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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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Baillies honored at retirement service

International service, focus on discipleship lauded

Torrential rains and flooding throughout the Chicago area couldn't keep hundreds of Salvationists from attending the retirement service of Commissioners Ken and Joy Baillie. The crowds came to celebrate the Baillies' ministry and express gratitude for their leadership; in return, they received a blessing.

For while reflecting joyfully on this couple who've committed their lives to serving God and the adventure it's taken them on, there emerged clear themes that apply to us all. God's care is providential; His faithfulness steadfast. God's plans for each of us are bigger than our

own. He is gracious in even allowing us to be a part of His mission for the salvation of the world.

In addition to the territory's officers and soldiers, friends and family from across the U.S. and even Canada, spanning childhood, corps appointments and even days in the Eastern Europe Command, came for the occasion.

Tributes were rich with imagery and humor but most importantly substance, befitting the people they praised. Again and again the Baillies' touchstones for life and ministry emerged: a love for God's Word, equality for women in ministry,



General dedicates International Social Justice Commission Headquarters



General Shaw Clifton officially dedicated to God the work of the International Social Justice Commission at its new headquarters on East 52nd Street, Manhattan, N.Y., in a gathering where international guests, representatives from the nearby United Nations and Salvationists joined Commissioner Christine MacMillan, director, in highlighting the commission's aim: "Seeking Justice Together."

Delighted to see his vision for this commission being fulfilled, the General announced, "This is an historic day for The Salvation Army. It is the official birthing of our International Social Justice Commission, not far from the United Nations. It is not a day to pat ourselves on the back but, rather, it is a day to give glory to God.

"The establishing of our new International Social Justice Commission is designed to give

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stewardship and simplicity, a standard of excellence, and discipleship.

Having served in three appointments with the Baillies, Lt. Colonels Harry and Barbara Brocksieck presented a hilarious profile about their contrasting styles and personalities but also significant commonalities. Especially amazing was the illustration of Commissioner Joy Baillie's

work with an Armenian to rehab an apartment acquired for them as territorial leaders when re-opening the Army's ministry in Russia. Though he was skeptical at first, she not only won his admiration with her good sense and creativity but was such a fine witness that at the end of the project he exclaimed, "When can you bring The Salvation Army to

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Find a quiet place

by Major Richard Vander Weele
Territorial Secretary for Program

This summer I had the opportunity to participate in the National Seminar on Evangelism (NSE) at Glen Eyrie, a Navigators retreat center nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. The beauty of the surroundings enhances the NSE experience, while the venue's retreat format compels participants to forgo business back home and to experience God's presence. Glen Eyrie encourages visitors to share the Psalmist's experience to "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

There are no televisions at Glen Eyrie, no morning newspaper in the lobby and a firewall prevents con-

nection to internet radio programming. Most of us are not accustomed to restrictions placed on our access to instant communication, information and entertainment while away from home. But the Navigators wisely designed their retreat so guests could experience God in a new, very personal way. I have to admit, the first couple of days were a bit unsettling for me.

Then, you begin to feel it: the quiet, spiritual milieu of your surroundings. The cry of an eagle flying overhead, the ping of rain drops bouncing off a terrace, the echo of thunder as it rolls through rock valley walls. I didn't hear a siren all



week, no thunderous vibration of an airliner landing or the partying of a neighbor down the block. What I did experience was a personal encounter with God through the peacefulness of the setting. Coupled with an incredible display of God's handiwork on a canvas of color splashed across rocks, trees and streams, I could not help but see the purposeful design of God, the Creator, in the beauty all around me.

John Oxenham must have experienced something similar when he penned these words:

*'Mid all the traffic of the ways,
turmoils without, within,
Make in my heart a quiet place,
and come and dwell therein:*

*A little shrine of quietness,
all sacred to thyself,
Where thou shalt all my soul
possess,
and I may find myself:*

*A little place of mystic grace,
of self and sin swept bare,
Where I may look into thy face,
and talk with thee in prayer.*

*Come, occupy my silent place,
and make thy dwelling there!
More grace is wrought in
quietness
than any is aware."*

Want an incredible spiritual experience? Take some time, find a quiet place, be still and know God.

National Seminar on Evangelism calls for courage

by Paul Luhn

While one group of delegates engaged homeless teenagers in a park, another helped serve meals on the soup run to the hungry in Colorado Springs. Three delegate groups went to a mall to "shop and share;" one compassionately listened to broken families living in The Salvation Army's Hope Center.

The only thing more exciting than watching God transform a life is being used by God to make that transformation possible! This is exactly what happened at the National Seminar on Evangelism. As delegates and staff joined together to sing, pray and learn about evange-



"This is a great time to be a Salvationist," he boldly proclaimed as delegates sat on the edge of their seats and yelled back, "Amen!"

During the week small groups opened their hearts and learned to listen to others' stories, earn the opportunity to share their stories, and then share Jesus' story. The curriculum, Bill Hybels' book *Just Walk Across the Room*, teaches people to boldly follow the Holy Spirit's promptings.

New friendships were formed as delegates came from as far away as Alaska and Hawaii, Florida and New York. As the final day dawned at Glen Eyrie, God's blessing was

poured out in a powerful way as officers and soldiers committed themselves to "walk across the room" back home to the hurting, lonely, broken and dejected to share the love of Christ.

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lism and discipleship, we realized anew God wants to use us to reach lost people. After returning from a day of ministry, many found new hope that sharing the gospel is not that hard after all!

Commissioner Israel L. Gaither, national commander, urged delegates to be courageous in evangelization.

With the Word of God as our foundation, we as a Christ-centered and praying people will glorify God by becoming a spiritually healthy community of believers who are committed to wholehearted service and ministry in The Salvation Army.

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

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Baillies retire

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"Whatever they've been appointed to, whether corps or administration, soldiers have been important to them," she reflected.

In tandem, the Baillies' daughters Kathy and Linda, gave a warm glimpse into their parents' personal lives and ministry. "Truly the things God has done through our parents are too numerous to count, but it's our great privilege to try," they said. Chiefly, they mentioned their parents' creativity and desire to be lifelong learners.

"We hold in our memories the powerful image of parents focused on God's Word, knowing and sharing it...Is there any better legacy than to have made disciples?" they asked rhetorically. They referenced their parents' love of bringing people into community with Christ and in a corps. "We feel their heart for corps is what has made them such good administrators."

The morning was enriched with a glorious conglomeration of classic and contemporary music by the Chicago Staff Band (CSB) and the Norridge Citadel Songsters. The highlight was undoubtedly the beautiful ballad, "He's always been faithful," by vocalist Heidi Strand and the CSB.

