



# Central Connection

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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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## ARC soldiers top 100

In the two years since adult rehabilitation centers (ARC) began enrolling program graduates as soldiers, more than 100 beneficiaries plus several employees and volunteers have made that decision, reported Assistant ARC Commander Major Laurence McPherson.

"Men in rehabilitation often have great loyalty to the place where they regained self respect as part of their spiritual and physical rehabilitation. So, it behooves them and us for the

ARC to become their church home as they continue their stabilization and growth process into a life of abstinence and responsible behavior," the major continued. "And, when beneficiaries in the program see men in uniform who were once like them, it gives them great hope."

"This is what William Booth had in mind—people in like circumstances bolstering each other up," he added. "When men see ARC alumni making successes of their lives, it provides hope and vision for their own lives."

According to ARC Commander Major Graham Allan, the goal of the ARC command is to have enrolled 200 soldiers by the end of 2009. They're well on their way. In 2006, the Kansas City, Mo., ARC had nine soldiers; they now have 31. The Flint, Mich., ARC recently enrolled its first eight

soldiers. The Southeast Michigan ARC now has 12 soldiers, up from three in 2006, and Milwaukee has eight, up from one in 2007.

Envoys Steven and Pam McNary, administrators of the Gary, Ind., ARC, recently enrolled eight soldiers, and their current soldiership class has nine students, including two women who started attending worship services at the ARC. The recruits are committed to The Salvation Army.

"All of our recruits are very enthusiastic about everything we do. Our soldiers participate in worship ser-



Gary ARC Administrators Envoys Steven (r) and Pam McNary flank a new soldier as he signs his covenant.

vices and go out and minister in the community," exclaimed Pam.

One Saturday a soldier took a group of beneficiaries over to the house of an 85-year-old woman to assist her in cleaning up her property so she wouldn't lose her home. The group stayed almost four hours longer to finish up the job than the time that was asked of them. During

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The Flint, Mich., ARC celebrates its new soldiers. This ARC is led by Majors Jimmy and Mary Wilson.



The newest soldiers at the Southeast, Mich., ARC were enrolled during the Easter Sunday worship service which was attended by more than 640 people. This ARC is led by Envoys Merle and Cheryl Miller.

## Midland gives flood relief

The Midland Division activated emergency disaster services (EDS) response teams toward the end of March in response to major floods caused by heavy rains throughout the region.

Canteens provided two hot meals a day to more than 100 firefighters staged in Ballwin, Mo., and served three meals a day at a Salvation Army shelter for those affected by

the flooding in the Cape Girardeau area. More than 200 cots, blankets and cleanup kits were delivered to shelters in Wayne and Reynolds counties, while a 100-cot shelter was established at the Black Water Coliseum in Poplar Bluff.

During the first week of the relief effort, Salvation Army personnel and volunteers distributed more than 600 cleanup kits and served over 800 meals; 400 cots and blankets were used in shelters across the division.

"Though we've had 11 state declared disasters within the last 24 months, we stand ready to serve the people in the Midland Division," said Vicki Poff, Midland emergency disaster services director. "We continue to develop our disaster plan and to establish protocol that will help enable us to respond when needed."



## Jesus wants me for a sunbeam!



Photo by Craig Dirkes

Sunbeams from the Minneapolis Citadel, Minn., Corps received second place in the junior division of the troop rally in the Northern Division. The rally brought together nearly 200 sunbeams, girl guards, boy scouts, rangers, explorers and cub scouts at the Northwoods Camp. Dawn Crowell, divisional director of Christian education, organized this fabulously fun event.

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## Just around the corner

by Major Richard Vander Weele  
Territorial Program Secretary

**H**ave you taken a look outside lately? In our part of God's creation the colorful transition which follows the drab gray days of winter has come into full array. The trees are green, the blossoms of perennial flowers paint the landscape with their bright colors, neighbors are cleaning up their lawns, and spring is in full swing. It's a great month—a month of preparation! Summer is just around the corner.

School kids are restless, ready to start summer vacations. Salvationists are gearing up for the iConnect and Commissioning week-

end. Cadets of the God's Fellow Workers session are anticipating their first appointments. Mission teams are preparing for ministry. Divisional youth leaders and their staff are putting final touches on the summer camping season. Summer is just around the corner.

For some of us, summer is the time of year when we forget about life's routine, if just for a few weeks, preparing for the new season. Why not take advantage of the lull in your routine to encourage people to "Come Join Our Army."

As the territorial review teams visited the 10 divisions during the



Army. It's a world that needs you and those within your sphere of influence. There's no better recruiter than you!

Summer is just around the corner. Prepare now for how you can make the summer of 2008 an extraordinary event in your life by personally inviting someone to "Come Join Our Army!"

## Leadership changes announced



Majors James and Janice Nauta

**C**ommissioner Ken Baillie, territorial commander, has announced the following changes of leadership appointments for our territory effective July 1, 2008.

Majors James and Janice Nauta have been appointed as territorial secretary for personnel and associate territorial secretary for personnel, respectively.

Majors Ralph and Susan Bukiewicz have been appointed as divisional commander and divisional director of



Majors Ralph and Susan Bukiewicz

women's ministries, respectively, for the Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Division.

Majors Jeffrey and Dorothy Smith have been appointed as divisional commander and divisional director of women's ministries, respectively, for the Kansas and Western Missouri Division.

Majors Paul and Paula Fleeman have been appointed training principal and director of campus services and mission effectiveness officer, respectively, for the College for Officer Training.



Majors Jeffrey and Dorothy Smith



Majors Paul and Paula Fleeman

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*Strengthened by His presence in us individually and corporately, we share a common passion for bringing people into an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and meeting human needs in His name in the diverse communities where we serve.*

## Person behind the page

**J**onathan Bukiewicz has a passion for using the web to make an impact. What started as a hobby, creating websites for Christian bands, developed into a ministry of engaging people in the work of The Salvation Army through the internet.

"Being an officers' kid I have a lot of history with The Salvation Army, and I'm able to draw on that along with my love for art and being creative. It has been a personal passion of mine to combine these things and I want to show others how they, too, can use their gifts to get involved," said Jonathan.

As territorial web coordinator, Jonathan has been tasked to maintain and ensure upkeep of the territorial website as well as act as a resource in how to effectively use the internet to advance the mission of The Salvation Army. In addition, he's the site designer for the new internet component of *Central Connection* called *Get Connected*.

