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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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Radiothon raises \$1.3 million in 16 hours

by Mary Zaleski

The Salvation Army's 30th Annual Bed & Bread Club® Radiothon, presented by Ford Motor Company Fund, raised \$1.3 million to fight hunger and homelessness in Metro Detroit. The 16-hour event aired live from the

Imagine Theatre in Royal Oak, Mich., on News/Talk 760 WJR.

For the eighth consecutive year, The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit partnered with television and radio on-air personalities with a special hosting appearance by corporate champion Jim Vella, president of Ford Motor Company Fund and National Advisory Board member.

"The Salvation Army is dedicated to Doing the Most Good through the Bed & Bread program, and it is humbling to see the generosity of this community in supporting our neighbors in need," said Lt. Colonel John Turner, Eastern Michigan divisional commander. "We extend our sincerest thanks to WJR, Ford Motor Company Fund, Imagine and all those who contributed so much to make the radiothon a success."

Dick Purtan, Bed & Bread Club chairman and retired Detroit radio

Hall of Famer, returned to the airwaves to host the final four hours of the broadcast, joined by his former Purtan's People team members.

The end of the program not only celebrated the 2017 fundraising total

Joanne Purtan, Dick Purtan's daughter and TV personality, helps with broadcast,

but the incredible contributions Purtan has made to The Salvation Army over the last 30 years as radiothon founder and Bed & Bread Club advocate. Throughout Purtan's appearance on the radiothon, guests offered congratulations and donations for his work in generating support for those in need throughout Metro Detroit.

The Salvation Army marked this milestone by naming Purtan an honorary commandant presented by Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seiler, Central territorial leaders.

EMI's Bed & Bread Club annual radiothon is the largest single-market, single-day radio cash fundraiser in the country. Total donations have topped \$33 million over the 30-year radiothon history.



Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, Dick Purtan and Lt. Colonel John Turner



Jim Vella, president of Ford Motor Company Fund and National Advisory Board member

Quincy Kroc Center aquatics specialist honored

by Beau Becraft

Aquatics International magazine, a publication focusing on commercial swimming pool and waterpark industry news, trends and more, recently honored 20 groups and individuals. Among them was Nanette Johnson, aquatics specialist at the Ray and

Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Quincy, Ill. Nanette was recognized for her role in creating and implementing the WHISTLE program at the Kroc Center.

WHISTLE (We Help Individuals Strive Toward Lifeguard Employment) provides a discount for lifeguard training and certification in exchange for a year's employment at the Kroc Center as a lifeguard in the center's aquatic venue. The program helps to draw new recruits to the Kroc Center's aquatics program, enhances the facility's lifeguard roster and financially assists those who otherwise couldn't afford the training.

A shortage of lifeguards across the nation became the catalyst for Johnson to create WHISTLE which has led to over



The Quincy, Ill., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center aquatic center contains 63,000-plus gallons of water and features lap lanes, a 157-foot long slide, a zero-entry section with kiddie slide, a lazy river and outdoor splash pad.

20 of the Kroc Center's lifeguards being officially certified. The program also has helped prepare lifeguards for jobs at waterparks and other aquatic facilities throughout Illinois, Iowa and Missouri.

Nanette stresses the importance of proper water safety, especially to those who live in areas near a large body of water, much like that of the Kroc Center which is located along the Mississippi River. "We live on the Mississippi River, and all kids in this area need to know how to swim," she said.

According to Nanette, the Kroc Center's aquatics program encour-

ages a sense of family among lifeguards, with managers "never asking those on staff to do anything they wouldn't do." Additionally, a "Kroc Star" rewards program recognizes lifeguards once a month for outstanding performance in the field, awarding gifts to those who earn top points in the program.

Kroc Center staff are in the initial stages of coordinating a lifeguard class through the public high school curriculum, which would help students who don't have time for classes outside of their school day, while ushering in a new generation of lifeguards.



Nanette Johnson and some graduates of WHISTLE

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Getting your feet wet

by Lt. Colonel Richard Amick
Territorial Secretary for Business Administration

"Getting your feet wet" is usually taken to mean "just getting started." For instance, in a few weeks cadets will be "getting their feet wet" as new lieutenants as they begin their long-awaited journey into full-time ministry as officers. In the Bible, however, there's a story that gives the expression a slightly different meaning.

In the beginning of Joshua, we read about the people of Israel crossing the Jordan River into the Promised Land after Moses led them out of Egypt and through the wilderness. Shortly after Moses' death, Joshua became the leader of the people and received his "marching orders" from God. He was to take up the ark of the covenant and

pass on ahead of the people so that Israel would know the Lord was with him as He was with Moses. "Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: 'When you reach the edge of the Jordan's waters, go and stand in the river.'" (Joshua 3:8, NIV)

The priests were told not only to cross the river, but to do so at flood stage. God had parted the Red Sea for a previous generation, He would perform a similar miracle now. Joshua 3:15-17 recounts, "Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing,...The priests who carried the ark of the



covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground."

We can learn something about "getting your feet wet" from this story. First, we must take that initial step, even if we don't know how things will work out. There certainly are no guarantees in life, and often it takes us where we don't anticipate or sometimes where we don't prefer. Yet, in order to truly live, we must be willing to go forward. It involves a willingness to take a risk and to trust. Many things in life are a risk: moving, taking a new job, getting

married, having children, buying a home. It is one thing to take a risk simply because it's your choice; it's another to step out in faith because you believe God is calling you.

When we get our feet wet in responding to God's leading, we discover purpose and meaning and grow in our faith. As we prepare for another commissioning of cadets who heard and answered God's call to officership, perhaps God is calling you to pursue mission in this way. Are you ready to touch the water's edge and explore the blessings God has prepared for you? Go ahead and "get your feet wet."

Welcome and follow-up are key

Atenacious commitment to follow up with anyone who walks through the doors of the Brown County, Ind., Corps has made short work of one of the corps' STEP's (Strategic Tool to Engage Potential) goals for this year: adding five new families who attend regularly.

"The key to getting people not only to stay, but to get involved and



Phil Barrett, corps administrator

committed, is a phone call followed by a friendly home visit then a second one to dig a little deeper," said Phil Barrett, corps administrator. The other vital ingredient for growth, he continued, is for visitors to receive a warm greeting and experience an almost palpable Christian love among corps members.

"There are a great number of exciting things happening in this non-traditional corps," observed Major Beth Petrie, Indiana divisional secretary. For example, the corps is using STEP's as a tool to intentionally track and measure its already healthy efforts toward corps

growth. The corps' other STEP's goal for the year—identifying and training two new Sunday school teaching couples—also has been fulfilled.

"When the couple who now lead our worship team were new to town, they started attending another church," Phil continued. "Four months later, they walked through our doors to attend a rummage sale; I returned the favor and walked through their door!"

