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"We are all one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future." Eph. 4:3,4 (NLT)

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## Boundless inspires Salvationists worldwide

Approximately 15,000 Salvationists gathered July 1-5 in London, England, for the *Boundless—the Whole World Redeeming* International Congress. Held at the modern entertainment complex O2, just a short distance from the Army's birthplace in the city's East End, the congress celebrated The Salvation Army's 150th anniversary and God's continuing work, re-energizing

Salvationists' faith for the future.

"Boundless...is a great word; it reminds us that our God has no limits—his love is boundless, his grace is boundless, his forgiveness is boundless, his power is boundless," wrote General André Cox in his welcome to delegates.

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## "Building Hope" and breaking ground in Omaha

by Susan Eustice

The "Building Hope" capital campaign is making possible the replacement of the aged Lied Renaissance Center in Omaha, Neb., with a smaller and

more efficient building. The new building will be part of the existing campus at 36th and Cuming Streets, which will be renamed Renaissance Village.

Remaining on the newly named campus are the Omaha Citadel Corps, the Dora Bingel Senior Center and Durham Booth Manor, and the Lyle Apartments for people experiencing behavioral health disabilities, including veterans.

At the groundbreaking on June 18, Omaha Advisory Board Chairman Fred Hunzeker thanked those who supported the "Building Hope" capital campaign which reached its fundraising goal of \$23.6 million. National leaders are "impressed with the support from the Omaha community," he said.

Hunzeker noted that work toward replacing the building has been underway for about five years. He said, "It's a well thought-out project. A project with a future."

Omaha and National Advisory Board Member Mike Cassling, part of the capital campaign leadership team, also addressed the crowd.

The new, 70,000-square-foot building will have 33 units of transitional

housing for homeless families and 16 units of mental health housing for the poor. In the past year, nearly 700 people have been served in the transitional housing programs that primarily serve single women with children who are homeless, 30 percent of whom come from domestic violence situations. Ninety percent of residents move into safe and affordable housing afterward.

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Omaha Advisory Board Chairman Fred Hunzeker



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## Igniting creativity only takes a spark

by Lt. Colonel Susan Bukiewicz  
Territorial Officer Resource and Development Secretary

I am a child of the '70s. Back then we had great music, especially Christian music. My sisters and I sang together and participated in every Salvation Army youth chorus we could. The song, "Pass it On," was in each group's repertoire. The first line said, "It only takes a spark to get a fire going..." I loved this image. I could see one tiny spark lighting a Fourth of July sparkler and that light being passed on until the whole place was filled with light. But I always wondered where the spark came

from. The musings of a 15 year old.

One little thing—a spark, a look, an idea—can result in unimagined creativity. Chester Greenwood was only 15 when he invented earmuffs. His ears were cold. Perhaps you're thinking you aren't creative enough to invent something worthwhile. You are wrong.

What is the source of your spark? What causes creativity to be ignited in you? God spoke a word, and our world came into existence. For His greatest creation ever, you and me,



He didn't even speak; He breathed. I believe God's breath came with endless capacity to be creative. How can we be created in God's image and not reflect His creative power?

Most examples of creativity are ignited because of a need. Chester Greenwood thought his ears would freeze and fall off. We make the mistake of thinking our creativity should result in something spectacular. I wouldn't call Chester's creative spark spectacular—though I may take that back in January—but God's sure was. Look right in front of you at the min-

istries you are doing in your community. You know, the ones that need to be rejuvenated, reinvented, refreshed or even resurrected. What do those ministries need?

Our partnership with God for the salvation of the world means we take risks, we "think out the box," as my grandson says. Maybe we should say, "outthink the box" or even better yet "think without the box." Chester had to have help with his spark of creativity. He made a wire frame, and his grandmother sewed beaver skin pads to it. *Voilà!* Maybe you need help, too.

What spark of creativity does God want to ignite in you? Look in front of you. Acknowledge the need and see your part in creating something better. Take risks. Be brave. Let God ignite His creativity in you!

## Passing the baton

How do you replace Bill Himes? Well, you can't really. He's irreplaceable.

And perhaps that's the point, finding someone not to replace him but to build on his legacy. After an extensive process and much prayer, a search committee and territorial leadership believe they have found that person in Dr. Harold Burgmayer, who joins the territorial music and gospel arts department this month.

