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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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NAOC: equipping an Army for change

by Major Steve Merritt

The theme of this year's National Advisory Organizations Conference (NAOC) was *Expect Change*. It seems to me challenging words for an Army that has been in business for more than 150 years. Well,



learn from one another and experts on how better to bring change to our communities.

Delegates were challenged to expect change from the start by keynote speaker football legend Emmitt J. Smith. Other inspiring speakers included Dr. Leith Anderson, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, Joel K. Manby, chief executive of SeaWorld Parks and



Entertainment, Charlotte Jones Anderson, Dallas Cowboys executive vice president, and General André Cox who gave a stirring closing message to which many responded at the altar.

Breakout sessions on a vast variety of topics from social media to fundraising to advisory board development were of great value as we listened to presenters and also to one another discussing change. I heard from board members and officers who were discussing changes that would be put in place when they returned home.

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they're challenging words for our culture, period. Who likes change, much less expects it?

I landed in the dry desert heat of Phoenix, Ariz., with this theme resonating in my mind. What does this change look like? How do we engage to greater capacity the relationships of professionals, including young adults like Echelon, in our communities?

More than 2,500 delegates—officers, employees and advisory board/council and auxiliary members from across the nation—gathered with great expectations to share and



STEM takes root at camp

Little Pine Island Camp will be overflowing with junior scientists, mathematicians and engineers in early July as the second annual STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Camp kicks off. From across the Western Michigan and Northern Indiana (WMNI) Division, the inaugural STEM Camp attracted more than 130 teens.

"STEM Camp provides us with another powerful, hands-on way to connect kids with Christ," said Major Jason Poff, WMNI divisional youth secretary. "After the STEM curriculum is conducted each day, evenings are devoted to weaving in a spiritual emphasis to help campers discover and explore their own faith. Throughout the week there are opportunities to make decisions for

Christ; last year more than 90 teens responded!" According to the major, STEM Camp perfectly complements traditional camp themes like music, sports and character building.

Philanthropist Armen Oumedian, a retired logistics and material handling executive, developed the STEM Camp curriculum and donated \$10,000 toward launching the camp in 2015. In addition, he committed to helping recruit ongoing supporters to sustain it.

"The STEM Camp at Little Pine Island is a fun and entertaining way to expose kids to the sciences who would most probably not get these opportunities at home or in their schools," said Armen. "I love seeing the 'ah-hah' moment on their faces when they understand how something really works."

The four-day camp begins with a "Science is Fun" session. Steve Belliveau, a professional magician



Steve Belliveau, a professional magician and science educator, conducts an experiment.

and science educator, combines his engineering degree with his magic skills to inspire youth to embrace science. The Geek Group, an organization that exists to help people create and produce interesting and useful things, assists teens in "manufacturing" products utilizing scanners and 3-D printers. Campers are encouraged to leverage classroom experi-

ence by identifying real-life manufacturing applications, such as automobile parts and medical devices. Teens also study high-voltage electricity and alternative fuel sources including a nuclear fusion generator.

The last day centers on robotics as Professor Pete Gheresus leads campers in constructing Lego robots. The highlight is robot races! A camper named Bobby exclaimed, "The Lego robot races are the best! Overall STEM Camp rating is a 10, like a thousand times!"



Professor Pete Gheresus helps campers construct Lego robots for racing.

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Declutter for more effective ministry

by Commissioner Carol Seiler
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"How can we double our impact with existing resources?" This was our initial question when we worked with consultants from Bridgespan Group on developing Pathway of Hope (POH). Underlying this question was a desire to do more than "just serve" those in poverty; we wanted to help individuals "solve" their conditions leading to poverty.

The question was not "How can we be doubly busy?" We acknowledged that though our days were already full to overflowing, we were not necessarily making the mission impact possible. We needed to look at changing our use of time, letting go of some things that weren't producing outcomes and becoming more intentional in our focus.

In the Winter 2015 edition of *Leadership Journal* in an article called, "Toss the Old Sweater," Karl Vaters used the decluttering concept

of getting rid of the old sweater in your closet before buying a new one.

He wrote, "Some programs in our churches are thriving. They're the ones you love to tell others about, the ones with vitality. But we also have ministries that aren't working well. Yet they still take precious time and energy. Healthy churches relentlessly monitor what they're doing to reduce ministry clutter. They start reducing clutter not after they find a great new idea, but before. I call it The Closet Rule."

One of the training exercises in Pathway of Hope related to reallocating time and tasks so that hours in the day, specifically one day per week for the basic approach, could be applied to this new initiative. What could be done by others, or not done at all, to free up time? Additionally, the focus on families with children under 18 was to address two generations, also doubling impact. These were questions posed in our April 28, 2011, meeting with Bridgespan:

Increase effectiveness of current resources

- **Increase Social Services staff capacity** via training, standardization, and accurate data systems so they can effectively:
 - Segment clients and identify target client segment
 - Develop higher touch relationships with targeted clients to connect them to resources and programs needed to increase their stability
 - Track clients progress
 - Assess the effectiveness of Emergency Assistance programming

Reallocate resources to higher impact activities

- **Improve management of Social Services** by Corps Officers via training and incentives to ensure they hire quality staff, effectively supervise them, and ensure Emergency Assistance clients have consistent access to spiritual counseling
- **Realign programs** to focus on providing basic Emergency Assistance services to all clients and increasing the stability of targeted client segment
- **Redirect financial resources** to support new approach to Emergency Assistance

Leverage additional resources

- **Develop deeper connections between the congregation and Social Services**, increasing resources available for Emergency Assistance and giving clients access to spiritual counseling
- **More effectively leverage volunteers** to free up caseworkers to develop deeper relationships with clients
- **Increase partner support** to develop strong network of referral partners
- **Increase donations and grants** from funders

The slide shows methods suggested to "double the impact" with existing resources, working differently.

Not surprisingly a few months after a declutter effort, "clutter-creep" happens. We don't think it's a problem, but soon schedules are stuffed and effectiveness has diminished. Even just having a "Sabbath" day is challenging. However, both secular and spiritual literature

emphasize resting, focusing and decluttering actually makes us more effective.

In our role as Christ followers and advancing the Kingdom of God, as an Army we want to be the best possible stewards of resources. This requires that we continue to "toss the old sweater" and ask, "How do we double our impact with existing resources?"

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In all of this, it's important to remember true change is found in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit and the warming of the human heart to His change. As The Salvation Army, we are a people who expect change to occur on a daily basis, not necessarily on some grand scale but one life at a time. The Apostle Peter said to expect change and to stimulate wholesome thinking toward changing the world. Maybe this is the change that's truly needed: a renewing of the mind, how we approach



one another and "Others" through this wonderful Salvation Army.

We do expect change. I expect change in my life and my ministry.

One thing I don't expect to change is the commonality we have as we

walk through a sea of uniformed Salvationists and friends. The like-minded, passionate dedication to God



and the Army is needed more than ever in our communities. We should expect change every time we give out a bag of food, visit a nursing home or ask for financial support. God is leading us, and we can do nothing less than expect change in the lives of those He's entrusted us to care for, to shepherd and to befriend. So, I've returned home expecting change!