Located in Nashville, Ind., which has a year-round population of 800, the Brown County Corps averages 80 people on Sundays with higher fluctuations during the tourist season in this popular region for music, arts, crafts and outdoor recreation. Follow-up also is made with fulltime and seasonal county residents who attend corps outreaches or community events in which the corps participates, as well as the parents of children involved in corps youth activi-



ties and people seeking assistance through social services.

Although corps membership leans toward the younger end of the age spectrum, older members are youthful in their mindsets and spirits. "When people embrace your vision for worship, discipleship and growth, they make the commitment to ministries and volunteerism, and they become members and soldiers," Phil concluded. "People are always looking for a sense of belonging, and word about that kind of commitment spreads."



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Leadership changes of appointment

General André Cox has made the following changes in leadership that will take effect September 1, 2017.

Colonels David and Sharron Hudson, who are currently National Chief Secretary and National Secretary for Women's Ministries, respectively, have been appointed as the national leaders for the U.S. Colonel David Hudson will become

National Commander, and Colonel Sharron Hudson will become National President of Women's Ministries. They will take up their new appointments with the rank of commissioner, Colonel David Hudson on September 1, and Colonel Sharron Hudson on September 2, 2017. They succeed Commissioners David and Barbara Jeffrey who are retiring.

Colonels Jeffrey and Dorothy Smith, currently Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries in the Central Territory, have been appointed to National Headquarters. Colonel Jeff Smith will become National Chief Secretary, and Colonel Dorothy Smith will become National Secretary for Women's Ministries.

The Smiths will be succeeded by **Colonels Steven and Janice Howard**, Eastern Territory officers who are currently the Secretary for Personnel and Communications Secretary in that territory. Colonel Steven Howard will become Chief Secretary and Colonel Janice Howard will become Territorial Secretary for



Colonels Jeffrey and Dorothy Smith

Women's Ministries, respectively, in the Central Territory.

"With this move we will conclude a bit more than seven years' service at Central Territorial Headquarters and more than 31 years of service in the territory. Needless to say, we approach this move with both excitement and some sadness over leaving the territory and the people we have loved and who have loved and cared

for us," said Colonel Jeff Smith. "We know the officers who have been appointed to follow us, Colonels Steve and Janice Howard, and we commend them to you. They will bring fresh perspective and deep experience and insight to their roles."

Please pray for these officers as they prepare to assume their new responsibilities.



Colonels David and Sharron Hudson



Colonels Steven and Janice Howard



PATHWAY OF HOPE

"When Lucinda came into my office, she wasn't sure what she was looking for but knew changes had to be made in her life," said Susanne Hoppes, Pathway of Hope (POH) case manager for the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Corps. Life had become very scary for Lucinda, her husband and two children, who were struggling financially and living in a motel. She was only too happy to enroll in POH and set goals to work toward that could change her future.

She got a job at a local manufacturing company, where her hard work and positive attitude made her a favorite with bosses and coworkers. But one day Lucinda came home to find her husband had left the family, taking their only car and all of the children's clothing.

Lucinda cried while Susanne held her hands and prayed with her. Lucinda drew up enough strength and courage through her faith in Jesus to carry on for the sake of her children. The corps took care of her immediate needs: clothing, food and

transit passes. Susanne said Lucinda remained positive as she continued to work her way through the goals she had set for herself. Throughout the process, Lucinda was supported by prayer from the corps' soldiers and Majors Paul and Barbara Logan, corps officers, who meet with and offer pastoral care to each family in POH.

Early each morning Lucinda and her daughters would board a city bus to drop the youngest off at daycare, then wait for another bus to take the oldest to school before Lucinda continued on to work. Eight hours later she'd repeat the process in reverse. Susanne nominated Lucinda for "Miles of Smiles," an annual renovated-car giveaway for a family in need sponsored by a local tire shop and other businesses. The family received not only a reliable, like-new vehicle but groceries, gas cards and a year's worth of insurance.

Within six months of enrolling in POH, Lucinda obtained permanent housing and successfully achieved every goal she had set.

"As a social worker and soldier, I'm supposed to be a blessing to others, but Lucinda has been the blessing," said Susanne. "I've watched her go through things that would crush most people. But instead of being defeated, she stood strong in her faith. Seeing how Lucinda and her daughters have grown reminds me why I do what I do every day; POH enables families to take the skills with them that will continue to help them on their journeys through life."



Susanne Hoppes and Lucinda

Echelon Milwaukee rates five stars

by Mary Pelkofer

Founded just a couple of years ago, Echelon Milwaukee is finding more creative and exciting ways to provide support to Salvation Army ministries throughout the year. One of their more recent service projects was hosting a five-star dining experience for 120 individuals and families at the emergency lodge.

The group of 40 young professionals were glad to come together to provide an evening unlike anything many of the residents had ever experienced. From the beautifully decorated starlit room to the whipped cream on top of the dessert, Echelon members carefully planned and attended to every detail, allowing residents to be served and spoiled. Taking on roles from food runner and waiter to busser, the members' enthusiastic and respectful service was moving to the residents, bringing some to tears.

"We consider everyone here to be our family, and we are honored to provide this meal for you," said Echelon Milwaukee President Brandon Tschacher.

Echelon members say they would-



n't have been able to pull off the event without support from the community. Anya Moran, her father Brian, who's a culinary instructor, and Milwaukee Area Technical College culinary students prepared the fabulous meal. Their cooking skills created a mouthwatering dinner for the residents from the food generously provided by Pick 'n Save. Financial donors such as Landmark Credit Union and Echelon family and friends allowed the young professionals to make sure all the details were perfect!



A journey of faith and friendship

by Samantha Hyde

No one can blame Lainey for being a little overprotective of her youngest son. Michael struggles with high-performing autism and Asperger's, so meeting new people can be a challenge. When a school friend invited Michael to attend a youth group at the Indianapolis, Ind., Fountain Square Corps, she agreed to let him go, hoping it would develop his social skills.

Corps Officer Lt. Brandon Lewis and the teens immediately fell into an easy rapport with Michael. "All teenagers are a little quirky in their own ways," Lt. Brandon said. "So I think maybe that helped." Before long Michael was heading off to Hidden Falls Camp for youth councils.

"The moment he got to camp and his friend introduced him to the rest of the teenagers, it was like he'd known them for decades," Lt. Brandon recalled with a laugh. "Immediately he broke out of his shell. He was having fun." Michael heartily agreed: "I fell in love with camp. It was the best experience I ever had."

Michael loved camp so much he came back in the summer for two week-long camps. It was at character-building camp Michael made a spiritual break-

through. "There was a little saying they did. 'May the skies proclaim the glory of God, and may the stars proclaim the work of His hand.' That just really got to me," Michael recalled. "During church on the second to last day I just absolutely broke down because of what they were teaching about. Lt. Brandon and my mom both told me that I had been saved."

Lainey is overjoyed. Faith is central to her family, and it was difficult to watch Michael struggle in his relationship with God. "With him having that experience and all that he's had with Lt. Brandon and Lt. Megan, and getting to know new people, he's had that ability to be able to find his way back to

knowing that God does exist and He is there," Lainey says. "Everything happens for a reason."

