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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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Rebekah Joyce (l) and Linda Brinker, who work with Pathway of Hope

Pathway of Hope expands

The Pathway of Hope initiative—an intentional "deeper dive" for life change with families who come for basic assistance—continues to expand. While it is new in some divisions, others are introducing it in a second cluster of corps (generally five corps in close geographical proximity), extending Pathway's reach and influence. By the end of the year, Pathway of Hope is slated to be in 100 corps throughout the territory, representing all divisions.

As the initiative spreads, compre-

hensive training continues to be an integral part of the process. According to Linda Brinker, territorial project manager for Pathway of Hope, the training is a collaborative effort between territorial headquarters and divisional staff. As of this spring, 55 corps have undergone the two-day training.

Biweekly conference calls are held with the regional coordinators to address a variety of topics related to client engagement, use of client tools, follow-up training needs and collaborative activities. A

new client management systems administrator, Rebekah Joyce, was hired at Central Territorial Headquarters in February to establish and manage the data collection process for Pathway of Hope across the territory.

More than 60 families are now participating in Pathway of Hope. Their stories are moving, and the difference can be dramatic. Take, for instance, Liz of Green Bay, Wis. A young mother of two little children, Liz didn't have

enough education or knowledge of resources in her community to change her dead-end situation.

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Central delegates participate in United Nations Commission

Four women from the Central Territory were part of a 16-member delegation representing The Salvation Army at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the United Nations in New York. Dr. Linda Burkle, Betty Zylstra, Elyse Dobney and Major Julie Aren joined with women from the other three U.S. territories and International Social Justice Commission (ISJC) personnel including Major Victoria Edmonds, senior representative to the United Nations, to participate in the non-governmental agency (NGO) meetings of the CSW. These coincided with and supported meetings of official government delegates developing strategic objectives and policies for consideration by the United Nations

to affect change for women worldwide.

More than 6,000 women from around the world took part in this year's commission which had a priority theme of eliminating and preventing all forms of violence against women and girls. In preparation, The Salvation Army, through the ISJC, submitted a statement on this subject to the U.N. Economic and Social Council.

"At the CSW we were given insight into the amazing, influential role that The Salvation Army plays at the United Nations. It was encouraging to learn about the global stand groups are taking against human trafficking," said Elyse Dobney, volunteer manag-

er for STOP-IT, an initiative against human trafficking in Chicago.

One of the 400 parallel events held during CSW was hosted by The Salvation Army in the ISJC building on "Violence and the Church: A Salvation Army Perspective." Dr. Linda Burkle, Western divisional director of social services, was part of a four-woman panel which presented on how The Salvation Army responds to violence and what mechanisms are in place to address this growing issue.

"This was truly a dream come true for me after studying the U.N. in my doctoral work years ago," said Linda who is a social worker, licensed mental health practitioner and holds a doctorate degree in international relations. She has done extensive mission and humanitarian work in more than 20 countries and was appointed last year by Nebraska Governor Dave Heinemann to a task force to investigate and study human trafficking.

"My experience was listening, learning and sharing with delegates from all over the world, enlarging my network and the Army's network through collaborative efforts with others in recognizing and responding to this worldwide concern," said Major Julie Aren, Chicago Northside



Presenting on "Violence and the Church: A Salvation Army Perspective" are Captain Sandra Pawar, Stephanie Freeman, Dr. Linda Burkle and Major Kathleen Calvo.

Adult Rehabilitation Center administrator, who's been an advocate and initiator of programs for women within the ARC ministry.

Since 1947 The Salvation Army has participated at the United Nations as a non-governmental organization (NGO), influencing global policy initiatives through resolutions and collaboration. Under General Shaw Clifton (Rtd.), The Salvation Army established the International Social Justice Commission, with representatives in New York, Vienna and Geneva. It was created to be The Salvation Army's strategic voice to advocate for human dignity and social justice for the world's poor and oppressed.

"I believe that it is absolutely critical that The Salvation Army is seated at the table for these kinds of discussions," said Betty Zylstra, social services director in Kent County, Mich. "Whether in Kent County or halfway around the globe, it is important for The Salvation Army to listen, to learn and build stronger understandings from an international perspective and then to engage."



Major Victoria Edmonds, International Social Justice senior representative to the United Nations, with other non-governmental delegates at the Commission on the Status of Women

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10 reasons not to miss the Family Congress

by Commissioner Paul R. Seiler

1 General Linda Bond

This will be the General's first visit to the Central Territory! She's an effective communicator with an international perspective that will encourage and challenge you.

2 Commissioning of cadets

The commissioning and ordination of the Proclaimers of the Resurrection on Sunday morning will be a meaningful and moving experience as we witness the commitment of these 34 new officers. As always, the service of appointments will prove an exciting Sunday afternoon event as new lieutenants receive their first appointments.

3 Family focus

The congress has been planned with families in mind. Saturday afternoon will provide a great family time, beginning with lunch in Forest Park. You will have free access to the St. Louis Zoo—one of the finest in the nation.

As the territory continues to move toward health and wellness, there will be a 5K Run/Walk along the riverfront, starting at the famous Arch. We expect a huge turnout of youth and adults, having a great time and supporting World Services in the process. Maybe I'll finish in the top 10 percent in the over 60 age group—come and see!

4 Childcare

At the congress your kids will be well cared for, have a blast and learn about Jesus. We will be enhancing the youth department's efforts with a professional childcare company that has a proven track record with other territories.

5 Travel help

Speak with your corps officer about the possibility of a travel subsidy to assist in this cost of coming to congress.

6 Young adult events

There will be several special times for young adults, including Friday night at the Museum, a Saturday dinner with the General where she'll answer questions, and a Saturday late night afterglow with the band The Brilliance.

7 Wonderful music and drama

We'll be blessed by the ministry of the Chicago Staff Band, the Bill Booth Theater Company, The Singing Company and others, including a massed young people's singing company of divisional winners.

8 St. Louis

It's been 48 years since the last Congress was held in St. Louis. How it's changed! We will be in the heart of the city. Built in 1934, the restored Peabody Opera House will provide a great atmosphere for our meetings.

9 Food and fellowship

This congress a number of meals are included in the registration. Not only will this be convenient, think of the fellowship opportunities! On Friday night after the keynote session, you'll want to head on over to the Resource Connection exhibit space for a fabulous ice cream social! Rumor has it that if the gallons of ice cream and toppings were stacked, they could rival the Arch!

10 Army family

As a territory, this is our moment to come together in God's presence. The congress programs have been planned to energize and encourage you to do your part in this Army where God has placed you. After all, we're "Creating a Shared Future!"

It's not too late! If you haven't registered yet, go immediately to www.sacongress2013.org Looking forward to seeing you and your family soon in St. Louis!



