



ICPF NEWS



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ON POINT

Dear Officers, members of Law Enforcement organizations, Police friends and supporters around the world. As I write this message to you from my home in Essex England some 40miles from London we have something unusual happening here, it is not Brexit or even Trumps recent visit. We are having a heatwave! Over 46 days now without rain and daily temperatures up to 32C. For many of you this weather would be normal but England is known for being green with rain almost every week, but now everything is dry and brown.

Turning to our spiritual climate I want to ask you these questions. How are you doing? Is your spiritual life dry? Do you need to be refreshed? We all need more of Jesus in our lives. Let me remind you of some important truths from Gods word?

- For God so loved the world (YOU) that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish.....
- But you received the spirit of adoption by whom we cry out "Abba Father".
- Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength.

You are Loved and you are Gods sons and daughters and as you submit to him as Lord you will be renewed, refreshed

and blessed both in your private life and in your position in authority so that you will be full of Grace and Jesus righteousness. To change the climate within our heart we need to believe in Jesus as our Saviour with our whole heart, turning from those things we know to be wrong, receive his Holy Spirit and ask the Lord for strength to serve him.

I served as a Police Officer in England for 30 years and many asked me the question. How can you be a Christian and a Police Officer? I always gave them this answer. "Jesus is my Lord and Saviour, he is with me always where ever I go, in the police car, at the street fight, at the riot, the accident on the Highway and in the prison cell with the prisoner, it is like he is on my right shoulder, he sees and hears everything I do and say, he is my strong help in time of trouble." We bring the light of Christ with us into dark places, we bring truth into our evidence statements. I pray that you may be refreshed, protected and blessed as you serve our Lord Jesus.



Tony Britten, Retired Inspector, Essex Police UK and ICPF Board

CURRENT EVENTS - INTERNATIONAL CPA GROUPS

AFRICA

BURUNDI

Greeting from CPA Burundi. After PACPAC in November 2017, CPA continued to encourage police officers in prayer. In **January** a seminar was held in Police Academy and CPA cell was renewed, Bibles and hymn books were provided to facilitate police officers and lecturers at the academy to share the word of God.

In February a 2 day seminar was held in Source du Nil Hotel in which police officers and other civil servants met to fellowship together and learned about trauma healing and stress management based on bible principles.

In **April** another seminar was held in a military center in

which police and military officers were convened and learned how to live a holly life as men and women in uniform. In **September 24-28**, 2018 a conference will run, CPA members will visit one Central Prison upcountry to share the word of God with prisoners and to encourage police officers in prison coz of their work. Then different topics will be delivered by different speakers to more than 70 police officers. The conference will be ended by a celebration of the 13 anniversary of its existence and the 1st Vice-President is expected to attend.

In **November 5-9**, Chaplains and leaders from the Army and police will be together to learn about christian leadership and evangelism.

November 12-14, Pointman Leadership is expected to be



in Bujumbura do deliver leadership and Anticorruption seminar to leaders from police and the Army, 200 participants are expect (two classes will be run, one being English speaking, another one French speaking). God bless you.

Sadate, CPA Burundi Chairman Deputy

SWAZILAND

The Christian Police Association (CPA) in Swaziland hosted the 23th Royal Swaziland Police National Prayer Conference from 24 to 26 January 2018 at the Matsapha Police Academy. The three-day conference included a workshop for all the CPA members. The theme of this year's conference was „Standing the test of time“.



CPA members from South Africa also supported this conference with 35 delegates.

Day one commenced with an evening service with the marquee tent filled to capacity with approximately 1000 delegates. Among them were members of the police and the community, guests and representatives of other policing and government departments as well as students from the Police Academy. The dynamic praise and worship team, backed by the police choir for the three days, set the stage for a spiritual and life-changing message delivered by the guest speakers and preachers.

