



ICPF NEWS



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ON POINT

From the Christian Police Bible used in the United Kingdom:

„But you will receive power when the holy spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth“

Acts 1,8

Dear members of the Christian Police Work worldwide

The year 2015 will be so far a tragic time. We did have the report from our colleagues in Paris and the CPA work in France and in April we got this very sad report from Kenya.

Always members of the Christian Police Work involved. Police officers don't get invited to birthday parties or weddings. They always have to show up if the fight is already on. Mostly we see as police officers the society from their bad side. It needs a lot of encouragement and a strong foundation to take a stand and to live on a long term view in this profession.

Our foundation is the Gospel. Our savior is Jesus Christ. What a positive view and what a support for our daily work.

Some years ago it was always the greatest encouragement to know if I will go to the nightshift in Australia it is already morning and my colleagues will pray for our protection. In America it will be afternoon and they will pray for us soon. What a great view.

At this point I am very thankful that we do have Christian Police officers around the world and many of your national meetings I was honored to assist.

I will continue to pray for those of you in difficulties and those of you who struggle. Join me in the efforts to bring the solution to our colleagues.

*In his service
Matthias Lehmann,
President ICPF*



CURRENT EVENTS - INTERNATIONAL CPA GROUPS

AFRICA

Kenya

Beginning of April we got this urgent prayer request from our brother Kibinge wa Muturi in Kenya and the CPA Kenya. We did pray for the involved families but this should us all remind to continue in prayer for Kenya.

“A Public University College in northern Kenya was attacked by terrorists early this morning. Al Shabaab terror group from Somalia has claimed responsibility. 147 people mainly students are confirmed dead and 79 seriously wounded. 2 police officers were among the wounded. 500 students have been rescued, while 300 are still unaccounted for. Two terrorists were killed by the police while two others blew themselves up in a lecture theatre where



they were holding some of the student's hostage, killing themselves and some of the students. The situation is terrible. Counsellors and chaplains are already on the ground supporting the survivors and the families. We covet your prayers.

Chaplain Kibinge wa Muturi



SOUTH AFRICA

THE CHRISTIAN POLICE ASSOCIATION

INVITATION TO THE NATIONAL CPA (CHRISTIAN POLICE ASSOCIATION) CONFERENCE 2015 – SOUTH AFRICA

We as the Christian Police Association (CPA) in South Africa, would like to invite all thee Christian Cops over the world to our Annual Conference that will take place from the 20th of August till the 23rd of August 2015, in Pretoria, South Africa.

This one is very special as it is our 21st CPA Conference in South Africa!! We already around 200+ police members from all over Africa and a large group of police members internationally. They have already started their registrations for this Conference.



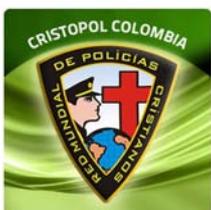
Our conferences are different than those that most of you attend. It is an African experience with music, dancing, fellowship, spiritual teaching and great encouragement to all our police members attending. We will also have international speakers from the Police who will inspire our members.

We also have the great Gala Event the Saturday evening where our dress code for the event can be their police uniform//culture dress // or smart casual.

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AMERICA SOUTH

AMERICA NORTH



COLOMBIA

Last year Matthias Lehmann from ICPF Board did a short visit to Bogota. He was honoured to meet with the President of the Cristopol Colombia and his family. This year will be held

a Pan American conference in Bogota. We do look forward that great things are happening in many countries. We will keep you all informed.



Matthias Lehmann with the President of the Cristopol Colombia and his family

USA

Our time of service and ministry to our own in DC and VA during Police Week was filled with what fellow FCPO board member and Elkhart (IN) Police Chaplain Jim Bontrager rightly termed „Divine appointments.“ The presence of the Holy Spirit was palpable during our time there and He has led me to share a brief report on our activities along with an addendum from Jim that is incredibly powerful and far more eloquent than my own. With this in mind, please take the time to read, share and pray about how God wants to use YOU for the Kingdom.

As many of you know, I've talked for many years now about the importance of FCPO establishing a presence during Police Week and, praise God, Jim and Kevin Bernard (Philadelphia PD) both displayed radical servant-leadership as they stepped out in faith to make it happen. Special thanks must also go to Chaplain Jack Crans for his tremendous help in getting us an „in“ at The Cedars (truly a blessing) and for his like-minded vision, prayers, servant-leadership, mentorship and encouragement.

*The Centurion Law Enforcement Ministry &
Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers*



AUSTRALIA

We did get a prayer request from our brother Gary Raymond in Australia for one of his CPA members and colleague: "Please place Sergeant John Felton on the prayer request list, one of my good mates I worked with on Police Rescue Squad 27. He has liver cancer & is very sick. I have been praying with him."

EUROPA

FRANCE

ARE YOU READY?

