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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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## Sharing Christ through sports in Rio

This summer 19 young adults from the Central Territory joined 100 other volunteers from 10 countries for sports and outreach in Rio de Janeiro during the Olympics. The mission teams were split into two blocks, each covering a week of the games and working with a domestic team comprised of cadets, officers, young people and volunteers. According to Lt. Colonel David Bowles, sports ministry coordinator for Europe, the focus was to impact the local neighborhood with the gospel and to make disciples for Christ using the tools of sport and play.



the team was involved with planning and organizing Olympic games for children. The majority of the children who participated in the camp came from a nearby favela (an impoverished outlying community) with which the corps is building relationships. In addition to picking up the children for the camp and taking them back afterward, the team had the opportunity to visit with them in the favela.

During the week there was an evening party that included many children's games, face painting and getting to know the young people of the corps. A highlight for the team was joining the corps youth in friendly soccer competitions.

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The Central Territory global mission team was part of the second block of ministry. After a warm greeting and extensive orientation, they were split into two groups which then spent the week working at the Meier Corps and the Rio Comprido Corps.

The team at the Rio Comprido Corps hit the ground running on their first day by passing out flyers advertising the sports camp. The beginning part of the week

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## Muscle memory

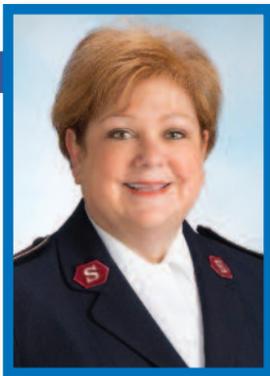
by Lt. Colonel Susan Bukiewicz  
Territorial Officer Resource and Development Secretary

**M**uscle memory is the act of completing a particular physical or mental task with such repetition that your body then learns to complete the task more efficiently, using less brain power.

The more often you complete these

repeated tasks, the less "processing power" your brain needs to complete the task, the more automatic it becomes. Think of it sort of like a *cache*.

Musicians know what it's like to develop this when they learn to play a new piece of music by playing por-



tions of it over and over until they know it well enough to go on to the next part. When you put all of the well-rehearsed parts together, you have created a kind of muscle memory that makes playing the whole piece much easier.

The prophet Habakkuk didn't know that his confession in chapter three revealed this concept of muscle memory:

<sup>17</sup>Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen

and no cattle in the stalls,  
<sup>18</sup>yet I will rejoice in the Lord,  
I will be joyful in God my Savior.

<sup>19</sup>The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.

Through communion with the Lord, Habakkuk **knew** God's unfailing faithfulness. The repeated exposure to this divine truth led the prophet to say, "Even though...I will rejoice. Even though...I will be joyful."

Have we developed muscle memory where God is concerned? Have we spent so much time with Him through prayer and in His Word we can say with Habakkuk, "Even though...I will rejoice"? I pray it is so.

## Bikers minister at Sturgis Rally

by Major Chuck Yockey

**N**ine members of The Salvation Army Motorcycle Ministry (TSAMM) rode to the annual Sturgis, S.D., 2016 Motorcycle Rally where we spent the week ministering to those in the motorcycle community by engaging in one-on-one encounters as well as reinforcing The Salvation Army's presence with a display.

We distributed 272 scripture cards during personal conversations and prayed with 46 individuals. When TSAMM member Major Bill Mealy reconnected with a former classmate and met her new fiancé, he was privileged to conduct a commitment service for the couple as they look forward to joining their lives in marriage.

We stayed at the nearby Salvation Army Black Hills Camp in Rapid City, S.D., where we completed three

service projects to enhance the camp's safety and appearance: clearing 20 dead trees, building a fence near a sharp drop off and assembling a swing overlooking Thunderhead Falls.

One day at the rally as Major Bob Gauthier and I looked out over the sea of people and motorcycles (now in its 76th year with an attendance that can exceed 400,000 people), he said it reminded him of General William Booth's vision of people drowning in an ocean of sin, desperate for a lifeline.

"This is where we need to be, sharing Jesus with a lost world," said Major Bob. I couldn't agree more.