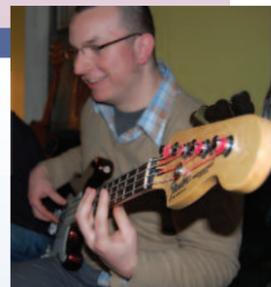
"*Central Connection* has been a constant for me. It's so great to just pick it up and see what's going on in

## ARC soldiers

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Sunday worship the next morning, the soldier gave a glowing praise report about the wonderful work and cooperation he got from the men and how blessed they all felt.

"Our soldiers come to Christ through The Salvation Army Gary ARC, and their commitment is strong and true—they do all they can to lead others to Christ," added Steven. "My wife and I are so honored and privileged to be a part of this great work."



our territory and the Army world. I'm excited to be able to give back and enhance the publication," said Jonathan. "God really opened the doors to bring these different pieces of my life together allowing me to do what I'm doing now."

Jonathan and his wife, Andrea, are the parents of Chloe, 9, and Milo, 2. When he's not using his creativity on the web, Jonathan enjoys playing bass in The Singing Company, photography and biking.

## Get Connected!

Here's what you'll find this month on our webpage.  
[www.usc.salvationarmy.org/getconnected](http://www.usc.salvationarmy.org/getconnected)

### Clips

Norridge Band performance of "Caprice—And Now Hallelujah"

Message by National Commander at Norridge 25th Anniversary Celebration

The Singing Company song from new album, *The Mercy Seat Sessions*

### Links/Resources

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Recipe for Des Moines' egg casserole

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Central Bible and Leadership Institute

Biblical Educational Tour

### Web exclusive articles

Corrections program summary

Corrections Bible Correspondence syllabus and intro lesson

Slide show of Biblical Education Tour with quotes  
National Seminar on Evangelism summary

## Newest accepted candidates

### Julie Trapp

Quincy, Ill.  
Midland Division

A third generation Salvationist and a daughter of officers, Julie accepted Christ as a young child. She was involved in many Army activities and excelled in them.

However, in her early 20s she turned away from God and to the "ways of the world" to make her happy. While a young adult at a youth councils in the Midland Division, an officer's testimony moved her. She knew in her heart that the way of holiness and submission to God's will was the way for her.



"It was such an awesome feeling to lay all my burdens at His [Jesus'] feet," she said. She realized that all she really needed was Christ.

Julie will be entering the College for Officer Training with her six-year-old son, Quentin, from the Quincy, Ill., Corps

where her corps officers are Majors Alan and Carol Wurtz.



### David and Laura Amick

Pekin, Ill.  
Heartland Division

David grew up the son, grandson, cousin and nephew of officers. As a boy, he saw the movie "Left Behind" and says he "didn't want any part of hell." Laura grew up in a single parent home after her father died when she was 11. As a girl, she accepted Christ at a Baptist church after hearing the story of Daniel.

David, with a rich heritage in The Salvation Army, and Laura, who was re-introduced to the Army at 18, met at the Pekin, Ill., Corps. They've remained faithful soldiers for over 20 years. They've known for a long time that God has been calling them to be officers but

weren't ready to accept the call.

With the help of their present corps officers, Captains Peter and Catherine Mount, they knew it was time to start the process. David and Laura will enter the CFOT this fall with their two daughters Kendra, 13, and Emily, 11.



## A rite of spring

by Captain Rob DeGeorge

Some may look for the crisp white of Easter lilies, many for the sunburst of daffodils, or others for the lavender of sweet violets, but one only need look as far as cadets and the full bloom of campaigns for the certainty of spring's arrival in the Central Territory.

Indeed as spring appeared the cadets of God's Fellow Workers and Witnesses for Christ brought the sweetness of new life in Christ to people across the territory. Ready to plant and water the Word of God in the hearts of men, women and children, cadets set out in March for the annual Spring Campaign effort to corps in Mason City, Iowa, Grand Rapids, Mich., East St. Louis, Ill., Escanaba,

Mich., Hutchinson, Kans., and Elkhart, Ind.

With a plethora of opportunities to spread the love of God, cadets ministered in Holy Week services, engaged in compassionate visits in hospitals and care facilities, encouraged children in community center ministries, dined with new friends and neighbors in community meal programs, broke the Bread of Life in cottage Bible studies and shared lattes and cappuccinos in coffeehouse ministries.



Cadet Jonathan Fitzgerald leads worship.

the challenges of fulltime ministry, as first-year Cadet Aubrey Robbins noted, it's not about the difficulties or trials, it's about "pressing on toward the prize for which God has called [us] heavenward in Christ." It is in this spirit we can see that these caretakers of God's vineyard are ready to go where He leads.

## A special commissioning



Earlier this year Cadets David Musungu and Ezekiel Chitereka of the Zimbabwe Territory were commissioned as captains in a private ceremony by Commissioner Ken Baillie, territorial commander, at the College for Officer Training (CFOT).

Through this they joined their African sessionmates who were commissioned last September as captains. Captains Musungu and Chitereka were granted educational leave to complete their training experience in Chicago where they've been studying since 2006. They will celebrate their commissioning with the Central's session of God's Fellow Workers in Merrillville, Ind., next month. Captains Musungu and Chitereka are joined (l to r) by Majors Jesse Collins and Phil Aho who served as their mentors, respectively, during their training experience.

## Working for the Kingdom

Next month the God's Fellow Workers session will learn to which harvest field they are being sent. Join in prayer and celebration on Sunday, June 8, as they are ordained and commissioned and appointed as new officers.



Ronald and Bridgette Amick  
Marquis and Twyla Brookins  
Christopher and April Clarke  
Jonathan and Catherine Fitzgerald  
Enrique and Cindia Garcia  
Katie Harris-Smith

David and Shannon Martinez  
Xavier and Heather Montenegro  
Ruth Sellen  
Sanhty and Jean Thammavongsa  
Steven and Telinda Wilson

## Soldiers' initiative yields growth



New Royal Oak, Mich., soldiers Doug and Stephanie Bayne and Mandy and Jason Ruggerio with Major Glen Caddy, corps officer (front right). Flagbearers are Songster Leader Ian McNeil and Vikki Coakley.

by Major Carole Caddy

At the Royal Oak, Mich., Citadel Corps, we have found that people from many diverse backgrounds and relationships join the Army. Our three newest soldiers have great stories to tell.

Amanda Ruggerio and her husband, Jason, had been reading the *Left Behind* book series and had asked a friend many questions about the Bible and faith. This friend was Salvationist Vikki Coakley, who not only answered their questions but encouraged them to come to church.