Commissioner Eva D. Gaither, national president of women's organizations, read from Psalm 128; later National Commander Commissioner Israel L. Gaither based his com-

ments about priestly garments and service on Exodus 28 during the retirement ceremony. Masterful as always, he wove together scripture and details of the Baillies' service. "Thank you for teaching us what



who believed in them, while Commissioner Joy Baillie shared a few highlights of her life, not always fully understanding what her steps in faith meant but trusting God to do the very best for her. What a fulfilling officership it's been. She exclaimed, "God uses ordinary people to do His work."

it is to serve," said the national commander. "You have worn your priestly garments with dignity, humility and joy."

In succinct responses, Commissioner Ken Baillie expressed thanks to many, especially to his wife, and acknowledged Salvation Army leaders



Photos by Jim Strobel

Armenia?"

Representing soldiers, Mrs. Donna Dunkley from Windsor, Ontario, Canada, who was a member of their last corps appointment and has known the Baillies for over 30 years, recited an original poem that was both articulate and clever. Themes of progressive ministry, hard work and faith permeated her poem. Today, Donna's corps, along with many other across the globe, uses *Discipleship Training* which was produced by the Central Territory because of the Baillies' vision.



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strong and articulate support to social justice initiatives by Salvationists around the world. It will also allow us to network intelligently and sensitively with international bodies, like the United Nations in New York, in Geneva, in Vienna and in Nairobi. All this is, as far as we are concerned, simply a further step of obedience to God."

The significance of his words was emphasized by the presence of The Salvation Army's UN representatives from Vienna, Major Elisabeth Frei, and Geneva, Major Sylvette Huguenin.



Liberato Bautista, president of the UN Conference of Non-Government Organizations

The General continued: "I would not wish anyone to think that the Army has been uninvolved hitherto in matters of social justice or social action—far from it—but the creation of the commission gives a renewed, modern focus to it all and provides a previously missing element of intentional coordination across the 115 lands in which currently we work."

Adding weight to the "Seeking Justice Together" theme, he also pointed out: "We do not think naively that we can solve the social justice questions by ourselves, but we will do what we can and we will partner with others. We seek to reaffirm and renew our role in social justice advocacy. We need to stand with Jesus!"

The General thanked Commissioner MacMillan and her staff, those who had helped the commission become established, and USA Eastern territorial leaders Commissioners Lawrence and Nancy Moretz and Greater New York divisional leaders Majors Guy and Henrietta Klemanski for their timely help in acquiring and refitting the building in which the commission is now housed.

Emphasizing that dealing with social justice issues can be rough and stormy terrain, with costly direct actions required, the General cited examples of when the Army had taken social action during diffi-

cult times. This included reference to General Bramwell Booth, during the First World War, threatening to open a series of bakeries to make and sell bread at cost price if commercial bakeries wouldn't lower their prices to consumers. General Booth felt that the bakers were exploiting the crisis of war by profiteering. His threats worked and the prices came down, and the Army did not have to open their 'at cost' bakeries. It was a clear indication of social justice in action.

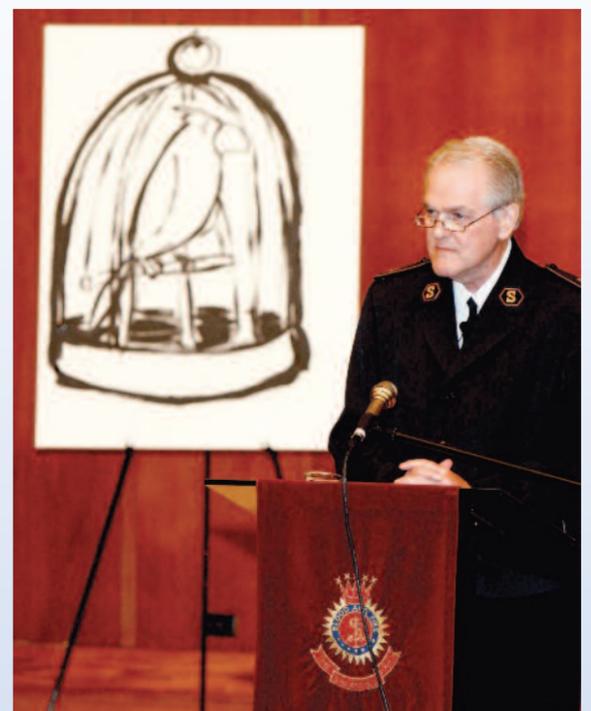
In addition, the General gave a contemporary example of social justice in the UK where the Army was involved, along with other Christian action groups, in getting sexual services advertising removed from free newspapers. It took persistent, widespread action, including continual letters to the editors for more than a year from several writers, including Commissioner Helen Clifton, but finally their actions were successful.

Commissioner MacMillan, in affirming the General's comments, declared that "the price of silence is

far too high."

As representative from the United Nations, the president of the UN Conference of Non-Government Organizations, Liberato Bautista, spoke of the essential need for God's will to be done "on earth as it is in heaven." Solidarity with the world's poor, oppressed and marginalized is not optional, he said. "We embrace social justice principles so that the world might believe."

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Prayer Warriors warmly welcomed

With the printed program for the evening designed to look like a prayer journal, the "Prayer Warriors" session was publicly welcomed at the Mayfair Community Church (corps) in Chicago. Special guests were national leaders Commissioners Israel L. and Eva D. Gaither.

It was a full house in spite of heavy rains (the neighborhood was flooded the next day). But it was a Friday night, and the mood inside was celebratory with people eager to meet the 30 cadets of the class of 2010.

After an exuberant march, "Powerpoint" played by the Chicago Staff Band, Commissioner Ken Baillie, territorial commander, welcomed the crowd to "this international corps."

A drama by the



second-year "Witnesses for Christ" concerned a job ad for a fulltime prayer warrior requiring "good listening and people skills, the ability to pray at a moment's notice, Bible knowledge a plus." Scripture woven throughout the drama revealed it's a job for everyone, even without qualifications because "training is included!"

The Prayer Warriors—accompanied by their corps officers, corps sergeant-majors or, in some touching instances, officer parents or relatives—were introduced by Majors Andrew and Cheryl Miller, territorial candi-



dates' secretaries. One cadet in charge of his corps brought himself!

For a deeper look at a warrior, Commissioner Joy Baillie, territorial president of women's ministries, interviewed Cadet Bersabe Vera-Hernandez, a child of officers in Mexico who was challenged in early adulthood to come to the Kansas and Western Missouri Division to start Hispanic ministries.

Majors Paul and Paula Fleeman, College for Officer Training principal and director of campus services, respectively, presented the session flag and explained its significance.