Since then, Michael has become even more involved in the corps. He helps to lead a youth group, attends Sunday services and volunteers for special projects like painting a beautiful mural in the nursery.

Today, Lainey doesn't hesitate to say yes to new experiences at the corps. For Lt. Brandon, her reasoning is perfectly clear. "She knows Michael is not only safe but he's being provided for spiritually and emotionally as well as physically. He's going to learn at our corps. He's going to be supported, and he's going to be with people who love him for who he is."



Why I love camp

by Alisha Blach

I didn't have much growing up. Sometimes even food on our dinner table or clothes on our backs were hard to come by. I certainly didn't get to go on extravagant vacations like my friends.

But I got to experience a lot thanks to The Salvation Army. They not only provided food for our dinner table, but they helped me grow as a person. Most importantly, I got the opportunity to fall in love with God at Echo Grove Camp. That summer at camp has been a constant in my life, something I've always come back to. I remember the day I looked out at the campground and decided it would be where I would spend my summers working through college.

That decision makes me laugh because this place has become so much more than a summer job. I didn't know when I was applying to work in the summer of 2013 that I'd just applied for my biggest passion, my deepest love and my true calling.

Working at Echo Grove has completely rocked my world. It has shown me how I can



be the person God has designed me to be. It has broken my heart with stories of children and adults alike, and used those same stories to put it back together. I have found a joy you can only find through all-day sunshine and sleepless nights. I've made friends from

around the globe that I can't imagine my life without.

Echo Grove has shaped me into the person I am today—and for the rest of my life. I thank God for deciding a place as beautiful as this needed to have a part in my life. Without it...well, I don't even want to imagine that. I've found a home at Echo Grove, and no matter where I go or what I do, the time I've spent here will always be part of me.

Editor's note: Alisha is currently an intern at Echo Grove.



What are YOU doing this summer?

Love spending your summers at camp? Ever thought of being on staff? Here's the contact info you'll need to apply in each division!

Eastern Michigan Division
Echo Grove Camp
Mark McClenaghan
www.echogrove.org

Midland Division
Camp Mihaska
Captain Matt O'Neil
www.midlandyouth.com

Heartland Division
Eagle Crest Camp
Gary Dobney
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Northwoods Camp
Janelle Shumaker
www.salvationarmynorth.org

Indiana Division
Hidden Falls Camp
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Wonderland Camp
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Gene Eppley Camp
Kim Herivel-Walter
www.campgeneeppley.org



Territory changes dates for CBLI and CMI

The territory's hallmark camps, Central Bible Leadership Institute (CBLI) and Central Music Institute (CMI) will claim new dates on the calendar this summer. If you're a perennial delegate to either—or even if you're new—you'll want to be sure to save July 22-30 for CBLI and August 3-13 for CMI.

According to Lt. Colonel Paul Smith, territorial program secretary, the reason for the change is to address a lower attendance in the last several years at CMI which has occurred as many schools have resumed classes earlier. The decision was made in consultation with the divisions since traditionally they've had the entire months of June and July for camp programming.

To determine if this will help bolster CMI's attendance and to see what impact it has on divisions, this change in dates is a pilot for this year and the next and will be reassessed after CMI in 2018.

So, what will you find at these beloved territorial camps this summer?

CBLI July 22-30

CBLI will incorporate the Congress theme, *Forward Together*, with the aim of showing our interconnectedness as believers in Christ. Meetings and workshops will focus on helping campers learn how to more effectively engage in their homes, corps and communities. Of course, there will be lots of fun and fellowship at CBLI, from a multitude of recreational opportunities to creative World Services/Self-Denial fundraisers to favorite activities like CBLI Family Day. There is something for everyone with well-developed tracks for age-appropriate learning, worship and entertainment.



Colonels William and Sue Harfoot

CBLI will welcome home Colonels William and Sue Harfoot as speakers during the first weekend and Colonels Brad and Heidi Bailey, who will then be commissioners and our territorial leaders, for the final Sunday.

Campers in the Young Adult Community, ages 18-29, will experience blessings and spiritual growth



Colonels Brad and Heidi Bailey



Captains Rutendo and Terry Masango

as Captains Rutendo and Terry Masango, corps officers at the Pasadena Tabernacle, Calif., Corps lead a study on holiness and practical leadership training is given by Lts. Pratik and Olivia Munn-Shirsath, corps officers at the New York City Times Square Corps. The Singing Company will lead worship daily.



Lts. Pratik and Olivia Munn-Shirsath

The Senior High track is an incredible opportunity for teens to spend a fun-filled week with students from around the territory learning God's Word while developing leadership skills.

They'll participate in worship, classes, sports and other activities planned just for them. This year's guests include Dave Hudgens who will lead worship and Mike Hulett who will lead a study on the book of James.

There's much in store for the Adult track as well. "We are so excited about Central Bible Leadership Institute

2017," said Major Carol Wurtz, territorial corps mission and ministry secretary. "God has been preparing our guests and leaders for a wonderful time of learning, growing and sharing together. We are pleased to have Mrs. Linda Himes as our Bible teacher. Our teaching and workshop times focus on personal spiritual development, leadership training, discipleship and ministry within our Army. The Adult track will have plenty of fellowship with games, campfires, talent night and many other activities."



Linda Himes

Children will have special areas to grow, explore and learn about Jesus. The CBLI Kids area offers lots of love, comfort and programming for infants and children through age 5. Jr. CBLI provides programming, Bible study and spiritual guidance for children ages 6-10. The Jr. High track offers a more grown-up area for those in the wonderfully fun years between childhood and high school, ages 11-13, to meet and explore life, God's Word and world.

CMI August 3-13

CMI, the territory's most advanced summer music camp once again will bring together young musicians of all levels, ages 13 and up, from across the Midwest—as well as students from South America and South Korea—to apply what they've learned at divisional music camps and conservatories.

Still "the place to be," this 10-day encampment will help students develop their musical skills and discover ways to use their God-given talents to support their corps.

In addition to the core schedule of band and vocal classes and rehearsals, campers may choose from five exciting elective tracks: music

leadership, praise band, drama, dance and media production. This will be rounded out by opportunities for recreation, daily sealed orders, a formal banquet, festivals and a performance by CMI campers at a Milwaukee Brewers baseball game.

This year CMI students will be treated to the excellent instruction of Olaf Ritman, bandmaster of the Amsterdam Staff Band (ASB), and Barbara Allen, leader of the Western Territorial Staff Songsters.

From 1995 to 2003 Olaf Ritman was a member of the Amsterdam Staff Songsters, and in 2000 he joined the Amsterdam Staff Band on solo cornet. He became deputy bandmaster in 2006 and was appointed staff



bandmaster in 2010. Besides his love for conducting, Olaf writes and arranges music. With the ASB, Olaf has toured Canada, the United Kingdom, Denmark and Finland, has been a guest at several music camps in the U.S. and Canada, and has conducted band weekends throughout Europe. With his wife, Marleen, and children, Julian and Meike, Olaf is a soldier in Ede, the Netherlands, where he is the corps bandmaster and pianist. In his daily life, Olaf is an information technology manager for an educational logistics company.