A weekend to remember

by Carol Jensen

The Lakewood Temple, Minn., Corps was abuzz with energy at its Ministries Conference 2013 weekend.

The event featured many highlights including the issuing of the Northern Division's Soldier of the year award, the welcome and installation of new Northern divisional leaders Lt. Colonels Robert and Nancy Thomson and an enrollment conducted by Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, territorial commander.

Northern director of soldier development, Sherrie Trucker stood to introduce the division's soldier of the year, an exemplary disciple of Jesus Christ. The award went to Bill Becker of the St. Cloud Minn., Corps, who has been a soldier for 12 years and involved in nearly every aspect of the corps from

corps council to facilitating weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings to assisting with the sound board. Becker was shocked to receive the



Sherrie Trucker introduces Bill Becker, Northern Division's soldier of the year.

award, but realized why his family had been making sure he looked just right that night.

On Saturday the conference continued with classes on various facets of Christian life and ended with the installation of the Thomsons.

The Seilers joined with officers and soldiers the next day for the worship service, where the commissioner enrolled three junior soldiers, Hannah Nelson, Aidan Opland and Dashell Nelson. He talked with them about what it means and helped them sign their pledges. He asked their parents, teachers and Junior Soldier Sergeant Marian Henry to come forward and pray with them.



Commissioner Paul R. Seiler encourages the newest junior soldiers.

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The music and gospel arts of congress

No matter what year or theme, every congress is brought to life with music. It's in our blood. This year here's some of the exciting lineup you can expect during the Family Congress.



Chicago Staff Band

The territory's own Chicago Staff Band will anchor the congress. Led by William Himes since 1977, this 36-piece brass and percussion ensemble represents the best of Salvation Army music ministry with programs that entertain and inspire. In addition to a demanding itinerary in the Midwest, the band has conducted tours throughout the world from Jamaica to Hong Kong to Germany. Most recently they toured the United Kingdom and performed in London's famous Albert Hall and at Buckingham Palace! But they're never better than when on duty over commissioning weekend.

Bill Booth Theater Company

For more than 10 years the Bill Booth Theater Company has been delighting audiences with their sharp wit and poignant content. This June they will add an expanded cast on Saturday evening to present a riveting musical inspired by William Booth's visionary essay, "In Heaven but not of Heaven." Adapted to a modern context, this production will center on an average believer whose life, like Paul, is turned upside down by a traumatic event which causes him to consider eternity.



The Singing Company

There's nothing like joining with God's people in worship. The territorial praise band, The Singing Company, will lead us in lifting our voices in praise to the Father during the congress. You'll enjoy contemporary choruses and Song Book favorites set to new melodies that will draw you closer to the Lord.



Southeast Michigan ARC Singers

Over the last 15 years, this ensemble from the Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) has honed their sound, tightened their performance to a professional level and traveled from coast to coast to appear at Salvation Army events—all for the glory of God. Their set at this congress will feature an original song, "Pure Joy," from their latest CD.



EMI Youth Chorus

Joining the Southeast Michigan ARC Singers at the congress will be an exciting, brand new 40-voice Youth Chorus from the Eastern Michigan Division. Their performance will showcase gospel music driven by the Motown sound. You won't want to miss it!

United ARC Choir

A massed choir representing 20 adult rehabilitation centers around the territory will perform in the keynote session, "One Army." A phenomenal witness to God's saving grace, these impassioned singers will unite in praise that is sure to bring you to your feet.



Massed Singing Companies

The efforts of the year-long Territorial Singing Company Initiative will be delightfully demonstrated as representative groups from each division join to perform in a Territorial Massed Singing Company which will be featured in Saturday evening's "One Message" meeting.

5K Run/Walk



Family Congress weekend will again offer the opportunity to participate in a 5K Run/Walk for the World, with Territorial Commander Commissioner Paul R. Seiler.

The 5K course—3.1 miles—will take place on the St. Louis Riverfront Trail, beginning at the Arch at 1:00 pm on Saturday, June 8.

People of all ages and fitness levels are welcome. A T-shirt is included in the cost of registration, and

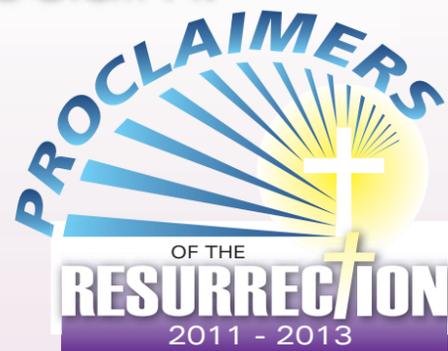
refreshments will be available along the route and at the finish line.

Everyone participating has the opportunity to raise additional funds for World Services. You—or friends and family—will have the option to pledge funds toward your corps' World Services goal or Variety Village, a vocational training center in the Kenya East Territory, one of our Partners in Mission.

For more information or to register online, go to www.5k.sacongress2013.org

Ready to proclaim!

Remember to pray for the cadets of the "Proclaimers of the Resurrection" session as they finish their studies at the College for Officer Training and make final preparations for ordination and commissioning as new lieutenants next month at the Family Congress, June 7-9, in St. Louis, Mo.



1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Cadets William & Taylor Brutto
Cadet Betsy Clark
Cadets Jared & Tonia Collins
Cadets Enrique & Christine Coreano
Cadet Lennard Cossey
Cadets Jeffery & Joyce Curran
Cadet Jaclyn Davisson
Cadet Stephen DeLacy
Cadets Gregory & Holly Ehler
Cadets Michael & Kelly Hanton
Cadet Corey Hughes

Cadets Christopher & Brianne Karlin
Cadet Brenna Logan
Cadet Shawn Mantyla-DeBaar
Cadets Jeffrey & Terri-Sue Olson
Cadets Tim & Julie Perkins
Cadets Norman & Denesia Polusca
Cadet Kenyon Sivals
Cadet Christopher White
Cadets Sean & Christina Wise
Cadets Alejandro & Carolina Yanez
Cadet Antoine Zachery

Newly accepted candidates

Vinal Lee

Omaha, Neb., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Western Division



I was saved at age 6, but Christ did not become real in my life until I was about 16. It was then I became a faithful steward of the Word and started to live out what I was reading in scripture. Around this time, I felt a call to ministry but

did not know how that translated in my life. It was not until I was in college and living a life far from what the Bible said was holy did I hear God clearly say to me, "You are not where I want you to be."

God brought me out of sin and shame and placed a calling on my life to be an officer. He made a way for me by providing me the opportunity to search myself through the Ministry Discovery Program. Through this opportunity, I have grown as a soldier, leader and man of God. God has been faithful to the calling He has placed on my life, reaffirming it every step of the way.