"Now the whole family has been enrolled," said Major Glen Caddy, corps officer. Both Jason and Mandy now hold local officer positions as adventure corps explorer leader and sunbeam leader, respectively. "It's great when people not only join the Army but become leaders as well," said the major.

The first Salvation Army meeting Doug and Stephanie Bayne attended was a band concert featuring several Eastern Michigan corps bands as well as a local brass band, The Motor City Brass, in 2007. Doug specifically had come to hear the community band. At the concert he renewed a friendship with Royal Oak Songster Leader Ian McNeil. When Ian learned that Doug was looking for a church, he quickly invited him to come to the corps, as well as rehearse with the corps band. As a cornet player for many years, Doug was hooked. He not only attended rehearsals, he began attending Sunday worship and playing with the band.

Doug's first question was "How do I get a band uniform?" When told those who wore uniforms were members of The Salvation Army, Doug and his wife Stephanie quickly signed up for recruits' class. Enrolled last fall, Doug can be found each Sunday in the solo cornet row. Stephanie enjoys the unique Army worship experience in the congregation.

## Take your stand!

by Lt. Colonel Ted Dalberg  
Divisional Commander,  
Kansas and Western Missouri

Upon hearing about "Come Join Our Army," I was interested in how it could impact our people and corps here in Kansas and Western Missouri. I decided I should be a key recruiter and have taken the recruitment process to corps during my visits. I've been amazed that when I've asked, "Why now?" people have responded, "No one ever asked me before."

### The Purpose

- Re-ignite the spirit of the soldiers and officers as to whom they are
- Recruit new prospective soldiers. Give an opportunity to accept Jesus and then become soldiers

### The Message

- Present salvation
- Explain our exciting history and service, point out examples of the local soldiers
- Ask directly for those who aren't soldiers to take a stand and "Come Join Our Army" as the corps officers stand with me



New Garden City, Kan., soldiers Michelle Ivey and Gretchen Paul. Flagbearers are Michael Lurtz and Robert DeLeon.

- Conclude with an adaptation of a poem, "I Am A Soldier"

### The Responses

- 30 teens and adults at the Garden City, Kan., Corps took their stand. One couple came forward on their first Sunday at the corps. They wanted to be a part of a church that had made such a positive impact on their son's life.
- Kansas City Westport Temple's response was overwhelming with 18 people
- Grandview Southland, Mo. Corps, located in the Booth Manor senior high rise, had seven older adults declare their interest in becoming soldiers

Think about what you belong to, share it with others and ask them to take a stand!



At the Grandview, Mo., Corps taking their stand (l to r): Sherry Stone, Joyce Lewis, Norma Brinkley, Arlene Rich, Beth West, Dan Kramer and Juli Krameruli.

## Why I became a soldier



Rosanna with her corps officers, Captains Roxanne and Daren Spencer, and divisional leaders Majors Janice and Jim Nauta.

by Rosanna Hanks

Ever since I turned 14, my corps officers have been on me about being enrolled as a senior soldier. I never quite understood why but knew it was something I didn't want to do. After all, who wants to wear a silly uniform to church every Sunday? I remember telling my parents I didn't want to become a soldier for that very reason. For four years I kept telling them that, and then I went to Central Music Institute (CMI).

I met young people my age who were all soldiers. Sitting together, all decked out, at lunch the first Sunday of camp, they talked about how much they loved being soldiers. They told me the uniform was a symbol of their faith. They also told me they

didn't become soldiers for their parents or their corps officers. They did it to show their love and faith in God.

They really touched me that afternoon. I started thinking seriously about what they'd said. But it wasn't until the last day of CMI that God tugged at my heart and spoke to me. I knew then that I needed to become a soldier.

I came home and told my corps officer. I kept on wondering if it really was the right choice, but God kept whispering it was. I went through soldiership class and read through the "Soldier's Covenant." Everything pointed to the same thing—becoming a soldier. So, that's what I did. I like to think of it as a symbol of my faith in and love of God, and hopefully I'll be able to share that with others.

## Make a joyful noise!



In a jubilant celebration at the Traverse City, Mich., Corps five young people were enrolled as junior soldiers by Major James Nauta, Western Michigan and Northern Indiana divisional commander. The meeting also featured the beginners' band of 10 young people, the singing company, and a young person's violin solo as offertory. Jr. Soldier Wyatt Bigelow is pictured here with Major Nauta. The others enrolled as junior soldiers include Ethan Squires, Caleb Afton, Joyce Chupp and Hannag Bigelow. The corps officers in Traverse City are Majors Bruce and Mildred Jennings.

## Things are buzzing in Beatrice

The Salvation Army in Beatrice, Neb., led by Captains Joshua and Rhegan Stansbury, dedicated its corps community center earlier this year. The project has been underway since 2005 when the Army moved to its current location.

Formerly a car dealership, the building underwent a complete remodel. The thrift store now occupies the west side of the building, while the east side of the building features the chapel, offices, meeting rooms, and a food pantry.

Lt. Colonel Paul R. Seiler, chief secretary, was special guest for the dedication which drew a crowd of 125 people. He congratulated the Army on this accomplishment and said he had high hopes for the impact the ministries in this new facility would have on the community.

The dedication service also featured Gary Barnard, former advisory board chairman, who recognized and thanked the board, and Michael Fakler, architect and advisory board member, who shared some of the project's history.

Captain Rhegan Stansbury said, "This project was long awaited for the Beatrice Corps and surrounding community and the support we received at our dedication ceremony really showed that The Salvation Army's presence is appreciated here in southeast Nebraska. It was truly a day blessed by God."



## 24/7/13- great expectations!

by Mark Bender

For 13 weeks the Central Territory intentionally has focused on prayer 'round-the-clock. As a result, the 24/7/13 prayer initiative has left lasting impressions on countless individuals.

### Indiana Division

The Indiana Division picked up the prayer baton with fervor. Each corps in the division participated. By using the prayer calendar, participants were encouraged to commit to a specific date and time to pray. Soldiers, adherents, women's ministries members, advisory board and auxiliary members, volunteers and employees were encouraged to join in. Major Vicki Amick shared a comment from a participant: "I didn't realize just how important the discipline of prayer was until I participated in the prayer initiative. It was nice to shut out the noisy, busy world and just focus on what really matters."