Harold comes from the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware Division, where he's led the music program for 34 years. During that time he not only has established strong instrumental and vocal music but other worship arts such as drama and dance.

With a doctorate of musical arts in music composition, he has arranged and composed more than 325 works, developed music arts proficiency curriculum for piano, voice, brass and percussion, and designed a comprehensive Salvation Army music leadership educational resource called, *The Beat Goes On*. In large part due to Harold's vision and leadership, the Philadelphia Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center is one of the best in the country in the area of fine arts.

Sure, but what's he like, you ask? Harold has a reputation for excellent conducting skills, high energy and creativity. But more importantly he's



respected for his spirituality—seems a good fit for the Chicago Staff Band known throughout the world as the "band with the sacred message." He's been a music leader in his corps since 1975, and has led music and mission tours to Argentina, Bolivia, South Africa, the Caribbean and Scandinavia.

"Over the years I have admired his spiritual and musical growth and incredible track record as a divisional music director in probably the largest program in the East," said Bandmaster William Himes. "Harold and his wife, Priscilla, are red, yellow and blue, mission-minded Salvationists who will resonate with the practical and inspirational music and gospel arts ministries in the Central Territory. We are in good hands!"

## Garden of plenty

Where most people saw an empty lot, one man saw a lush, community-supported vegetable garden brimming with produce to benefit the Sturgis, Mich., Corps' meal program and food pantry.

The garden was the brainchild of St. Joseph County Commissioner Don Eaton who noticed some vacant land behind the corps, reported Envoys DeWayne and Pam Duskin, corps administrators. Don asked the Sturgis city commissioners to get involved in the garden project, and the group determined they'd cover the entire cost and labor if volunteers and corps staff committed to maintain the garden.

The commissioners prepared the land and planted tomatoes, string beans, squash, peppers, onions, celery, cucumbers, Brussel sprouts and pumpkins.

"Altogether about 20 people have been involved in the gar-

den project, which has been the talk of the town and admired by many in our small community," said Envoy DeWayne. "Summer is always the time of year our food pantry is dangerously low. The garden, now in its second year, supplements our food boxes and meal program."

Don not only spearheaded this initiative, he decided to redirect his county commissioner compensation into a special Community Foundation account for The Salvation Army.



Don Eaton (second from left) and fellow commissioners

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# The difference capital campaigns can make

There's a dissonance in conducting modern-day programming in outdated facilities. The aging structures not only limit what we can do but how the community and our members perceive The Salvation Army, says Major Alan Wurtz, territorial capital campaign consultant. According to the major, most Salvation Army structures in the Central Territory are more than 50 years old, and many undergo a sort of patchwork process to stay operational. He says it's not always the wisest stewardship.

"It's at a point where we really need to assess what we're doing," said Major Alan. "Maybe a better option is to consider a capital campaign."

Three recent developments will help local units in their fundraising efforts. First, territorial leadership has introduced a capital campaign initiative, which provides for matching levels of financial resources from Central Territorial Headquarters (THQ). These incentives for two projects in each division each year through September 2019 are intended to boost the momentum of campaigns.

Second, the process for capital campaigns has been streamlined, with the goals of clearer guidance, a smoother process, and shortened timeline from the planning study to the actual conclusion of a campaign. New written guidelines, on a Notes database and as a booklet, help facilitate the process step by step.

Lastly, the territory has embarked on a relationship with the Fund Raising School at Indiana University. Corps officers and advisory board members from locations which are considering a campaign may attend a three-day course with a divisional headquarters representative. Underwritten by THQ, the seminar covers essentials for success from readiness for capital fundraising to volunteer leadership to the Army's procedures. Forty-seven delegates, representing all divisions, attended the first seminar in the spring.

"I needed this training



Ernie Vargo leads a seminar session.

10 years ago," said Major Matt Grindle, Petosky, Mich., corps officer. "Now I feel I have been equipped with the tools and knowledge needed for a successful campaign."

Deborah Tarsil Graham, Midland divisional executive director of development, commented, "I appreciated the spiritual component in relationship to fundraising."