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Certificate in Kroc Center Leadership available soon

by Lt. Colonel James Nauta

Kroc Centers present distinct ministry opportunities to develop new models of organization and operation which require qualified and trained leaders. Responding to a unique opportunity, the Central Territory is working on a capacity-building approach for leadership development which would offer specialized training for officers and key management staff in Kroc ministry.

The Central Territory's "Team Kroc"—working with the National Kroc Task Force—has identified and prioritized specific training content around which a core curriculum could be developed.

The Salvation Army's Booth University College School of Continuing Studies in Winnipeg,



Manitoba, Canada, has emerged as a trailblazer in providing leadership development, training and educational programs for officers and staff in the Canada and Bermuda Territory and other territories worldwide. Partnering with other educational institutions around the world, Booth has created quality leadership development initiatives for distinct Salvation Army requirements through its certificate programs and is well suited to serve as the designated certifying academic institution for a "Certificate in Kroc Center Leadership" initiative.

The Certificate in Kroc Center Leadership is designed for officers and key leadership staff, including those already serving at Kroc Centers or those interested in future

opportunities in Kroc ministry. The certificate program will include two five-day intensive clusters of courses—one with a concentration on leadership and another with a concentration on operations—along with online courses covering specific content focusing on human resources (HR) and financial management. The courses will be held at a location specified by the territory and will be subsidized by Kroc funding from territorial headquarters.

A capstone project and practicum experience also will be included in the program. The certificate will be offered in a cohort structure, with 20 students in each cohort. The program will be available to participants from the Central Territory and across the country, identified and approved by each territory.

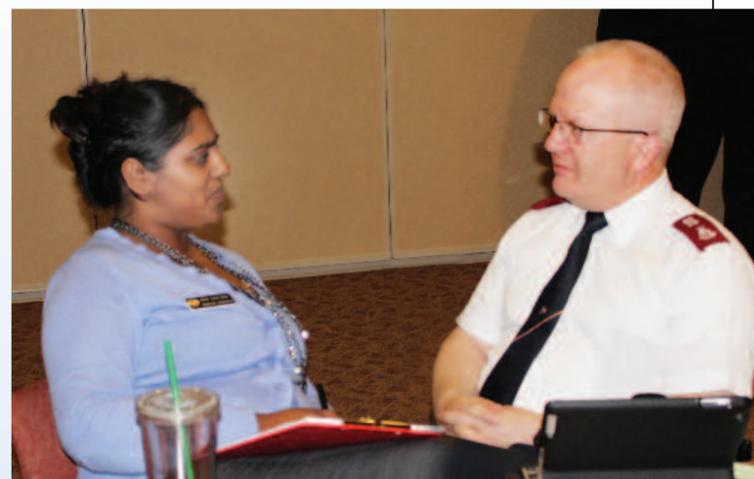
At the conclusion of the certificate program it is anticipated participants will be able to:

- demonstrate skills distinctive to large Kroc Center settings in team-building, staff supervision/development, complex busi-

ness/finance operations, fundraising complexities, facilities/equipment management, customer service, HR laws, personnel policies and procedures, and risk management policies and procedures

- demonstrate general knowledge of programming and operations in aquatics, arts/education, health/fitness, sports/recreation and day camps
- demonstrate the ability to think through the complexities unique in Kroc operations, to prioritize issues, and implement effective and innovative solutions to problems.

Curriculum development is well underway by course developer/lead instructors and Booth academic advisors with a projected launch early next year.



Major Marc Johnson has been serving as developer/lead instructor for the intensive leadership concentration.

Leadership Changes

The following leadership changes have been announced in the Central Territory effective June 29, 2016:

Lt. Colonels Lonneal and Patty Richardson have been appointed as divisional commander and divisional director of women's ministries for the Northern Division.



Majors Dan and Dorene Jennings have been appointed as divisional commander and divisional director of women's ministries for the Midland Division with promotion to the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Majors Steven and Christine Merritt have been appointed as divisional commander and divisional director of women's ministries for the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division.



Cold Spring continues its flow

When the Milwaukee Cold Spring, Wis., Corps dedicated its new home—a former church building purchased in 2013—the date selected also marked the 10th anniversary of the corps, which has gone through three name changes and just as many locations.

"God was saving this space for us," said Captain Marcelo Orbe, who leads the corps with his wife, Captain Monica. The property has a large parking lot and enough land to hopefully construct a gymnasium next year and accommodate future expansion of the chapel and classrooms, the captain continued. There's also enough green space for the soccer leagues the corps plans to start. "This will be a major outreach for us to families in and beyond our community," Captain Marcelo added.

Next year's plans also include opening a food pantry and increasing the scope of women's ministries, starting with the addition of an exercise room. This past year a guitar program was added to the wide array of ministries, programs and activities available already to men, women and youth.

Sunday attendance has grown to an average of 80, and soldiership is



Cutting the ribbon are Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seiler, territorial leaders, and Captains Marcelo and Monica Orbe, Milwaukee Cold Spring corps officers.

on the rise with 24 senior soldiers and 12 junior soldiers as of this spring. Based at divisional headquarters, the Orbes began their outreach to Milwaukee's Latino community in 2004.

Special guests for the dedication service included Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seiler, territorial leaders, and Majors Dan and Dorene Jennings, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan divisional leaders. Commissioner Paul Seiler presented the dedicatory address, Commissioner Carol Seiler offered the dedicatory prayer and Major Dan Jennings oversaw the presentation of the keys and the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Big impression on small city



The Chicago Staff Band and Sheboygan Pops Concert Band

The Sheboygan, Wis., Corps has made a noticeable impression on its community—and the relationship has been reciprocal over the years!

After a successful capital campaign, the Sheboygan Corps opened a new 45-bed emergency lodge and social services wing in 2012 that more than doubled its capacity, reported Lts. Daryl and Cherie Mangeri, corps officers. Also available are a free medical clinic, a food pantry and weekly feeding program, a childcare center, youth programming and seasonal assistance. In addition, the corps operates a 10,000-square-foot family thrift store.

Through these and other programs, the corps served more than 3,000 men, women and children last year. Public support accounted for nearly half of the corps' revenue in 2015, far surpassing United Way and government funding.

Next month a third annual "Salvation Ride" fundraising event will take place thanks to Advisory Board Member Bob Radzin, an avid cyclist. "With ridership more than doubling in its first two years, this family-friendly event promises to draw hundreds of participants from Wisconsin and beyond," said Lt. Cherie. Offering five routes ranging from 10 to 100 miles, the event is

well-supported by the community with sponsorship from area businesses, vendors and fundraising by participants.

This spring, the corps and advisory board thanked Sheboygan with events recognizing the Army's 120 years of service in the community. Special guests for the weekend included Colonels Jeffrey and Dorothy Smith, chief secretary and territorial secretary for women's ministries, who led the corps from 1988-1993; Majors Dan and Dorene Jennings, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan (WUM) divisional leaders, and the Chicago Staff Band (CSB).

On Saturday evening a free concert held at a performing arts center featured the CSB, the Sheboygan Pops Concert Band, the WUM Divisional Band and the WUM Youth Performing Arts Program. More than 400 people enjoyed the performance.

Earlier that day the corps dedicated a newly remodeled kitchen for its Emmaus Meals community feeding program, a ministry made possible by the combined efforts of nearly two dozen churches and organizations in the Sheboygan area, and it hosted a music school for more than 40 youth involved in the divisional performing arts program.

