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ICPF NEWS



ON POINT

Christmas 2015

Dear sisters and brothers around the world. As law enforcement officers we face this Christmas looking towards our colleagues in France. We will share the words of the french president of the christian police movement Dominique. Also we will have a silent minute of memory and deep sympathy but read personally the words coming from Paris:

„God calls us, urges us, encourages us.

- Before this ANGER: Psalm 37:1-2 „do not fret ...”
- Facing our FEAR: Isaiah 41:10-11 „will fear nothing, because ...”
- Finally vis-à-vis of forgiveness:

Forgiveness is perhaps the central message of the Bible. The forgiveness of sins is now accepted to anyone who believes in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and repents for his sins.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Forgiving others is not an optional choice, it is an order that God gave.

However important a condition seems. The author can it be pardoned if they do not REPENT, how to forgive if there is no repentance of his part?

„If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if REPENT, forgive him. (Luke 17:3)

May God help us not to irritate us, do not be afraid and especially we gives strength to forgive. God forbid we have our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.”



*In his service
Matthias Lehmann,
President ICPF*



CURRENT EVENTS - INTERNATIONAL CPA GROUPS

EUROPA

FRANCE

Dont be affraid this is the headline of the christmas edition of the CPA work in France. I want to share with you all the origine text and try to translate it into our words as well.

M.Lehmann

N'ayez pas peur !

Notre association s'incline devant les nombreuses victimes des lâches attentats terroristes du Vendredi 13 Novembre à Paris, faisant suite hélas à d'autres tout aussi horribles en Janvier dernier, et dans les années précédentes. Le bilan humain est cette fois très lourd, plus que jamais auparavant. L'immense majorité des 130 tués, et 351 blessés sont des jeunes de moins de trente ans. A juste titre l'heure peut paraître bien sombre à nos concitoyens, tant nous avons basculé soudainement dans une indicible horreur. Heureusement, gageons que le temps agissant



comme un baume, les inquiétudes s'apaiseront peu à peu, et la vie reprendra tout doucement son cours, car la vie reprend toujours ses droits. Les spécialistes cependant affirment que des forces obscures peuvent encore frapper notre pays, et que d'autres événements du même acabit



risquent assurément de se reproduire, car la menace pèse toujours. Certes, l'on peut se resserrer autour des valeurs républicaine, et s'appuyer sur notre devise "Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité". Affirmer haut et fort pancarte à l'appui notre désir de « rester unis » face à la barbarie. Rappeler qu'il est légitime de se défendre, et riposter. Proclamer « Nous sommes Paris » rappelant sa devise « Fluctuat Nec Mergitur ». Prendre des initiatives citoyennes : marches du souvenir, entonner l'hymne national lors de rassemblements, se recueillir sur les lieux même des drames en y déposant des fleurs, et allumant des bougies... Mais pour le chrétien sans négliger ce qui précède, l'essentiel dans ces temps difficiles, n'est-il pas de se recentrer au coeur même de l'Évangile, priant afin que nos gouvernants puissent recevoir la sagesse, pour faire face et maîtriser cette crise, qui est loin d'être uniquement franco-française?

„Our association bows to the many victims of the cowardly terrorist attacks of Friday, November 13th in Paris, following a other equally horrible last January. The human toll is this time more than ever before. The vast majority of the 130 killed and 351 injured are young people under thirty. Rightly time may seem very dark to our citizens, as we suddenly tipped into an unspeakable horror. Fortunately, we expect that time acting as a balm, concerns will gradually subside, and life slowly resumed its course, for life always reasserts itself. However, experts say that the dark forces can still strike our country and other events of the same ilk certainly likely to recur, because the threat still hangs.

Certainly, one can tighten around the republican values and build on our motto „Liberty, Equality, Fraternity“. Say loud and clear sign to support our desire to „remain united“ against barbarism.

Remember that it is legitimate to defend themselves and fight back. Proclaim „We are Paris“ recalling his motto „Fluctuat NEC mergitur,..“ Make citizen initiatives: marches of Remembrance, sing the anthem National at rallies, will gather at the scene of tragedies by depositing flowers and lighting candles...

But for the Christian without neglecting the above, mainly in these difficult times, is not it to refocus the very heart of the Gospel, praying that our leaders can receive wisdom, to face and manage the crisis, which is far from being only Franco-French?“

The ICPF board did respond on this text on behalf of all our national christian police movements and expressed all our sympathy and the fact that we will pray for our sisters and brothers in France in this time of barbarism. Do not hesitate to write as well to them.

