



# ICPF NEWS



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## ON POINT

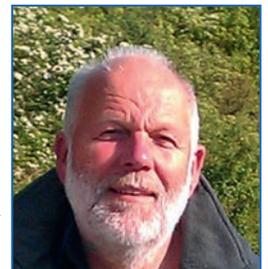
### Dear Police Officers,

all those in Law Enforcement and First Responder Agencies around the world. The destructive nature of the Covid 19 Pandemic has succeeded in bringing together so many different services to battle against the destructive effects of the Corona virus around the world. In the circumstances, the question might be asked. 'Where is God in the Corona virus crisis'? Is this a judgement from God on a wicked world? I answer 'No, I don't believe so,' As we read in Luke 13 v 1-5 - Jesus comments about Jews murdered whose blood was mixed with Pagan sacrifices. Then Jesus asks whether the eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell and killed them - 'Do you think they were more guilty than all those others living in Jerusalem?' What Jesus is saying here reminds us all that unfortunately natural disasters and atrocities do happen, but they are not God's punishment to the wicked.

Throughout history, humans have been subjected to devastating plagues. The Justinian plague of 541AD, the Black Death of 1350 AD and more recently in 1918 when the Spanish flu killed 50 million people around the world. This Pandemic is nothing new in the history of the world, but it certainly is new to us in 2020. In the above passage in Luke, Jesus twice says 'Unless you repent you will all perish.' Here he is not talking about a natural death for we all die. He is talking about eternal death for those who do

not repent and follow Jesus. But as we accept and follow Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, He is our eternal hope of life, eternal life.

It is good that at this time we draw closer to God. To pray for the pandemic to end, to pray for protection from infection, to pray for our families, to pray for the strength and courage to do our job with compassion and justice. The world has changed, but God does not change. It says in Malachi 3 v 6 - 'I the Lord do not change.' His word does not change. He is our heavenly father who loved us so much that he sent his beloved son, Jesus, to die in our place, for our sins. We must respond by turning away from sin and accepting Jesus as our Lord and saviour, the gift of God is eternal life. This promise is steadfast and sure. At this time, we are challenged to come closer to God, to seek His face, to pray more and take Jesus with us on patrol and into every area of our work and home, making him Lord of every area of our lives. Psalm 23 v 4 - 'Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.' In these dark times, Lord I trust you and thank you that my eternal future is secure in you.



*Tony Britten ICPF  
Retired Police Inspector UK  
Chair of Trustees*

## CURRENT EVENTS - INTERNATIONAL CPA GROUPS

### EUROPE

#### MOLDOVA

The Association of Christian Police of Moldova continues to serve God. Thanks to the German partners who recently helped us distribute firefighting equipment. With the help of Matthias Lehmann, our brother from Germany, who is also the International President, hundreds of firemen were equipped. These donations were an open door to the Good News of salvation! At each meeting I had the opportunity to tell colleagues about the Lord Jesus who is the Supreme Savior. If





firefighters save people from temporary fire, then Jesus is the Savior who saves people from eternal fire. We thank the partners very much for this opportunity to be closer colleagues. Through these projects a closer relationship was established. Some colleagues have asked for the Bible and now we read together some verses every day. It is a wonderful work. The equipment donated by colleagues in Germany contribute to saving the lives of many citizens, but also to saving the souls of our colleagues. We are grateful to both our colleagues in Greece and our partners in Switzerland. With the help of LIO missions, it was possible to transport this equipment from Germany to Moldova. May the Lord bless all our colleagues from different countries. Bless you for being a blessing.

*Anatolie Andriuta, President of CPA Moldova*



(With your help, the CPA Moldova received a diploma from the State Secretary and General of National Fire Department.)

## ROMANIA

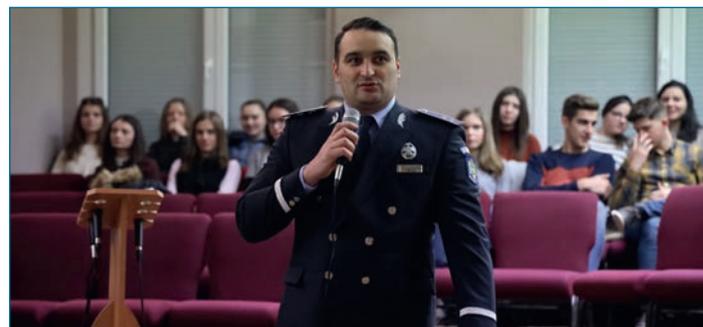
Our law enforcement colleagues and their families from Oradea already know that in December they will be invited to the Christmas carol concert of the Christian Police Association. Last December, through God's grace, the adults along with the youth and children group formed a big choir that sang about the message of salvation through Jesus Christ.