Barbara Allen is a fifth-generation Salvationist, originally from the United Kingdom, and a graduate of the Guildhall School of Music in London where she studied voice performance. She has a particular love for musical theater, playing the lead roles in productions like "My Fair Lady" and "The Sound of Music." With a singing career that has spanned two decades, Barbara has recorded three solo albums and

performed throughout Europe, the U.S., Canada, Australia and New Zealand. In addition, she works as a professional voice coach, choral director and freelance performing arts consultant for television and theater productions. With her husband, Steve, and sons, James and Jordan, she is a soldier at the Long Beach Citadel, Calif., Corps.



Barbara Allen



Mike Hulett



A Deeper Dive into orange

With the new Sunday school curriculum being implemented next month in the territory, we caught up with Ben Nunes, The Salvation Army's contact at The reThink Group, Inc., which is producing the materials. We asked Ben to "peel this Orange," so to speak. Here's what we found out.

First off, we have to ask, why is the curriculum named Orange? What does it represent?

We use the color orange as a symbol of what can happen when the light of the church (yellow) combines with the heart of the home (red) to align their efforts to impact kids and teenagers. When you take the light of the Church and combine it with the love of the family, you increase the potential to influence kids' lives. We can simplify and say it like this: two combined influences make a greater impact than just two influences.



Ben Nunes

What can we expect out of this curriculum?

Because of the significant alignment between our organizations, we'll partner together to help each corps implement a strategy to do ministry more effectively. This strategy involves getting everyone moving in the same direction, toward the same goal, with an end in mind. Also involved in the strategy is:

- The curriculum you use.
- The people you work with.
- The volunteers you lead.
- The parents you influence.
- The way in which you partner with them.
- How often you work together.
- And what you talk about along the way.

Simplified: expect more than a curriculum. Expect a partnership.

How might it be different than what we've used before?

Unlike what you may have used before and what you're used to, the Orange strategy is designed around a small group model. So you may notice that everything we do, from large group stage production to emails to video is all created with a small group conversation in mind.



If it's web-based material, how do I as a corps officer or teacher access it?

We're currently delivering the content through an app called Schoology. It's accessible online at schoology.com, and each corps has a location-based login given to them by their divisional youth secretary. As an organization, we're transitioning to a new website and delivery system. Once it goes live this summer, we'll migrate all existing users to the new site, including The Salvation Army. For now, Schoology provides a temporary home.

Is there a typical format for lessons? What components or resources are included with each lesson, i.e. stories, games, videos, crafts?

The content you use each week is broken down into what we call, "The Seven Segments." Think of this like a road map for the time with your groups. The segments help make sense of where aspects of the curriculum go and how it all builds to create an experience that lasts longer than the moment.

Here's some of what's included in each lesson:

- Comprehensive and editable large-group scripts that include an opener, Bible story, worship, closer and prayer time
- Small Group discussion plans, guides and devotionals
- Interactive teaching ideas and games
- Teaching/Bible story video
- Preview and bumper videos
- ParentCue activities
- Original monthly songs
- Weekly "God Time" cards
- Graphics for print, web and social media
- Social media plan
- Teaching audio
- Student note pages
- Set design and suggestions
- Daily scripture images and prompts
- Integration with the Lead Small App
- Access to our team of Orange specialists

Can I use Orange if I don't have access to online video streaming in my classroom?

There's no requirement for streaming video, as resources should be downloaded ahead of time which might bring up the question of having TVs or displays in every room. Your large group space will always benefit from TVs and/or projection screens and simple sound equipment. You'll use these for worship, teaching videos, fun times and video invitations to service opportunities. Small group spaces don't require any type of audio/visual equipment. In fact, lots of churches simply gather the kids in a circle on the floor. As an additional option, the content can be presented with a live storyteller and printed visuals.

How early are lessons and supplementary resources accessible?

For "First Look" and "252 Basics," we give content two months in advance, releasing an entire month at a time. For example, we'll release content for all of August on June 1.

XP3 Middle School and High School are a little different since they are released seasonally and include four series each season. For example, on June 1 we'll release the series for the fall season that'll cover three months of content, beginning in August and going through October.

Can the lessons be edited or customized?

Absolutely! We want you to take what we provide and shape it to work within the context of your current ministry. We encourage you to tailor the teaching script or story so it directly speaks to your current context, allows for the master teacher's personality to shine in and through the message, and parallels the personal world and community of your corps.



Is the curriculum age based? If so, how is it divided?

- Yes, and here's the breakdown:
- Children ages 2–5 years old (Preschool): First Look
 - Children kindergarten through 5th grade (Elementary): 252 Basics
 - Students grades 6–8 (Middle School): XP3 Middle School
 - Students grades 9–12 (High School): XP3 High School
 - Adults: Live a Better Story

Are all classes of all ages studying the same lesson?

No, they're not.

At Orange we believe you should design your strategy to make the most of the limited time you have at every phase of a child's life. So the content is designed with child development in mind, and each curriculum strives to meet the needs and questions of the child at that particular phase of growth.

You don't want them to miss that the foundation of their faith is a relationship—not information. That's why we've organized our content to reinforce a personal relationship with God. And we have done it with great intentionality, prioritizing content around how kids learn and what we feel will reinforce this principle in each phase of life. And that looks different at every age. For example, what's most helpful to your preschool learner will be different than what's most relevant and helpful to a junior in high school.

Are there materials to send home with kids for study throughout the week?

In 252 Basics, there's the God Time card that gives them four days of devotions. Also, for 252 there's Studio252.tv which families can access for free at home.



Photos by Captain Kristina Sjogren

Can you explain more about the parent app? How does it work and what is the advantage for me as a corps officer or teacher?

ParentCUE is free for any parent to connect with. This is going to give additional reinforcement of what's happening in the lessons that children are hearing at your corps. Parents can select the age group(s) they want to receive information about. It creates yet another way to connect corps with the homes they serve—and you don't even have to do anything other than let the parents or guardians know it's available to them!

We understand that your company is developing an adult component for The Salvation Army called "Live a Better Story." Please tell us what to expect.

"Live a Better Story" is a multi-generational small group curriculum that helps churches of any size develop a strategy to connect their adults to God's Word in the context of small group conversations.

This downloadable resource gives you everything you need to equip leaders and engage adult attendees regardless of where they are in their faith journey.

Orange sounds great but really different. Given this, will teachers need training? What's available?

Yes! We have an online training course through Schoology, as well as a team of Orange specialists available to walk through any questions they may have.

If I'm having trouble with my online subscription, what do I do? Who do I contact?

As you're getting started, we know you'll have questions or things you need to talk through. If you need help accessing your curriculum, please let us know by reaching out by email at partnersupport@rethinkgroup.org or call us at 866-343-4874.



Territorial Youth Secretary Captain Mary Kim and Reggie Joiner of The reThink Group, Inc.

