in the coming years. My deep appreciation goes to them and to all who did their parts and participated in these Rallies. We had a wonderful time of fellowship, where normally we wouldn't have the folks from different regions together in one place. That's what these events are for; the fellowship and building of relationships beyond our own regions, the sharing of ideas and building unity between us.

Getting back to Irene's surgery, she is doing well and recovering nicely trying to recuperate at home and putting up with my cooking and doing the housework (not exactly like she does, or would like it to be done) and my watching

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2018 Save the Date

Please note these details are still tentative and are subject to change. We are publishing them to give you an idea of the area we are looking to host these events. Keep an eye on our website and this newsletter for finalized details in the months ahead.

Bikers for Change

March 23-24 Central AB	April 20-21 Windsor, ON
April 6-7 Summerland, BC	April 27-28 Nova Scotia
April 13-14 Winnipeg, MB	

Rallies

July 6-7
Edmonton, AB area

July 13-14
Lower Mainland, BC

July 25 – 28
No Borders Rally
International Falls, MN

August 10-11
Port Dover, ON

August 17-18
Atlantic Region (TBD)

September
Prairie Region (TBD)

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over her, making sure she takes her meds when she's supposed to (well most of the time) and trying to stay on top of things as they come up (this article being one of them). As well as trying to keep up with all that needs to be done outdoors. (Attention moms, you are saints!!) I don't even have any ankle biters at home, not counting Cricket, our dog.

With all this happening God is teaching me once more on being a servant. We don't always have to go out there and show everyone how much of a servant we can be, but we should show this at home as well, for me to stay at home and serve my beautiful wife with what her needs are is important to me. She has been serving this family for over 37 years now and will probably continue to do so, but for me to do this for this short time while she is recovering is a blessing to me. It is bringing us closer and sharpening us both (Proverbs 27:17) in a good way. I want to thank each and every one that has been praying for Irene for the surgery and then for her recovery, it means a great deal to both of us.

Just a reminder to everyone that our yearly nominations and elections are coming up. Please prayerfully consider these elections whether you are nominated for a position or voting for someone who is, it is very important that you carefully consider each position. This

will be your chapter leadership for the year ahead and should be taken seriously. Even if members are acclaimed to a position there still needs to be an election for that position as a vote of confidence. All details for elections and eligibility are in the handbook and if there are any questions please talk to your Area Rep. or Coordinator.

As we get ready for next year's Bikers for Change we have all our dates set out and some of the places where they will be. Please see the announcements elsewhere in this newsletter and pray that as many as will be able to, will attend these important events! They not only set the tone for the upcoming riding season but it's a great time to get together after a long winter and renew our friendships and prepare for ministry in the coming year. We also have most of the dates for our Regional Rallies and the date and place for next year's **No Borders Rally**, which will be in **International Falls, Minnesota USA from Wed July 25 to Saturday July 28, 2018**, mark it on your calendar as we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

All these events will be upon us before we know it

...Ivan & Irene

Goodies Corner

Check out our website at <http://www.cmacanada.ca/shop-cma-canada> to order these and other items for someone special on your Christmas List.



NEW ITEM!!!

Soft Shell jacket with tough waterproof fabric on the outside and soft microfleece on the inside.

Front zippered pockets

Made with an 13.5-oz/Inyd, 100% polyester woven shell bonded to a 100% polyester microfleece lining

CMA logo front

Ladies and Men's Sizing

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Tell Your Story

By James Rosso, National Evangelist Prairie Region, CMA Canada



It's hard to believe that the summer has come to an end. It seems like just yesterday that we were taking Big Red out of the garage and back onto the highway and now some 21,000kms later we sigh at the thought of putting her away. But hey maybe one more day to ride then another right up until the deep freeze sets in. During the summer months we were blessed with good weather, great rides and some awesome experiences with friends and new acquaintances. So many events and stories to tell.

one love a good story teller. I mother sitting down and telling read a page, she acted out the language as there was the when I read my Bible I try to read.

Storytelling can be very

Even In today's society, it important than the truth.

We have the most important story of them all to share- the good news of Jesus Christ. I believe our lives tell a story, one that people read day after day.



I don't know about you but I for can remember as a child my me stories. Now she didn't just parts and there was as much body spoken word. Maybe that's why imagine what is happening as I

important-

seems that the story is more

Luke also saw storytelling as important. In fact, he shares Saul's conversion 3 times. Probably one of the most important evangelism tools Saul had was his story of conversion. We can learn how to share our own stories by following the example of Saul.

Read Acts **9:1-18**

Every story has a beginning, a middle, and an end. Let's break down Saul's story and consider how we might share our own.

Saul's story begins as a Pharisee.

He was very zealous for God, but rejected this Jesus the Christians spoke of.

He was there to approve the stoning of Stephen and was willing to travel in his efforts to put an end to Christianity.

Some of you have just as dramatic a beginning. You lived a life that the world would embrace, but not so much by God. There was no doubt that you were living in rebellion against God or maybe completely denied His existence. These stories, like Saul's can be very dramatic and make a big impact on others who have found themselves caught up in similar life choices.