Various cabinet ministers and other Swazi government representatives attended. These included the Minister of Works and Transport, the Minister of Home Affairs, the Minister of Public Service and the Senior Deputy National Police Commissioner Minister Gwensa acknowledged the South African delegates for their continued support of this prayer conference and applauded the CPA and relevant role-players for hosting this vital prayer conference. She stated that the government is in a partnership with the police in combating crime and road carnage in the country. She emphasized that every individual has a role to lay and the importance of working with the police cannot be overem-

phasized. All the necessary support will be given to fighting crime and this prayer conference at the beginning of the year is a spiritual contribution to strengthen our endeavors in achieving our goals.

by V G Naidoo

SOUTH AFRICA

Please note our advertisement for the Nat CPA Congress 2018 in South Africa. It will be from the 6th of Sept 2018 untill the 9th of Sept 2018 in Cape Town, South Africa. For more information, you are welcome to contact the CPA Office: cpanatadm@vodamail.co.za

ASIA

INDIA

Praised God for all that took place at the National Police Family convention during early April. It was a great success with many people joining us. We enjoyed worshipping and prayed for our colleagues and their families across India to continue to serve within the Police Force. We wholeheartedly thank The LORD JESUS CHRIST for whom we prayed, participated, supported and did ministry for the success of our 17th „BLESS OUR COPS NATIONAL PRAYER CONFERENCE“ . All Glory to our Lord and Almighty God JESUS Christ. God Bless the world through the transformed lives of our Cops. Blessings.

*Rev. Jayaram Jerome
& Holy Host Cops Families India*





AMERICA NORTH

CANADA

Taking this opportunity to promote the FCPO-Canada which is hosting their 2018 National Conference in Newfoundland & Labrador between August 3-5. You'll get to see a special part of Canada while hanging out with a great group of brother and sister officers.

USA

At the time of writing in the USA, we are 21 weeks into 2018 and there have already been 23 school shootings where someone was hurt or killed. That averages out to more than 1 shooting a week. This is tragic and shocking news, so continued prayer is needed for the protection of all police officers facing such scenes in the US and around our world. They have their own families and loved ones, yet because of what they do, they end up bravely risking their own lives to protect others. In many cases, after a shooting, Police officers undergo a long period of Post-traumatic stress symptoms. All officers in such situations need a strong foundation in their lives to get over the psychological effects over the long term. As Christians, we are thankful that we can turn to God as our Rock and foundation.



- **January 23: Benton, Kentucky.** A 15-year-old student shot 16 people -- killing two other 15-year-olds -- at Marshall County High School, authorities said. The student faces two charges of murder and 12 counts of first degree assault.
- **January 22: Italy, Texas.** A 15-year-old student was wounded in a shooting at a high school in Italy, Texas, authorities said. The suspect, also 15, was quickly apprehended.
- **January 20: Winston Salem, North Carolina.** A Winston-Salem State University football player, Najee Ali Baker, was shot to death at a party on the campus of Wake Forest University.
- **February 24: Savannah, Georgia.** A person was shot on the campus of Savannah State University and taken to a nearby hospital where he later died. Neither the victim nor the shooter were university students, the college said.
- **February 14: Parkland, Florida.** A 19-year-old man

gunned down students and staff with a rifle at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, slaughtering at least 17 unsuspecting students and adults. The shooter, Nikolas Cruz, had been expelled from the high school over disciplinary problems, officials said.