Orange reimagines Sunday school



Preschool

Preschoolers form their first impression of their Heavenly Father. In "First Look" leaders meet their physical needs, showing God's love in a tangible way. It's more than babysitting—it's laying a critical foundation for faith.



Elementary

Children begin to grow in wisdom, faith and friendship. Kids trust adults to orchestrate and protect their world. In "252 Basics" leaders help kids know what it means to put their trust in Jesus.



Middle School

Youth begin to personalize and own their faith and value their faith community. In "XP3 Middle School" leaders and parents affirm a middle schooler's personal journey.



High School

Teenagers deepen and personalize their faith in Christ as they test beliefs in light of growing life experience and personal awakening. In "XP3 High School" leaders and parents mobilize teens' potential so high schoolers will keep pursuing authentic faith and discover a personal mission.



Adult

Adults grow in their relationship with Christ and apply biblical truths to their everyday lives and worlds in order to live a better story.

Youth at Congress

Youth and young adults will want to engage in these exciting events as part of a **Territorial Youth Councils** during the Congress weekend, June 9-11, 2017!

All-Star Rally with The General

Led by General André and Commissioner Silvia Cox, youth and young adults of the Central Territory will join together for worship led by Phil Laeger and The Singing Company and featuring music by Charlie Green and the Territorial Youth Band and Chorus. The rally on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the Sears Centre will be a celebration of youth and young adults and the vital role they play in our Salvation Army.

Afterglows: epic after-dark experiences for youth and young adults

Main Event

Teens and young adults can enjoy a fun-packed Friday night at Main Event, located within walking distance of the Sears Centre. The afterglow will include snacks and activities like laser tag, gravity ropes, bocce ball and bowling and glow-in-the-dark mini golf. It's free for teens and young adults, ages 13-29, who are registered delegates for Congress and present their name badge at the door.

Cutting-edge Concert



GAWVI

Following the Saturday night united session, youth and young adults will want to stay put to hear three cutting-edge Christian artists.

Kevin Burges (KB) is a Christian hip-hop artist known for his Dove award-winning EP (for Rap/Hip Hop Song of the Year, "100"). He

recently released his second hip-hop studio album, *Tomorrow We Live*.

GAWVI has been able to carve his own path, merging hip-hop, pop and electro to create a sound with a



KB

uniquely global appeal.

Social Club Misfits meshes two distinctive personalities, Marty and Fern, to create an invigorating sound. The self-monikered "Misfits" are redefining the possibilities of what faith-based music can accomplish.

Childcare (up to age 12): fun, high-energy sessions for kids only

Children registered for Congress will enjoy their own worship and activities led by the territorial youth department and Corporate Kids Events, Inc.

Childcare for ages 6-12 with the theme *Mobilize: Go Forth* will be in a tent area just outside the Sears Centre for the Friday night, Saturday morning and during the Sunday meetings. In the event of severe weather, there is a safe place for the children inside the Sears



Social Club Misfits

Centre. There will not be childcare for this age group on Saturday evening. The united session that evening is family friendly with a performance by the United Singing Company comprised of more than 200 youth, ages 7-16, from every division.

Childcare will be available in the Sears Centre for ages five and under during the Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday night and Sunday meetings.

Childcare also will be provided at the Renaissance Hotel in Schaumburg, Ill., for children of officers during Officers' Councils on Friday.

Events for the whole family

Historical exhibits and family-friendly activities with the Territorial Historical Museum can be found at territorial headquarters on Friday and Saturday afternoons.

A "Picnic and Concerts on the Green" at noon, Saturday, is not to be missed!

Families who enjoy being active together may want to participate in the 5K Run for the World on Saturday morning—a great opportunity to get your blood pumping for a good cause!



Joyful Intercessors to be commissioned



Global Village at Congress



Delegates attending the Congress, June 9-11, 2017, will have many interesting and innovative activities to enjoy, including a Global Village during the "Picnic and Concerts on the Green" on Saturday afternoon.

Thirteen booths, representing all 20 New Corps projects, will feature interactive displays and games and give away flag pins representing those countries. In addition, a *Whole World Mobilizing* (WWM) campaign booth will feature information, pins and small WWM flags.

Coordinated by the territorial world missions department and involving all 10 divisions, the Adult Rehabilitation Centers Command, the College for Officer Training and Central Territorial Headquarters, the Global Village should be a fun venue for all ages.

Cadet Kenneth Alip
Cadet Kendra Amick
Cadet Natalie Austin
Cadet Elizabeth Ayala
Cadets Clayton & Haleigh Bledsoe
Cadet Carmon Camp
Cadet Matthew Darrow
Cadets Matthew & Virginia DeGonia
Cadet Ada Diaz Fajardo
Cadets Joseph & Pamela Gates
Cadet Mylie Hadden
Cadets Scott & Amy Hiser

Cadet Jakub Kocyan
Cadet Anil Kumar
Cadet Elysia Nordan
Cadet Elis Pomales Morales
Cadets Stephen & Lilyanna Reinier
Cadet Robyn Shanahan
Cadets Vathana & Donna Thammavongsa
Cadets Jacob & Jessica Turner
Cadets Andrew & Corey Wheeler
Cadet Edward Williams
Cadet Zachary Zumwalt

730... AND BEYOND



5,764 days and counting

by Major Scott Shelbourn

Recently my wife and I completed 15 years of officer-ship. As many of us do when passing a mile marker, I took some time to reflect. I thought about the hundreds of people whose lives have been entangled with mine, blessing me through opportunities to build relationships.

God reminded me of how He's given me the opportunity to engage others in unique ways through my calling. There have been opportunities to discuss God and our place in the world with others, to meet with donors about how they can help the ministry, to serve the least and the lost and families experiencing difficult times, and certainly to share about God's love and forgiveness through preaching and teaching.

I reflected on the pivotal verse when fleshing out my calling to be an officer all those years ago, Acts 1:8 (NIV): "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." I have learned I not only have power to share the gospel but freedom. I can choose to be obedient to His will and especially to answer His call to be an officer.

I am increasingly aware there is no better place to exercise my freedom



in Christ than by being an officer. The Salvation Army has been given power to engage both ends of our society and culture. In our world there are not many opportunities for the least to encounter the rest of society. We are in a unique position to bring people together, no matter their status, so the gospel is shared in word and deed. I have been blessed to be a part of facilitating the process.

My worst day as an officer is 100 times better than any other day I have experienced because God has called me according to His purpose. When I exercise the freedom and power of Christ as an officer, opportunities to share the gospel multiply. While I don't know all the outcomes, I know I'm a changed person because 15 years ago I exercised my freedom to answer God's call.

Newly accepted candidates

**David Meyers and
Wendy Meyers Bautista**

**Des Plaines, Ill., Corps
Metropolitan Division**



David and I met at the Chicago North Side Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) six years ago. We walked through the doors to the ARC for different reasons. Little did we know that by entering the ARC we would find what is most important to us. We not only fell in love with each other and got married; we fell in love with God. Although I accepted Jesus as my Savior at age 12 and was raised in a Christian home, my path was not always straight. David found the Lord at the ARC where I was working. We both found recovery, redemption and restoration in our family relationships but, most importantly, with God through Jesus Christ.