The middle of Saul's story takes place on the Damascus Road. Saul sees a bright light, then hears the voice of Christ call out to him. He's blinded by the light and sent to pray. When Ananias finds him on Straight Street, he instructs Saul to repent. When he does, his sight is restored and he is baptized.

Saul's story concludes with some amazing things happening. He traveled throughout the Roman Empire, spreading the gospel and organizing churches. He wrote 2/3 of the New Testament that we use to direct our lives in Christ today. God was able to use a man who once tried to snuff out Christianity to ensure its global spread and lasting impact.

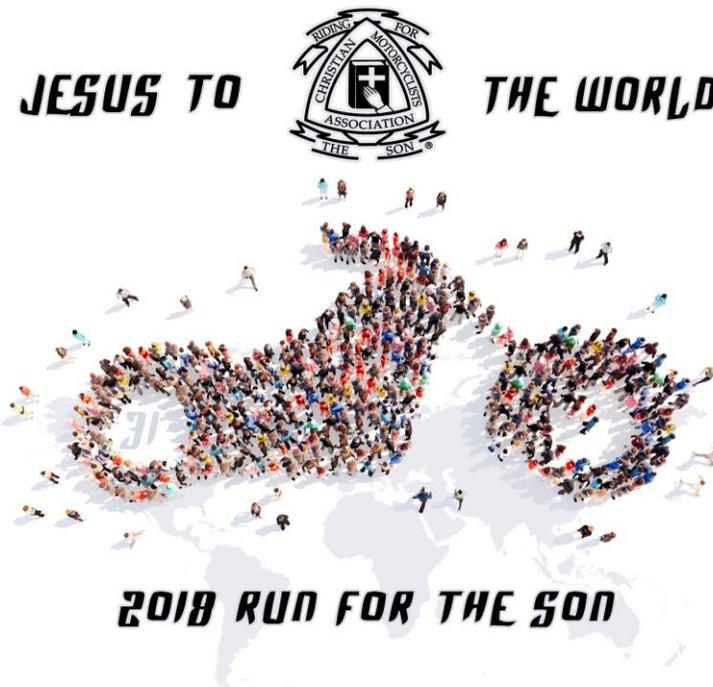
How did you come to Christ? What convinced you that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God? It may have been as simple as year after year of lessons building up until you reached the day you knew you had to make a decision. It might be that God snatched you from the clutches of death and you realized you needed to live for Him. Your experience will resonate with the people you share. Tell people what happened.

Some of you may be concerned at this point because you don't have such a dramatic story to tell, but let me assure you, your story is equally important. In a world filled with role models and leaders who epically fail, it is good to hear the stories of those who found God early on and have stayed the course through trials and temptations. Don't let the absence of a climactic change stop you from sharing how God has been faithful!

Your story continues today. What is God doing in your life? Where have you seen Him at work? These are also important things to share. One of the strongest pieces of evidence that God exists is the impact He has on His children's lives.

Share your story, God will use it.
We all have a story to share and it begins with Christ.

...James



June 2, 2018

Warm Christianity in the Island

By Paul Estabrooks, Open Doors Canada



Our six-member Canadian team left Canada for the island on December 6th, 2016 with almost 1000 pounds of goods and materials including large Spanish Study Bibles and children's Sunday School supplies for Christians wherever we would visit. Also, the blessing of sewing supplies for the elderly that included 153 meters of fabric and 200 spools of thread collected by one of the ladies. Our arrival customs experience was long (2 hours) but ultimately satisfying as we were granted entrance with all our 15 heavy checked bags and 6 hand-carried bags intact and no tax. A "huge" answer to prayer.

Over the next week, we visited 23 churches unannounced and several more individuals leaving our precious "cargo" with each. The most repeated

response received was the statement, "Thank you God for sending angels to us today!" One church leader told us he had a dream the night before that a well-known pastor would come today with a group of visitors. But he wrote off the dream as he knew that pastor was not able to travel any more. What wide eyes when we drove into his church yard with that same well-known pastor!

Another pastor's wife we visited was in tears as she shared how they were so burdened for the Christian victims of the recent hurricane in the eastern end of the island. They had gone through their closets at home to send everything possible to them asking for God's blessing. And now, just a few days later, we arrived with large bags of items to more than replace the goods they had sacrificed. Foreign mission is a growing vision these days for the church there and we learned of many churches supporting local missionaries working overseas. The churches also hold missions conferences. At one church, we learned about six Christian foreign students from an African country studying at an island university. They have learned Spanish and one of them is a fiery preacher who shares at these missions conferences. His father was a pastor in Africa who was martyred – along with other Christian leaders – by a local witch doctor. Years later, this student returned to visit his home country in Africa. He came face to face with the same witch doctor who killed his father and ultimately led him to faith in Jesus.

The three ladies in our group blessed a very large group of island women on Saturday with a "Women's Day Off" event. Husbands and fathers or grandfathers were told to take care of any kids for the day and send their spouse or daughter for a special event just for women. Aimee Chada ministered to the ladies in the morning and all three of our ladies shared in some way in sessions throughout the day. We provided the lunch chicken for 100 people and we men served lunch to the ladies. All these ladies expressed how they were so blessed by this special day.