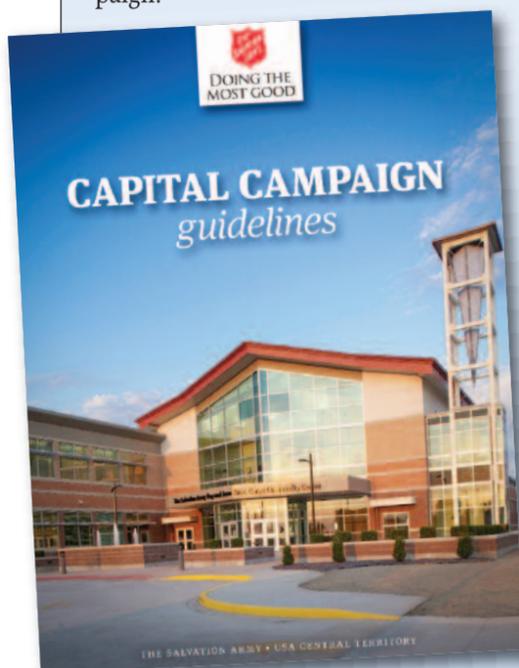
Currently, seven locations are conducting capital campaigns, and more than 30 locations in the territory are engaged in planning studies, the first step which helps analyze present programs, reveal unmet community needs and prepare to effectively address new or expanded services. This serves as the basis of the case for support when developing a capital campaign.

The next capital campaign seminar will be held September 14-16, 2015, at Camp Wonderland. For more information, officers may contact their divisional development director.



At the capital campaign seminar: Fund Raising School faculty Ben Kelley and Ernie Vargo (on ends) with Major Alan Wurtz, territorial capital campaign consultant, and Doug McDaniel, territorial executive director of development

Photos by Rich Draeger



## Success through others

Spearheading the Western Division's recent \$23.6 million "Building Hope" capital campaign for the new social service center, Joanne Bemis is the embodiment of Booth's directive to focus on "Others." As the divisional director of community relations and development since 1997 until recently, Joanne says her passion for helping those in need emanates from her Midwestern farm roots and parents who were always ready to help someone else. She attributes her success in building and maintaining productive donor relationships to the Army's strong results which bring much satisfaction to donors.

"With the number of non-profit social service agencies proliferating in the division, Joanne has led the

department in this competitive environment while still increasing revenue," said Susan Eustice, divisional director of public relations and communications. "We've seen a significant increase in donor relations in terms of dollars, but beyond mere dollars she has built enduring, trusting relationships with new and established donors and recruited a top-notch advisory board of community leaders."

A skilled consensus builder, Joanne used a collaborative approach to the recent campaign and numerous other initiatives, including the \$30 million Omaha Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center for which she coordinated a successful application, built community consensus and a strong committee, and led the charge for matching funds with an outside fundraising group.

One of Joanne's favorite initiatives has been the annual D.J.'s Heroes scholarship awards luncheon. Since 1998, the event has helped more than 100 gifted young people to attend college and has raised funds for youth programs.

Another favorite fundraising event has been the annual Tree of Lights, now a tradition for many families.



Joanne Bemis with her husband, Jim, and Major Greg Thompson, Western divisional commander

## Omaha groundbreaking Continued from page 1



The current building, which was built 110 years ago and was bought in 1990 from Methodist Hospital for \$1, will be demolished after construction of the new building is finished. This will preclude the necessity of relocating residents prematurely from the Renaissance Center.

"Renovation of the existing structure would have cost more than constructing the new building," said Western Divisional Commander Major Greg Thompson.

The Salvation Army looked at two options: building a new facility compliant with current safety and health codes, or ceasing to provide many social services in Omaha.

"The second choice was unacceptable to everyone, both officers and community members dedicated to serving the needy and helpless in the community," said Major Thompson.

Speakers at the groundbreaking, which was covered by local media,

had to raise their voices to be heard above the traffic zooming by on Cuming Street. Cuming, a major corridor, is developing into a major arts and entertainment area east of the Salvation Army campus, adding stability and good neighbors nearby.

God smiled upon the event even when the weather did not. The groundbreaking began with the sweet sounds of a brass ensemble but ended with the noisy sounds of pouring rain that sent guests running for shelter.

Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert, who was present at the groundbreaking, later posted on her Facebook page that she was proud to serve on The Salvation Army Omaha Advisory Board. She said, "The Salvation Army addresses needs in our community in ways many of us will never see or need."