Commissioner Eva Gaither read the scripture and reflected on the 45 years of service she and her husband achieved this past June. When Commissioner Israel Gaither took the podium, he recalled his first day of training, arriving "thin, handsome, with a big Afro—and they let me stay!"



On a more serious note, he told the cadets they're engaging in sacred work during a



daunting time to minister in America. He outlined four confidences we can claim from a close relationship with God but warned, "You can't expect to get a revelation from God if you're not on speaking terms with Him." Because of Paul's relationship with God, he could confidently claim in Phil. 4:11-19, "I have...", "I know...", "I can..." and "God will..."

Accompanied by "Here I am wholly available," people lined the altar. Afterwards, 10 individuals, their diversity reflecting the Army's internationalism, indicated their desire to pursue officership.



Photos by Jim Strobel



Last session member

Ryan Hulett

Dearborn Heights, Mich., Corps Eastern Michigan Division

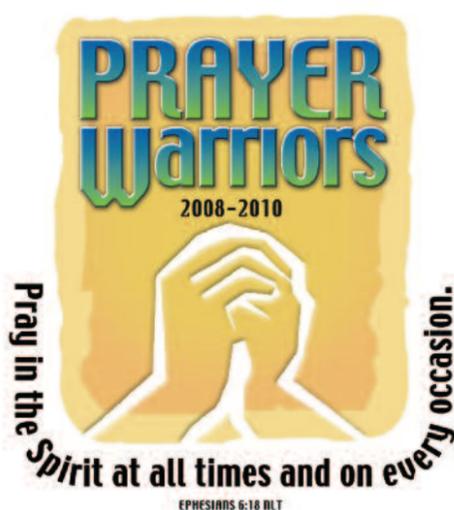
Living in Kentucky and Florida in his early life, Ryan Hulett's family arrived in the Dearborn Heights, Mich., area just as he was to begin school. However, life in school was not always easy for Ryan, and after difficult teenage years he joined the Marines.

While Ryan was in the Marines he was saved. "Christ called me out of sin and into fellowship with Him," Ryan said. "Confessing sin and receiving Christ, I crucified the old man and became a new creation."

Right after that dramatic change, Ryan felt a call to



Christine Merritt.



officership and prayed for confirmation. It came the very next day as the Holy Spirit solidified the calling in Ryan's heart without a doubt.

Ryan is excited to have joined up with a new band of warriors, Prayer Warriors to be exact. His corps officers are Majors Steve and

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CMI: God's moment

by Martin Rowden

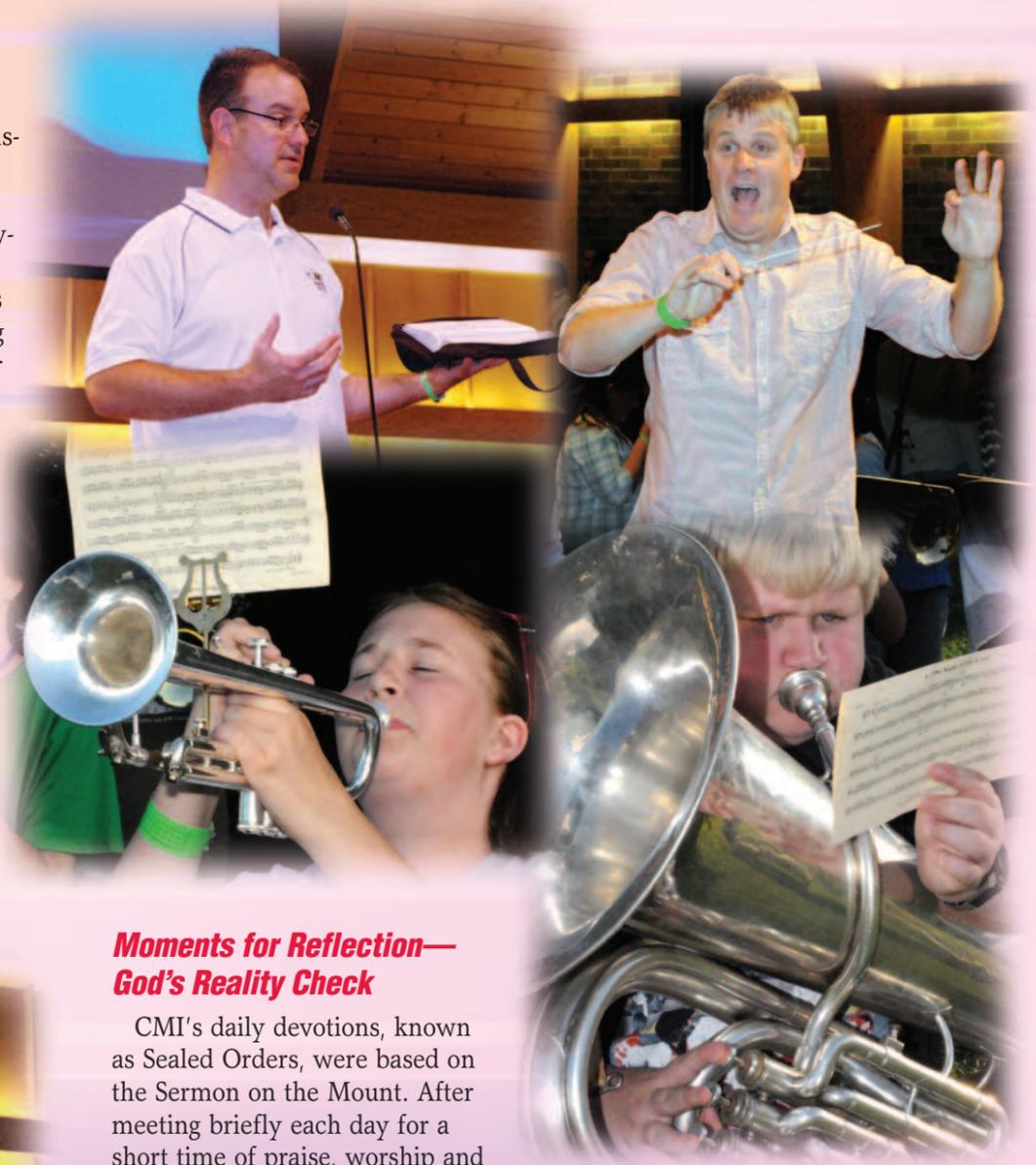
Central Music Institute (CMI) '08 was not only "the place to be," but it was the place to be blessed. Two hundred and twenty six students from all divisions in the territory, South America, the United Kingdom, Sweden and other USA territories combined with 77 staff for an intense week of study, music making and fun.

Andrew and Stella Mackereth, with their two children, Ellie and Josh, returned as guests and proved to be outstanding teachers, musicians and Salvationists. Many students knew the Mackereths from 2007, so an excellent rapport was evident from the start. The return of a guest for two consecutive years was an unusual occurrence, the last one being Eric Ball in 1963 and 1964.