### College for Officer Training

Cadets and staff at the College for Officer Training participated in prayer in a variety of ways for a week. Individually, they were encouraged to sign up for a block of time to pray. Corporately, two daily prayer meetings were held. Major Kelly Collins coordinated prayer walks around the campus walls, helping to focus intercession for the needs of the neighborhood. Prayer stations were created to focus on specific topics and



needs. Children of cadets and officers also were included in daily prayer meetings in the family care center.

### Eastern Michigan Division

From Adrian to Alpena and Livingston County to Port Huron, the Eastern Michigan Division experienced the power of prayer. By constant prayer from Palm Sunday through Easter, everybody's Holy Week was enriched.

"During our Palm Sunday service, we had an opportunity to write our prayer requests and praise reports on our worship banner. We concluded with putting our palm branches on those requests, recognizing that JESUS is King—able to answer our prayers," said Captain Heath Sells, Pontiac, Mich., corps officer.

The 24/7/13 prayer initiative was a success! The Central Territory can look forward with expectant hearts to what God will continue to do through our combined efforts in prayer.



## Plymouth bunny brunch

More than 300 children, parents and volunteers braved eight inches of snow for brunch and a morning full of activities at the Plymouth, Mich., Corps. Children received Easter baskets to fill with eggs, cookies and other treats as they moved through activity stations which included crafts, face painting and the resurrection story.

Volunteers from the Rotary Club, Rotary Interact, Kiwanis Colonial Plymouth Club and Life Church joined with the corps members to greet families, work activity stations

and serve breakfast.

"In the face of hard times, it's so terrific to see so many community groups pull together to help us provide such a fun day for families of limited means," said Laurie Aren, director of Family and Community Ministries.

"The Easter Bunny Brunch represents a departure from the way the Plymouth Corps has provided Easter services to the community," Captain Jim Irvine said. "In the past, we've provided food baskets for families with children. This year we wanted to provide a fun atmosphere where families could enjoy the day and could hear why we do what we do to help others. We serve people in crisis because of the Easter story, because of the risen Christ."

As children and their parents worked their way from station to station, the captains took turns sharing the Easter story with children and their parents. "This is about providing more than food and Easter candy. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide smiles and joy in the middle of difficult circumstances," said Captain Pat Irvine.



## Employment

Alexandria, VA.—National Headquarters is seeking a **director of disaster services**. This person would represent The Salvation Army before national government officials, departments, and agencies, and to specific national voluntary agencies, keeping the organization engaged in public policy and legislative matters relating to emergency disaster services. He or she would serve as the national liaison for territorial disaster services directors; assist with the development of a national public policy agenda and coordinate all communication on such an agenda through a cooperative effort with the four USA territories, and manage the national disaster training program. Frequent distance travel required. The ideal candidate would be a Salvationist, hold a bachelor's degree in emergency disaster management, public policy, public administration, or other closely related field (a master's degree preferred), and have at least five years experience in disaster services management or an equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to fulfill the specific tasks of this position. Fax resume to Human Resources at 703-302-8688 or email [human\\_resourcesnhq@usn.salvationarmy.org](mailto:human_resourcesnhq@usn.salvationarmy.org).



## National Seminar on Evangelism

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# Norridge celebrates 25 with Gaithers

With a three-fold emphasis, "Connect, Reflect, Expect," the Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps celebrated its 25th anniversary with a weekend featuring national leaders Commissioners Israel L. and Eva D. Gaither. This corps, regarded as a model of strong local leadership and progressive worship and evangelistic outreach, has much to thank God for.

"This weekend was a pivotal milestone in the life of the corps," said Major Stephen Yoder, corps officer. "We are amazed that our hopes and expectations were all exceeded; God worked in the people of Norridge in a powerful way!"

Spearheaded by soldier John Larsen, the anniversary event involved almost every program area and countless people in its planning and execution.

## Connect

The anniversary began with a Friday night youth celebration highlighting all aspects of the corps' youth programming from junior soldiers, character-building and music groups to day camp, after-school and sports.

Gary and Dana Calgreen, parents of Ashley and Matthew, thoroughly enjoyed the evening. "Our



kids have been involved in summer programs for three years," said Gary. "Bill Brutto and his staff are terrific...Our kids are being taught biblical principles even when they don't realize it."

Nine children were thrilled to be enrolled as junior soldiers by Commissioner Israel L. Gaither, national commander, while Commissioner Eva D. Gaither, national president of women's ministries, presented a commissioner's sunbeam award.

She affirmed the youth and their parents in her message that evening, saying "We love your kids. Parents, we're glad you're here supporting your children." In a message based on Acts 17:28, she then challenged the youth to "be somebody, belong and do something."

The importance of family has been a stronghold at Norridge, where an emphasis is placed on learning and worshiping together, nurturing and discipling the next generation. In fact the corps has been blessed with multigenerational families who've committed to growing together and serving God in this place.

## Reflect

On Saturday the celebration continued with an elegant, late-afternoon banquet for 300 soldiers, officers, advisory board members and friends, followed by a rousing festival.

Harwood Heights village trustee Arlene Jezierny remarked how surprised she was to learn the breadth of The Salvation Army from social services for those in need to opportunities for volunteerism. "I'm enjoying the friendliness of the folks of The Salvation Army," she said.

The Gaithers concurred with the trustee's impression after they were presented with humorous sweatshirts making them honorary corps members. "It's obvious that a very special fellowship is enjoyed here," observed Commissioner Israel Gaither.

Amazingly, the roots of the corps date back to 1885, when it was first known as Chicago No. 20. It became the Chicago Mont Clare Corps in 1935.

According to *Brass Bands of The Salvation Army* by Ronald Holz, Norridge has had a long-standing history of banding yet has not been a band-driven corps by any means. It has been a corps led by a talented, committed group of local officers chosen for their spiritual gifts, men and women who've proven that corps can grow significantly in a worship environment that balances both traditional and contemporary musical styles.

Under the vision of beloved and respected Harry McBride, who was corps sergeant-major (CSM) for over two decades, the corps began looking for a site to build a new, larger building in the early 1980s. With the invaluable assistance of Cliff Monk, an empty lot strategically located in a stable residential area on the corner of two major streets with public transportation and nearby expressway access became available in Norridge, Ill., a near northwestern suburb of Chicago.

Sensitive to dispel any misconceptions about The Salvation Army, soldiers canvassed the neighborhoods. During the building's construction, an outdoor vacation Bible school was held, and neighbors were invited. In true Army style, the band marched through the streets. The Norridge Corps held its first service on Palm Sunday 1983.

