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ON POINT

PRAY FOR OUR POLICE OFFICERS

My neighbour says: If there is one job I wouldn't want to do, it is the job of a police officer. Not because I don't value our police, quite the opposite. The police officers in our society do such an important and valuable service that their work can never be appreciated enough. But, at the same time, the protectors and defenders of our freedoms are increasingly exposed to insults, aggression and malicious attacks. I would not want to be a police officer during this growing tribulation. All the more, our policemen and women not only deserve our appreciation but equally importantly are our prayers.

ANYONE WHO ATTACKS POLICEMEN ATTACKS OUR VALUE SYSTEM

Those who are against the police are ultimately against a free society and its values. The police not only protect us physically, but the police also protect the freedoms and rights which are fundamental human rights that we should expect. Without the police, our communities could sink into disorder and chaos.

God is a God of freedom and order. The devil, on the other hand, "comes only to steal and kill and destroy" (Jesus in John 10:10 NIV about the devil).

Pray for our police officers:

Dear God,

- **I ask for Your protection for all the policemen and women.**
- **Keep them from physical and emotional harm.**
- **Give them Your inner peace and wisdom, so that they can always do their duty more than well and make no mistakes.**
- **Protect not only the police, but also their families from all evil.**
- **I thank you for Your help (of course gladly in your words).**

We are seeing a society in which God is pushed aside more and more. An increasing amount of demonic power then fills the emerging spiritual vacuum. Correspondingly there are increasingly dark, hateful and brutal things going on in our society. If it were not for the police, it would look even more chaotic.

Let us also not forget to pray for those who are driven by hate, to violently attack our policemen and women. Dear God, free all those who are seduced by hatred from the influence of evil, and let them realize You as their loving heavenly Father. (Of course gladly in your words).



The ICPF board wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Yes, Jesus is the same, today and tomorrow. Let's celebrate Christmas with him. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Felix Ceccato
ICPF Board





CURRENT EVENTS - INTERNATIONAL CPA GROUPS

EUROPA

MOLDOVA

The Christian police work in Moldova is now 12 years old and the Christian officers are making great efforts to reach their colleagues with the Gospel. This year they visited many police stations including the Headquarter of the Police to distribute Christian calendars to start the year 2018 with the gospel. We pray their efforts will encourage more members.

One of the topics for the police was the fact that the amount of divorces and suicide among police officers is way above other professions. A police chaplaincy or an active work of the CPA would be a possible help to this situation. Srilal Weerasooriya the president of AMCF (armed military christian forces) and retired general from SRI Lanka participated in this important conference. It was a blessing to hear his reports around the world.



PORTUGAL

In November the first Iberian Christian police conference took place in a Catholic retreat centre close to Lisboa, the Portuguese capital. All Portuguese speaking countries had been invited to participate. At the end 13 nations had been present. Beside the police also the military took place on this important conference.

ROMANIA

In the Romanian city of Oradea, a pre Christmas Church service was held in which the singing was led by a choir formed of Christian police officers from the area. The Choir led the singing of traditional Christmas Carols and gave much joy to the city and the church community as those normally involved in protecting them, worshipped and brought them the bible story of Jesus birth.





SERBIA

With the support of CPV Switzerland and Romania there was a delegation into Serbia to bring the translated Christian book of our CPA member Waturi Kibinge from CPA Kenya to Serbia. We hope and pray that the right doors will open up and soon a movement of CPA Serbia will start.



AFRICA

BURUNDI

In November, PACPAC (Pan African Christian Police Association Conference) 2017 was held in Bujumbura, the capital of Burundi. Neil Collin (UK) from the international board shared with us the celebrations that took place. The gathering of 150 representatives from across Africa and elsewhere should be considered as a great success.

The theme of the conference was "Arise, Shine" (Isaiah 60:1) and opened by His Excellency, the President of Burundi, which gave the occasion a national profile and extensive media coverage. There were daily Bible studies mixed with many informative presentations, worship, networking and fellowship opportunities.

SPAIN

Expresate was once again held in late October in the resort of Gandia. This year many visitors from abroad participated and enjoyed this yearly event of the CPA in Spain. Juan Nombela could announce on the official webpage of the police that the Christian Police movement in Spain have now got a place to provide chaplaincy to police officers around the country.



SWEDEN

In Goteburg the second biggest city in Sweden it is a tradition to have a Christmas meeting. This year it was held with a service in a church and a nice dinner. The Norwegian CPA was also sharing and participating. One Christian officer from Turkey who lost his job because of the political situation in his country joined us at this celebration. It is very encouraging that he wants to become a member of the CPA work.

Prayers were offered for the delegates and families of those who attended but also for all Christian Police brothers and sisters and their families around the world in these challenging times. One key message was that whilst many of us actually wear a uniform at work, it is who we are and how we conduct ourselves that will help us to "arise and shine" whether in our families, workplaces or communities. We should never just rely upon our outer clothing or uniform to share that message on our behalf. Thanks be to God for that Conference.

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