THE CONTENDER

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". . . it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith . . ." - Jude 3

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From The Director's Desk

Dear and Faithful Loved Ones:

In just a few more weeks we will gather with family and friends to rejoice in Our Savior-Redeemer's Birth and welcome the Dawn of 2002. We live each moment as a gift from God and write to you with deepest love and appreciation for your partnership with us.

The faces of 'Angie' and 'Penny' are just two of the many precious 'Moms' of our Bible Club Kids. The brief notes of this newsletter will never capture such wonderful people

Angie & Penny

whom God has placed in our lives in growing abundance. I picture them right at the outset of this newsletter to make a very specific point: ***It will be impossible to show you all the myriads of faces, trials, dreams and vital concerns of CCGM in such a brief communication. Please read the following articles and study the faces of each photo with prayerfulness and faithful intercession.***

- Jack Crans

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES CURRENTLY RAISING SUPPORT TO BEGIN FULL TIME WITH CCGM

Kirk & Jennifer Okumura; Children: Joshua & Rebekah

Missionaries such as Kirk and Jennifer Okumura, Gary and Sharon Gambino, Dave and Janel Trout and a host of volunteers and very special 'fellow warriors' may never be mentioned. The love and support of family, churches, friends and kind benefactors may possibly seem unnoticed. However, such deep realities are heavy upon my heart at year's end!

Read, pray and allow God to continue to use you for His Glory and His Worthy Praise!

Praying You'll Know a Blessed Christmas and Wonder-Full New Year!

Jack Crans, Director

PAUSE AND THINK

Jeremiah 10:23,24

"Disappointment" Change the first letter from 'D' to 'H' and it becomes ('His Appointment')

"This is not one of the things that argument will prove or preaching confirm. It has to be experienced to be believed. Our life with God is not an aimless loitering, a fruitless wandering. HE knows the path we must take. He leads us along the best way for us."

- Edith Schaeffer in 'Affliction' / L'Abri

THE CAMP AT OLD MILL / EXPANDING THE VISION

The eighteen acres of the Camp at Old Mill may soon become the 22.5 acres of CCGM's future growth and ministries. Headquartering the entire vision in one location will stimulate a coordinated ministry model for years to come. May it never be forgotten that the original purchase of the 'Old Mill Bible Conference' facility was to deepen our ministry's effectiveness in the lives of Coatesville's most 'at risk' children and to teach the same burden for such works in 'regions beyond.' Hence, we have seen God's marvelous work in both Coatesville's families and in the life and partnership of supporting churches who spend themselves in both the camp and the burdens it represents. The eighteen acres of the Camp at Old Mill mirror the following burdens: A Burden for the City, A Burden for the Prisoner, A Burden for the Local Church, A Burden for the Police and A Burden for Revival, Missions and Evangelism.

It is prayed daily that the Year of 2002 will be the Year of Acquisition and Development of the following aims:

(1) Headquartering of CCGM's total operations and management

(2) Modeling of CCGM's commitment to the City of Coatesville's most 'at risk' children and their families

(3) Serving the local church as a resource for effecting revival, evangelism and missions nearest home

(4) Birthing a 'Leadership Project' for the fullest impacting of Criminal Justice Authority locally, nationally and world-wide.

Providentially, the original founders (including Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse) located the camp directly between the City of New York and Washington, D.C.. International Police Leaders whom we know through the International Federation of Christian Police Fellowships will find the Camp at Old Mill a strategic center for visiting our nation and studying the exemplary ministries we have undertaken at CCGM. Local police and related authorities will be invited to implement a Biblical Vision for this county and the nation, at large.

We praise God for the Chester County Commissioners who have allowed us to grow the vision which in 1973 God laid upon our hearts. The Chester County Prison has awakened a need and birthed the operation of the *City Gate Mission, Children and Mothers Bible Clubs, the Camp at Old Mill* and the exciting work of the Spirit of God through *Christian Police Associations and the Pointman Leadership Institute.* Revival and tangible ministries of the people of God towards the fatherless, the poor and the broken life has long been heralded and lived out in our life and ministries.