Vinal's corps officers are Majors Todd and Catherine Thielke and Lts. John and Judith Fetzer.

Joseph and Rachel Irvine

Cape Girardeau, Mo., Corps Midland Division

As the children of officers, we both came to know Christ at early ages but each had different experiences as we grew up. As the youngest child and only girl in my family, I continued to grow in the Spirit and take leadership roles at the various corps to which my parents had been



appointed. For Joseph, however, corps life wasn't always a joyous thing. For a time he decided to live his own way. But, while attending the 1998 Central Bible Leadership Institute, he realized God had been calling and preparing him for officership, but he hadn't been listening too well! We knew each other as children but really got to know each other when my parents were appointed to Arnold, Mo., in my late teens. We got engaged in another Missouri town, Chillicothe, and I responded to God's call to officership soon after we married three years ago.

Joseph and Rachel's corps officers are Majors Ben and Beth Stillwell.

Christina Tamayo

Lakewood Temple, Minn., Corps Northern Division

I grew up as an officers' kid, learning to love the Lord at an early age. As a teenager, I felt the Lord calling me to officership. Yet, as a young adult I began to question if this truly was God's plan for my life. I knew if God was calling me, He would make it clear.



After some difficult circumstances at my corps, the Lord spoke to me more directly about officership. A few of my friends and I began talking regularly about it. These conversations opened my heart, and I began to earnestly pray, "Are you calling me to officership?"

For a couple of weeks officership was all I could think about. One day, as I was driving into work, the Lord spoke to me, and I knew without a doubt He was calling me to be an officer. I became overjoyed—not an emotion previously related to officership for me. The excitement continues to grow. I look forward to all the Lord has in store for me!

Christina's corps officers are Majors Jim and Candy Curl.

Steven and Jessica Dahl

Omaha Citadel, Neb., Corps Western Division



We both had the amazing blessing of growing up in Christian homes. Our parents loved Jesus and made a point of modeling Him to us daily. Then we were blessed to meet each other in our local congregation, and after our marriage have been able to stand on the solid foundation in Christ laid for us by so many.

We were called to officership before either of us ever set foot in a corps. Thanks to a zealous Facebook friend and his love of the Army's work, we started to explore what The Salvation Army was all about. After reading William Booth's vision, and hearing God speak to our

hearts through it, we knew we were called to join The Salvation Army. From there God led us on this amazing journey, learning along the way to trust Him more each day.

Steven and Jessica's corps officers are Majors James and Mary Hoskin.

Justin and Stephanie Hartley

Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps Metropolitan Division



We're both officers' kids who grew up loving the ministry of The Salvation Army. We each received the call to officership in our teens.

We first met in our late teens at a corps in St. Louis, Mo. We attended Southeastern University in Florida, where we earned bachelor's degrees in accounting (Justin) and music (Stephanie). During our college years we went on numerous mission trips to the Caribbean Territory, where we fell in love with the culture, language and people. We have so many wonderful memories of God's presence from our trips there.

We got married in July 2010 at the Lakeland Corps in Florida. We continued to feel strongly God's calling on our lives. In the spring of 2011, a door opened for us to come back to the Central Territory as ministry interns at the Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps. Our son Landon was born in August 2012. As we enter training, we're excited to see what God has planned for our family!

Justin and Stephanie's corps officers are Majors Randall and Kathleen Hellstrom.



Campaigns abundantly bless

by Cadet Jaclyn Davisson

Cadets are accustomed to their busy schedules of school, family and corps involvement. So, when early spring approaches, it seems natural that an exciting, enjoyable assignment would be added for their preparation as officers: campaigns! These are wonderful opportunities for cadets to meet people, practice ministry skills and receive huge blessings in return.

What is a campaign, you might be asking? It's akin to old-fashioned revival meetings in which cadets preach, teach, pray and have some fun at corps throughout the territory. Divided into seven smaller groups (brigades), cadets prepare the theme and content for these special campaign weekends over the winter months.



There's always a sense that God is at work through our planning, prayer and performance to make the weekend a success. When the brigades are

back on campus, they share what God did, and time is spent praying for each community visited.

In March, the "Salt and Light" Brigade, of which I am a member, conducted a campaign at the Hillsdale, Mich., Corps. The weekend's focus was worship revolving around how we can give glory to God beyond singing or listening to a sermon. Our brigade planned three meetings, workshops, Sunday school lessons and a roller-rink devotional (yes, while on skates!). What our brigade couldn't prepare for, however, were the blessings God sent our



way as we met wonderful officers (Lts. Chris and April Rutledge-Clarke) and soldiers at the corps.

As spring campaigns take place this month, Colossians 3:23 (NIV) comes to mind as a motto for us as cadets: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." We do it all for Him.

Committee work concludes, recommendations made

Looking toward a more equal and efficient Army

by Lt. Colonel Susan Bukiewicz

It took just 11 hours of meetings and 15 hours of assignments and information gathering for the Married Women in Leadership Ad Hoc Committee to narrow the focus of greatest needs of married women officers. Earlier this year as chairperson I presented its work and recommendations to the Territorial Executive Council.

Our committee had been tasked to develop a strategy to be more successful in recognizing, developing and utilizing the gifts and skills

of women officers in leadership. We feel the work we did was important and will result in affirmation of the spiritual leadership married women officers bring. What we didn't count on was the personal impact this work would have on each of us.

"Our meetings were incredibly beneficial and educational for me as a relatively new officer," said Lt. Shannon Martinez. "The insights were eye-opening and helped me to better understand important issues that affect me. I have already gotten



Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Married Women Officers in Leadership include: (front row, l to r) Captain Heather Holman, Lt. Shannon Martinez, Colonel Dawn Heatwole; (back row, l to r) Major Julie Aren, Major Evie Diaz, Lt. Colonel Susan Bukiewicz (chair), Lt. Colonel Renea Smith (secretary), Captain Nancy Azuaje, and Captain Rebecca Simmons.

into some great discussions with other women officers about our roles and God-appointed positions as mothers, wives and officers, and am challenging my comrades to take more initiative in the tasks God is calling us to and to find joy in this exciting journey."

Discussing the many aspects pertaining to married women officers in leadership and taking an active part in making important and relevant recommendations that will positively affect them was a privilege, according to Captain Nancy Azuaje who reported she learned so much and was grateful for this opportunity.

Majors Julie Aren and Evie Diaz tackled the controversial topic of egalitarianism (all are created equal, called to roles and ministries without regard to class, gender or race, and have equal responsibility to use gifts to glorify God) versus complementarianism (subordination in the Trinity and by extension into gender roles) in an officer couple's approach to marriage and how this is worked out in the division of labor as a ministry team. Our "co-leadership" assumes our work and roles will be worked out within a framework of equality.