On arrival students were registered quickly, tested and auditioned, and assigned to theory classes, electives and one of several bands and choruses by an efficient administration process and well prepared staff. During one staff meeting CMI Director William Himes reminded us of the songster piece, "God's Moment," written by Flora Larsson:

*This is God's moment,
God's moment for you
A moment so solemn,
yet joyous and new
Forgiven is all sinning,
real life is beginning
For this is God's moment
for you.*

He made us aware that during CMI there would be plenty of God's moments for all of us—and there were.



Moments for Reflection— God's Reality Check

CMI's daily devotions, known as Sealed Orders, were based on the Sermon on the Mount. After meeting briefly each day for a short time of praise, worship and teaching, students were seen throughout the camp grounds reflecting on a different beatitude (beautiful attitude). Chaplain Captain Tom McComb prepared excellent material for each day, including probing questions to ponder. Each evening's program ended with a challenging devotional thought from Captain McComb. This theme was reinforced in Bill Himes' message on the opening Sunday, when he likened the Beatitudes to God's "Bucket List," things we must do and be in this life.

Moments of Fun and Recreation

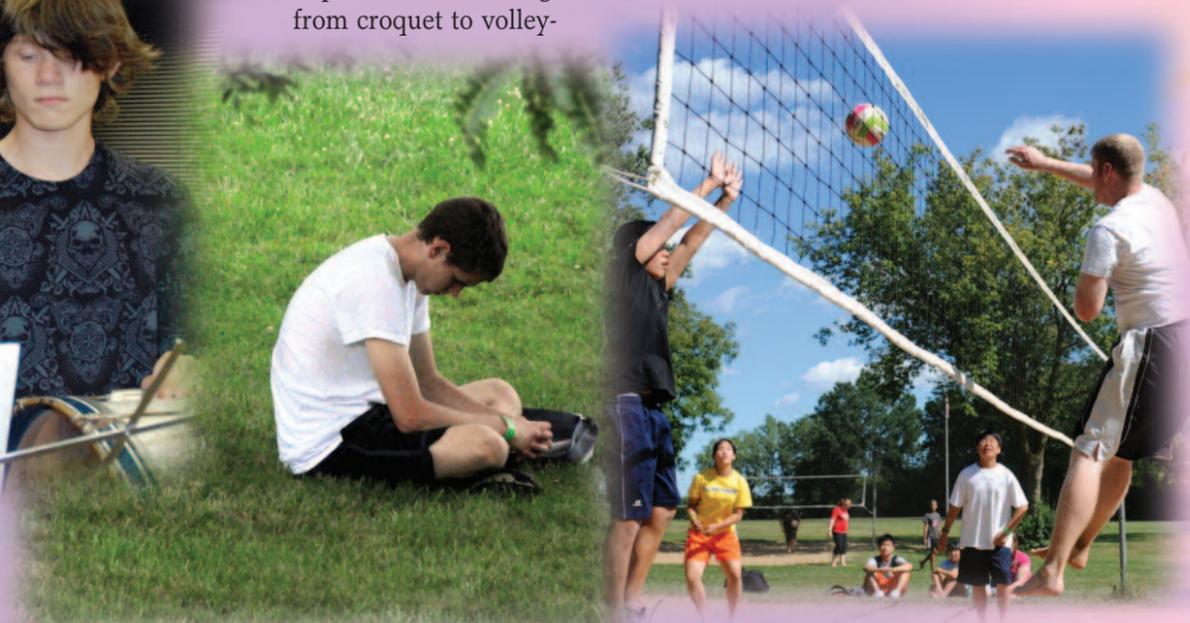
Free time was plentiful and balanced the intense work undertaken in music/arts activities. This year's recreation program was organized by Dan Bell and ranged from croquet to volley-

ball. Softball was popular, but perhaps not so much fun for the students as both the men's and women's faculty swept the students in their respective games!

After four evenings of marching practice at flag lowering, students and staff were ready to "attack" Great America, witnessing as they marched in CMI t-shirts and Salvation Army uniforms, playing "Shout to the Lord" and "Lord I lift your name on high."

Moments to Learn

At various times during the day students could be seen concentrating during theory lessons and Bible classes, waving their arms around during conducting classes, or enthusiastically participating in one of the many other electives available to them from praise band to choreography to visual arts.





Moments of Excellence in Music Making

You might expect a great emphasis on musical performance during a music institute. From the "Festival Piece on St Anne" (Hilltop Chorus) to the contemplative song "The Lord is my Shepherd" (Booth Chorale) and "Find Us Faithful" (Shagbark Band) to the drama of "The Holy War" (Wonderland Band), the standard of all choirs and bands was amazing.

Lt. Colonels Paul R. and Carol Seiler, chief secretary and territorial coordinator for strategic mission planning, were on hand for the weekend festivities and presented the many awards and scholarships made possible through alumni, families and friends of CMI. (See list below.) A great cheer was reserved as the highest honor, the Ben Merritt Award, was presented to Matthew Luhn (Quincy, Ill.).

Moments of Inspiration

Almost every evening program showed evidence of meaningful spiritual impact, especially during the guest appearance of the territorial drama team, the Bill Booth Theater Company, which performed the first Saturday evening. The group provided an outstanding variety of dramatic sketches and parables, including a virtuoso rendering of the Old Testament in 20 minutes.

"PM Praise with the Mackereths" on the first Sunday evening provided another opportunity for them to share their musical talents and testimony. The

evening concluded with a message from first-year staffer David Witthoff, who challenged students to establish a disciplined daily walk in God's Word.

There is no doubt that students and staff were challenged by God's "reality check" and the importance of living a biblical life. They chose to spend moments with God at the mercy seat throughout the week. On the final Sunday morning, Colonel Paul Seiler preached from the passage immediately following The Beatitudes in Matthew 5, challenging all CMIers to return home to be salt and light for Jesus' sake. As

CMI 2008 drew to a close with the singing of "I want to live right," many more responded in prayerful commitment.

Yes CMI 2008 was the place to be—and it was truly God's moment for all of us.



Central Music Institute 2008 Award Winners

Shagbark Band (1st Place)
Mariles Hood (St. Charles Tri-City, Ill.)
Frank and Gladys Botu Award

Temple Band (1st Place)
Scott Klassen (Kalamazoo, Mich.)
Ruth Hatfield Scholarship

Hilltop Chorus (1st Place)
Kari Gorton (Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.)
Victor Danielson Scholarship

Tabernacle Band (1st Place)
Taylor McComb (Kalamazoo, Mich.)
Paton Family Scholarship

Citadel Band (1st Place)
Clayton Cox (Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.)
William Broughton Scholarship

Booth Chorale (1st Place)
Michael Richardson (Ft. Dodge, Iowa)
Douglas Norris Scholarship

Wonderland Band (1st Place)
Fredrik Lundberg (Stockholm South, Sweden)
William and Katherine Scarlett Scholarship

Ernest and Mary Miller Vocal Soloist Award
Arielle Mantel (Norridge Citadel, Ill.)