We believe God has been preparing us for ministry as officers through a beautiful blend of the Chicago, Ill., Midway Corps where



David is an intern, and the Des Plaines, Ill., Corps where we soldier and the ARC. We're excited to be able to pursue knowledge of His Word and the opportunity to share it to others.

The Meyers' corps officers are Captains David and Shannon Martinez.

Justin Steckbauer

Escanaba, Mich., Corps

**Wisconsin
and Upper
Michigan
Division**



Christ changed my story in an incredible way five years ago. I used to be a selfish, addicted person with little care for others—or even myself. Thankfully, God heard the prayers of my family and drew me to Himself. I found myself obsessed with reading a Bible my grandfather had given to me. One night I fell onto my knees and cried out to Jesus throwing all my hope upon Him. Christ set me free from all my sins. I was amazed to find Jesus was a real, true living Savior. I knew deep down everyone ought to know Christ. Over time God guided me into the ranks of The Salvation Army, placing on my heart the calling to serve Him as an officer.

Justin's corps officers are Majors Ralph and Debra Hansen.



Learning while “earning” at the CFOT

Devising and promoting creative fundraisers to support the College for Officer Training's (CFOT) 20 New Corps partnership with the India South Eastern Territory, cadets are learning valuable skills for their futures as officers, reports Major Sandy Hunt, distance learning and World Services coordinator at the college. The 20 New Corps initiative is the Central Territory's commitment to build or renovate 20 corps across the world.



It's been all hands on deck as cadets, officers and staff have worked together to conduct several successful fundraisers.

A *Wizard of Oz* movie sing-along raised \$2,400 with participants and guests (many from the community on campus for the first time!) dressing in character and posing at thematic photo stations.

A series of elegant Christmas Teas—with entertainment, craft and bake sales—raised almost \$8,000,

unlimited popcorn on game and movie nights brought in around \$2,000. Other efforts included on-campus delivery of homemade celebration cakes and personalized Valentine's Day cookies, in addition to the college's annual sales of caramel apples and Easter baskets.

Major Sandy said these fundraising endeavors are crucial not only to meeting the college's 20 New Corps goal this year (which will enable the India South Eastern



while bell-ringing at kettles brought in another \$28,800. A pie bake-off with 5\$ tastes of a dozen varieties raised almost \$200, and

Territory to buy land for and build a community hall, sanctuary, quarters and compound wall for the Tanjore Corps), but the college's annual World Services/Self-Denial goal as well.

"When I asked cadets what they learned from these events, several said, 'It takes a lot of work!' But, the cadets also realized creative approaches generate interest and get more people involved. Having a specific, attainable project in mind also helped the cadets to focus," said Major Sandy.

The cadets saw the extra work was worth the effort, not just monetarily but in reaching out to others as evidenced by community people saying they wanted to come back to the college for future events.

Major Sandy concluded, "The creativity I've observed in the cadets bodes well for the future of The Salvation Army!"

A great musical heritage

by Greg Payton

The Eastern Michigan Divisional (EMI) Band, which will perform at the Congress, June 9-11, 2017, is a group of excellent musicians from the Dearborn Heights, Flint,

Port Huron, Royal Oak and Warren corps. They regularly participate and lead music ministries in their corps and annually teach at the divisional music camp.

They've emerged from a great heritage of banding in the division, which



runs parallel with the auto industry of the early 1900s. As auto factories sprang up in southeast lower Michigan, skilled immigrant workers, who were also Salvation Army bandmen, landed in cities like Detroit, Flint, Port Huron, Dearborn and Royal Oak. The very first immigrants came from Canada; soon after word spread of good jobs and Salvation Army band fellowship in Michigan. Many others followed from England, Scotland and Ireland.

For instance, here's an account of how bandmen were first recruited for the Flint Citadel Band as told on the band's website. One morning in 1904 Mr. David Buick, who was an internal combustion engineer, said to his factory foreman, William E. Beacraft (who happened to be Flint Citadel's corps sergeant-major): "Beacraft, we must hire more mechanics, and it's up to you to find them." Beacraft smiled as he agreed to carry out this assignment; this was an answer to his prayer. He knew where men could be found—not only skilled mechanics, but also dedicated

Salvationists and bandmen. Beacraft contacted his home corps in Guelph, Ontario, Canada, and soon families began arriving. Today, there are men and women in the Flint Citadel Band and now the EMI Divisional Band with family ties to those early recruits, carrying on a music ministry that is still strong and relevant.

In addition to the EMI Divisional Band, the Royal Oak, Mich., Corps Songsters will perform at the Congress. One of the premier songster brigades in the territory, this impressive 40-member mixed voice choir is led by Doug Holman and ministers each Sunday at their corps.

The songsters hold an impressive annual Thanksgiving Concert which brings hundreds of people through the doors of the corps. They also travel and minister regularly throughout the United States and Canada. Recently, the Royal Oak Songsters completed an exchange visit with the Meadowlands Corps Band from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Blessings in Bolivia

by Jon Heaver

Music and Gospel Arts Director
Kansas/Western Missouri

In the Cochabamba Mountains with the magnificent Christ the Redeemer Statue visible, a team from the Kansas and Western Missouri Division (KWM) provided instruction earlier this year to 100 students at the Bolivia Central Divisional Music Camp.

Major courses included three band classes, one choir class and three timbrel classes, supplemented by Bible study, theory and a variety of electives including praise and interpretive dance, theory, guitar and bass guitar, percussion and piano. Each full and intensive day began at 7:45 a.m. and concluded with an evening program.

Near the end of camp, all students presented a festival at the Cochabamba Central Corps, led by Lts. Martin and Sandra Agulair. So many family and friends came to support them there was standing



Abigail Rodriguez and Fati Garcia

room only. A challenging devotional by Lt. Sandra served as a capstone for the week's teachings.

Fittingly, the camp concluded with a Sunday worship service, where team leader Major Rick Carroll delivered a powerful sermon on Psalm 139. Halfway through the message, after a dramatic scripture reading by Lt. Martin, the altars began to fill with campers and leaders offering their prayers and tears to the Lord. Despite language barriers, it was obvious the Holy Spirit was moving in a powerful way and many had grown in their relationships with Jesus.

Two exceptional campers, Eryana Bolivar and Abigail Rodriguez, will attend Central Music Institute (CMI) this summer through scholarships graciously provided by the Central territorial music and gospel arts department.

In addition to Major Rick Carroll, team members included Major Barbara Carroll, John Stewart, Victor Marquina, Rebecca Tekautz and myself.



Jon Heaver and Eryana Bolivar



Summer Mission Teams announced

Eighteen Central Territory teens and young adults representing nine divisions will be joined by four Salvationists from other territories for an exciting summer of ministry

both in the Midwest and overseas.