"I had always assumed egalitarian in our marriage relationships was a 'slam dunk' issue for all Salvationists since it is a principle belief in our denomination," said Major Julie Aren. "The insights I gained through study not only showed me what I did not know—or was confused about—but it also encouraged me to do further study on how our denomination as a whole understands and practices egalitarianism. The Army is far ahead in belief and practice as it relates to egalitarianism; however, we have room to grow if we want to see changes in the future by encouraging and promoting gift-based ministry verses the traditional gender-based approach."

Captain Heather Holman concluded, "As our committee came together we all felt privileged to be working on such an important topic for our Army. With a limited time for research and committee work each of us were committed to prayer, seeking God's wisdom for a more efficient Army in the 21st century. We also prayed that as each officer in the territory gains more knowledge of this subject, all will see the importance of change."

Patriotism rewarded

Within the first four months of becoming director of the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program for Kansas, Sophia Stachofsky helped 75 homeless military veterans and their families find permanent housing and jobs with livable salaries. With her father and brother having served in the military, Sophia identifies with the needs of vets and their families and is motivated to help them in any way she and her staff can.



Sophia consults with SSVF peer mentor Chad Crispin.

In recognition of her efforts, Sophia received a Patriot Award from a Department of Defense agency, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, which seeks to promote a culture in which all American employers support and value the military service of their employees.

Aaron Lovelady, a member of Missouri's 89th Sustainment Brigade and a peer mentor for the SSVF program, nominated Sophia for the award recognizing her unwavering support and dedication. Chad Crispin, another SSVF peer mentor, served as a medic in Iraq and Afghanistan with the 82nd Airborne Division. David Bell, a veteran and SSVF program intern, and Alicia Jones, an SSVF case manager, also work with Sophia.

"I love to see vets succeed; these men and women have done so much for our country," said Sophia. "Everyone needs stability in their lives, and it's been so gratifying to see the changes in participants as they progress through our program." She was particularly pleased when a veteran's family recently got situated just in time for the birth of a new baby!

The Kansas and Western Missouri Division started the SSVF programs (one for each state) to help very low-income veterans obtain and maintain stable housing. The individualized, strength-based care utilizes case management, peer mentoring, life-skills training and support groups, along with financial assistance.



Sophia Stachofsky (holding award) is flanked by Debra Fester, divisional veterans and recovery services coordinator (r) and Tom Krahenbuhl, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, and Joyce Schau, divisional director of social services.

Memorial Service

In honor of those who have gone before us, the Central Territory will hold its annual memorial service in The Salvation Army section of Glen Oak Cemetery this month.

Please join us in remembrance.

**Sunday, May 19
3:00 p.m.**

**Glen Oak Cemetery
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Hillside, IL 60162
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Jesus loves the little children

by Ceamona Taube

Territorial Sponsorship and Mission Support Coordinator

Every year thousands of disabled, abandoned and impoverished children are given the gifts of health, learning and love through the Central Territorial Sponsorship Program. Currently 235 donors give \$25 per month to provide food, medical care and education to children's homes, schools and special needs centers worldwide. Each center receives 100 percent of the donation given by our generous sponsors. Lives are transformed through this amazing Army program. Here are just a few examples.

Agua Clara Feeding Program

La Paz, Bolivia
South America West Territory

At the Agua Clara Salvation Army Feeding Program, the children come with big appetites and even bigger smiles. Every Saturday and Sunday around 80 children receive soup, a main dish, dessert and soda. After their meal they participate in playtime on Saturdays, and Sunday school then holiness meeting on Sundays. Many of them have become junior soldiers.

Agua Clara is a deeply impoverished area, where large families typically live in one room with no bathroom or sewage system. The economy supports brickmaking fac-

tories, where children generally start working by eight years old loading bricks in the morning and attending school in the afternoon.

Malena, 13, is one of many youth who benefit from the weekly feeding program. She has two siblings, a younger brother, Angel, and an older brother, Fernando, who has recently become a senior soldier. Although she has trouble with her feet and hips, she's hopeful God will heal her one day. When she grows up, Malena hopes to travel the world and preach.

"I want to tell you that since I go to church, I am very happy, where before I was afraid," said Malena.



First in class!

Andre Poyser spent most of his young life at the Windsor Lodge Children's Home, Jamaica, in the Caribbean Territory, where Major Jackie Palmer is the administrator. Jackie saw Andre was bright and displayed leadership skills at a young age. She encouraged him to develop his skills, and he became a role model to the younger kids.

Andre excelled in high school and joined the debate team; he won a number of awards in speech competitions and debates. He graduated high school as valedictorian of his

class and is now a student at the University of the West Indies (UWI) in Kingston and a senior soldier.

Even though Andre no longer lives at Windsor Lodge, he still considers it home and Major Jackie Palmer his mother. During school breaks and on some weekends, he returns to help. Andre will graduate from university this month.



Paying it forward

When Mackinnon Mwambingu lost his sight at a young age, he'd all but given up on life. "Since my sight was gone I believed I was nothing and could not succeed and all was gone," he said.

Then in 1986 he enrolled at The Salvation Army Linkoni School for the Blind in the Kenya East Territory. He was a dedicated student and continued his education at The Salvation Army Thika High School for the Blind, completing his studies at a teacher's college. In 2007 he came back to Linkoni as a teacher.

"Thanks to God for The Salvation Army that has shown great care and concern to me by providing shelter, school fees, uniform costs and all my school boarding needs," said Mackinnon. "Sponsors made me who I am today; I can take care of my own family with what I earn from my salary."





Joyville Children's Home

Rizal, The Philippines
The Philippines Territory

The Joyville Children's Home provides a safe place for children, ages 7-18, who have been homeless, neglected, mistreated or physically abused. Not only does the home provide shelter and food, it provides education, spiritual guidance and counseling in a loving environment.

In addition to accepting up to 30 children, young people over the age of 15 can learn to care for themselves in the independent living

portion of the home. These teens are taught basic life skills such as cooking, budgeting, grocery shopping and laundry.

Every day the youth attend the elementary and high schools in the community, complete chores and maintain their studies. The home has an education center which offers space to do homework assignments as well as a space for skills training and a library.

During recreation, the children love to use their imaginations and creativity to play games with each other or to participate in outdoor activities like basketball.



El Redil Children's Home

Asunción, Paraguay
South America East Territory

The Salvation Army El Redil Children's Home in Paraguay has been serving children suffering from malnutrition, poverty, homelessness, abuse and trafficking since 1944. Director Major Thore Paulsen is incredibly grateful to sponsors who make caring for the children possible.