Wilderness Adventure Camp-Week #1 / Coatesville Kids' Club w/Counselors....Ready, Set, Go!

The Camp at Old Mill must continue to model and cry for such urgencies and behaviors in all the household of faith. The Word of God and its continued exegesis and application will be the center-piece and power-source of all our endeavors.

"Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men....The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver is tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." Psalms 12:1,6,7

South African Christian Police Officers Quintus Smit and Colonel Why Duvenhage with Sue Crans at Indianapolis, Indiana 'World Police and Fire Games' / These men lead the South Africa Christian Police Association of 3800 members. They brought an evangelistic team to U.S. to reach competing officers from around the world ... next World Police and Fire Games to be held in Madrid, Spain / Summer 2003

SUMMER CAMPS / WEEKEND RETREATS / A HOME SCHOOL WORK TEAMS AND WEEKLY BIBLE CLUBS MAKE THE CAMP AT OLD MILL A LIFE-CHANGING RESOURCE TO PRECIOUS LIVES

There is certainly no question that the Camp at Old Mill is a life-changing resource to churches, families and all who enter its sanctified grounds. Millersville University Students, Philadelphia Biblical University Students, Pastors from Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Akron, and extending regions of the entire Delaware Valley attest to the impact of the Camp at Old Mill on their lives. We hear constant testimony of lives changed and young people being directed by God for full-time service and for impacting the least and lost of their own regions. The exposure of Coatesville's precious children to the many visiting Youth Missionary Teams works a miracle of God's grace in both the 'troubled' children and the caring teen who comes to love them. Photos, memories, relationships, on-going discipleship and zealous hearts surround the entire ministries of CCGM. We've seen more children and youth come to know Christ as Savior this year than ever before and we rejoice in the growing use and vision for our expanding facilities and grounds.

Romanian Pastor/Statesman: Peter Dugulescu, Ellen Loller (Congressman Pitt's Secretary), Sue Crans, Congressman and Mrs. Joe Pitts at 1003 Stirling Street/CCGM Home/Office.

Fourth Sunday Night's in June and August featured Evangelist John O'Cain (Columbia, SC) and Pastor Peter Dugulescu (Romanian Evangelist and Freedom Fighter) who was spared many assassination attempts under the 40 years of Romanian Communist Dictatorship. Pastor Dugulescu's final words in his sermon of August 26th were: ***"America, Wake Up!"*** God's people were stirred and America was ironically 'awakened' just days later on September 11th!

I firmly believe that God is using the Camp at Old Mill to reach far beyond our own backyard! As I write, I know that hundreds of lives are tender and looking to God for what He wants of them!

May God be glorified in all we set our hand to perform in the coming months! The founding fathers of the Camp at Old Mill in 1933 set the land apart for God's Glory and it is our intention to see **His Worthy Name and His Powerful Word exalted!!**

MAY 15TH, 2002 / NATIONAL LAWENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S MEMORIAL CAPITOL LAWN WASHINGTON, D.C. / OUTREACH PROJECT

With the recent attack upon the World Trade Center and the horrific loss of life, the Annual Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial will gather record breaking numbers of Honor Guards, Police Families and related agencies for this three day event. We are beginning immediately to set our sites for a strategic impacting of 40,000+ uniformed officers who will be attending. This will entail a mobilizing of Christian Police and the partnering of many for preparation of materials and resources on behalf of the Gospel of Christ. Interested? Let us know as we want to build a team of faithful laborers and strategists as soon as possible. This can be a great undertaking for Christian Schools, Sunday School Classes or committed individuals.

Write to us: P.O. Box 1136, Coatesville, PA 19320.

POINTMAN MISSION: SARANSK, REPUBLIC OF MORDOVIA

July 14th - 21st / We traveled five-hundred miles east of Moscow via rail through the darkness of Russian villages to carry out a mission assignment of the Pointman Leadership Institute. Deputy Sheriff Del Walinga (Pointman Team Director) and I lay upon the jostling bunks of our train car knowing that we were soon to find ourselves 'in the center of the will of God' yet, thrust into a season of doubts and fears. In the adjoining rail car slept our fellow-team members: Don Axcell (Scotland Yard/retired), Al Schrieber (U.S. Customs) and two mission companions from Los Angeles Police.