As in many countries, women are the majority in these churches. And the growth of women's ministries in the churches is phenomenal.



On Sunday morning, we shared at a lively rural church service and ministered to them from Acts 16 – the story of Paul and Silas in jail and singing at midnight. That night we attended a large urban church’s colourful and biblical Christmas program.

Everyone from North America asks how the recent death of the leader will affect the country and the church. There is little expectation for immediate change. The churches seem to be so caught up in expanding the Kingdom of God that the political situation becomes very secondary – especially for those meeting in unregistered facilities.

There is one report we found that needs some clarification. You may have seen this circulated about island churches last year:

Legal Decree 322 gives sweeping powers to the authorities to confiscate property at their discretion, and we received reports from numerous registered and unregistered denominations that the law has been used to target scores of churches, including historic properties, across the island. Some religious groups were given the option to remain in the properties as tenants as long as they pay artificially high rent to the government and submit all their activities in advance to the Communist Party for approval, but most have rejected this.

Church leaders from the Methodist and Assemblies of God denominations, which, together with the East and West Baptist Conventions, comprise the three largest Protestant denominations on the island, told us that many of their churches have been targeted. A total of 15 Methodist church properties were expropriated by the government. The churches were converted into a "permanent tenant of the state" while around 1,000 churches linked to the Assemblies of God have been declared illegal. The authorities have designated 100 of those for forced closure or demolition in three provinces.



According to a key denominational leader with whom we discussed this issue, the ownership of some house church properties has indeed been taken by the authorities but the churches are being allowed to continue their ministry. The leader said, "We don't see our role here to fight against Communism...but rather to expand the Kingdom of God!"

In conclusion, here are some impressions gained from this visit:

- Pray for key pastor/leaders who could easily leave and minister in the USA but choose to stay because of the opportunities and the discipleship needs.
- Great appreciation is shown for children’s materials...especially in Spanish.
- We were impressed with the way many teenaged children in pastor’s families help their parents with the ministry.
- The house churches face significant spiritual darkness and spiritual warfare in their communities.
- The general improvements (like decorative painting) in buildings, houses and churches on the island is impressive.

Saying hello and goodbye at an island church always involves a "holy" kiss between the genders. This is done by putting your cheek on the other person’s cheek and "smacking" the air. One pastor commented, "Christianity here is very warm!"

All Too Soon, But Not Over

By Malcolm & Gail Read, National Evangelist Atlantic Region

A faint hint of coolness in the evening now, getting dark earlier, birds are flocking together and maple leaf trees starting to change colors already, Gail saying she is cold and needs more layers on to drive, all signs that the summer is winding down... where did the summer go? The statement "my how time flies when we're having fun" comes to mind. But here is a thought folks as I was praying over this article, were we just having fun or were we busy about our father's business as Jesus said in Luke 2:49? For me it was busy about our Father's business but He also made it enjoyable for me.



How about you? For the first time in my life I have been completely from one end of this country to the other and back again in a few months. Was it for pleasure? not really. Was it due to retirement? No. But it was 100% due to the Christian Motorcyclists Association and a desire to serve the Lord through this ministry opportunity.

How about you? During some of these trips I met many other CMA members of whom I only had names for; I could now attach a face to the names. New friendships have been made and offers of visits to come and stay with us. And from Gail and I to you the same and it has happened already. Lord, I marvel at the common denominator of it all; Your son Jesus Christ and the Joy within, that which we all shared so lively at these events. The two big main rallies, Eastern and Western for our 25th anniversary, were nothing short of awesome, inspirational and challenging, with the messages presented to us from our chairman of CMA Canada, Yvon Audette, and John Ogden Sr. from CMA USA and others. Actually I do not really know of any other organization that I have been involved in that offers us as much friendship, fellowship, spiritual growth and opportunities to share God's Word with others, than CMA. The word others is all inclusive and by that I mean people who do know Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour and those who do not...yet at these types of events.

There have been bike rallies, bike rides...(ice cream runs ☺) bike games, coat checks, chapter meetings, shoe shines, Bible studies, hospital visits, fund raising bike events, baptisms, counselling and sharing, prayers, prayer requests and funerals. All of them with opportunities to present Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world. How did you do? So yes seasons come and seasons go but the season to be able to witness and share the gospel of Jesus Christ has no season, we are to simply to be busy about it. We are in the Church age the age of Grace and as such we have been given an example by a 12 year old Jesus Christ as our previous text stated. Another young man in the New Testament, Timothy is charged in one of Paul's letters to him is, "The Charge to Preach", 2 Tim 4:2 *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.* Paul is actually saying, Timothy this is your business, your occupation, your life's work that you are to busy yourself with. Wow some challenging example isn't it. How are we doing? Well from what I have witnessed and seen across the country, we're doing ok. But there are still lost family members and friends and fellow bikers that I have not met yet and the same for us all. As a Christian our season to witness, speak and share Jesus Christ is NOT over yet. Please continue to enjoy and make full use of the season that God has given us all, John 4:35 says it well, Amen.

... Malcolm & Gail