Marjorie Marshall Piano Award
Jacob Louks (Port Huron, Mich.)

Flint Citadel Uden-McDougall Percussion Award
Lemard Fields (Chicago Englewood, Ill.)

Ray Wright Tuba Award
Brendan Johnson (Clinton, Iowa)

Earle Hanton Euphonium Award
Taylor McComb (Kalamazoo, Mich.)

John R. Cheyne Trombone Award
Jon Leisher (Grand Rapids Fulton Heights Citadel, Mich.)

Howard Chesham Horn Award
Robyn Winters (Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.)

Ron Rowland Cornet Award
Ian Hunt (Grand Rapids Fulton Heights Citadel, Mich.)

Harry Strissel Most Improved Musician Award
Joshua Miller (Minneapolis Harbor Light, Minn.)

Ramsdale-Jaudes-Boyer Rookie Award
Allison Cox (Escanaba, Mich.)

Fischer Award (Conducting)
Erica Johnson (Chicago Mayfair Community Church, Ill.)
Rob Moushey (St. Louis Gateway Citadel, Mo.)
Fredrik Lundberg (Stockholm South, Sweden)

Bernard Smith Conducting Award
Jonathan Heaver (Royal Oak, Mich.)

Lois and Len Duguay Spirit of CMI Award
Peter McBride (Norridge Citadel, Ill.)

Ben Merritt Award
Matthew Luhn (Quincy, Ill.)
Arthur Shoults Scholarship

Crosby O'Neil Cornet
Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps



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Omaha celebrates success



The First National Bank team, along with Big O 101.9 morning personality "Tommy O" and Casey the Lion from the Omaha Royals stand proudly behind many donated supplies.

by Kellie D. Bottrell

In Omaha, Neb., and its surrounding communities, more than one-third of the children live in poverty. So, for many families preparing their children for school with just the basics is not possible, putting their children at a disadvantage from the start.

Most of us remember the excitement of picking out a brand new backpack, pencils, notebooks and crayons—a fresh start! Imagine not being able to do that or not being able to provide these essentials for your children. A decade ago The Salvation Army promised to help children in need and with the help of many generous people and corporations, it's done just that.

This year marks the 10th anniversary for the Back-to-School program aimed at helping children in need to start school with tools for success. It was created by The Salvation Army and KETV 7 Can Help Kids. Along with First National Bank and a variety of other partners, more than 66,000 children have started their school year on the right track.

Omaha citizens donate new school supplies in a variety of ways. While all First National Bank locations are designated drop-off sites, companies of any size can join the cause and request collection barrels from The Salvation Army so their employees can donate.

The Back-to-School program runs from July to mid-August. Then volunteers assemble the collection of new backpacks with supplies from pencils and notebooks to glue and crayons. Finally, staff and volunteers conduct distributions throughout the community. In addition to backpacks and supplies, families may receive free school physicals provided by physicians with Boystown Pediatrics. Child identification cards are provided by Corporate Express.

"These are hard and uncertain economic times. For parents facing reduced work hours, less pay and higher fuel costs, every penny matters. Knowing The Salvation Army is there to help with those 'extra expenses' is reassuring," said Dr. Linda Burkle, Western divisional social services director.

Chat and make a hat

by Justin Bessler

Nina Jackson noticed something was in short supply at the Indianapolis, Ind., Coats for Kids distribution last fall—winter hats, especially for girls. So, this year the women's auxiliary, of which Nina is a member, funded a project called "Chat and Make a Hat." It's just that.

Women enjoy friendly conversation with other like-minded women and make hats to give away at Coats for Kids this month.

The stretchable fleece used for the hats comes in many different colors and prints, and the pattern and construction are both very simple. A rectangle with some fringe will get two seams and become a stocking-style cap that will make a child in need a little warmer this winter. The auxiliary's goal has been to make 500 hats; by mid-summer volunteers had cut fabric, sewn seams, and finished the tops of about 300 unique, soft fleece caps. Their time, talent and creativity donated to this cause is greatly appreciated.

Nina says the project currently is focused on making hats for girls since another group donates hats that are largely for boys.



Members of the Indianapolis, Ind., Women's Auxiliary meet together to "Have a Chat and Make a Hat" for the city's annual Coats for Kids distribution this month.

Planting seeds

by Sarah Kistler

Roman Hank loves adventure corps. Not only does he experience fun and exciting things, such as spending the night on a submarine, he also is growing in his faith and love for God. He can't imagine life without the program. That's good because he's the leader.

When Roman became involved eight years ago because his son, Brian, joined the program, he had no idea that he soon would be leading the troop at the Petosky, Mich., Corps with his whole heart. He loves seeing the explorers mature. Interestingly enough, he's grown too.

He has learned the value of simply "planting seeds" even when he can't see the growth. In fact, Roman feels that being able to plant seeds is the biggest blessing he has received.

"The programs work so well because they give young people an

opportunity to love God at a young age," he said. "They can know who Jesus is and go into life remembering that."

In addition, he sees adventure corps as a tangible way to show boys the results of hard work. It gives them the joy of earning badges and awards. It teaches them lessons they will never forget.

Roman's biggest lesson?

"It's not about me. It's about everyone else. It's about what God brings through even the littlest people—what He can teach each one of us without saying a word."



Helping others serve

by Sarah Kistler

Rob Bonesteel has joined Central Territorial Headquarters as territorial volunteer director. Having worked in similar positions at the divisional and local levels for years, his career has been dedicated to supporting volunteerism.

But Rob does more than support volunteerism. He loves it. Not only does it help engage people in their communities, it gives them a chance to understand what The Salvation Army is all about. He sees it as a great ministry opportunity.

Rob thinks the Army is a great place to volunteer. It provides wonderful opportunities for service; its size and scope allows people to work where they're interested or specialized, and it's capable of meeting spiritual needs—all things that make a positive experience.

Although people volunteer for countless reasons from altruism to fulfilling required service hours, Rob sees an overarching theme in his work.

"People see the value of giving," he said. "It meets a core need in all of us to give back."

While Rob realizes people may think volunteers consume a lot of time and resources to train, he believes they're worth it.

"Volunteerism is changing in this country, and volunteers can provide us skills and talents and strengths that we don't have," he said. There is a trend of professionals wanting to share their skills. We need what they have to offer, and we need to be prepared to adjust how we operate in order to work with them. If we do, they can enhance the Army exponentially.