TSAMM was introduced in 2014. For more information, contact Major Bob Gauthier at [bob\\_gauthier@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:bob_gauthier@usc.salvationarmy.org) or visit [tsammcentral.org](http://tsammcentral.org)



Motorcycle ministry members included (front, 1-r) Major Bill Mealy, Major David Dunham, Major Jerry O'Neil and (back, 1-r) Major Bob Gauthier, Captain Randy Stahl, Major Chuck Yockey, Captain Ronnie Amick, Mark Sundman and Major Vangie O'Neil.

## Leadership changes

Major Evie Diaz has been appointed Assistant Chief Secretary (Administration) at International Headquarters (IHQ), with the rank of Lt. Colonel as of October 1, 2016. She will be filling a new role with the recent restructuring of IHQ. In this position, she will support Chief Secretary Colonel Mark Watts in giving oversight to the effective administration of IHQ in respect of IHQ personnel, international external relations, conferences/gatherings of international leaders, and ensuring that the strategic and monitoring process is effectively implemented.



Majors Philip and Deslea Maxwell, officers of the Australia East Territory who are currently serving at IHQ, have been appointed Divisional Commander and Director of Women's Ministries, respectively, for the Kansas and Western Missouri Division as of November 1, 2016.

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## Twenty New Corps resources



The Central Territory has begun an exciting new initiative called Twenty New Corps where World Services giving will be focused on building or improving 20 corps around the world in the next year. The goal is two-fold: to construct or renovate buildings for greater missional impact and to increase sacrificial giving by Centralites.

Resources are now available to help in your educational and

fundraising efforts! Visit the territorial world missions department's website ([centralmissions.org/20NewCorps](http://centralmissions.org/20NewCorps)) for these resources and more information about the program. For instance, a family kit can be downloaded for use not only with individual families but also in programs like Sunday school or character-building to engage all ages. And once the 20 projects have been approved, a map will be posted on the site to show where each of the 20 projects will be located. An IBM Connections community also has been

created ([connections.salvationarmy.org](http://connections.salvationarmy.org)). Join the community called "20 Corps in 2017" to share fundraising ideas and best practices, access resources and download the official logo.

For more information about the Twenty New Corps initiative, contact

your divisional missions representative. (If you need this contact information, send an email with your name, corps and division to [missions@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:missions@usc.salvationarmy.org))

Watch Central Connection for more updates and features throughout the year!



## Taking steps in evangelism

One hundred thirty-three Salvationists from across the United States gathered in Colorado Springs, Colo., for the National Seminar on Evangelism (NSE). Surrounded by mountains with Pikes Peak in view, they spent a week training in evangelism using the *Just Walk Across the Room* curriculum, studying God's Word, forming new friendships and communing with God in His beautiful creation.

Major Elsie Cline, Albert Lea, Minn., corps officer, brought six soldiers to be trained. They were able to put some of the skills they learned into practice as they went to various locations in Denver at corps and institutions and in Colorado Springs at a family shelter, a shopping mall and even a skate park!

"Our corps has been looking forward to this time since January of this year. One of our STEPs vital few goals is to know how to evangelize. I



Delegate Rachel Allen at a skatepark

had heard about how Glen Eyrie was one place that would help us to learn how to do this," said the major.

She continued, "Glen Eyrie has been a life-changing experience for each one of us who attended. I have already noticed the change and excitement to share the gospel.

Even on the way traveling back home we were able to 'walk across the room' and talk with one family, pray with another and also pray with a girl who felt lost. We have exciting plans on how we can put what we learned at Glen Eyrie into practice in our feeding site and neighborhood."



The Albert Lea, Minn., delegation to the National Seminar on Evangelism



Photos by Keri Shay

## Soldier-driven giving

One of the vital few goals identified this year by Plymouth, Mich., Corps soldiers as part of the STEPs (Strategic Tool to Engage Potential) process was increased sacrificial giving to World Services. "Our people were already good givers, but they felt the need to re-emphasize the self-denial aspect of supporting missions," said Major Keith Bailey, corps officer.

The soldier-driven goal called for increasing World Services giving by 10 percent, or \$2,100, through tithing on corps fundraising events, such as rummage and bake sales, and through the collecting of self-denial money saved each week by children and adults of all ages in cardboard World Services coin banks.