On Sunday 140 people attended a homecoming service featuring the Smiths and the CSB that highlighted past corps officers and the corps' soldiers, staff, volunteers, donors and community members.



Members of the Chicago Staff Band are happy to assist young performers.



Sheboygan Corps Officers Lts. Daryl and Cherie Mangeri (l) welcomed former corps leaders Majors Alan and Kim Hellstrom, Majors Norman and Claire Grainger and Colonels Jeffrey and Dorothy Smith (l-r).

Worship songs for every corps



Hallelujah Choruses have been a pillar in Salvation Army worship for more than 20 years. In an age where some churches have separate traditional and contemporary services, *Hallelujah Choruses* provide a valuable resource for a blended worship experience. The songs and flexibility allow each corps or adult rehabilitation center (ARC) to use the choruses to customize their expression of worship.

Songs

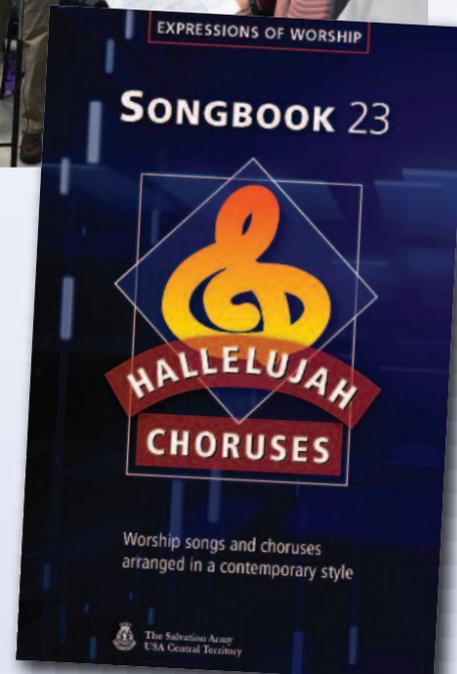
Religious music is a rare genre incorporating contemporary worship songs and hymn tunes written hundreds of years ago. *Hallelujah Choruses* are no different. Each edition includes many different types of songs including classic hymns of the church, Salvation Army favorites, contemporary hymns and the latest worship songs. There are now a total of 250 song arrangements that can enrich your corps' or ARC's worship!

The latest release this month, *Hallelujah Choruses #23*, includes:

- Crown Him with many crowns**
- In Your presence**
- He giveth more grace**
- Our God**
- Known to You**
- 10,000 reasons**
- Still, my soul, be still**
- Amazing grace (My chains are gone)**
- Near to the heart**
- Hear the call of the kingdom**

Flexibility

Hallelujah Choruses are made to fit many different types of music groups you'll find in corps. From traditional brass bands to full praise bands or just



a guitar or piano, here are some of the ways to use this resource:

Five-part ensemble—written in different clefs and keys for use of all instruments

Praise teams—vocals with harmonies, guitar, piano, drums, and an optional three-part brass section

Vocal series—three-part vocal music with piano accompaniment

Song book—lyrics, melody and chords in a condensed, easy-to-read format. The song books were developed for song leaders, and keyboard/guitar worship leaders.

Accompaniment CDs—produced by the Norridge, Ill., Citadel Band, each song includes one track with instrumental accompaniment and another track with both instrumental and vocal accompaniment

Soon a guitar friendly song book with lyrics, melody lines and capo guitar chords will be introduced.

For questions about how to incorporate *Hallelujah Choruses*, contact Resource Connection at 1-800-277-8896 or usorders@usc.salvationarmy.org.

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Truly living every day

The sound of bouncing basketballs echoes throughout the Omaha North Side, Neb., Corps most evenings and weekends thanks to its sports and recreation director Josh Jones, a former Creighton University star basketball player.

"We've been working very hard to improve the services we offer to youth in this community, and Josh was a huge step in that direction," said Major Randy Summit, corps officer, who hired Josh in late 2015.

With 18 volunteer coaches to assist him, Josh has organized a corps youth league of 12 teams with 10 players each that attracts kids and their parents from throughout the city and beyond. Just as large is the corps' competitive adult league, which brings in players from all walks of life.



Major Randy Summit, Omaha North Side, Neb., corps officer, and Josh Jones, sports and recreation director

This level of participation by people of all ages, ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds is a great testament not only to the safe atmosphere offered by the corps in a rough neighborhood but to 26-year-old Josh's remarkable reputation.

The onslaught of a serious heart condition in Josh's senior year at Creighton ended his promising basketball career in 2013, but he didn't let it end his enthusiasm for the sport or living life to the fullest. Already beloved for his positive attitude, affection for Josh spread beyond Omaha as the national media chronicled his health ordeal. Josh tempered the bad news with humor and optimism—even when he had to quit playing.

After months of recovery, Josh returned to finish his degree in

public relations, which he's put to good use as a motivational speaker and in launching "Live86400," his life-coaching brand.

"Basketball didn't build my character; it revealed it," said Josh. "Each of us gets 86,400 seconds every day. Life isn't about how long you live, but what you do with it. I motivate through my life experiences, not sports, to help kids and adults maximize their potential for purpose. And, my purpose is to serve God."

Having grown up in the neighborhood, Josh remembers coming to the corps as a kid for lunches and other events. "I love The Salvation Army. Growing up where I did surrounded by gangs and crime, I had every reason to fail in life, but my parents gave me the mentality to change my circumstances rather than let my circumstances change my mentality," he said.

A documentary produced on Josh after he had to stop playing basketball explored his childhood in a family with strong Christian values, starring role on his high school's team (making it to state finals three times) and recruitment to Creighton where he was a skilled, enthusiastic player.

Josh's health woes—and the media attention—actually began in high



Josh as a Creighton University star basketball player

school when an infection led to open-heart surgery and a valve replacement. Josh went on to play college basketball, but in his senior year he collapsed on court before a big game due to a severe atrial flutter that became chronic.

To date, Josh has had four heart surgeries. He admits to bouts of anxiety when his heart beats a little too fast but continues to trust in God. "There's no safer place to be than in God's will for your life," said Josh, who always reminds his players that faith is belief without seeing.

Never content with the status quo, Josh plans to start a girls' basketball program next year and form a traveling team for teen boys. "I want them to see life outside Omaha, consider attending college and determine their own futures," he concluded.



Josh Jones inspires and interacts easily with both youth and adults.

A light in a brass band world

For the 34th year, 33 amateur brass bands from as far away as Canada, Colorado, Florida and New Jersey converged on Fort Wayne, Ind., for the North American Brass Band Association (NABBA) Championships. The weekend also included more than 100 solo and ensemble events.

The influence of Salvation Army music and musicians was apparent. Performance judges included William Himes and Ronald Waiksnoris, as well as Eric Alexander and Kevin Norbury who had their origins in the Army. Many Salvationist musicians also participated in competing bands and solo events.

Resource Connection hosted a booth in the center of activities where attendees were able to purchase recordings, sheet music and clothing. Salvationists also were key to the event's administration with Barbara Burtch, volunteer coordinator, and Randi Bulla, NABBA president.