"Our children suffer from different types of needs, not just material; they're starved for affection and attention," the Major said.

In the last year the El Redil Children's Home has made strides in the children's school performance. They've also been blessed by people in the community, who have seen needs and donated additional food and other items.

The major reports the home has been full all year, and every month parents request for their children to join. Many of these children have only one parent, and without the support of the Army, would have to stay with a relative or home alone and would not be able to attend school.



Photo credit: Carolina Tuftström

Rubirizi Preschool

Rubirizi Village, Rwanda
Rwanda and Burundi Command

The Rubirizi Preschool, one of seven Salvation Army preschools in Rwanda, recently celebrated its first preschool graduation. Not only was it a first for the school, it was a first for the entire village, which struggles with no water supply or electricity. The only way out of poverty for these children is through education.

According to Major Anna-Maria Tuftström, Rwanda and Burundi command sponsorship secretary, parents work hard to come up with

the 250 Rwandan Francs per month, a mere \$0.41, to keep their children in school to be educated instead of working in the fields and tending the animals.

But for other parents in the surrounding village, given their way of life, it's very difficult to understand the importance of education. "A parent needs to see and understand the benefit of school..." said Anna-Maria. "If neighbors encourage each other, discover the knowledge the children are learning from being in school, all these families will be strengthened in their future."



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CBLI donation raises the roof!

by Major Curtiss A. Hartley
Director of Support Services &
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Papua New Guinea

Having a roof overhead is not something to be taken for granted in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Corps officers live in homes made from forest materials, which often means dirt floors, rough-hewn lumber and layers of palm branches to keep the sun and rain out.

When divisional commanders heard of the generous donation to provide metal roofs, made through last year's fundraising at Central Bible Leadership Institute, their excitement was tempered only by the tough decisions of which homes were in most desperate need. The funds were enough to provide three roofs for each of the seven divisions in the PNG Territory.

The cost for metal to provide one new roof was 1,300 kina (about \$650). And once the metal was purchased, officers had to wait for some way for the sheets to be delivered, and then get volunteer help to unload and install the roofing.

Major Vari Burava, divisional commander for the Sepik Division in the north, took delivery of metal sheets for two villages. "At Saranguandu, the metal sheets were received by community leaders and taken to the quarters that would soon have the roof replaced by the new sheets," he said.

More metal sheets were loaded onto a dugout canoe. "I was able to haul the metal sheets down to the river bank. These were transported to Yamuk, about a two-hour ride

down the Sepik River," Major Burava said. "They also loaded a water tank that was purchased two years ago, but because of the difficulty with sea transport and high costs, it was delayed until now."

In many parts of the country, metal roofing and water storage tanks go hand-in-hand. Pipes are added to the edges of the roofing so that during the rainy season, water is captured to fill the storage tanks. This simple process provides a source of good water to the families in the area, and hopefully enough to get them through the dry season.

Twenty-one officers' quarters roofs are getting the new iron sheets because of the CBLI fundraiser. "Please pass on our appreciation to the donors for the cash and kindness," Major Burava said.

Territorial leadership has always had concerns about the living conditions corps officers in the territory face. Colonel Chris Webb, PNG territorial president for women's ministries, said they were thrilled when they learned about the CBLI fundraising.

"We cannot thank them enough for their generosity," she said. "Many of our officers' quarters are made out of bush materials, and iron roofing protects the houses, especially during the rainy season. This provision is transforming the lives of officers in our territory."



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Reaping what's sewn

She was a tough, street-hardened teen with a well-rehearsed demeanor, never allowing a flicker of emotion to cross her face.

"So you can imagine my shock when she showed up one Sunday afternoon to participate in our sewing class," said Captain Rebecca Simmons, corps officer of the



A woman shows off a completed project to Captain Rebecca Simmons.



Captain Rebecca Simmons guides a teen who's learning how to sew.

Chicago Englewood, Ill., Corps Red Shield Center.

"At first she came each Sunday with a few friends. Then she started coming by herself," said Rebecca, who had set up a sewing room as a community center program after finding seven sewing machines in storage soon after arriving last year.

"I started her on a simple purse/book bag project," Rebecca continued. "When she got frustrated, she needed a little extra care. But finally, when her project began looking like a purse, I inverted the material so she could see her progress. A big smile broke across her face, then she quickly caught herself and resumed the mask. However, I could sense the pride she felt, realizing 'I can really do this!' Who knows what future

breakthroughs will come!"

Herself a sewing enthusiast, Rebecca believes it's become a lost art with younger people, along with other real-life skills that used to be taught in schools. In fact, she was amazed to see so many teen girls sign up for the sewing classes, which are also enjoyed by the older adult women who are happy to mentor and assist the girls with their projects.

"The girls love to sew, and their enthusiasm caught on like wildfire. Many have now graduated to using simple patterns to make clothing. They can use their own material or use bolts of fabric donated by adult rehabilitation centers; several responded very generously to our request. Most important, more than a dozen girls have bridged into girl guards," Rebecca concluded.

Two territories, one mission



(l to r) Shelby Lawler, Catherine Harvey, Abby Hoag, Steven Anderson, Kaitlyn Reichard and Bobby Beacy ministered to the homeless in New York City.

For a second year 24 Indiana Wesleyan University college students, along with Lts.

Jason and Dana Bigelow, Marion, Ind., corps officers, joined the Eastern Territory for a week of urban mission. It's part of a broader, intentional effort by the Central Territory to introduce young adults to the possibilities of Salvation Army ministry.

Students, led by Eastern Territorial Headquarters staff Jason and Kelly Pope, spent their spring break serving in New York City based out of the Harlem Temple, N.Y., Corps. Between painting projects, afterschool program organiza-

tion, shelter visits and canteen outings, students were educated about the ministry of the Army.

"Each morning Jason and Kelly had a guest officer who shared about their ministry, corps and personal testimony," said Lt. Jason Bigelow. "To see our ministry at its grassroots, in an urban setting, I think the students were inspired!"

When the week was over, not only were hundreds of people ministered to, but the students had developed a strong point of connection with each other and the Army. Since then students have been attending worship, participating in youth programs and serving in the food pantry at the Marion Corps. "A few have gotten really plugged in," said Jason. "They've been involved in work projects, nursing home visits, and they've invited their friends."

With a surge of young adults interested in social justice, incarnational living and urban ministries, the Army hopes to harness their enthusiasm and give them meaningful outlets for service, according to Major Phil Aho, territorial corps mission and adult ministries secretary.

"There's definitely potential for the Army to have new, talented people involved in our ministry through these sorts of connections," said Jason.



Catherine Harvey and Jenna Gidman helped to serve at the Harlem Temple, N.Y., Corps' soup kitchen.