Pray for these young people as they boldly proclaim the gospel, grow in their own faith and effectively serve others in Christ's name.

CAST (Creative Arts Service Team)

Sandra Cabrera*	Wichita Citadel, Kan., Corps
Georice Thomas	Menasha Fox Cities, Wis., Corps
Jacob Wise	Holland, Mich., Corps
Keziah Selma	Philippines Territory
Mitchell Borum	USA Southern Territory

Moldova

Elines Flores*	New Albany, Ind., Corps
Melissa Christiansen	Norfolk, Neb., Corps
Marcarius Coakley	Royal Oak, Mich., Corps
Kelsey Strand	Elgin, Ill., Corps

Costa Rica

Joshua Hubbard*	Wayne/Westland, Mich., Corps
Shannon Cabrera	Wichita Citadel, Kan., Corps
Christopher Irvine	Dearborn Heights Citadel, Mich., Corps
Kaleigh Wise	Holland, Mich., Corps

Central Territory

Briana Stagers*	Chicago, Ill., Harbor Light Corps
Brittany Grulkowski	Oak Creek Centennial, Wis., Corps
Laura Fekete	Hungary
Cintia Szabó	Hungary

India South Eastern

Macy Theriot*	Minneapolis Temple, Minn., Corps
Jervias Johnson	Sterling-Rock Falls, Ill., Corps
Madison Ledbetter	Port Huron, Mich., Corps
Jose Lopez-Morales	Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps
Mai Khou Vang	St. Paul Citadel, Minn., Corps

* Team Leader



Good as gold

With a zest for ministry that belies her years, retired officer Major Mary

Reinking continues to keep active at the Dearborn Heights Citadel, Mich., Corps where Corps Officers Majors Jim and Pat Irvine and the congregation treasure her.

Each week Major Mary energetically leads the Sunday school opening: playing piano, leading songs, reading scripture and presenting a devotional. Having accepted Christ herself through Sunday school, Major Mary is committed to this ministry.

A child of officers, Mary earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and Bible from Vennard Bible College. She felt drawn to missions but not officership. By graduation, her classmates all seemed to have a firm idea for where their lives were going, but she didn't have a clue about her own life! "I just wanted my parents to be proud of me and worked hard to get good grades," Mary recalled.



elementary school for physically challenged children in Tanzania and cared for 100 high-school girls in Kenya. She took educational leave in the 1980s to earn an associate's degree in nursing and become licensed as a practical nurse, then returned to Africa to care for older adults in Zimbabwe. After spending nearly 20 years overseas, she returned to the U.S. in 1990 to spend her last years in corps and social service ministries before retiring.

In the 23 years since retirement, she's been active at the Madison, Ind., Corps, cared for elderly relatives, and has served at the Dearborn Heights Corps, where she is currently the women's ministries chaplain.

A ministry especially close to Major Mary's heart, however, is bellringing. "I got a social security card at age 13 just so I could ring bells in downtown Detroit!" the major declared.

This past Christmas, she had just started praying for God's glory to shine around the corps' bellringers as described of the shepherds in Luke 2:9, when the major got a gold coin in her kettle! The Kroger grocery store manager was so thrilled he had a big cake baked with an image of a gold coin on top!

Finally, she realized her calling to the mission field could be accomplished through officership, which she found strangely comforting, "as long as it wasn't Africa," she added. "But, I put my fleece out in faith and, of course, that's where I was sent! That's when my parents said they'd always wanted to serve in Africa but felt duty-bound to stay at the adult rehabilitation center to continue collecting scrap metal and paper for the World War II effort."

In Africa, Major Mary founded an

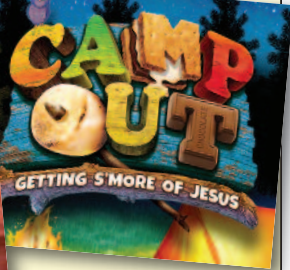


2017 VBS on the horizon!

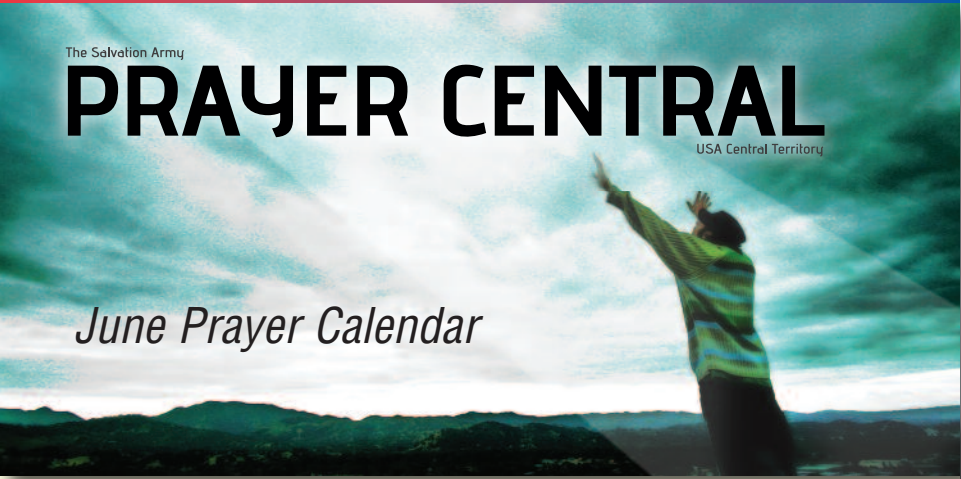
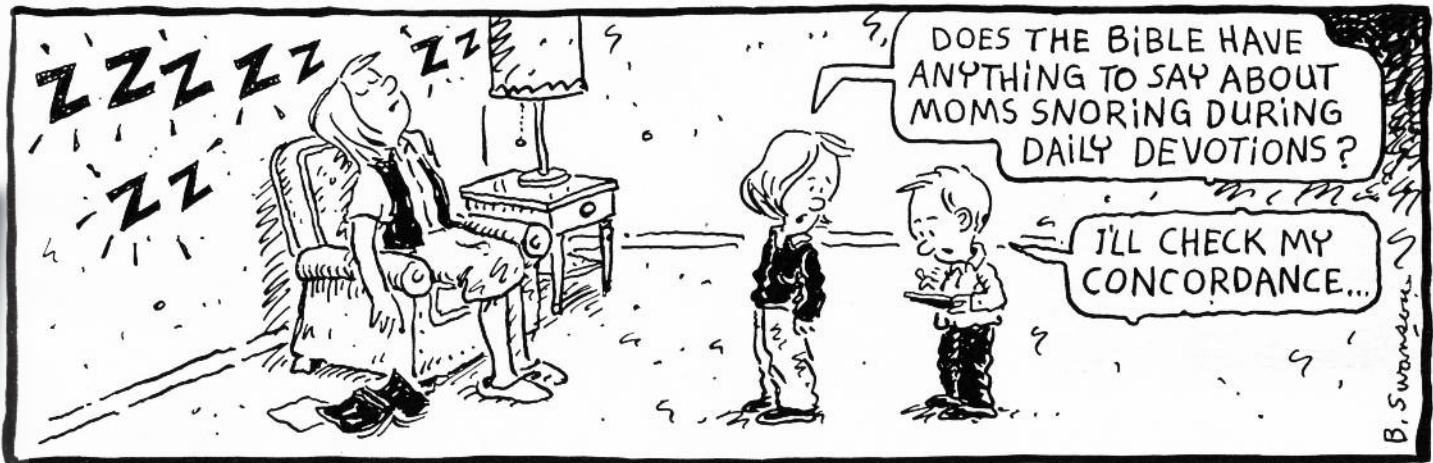
Summer is coming! Start planning now for a fun-filled vacation Bible school to reach the kids in your community for Jesus!