Major Keith said everyone has found it exciting to see the goal's weekly progress charted on the corps' prayer board.

Providing even more motivation are monthly updates with slides on various mission endeavors by the corps' missionary sergeant, Caroline Stern.

Amazingly, not even half-way through the year, the small congregation managed to exceed its self-denial goal and is still going strong in its



Plymouth, Mich., Corps Sergeant-major Ross Meyers and corps youth show off World Services/Self-Denial coin boxes used to raise funds.

efforts to collect money for World Services!

The major said the biggest champion has been Ross Myers, long-time Plymouth corps sergeant-major who, after initial reluctance about the STEPs process after having "seen-it-all" over the years, embraced the approach when observing its effect on the congregation.

"Ross has really led the charge on this STEPs goal," said Major Keith. "At age 87, he is one of the most energetic and amazing men I know."

A retired chaplain for the Detroit, Mich., Fire Department, Ross still goes out on canteen runs with the Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Services.

Ross said, "Although our people wanted increased sacrificial giving, many didn't realize where the

money was going or what it was being used for. The monthly mission presentations have really opened their eyes."



Majors Colette and Keith Bailey, corps officers, thank Ross Meyers for helping the corps exceed its STEPs goal of increased giving.

## Companions of Christ



**M**ajors David and Bonnie Clark celebrated their retirement with family and friends at the Kalamazoo, Mich., Corps. Leading the song-filled service and officiating during the retirement ceremony were Majors Roger and Cecilia Senn, friends of the Clarks since they were teenagers.

"We worked with Roger during our time at Army Lake Camp, and Cecilia was my corps officer when I was in college," said Major Bonnie.

Numerous family members contributed to making the Clarks' retirement service special, including their children, Jonathan, Rebecca and Ben; their niece, Lt. Betsy Clark; David's brother and sister, and several nephews. The service ended with the majors' "Companions of Christ" session song, "He walks beside me."

Commissioned in 1977, the Clarks served in corps appointments in the Northern and Metropolitan divisions,

followed by divisional headquarters appointments in the Midland, Western Michigan/Northern Indiana and Indiana divisions. From 2001 until 2013, Majors David and Bonnie served at territorial headquarters as secretary and assistant secretary of the audit department. Their most recent appointment before retirement was as the Superior, Wis., corps officers.

Major David earned a master's degree in business administration in 1986 and received certification as an internal auditor in 2007. Major Bonnie earned a master's degree in practical ministries in 1982 and became a certified internal auditor in 2008.

An excerpt from the closing prayer of the Clarks' retirement service summed up their officership best: "We praise You... for the years behind us and trust You for the years ahead... We are companions who want to walk with You daily."

## Full hands, fuller heart

by Craig Dirkes

**C**aptain Katherine Clausell has her hands full leading the largest homeless outreach facility in Minnesota, the Minneapolis Harbor Light Center, a towering six-story complex that serves an average of 650 hot meals a day and shelters about 500 people every night. Appointed last year, she's the first woman to lead it in 70 years.

Her reaction to this appointment is completely understandable. "I have to admit, my first thought was, *No!*" she said, laughing. "Then I thought, *Not my will, but Your will be done, God.* In the end, I was happy to come knowing there would be challenges but also many, many opportunities."

She has faced a number of complicated issues, financial and otherwise, but through the efforts and commitment of staff, advisory council members, community stakeholders and funding partners, things at the Harbor Light are turning around.

One accomplishment is with the chemical dependency treatment program, Beacon, a 40-bed, two-phase treatment program for men struggling with substance abuse and mental health disorders. When the captain arrived there were only 10 participants, resulting in a significant program deficit. Today, enrollment averages 27.

"Decisions to improve the perfor-



mance of the Beacon program appear to be yielding fruit for which we are grateful to God," said the captain. "Although the Harbor Light faces many other challenges and while we continue to struggle financially, we are working hard and we continue to be hopeful.

"I want this to be a God-honoring, God-glorifying place where He looks down and says, 'I am quite pleased with what's going on here.'" She continued, "I want to keep The Salvation Army's promise of 'Doing the Most Good.' To me, it's not just branding but what we're about."