"Volunteers are vital to our mission," he said. "They are our soldiers, our donors, our workers, our fundraisers, and our primary face to the community. Without volunteers, The Salvation Army would not be able to do what God has called us to."



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Remembering the I-35W Bridge collapse

One year later service continues



by Craig Dirkes

Most Minnesotans remember exactly where they were on August 1, 2007, when they found out the I-35W Bridge had collapsed. Julie Graves remembers the day well. She experienced it.

"I had no idea what was going on," said Julie, 29, a youth worker who went down with the bridge while on a bus filled with 54 children and nine staff from the Waite House Community Center of South Minneapolis. She suffered a broken back, shattered ankle, three broken toes and required 150 stitches.

Julie is one of 25 survivors to whom The Salvation Army has provided direct financial assistance in the past year. Some still are receiving help for medical bills, lost wages and more. The Salvation Army has been assisting them through donations and the Minnesota Helps—Bridge Disaster Fund™.

"People with ongoing surgeries still need help. Their deductible for one surgery can be \$600," said

Amanda Loge, a Salvation Army caseworker. "Other people have continuing mental health needs. Still others need help paying their mortgage and utility bills; either they still can't work or they can't work as much."

As for the day the bridge collapsed, The Salvation Army was on the scene immediately. For the next three weeks, 63 volunteers and staff provided 7,590 meals to relief workers at the bridge and to survivors at care centers. Officers provided emotional and spiritual care to survivors and to families who lost loved ones.

Major Rebecca Sjögren, Northern divisional director of women's ministries, helped support one such family at a funeral.

"Prior to the start of the service, I greeted several family members," she said. "Even through the darkness of the day, and the sadness of the gathering, there were warm smiles of acknowledgement and appreciation. One of the sisters asked that I be seated near the family."

In the midst of crisis

by Craig Dirkes

Dave Scharnhorst missed death or serious injury by mere yards when the I-35W Bridge collapsed. An information technology specialist at Northern Divisional Headquarters, Dave was just a few car lengths ahead of vehicles that plummeted into the Mississippi River. His car dropped with the bridge, but only slightly, and he had to drive up an incline to find solid ground.



"There was a big wave of smoke, dirt, dust, and cement," said Dave, who immediately parked his car and dialed 911. "When that passed, everything was calm. There was no wind. There was no noise. There was nothing." The surreal environment left Scharnhorst momentarily stunned.

Yet he looked to help others. He found a frantic woman who'd been driving in the car behind him. Her car had dropped about 10 feet. Incredibly, she suffered no injuries. Dave escorted the woman to a nearby hotel to meet her husband and daughter.

"It was easy for me to see the whole disaster and become overwhelmed," he said. "But I knew God's call was not for me to fix the whole disaster, but to do what I can, where I am."

In His Own Words...

Dave speaks about the disaster and his faith today.

I wasn't one of the heroes who pulled people out of the wrecked cars, or climbed down to the river to assist other survivors. I really only helped one person.

But that one person needed me. I think God knew I needed a specific focus for my attention.

Now I'm living life much more for today. I'm not worried about tomorrow as much (Matt. 6:34). I found out how much trouble today can be.

I now know how blessed I am to have such wonderful friends and family. The support of my coworkers at The Salvation Army has been tremendous.

SA holds green camp in Chicago

by Major Darlene Harvey

"Love the day camp!" exclaimed one of the 30 young people this summer who attended The Salvation Army Higgins Community Academy Green Camp in Chicago's West Pullman neighborhood.

The project's focus was building a community garden which included six beds of vegetables and two beds of flowers to generate produce for themselves and their neighbors. Campers used power tools to build the beds, laid tarp to prevent weeds, put wheel barrows together, filled the beds with dirt, and planted the vegetables and flowers. Members of the community were enlisted to help water and protect the garden.

The day camp also included an arts and character-building element. Campers created a mural for the school building and signs for the garden; they also addressed issues like



self-control, positive attitude, courage, teamwork, making right choices and trusting God. In addition, they went on field trips to Sand Ridge Nature Center and the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.

Parents surveyed indicated that the day camp offered their children a safe environment and positive experience, giving them an opportunity to learn new skills, make new friends and build their confidence.

Flight angels

As the world focused on the gala opening of the 2008 Olympic Games in China, Russia invaded the Republic of Georgia. In the wee hours that morning, Captain Miranda Duskin heard planes roaring overhead; she dreamed about war the rest of the night. The next morning she discovered her dream had come true.

Captains R.C. and Miranda Duskin have been serving in the Eastern Europe Territory at the regional headquarters in Tblisi, Georgia, since 2005. Their son, Dominic, was 13 months old at the time Georgia's northern region was invaded.

R.C. called the local U.S. embassy for updates. While the worst of the fighting was still north, reports filtered in of Georgian tanks outside the city. At 4:30 a.m. Sunday, the embassy called—evacuation of U.S. citizens would commence at noon.

Packing what they could manage, the Duskins spent most of Monday in line for a bus. After an uncomfortable 13-hour trip, they arrived in an Armenian city at 1:00 a.m. Tuesday. They evacuated just in time; after they left, civilians armed themselves, and the Duskins could have been caught in cross-fire.

The next day, they joined the throngs at the airport. Some people had been on standby for two days.

Hours passed; then miraculously a group of flight attendants spotted

Miranda with Dominic in her arms. They surrounded the threesome and swept them through the crowds. Suddenly they had boarding passes in their hands and knew it was a good thing.

After two weeks in the U.S. visiting very relieved families, the Duskins returned to Tblisi to give humanitarian aid in the north, particularly in Gori, a city with 10,000 returning refugees. Years ago the Army used to have an outpost there; who knows how God may use these contacts to grow His kingdom and restart the Army in Gori?



Seeing God's global kingdom

by Kristin Caddy and David Mantel

For six weeks this summer 39 young adults served in ministry partnerships through summer mission teams and internships in Malawi, Moldova/Russia, Peru, South Africa, Spain, within the Central Territory and the Bahamas. They participated in such diverse activities as construction projects, children's ministry, open-air evangelism, music camps and visitation while committing the book of Philippians to memory during personal devotional times. Although participants learned many lessons throughout the summer, one that stood out was how God's Kingdom is revealed through community, love, worship, language and hope.

Community

Teams experienced His Kingdom through community as they lived and served together, united in one spirit and purpose, studying God's Word and praying. They also experienced community ministering with Christian brothers and sisters in locations around the world.

The Moldova/Russia team experienced this first-hand during a worship service in Moscow as team members from Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and North Dakota worshipped with a New Zealander as well as Russian Salvationists. While their backgrounds and nationalities were different, they were united as one body praising God.