Innovative outreaches, like evangelism explosion, summer band concerts and pet shows, have continued to draw people

into the corps. Come to Bethlehem, the corps' longest-standing outreach, has attracted thousands. Before mission statements were vogue, the corps developed a clear and concise focus, simply expressed as "To bring Christ to the people and the people to Christ." This has been its guiding light.

Representing a mammoth undertaking by Bandmaster Peggy Thomas and current CSM David Brooksbank, the corps' history and those who've committed their lives to the Lord's work here were aptly captured in a fascinating historical display featuring more than 3,500 photos. Many of the corps' legendary saints, like Ed and Doris Lowcock and Howard and Sherry Cox, also were honored in memoriam through a visual presentation as the band played the very moving piece, "Hymn to the Fallen."

The Saturday night worship arts festival premiered "Caprice—And Now Hallelujah" written for the occasion by Andrew Mackereth.

Bandmaster Peggy Thomas, overseeing the weekend's programming, also included a spirited "Call of the Cossacks" (Graham) and "Tone Poem—Psalm of Praise" (Curnow), written for the Mont Clare band to perform at the 1978 International Congress.

These and other challenging pieces featured the excellent band for which the corps is known throughout the world. It has traveled in the U.S. and abroad, not only performing but eagerly sharing its innovative worship style, blending old and new and effectively incorporating video. This is perhaps most obviously demonstrated through the *Hallelujah Choruses* series which is so popular that the band is getting ready to record its 16th album.

"We had the courage to try new things and to 'look wide,'" said Betty McBride. "We incorporated the interests and talents of capable people as seen in our multimedia approach to our worship services and the production of the *Hallelujah Choruses* CDs now used throughout the Salvation Army world."

As the band triumphantly played "O Boundless Salvation" (arr. Himes), former corps officers marched up to the platform as the audience burst into thunderous applause. (It is well known that a succession of excellent officers, each appointed to Norridge providentially at the right time, has enabled the corps to achieve its mission.) A standing ovation followed as current corps officers Majors Stephen and Morag Yoder and the flags of the Mont Clare and Norridge Citadel corps reached the platform. Finally, children waving small Army flags ran excitedly up the aisles.

### Expect

Sunday dawned with the anticipation of fresh spiritual blessings. The morning didn't disappoint as five senior soldiers and seven adherents were enrolled by the national commander.

A spirited presentation by the cherub choir gave the national commander pause to remind the corps to be like little children in their faith relationship with God.

"Make the things of the present count," the commissioner challenged. He reminded the soldiers of Norridge to balance the comforts of tradition with new ideas of mission as he brought a fresh awareness of Jesus' teaching in Matthew 9:17 about the importance of putting new wine in new wineskins.

Major Morag Yoder indicated that the weekend highlight was seeing firm commitments and renewed expectations for the next 25 years sealed as the mercy seat was lined at the close of the weekend celebrations.

Source: Pamela Church



## Prisoners' quilts warm homeless

A group of inmates at the Hutchinson, Kan., correctional facility are recycling used denim pants, shirts and flannel-lined jackets worn by prisoners there into thick, warm quilts for The Salvation Army to distribute to the homeless.

Warden Sam Cline said the idea arose when state agencies were asked to recycle. Chris Merritt, the prison's business manager who quilts as a hobby, spearheaded the project by teaching inmates how to sew.

"Creating the quilts has been a real learning process for the inmates," Chris reported. "For example, our first quilt weighed about 40 pounds!"

Now each quilt contains a balance of lighter- and heavier-weight materials, as well as khaki twill from the worn-out pants of correctional officers. An old sheet or recycled blanket is used in the middle of the quilt



as batting. Small, leftover scraps are used to make the quilts more decorative and to add pockets that the end-users might find useful.

"The quilts give inmates the opportunity to be creative," added Chris.

Used inmate clothing is beginning to come in from other prisons for the quilting project. A local company has volunteered to manufacture cloth squares with The Salvation Army logo on them for sewing into the quilts.

After the local need for quilts is met, Hutchinson Corps Officers Majors Rick and Barbara Carroll plan to send boxes of quilts to the Kansas and Western Missouri Divisional Headquarters and then send quilts to meet the needs of the homeless in Chicago.



Warden Sam Cline is flanked by Majors Rick and Barbara Carroll and two correctional officers holding up one of the quilts made by inmates.

## Sharing correctional tools

by Robin Harper

Tools for the Climb was the aptly named theme of the territorial correctional services biennial seminar this spring.

Salvation Army personnel, chaplains and other religious workers involved in correctional ministries were equipped with tools of fresh insights and procedures to use in their climb against ever-changing challenges. It was also a time to come together for networking and fellowship, and to share ideas for reaching out to the men and women who need the most help.

The opening session began with a wonderful history of the Army's correctional services program by Claudia Rowland, Metropolitan divisional social services director. Known as the "First Lady" of corrections ministries in the Central Territory, Claudia shared the importance of Army mission in corrections. Booth's heart was in prison ministry. From the start, the Movement has been represented in correctional facilities all over the world.



Guest speaker Alicia Deville is flanked by Major David Biggs (l), territorial correctional services director, and Major Geoffrey Allan, territorial social services secretary.

Workshops covered a variety of topics in correctional settings: physical and mental health, relapse prevention, family concerns during and after incarceration, and bridging ministries connecting correctional facilities with local corps and churches.

Alicia Deville, a congressional aide from Kansas City, Kan., presented an uplifting, informative united session describing her personal struggles with drugs and abuse earlier in her life to becoming a substance-abuse counselor for ex-offenders, then a clinical director for half-way housing. Now an aide to Kansas Congressman Dennis Moore, she works hard to present legislature for correctional funding.

As a final tool for the climb, seminar delegates were asked to recommit themselves to the corrections process and, through the Army's mission, help strengthen the inmate's commitment to recovery.



## Three generations of corrections ministry

by Major Bonnie Clark

In October 1998 I read a book about Elizabeth Fry's ministry in British prisons over 100 years ago. I was impressed with her impact on prison reform, all while raising 12 children! As an officer, I've had occasional opportunities to minister behind bars but never felt I'd made much of a difference in any prisoner's life.

Shortly afterwards, a request was posted at territorial headquarters for volunteers to grade Bible correspondence lessons from prisoners. It sounded like something I could do at home while my then-teenage son and daughter were doing their homework.



Major Bonnie Clark grades Bible correspondence lessons..