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GERMANY

The Christmas time is a time for giving and donating. In Germany the CPA work is offering a police bible for free to all police officers. This project is going on for many years and the 4th edition is printed. Other CPAs jumped into the project line and do have police bibles in the meantime as well.

In the sixteen states in Germany in many academies as well as in police colleges the bible in this days is ordered many hundred times. Do we pray for the fact that it might reach the hearts of the colleagues and the seeds will grow and bring fruit in the future.



NETHERLANDS

Many greetings from The Netherlands and the Amsterdam district. The Amsterdam chapter of the Dutch CPA (LNCP) wants to share two initiatives with you. Hopefully encouraging, challenging and/or inspiring.

The Dutch police force is in the biggest reorganization in our history. 27 different regions have now become the one National Police force. As you all know reorganizations have sunny sides, but also create a lot of tension, fear, pain, feelings of lostness, feelings of not being seen as co-worker but more like a number, etc. Good things and bad things go hand in hand in periods like these.

The CPA Amsterdam wanted to do something for all those colleagues facing a hard time, for leaders who are trying to keep everyone on board and for colleagues who want to make the best out of this situation but don't know how. As Christians police-officers we want to make a positive impact on people and on people's working life. If it is not in sharing the Gospel in words, than in deeds. If it is not in mentioning Jesus Himself, than in spreading His passion and love for people. A dream/vision of the CPA Amsterdam chairman, was the start for a great event we have been able to organize this last month.

We were able to book one of the most famous speakers on management and change of the Netherlands for a conference on how to handle change. This speaker, Ben Tiggelaar, is Christian as well, so we worked from the same passion and source of strength.



Matthias visiting his colleague in Rotterdam

Since it was focused on the well being of all police officers, the CPA board was able to convince the Amsterdam police force of the benefits of this event. They saw the positive side and provided all finances needed and staff and a location. Talking about blessings!

The seminar was a big success. Over 350 officers attended the seminar and we have heard great stories of colleagues who joined and learned a lot. The CPA board and Ben Tiggelaar started the day with prayer. Something he had never done before together with the organization that invited him to speak. It was an awesome way to start the day. With this initiative we could share God's love and passion in a special way, which made it possible to reach a lot of colleagues and impact the organization in a very positive way.

We try to do that again in another initiative this coming month. For the fifth time CPA Amsterdam organizes together with the christian organization Serve the City, a day of volunteer work for police officers. We want to connect the police officers with people living in our city in a different way. Not in uniform and controlling or sanctioning or helping out of duty, but helping from the heart. Talking with people in a different way, on an equal level and about other subjects. We already had this event the last four years just before Christmas. Hoping to make a difference in the lives of people living in Amsterdam and in the lives of our colleagues. And... we have seen it happen! Thanks be to God.

*Serving with you,
CPA Amsterdam*

SWITZERLAND

For the last 18 years the Christmas time is also a time of much work for the CPA members in Switzerland. The reason is the missionary work in the CPA Switzerland. All long term prisoners in Switzerland get an offer of the CPA to receive a christian yearly calendar with some bible verses every day and some gospel thoughts as well. The ordered calendars have to be packed and send out in time to arrive for Christmas to the different prisons nationwide. The response is still after all this years great. The packing is done in Zurich and the calendars are send out in three languages, german, french and italian. Even so Switzerland is not a big country is has been split up into three language areas while the german speaking area is the biggest.



SPAIN

FIRST Project

On last December 5 C. P. A. Spain opened its first church in the town of Cieza, in the Spanish Levante. The church was born of the project „Do things as God intended“. This project is provides to the Mayor of the city, and is composed of a small conference of half an hour, where we talk about topics such as depression, true love, forgiveness, problems with children, marriage problems... Mayor gave us a room to deliver the conferences to the people.

The project has a duration of two years. The first conference was attended by three people, after a few months



three rooms were needed to divide the participants into three groups: children, youth and adults.



In these two years have attended the conference more than 200 people, more than 50 have accepted the Lord into their hearts, nine of them were baptized in the month of August.

For their dedication and love for people, we have appointed pastors of this church our CPA delegates in Murcia - Spain, Vicente and Dina, they are a married of cops. The inauguration of the church attended by members of the city government, a large number of guests policemen, and a delegation of the CPA Spain consists of 11 people. With this project we have realized that in Spain the macro evangelistic campaigns do not work, what people want is that we help them in their personal problems, that we are nearby, that we show them that they matter to us.

SECOND Project

In our desire to be near to society and show a policeman nearby, we talked with members of the ARMY NATO to organize the donation of toys for children of poor families. On december 22nd we collect toys in the NATO airbase in the city of Torrejon - Madrid, and will be distributed to children during this Christmas.