"The Salvation Army is the world's largest brass band publisher," said Bob Jones, Resource Connection secretary. "Many times throughout the weekend, I heard brass bands playing hymns and Salvation Army worship songs. It continues to amaze me how much our musical expressions of worship can be shared with bands and people who perhaps have not yet heard the message of Christ."

"The growth of North American brass bands in recent years has been exponential," observed William Himes. "Amateur musicians—young and old—have discovered what a great team experience brass bands provide and their level of technical proficiency is nothing short of amazing. Yet, there continues to be a profound respect for the 'soul-saving music' of The Salvation Army."

Next year's championships will be March 10-11, 2017. For more information visit nabba.org.



Unique youth rally success!

More than 350 of the Midland Division's character-building youth, leaders and parental volunteers joined together for a creative and successful rally held at the Saint Louis Science Center in the heart of the city.

"The Saint Louis Science Center has everything from natural human history to futuristic science exhibits," said Captain Malinda O'Neil, Midland divisional youth and candidates' secretary. "One of the showstoppers was a neurological exhibit where youth strapped a control band around their head and were able to direct a ball using the energy their brain creates!"

The day started early at the planetarium, where everyone gathered to watch a star show about the St. Louis night sky. Then leaders divided their corps youth by age—elementary, middle school and high school—for dif-



Sunbeams enjoy the science center.

ferent levels of a scavenger hunt that was fun but also gave youth the possibility of earning emblems.

Groups came together for lunch and traditional youth rally activities including awards, honors and a devotional by Lt. Colonel Lonneal Richardson, Midland divisional commander, who spoke on the importance of investing in the lives of youth. Divisional youth department staff created a Facebook group and encouraged leaders and youth to upload photos throughout the day.

"We had two main objectives," said Captain Malinda. "One was to encourage character-building, showing that it's fun, educational and worth the investment. The second was to help spark other adults to get more involved. We believe we accomplished both!"



Trying to control a ball using energy created from the brain

Undiscovered gems: camps

Wonderland. Hidden Falls. Three Trails. Eagle Crest. Northwoods... When most of us think of camps, we envision our divisional camps. It's where some of our fondest memories are made whether as sunbeams, musicians or seniors. But few of us realize that the Central Territory has a couple of city-based camps as well: one in the heart of the Black Hills in South Dakota and another along the banks of the Little Arkansas River in Wichita, Kan. Their ministry is as unique as it is special.

Black Hills beauty

The Rapid City, S.D., Black Hills Camp is situated in a national forest. Surrounded by canyons, it's chock full of wildlife, granite cliffs and waterfalls.

"The property was donated so children from the city could experience life outdoors," said Auxiliary Captain Michelle Johnson, who handles camp administration under the leadership of her husband, Major Nathan Johnson.

Amid this breathtaking scenery, the camp's accommodations are rustic with two bunk rooms—built in the last year—two bath houses, a lodge, kitchen and pavilion where most meals are served alfresco.

Besides the beauty, one advantage of Black Hills Camp is its



proximity to many major tourist attractions including Mount Rushmore, the Crazy Horse Memorial, Sylvan Lake, the Badlands and Bear Country, USA, where brown and black bears abound.

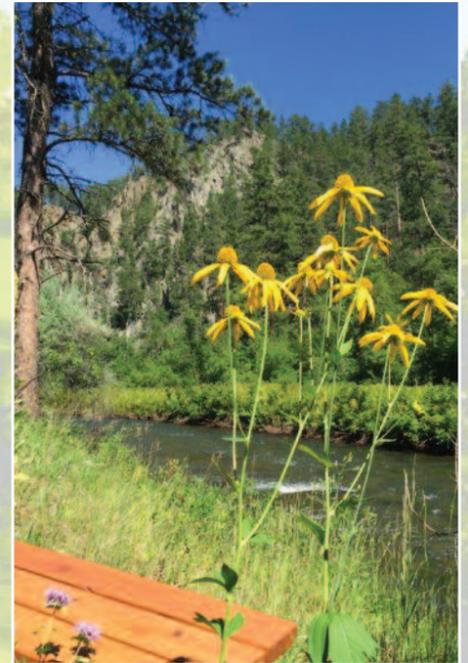
It's also one of the few Salvation

Army camps in the nation to offer gold panning as an activity. The camp stores equipment which campers may use in Rapid Creek. Not far from the camp is Thunderhead Underground Falls, one of the oldest gold mining locations still in operation.

Every summer welcomes a week-long Native American Camp. "This camp is specifically designated for underprivileged Native American children, who otherwise may never get a chance to experience the great outdoors," said Michelle. "We've had children who live in hotel rooms with their large families come out to our camp, and they just love it."

In addition to camping, hiking and exploring, children participate in vacation Bible school (VBS) often led by summer mission team members. They'll also take multiple field trips to see the area's tourist attractions.

Annually, Black Hills Camp hosts a divisional senior boys or girls camp (on alternate years). Last year it was the senior girls' turn, and the group gathered for a week in July. Since the camp doesn't include staff besides the Johnsons, the teens take responsibility for cleaning up after themselves—



including washing dishes, emptying trash and helping clean the bath houses.

"I've seen so much growth in the girls we've taken to Black Hills Camp," said Captain Jolinda Shelbourn, Western divisional youth and candidates' secretary. "They love the beauty of the area, the activities and I can see they learn how to take responsibility."

Last summer the Black Hills Camp hosted the Territorial Salvation Army Motorcycle Ministry (TSAMM) for seven days during the internationally known Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. The men helped with a few camp maintenance projects in exchange for a place to stay. Having access to the camp enabled them to attend since staying on site would have been too costly. It also gave the men an opportunity to bond with one another and share Jesus with motorcyclists from around the world.

"It was such a blessing to help around the camp grounds, have a place to stay and also reach out to other bikers as part of our ministry," said TSAMM member Major Bill Mealy.



Men from the territorial motorcycle ministry ready for a day at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally



Children from Native American Camp with Captains Nathan and Michele Harms and members of a Central Summer Mission Team



Senior girls camp participants hike Harney Peak.



that might surprise you

Hiawatha finds its way

Somewhere along the way, Camp Hiawatha had lost its mission. Instead of hosting a full and vibrant camping ministry, it had devolved into a property rental—and, as if adding insult to injury, it was losing money! So, a few years ago The Salvation Army in Wichita, Kan., stood at a crossroads. Should they sell the camp or could it serve a greater purpose again?

Interestingly enough, at about the same time the Army decided to see if Hiawatha could get back to its roots, God was at work over in Olathe, Kan., in the life of an unlikely candidate for the job of camp director—a residential real estate agent named Andy Herrman. Andy and his wife, Kim, had been involved in lay ministry in their church and for five years had felt an increasing desire to meld their experience with fulltime ministry, especially with children. But how

could God use a real estate agent and a stay-at-home mom?

Camp wasn't even on the Herrmans' radar, but when they learned about the Army's plan to revive Hiawatha, the opportunity resonated with them. The city commander at the time, Major Doug Rowland, could see how the pieces might fit together. So, if the Herrmans were willing to go out on a limb for the Army's vision, he was willing to do the same for



HIAWATHA

camp & retreat center



Camp counselors are Christian college students who are looking for ministry opportunities during the summer. They build relationships with youth as they lead them in activities, including age-appropriate chapels twice a day called "diggin' in"—to God's Word, of course.