Resource information has been sent with exciting new program options to all Salvation Army locations.

Place your order using the instructions in your package to get great savings on your materials.



--Mustard Seeds--



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

Go to www.salarmycentral.org
If you follow the prayer calendar during the year, you will have read through the Bible!

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



Klammers on the march

by Rae Baer

Surrounded by friends, family, soldiers, officers and sessionmates, Majors John and Rachel Klammer "marched forth" into retirement after having most recently served as chaplains at the Kansas City, Mo., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC). With a combined 66 years of service, the majors represented the 1983 "Heralds of Hope" and the 1984 "Servants of God" sessions.

Together they've lived out their session names in ministry—through sickness and in health. Although Major Rachel's diagnosis of Parkinson's came as a shock, the disease wasn't a surprise to God who has used it in her continued ministry. Not one to back down or give up in

adversity, Major Rachel has raised almost \$20,000 for Parkinson's research.

The Klammers' retirement service was held at the Kansas City Northland, Mo., Corps and was officiated by Lt. Colonels Daniel and Rebecca Sjögren. Major Randall Posley, ARC commander, read scripture and offered a prayer of dedication, and tributes were shared by people representing the many lives touched by the Klammers' ministry and friendship.

Considering themselves "wanderers," Majors John and Rachel served in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Missouri for a total of 10 appointments in six divisions. A slide presentation illustrated many of their appointments accompanied by an arrangement Major Rachel wrote of "The Wanderer" by Dion. She also wrote a song for her sessionmate and good friend, Major Carla Voeller, to perform.

Growing up Rachel attended the Champaign, Ill., Corps and was called to officership at camp. John attended the Port Huron, Mich., Corps and received his calling at divisional youth councils. He was contemplating a second term of service with the U.S. Navy when he unexpectedly received a bulky envelope from the divisional youth secretary with an application for training. God threw open the door so John could enter with the next session!



Photo by Rae Baer



Mobilize VIGORously

In support of *The Whole World Mobilizing*, the General's international campaign encouraging Salvationists to spread the gospel and daily put their faith into action, the Central Territory is in the midst of a year-long focus on personal spiritual disciplines to enable Salvationists to mobilize for outreach.

Called *Mobilize VIGORously*, this spiritual-life emphasis examines:

- V**isioning spiritual renewal
- I**nward disciplines fostering depth
- G**ratITUDE that enriches
- O**utward disciplines fostering community
- R**estoring ourselves, our families, our communities.

"As we practice spiritual disciplines to enhance our personal relationships with God, the needs of others come into our consciousness and view. Our natural tendencies toward self-interest and self-absorption are replaced with concern and a desire to care for others," said Major David Gorton, territorial evangelism and corps growth secretary.

Each month a different theme focuses on a set of spiritual disciplines. Bulletin inserts are available as are daily readings, weekly family focus and discussion starters and other resources relating to the initiative on Facebook (Evangelism and Corps Growth—The Salvation Army USA Central Territory).



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

Please join us in remembrance.

Sunday, May 21— 3:00 p.m.

**Glen Oak Cemetery
4301 W. Roosevelt Road
Hillside, IL 60162**

This is the great question

by Lt. Colonel Daniel Sjögren
Territorial Ambassador for Holiness

One day while walking with his followers, Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." (Matthew 16:24, NASB) From this verse we see the determining factor in discipleship was giving up something they already had. Were they willing to give up their sins, to die to themselves and to deny themselves? This was the great question.

Christians find it easy to seek joy or peace, but we aren't as willing to die to ourselves. The church that calls for self-denial has never been popular, and it never will be. If we could offer a religion without interfering



with sinful pleasure, sinful appetite and sinful passions, multitudes might be willing to accept it.

Maybe this is why it is difficult to get people to gather at the altar for prayer. They would rather raise a hand or sign a card. To come forward in the presence of the congregation and kneel in submission before God is unpleasant and unpopular.

But it's necessary for us to do the unpopular thing and to die to ourselves and all that is displeasing to God so our hearts can become pure and our lives are in full submission to Him. This is the great question. Are you willing to give up your sins?



Donation "sqwenches" need

An innovative disaster relief trailer was recently donated to the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division's emergency disaster services (EDS) by the Sqwincher Corporation, a leading manufacturer of heat and cold stress hydration products.

Featuring an air conditioning unit, a built-in sink and cooler and ample storage for distribution of emergency refreshments, the trailer is being equipped with a radio mobile communications unit so it can serve as a hub for SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network) communication transmissions during disaster relief operations. The trailer's rear and side panels can be raised horizontally to provide shelter and further facilitate distribution of refreshments, making it also ideal for dual-purpose ministry outreaches in northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan (WUM)—a first for this region—from its base in Eagle River, Wis.

WUM Divisional Commander Major Steven Merritt said the donation allows EDS to broaden its reach in terms of the number of people it can now serve. "Not only are we going to be able to communicate effectively to the residents of a particular community during an emergency but help sustain them with supplies of hydration products and other necessities," he said.

The idea for the trailer donation germinated when The Salvation Army and Sqwincher joined efforts to help storm survivors after historic flooding in Baton Rouge, La., last



Major Steven Merritt accepts the disaster trailer donation from Connie Huck, president of Kent Precision Foods Group, Sqwincher's parent company, and Charlie Hodges, Kent Food's marketing director.

summer. EDS personnel helped store and distribute 47 pallets of hydrating drinks and other products donated by Sqwincher during the response.

Also new for the division's northern region is an integrated disaster services team being built around the trailer by Paul Clay, divisional SATERN coordinator, who lives in Eagle River.

When the trailer was delivered to Eagle River, Paul mentioned the need for an on-board generator during a television news broadcast. A woman promptly called the Army and donated \$2,000 to cover the purchase! Interestingly, Paul got involved in SATERN in the first place after Bill Shillington, territorial SATERN coordinator and disaster operations chief, purchased a summer home in Eagle River and began speaking about SATERN to various ham radio clubs in the area!

"This high-energy team has taken ownership of the project and raised the Army's exposure to the region," said Kevin Ellers, territorial EDS coordinator, who added this is the first Sqwincher trailer in the nation as part of a pilot program.