CPA Spain

AMERICA NORTH

USA

The Centurion LE Ministry is a FCPO-affiliated national and international, evangelical Christian outreach to our own in law enforcement. These newsletters and Bible studies are part of this outreach and past editions can be

found both on our website and on our Facebook and Twitter pages (we encourage you to adapt our studies for your own individual or group use). Check out the links below for more!

<http://www.thecenturionlawenforcementministry.org>

FCPO-USA exists to provide biblical support („backup“), accountability and iron sharpens iron fellowship to Christian officers first in the U.S. and in various overseas nations as well.

<http://www.fcpo.org>

PLI - Pointman Leadership Institute

In the year 1993 three police officers and a business man formed a group called Vernon group around Robert Vernon assistant chief from the LAPD. Ian Mc Donald from UK, Matthias Lehmann from Germany and the business man Henry Minder from Switzerland. We will share the very important 8 character traits in the words of Robert Vernon.

Integrity:

Never forget to be truthful and kind. Hold these virtues tightly. Write them deep within your heart“ (Prov 3:3). Honesty is underscored here as being extremely important. The Lord exhorts us to hold it tightly, or to not let it slip away. It is almost as if it can easily be lost or neglected. I believe that is precisely what we are being warned about. I have found this virtue is easily compromised. I need reminders.

„God loves those who keep their promises, and hates those who don't.“ (Prov 12:22) Followers love to see this behavior in their leader. Keeping one's word is essential for nurturing relationships. It is better not to make a promise than make one and break it. It is wise to use caution and consider likely contingencies before making commitments. Leadership involves a relationship - a relationship between the leader and those being led. Following through on commitments builds that relationship.

„The Lord demands fairness in every business deal. He established this principle.“ (Prov 16:11) This is a high standard that the Lord requires of us. It is all part of the concept of integrity. Our actions in the marketplace reveals our inner heart. As the Apostle James emphasizes throughout his letter in the bible - „faith without works is dead.“ Our business, professional, or family dealings must measure up to this principle.

These three perspectives on integrity are just of few of the



many verses in the book of Proverbs on this topic. Here we have only scratched the surface on the relevance of Integrity. All of them relate to our focus on leadership in PLI. To lead one must have the trust of his/her followers. To earn trust, one must be truthful, keep promises and be fair in all their dealings. Integrity is a „key stone“ that supports not only the leadership relationship, but a life well lived.

„If you must choose, take a good name rather than great riches, for to be held in loving esteem is better than silver and gold.“ (Prov 22:1) This verse reveals the result of following a life of integrity. Ultimately one will be held in loving esteem.

AMERICA SOUTH

COLUMBIA

In Bogota Columbia the organisation named Cristopol had a continent wide conference from november 3rd to 6th. Around ethical values and christian police projects 17 nations from South America and Middle America held their meeting this year in Columbia.



Speakers from Cristopol Argentine, Columbia, Venezuela, Bolivia, Peru, Chile, Mexico, Panama, Ecuador, Paraguay, Brazil shared their experience.

On the conference 150 delegates come together. It was touching and encouraging to learn and see what is going on in this continent. During the last 12 month we got a lot of reports about police services in different locations in South America. We will be exited to get more reports about what is going on over there. In the past the CPA Switzerland had for many years a police chaplancy in Peru paid by the donations from Swiss police officers. The CPA Germany was paying for the local police chaplancy in Brazil

and Argentina as well. The president of the ICPF was the only participant out of the continent of America. With filled hearts and new friends, brothers and sisters the delegates went back to their local work in all of their nations. The spirit in the conference was great and the shared time was blessed.



AFRICA

CAR

Greetings to all, I have friends who are running for the presidential elections in CAR that need your prayer support:

- 1) Faustin Archange TOUADERA (former Prime Minister)
- 2) Anicet DOLOGUELE (Former Prime Minister)
- 3) Armel DOUBANE (Former Minister of Education)
- 4) Gomina-Pampali (Former Minister of Foreign Affairs)
- 5) Martin ZIGUELE (Former Prime Minister).

There are 30 candidates for the presidential elections and only one will get to the seat. In order to avoid conflict after the elections, I seek an opportunity to gather all the candidates and have my friend, the honorary vice president of the Democratic Republic of Congo, who has been in the country since last August, for a seminar with Political leaders to speak to them from his own experience. Unfortunately, things don't come through. Please pray that God will provide a godly man to rule over the CAR so that we can find peace. Pray that CIDEL will continue to have opportunity to minister to those in positions of authority in the next Government.

*Merry Christmas
Rev. Dr. Augustin Hibaile*