"We've seen a lot of kids trust Jesus out here," said Andy.

Some of the older campers join the Leaders in Training program where they grow in the Lord and build the skills they'd need as a counselor.

"You treated my kids like they were highly valued, important, wanted, special and mostly that they were worth it!" said another parent. "I think you've got the cream of the crop in the counselors you've chosen."

The rest of the considerable programming rounds out with overnight camps during the summer for pre-teens and junior highers, overnight camps for various church groups and other ministries, and the year-round retreat center which features an adventure program (climbing tower, zip lines, high and low rope courses, archery) that's really taking off, according to Andy, with more than 2,500 people participating just the first year.

The Salvation Army is blessing thousands of people each year through the year-round retreat ministry at Hiawatha. "We really see our retreat groups as a ministry of hospitality, where we have the opportunity to show the love of Jesus to people by feeding them well, leading them in the adventure program and meeting their conference needs," said Andy.



them. His charge to them was simple: figure out how to advance the gospel and not lose money.

Seven years later Hiawatha teems with programs and campers. And most importantly, it's all about mission.

"We see this camp as a mission to the city of Wichita," said Andy. "We have an opportunity to reach people who would never go to church."

Hiawatha boasts a multifaceted ministry, but perhaps the most vibrant and largest component is the summer day camp. Every weekday 120 kids, first through eighth grades, descend on the 42-acre camp on the edge of the city for the experience of a lifetime! Each week-long camp features a different theme—say a spy academy, time machine or the Olympics—that gives focus to youth exploring the great outdoors in this safe, high-energy, loving environment.

For younger groups, daily activities include free swimming lessons, theme-based activities, nature encounters, group games, arts and crafts and more. The older groups embark on adventures like the climbing tower with zip lines, team building and problem-solving initiatives, and unique theme-based activities. Regardless of their ages, campers go home each day dirty, tired and begging for more.

"Hooray, Camp Hiawatha! My son just finished his first week at your camp, and he is begging me to sign him up for the whole summer!" said one mother.



Perhaps most heart-warming are the two special summer camps Hiawatha hosts for children with cancer or people of all ages with developmental handicaps. Partnering with Quality Camp Kansas and the Catholic Diocese of Wichita, each week-long camp brings not only campers but dedicated staff and volunteers to Hiawatha for one-on-one care and attention, allowing kids with cancer to just have fun again and developmentally challenged campers to have amazing experiences they might never have dreamed possible.

Clearly, Hiawatha has found its way.

Newly accepted candidates

Brian and Amanda Hoscheit

Noble Worship Center (Corps)
Brooklyn Park, Minn.
Northern Division



We were both saved in early adulthood and met at a non-denominational church in Minneapolis, Minn. During our courtship and early years of marriage we began serving in different ministries within our church. We eventually felt a call to be in fulltime ministry together.

In June 2011 we first walked into a Salvation Army corps, and two short months later our corps officers had a heartfelt conversation with us about the possibility of officership. The more we prayed about it, the stronger and more real this calling became.

We began working at the Minneapolis Parkview, Minn., Corps in September 2013, and then transferred to work at the Noble Worship Center (Corps) in June 2014. We have come a long way on our journey to officership, and on this adventure with us have been our son Chet, 5,



and our daughter Dorothy, 3.

Brian and Amanda's corps officers are Majors Alex and Chris Lim.

Nathan and Alisha Welch

Porter County, Ind., Corps
Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Division

Our lives intertwined at the corps in July 2013 when we met at a young adult Bible study. By March 2014 we were married at that same corps and strove to have God as the foundation of our relationship. As it grew, we increasingly became active in the corps, eventually leading Sunday school classes and character-building programs and teaching a young adult Bible study.

After cadets visited our corps and some retired officers spoke to us, we each started thinking seriously about officership. We knew we had to trust in God and pray. After talking it over and praying, we felt consumed by the Holy Spirit. We knew we were being called by God and decided to follow His calling.

Nathan and Alisha's corps officers are Majors Jon and Kim Welch.



Cadet summer assignments

Members of the "Joyful Intercessors" session will serve in the following locations this summer:

Cadets

Kenneth Alip
Kendra Amick
Natalie Austin
Elizabeth Ayala
Clayton & Haleigh Bledsoe
Carmon Camp
Matthew Darrow
Matthew & Virginia DeGonia
Elis Pomaes Morales & Ada Diaz Fajardo
Joseph & Pamela Gates
Mylie Hadden
Scott & Amy Hiser
Jakub Kocyan
Anil Kumar Kandamala
Stephen & Lilyanna Reinier
Robyn Shanahan
Vatthana & Donna Thammavongsa
Jacob & Jessica Turner
Elysia Webber
Andrew & Corey Wheeler
Edward Williams
Zachary Zumwalt

Corps

Wichita, Kan., City Command
St. Louis Gateway Citadel, Mo.
Omaha North Side, Neb.
Albert Lea, Minn.
Oak Creek Centennial, Wis.
Elkhart, Ind.
Garden City, Kan.
Waterloo-Cedar Falls, Iowa
St. Louis Temple, Mo.
Kalamazoo, Mich.
Boone, Iowa
Flint Citadel, Mich.
Norridge Citadel, Ill.
Jefferson City, Mo.
Indianapolis Eagle Creek, Ind.
St. Charles Tri-City, Ill.
Fort Wayne, Ind.
Green Bay, Wis.
Alton, Ill.
Traverse City, Mich.
Lakewood Temple, Minn.
Waukegan, Ill.

Jenny Moffitt

Mankato, Minn., Corps
Northern Division



My road to Christ covered some bumpy ground, but I submitted to Him at age 19 after a stubborn three-year battle. I knew at that moment I was called to be a messenger of His gospel. I have had great opportunities to serve Him and His people overseas and desire wholeheartedly to do so again.

I suspected two years ago His leading was to Salvation Army officership, but it took a year before I surrendered to that call. Now, pursuing God with all of my heart and yearning to serve Him and His people, I seek to continue on the path on which God has placed me.

Jenny's corps officers are Captains Michael and Cynthia Parker.

Aaron D. Johnson

Fort Wayne, Ind., Corps
Indiana Division



I was raised in a wonderful Christian family. I enjoyed spending part of each summer at Camp Cotubic in Bellefontaine, Ohio, where I accepted Christ myself at age 12. I felt called to ministry at an early age but decided to make my own way in life.

After years of substance abuse and failed relationships, I cried out to God for mercy. I entered the Adult Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne in September 2011 and began seeking God's will for my life.

During the 2012 commissioning weekend, I felt called to officership. Though I had spent years running from God's call of ministry, at that moment I knew what God wanted me to do. As an officer, I want to be a servant to others, sharing the love of Christ with those less fortunate and offering strength and hope to those in need.

Aaron's corps officers are Captain Luis and Lieutenant Linda Acosta.



730... AND BEYOND

7,658 days and counting

by Major Jennifer Woodard

We'd arrived at our corps appointment only the previous week when the call came at suppertime. By 7:00 p.m. I was headed to the hospital to minister to a dying man, the unsaved, non-churchgoing husband of a soldier, neither of whom I had met. Questions ran through my mind. How am I going to pray with a man who has no relationship with you, Lord? What if there is not enough time to explain the gospel? Where do I start? What if I say too much, or too little? Prompted by the Spirit, I called my father, an experienced officer. He answered the phone on the first ring.