The new facility is expected to be completed by June 2017.





Melbourne and Chicago), the International and Amsterdam Staff Songsters, the Norwegian vocal band Mannssambandet, the Pasadena Youth Chorus, the Waverly Timbrels and others.

Delegates also could enjoy the Boundless Film Festival; attend seminars on Salvationist theology for today, faith and social justice and One Army; or visit an impressive historic display or a "Supertrade" with all manner of Army goods and book signings by General Shaw Clifton (Rtd.), General John Larsson (Rtd.) and General Paul Rader (Rtd.) and Commissioner Kay Rader. A special women's gathering called "Bound-Less" featured Commissioner Silvia Cox and applauded the impact of women's contributions to the mission and encouraged their spiritual development.

Major Judy Tekautz, Council Bluffs, Iowa, corps officer, succinctly captured what everyone felt, "I was so blessed to be a delegate."

Boundless Kids enabled children and families to engage in the congress experience together. ALOVE was especially designed for delegates ages 11-16, with a daily afternoon event called NEON where young people could participate in photography, film, dance, reflection, a prayer labyrinth, sharing stories, games, competitions or arts and crafts.

Each day began with an intense international prayer meeting and ended with Late Night Alive, an informal chat show crammed with a variety of guests, two music groups each night, and a speedy "150-second" sermon by the main arena speaker that evening. The format proved highly entertaining, with one night even featuring a performance by a Super Staff Band comprised of members of all four staff bands at the congress!

The Central Territory's two participatory groups added immensely to congress festivities. The Bill Booth Theater Company surely ranked as

one of the busiest, giving one magnificent performance after another. Coming off a four-day pre-tour in England that concluded with a performance at Buckingham Palace, the Chicago Staff Band gave two back-to-back concerts and was featured in several sessions, most prominently on Saturday night. For them, surely one of the most meaningful and lasting memories occurred after this meeting while the hall emptied out and Bandmaster William Himes picked up his baton to lead them in an impromptu performance of "All that I am" to close his final season with the band. As they played, many delegates paused, and hundreds surrounded the CSB.

In the final session, the General called Salvationists to a total commitment. He asked, "What has this celebration been all about? What is going to change? What is God calling you to do?" He continued, "We must be totally committed and dedicated to the task assigned to us. If we're con-

vinced of our call, we will live lives fully surrendered to God. Our worship needs to be more than speaking or listening to God. It must be about total surrender. We need a sense of urgency in a world where there is so much injustice and need."

Following this meeting 2,500 Salvationists, representing all 126 countries where the Army officially works, marched down The Mall from the Horse Guards Parade to Buckingham Palace, cheered on by the public and 10,000 Salvationists and saluted by General André Cox.

"My takeaway is that the Army is still relevant as long as we continue to be grounded in God's Word, as long as we are reaching out to serve others—especially the marginalized—and to share the gospel," said Chicago Staff Bandsman Marty Thomas. "What resonated with me as a Salvationist was a call to personal involvement."



## Newly accepted candidates

### Anil Kandamala

Ypsilanti, Mich., Corps  
Eastern Michigan Division



I was born into The Salvation Army. It has been my church my whole life. My parents are officers in the India Central Territory and were my first Bible teachers. They also taught me the doctrines. At age 14, I accept-

ed Jesus as my personal Savior.

As I grew up, I found my goals fluctuating. However, God's plan for my life has been awesome. Through His provision I have attended the World Youth Convention, worked at Echo Grove Camp as a counselor, and been active in corps ministries in Ypsilanti, Mich. As I read God's Word and continued in ministry, I came to understand a life of value only can be found serving Him with my whole heart.

I believe the purpose of my life is to be an officer, sowing God's love, harnessing the power of the Holy Spirit and extending His Kingdom.

*Anil's corps officer is Lt. Jeremy Fingar.*

### Elis Pomaes Morales and Ada Diaz Fajardo

Iowa City, Iowa, Corps  
Heartland Division



Ada and I were married in our hometown in Puerto Rico in 1998. Two short years later, we moved to Iowa City, Iowa. Having grown up in the Catholic church, we knew about the Lord, but neither of us had a deep relationship with Him. When we moved to Iowa, we got involved with The Salvation Army, where we heard God's call to total surrender.