(L to R) Republic of Mordovia's Deputy Chief of National Police: Alexander Borisovich Shevorakov; Director of Interior: Major-General Petr Mikhailovich Dolgachyov, Jack Crans and Del Walinga (Pointman Leadership Institute 'Team Directors')

After nearly 36 hours of sleeplessness, we were finally settled in the Saransk Hotel conspicuously situated just around the corner from the national office of the KGB. Our initial visit and presentation of both the Principle Based Leadership curriculum and our testimony of faith in Christ were received warmly by the graduating officers of the Republic of Mordovia's Police Academy. "Communist Boulevard" was the main artery directly in front of our hotel and the academy. We can never forget the 'artwork' which surrounded us on the walls of the old auditorium which lauded the figures of Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin and Friedrich Engels.

By the close of our second day of meetings and having received official mandates from the Chief of Saransk's National Police and Director of the Interior we proceeded to prepare for extensive training sessions that might potentially impact scores of this precious nation's police. Suddenly and unexpectedly we were called before the highest command of the Department of Visas and Passports. We were accused of being in the Republic of Mordovia illegally and were made to await a verdict that would not be decided until the passing of a long night. Our immediate appeals went up to God and then to the American Embassy in Moscow. We were warned by our own embassy that we might face imprisonment and were counseled to prepare for the worst. Although initially experiencing fear and uncertainty, we knew an immediate quieting of our hearts before God. The LORD God gave us a peace that passes all understanding and we slept well through the night.

The Director of Visas and Passports met with us on Wednesday morning and said the following: "I will be merciful to you, but, I will not be kind." He then proceeded to forbid any further teaching by the Pointman Team and canceled all training events. We

"Slava" (pictured above in sleeveless shirt) is a former Russian Prisoner who now labors admist the prisons two hours north of Saransk, Republic of Mordovia. He is pictured here with a Bible Study Class. He gave Jack this picture as a reminder TO PRAY FOR RUSSIA! He wept with us often and longed for God to use our ministry in Saransk. His disappointment was very real, yet, he trusts God!

were allowed to stay through the remainder of the week, but, had to rescue our materials and personal training tools from the academy where they had been awaiting fullest use for the presentations of both the institute and the Gospel.

We know that our being there was not in vain as the testimony of Jesus Christ went forth on the initial visit to the academy. One officer we know came to faith in Christ and many believers in Saransk were comforted in our coming. The darkness of Communism still eclipses that precious region of the world. Lenin still stands in the Capital Square and the KGB still wields its authority in yoke with the Orthodox Church.

I still ache in my heart for the countless officers who were stripped of any opportunity to hear the precious Word of God and the most excellent Gospel of Christ. My translator, Olga shared with me that our being there was far from illegal, but, that we were thwarted by the unseen powers of spiritual strongholds in their nation. It was expected that the believing friends we left behind would in some way incur the discipline and sanctions of their government upon our departure.

Pray for Saransk and such as "Slava" who longed for the moving of God upon his beloved nation. By God's fullest grace a return mission is possible as we seek God for such "a pulling down of strongholds!"

(L to R) Pointman Display @ American Correctional Association Convention, Philadelphia, August. Captain Graham, Stf. Sgt. Bohn and Captain Dougherty of Chester County Prison

CCGM Missionary / Law Enforcement Chaplain Gary Gambino stands proudly beside his son: "Buddy" who now is stationed in the mid-east serving our beloved nation... Pray for the Gambino Family daily! Also, please note that Gary has accomplished 'ride-alongs' with at least 4 police departments and is performing his ministry with exceptional success. The Gambino Family needs to raise further funding towards their support and are looking to settle in the Coatesville Region as God provides.