God's Kingdom in community also was revealed to the team at the Belsti Corps in Moldova. In spite of language differences, the team was able to work alongside local soldiers to support their ministries. Team member Courtney Fuqua joined the cooks in a ministry of hospitality to prepare the Sunday meal.

Love

The interns to Spain and South Africa saw God's Kingdom expressed through love. David Witthoff and James Davisson joined officers and soldiers for a week of music camp at The Salvation Army's Camp Saron in Denia, Spain. They observed how all participants, regardless of nationality or background, were unified in love because of Christ.

Similarly, while on the Spanish island of Mallorca, the interns attended a gathering of evangelical pastors who prayed and worshipped freely across doctrinal and ecclesiastical boundaries. They



Worship

From the time their plane landed, the Malawi team experienced this country's nickname, "The Warm Heart of Africa." As the team worshipped alongside Malawians, they saw a glimpse of God's Kingdom through their warm hearts toward God complete with music, dancing and timbrel routines.

One day the vehicle in which the team was traveling got stuck in the mud while crossing a small stream. The team's predicament attracted a small crowd, so they took advantage of the opportunity to share the

gospel. Five people accepted Christ and indicated they'd be attending the local Salvation Army corps the following Sunday for worship and to grow in their relationship with Christ.

Language

In Peru God's Kingdom became real to team members as He allowed them to overcome a language barrier. The team had been visiting with a young girl through-

were united in their prayers and encouragement of each other in the difficult task of sharing God's love in a secular society. The love the pastors had for God and each other united them in their work.

Emily Aukes and Katy Clark lived and ministered with Majors Isaiah and Happy Madonsela in South Africa. The Madonselas showed their love by allowing Katy and Emily to integrate their individual spiritual gifts into their established ministries.

"Mama Happy" invited Emily and Katy to attend a gathering of about 30 women leaders of different churches in the community. Attendees were given the opportunity to testify to what God had done in their lives; they shared specific examples of how God actively encouraged them in their daily challenges. At the end, Emily and Katy were asked to share what God had been teaching them. They experienced the love of God's Kingdom by being included in a South African fellowship of believers who worshipped together and supported each other.



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Seeing God's global kingdom

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out the week. During an evangelistic meeting she went to the altar with her mother. One of the non-Spanish speaking team members, Liz, went forward to pray with her. As Liz prayed in English, the girl spoke Spanish—but they understood each other. Because of the unity found in God's Kingdom, they were able to converse for five minutes as if there weren't a language barrier at all.

Hope

The two Central teams discovered God's Kingdom as they shared the hope found in Jesus

within the territory. Central One ministered at the Denby Center, a youth transition center in Detroit, Mich., through daily relationship building. As residents grew in their understanding of God, barriers were broken down and wounds over past pains began to heal. And, while serving in the Bahamas, a Central Two team member, Caitlyn, was blessed to lead several children to the Lord in vacation Bible school.



God is working in the lives of His people around the world, and it was a blessing for this year's participants to be able to rejoice with others in the hope found in serving Christ.



NOVEMBER 2008

PRAY FOR:

- 1 The College for Officer Training (CFOT) staff and cadets
- 2 Teens disciplined through corps cadets
- 3 The National Business Administration Conference
- 4 The Kistler family's ministry at the Flint, Mich., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC)
- 5 The International Social Justice Commission
- 6 The Fond du Lac, Wis., Corps
- 7 The Coats for Kids Radiothon in Detroit, Mich.
- 8 Prospective officer candidates this recruitment weekend
- 9 Family thrift stores run by ARCs and corps
- 10 The Chicago Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center
- 11 Military personnel—retired and active—on this Veterans Day
- 12 The women's auxiliary in Indianapolis, Ind.
- 13 The Minneapolis, Minn., Harbor Light
- 14 The annual red kettle fundraising campaign, especially the new online red kettle effort
- 15 The Chicago Staff Band in Manistee, Mich.
- 16 Junior soldiers on this Enrollment Sunday
- 17 The National Program Conference
- 18 Summer mission team members
- 19 The Flint Citadel, Mich., Corps
- 20 The Salvation Army in Omaha, Neb.
- 21 Salvation Army children's homes around the world
- 22 Soldier discipleship and development
- 23 Increased stewardship of resources among Salvationists
- 24 Captains R.C. and Miranda Duskin
- 25 ARC beneficiaries as they enter the holiday season
- 26 Residents celebrating Thanksgiving in shelters
- 27 The Holy Spirit's prompting to be thankful in all situations
- 28 The Chicago Staff Band's annual Sounds of the Season concert
- 29 Cadets on Christmas assignments
- 30 Jesus to be revealed in your life as Wonderful Counselor

General dedicates

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"We are delighted to be co-members with you in the conference of Non-Government Organizations. We commend General Clifton and the Army for this vision. We feel that the Army's Social Justice Commission exemplifies the active role of peace in seeking justice. The establishment of this Social Justice Commission is a cause to celebrate."

At the conclusion of the formal dedication service, all in attendance were invited to the newly designed garden, which is surrounded entirely by high rise buildings. Here, the "Seeking Justice Together" theme—which had been powerfully portrayed in "caged-bird" art and drama, by multilingual prayers and the creative participation of children—was symbolically depicted as several white doves were set free, in recognition of the commission's aims to help free millions around the world from the injustices that plague them.

Music was provided by an ensemble of the New York Staff Band and Salvationist vocalists from the Greater New York Division.

The full text of the General's speech can be found on the General's website, www.salvationarmy.org/thegeneral or you may go to Get Connected and be linked.

Share Your Christmas Joy 2008

Share your Christmas Joy is a unique opportunity to give a little extra to those in need overseas for the Christmas season.

While last year's goal was \$7,000, \$10,421 was raised! The funds were distributed to 70 Salvation Army children's homes overseas, helping them celebrate Christmas. This year's goal is \$10,400 with the goal of sending 104 homes \$100 each.

For you, there is the joy of giving! Perhaps you want to make a personal donation or maybe one of the groups you belong to or lead, like women's ministries or adventure corps, would join together to raise money for this cause.

Your donation needs to be received at Central Territorial Headquarters by October 31st. Send your check to Sarah Kincaid, sponsorship coordinator, The Salvation Army, 10 W. Algonquin Rd. Des Plaines, IL 60016.