Five minutes later I introduced myself to Ray and told him I was there to pray with him but I needed to ask him a question first: "How much do you know about Jesus Christ?" He told me what he remembered from childhood Sunday school: "Jesus is the Son of God."

"Yes," I said, "And do you know what he did for us?" "He died for our sins," he answered. With that starting point, I walked Ray through the "ABCs of Salvation." **Admit** I am a sinner. **Believe** Jesus died to pay the penalty for my sin and rose again to conquer death. **Confess** with my mouth Jesus is Lord of my life.



Together, we claimed Ray's salvation in Christ, and later that night he went to be with the Lord. I was honored to help Ray join hands with his Savior and humbled to share with his family they would see him again.

Over and over, I am invited into similar opportunities simply because I am an officer. At other times this mantle of spiritual leadership gives me the courage and confidence to say and do things that initiate meaningful relationships.

In his earthly ministry, Jesus looked into people's eyes. He touched them, spoke saving truth to them and loved them. I have this same incredible privilege! And while much of my time is taken up with planning, administration, meetings and activities, most meaningful to me are the divine, unexpected moments that submerge me into the ministry of the living Christ!

Pallants minister at college

by Cadet Blake Fewell

The College for Officer Training (CFOT) held its annual Sabbath for Holiness, a sundown Saturday to sundown Sunday emphasis on Christian holiness this spring. Guests Lt. Colonels (Drs.) Dean and Eirwen Pallant of the International Social Justice Commission spoke to cadets, officers and distance learners about how personal holiness shapes our response and reaction to social injustices around the world.

Saturday's session focused on the holiness of our internationalism in The Salvation Army. The Pallants, who have had the privilege of traveling to many countries in their nine years as International Headquarters officers, have seen the fruitfulness of the Army's mission around the world. Speaking of the extreme poverty in some countries in which The Salvation Army works, Colonel Eirwen Pallant said, "Our self-denial is not just giving to 'some people,' it is us giving to our fellow Salvationists who are doing the work for us."



Colonel Dean Pallant spoke Sunday about personal holiness and the use of power as illustrated by the chorus "To be like Jesus." He advocated that to be like Jesus we need to have a greater understanding of whom God is as a relational God, and we need to live as Jesus lived when tempted

to abuse power—and it needs to start today because spiritual formation is a lifetime development.

Speaking from her medical background, Colonel Eirwen Pallant also shared the necessity of holiness in our soul, mind and body. We must ask ourselves how we are providing diet, exercise and rest for each of these parts so that we may live a holy, healthy life. "Holiness of the person," she said, "is about living as a redeemed person—a salvation of the body, mind and soul restored to that which God intended when He made us."

Photos by Cadet Ken Allip

What in the world is the ISJC?

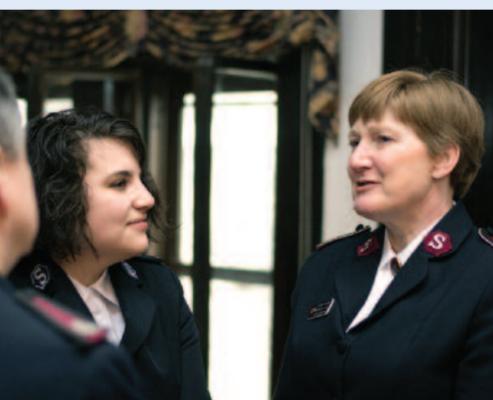
Lt. Colonels Dean and Eirwen Pallant, director and deputy director of the International Social Justice Commission (ISJC), converse with Cadet Blake Fewell. You'll want to listen in.



What is the International Social Justice Commission (ISJC) and its primary role?

Dean: The ISJC is The Salvation Army's strategic voice to advocate human dignity and social justice with the world's poor and oppressed people. Founded eight years ago by General Shaw Clifton (Rtd.), we exist to promote God's justice in the world and in The Salvation Army. We engage with the United Nations (UN), the World Bank, other faith-based organizations and non-governmental organizations. We want to understand the world and advise The Salvation Army on social, economic and political matters. The ISJC is based in New York only a few blocks from the UN which allows us to host a number of UN meetings. We also have team members in Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi where there is also a UN presence.

What are some of the most significant social justice issues our world faces?



Eirwen: There are many major issues. Poverty is an issue that drives so many injustices such as climate change which affects primarily poorer nations. The issue of peace and security is another because of the many conflicts which drive other injustices. Migration is a huge issue. Migration in Europe, America and Africa is occurring because of poverty in certain areas. People are migrating to places where they feel they are more likely to do better for themselves and their families.

Human trafficking, the slavery of millions of people around the world, is another huge issue. The Salvation Army has been working in anti-

human trafficking for a number of years. We have great programs around the world such as in Chicago, Tanzania, the UK and across Europe. There is a lot of work being done, but there is still a lot we can do. The Salvation Army has set up an International Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force, which I currently chair, to improve our effectiveness. The purpose of the task force is to encourage, support and resource initiatives.

Dean: Last year the General signed a statement called "The Moral and Spiritual Imperative to End Extreme Poverty by 2030" which, at this point, means those living on less than \$1.95 a day. The Salvation Army has always been focused on the poorest people—that is our calling and mandate. We have been supporting this initiative from the ISJC. How do we tackle such a big issue? In 2015 world leaders and faith leaders set goals for the next 15 years called Sustainable Development Goals which are signed by all 193 nations of the UN. These goals cover all forms of development from health and education to energy provisions and sustainable institutions. Is it likely that we will fully achieve all these goals? Probably not, but if we do not set the bar high and set an overall vision, we miss it. William Booth and early Salvationists were holistic in their vision of transformation. They wanted to save the whole world with a boundless salvation. This agenda gives us a framework to have conversations with world leaders and community leaders about an agenda they have signed up for and offer to help them deliver it.

Eirwen: It is an overarching framework that has been developed because of a vision of a fair and just society around the world. It is based on values The Salvation Army believes in.

Can you give an example of how the ISJC has made a difference?

Dean: One of the largest impacts we have had has been in some of the young people who have come and worked with us. We have an intern program where a number of them

have gone back to their territories to work in the field of social justice in The Salvation Army. The investments in young people have been significant. We have also developed resources such as the book *Jesus and Justice* which is available on our website. We do not want Salvationists to see this as some political cause but as a reflection of God's will to be done on earth. If we are able to get that message across, and if we realize that this is a boundless salvation that we offer, then I think the ISJC is doing what the Lord would want us to do.

How can corps actively engage in social justice issues?

Eirwen: We each have an individual response. The little things we do toward social justice are important. Things such as how much energy you use or what you buy can make a big difference if everyone does it. There is also a community response as The Salvation Army in our area. The case is then about what problems are affecting our community. Where is the need? Where can we act to make the biggest difference?

Dean: Along with that, how do we build partnerships with people? In The Salvation Army, we have not always been good about building partnerships; we sometimes like to think we are the only ones to handle it. Part of us maturing and gaining confidence in whom we are is to be confident of working with other people. What would Jesus do if He were to come into your community today? What would concern Him?

Eirwen: Our corps need to be involved in our communities in what we do and how we care for them.