PATHWAY of HOPE

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According to case manager April Reinerio, Liz was a great fit for the program.

"I was really insecure about my life, and it [Pathway of Hope] helped me be more motivated and more driven to succeed," said Liz.

Through Pathway of Hope she was connected with many resources like food banks for necessities, and through the W2 program

she found a good paying job.

"If it wasn't for Pathway of Hope, I don't know if I would have ever been able to move on with my life. I was stuck in a hole. And the hope the program gave me, it gave me more security in myself. It helped me know that I can do it. I can progress...My kids and I are grateful because I wouldn't be able to be the mother I am now if it wasn't for Pathway of Hope."

New locations on the Pathway of Hope

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Flint Beecher, Mich.
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Pontiac, Mich.

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Arnold, Mo.
East St. Louis, Mo.
St. Louis Euclid, Mo.
St. Louis Temple, Mo.
Stratford Commons, Mo.

Indiana*
New Albany, Ind.
Princeton, Ind.
Terre Haute, Ind.

*Indicates second cluster of corps in a division

Wisconsin & Upper Michigan
Beloit, Wis.
Fond du Lac, Wis.
Janesville, Wis.
Oshkosh, Wis.

Metropolitan*
Chicago Irving Park, Ill.
Chicago Lawn, Ill.
Chicago Midwest, Ill.
Des Plaines, Ill.
Rockford Tabernacle, Ill.
Rockford Temple, Ill.

A new alliance



Recreational ATVs are being enjoyed by Army campers.

Summer is on its way, and campers attending the Northern Division's Northwoods Camp will once again enjoy all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) donated by Polaris Industries!

Last summer the Minnesota-based manufacturer of snowmobiles, motorcycles and ATVs donated 19 recreational ATVs to the division's camp. Polaris also provided 19 sets of helmets, gloves and chest protectors plus other safety equipment. The company then paid for three staff members to be certified by the National Safety Institute for safety training and light-duty repairs.

This developing partnership between the division and Polaris has not only had a positive effect on camping programs, it has also greatly benefitted disaster relief efforts.

Last fall in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, Polaris donated 10 military-grade ATVs for transporting critical supplies to hard-hit coastal areas of New York and New Jersey. The rugged ATVs were able to easily handle debris and deep sand as emergency disaster services volunteers delivered food and refreshments to

survivors and relief workers.

Then at Christmas, Polaris generously donated coats and toys to the Northern Division as a further token of the expanding partnership between the company and the Army.

"This partnership began thanks to Twin Cities Advisory Board Member Paul Rudeen," said Denise Overstake, divisional corporate and foundation relations director. "Paul learned that Polaris was looking to expand its philanthropic presence in the community and immediately connected us with company representatives."

Scott Wine, Polaris CEO, was looking for a non-profit with a proven track record of fiscal responsibility, positive public image and proven commitment to improve the lives of youth and families. He's become increasingly engaged as the relationship has developed, Denise added.

"Teaching young people to safely operate ATVs [and] helping them learn new skills, gives them a positive experience with lifelong benefits," said Scott. "Our partnership with the camp is important to our company and the power-sports community... ATVs can be both a fun way to enjoy the outdoors and a positive educational tool for youth."

Admiring how Army disaster services works tirelessly to ease hardship, Scott added, "We hope the vehicles helped hasten relief efforts and restored some sense of normalcy to those affected by the storm."

Denise concluded, "One of our next steps is to engage Polaris employees through volunteer opportunities. Future partnership opportunities are wide open. The company is willing to step outside the box and make really meaningful philanthropic choices."



SHARING OUR SUCCESSES



Tuning into a \$2 million gift for Indianapolis

by Jon Quick
Indianapolis Advisory Board

I came to Indianapolis in early 1996 to manage the operations of WIBC Radio for Emmis Communications, a large media company headquartered here. WIBC had started a radiothon for The Salvation Army at Christmas. But the event lasted just six hours and raised only about \$6,000. I knew we could do better.

We had the support of people like Jerry Larsen, Indiana divisional director of disaster services, and lifetime Board Member Don Steel. Together, we easily convinced my then boss Tom Severino and Emmis CEO Jeff Smulyan to extend the radiothon to a full 60 hours.

Wonderful things happened.

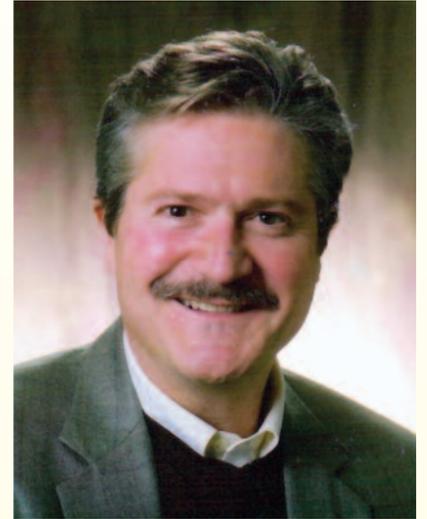
We started a tradition of celebrity bellingring in front of the Emmis building in downtown the week before the radiothon. WIBC personalities, business leaders, sponsors, the Colts and Pacers, and even new Indiana Governor Mike Pence, participated.

We increased donations to more than \$100,000 in that first expanded year.

In Steel's words, "WIBC and Emmis have been unwavering supporters of our missions. Each year we've targeted support for the domestic violence shelter, the Harbor Light addictions treatment center, disaster response after the 2008 floods in Indiana, and Operation Compassion by sending 80,000 care packages to serviceman overseas."

I left Emmis three years ago to start my own public relations company, about the same time we lost Tom Severino tragically to cancer.

Charlie Morgan (also a board member) replaced Tom and quickly



agreed to continue the radiothon. Last Christmas WIBC moved the event to a large shopping center.

The result was a record \$192,000 in donations.

As Charlie remarked recently, "For 75 years, WIBC has been part of this community. We've made meaningful contributions to the quality of life here in many ways, but none more important than our decades-long relationship with The Salvation Army. The radiothon is an event our staff volunteers for, believes in, and takes personal pride in the results."

Recently at a board meeting we heard Jewell's story. When she came to The Salvation Army she was an addict. "All my money went to the dope man. I couldn't be a mother, a grandmother or a trusting friend. Through the help of the Army, I now have love, hope, a career and a life."

Over \$2.13 million has been raised over the history of the radiothon that will soon celebrate 20 years of "doing the most good" for Jewell and many others.



Polaris military-grade ATVs handled tough terrains in disaster relief work after Hurricane Sandy.