Ada loves to testify about God's goodness. Her compassion for others and joy in serving them confirms her calling. Her favorite scripture verse is 2 Corinthians 6:2, which reminds her of the day God saved her from her sin and called her to be fully His. I am passionate about God's Word. My favorite verse is Jeremiah 29:11; I know God has a plan for me and His love endures forever. Without His love, my life is empty and meaningless, and that's not what I want. I want a life centered on Christ.

*Elis and Ada's corps officers are Lts. William and Larisha Richardson.*

### Elizabeth Ayala

Elgin, Ill., Corps  
Metropolitan Division



Why didn't God call me earlier? Why not when I was younger? I often have asked these questions. For years I have been walking on and off with the Lord. My faith has been like a roller coaster. I married young and had three children who I love very much. Being a single mother hasn't been easy, but I have witnessed God's faithfulness and over the last 16 years committed to growing closer to Him.

So, why officership now? Why would a 50 year old enter training? The answer came to me one night. God may have called me when I was younger, but I was so wrapped up in myself I couldn't hear Him. There were other more important things to me then. Only recently have I fully surrendered to God's will. Now, I care more for others than myself. Serving God gives me great joy, and I am excited about what God has for me as an officer.

*Elizabeth's corps officers are Lts. Mike and Kelly Hanton.*

### Vatthana and Donna Thammavongsa

Rockford Tabernacle, Ill., Corps  
Metropolitan Division



My wife and I were both raised in Buddhism. Donna came to the U. S. when she was only six, and I came at age 13. We each struggled in school because of the language barrier but eventually learned to overcome our obstacles. My wife accepted Christ when she was 9, and I received Him when I was 17.

I was introduced to The Salvation Army through a job with the Rockford Tabernacle, Ill., Corps and decided to become a Salvationist. Donna and I met there in 2003 when she visited her cousin. Two years later we married, and my wife decided to become a Salvationist. Donna has felt called to officership for several years, but I only became aware of my calling about seven months ago. Convinced our calling is from the Holy Spirit, we have given up our own ambitions and an opportunity that could lead to prestige and wealth.

*Vatthana and Donna's corps officers are Captains Steve and Latdavanh Kounthapanya.*



### Matthew Jenkins

Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps  
Metropolitan Division



I was raised in the church and at a young age accepted Christ as my Savior, but I walked away from the Lord as a teenager. By the time I'd finished school and had a career in health-care, I was a "lukewarm" believer. I began using prescription drugs and by 2011 had an addiction I couldn't conquer. I entered the Rockford, Ill., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) and accepted Christ again.

I finished the program in August 2012 and began working for the ARC with my last position as assistant store supervisor for 10 stores. I knew God was calling me to do more and at a fall retreat realized it was officership. That December I became a soldier at the Rockford Temple Corps. Since then there has been no turning back because I know God has a plan for me. Today I serve as a ministry intern at the Kansas City Northland, Mo., Corps. It has deepened my faith and passion to serve others.

*Matthew's corps officers are Majors Steve and Christine Merritt.*

### Haleigh Sherven

Elkhart, Ind., Corps  
Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Division



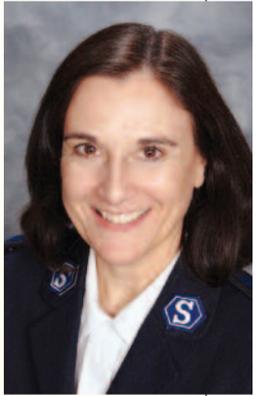
When I accepted Christ at the age of five, my passion to be a Salvation Army officer also bloomed. While other girls dreamed of a bedroom resembling a castle, I dreamed of one resembling a chapel. As the years passed, my insecurities were revealed, and I felt driven to fit in. This was so consuming that I mastered the art of living multiple lives. I was one person at the corps and another around my friends and family. But really I was alone and completely separated from my Heavenly Father.

It wasn't until my first year at college I realized I was missing something in my life, and the only one who could fill the hole was God. This was when I fully surrendered to God's will, and He changed my direction. Since then I have given my insecurities to Christ and my desire for fitting in has changed to living like Jesus and putting my faith into action.