Dean: The genius of the early Salvation Army was empowering soldiers to do the ministry. Sometimes we think the experts at headquarters or the corps officer must do it, but we need to mobilize soldiers to feel confident and have the capacity to do it themselves.

What has been the most rewarding part of serving at the ISJC?

Dean: We have been privileged to travel extensively in our time at International Headquarters and the ISJC. We have seen The Salvation Army in many parts of the world. I have never been more convinced of the relevance and applicability of The Salvation Army's mission. When you see people 'get it' and have leaders who see the vision, then the mission works. It does not matter where you are in the world. If there are officers, local leaders and employees who get the mission, then it happens! I receive huge encouragement from seeing how the Lord is still working through The Salvation Army and changing lives.

Why is social justice a crucial part of being a Salvationist?



Dean: It should be important to us because it is important to God. God has a mission to redeem the world, and we have an opportunity to join Him in His mission. It is not just saving a soul; it is redeeming the whole of creation. It is not something separate to God's mission, it is a central part of God's mission and, therefore, it is a central part of our mission.

Eirwen: It is very much taken from the Lord's prayer: 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.' We all know that if we pray for something, then we need to expect to be used to actually fulfill that prayer.

Resource links:

<http://www.salvationarmy.org/isjc>
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs>

Focusing on restoration

Delegates to the "Restoring Communities to Christ" territorial correctional services seminar focused on further refining their ministry to incarcerated men and women and their families.

Guest speaker Roger Hollar, founder of Mercy Heart, explained parents, spouses and children of felons often are forgotten as they deal with feelings of shame privately.

They don't know where to turn or even how to ask for help. Statistically their numbers keep increasing; one out of four people in the U.S. has a loved one in jail, on parole or on probation.

Delegates toured the Pathway Forward federal half-way house in the new Freedom Center in Chicago, Ill. The residential work-release program is designed to help men and women who have been imprisoned successfully re-enter society. It offers a safe, secure and structured environment in which offenders are given positive motivation to make effective changes in their lives. Since its inception in 1975, the Pathway



Roger Hollar, founder of Mercy Heart, instructs delegates on how to minister to felons and their families.

Forward program has assisted more than 20,000 men and women transition back to their communities. In the past year and a half, more than 96 percent completed the program satisfactorily, and more than 98 percent moved into stable housing. More than 56 percent are employed, and an additional 10 percent are in school or training programs. Research shows those who transition to the community through programs like Pathway



Captain James Scott, Janet Smith and other delegates devoted a day to writing mission and vision statements for territorial correctional services.

Forward are less likely to commit repeat offenses than those who return directly to the community.

Under the direction of Major Dale Hale, a long-time advocate of and expert in correctional services, delegates divided into groups to assist the territorial correctional services ministry in developing a mission and vision statement and goals, complementing the excellent work being done by divisions.

Major Robert Gauthier, territorial correctional services director, said the common denominator among delegates—representing corps, harbor lights, adult rehabilitation centers and divisional correctional services departments—was a passion to reach felons and their loved ones for Christ, as well as attain restoration of lives and relationships.



Ernest Jones, Major Ed Tutewiler and Major Timothy Best (l-r)

Harrison the truck

Students, staff, Bed & Bread program sponsors and Salvation Army officers gathered at the Mark Twain School of Scholars, Detroit, Mich., to hear the story of their new friend, Harrison. Officially unveiled as the newest addition to the Bed & Bread program, Harrison, the Jr. Bed & Bread Club Truck, will serve as a philanthropic ambassador throughout the metropolitan Detroit area.

Harrison's job is dual-purpose. In one role he will be used to educate children and families in need about support available through The Salvation Army's Bed & Bread program. He also will visit schools and organizations to promote philanthropy, volunteerism and donations.

"Harrison is a very exciting addition to our Bed & Bread team," said Major Russ Sjogren, Eastern Michigan divisional general secretary and metro Detroit area commander. "He is sure to bring a smile to the face of every-

one who sees him. But more than that, Harrison is going to be a wonderful tool to teach the next generation about giving back to their community."

Harrison was inspired by an animated character created by Detroit radio legend, Dick Purtan and his daughter, comedian Jackie Purtan. As a result of their creativity, Harrison has come to life from a Ford Transit Connect cargo van, which was customized with paint, molding, a serving window, speakers, additional lights and equipment for snack service.

"Harrison is a very cute vehicle with a fun look, but a serious purpose," said Janet Lawson, director, Ford Volunteer Corps. "As he travels throughout the community, we hope he brings smiles as he helps educate children and families with important information about hunger and the Bed & Bread program."



Major Valerie McDowell at the ready inside Harrison the truck

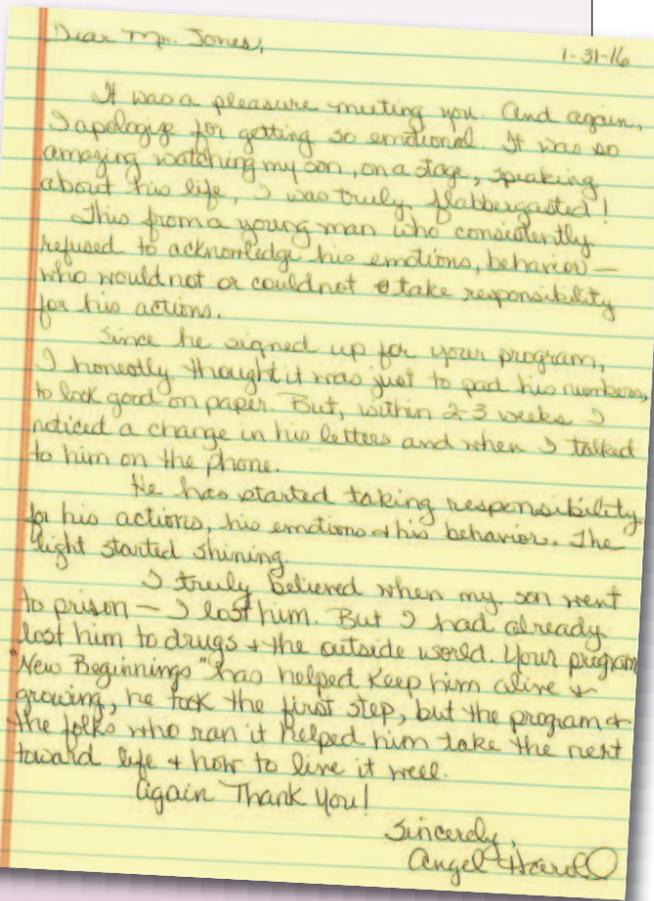
Making a difference

When Ernest Jones, Kansas and Western Missouri divisional corrections director, received this letter and photograph from the mother of an inmate who'd graduated from the New Beginnings re-entry program, he had to share it. The New Beginnings re-entry program is an initiative of the Kansas and Western

Missouri Division's correctional services ministry. The program provides participants an opportunity to work toward a brighter future and restored families. "What we do in corrections continues to make a difference," said Ernest concluded.



Proud mother Angel Harold and her son, Caleb



Angel's letter to Ernest Jones

Photos by Andrew Grey

Giving back to God



The first question asked by his doctor when Bill Shillington goes in for check-ups isn't "How are you feeling?" but "What's your latest adventure?" And, Bill's had plenty of them thanks to his deep commitment to volunteering as an emergency disaster services (EDS) response worker for The Salvation Army since 1990.