WIBC on location with the 2012 Salvation Army radiothon in Indianapolis. Pictured: WIBC Personality Denny Smith, Advisory Board Chairman Dave Sutton, and Indiana Divisional Commander Major John Turner.

Fighting poverty 140 characters at a time

Tweetathon benefits Detroit's Bed & Bread Club

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit turned to social media again to support its 26th annual Bed & Bread Club Radiothon. Salvation Army supporters were encouraged to tweet on behalf of the organization and encourage others to pledge their support through individual contributions online. The Tweetathon ran throughout the 16-hour fundraising event and generated 10,453 tweets.

The Ford Motor Company Fund donated \$3 for each tweet that used the #BedandBread hashtag, up to

\$25,000. "Ford prides itself on innovation in its vehicles and finding creative ways to help our communities," said Jim Vella, president, Ford Motor Company Fund. "This Tweetathon is a modern, thoughtful way to help thousands of our neighbors meet two of life's most basic needs: food and shelter. Ford is proud to support the work of the Bed & Bread Club."



"By tweeting #BedandBread during the Tweetathon metro Detroiters are joining the 'Club that's here for good' in the fight against hunger and homelessness," said Major Mark Anderson, Eastern Michigan general secretary and metro Detroit area commander. "We are so grateful to the Ford Motor Company Fund for supporting the Bed & Bread Club's most crucial fundraiser."

The radiothon this year raised more than \$1.3 million. The Bed & Bread Club program serves more than 5,000 meals to hungry Detroiters each day and provides more than 400 homeless individuals shelter each night.

Hoops clinic scores

by Arvid Huisman

Three Iowa Energy players and two coaches conducted a basketball clinic earlier this year for children enrolled in The Salvation Army's youth basketball program in Des Moines, Iowa.

Iowa Energy player Terrence Jennings was a hit with the children at the clinic held at the Des Moines Citadel Corps. Jennings and teammates and coaches provided an evening of skills development for the young players.

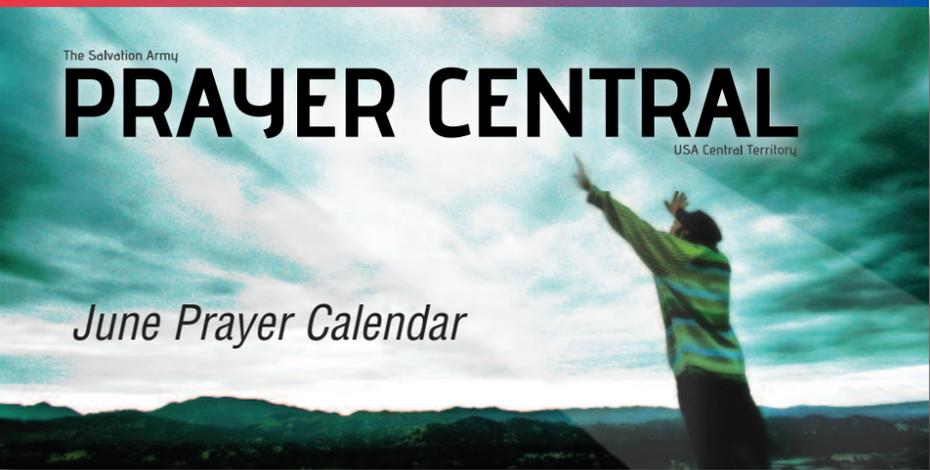
The Iowa Energy is a National Basketball Association D-league



Photo by Ashlee Norris

team that plays home games at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. They generously hold this clinic for the Salvation Army basketball program each year.

The Des Moines Citadel Corps is led by Captains Charles and Betty Yockey.



My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Saturday	Jeremiah 47-52	Adrian, Mich., Corps
	2 Sunday	Luke 7-8	Chicago Central, Ill., ARC*
	3 Monday	Galatians 1-3	Majors Philip & Sheila Davison (Canada)
	4 Tuesday	Exodus 37-40	Bloomington, Ill., Corps
	5 Wednesday	1 Kings 5-9	Anderson, Ind., Corps
	6 Thursday	Psalms 66-68	Arkansas City, Kan., Corps
	7 Friday	Proverbs 2-3	Family Congress
	8 Saturday	Lamentations 1-5	Aurora, Ill., Corps
	9 Sunday	Luke 9-10	"Proclaimers of the Resurrection" session
	10 Monday	Galatians 4-6	Alton, Ill., Corps
	11 Tuesday	Leviticus 1-3	Albert Lea, Minn., Corps
	12 Wednesday	1 Kings 10-13	Aberdeen, S.D., Corps
	13 Thursday	Psalms 69-71	Alma, Mich., Corps
	14 Friday	Proverbs 4	Beloit, Wis., Corps
	15 Saturday	Ezekiel 1-6	Eastern Michigan DHQ**
	16 Sunday	Luke 11-12	Alpena, Mich., Corps
	17 Monday	Ephesians 1-3	Summer camping season
	18 Tuesday	Leviticus 4-6	Burlington, Iowa., Corps
	19 Wednesday	1 Kings 14-18	Lawrence County, Ind., Corps
	20 Thursday	Psalms 72-74	Dodge City, Kan., Corps
	21 Friday	Proverbs 5-6	Belvidere, Ill., Corps
	22 Saturday	Ezekiel 7-12	Kenya East Territory ^{PIM}
	23 Sunday	Luke 13-14	Arnold, Mo., Corps
	24 Monday	Ephesians 4-6	Austin, Minn., Corps
	25 Tuesday	Leviticus 7-9	Beatrice, Neb., Corps
	26 Wednesday	1 Kings 19-22	Battle Creek, Mich., Corps
	27 Thursday	Psalms 75-77	Chicago North Side, Ill., ARC*
	28 Friday	Proverbs 7	Summer Mission Teams
	29 Saturday	Ezekiel 13-18	Ann Arbor, Mich., Corps
	30 Sunday	Luke 15-16	Canton, Ill., Corps

* = Adult Rehabilitation Center
 ** = Divisional Headquarters
 PIM = Partners in Mission

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



Gettin' the job done



A coalition of 80 faith-based groups has been keeping housing recovery efforts going in Southern Indiana after horrific tornadoes devastated the region in early March 2012. Funded by several churches and grants, the coalition's goal is to not only repair damaged homes but to build 25 houses.

The Salvation Army is serving the coalition as its fund manager, primarily through the New Albany Corps headed by Majors Stephen and Pamela Kiger, corps officers, who were very involved in relief efforts immediately after the storms.

Additionally the Army is using its disaster funds to provide a stove, refrigerator, microwave, washer and dryer for each of the new houses, reported Jerry Larsen, Indiana divisional director of disaster services.