I contacted Bible Correspondence Director Melody Rosa, and she quickly sent me a package of lessons. It was fun to "play" teacher as I corrected each page, but it also was challenging. Questions are specific and points are assigned

for each correct answer. Fortunately, an answer book was provided because, frankly, I wasn't certain of the answers for some of the questions! Many times I'd pull out my Bible and study a subject more deeply for my own edification.

Soon my husband, David, son, Ben, and daughter, Becky, got involved in grading lessons. At first, I think they started helping me just so I'd finish faster and do something with them! But, we discovered our family made a great grading team, and we accomplished a lot while having meaningful conversations and fun.

Around the same time, David's father, Major Alvin Clark, read in the retired officers' newsletter that the correctional services department

needed pen pal volunteers. Severe arthritis didn't stop him from volunteering—he just recruited his wife, Shirley, to type the letters!

Becky and I started holding *Parties with a Purpose* in 2001 for friends to come over and grade. Ben even recruited his future wife, Heather, into grading lessons!

Melody Rosa has a faithful crew of grading volunteers, but the prison population keeps growing, and she's continuously flooded with new lessons.

In 2005, I began four pen pal relationships; it's grown to 17. It's been such a blessing to help alleviate the great loneliness these people experience. Seven of my pen pals have been released—all report changed lives!



Three generations of Clark men participate in correctional services ministries.

## More graders needed



It was recently reported on the national news that one out of every 100 adults in the U.S. is incarcerated, a record high. As the prison population has dramatically risen over the past few years, so has the interest in Salvation Army Bible correspondence courses. Melody Rosa, Bible correspondence director of the territorial correctional services department, is looking for more volunteer graders. For more information on how you can help, contact her at (847) 294-2077 or [melody\\_rosa@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:melody_rosa@usc.salvationarmy.org)





## Singing Co. releases Mercy Seat Sessions



Nathan Hood, Jonathan Taube, Kirsten Gorton, Nate Irvine, Jonathan Bukiewicz and Eric Himes

The Singing Company is releasing a new full length album, *The Mercy Seat Sessions*, at next month's Commissioning and iConnect weekend. Their latest album centers on the mercy seat with themes of salvation, consecration, new life and mission.

"We hope that this album not only will be a recording but an experience for all who hear it," said Eric Himes, Singing Company leader. "We want the listener to experience the full range of spiritual opportunities that are available at the mercy seat."

The album follows the band's debut recording, *The Red Book Sessions*, which sought to reclaim the truths found in Salvation Army hymnology. There is a similar function to *The Mercy Seat Sessions*, which seeks to highlight the transformational purposes of the mercy seat, a cornerstone of the Army's mission.

The CD contains 13 new tracks of original material, as well as arrangements and new melodies to songs from the Salvation Army Song Book. It also includes sheet music for all the songs as a resource for congregational use.

One song featured on the recording is Richard Jukes' "Behold the Lamb" (Song Book #107). "The lyrics are incredibly powerful," said Eric. "You can't sing them without encountering Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross."

The song features an original melody written by Nathan Himes and was a collaborative effort with the band. "Nathan's melody is simple and haunting. It complements the lyrics in a very powerful way," said Eric.

The Singing Company believes, by faith, that the Lord will use these songs to convict, encourage and direct His people. "I want to be a part of a Salvation Army that believes in the mercy seat and aches with urgency to win the world for Jesus, an Army whose soldiers know the power of humbling themselves before God, who get their knees dirty and have clean souls. We hope that this album will compel others to commit to this sacred mission," concluded Eric.

An album release party for *The Mercy Seat Sessions* will take place at the Friday night afterglow at iConnect.



## iConnect Workshops

Don't miss these enriching opportunities on Saturday afternoon, June 7, during iConnect.

**Youth Workshops 12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

### Me, MySpace and iPod

David Tooley, presenter

### How to dig your date without falling in a pit—God's expectations for fantastic dating relationships

Daniel Wallace, presenter

### My personal holiness

Diane Ury, presenter

### Into all the world: witnessing to those of other faiths

Sarah Meisch, presenter

### Social justice

Don Czaplicki, presenter

**Leaders Workshops 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

### My personal holiness

Diane Ury, presenter

### Developmental assets: an intentional approach to strengthening youth

Lt. Colonel Carol Seiler, presenter

### Children's ministries

Ronnie Caldwell, presenter

### Revolutionary leadership: leading powerfully when you don't have a title of power

Daniel Wallace, presenter

### Creative programming: thinking for a change

Jerrie Miller, presenter



## Resource iConnection

Resource Connection at this year's 2008 iConnect is the perfect time to get your new uniform, music, Bibles, worship material, and the new blouses! Our great products and resources will help support your "Come Join our Army" effort. Also, you'll want to come get your FREE copy of the newest Singing Company CD "The Mercy Seat Sessions" produced by the territorial youth department and Eric Himes.

**Resource Connection is ready to rock the 2008 iConnect and Commissioning weekend.**

Have any of you heard of a little game called Rock Band!? Well, touch up your guitar, drumming and singing skills because Resource Connection is hosting a Rock Band competition during the iConnect weekend. Get your band together and sign up by e-mailing [Jeremy\\_Rowland@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Jeremy_Rowland@usc.salvationarmy.org).

**Resource Connection will be located on the 2nd floor of the Radisson Hotel East Lobby.**

Follow your ears to the music!

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# A spiritual pilgrimage

Sixty-two pilgrims, including eight soldiers and 54 officers, ventured this spring on the Central Territory's 10-day Biblical Education Tour to Israel under the leadership of Lt. Colonel Susan Harfoot and Major Cheryl Bailey of the officer resource and development department. Here we share a personal reflection by Soldier Pat Kukuc.

As I began this journey, my bus captain encouraged our group to touch everything, feel the history of the Bible and pray the chorus, "Open the eyes of my heart, Lord." After a full day of feeling the history of Caesarea, Mount Carmel, Nazareth and touching the ruins at Megiddo, we arrived at the Jordan River at dusk. At the river's edge, the Holy Spirit confirmed this was more than a tour; I was on a spiritual pilgrimage.

Galilee was blooming with wild flowers, and I enjoyed personal reflection at the Mount of Beatitudes before sailing on the Sea of Galilee. Major Lynda Magoon led a seaside service beside the Church of Peter's Primacy, and we followed in Jesus' footsteps to Capernaum and Bethsaida, where the Holy Spirit touched my heart as I contemplated Jesus healing the blind man.