His first experience came when a horrific tornado hit Plainfield, Ill., a far-southwest suburb of Chicago.

"I heard an announcement on the news asking people with ham radios to come down and assist The Salvation Army, an organization about which I knew nothing except for its red kettles," said Bill, who's a licensed amateur radio operator. But when he met Major Patrick



to floods, tornadoes, airplane crashes, fires, hurricanes, earthquakes and 9/11. In addition, Bill has participated in multiple training exercises.

In recognition of his extensive and excellent volunteerism, Bill was presented with the National "Sleeves Rolled Up" award for the Central Territory.

"Bill's actions fully exemplify the title of this award," said Kevin. "His tireless tenacity to stick with a problem until a solution has been found is rare. There's never been a project too big or too small for him."

Bill concluded, "What keeps me going is being able to do good for others. God has blessed me and my family over the years, so this is part of my giving back to Him in appreciation."

McPherson, the now retired founder of SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network), Bill was hooked.

Becoming highly skilled in emergency communications, Bill was named the Central Territory's SATERN coordinator in 2006 and now also serves as territorial disaster operations chief.

"Bill has an amazing ability for coordination, planning and evaluation and has been an incredible resource in the advancement of disaster services in the Central Territory and nationally," said Kevin Ellers, territorial EDS coordinator. "He's spent countless hours both on the frontlines of disaster responses and in providing strategic leadership."

With a bachelor's degree in business management and electrical engineering, as well as many years of experience in facilities management before retiring, Bill has expertly used his skills for EDS and has learned many more along the way.

He's been a crucial fixture at disasters within the territory, nationally and even internationally (Japan in 1995 and Haiti in 2010) responding



My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Friday	Philippians 1-2	Bloomington, Ind., Corps
	2 Saturday	Leviticus 10-12	El Dorado, Kan., Corps
	3 Sunday	2 Kings 1-5	Chicago Englewood, Ill., Corps
	4 Monday	Psalms 78-80	Thank God for our freedom in Christ
	5 Tuesday	Proverbs 8-9	Belleville, Ill., Corps
	6 Wednesday	Ezekiel 19-24	Bismarck, N.D., Corps
	7 Thursday	Luke 17-18	Major Cindy Shellenberger (Australia)
	8 Friday	Philippians 3-4	Boone, Iowa, Corps
	9 Saturday	Leviticus 13-15	Benton Harbor, Mich., Corps
	10 Sunday	2 Kings 6-10	National Jamboree 2016, Steelville, Mo.
	11 Monday	Psalms 81-83	Escanaba, Mich., Corps
	12 Tuesday	Proverbs 10	Davenport River Valley, Iowa, ARC*
	13 Wednesday	Ezekiel 25-30	Heartland DHQ**
	14 Thursday	Luke 19-20	Bay City, Mich., Corps
	15 Friday	Colossians 1-2	Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Corps
	16 Saturday	Leviticus 16-18	Brown County, Ind., Corps
	17 Sunday	2 Kings 11-15	Emporia, Kan., Corps
	18 Monday	Psalms 84-86	Chicago Irving Park, Ill., Corps
	19 Tuesday	Proverbs 11-12	Branson, Mo., Corps
	20 Wednesday	Ezekiel 31-36	Brainerd Lakes, Minn., Corps
	21 Thursday	Luke 21-22	Council Bluffs, Iowa, Corps
	22 Friday	Colossians 3-4	Big Rapids, Mich., Corps
	23 Saturday	Leviticus 19-21	Fond du Lac, Wis., Corps
	24 Sunday	2 Kings 16-20	Des Moines, Iowa, ARC*
	25 Monday	Psalms 87-89	Dearborn Heights Citadel, Mich., Corps
	26 Tuesday	Proverbs 13	Champaign, Ill., Corps
	27 Wednesday	Ezekiel 37-42	Columbus, Ind., Corps
	28 Thursday	Luke 23-24	Garden City, Kan., Corps
	29 Friday	1 Thessalonians 1-3	Chicago LaVillita, Ill., Corps
	30 Saturday	Leviticus 22-24	Central Bible Leadership Institute
	31 Sunday	2 Kings 21-25	Cape Girardeau, Mo., Corps

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* = Adult Rehabilitation Center

** = Divisional Headquarters

--Mustard Seeds--



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Promoted to Glory

Mrs. Major Yvonne Adney

Mrs. Major Yvonne Adney was promoted to Glory on March 17, 2016. She was 89.

After graduating from high school Yvonne worked as a secretary for one year and then attended Trinity Christian College in a southwest suburb of Chicago before entering officer training.

Commissioned in 1947, she held seven appointments in the Scandinavian Division, and then served three years at the College for Officer Training prior to marrying Leon Adney in Chicago, Ill., in 1954. Their marriage was blessed with two children.

Yvonne was an officer for 47 years, serving in Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Michigan. After their retirement in 1994, Yvonne and Gene moved to Elkhorn, Wis., where she continued to volunteer for The Salvation Army in various capacities.

She loved writing cards to family and friends and baking and is remembered as a sweet, caring and encouraging person.

Yvonne was preceded in death by her husband in 2010, and is survived by her son, Ken (Kim) and her daughter, Major Karen (Marc) Johnson, and three grandchildren.

Lieutenant Mary Robbins

Lieutenant Mary Robbins was promoted to Glory on March 23, 2016, after a battle with Amyloidosis. She was 55.

Mary was born in a suburb of Chicago on July 13, 1960, to Frank and Marguerite VanderMeulen. After high school graduation she attended Clinton Community College and Mount St. Clare College in Clinton, Iowa.

Mary married Kevin Robbins in 1993. In 2012 the Robbins were commissioned with the "Friends of



Christ" session. They served as corps officers in Muncie, Ind., prior to their most recent appointment at the Indianapolis, Ind., Harbor Light as chaplains.

Mary was a talented musician who taught piano at a Catholic school and out of her home; she also played as an accompanist at various schools and churches before becoming an officer. She had a kind and generous heart. She wanted each person to feel dignity, no matter their situation in life, and loved to give purses and jewelry to homeless women in Chicago.

Mary is survived by her husband; five children Lt. Aubrey (Shawn) DeBaar, Celeste, Noah, Marguerite and Christopher, and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Major Pauline Wert

On March 22, 2016, Mrs. Major Pauline Wert was promoted to Glory. She was 95.

Pauline Botu gave her life to the Lord at a young age while attending the Highland Park, Mich., Corps. Although she applied to become an officer at age 21, she was denied given a heart problem doctors had deemed terminal.

A few years later Pauline met Ramon Wert at the Waukegan, Ill., Corps, and they were married. Together they applied for officership and were accepted. Ray often said he healed Pauline's heart.

Commissioned in 1951 the Werts served as corps officers in Indiana, Kansas, Wisconsin and Illinois and retired from commanding Evansville, Ind.

Pauline had a loving but no-nonsense approach to leadership, and many young women respected her. She loved her family and had a strong relationship with Ray, who considered her his rock and best friend until his promotion to Glory in 2009.

Pauline is survived by her daughters Pauline (Tom) Hylton, Major Paulette (James) Frye and Paula (Randall) McLean, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



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