



# ICPF NEWS



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## ON POINT

We know that this season of Easter is a very special time for Christians. In addition it is also a special and busy time for police officers. In many areas of the world, over the long holiday weekend, they have to serve by working extra shifts and providing public security, due to recent terrible events in crowded places. This is a time when we all look towards Jerusalem and Christians all across the world gather to recall all that took place in the Holy Land two thousand years ago. The story of the events, from the 'Last Supper', the betrayal, the brutal Crucifixion on Good Friday and then finally His glorious resurrection on the third day, Easter Sunday - Hallelujah!

Sadly, despite Jesus victory over death, there are still places in the world, where to be a follower of Jesus, means believers face persecution. So over this season of Easter, let us pray especially for all our brothers and sisters who follow Jesus, in the countries of Somalia, Egypt, Sudan and Nigeria. We particularly want to hold in our prayers all those who are in Christian Police families working and living in those difficult regions and regimes. The good news is that God hears our humble words and by His Grace, is already at work to support his followers.

*Matthias Lehmann  
ICPF President*



## CURRENT EVENTS - INTERNATIONAL CPA GROUPS

### EUROPA

#### GERMANY

In March this year, the Christian Police in Germany met and celebrated the 30th Anniversary of their annual reception in Nürnberg, Bavaria. The retired President and the current Minister of the Interior spoke to the gathering about the importance of Christian values. Nearly 500 police officers, judges, politicians and friends of the Christian police movement in Germany attended and it was very well received. The reception included a service, worship and refreshments.



#### FRANCE

Our heroic police colleague in France, Lieutenant Colonel Arnaud Beltrame, who swapped places with a female hostage during an attack by an ISIS supporter on a supermarket in Carcassonne South France has died of his wounds. Arnaud Beltrame, age 45, was shot in the neck Friday after courageously offering to take the place of a woman during a gunman's assault on the Super U supermarket in Trèbes. Police found two unexploded homemade bombs, a 7.65 mm pistol and a hunting knife when they searched the market after the attack.

Radouane Lakdim, 26yrs, a Moroccan-born man was the attacker Authorities said that Lakdim was a petty criminal and already on the radar of French police for his links to radical Salafist networks. When he burst into the supermarket Friday, witnesses said he shouted he was a soldier from ISIS, before opening fire and killing a worker and a customer. He was shot dead by police at the scene after more gunfire had been heard..

French President Emmanuel Macron said in a statement.



“By giving his life to end the murderous escapade of a jihadist terrorist, he died as a hero.” Police officers get killed on duty all around the world fighting criminals or fighting terrorist to protect and serve” This is what we try to do for the security of the population and to serve our societies. Our heartfelt prayers are with our colleagues in France and especially with the family and friends of Arnaud Beltrame. His sacrifice echoes the sacrifice made by Jesus, as his death allowed others to live.



## MOLDOVA

After providing many years of help through the CPV Switzerland, this year CPV Germany is also helping financially to assist in holding the Moldovan National meeting in the area of Transnistria, next to the border. This is an hour drive from the capital Chischnau. In March, part of the assistance that was given included a team from Germany driving a truck containing various materials and resources collected in Germany to support the work taking place in Moldova. As well as practical help, the team from Germany were able to deliver spiritual and prayer support of three Christian CPA families living in Moldova during 2018.



## SPAIN

It is very encouraging that Juan Nombela, one of our ICPF Board members from Madrid, Spain, has been invited to assist the Police services and Government Departments for Policing in Spain and Portugal. There is a growing concern at the increasing rates of Police officer suicides in these two countries and the factors that often lead to this sad situation include divorce, alcohol and drug misuse. The CPA in Spain is listed as a NGO ‘help’ organisation to contribute and advise on reducing this serious problem. Can we pray that Juan will be guided and inspired to offer Godly wisdom to the discussions that take place.

## AMERICA NORTH

### USA

This week’s newsletter and profession-focused Bible study comes to you in the midst of yet another school shooting. Praise God, it was a fellow officer (SRO) who ran to the fight (the sound of gunfire), engaged the shooter and put rounds on target to stop the threat before other lives were lost or people hurt (see School Resource Officer Stops five Shooter).

On February 14, 2018, a school shooting occurred at a High School in Parkland, Florida. Seventeen people were killed and seventeen more were wounded, making it one of the world’s deadliest school massacres. The perpetrator, 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz, was identified by witnesses and arrested shortly afterward. He confessed, according to the Broward County Sheriff’s Office. He was charged with 17 counts of premeditated murder and 17 attempted murders. Police and prosecutors have not yet offered a motive. We pray for all involved police officers and for the families of the victims as well as the wounded victims.





## ASIA

### INDIA

We read in the following letter, a message from the Cops for Christ India to our ICPF President Matthias Lehman: Honourable Minister of God, Dear President of ICPF, I whole heartedly give thanks to you for your visit to our



nation which was a great encouragement for us. I hope you reached your country safely. Thank you for the precious time you spent with us I earnestly pray for you and please remember us in your prayers. Jayaram Jerome, India. How can I express to be ashamed because the delegation of the board from Cops for Christ India was travelling 1935 km 36 hours in a train from South India to meet with me for a day.



They deserve all the glory beside him. (Matthias Lehmann, ICPF President). In India we do have a population of 2.6% Christians. To see police work in a police precinct in Mumbai as well as exchange the vision of Ethics in Leadership courses for police chiefs and to go through the history of the Christian police movement worldwide was part of a whole day of exchange in the Mumbai visit with the board of the Christian police families India.

### HONGKONG

We are pleased to report on another good news story - this time from our friends in Hong Kong. In late November and early December 2017, the Enoch Fellowship in the Police Department played a big role in helping to deliver the Hong Kong Gospel Festival which was a major event at the City's main sports stadium.



Officers worked hard to ensure the large crowds were kept safe and all enjoyed the excellent worship, fellowship and inspiring messages from the list of guest speakers over seven separate sessions. Our contact in Hong Kong is Joseph Au, a retired senior officer and we give thanks to him and colleagues for their dedication and service in helping to make the event such a huge success and a blessing to many.