MINISTRY NEEDS @ CCGM/CAMP AT OLD MILL

- Prayers and Intercessions for all CCGM's Ministries
- Regulation 'High School' Basketball Court (Outdoor) by Spring of 2002 / $15,000.00
- Bus w/ Driver or (2) 15 Passenger Vans / Immediate Need
- Chapel Renovation / Including Heat and Air Conditioning $15,000.00
- Desk Top Computer/ Printer for Camp at Old Mill Office
- Bible Commentaries/Works of Francis Schaeffer and Ravi Zacharias for Camp Library Project
- TV/VCR on Rolling Cart
- New Funders, Builders, Web Page Technicians and Servant Hearts
- $25.00/ sponsors for Children's Christmas Project (To: "CCGM" Designate: 'Kid's Club')

Adopt **a room for Renovation and Partner in Restoration Project of Contiguous Property

Carriage House and Barn

**Conditional Upon Purchase of Property

"BEHOLD and SEE MY SORROW"

Three-star NYPD Chief Hoehl recounted a deep and personal sorrow like unto that described by the Prophet Jeremiah in Lamentations 1:12 as he shared the first hours of his own experience of **September 11, 2001.**

Twenty-Three (23) New York City Police Officers are still missing and are longed for in the hearts of the nation. More than Four-Thousand Precious Souls and their families languish since the sudden destruction of four air-liners and the devastation birthed in the darkened souls of terrorists.

Pictured above: President, Robert L Vernon of Pointman Leadership Institute; Chief Allan H. Hoehl, Patrol Borough Manhatten South and Jack Crans, Director of CCGM 11/17/01 at 'Ground Zero ' Command Center HQ.

On behalf of the bereaved victims of September 11th we join in the sorrow of Jeremiah's refrain: ***"Oh that my head were waters and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!" (Jeremiah 9:1)***

Pray that God will continue to give wisdom to us that we might both recognize and seize every opportunity to join ourselves with such needs and sorrows! We will continue to especially embrace our fellow-believers who continue to address such heartaches through their labor in our nation's police services.

The gracious labor of love displayed to both Chief Vernon and I by the NYPD through Precinct #13's Detective Ana Alvarez and Officer Timothy Maurer is beyond words. The pathos of a police division's headquarters, the stillness and awe of 'Ground Hero' and the tears of heavy-hearted law enforcement troops can never be recounted. Who but the LORD God of our own salvation can know the sorrow-filled depths of 9 - 11 - 01?

Ground 'Hero' Zero/NYC... 'Behold! All ye who walk by....have you seen any sorrow like unto my sorrow...?' (Lamentations 1:12)

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

The Battle for the Beginning
by John MacArthur.
W Publishing Group

"Everything scripture teaches about sin and redemption assumes the literal truth of the first three chapters of Genesis. If we wobble to any degree on the truth of this passage," he insists, "we undermine the very foundations of our faith."

Jesus Among Other Gods
by Ravi Zacharias, Word Publishing

"We are living in a time when you can believe anything, as long as you do not claim it to be true. In the name of 'tolerance' our postmodern culture embraces everything from Eastern Mysticism to New Age spirituality. But as Ravi Zacharias points out, such unquestioning acceptance of all things spiritual is absurd. All religions, plainly and simply cannot be true ... some may resist Jesus' answers, but when those answers are all added up, the skeptics will not be able to challenge his uniqueness."

3RD INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CHRISTIAN POLICE FELLOWSHIP MEETING/ STUTTGART, GERMANY - NOVEMBER 1-5

Colonel Weyland 'Why' Duvenhage (President of the Christian Police Association of South Africa and Vice President of the Pan-African Christian Police Association Conference) spoke forcible words (Job 6:25a) at the Stuttgart, Germany Conference of the International Federation of Christian Police Fellowships when declaring the two-fold vision of the South African Christian Police Movement: "We are committed to 'being' Christian Police Officers and 'doing' as Christian Police Officers. He went on to describe the awesome mission and work of the CPA/SA which included a very recent 4-day season of repentance that brought hundreds of officers to confession of sins against the African people.