On Sunday, Lt. Colonel Kathleen Branch and Major Evie Diaz led a service in the ancient amphitheater at Beit She'an. Later, we traveled the Jericho Road as countless other pilgrims up to Jerusalem. Approaching the Holy City we read Psalm 121, a "song of ascent," and entered the city to the anthem "Jerusalem."

We visited sites such as the Bethlehem birthplace of Jesus and the Upper Room. Visiting the Temple Mount, we stopped at the nearby Pool of Bethesda and Church of St. Anne where the acoustics gloriously lifted our songs of praise to the Lord. Then, we prayed at the Western Wall.

Although the schedule was planned well in advance, our guides Bernice and Nola were wonderfully sensitive to God's itinerary, which resulted in many unanticipated blessings. One occurred when God directed our group to where the Antonia Fortress once stood. I gazed upon 1st century paving stones, crudely etched with Roman game boards, and contemplated soldiers casting lots for Jesus' garments. We prayed, sang and cried as God spoke to each us individually and collectively.

A day trip south of Jerusalem took in such sites as Masada, En Gedi and Qumran, where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered. There was time for a quick float in the Dead Sea or a rejuvenating mud pack!

Back in Jerusalem we meditated in the Garden of Gethsemane before singing praises while walking down the Mount of Olives on the Palm Sunday route. What a glorious experience!

Our last day in Jerusalem was emotionally heavy. The moving Holocaust Museum at Yad Vashem was overwhelming. From there, we visited the house of Caiaphas. As we approached, a rooster crowed in the distance, reminding us of what had occurred there. We filed down into a stone pit cell where the words of Psalm 88 took on poignant meaning.



Along the way, I collected tactile remembrances such as stones, pottery shards and shells. I touched massive gates built by King Solomon, sat on the teaching steps of the temple in

Jerusalem, and felt the cool water at Gideon's spring. I gazed over the tranquil Sea of Galilee, ran my hand along a stone manger trough, and tasted the sweetness of the land. My senses were challenged, my heart moved. My reading of scripture will never be the same. I am blessed.

Our final stop was at the skull-shaped outcrop of rock known as Gordon's Calvary and the Garden Tomb, concluding with a service led by Lt. Colonel William Harfoot at the Garden Tomb. The empty tomb.

My pilgrimage is a memory.



# A good year

by Commissioner Barry C. Swanson

This has been a good year in the lives of Barry and Sue Swanson. On July 1, 2007, we began our appointments at International Headquarters in London. All of the changes that come with moving to a different country and culture were present to one degree or another. Especially acute was and is the feeling of separation from family and friends.

We have seen God use this particular "pain" to bring about blessing. New relationships are constantly emerging, and we realize again that, everywhere we go, there are friends



The Americas and Caribbean Zonal team at IHQ. Along with Commissioners Barry and Sue Swanson are Major Joan Canning, Captain Scott See, Mrs. Jacqueline Mockett, and Mr. Ian Cook.

we never knew we had. It's delightful finding each other. As for family we treasure the children, parents and siblings God has given us as never before. Emails and phone calls are savored. We recount to each other in great detail the words of each conversation. Of course, the high point of any day is word on the latest feat of Luella, our beautiful, 11-month-old granddaughter.

Sue and I are fundamentally soldiers. It is how we started, and it is how we are going to finish. In the meantime, we have discovered a lovely corps in south London called Penge to which we belong. It is very old. We still meet in the hall that was dedicated in 1894! With me in the band and Sue in the songsters, we never tire of assuring people that "yes, we really know Bill Himes." The soldiers of Penge have accepted

us, pray for us and view us in our roles as an extension of their ministry to the world. After travelling we look forward to our walk down the High Street on a Sunday morning to worship the Lord.

Our awareness of the world and God's work in it increases daily. We have had the privilege of visiting Chile, Jamaica, Costa Rica, Mexico, Brazil and the U.S. Everywhere we have seen wonderful Salvationists doing compassionate work in Jesus' name. Invariably, it is being done without the benefit of adequate resources, save one. They have an abundant supply of the most precious resource: faith. God is honoring that faith by continuing the work Jesus instructed His disciples to do.

That's what I call a good year. 

## International doctrine council meets in U.S.

by Colonel Brian Tuck

Members of The Salvation Army's International Doctrine Council gathered for deliberations at National Headquarters in Alexandria, Va., under the leadership of the chairperson Commissioner William Francis, territorial commander, Canada and Bermuda Territory.

Alongside members who attend the gathering, input on agenda items is obtained from four corresponding members who participate in the council's work via email. They live in Japan, the Philippines, the U.K. and the U.S. In addition to ongoing agenda items, the council focused on its dialogue with the World Methodist Council, as well as planning for the Theology and Ethics Symposium to be held at Sunbury Court, London, U.K., in October 2010.

Commissioner Christine Mac-Millan, director for social justice, International Headquarters, and Dr. James Read of the Ethics Center in the Canada and Bermuda Territory joined the council for discussion on how the recently-formed International Social Justice Commission and the International Doctrine Council can mutually support and inform each other's mandate.

The International Doctrine Council is grateful for prayerful support from Salvationists as they seek to fulfill its mission.

## Promoted to Glory

Mrs. Lt. Colonel Betty Carroll

Mrs. Lt. Colonel Betty Carroll was promoted to Glory on March 6, 2008. Betty Swanson was born on May 27, 1922, to Felix and Hilma in St. Paul, Minn. Betty accepted Christ as a child in the Mission Church. For years she felt drawn to serve God. Her call to officership came when she started attending The Salvation Army in Chicago.

Betty entered the College for Officer Training in 1942 and was commissioned in 1943 with the Valiant session. She assisted Illinois



and Minnesota corps until her marriage to Captain Raymond Carroll in 1945.

The Carrolls served at Michigan corps until 1954 when they took up youth appointments in three divisions, then served as divisional secretary and divisional league of mercy secretary in two divisions.

Starting in 1970, they led four divisions, and in 1981, Raymond became territorial secretary for program and Betty territorial nurses' fellowship secretary. They retired in 1982.