France is reeling from the shock of the death toll: seventeen victims, including three policemen, shot down in cold blood by jihadists. I won't go over these tragic events which are known world-wide, committed in the name of their divinity by demonized fanatics, whose discernment has been blinded by "the god of this world". Little by little passions calm down, one can see a little more clearly, life goes on, even if certain questions and problems have been shelved.

As it was in the dark times of the past, (witness the Huguenots), biblical prophecy is being realized in our 21st century as well. "A time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God," (John 16:2), even if the god of these barbarians is definitely not the Lord our God. Living in these troubled times of suffering, we can say by faith that "the coming of the Lord is near, he is at the door". This is where our hope lies!

So with this perspective... the article I wrote in September 1990 for Cornelius is still pertinent.

Here is a brief extract:

„The front wall of the small Protestant cemetery of Saint Jean d'Hérans in the Trièves carries this inscription from Amos: "Prepare to meet your God". At the very gateway to eternity, God asks us to think about it seriously, for who can be certain of his next hour?

Whoever believes in redemption in Jesus Christ is challenged by this injunction: "Prepare yourself" ! And we Christians, members of the association and members of the police force and the Gendarmerie, remember all our colleagues who have been victims of duty. Death during service always takes on an unpredictable, brutal character,

with a maximum of violence, and can confront any one of us. Sadly, many of our colleagues have fallen during routine duty, which had been an uneventful session until the moment when... The question needs to be asked, but only God knows the answer: how many have been precipitated into eternity and have been ready for this encounter?

No-one can say: "old chap, you have a good salary and a secure pension, your needs are taken care of, so take life easy, eat, drink and be merry," (Luke 12:19), for God adds: "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" (Luke 12:20). So it's urgent to prepare yourself, and better not keep putting off indefinitely this vital decision, for what is left for the one who isn't ready other than "a fearful expectation of judgment" (Hebrews 10 : 27).

So I thought it would be good to ask you to "pray" for those men and women who make up our police force, because these dramas don't only happen to others. They can even happen to the Christian, if God in his infinite wisdom allows this. But he who has put his trust in Jesus Christ knows where he's going, for he has the assurance of eternal life.

The next hour doesn't belong to us. Colleague, friend, and you, too, my reader, take the time to consider and "prepare to meet your God", for your eternity is at stake... Yes! "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?" (Matthew 16:26). So "now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2).

"Are you ready to meet your God?" Are we ready?

*Dominique
CPA Secretary France*

MOLDOVA

The CPA in Moldova celebrated the 10th anniversary. Anatolie Andriuta did invite for this celebration and from the ICPF Board Felix Ceccato was over there. Anatolie wrote after the conference:

"Thank you to all who were ready to come to our CPA conference. Praise the Lord, God helped us and we could have a blessing conference.

We had brothers and sisters from Spain, England and Switzerland as from Romania on our conference. Friday evening was a special evening for our colleagues who



don't know Jesus as their personal saviour. We had approximate 60 persons and out of them 60 % did not know Jesus. Friday was reserved to evangelize our colleagues. Saturday was pointed on the spiritual growth of the Christians.

We thank all of you who prayed and who came to our conference. The testimonies were big blessings for our colleagues. Thank you and God may bless you all."

*CPA President of Moldova
Anatoly Andriuta*



ROMANIA - HUNGARY - SERBIA

We received some very encouraging news from Petrica Bohus Romania about their effort to reach the neighbouring countries Hungary and Serbia:

We are experiencing a period of incredible grace here in Romania. In only 15 years after the foundation of CPA Romania the number of believers from the law enforcement has grown and the Lord continues to add new saved people to the existing ones.

Let's all search for peace and holiness for that mission that has been given to us by our Lord to grow even more in Romania, in the neighbouring countries and all around the world.



Saturday, on 28th of March 2015, the board members of CPA Romania-Bihar Branch (Petrica Bohus, Ioan Bochis, Simion Coras, Vasile Tofei, Adrian Olaru) and three of the members of honour (Toth Zoltan-translator, Sava Viorel-minibus, Gros Ovidiu-piano) participated at the fellowship meeting of the CPA Hungary group. We gathered in the Chapel the Airport from Budapest for worship, prayer and fellowship. There were 10 police men and women from Hungary and this small group of police officers wants to remake CPA Hungary and contribute to the salvation of many Hungarian police officers. Let's pray that tens, hundreds and thousands of police officers be „born again” in Hungary. They've decided to meet every Saturday in the Airport Chapel for prayer and fellowship.

Let's also pray for Serbia. The 13th of April 2015 a choir of 60 persons from CPA Romania (Bihar, Arad, Timis and Caras Severin districts) gave two concerts, in Vrsac and Jamu Mic in Serbia. We want to spread the good news of the Gospel to as many police officers as possible in this country. Our prayer is to have a CPA in Serbia as soon as possible, with the Lord's help.

*Petrica Bohus
CPA Romania*