*Haleigh's corps officers are Majors Nicholas and Jodi Montgomery.*

### Mylie Hadden

Kansas City Northland, Mo., Corps  
Kansas and Western Missouri Division



I started volunteering with the Kansas City Northland Corps four years ago. Then, God opened the door for me to work as the corps' office manager. Whenever I've moved I've trusted God to direct me to a church where He will get the greatest glory from my service, and so I was obedient to the Holy Spirit's leading to become a soldier.

I got involved right away in children's ministry and started serving as the young people's sergeant-major. Now I also teach a Sunday school class, an adult Bible study, lead prayer meetings, assist with women's ministries, serve on the corps and advisory councils, and am the corps' case manager for Pathway of Hope. During the holidays, I help with Thanksgiving dinner for the hungry and with Angel Tree and kettles. I want to share the gospel at every opportunity and give God the glory.

*Mylie's corps officers are Majors Rick and Barbara Carroll.*

### Natalie Austin

Minneapolis Parkview, Minn., Corps  
Northern Division



At age 15 while at Silver Lake Camp, I accepted Jesus as my Savior. Even then I knew my path would not be easy. But fast forward 14 years, and I can say God has never left me though at times I have questioned His role in my life, pushed Him away and felt guilt and shame about my choices. I think of the Israelites' disobedience and how they wandered for 40 years in the desert, yet God did not abandon them. I feel this describes my journey to officership.

In preparation for my calling, God has placed me in different environments whether a mission trip or a Christian living community. I have experienced fellowship, accountability, how to deal with conflict, and intimate small group Bible study. Also through personal experiences I have realized the importance of daily prayer and devotion. It reminds me God is in control.

*Natalie's corps officers until recently were Majors Noel and Rose Marie Mason. Her current corps officers are Captains Jim and Lynnea Brickson*



# No other power

by Lt. Colonel Daniel Sjögren  
Territorial Ambassador for Holiness

When I was by the Sea of

Tiberias, a wonderful thought came to me. The first thing which greeted the disciples when they came ashore was "a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread" (John 21:9, KJV). Jesus knew the disciples were cold and hungry. I think that what the meal was to those hungry men, the Word of the Lord is to the needy soul—even today.

In my ministry, I have never known the Spirit to fail to meet me when I come prayerfully to His Word. It is the Holy Spirit who brings enlightenment to God's Word.



In fact, we have no power other than the Holy Spirit's.

In the song, "Send the Fire," our Founder William Booth acknowledges our reliance on God's Spirit, "For strength to ever do the

right, for grace to conquer in the fight, for power to walk the world in white, send the fire!"

Indeed, the Holy Spirit is the coal of fire that warms us, and God's Word is ever a meal to satisfy us. Today we, too, can say like Isaiah, "Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire" (Isaiah 44:16, ASV).

# PRAYER CENTRAL

The Salvation Army USA Central Territory

## September Prayer Calendar

My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Tuesday	John 10-12	Gary, Ind., ARC*
	2 Wednesday	2 Timothy 1-2	India South Eastern Territory <sup>PIM</sup>
	3 Thursday	Numbers 10-12	Detroit Harding, Mich., Corps
	4 Friday	1 Chronicles 20-24	Davenport, Iowa, Corps
	5 Saturday	Psalms 105-107	Fort Wayne, Ind., Corps
	6 Sunday	Proverbs 22	Independence, Mo., Corps
	7 Monday	Joel	All who labor for the Lord
	8 Tuesday	John 13-15	Chicago Midway Citadel, Ill., Corps
	9 Wednesday	2 Timothy 3-4	Chillicothe, Mo., Corps
	10 Thursday	Numbers 13-15	Fargo, N.D., Corps
	11 Friday	1 Chronicles 25-29	Public welcome of cadets
	12 Saturday	Psalms 108-110	Fremont, Neb., Corps
	13 Sunday	Proverbs 23-24	Sunday school teachers and students
	14 Monday	Amos 1-4	Grand Haven, Mich., Corps
	15 Tuesday	John 16-18	Ishpeming, Mich., Corps
	16 Wednesday	Titus	Grand Rapids, Mich., ARC*
	17 Thursday	Numbers 16-18	National Advisory Board
	18 Friday	2 Chronicles 1-5	Men's Ministries
	19 Saturday	Psalms 111-113	Chicago Staff Band ministry
	20 Sunday	Proverbs 25	Detroit Temple, Mich., Corps
	21 Monday	Amos 5-9	Decatur, Ill., Corps
	22 Tuesday	John 19-21	The General and Commissioner Silvia Cox
	23 Wednesday	Philemon	Henry County, Ind., Corps
	24 Thursday	Numbers 19-21	Kansas City Bellefontaine, Mo., Corps
	25 Friday	2 Chronicles 6-10	Chicago Midwest, Ill., Corps
	26 Saturday	Psalms 114-116	Columbia, Mo., Corps
	27 Sunday	Proverbs 26-27	Victims of human trafficking
	28 Monday	Obadiah	Fergus Falls, Minn., Corps
	29 Tuesday	Acts 1-2	Grand Island, Neb., Corps
	30 Wednesday	Hebrews 1-4	Grand Rapids, Mich., Kroc Center Corps