In a recent news report from the war in Afghanistan and from the related instability of Pakistan it was announced that quiet religious sects of Islam were beginning for the first time in history to impact public policy. The hero-like courage and activity of Osama bin Laden has called many once quiet to answer a call to public activism and visible commitment to one's beliefs. In short, personal faith was being challenged to impact public policy!

What has the Word of God called us to do? (James 2:14-17 / Proverbs 24:11,12) What are the visible and measurable characteristics and behaviors of the followers of Jesus Christ?

All through the scripture from Genesis to Revelation there is a call to public action. There is a call to be light and salt to the nations. This is a calling of our faith whether spoken to Adam or to the church of the last days. "And the LORD God took man and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." (Genesis 2:15) "....and in thee shall all nations of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 12:3b) And to the seven churches of Asia (Revelations 2-3) "...I know thy works...he that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

The great problem evidenced in all dispensations (ages) of God's dealing with man can be summed up in the sad words of the Lord Jesus as spoken to the Pharisees and faithful followers of His own day: (Matthew 23) "....the scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do, but, do not do after their works, for they say and do not!"

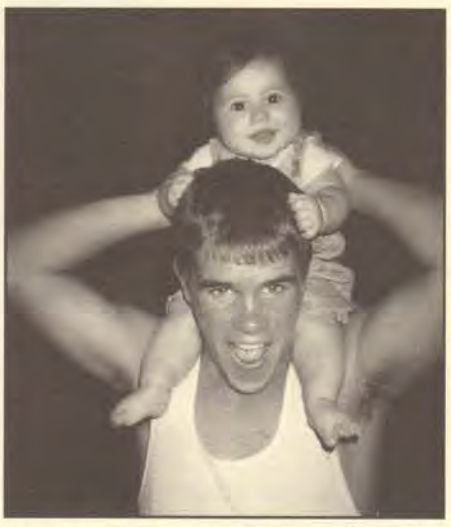
What should our faith look like? What does Osama bin Laden's 'faith' look like? Our faith is observed by what we do!

Three things the LORD requires of thee (Micah 6:8) ".....to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God!" Isn't the character of our faith truly evidenced by what we ultimately do in our public and private lives?

What is the public policy of our private belief? What is the 'doing' of our churches, our family and our own selves? (Titus 2:11-14; 2 Corinthians 5:9-18; 1 Corinthians 3:9-4:5)

"To Be" a Christian is "To Do" as Christ! May God find us doing as we are believing!

Commissioner of Police: Michael Okuo, Oyo State Command, Nigeria Assistant Commissioner of Police: Stephen Okwalinga, Uganda National Police Receiving 'Godly Leadership Makes the Difference' Plaque designed by CCGM for such leaders.....Cost to produce a plaque: $35.00/piece (only 5 plaques remain). Want to sponsor some plaques? Call us at 610-942-9142



'Uncle Joshua' Crans (our 20 year old) powerful urban missionary and Phila. Biblical University Junior w/ Malea Faith (our 1st Grandbaby) What a blessing to have children who love the LORD!

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THE HIGH COST OF 'ZEAL' TOWARDS GOD/ A CONTRASTING VIEW

Spending One's Life to Kill Thousands: Mohommad Atta was the hijacker of American Flight 11 which hit the north tower of the World Trade Center @ 8:45 a.m. on September 11, 2001. The following quote was found in his car: " ....Purify your heart and forget something called life, for the time of play is gone and the time of truth has come.....let each find his blade for the prey to be slaughtered."

Spending One's Life to Save Thousands: Jim Elliott was the missionary martyr killed by the Auca Tribe on January 8, 1956. The following quote was found in his journal entry: " O Jesus, Master and Center and End of all, how long before that Glory is Thine which has so long awaited Thee among men; then there shall be thought for nothing else... Hasten, hasten, Glory of Heaven, take Thy crown, subdue Thy kingdom, enthrall Thy creatures.... Thou art worthy, for Thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation." Jim Elliott's most famous thought: "HE IS NO FOOL WHO GIVES UP WHAT HE CANNOT KEEP TO GAIN THAT WHICH HE SHALL NEVER LOSE."

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