"That amounts to about \$75,000 as the Army's direct response," said Jerry. "Several towns were impacted, but Henryville and Marysville were hardest hit. Most of the new homes are being built there. Each house costs \$41,000 to build but will be valued at around \$80,000 when complete."

A host of volunteers are doing the work; new volunteers arrive each Sunday evening and work until the following Friday, Jerry continued. On Thursday evenings, the clients are invited to share a meal with the vol-

unteers, and staff.
 "Those evening meals have turned out to be a real time of sharing. It's amazing to hear what all this has meant to the clients, as well as the volunteers who've worked so hard to make new dreams come true," Jerry concluded. "I'm very blessed to be a part of this. It's so great when many willing partners come together to help others."

--Mustard Seeds--



Prayer: life and world change

An interview with Lyndall Bywater, Part 2

Does prayer not only change the situation but us?

Well sometimes, not all the time. I think prayer at its most basic is an act of trust. So any act of trust obviously does affect us. Sometimes I've prayed through a situation, and it's been tough and difficult. I've prayed and prayed and prayed and at the end of six weeks or three years—whatever—I look back and say, "Ok, I have seen some changes in the situation, but I have seen so many changes in me."

And I know that in some situations God is saying, "This situation is going to shape you more than you shape it." There are other times when I'm praying for a situation, and it changes because that's why I'm called to pray for it. I am called to pray because prayer changes things.

I think it's kind of one or the other, and it's actually really good to understand, with the help of the Holy Spirit, whether this situation is meant to be changing me more or am I meant to be changing it more. Very often we get to the end of the situation and then we can tell. But I think we can find out in advance. I think we can ask God, "Would you show me?"

I do believe prayer changes things. Otherwise, prayer is just one big self-help exercise. It is a self-help exercise, but it's also a world-change exercise. It's good to know which one you're in.

As Salvationists we excel at "doing" so much so that perhaps the discipline of prayer is discounted or takes a back seat sometimes. Do you feel we need to change that attitude, and, if so, how might we go about it? What might be gained if we did?

Of course, I do think that attitude needs to change. I can't remember who the quote is by but it's the thing about the enemy destroying the best by the good...And I'm always struck

by this with The Salvation Army—that we do a lot of good. You're "doing the most good" here in the U.S., but there is a quote that talks about the best being destroyed by the good, and I very often come back to this when I'm thinking of and in particular praying for The Salvation Army, because we have a great mission, a huge opportunity, a trusted position in the eyes of the world to influence some of the darkest and most broken situations that this world has to offer. I think that is a huge privilege from God. But we are in danger of doing that without the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit because God has self-limited Himself through prayer.

He has said that prayer is the access point to that supernatural



power. He hasn't set any other access point to that supernatural power. It's available to us the moment we're in Christ, but it's accessed through prayer. You know, six times in the last speech Jesus made to his disciples before his death, which is recorded in greatest detail in John's gospel chapters 14-16. He says, "You will ask in my name and you will receive and it will be done for you." That promise is, apart from love one another, most often in that speech of Jesus, and to me that says it all. This is what you cannot forget, must not let go of: the power of God to change things, to move mountains, to do the impossible, will be accessed through prayer.

I believe the mountains we face as The Salvation Army, the things we are being asked to do, the things the



world trusts us to do, they can only really be done with the supernatural power of God. They're too big for any human organization to fix. If all we were doing was housing people and rehabilitating people that would

be fine. But we are trying to bring people from death to life, from bondage to freedom, from injustice to a place of living in justice and wholeness—and that's a supernatural mission. So we can't do it without prayer.

I've never been anywhere where anyone has told me prayer isn't important. Everyone says prayer is important, but lots of places I go people don't quite know where to put it, and it's become a routine thing we do because we should tick

that box. But I don't see The Salvation Army growing where its leaders and soldiers are not connected to that life-giving, supernatural power through prayer.

And that's probably the difference. If we want to do good things, we can carry on, and we can keep prayer as a tick box thing. But if we want to bring life, if we want to push back the darkness, and to go from strength to strength, then we are going to need to connect to prayer.

You mentioned that you believe God wants and intends to do more than ever before in the Army and through it. How might we be praying to see this come to fulfillment?

First and foremost, this might sound funny given the answer I've just given, but we've got to stop seeing prayer purely as a problem-solving exercise. So what we do at the moment is we go about our day-to-day lives and we collect the difficult, tough complicated things we face that we don't quite know what to do with, and we bring them to the prayer meeting and we plunk them down in front of God. And we say, "This is what we can't sort out right now, can you help us?" And that's good and we have to do it, and there's nothing wrong with it. But prayer should be our first resort, not our last resort. We should be bringing stuff to God that we can't resolve, but it's got to go further than that.

I think for The Salvation Army the biggest problem in laying hold of the more God has for us is that we can-

not imagine it. We can't see anything bigger, more amazing, more exciting than we have at the moment.

Sometimes we have entrepreneurs and prophets who say, "What if? Can you imagine if the Army did this? Can you imagine if we got involved in that?" And all too often the answer is "No, I can't imagine that." So, we probably won't do it. And the need to spend time in prayer, not just problem solving but dreaming, to look into the Word of God, to get a vision, to see a picture of what God intended His Kingdom to look like and then to go, "Whoa, come on we can do that. We can get involved in that. We can see that happen here." What does it look like in our community that the lion will lie down with the lamb? What does it look like in our community that there will be no more weeping and crying and those who haven't had enough to eat will have enough to eat?

We can start dreaming. We can start looking at the Kingdom as it's meant to be, and that will enlarge our vision. That's ultimately what the early Salvationists did. They didn't go around London problem solving. They did see the problems, but they didn't just go around saying, "There's a problem we need to pray for, and there's a problem we need to pray for"...They had a vision for a very different society from the one they were seeing.

You know William Booth wrote about it in *In Darkest England and the Way Out*. He had a vision. He was seeing a different London and every problem he solved was about getting a bit closer to that different London and that's what fueled him. That's what kept him going. Because if all he'd been doing was rescuing one drunk after another, one prostitute after another, one lost kid after another, he would have burned out. And the only reason he didn't burn out, I believe, is because in prayer he saw where he was heading and every time he got discouraged or frustrated he would just return to that vision in prayer. Then God would give him back that, "Come on, we can do this" thing that you get when you pray.

The point was that he was a dreamer, and I do believe we lose ground as a movement when we don't let the dreamers dream, we don't dream ourselves, and we don't look beyond where we are and we just get stuck saying, "We need to solve that problem, and that problem and that problem" or "We don't have enough money for this or enough resources for that." The "not enoughs" are good things to bring to God in prayer but the "what ifs" are even better.



Lt. Colonel Dorothy Smith, territorial ambassador for prayer, and Lyndall Bywater