\* = Adult Rehabilitation Center  
PIM = Partners in Mission

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If you follow the prayer calendar in the next year, you will have read through the Bible!

# BOUNDLESS THE WHOLE WORLD READING

THE INTERNATIONAL BIBLE READING CHALLENGE



Danielle, third from left, leads a teen Bible study.

From a myriad of ages, backgrounds and walks of life people in the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division are growing in faith thanks to the International Bible reading challenge.

Busy mom, soldier and Janesville, Wis., Corps program ministries and outreach director Danielle Moushey signed up as a way to keep herself accountable for getting into God's Word daily.

"I know how important reading the Bible is, especially for work in the ministry. Reading God's Word is a way to refill and refuel!" said Danielle.

Danielle also initiated a weekly Bible study with teens at her corps who signed up. Through her personal study and group discussions, Danielle says she's been reminded of God's grace. "Sometimes we forget to give others the grace that's been given to us," she said.

Wilma Line has been a sol-

dier since 1968. At the Sheboygan, Wis., Corps, she has led Sunday school, women's ministries and character-building programs. Yet, at 77 she still feels she has room to grow and wanted to challenge herself to read the Bible every day.

"It's inspired me to get to know the New Testament, stop and think how it applies to my life and to do better in my life," said Wilma of the Bible initiative. She finds a quiet place every afternoon to study, often for an hour!



## --Mustard Seeds--



Wilma Line

## Powell delivers keynote

by Jackie Rachev

The Metropolitan Division celebrated The Salvation Army's 150th anniversary with a civic luncheon where former Secretary of State General Colin Powell, USA (Ret.), delivered the keynote address. More than 600 people listened intently as he praised the Army for its impact in Chicago and around the world and encouraged attendees' support.

At a reception that featured artifacts from the Central Territorial Historical Museum, guests mingled with the likeness of General William Booth and a donut girl! A VIP reception also featured a photo opportunity with General Powell.

General Powell shared how his priorities mirror Salvation Army services from providing a safe place for children to helping individuals and families in crisis. "When I looked at the activities The Salvation Army does in Chicago and around the world, it's astonishing," he said. "The Army knows exactly what our young



Lt. Colonels Charles and Sharon Smith

people need...They know what adults need."

During the luncheon Patricia Hemingway Hall, president and chief executive officer of Health Care Service Corporation, received the William Booth award for her personal participation and involvement in civic and philanthropic affairs. Jewel-Osco stores was presented with the "Others" award for its longterm support as a corporate partner.

Lt. Colonel Charles H. Smith, Metropolitan divisional commander, reflected: "We are at a crossroads. It is at this crossroads that we once again commit ourselves to continue our investment in the future of our communities' greatest assets—the lives of our children. We are committed to leading families out of despair and down a pathway of hope. After 150 years, today is not the end of our story; it is only the beginning."



General Colin Powell

## Kincaids' service saluted

by Kathryn Pahl

Family and friends gathered at The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Green Bay, Wis., to celebrate the retirement of 1986 "Proclaimers of the Gospel" sessionmates Majors Don and Jane Kincaid.

After appointments in Mattoon, Ill., Jefferson City, Kirksville and Sedalia, Mo., and Minot, N.D., the Kincaids ended their officership with Major Don as the Brown County Coordinator and both of them as Green Bay Union Court corps officers.