Mrs. Lt. Colonel Betty Carroll was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond. She is survived by her four children: Major Richard (Barbara) Carroll, Barbara (Ken) Curl, Cindy (Ian) McNeil and Susan (Greg) Payton; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## --Mustard Seeds--



## Territorial Prayer Calendar

JUNE 2008

PRAY FOR:

- 1 Fresh ways to share God's love on this Community Care Ministries Sunday
- 2 The evangelistic ministry of the Kistler family in Lansing, Mich.
- 3 Staff and counselors at camps throughout the territory
- 4 Territorial leadership
- 5 The Royal Oak, Mich., Corps
- 6 The iConnect and Commissioning weekend in Merrillville, Ind.
- 7 Adult Rehabilitation Centers' ministries
- 8 The "God's Fellow Workers" session being commissioned as lieutenants today
- 9 New candidates called to Salvation Army officership
- 10 The Traverse City, Mich., Corps
- 11 Safety for summer mission teams as they travel to their assignments
- 12 The ministry of territorial correctional services
- 13 The Wisconsin and Upper Michigan divisional women's ministries camp
- 14 The Singing Company
- 15 Men to have a strong Christian influence in their families
- 16 Officers from around the country attending the Brengle Holiness Institute
- 17 The Kistler family ministering in Muscatine, Iowa
- 18 The Hutchinson, Kan., Corps
- 19 Commissioners Barry C. and Sue Swanson
- 20 Officers who will soon be moving to new appointments
- 21 The Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps
- 22 A renewed enthusiasm for Christian education in Sunday school
- 23 The Kistler family's evangelistic meetings in Albert Lea, Minn.
- 24 The International Doctrine Council
- 25 Those considering the National Seminar on Evangelism
- 26 New methods to bridge day campers into your corps
- 27 The Beatrice, Neb., Corps
- 28 The territorial Bible correspondence ministry for prisoners
- 29 A powerful presence of the Holy Spirit in your worship today
- 30 The Family Haven shelter in St. Louis, Mo.

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See your corps officer for more information.



## You showed me the face of Jesus

We're pleased to share with you a tribute by Major Judith Mills to her foster mother, Evelyn Winkler, who over the course of 37 years took in and loved more than 800 foster children.

The pretty, young social worker drove up to the yellow house on Denver Street and parked her car. She'd said placing me in a foster home with other children—a family—would be a wonderful experience. I desperately wanted to believe her.

It was the summer of 1968. I followed her to the door. She knocked. You greeted us with sparkling eyes and a firm but kind voice. The home was simple, but very clean, amazing with so many kids! There was Louise, Melanie, Maggie, little Judy, Jeanette, Lou Ann, Penny, Paula, and now me.

I was terrified. I really didn't understand what was transpiring, but your calmness and ready acceptance gave me a sense of peace I'd never experienced.

**I didn't realize it, but I was seeing the compassionate face of Jesus in you.**

Change a diaper?! I blinked then stared blankly. I'd never changed a diaper in my life! I blurted out, "I don't know how!" You showed me. Patiently you folded the diaper then took it apart. Then, it was my turn. While I struggled to remember each fold, you efficiently cleaned the little bottom I soon would be covering. Pointing to the baby powder, newly folded diaper and pins, you said, "Finish the job." I struggled with the squirming baby and held my breath as I put the pins in.

I held Louise up to observe my triumph and congratulate myself. She promptly kicked her chubby little legs and lost the diaper. You smiled, affirmed my effort, and said, "Do it



again but this time make the diaper a little tighter."

**I didn't realize it, but you were showing me the teaching face of Jesus.**

With the gift of my first Bible, I wanted to read and discover what interested you so much. Your own Bible and small devotional book were always on the end table in the living room, under the varnished "tree" lamp with the green shade.

Of course, everyone knows to start at the beginning of a book, which is precisely what I did. I was dumbstruck as I read how God created the world and all living things. Still in the first chapter of Genesis, I came to a verse which sent me running up the stairs with a burning question. "Who is this 'us' and 'our' that number 26 talks about?" I demanded. (I hadn't yet learned the distinction of a verse in the Bible!)

You seemed pleased I would ask, and with amazing patience tried to explain the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. When you asked if I understood, I shook my head yes, but you knew differently. You sat down to explain.

It was the beginning of an adventure, learning about a loving and forgiving God, who had a special plan for my life. I remember you emphasized that point.

**I didn't realize it, but you were showing me the face of Jesus that gives hope.**

I have loved you since the first day we met. I love you still, most for all for showing me a loving Lord who daily touches lives with His grace.

## Eggs-actly what's needed

by Arvid Huisman

Each Tuesday and Friday morning the Salvation Army mobile canteen follows a route through the core of Des Moines, Iowa, serving a hot breakfast to more than 600 homeless and near homeless men, women and children. The main entrée is a quiche-like egg casserole.

The program got a big boost recently when employees of Iowa Health Systems prepared, baked, froze and donated nearly 1,000 pans of the popular breakfast casserole. This is an annual project for the employees of Iowa Health Systems, which operates three Des Moines hospitals: Iowa Methodist, Iowa Lutheran and Blank

Children's Hospital.

The Army provided the aluminum baking pans, while volunteers provided the ingredients which cost approximately \$5 per pan. The volunteers prepared and froze the casseroles before delivering them to the corps on Des Moines' east side.

Prior to the initiation of the breakfast program nearly 20 years ago, research was conducted to find the best recipe for the casserole. In addition to the primary ingredients, volunteers add a variety of meats—ground beef, sausage, pepperoni—and occasionally peppers and other ingredients.

"The egg casseroles are very tasty," said Jim Civitate, mobile canteen operator. "The people we serve really enjoy it." Civitate begins warming the casseroles around 3:00 a.m. The breakfast route begins at 5:00 a.m.

A variety of cold cereals, hard boiled eggs, fruits, pastries, juice, coffee and milk also are offered. The number of meals served each day has increased in recent months but the supply of casseroles has kept pace with the need.

A number of other organizations and churches donate casseroles throughout the year. Members of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ have donated about 40 pans of egg casseroles each month since the program began nearly two decades ago. Employees of Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., in Des Moines also contribute a large number of casseroles each year.



## Readers' Forum

Majors Marie Ellsworth, Lois and Joseph Wheeler with their mother, Agnes Ellsworth express their appreciation for the prayer support, calls, cards and expressions of sympathy received following the Promotion to Glory of Eugene Ellsworth. The prayerful support and encouragement has been helpful in these days of adjustment.

## Join us in remembering

In honor of those who have gone before us, The Salvation Army will hold its traditional memorial service in The Salvation Army section of Glen Oak Cemetery **one week before** the Memorial Day weekend.

**Sunday, May 18th**  
**3:00 p.m.**

Glen Oak Cemetery  
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