Christmas concert

This year in January, the young group of law enforcement police officers within the Christian Police Association

(CPA) of Oradea was invited to a Christian youth meeting. Through their testimonies, worship and short messages, the teenagers were encouraged to stay firm in their faith and to prepare for a future profession. As a follow up of this meeting, one of the teachers of the Pentecostal High school in Oradea invited two members of the youth group of CPA Oradea to speak at the high school chapel. The CPA sees these kind of interactions as opportunities to reach teenagers through it's prevention work, the answering of their questions and prepare them to consider their future professional orientation.



In January 2020, CPA Romania - Bihor branch, decided to serve the Lord and the community in a special way. This involved an ongoing social project for homeless people, who are being sheltered and cared for by a family of believers from Tinca, Bihor county. Every two months, the Christian police officers from Oradea raise funds and purchase a pig that is used to feed the needy (approximately 250 homeless).

## NORTH AMERICA

### USA

Today (May 15, 2020) is National Peace Officer Memorial Day at the close of National Police Week.

Normally, I would be writing and sending this from our base in Washington, DC during our annual FCPO Police Week Mission there. As we know all-too-well, there is nothing „normal“ about what we're all going through as a nation. Sadly, police Week in DC has been cancelled, including our National Peace Officer Memorial Service at the U.S. Capital replaced instead by a Fellowship Of Police-lead video event.

So where does that leave us? Like many of you, I too will be on duty today carrying out my God-ordained mission. I too have been „on call“ either before or after being on duty. Accordingly, being „On Call and on Mission“ is the title for this week's Bible study/devotion.



As I expound upon in this week's message, let's stay „on call“ and front sight focused on Christ as we carry out the missions' He has called us to. And to all my brother and sister officers -- both current and past - have a safe and blessed National Peace Officer Memorial Day.

Please continue to pray for all those who have been put out of work or are facing layoffs (with bills to pay and families to feed) in the wake of the COVID-19 restrictions and over-reach. And pray for the sick, but also pray that our elected representatives will have the wisdom to open things back up sooner rather than later. Pray for one another as we work on the front lines of this epidemic. Many of our brethren are ill, and others have passed away after having been infected with this virus. Others are being cut down daily in the line of duty.

*MC Centurion USA*

## ASIA

### HONGKONG

Prayer Message Update from the Hong Kong Police Force Enoch Christian Fellowship (the Enoch Fellowship) (dated 2020-05-19)

- The most severe four months of the novel Coronavirus has passed and the tension has eased. During this period, no cases of infection have been reported for police officers (Hong Kong Police Force, HKPF) who have been to the quarantine areas. Thanks to our Heavenly Father for his love, protection and providence.
- The pandemic has gradually stabilized in Hong Kong but tension in society resurrects in which rallies, provocation and verbal abuse reappear. Frontline police colleagues are again required to work for 12 consecutive hours, which also means that their lives are once again stuck in an unbalanced cycle of only work and sleep. Please pray for the HKPF which has been facing this social movement for an endless year, and plead our Lord to protect law enforcers wherever they go, and that they can enforce the law intelligently and help Hong Kong citizen restore calmness and rationality and away from crime.
- Due to the stabilization of the pandemic, more than 60 group gatherings of Enoch's branch, division, quarter and other groups will be re-opened one after another. May God guide our group members to keep a healthy and intimate fellowship life while being conscious of maintaining health alertness lest the virus may return.
- Apart from the collaboration between our counsel-

ling department and the Psychological Services Group (PSG) of the HKPF, please pray for the Enoch fellowship for more cooperation with other units so as to increase opportunity to gather Christian police officers to strengthen their faith, to share and to pray together for mutual support.

- Pray for the second evangelical event to be held on 22 July. May God use this event and inspire colleagues in the HKPF to know the Lord and accept the gospel.

## INDIA

India is involved in a lot of work and mission among Christian police officers as a 'Holy Cops Mission'. The board of the CPV Germany generously agreed to support our evangelistic work to spread the gospel in India, by providing monthly financial support for one year. We receive feedback from different



areas including many pictures showing the impact and the actual situation in India that we are pleased to share with the International Board of ICPF. The following two pictures provide you with a small impression.

## AFRICA

The drastic impact of the Covid 19 Pandemic has finally reached continental Africa. We receive a lot of feedback from colleagues including Nigeria and South Africa who are highly concerned at the lack of sufficient or suitable Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). In what is already a difficult job, Police officer safety is daily being put at risk due to the Corona virus and the general lack of available medical support is a constant challenge.

We are sad to report that a decision was taken regarding PACPAC (Pan African Christian Police Association Conference) 2020, that was due to be hosted by Swaziland in September, has had to be cancelled. Many other national CPA meetings have also had to be cancelled.

It is hoped that a small group of police officers from Netherlands and Germany will still be able to meet in late August with members of the CPA in South Africa. This will be for a time of fellowship and encouragement on both sides to offer solidarity with this great continent that is struggling so much at this time.