- **February 9: Nashville.** A high school student was shot five times in the parking lot of Pearl-Cohn High School.
- **February 5: Oxon Hill, Maryland.** A high school student was shot in the parking lot of Oxon Hill High..
- **February 1: Los Angeles.** A 15-year-old boy was shot in the head and a 15-year-old girl shot in the wrist at Sal Castro Middle School in Los Angeles, officials said. Two other students were grazed by bullets. A 12-year-old girl was booked for negligent discharge of a firearm in that shooting, which was considered „unintentional,“ Los Angeles police said. A fight led to a shooting in the parking lot of Lincoln High School, fatally wounding a 32-year-old man.
- **March 20: Lexington Park, Maryland.** An armed student shot two others at Great Mills High School before a school resource officer fired a round at the shooter. The shooter was killed. One of the students, 16-year-old girl Jaelynn Willey, was taken off life support two days later.
- **March 7: Birmingham, Alabama.** One student was killed and another critically wounded after an accidental shooting during dismissal time at Huffman High School. Police wouldn't elaborate further.
- **March 7: Jackson, Mississippi.** A student was shot inside a dormitory at Jackson State University. His injuries were not life-threatening.
- **March 2: Mount Pleasant, Michigan.** Two people were shot to death at a dormitory on the campus of Central Michigan University. The victims were not students and police think the incident stemmed from a domestic situation.
- **May 25: Noblesville, Indiana.** Two people were injured when a gunman opened fire at Noblesville West Middle School in Noblesville, Indiana.
- **May 18: Santa Fe, Texas.** Ten people were killed in a shooting at Santa Fe High School.
- **May 11: Palmdale, California.** A 14-year-old boy went to Highland High, his former school, and began shooting a semiautomatic rifle shortly before classes were scheduled to begin, officials said. A 15-year-old boy was struck in the shoulder.



EUROPA

MOLDOVA

In June the CPA Moldova celebrated their annual family weekend with lots of spiritual input great music and much to do for the children. Close to 150 police officers' Christian fireman and family members came together and celebrated.



The Swiss organisation, 'Light in the East' (LIO) offered humanitarian help and Matthias Schöni their General Director joined the occasion as did the ICPF President, Matthias Lehmann from Germany. Much fire-fighting equipment was shipped from Germany and Switzerland and is now already in use. Moldova is grateful for the support of CPV Germany, who partly sponsored the weekend and continue to support police families as in previous years. As the Moldavian people speak Romanian language, it is a great encouragement that they come to participate every single year and share their experience in the mission work they are carrying out among the police officers.

ROMANIA

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE CHRISTIAN POLICE ASSOCIATION FROM ROMANIA 30.08 – 02.09.2018

We invite police officers, border police officers, penitentiary officers, gendarmes, fire-fighters, local police, military and customs officers (active or retired), on their own or together with their family. Interpretation from/ into English will be provided. The costs for accommodation and meals 40 Euros / person / for the entire conference

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UNITED KINGDOM

In April the ICPF annual Board meeting took place in the UK where we were graciously hosted by UK member Tony Britten and his wife Linda at their home in Essex. We enjoyed excellent hospitality and had the pleasure of welcoming our

newest member, Why Duvenhage to the Board. Why lives and works in Capetown, South Africa. As a former president of the CPV South Africa, he was responsible for building up Chaplaincy to the Police and contributing to transporting Christian values into neighbouring countries through the delivery of training seminars. We are confident that Why's extensive experience will add value to the Board and as a group we respectfully ask for your prayers for all our endeavours as we seek to serve the ICPF community. You can be assured that amongst our discussions the most important business was the offering of prayers for all our Christian brothers and sisters around the world.

The timing of the Board meeting happened to coincide with the same week as the UK National CPA Conference. This took place on the beautiful north coast of Northern Ireland in the town of Portrush and close to the world-famous landmark known as 'The Giants Causeway.' It meant that four board members were able to attend and fully participated in what was a first class gathering on every level and the excellent weather added to making the occasion a blessing to all those who were there. A note of 'Thanks' goes out to recognize the hard work done behind the scenes of all the organizers of this and the many other Conferences around the globe, which offer fun, friendship and faithfulness - we salute you!

It is probably true to say that in many areas of Northern Ireland, it has been and continues to be a particularly challenging place to serve as a Police Officer.



Matthias Lehmann with new member Why Duvenhage in company with 2 officers from the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)

They are alongside one of the heavily protected Patrol vehicles which are routinely used offer them much needed protection. In view of the extra policing demands placed upon them daily, the commitment given by the CPA Branch in Northern Ireland to making this Conference such a success should not be underestimated...a big 'well done' guys and continued prayers would be warmly welcomed for them and all their colleagues.