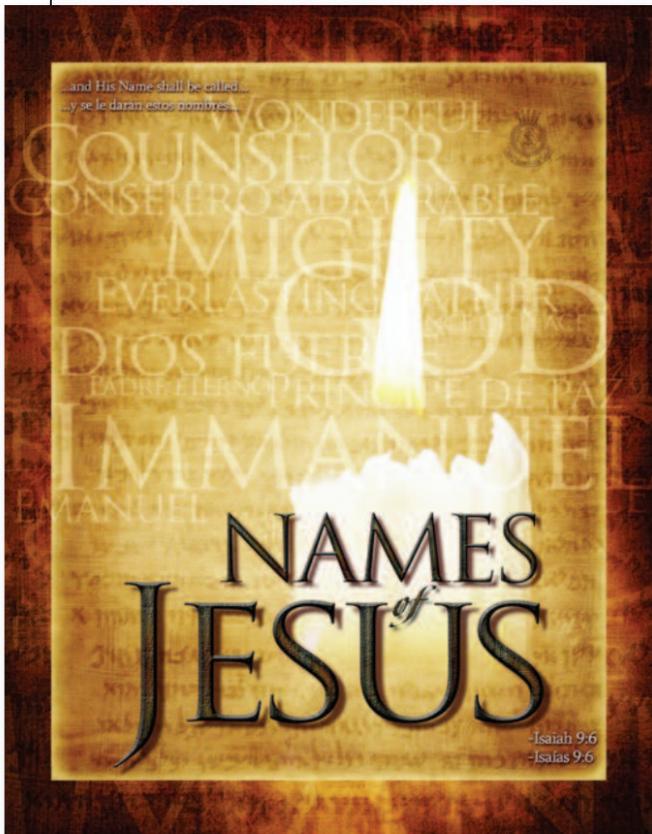
For more information, contact Sarah at missions@usc.org



--Mustard Seeds--



Advent '08—Names of Jesus



The 2008 territorial advent resource package, *Names of Jesus*, is designed to help enrich your corps' worship during this busy season.

Focusing on Jesus being our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace and Immanuel, this resource contains ready-to-use, quality meetings for Sunday worship, women's and community care ministries and has been sent to your corps.

Enhance your picture of who Jesus is this season!



Cowpers honored

Friends and family of Majors Larry and Jane Cowper gathered in Quincy, Ill., to celebrate their 33 years of officership in several divisions, most recently directing social services in Quincy.



Majors Larry and Jane Cowper (center) with Majors Loren and Janice Carter.

The Cowpers were commissioned as lieutenants with the Soldiers of the Cross session in 1975. Larry joked their officership took them from the territory's smallest corps to among its largest institutions. They were happy to have ministered for 15 years in the substance abuse field, with more than 12 years at harbor lights and the rest at adult rehabilitation centers (ARC). Yet, God also used their specialized skills during 18 years as corps officers in ministering to substance abusers and those in shelters attached to corps.

While Larry is gifted in teaching and preaching, Jane is gifted with exceptional music, art and teaching

abilities. Her beautiful singing voice sweetly "touched the hearts of people off the street." She also enjoyed teaching Bible studies at the harbor lights and at the homeless shelter connected to the Appleton, Wis., Corps. Her artistic flair was a big hit in women's ministries!

But, the highlight of the Cowpers' years as officers "were the thousands of people we saw kneel at the altar while we were in harbor light and ARC work," exclaimed Larry, who today continues to have a fulfilling ministry as a Salvation Army chaplain at the international airport in Atlanta, Ga.

Promoted to Glory

Mrs. Major Elsie Nelson

Mrs. Major Elsie Nelson was promoted to Glory on August 11, 2008, from Rockford, Ill.

Elsie was born on February 22, 1918, to Swedish immigrants, Erick and Henrietta Mattson, in Marinette, Wis. A junior soldier at age eight, Elsie began playing piano for the corps at age 12.

For as long as she could remember, Elsie wanted to become an officer. She entered the College for Officer Training in 1936 with the Guardians of the Covenant session, the first with a worldwide session name. She was commissioned as a probationary lieutenant a year later. She served in corps appointments in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois before being appointed cashier and bookkeeper for the Scandinavian Division.

In November 1945 Captain Elsie Mattson married Captain Alvin Nelson. Their marriage was blessed with one son. The Nelsons served at corps in Minnesota and Illinois and held a variety of divisional positions. They retired in 1988 after three years at the College for Officer Training and became active at the Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps.

Elsie was a talented musician and was often heard on Swedish radio broadcasts. In addition to piano, she played the accordion and guitar and was a vocal soloist.

Mrs. Major Nelson is survived by her husband Alvin, son David (Sharon) Nelson and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Major Helen Watt

Mrs. Major Helen Watt was promoted to Glory on August 2, 2008. Helen Frances Larson was born to Signe and Clarence on October 10,

1922, in Hutchinson, Minn. After the family moved to St. Paul, Minn., they became active in a corps. Helen, who accepted Christ at age 10, held several leadership positions in her teens. After high school, she worked as a switchboard operator at the St. Paul Men's Social Service Center.

Since the age of 12, Helen had felt called to be an officer. She entered training in 1941 and was commissioned as a probationary lieutenant a year later. She served as an assistant corps officer until her marriage to George Watt on November 9, 1942; Helen had met George when his parents were her corps officers in St. Paul. Together they served in corps appointments.

In 1964 the Watts left fulltime service as officers but remained active as soldiers. They were reaccepted in 1975 as majors and appointed to the Milwaukee, Wis., Men's Social Service Center. In 1977 they were assigned to the Booth Manor Residence in Minneapolis. Friendly and kind, Helen was known for her gift of hospitality and special receptions. The Watts retired in 1982.

Mrs. Major Watt is survived by her husband, George; a son, two grandchildren and a brother.

Major John Kimmons

Major John William Kimmons was promoted to Glory on Wednesday, July 29, 2008. He was born on March 24, 1926, to Mary and William Kimmons in Princeton, Kan. When the family moved to Springfield, Mo., John became involved in the



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corps. He accepted Christ at territorial music camp in 1939. After high school, John became an auto mechanic and served in the military from 1944 to 1945.

On May 5, 1944, he married Vivian Carey; they had four children. John and Vivian entered the College for Officer Training in Chicago in 1947 and were commissioned as probationary lieutenants in 1948. John was noted for his preaching and community relations skills. They served at corps and men's social service centers in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska and Wisconsin and held appointments at the Eastern Michigan and Midland divisional headquarters. In 1986, John administered the Wichita, Kan., Adult Rehabilitation Center until he

was appointed to the Metropolitan Division's Tri-County nutrition program in 1988, from which he retired in 1991.

Major Kimmons was preceded in death by his daughter, Vivian. He is survived by his wife, Vivian; sons John, Jr., and Larry; daughter Patricia; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Readers' Forum

Major Joyce Baer expresses her gratitude to all those who prayed, called, sent notes, emails or plants during her recent hospitalization. The heartfelt encouragement was greatly appreciated.