Major Cherri Hobbins, College for Officer Training principal, led the service, while Lt. Colonels Daniel and Rebecca Sjögren officiated the ceremony and presented their retire-

ment certificates. Major Dorene Jennings, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan (WUM) divisional director of women's ministries, read 2 Corinthians 2:14 and prayed. Majors Andrew and Cheryl Miller, who sent the Kincaids to training, also participated in the service, as did Majors David and Zandra Luft, who were sent to training by the Kincaids. A letter was read from friends Majors Chuck and Jan Hendrickson, and sessionmate Major Mickey Hale sang, "How firm a foundation" accompanied by a brass band led by Major Andrew Miller. Congregational songs included "Victory in Jesus," led by Major Dan Jennings, WUM divisional commander.

The Kincaids are retiring to Carthage, Mo.



Majors Don and Jane Kincaid with Lt. Colonels Daniel and Rebecca Sjögren

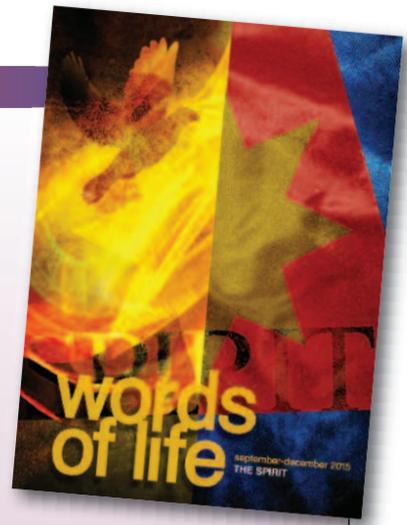
## Words of Life

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### The Spirit

After a short opening series on Heaven, we look into the Old Testament, exploring the books of Isaiah, Daniel, Amos, Micah, Zephaniah and Haggai. New Testament readings are from Galatians, Colossians, Titus, Philemon and 1 and 2 Peter. Thoughts for the Christmas season come from guest writer Major Christina Tyson in New Zealand. May the Holy Spirit inspire and illuminate us as we read God's Word together.

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## Mission-minded in Duluth

With unfailing enthusiasm for impacting their community through evangelistic acts of service, members of the Duluth, Minn., Corps are seeing the fruits of their labors. Of the 100 people who call the corps home, 40 are new to the Army in the last decade and more than half the congregation are soldiers.

"For the second year in a row, our emphasis has been 'Saving Souls and Growing Saints,' and we've held *Just Walk Across the Room* evangelism training based on Bill Hybels' book twice," said Major Bill Cox, corps officer with his wife, Betsy. "Our annual corps retreat also has been vital to the congregation getting both spiritually and in relationships."

A major focus of the corps' evangelism efforts has been its annual fall festival with more than half the congregation involved and actively using their spiritual gifts, according to Major Bill. The festival is geared toward reaching the families of the youth involved in the corps' character-building programs. In the "Rookie Basketball" league alone, almost 200 kids learn basketball fundamentals as well as character-building goals.

This past winter the corps hosted movie afternoons featuring evangelical films for its soup kitchen guests and recently added a new believers class to its roster. In addition to Sunday worship and Sunday school, the corps offers Sunday morning and evening prayer meetings and weekly Bible studies held both in and outside the corps building, including one led by women's ministries in a local residential high rise.

Women's ministries also offers strong visitation and nursing home outreaches, a



A soup kitchen is just one of many corps services.

helping hands ministry, a sewing club and bi-annual craft events. Men's ministries meet monthly for fellowship and recently completed a weekly study. The men of the corps also are involved in youth night leadership.

The corps' extensive social services include homeless prevention, transitional housing and rapid rehousing programs, emergency assistance, a soup kitchen, food pantry, medical bank and even periodic mobile dental services.

"Last Christmas we helped over 1,500 families with food and toys, and throughout the year we conduct a large community care ministries outreach to nursing homes," Major Bill continued.

Not just satisfied with serving the needs of its own community, the congregation raised \$500 (in addition to its World Services/Self-Denial giving) toward a fresh-water project for the Papua New Guinea Territory's House of Hope compound.



Nearly 200 youth participate in the "Rookie Basketball" league.