The captain is no stranger to challenges. She and her three brothers were raised in the Chicago housing projects by their grandmother who

# 730... AND BEYOND



14,162 days and counting

by Major Judy Mills

**W**ith hands visibly shaking, her coffee from the reception area was barely contained in the styrofoam cup. Greeting her, I wondered if the shaking was from the need to eat something. So, we trekked to the dining room to grab a doughnut (she actually grabbed two!), talking as we walked down the long hallway to my office. We chatted about "safe" things, but I knew she was simply waiting to open her heart.

With the click of the closing door, her words began to flow. Disappointment, frustration, fear and anger were all expressed after losing a job she'd only recently acquired. Like a fierce mother lion, she expressed concern for her seven children and frustration toward her current man's lack of emotional and financial support.

As I listened, the stark reality of her life hit deep in my soul. I began to get a hint of what this woman and her family deal with every day. She openly shared things she'd done in the past to survive and keep them together. Admitting to unhealthy choices, she expressed remorse for her past decisions. Now, she once again faced difficult choices.

I told her God had brought her to The Salvation Army, to my office, for such a time as this. "You are not alone," I said. Great tears rolled down her cheeks as we spoke of God's love for her and her family and the plans He has for His "children." We talked about how our loving Lord knows our hearts and simply wants us to trust and follow Him. It is a huge step of faith for those who have tried to be self-suffi-



cient their entire lives, and it sometimes takes a while to break through the walls of hard hearts. But I know in time her heart will be truly opened and blessed by Him!

We sometimes forget that every person God brings into our sphere of influence is by His design, and we are to simply live in such a way that He is glorified. Simple smiles, a word of greeting, the sharing of a cup of coffee or cold water can mean much to one who feels life no longer has meaning. Lives are changed every moment through His great love!

My officership of nearly 40 years truly has been an adventure! As in any adventure, there are mountain peaks with amazing vistas and valleys with deep darkness and twisted roots to step over. But always, God's presence and guiding hand takes us to those who need to hear the gospel, the "good news" that can and will change their lives!

My friend is now in Pathway of Hope. She is beginning a new chapter in her life, with a new outlook and my friendship to help her. It's my privilege as an officer.



taught them their future success hinged on two things: faith and education.

"The Baptist church was the center of our lives; second only to that was school," she reflected.

She embraced her grandma's advice and graduated from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in psychology and completed the coursework required for a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the University of Alabama. She stopped short of obtaining the degree in order to gain work experience with the intent of returning in a year or two.

However, she soon found herself on a different path after interviewing for a job in Chicago, which she didn't initially realize was with The Salvation Army. It was a welcomed surprise. About six years earlier, Katherine had worked as a counselor at an Army camp in Pennsylvania where she learned about the Army's holistic ministry, and the seed for officership was planted in her heart. In her job as a



family outreach specialist, she was reminded of her calling.

She was commissioned in 2005. After 11 years she says she's still humbled God would choose her to be an officer. "I am in awe God could take my natural interests, education and work experiences and redeem them for His purposes. I recognize God has given me this one life, and I want to give it back to Him as a gift."

# CBLI measures its reach

by Cheryl Westberg

**M**ore than 550 campers from across the territory came together this summer at Camp Wonderland for Central Bible Leadership Institute (CBLI). The nine-day encampment's theme "Reach" was based on Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV): "to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

With the goal of equipping and building up Salvationists, programming tracks targeted every age group. CBLI Kids (up to age 5) enjoyed singing, crafts, playing and learning about Jesus, while Jr. CBLI learned about marching in the light of God's Word as knights and princesses of the King Most High and celebrated with a dress-up ball. In a room decorated in 1980s motif, the Jr. High track learned to adopt appropriate behaviors for disciples of Jesus and to confront sin that seems acceptable today. Peer groups led by Jr. High track members helped them apply biblical truths.

Transformed into a coffeehouse and concert arena, the Sharp Center served as base for the Sr. High track where Mike Hulett gave a Bible message each morning and Will Branch taught teens to inductively study Ephesians. Peer groups challenged them to live as "children of light," and afterglows provided opportunities for worship, prayer and team building. Teens also explored opportunities with 13 colleges and

universities at a fair.

The Young Adult track experienced morning worship with The Singing Company, Bible study led by Fulton Hawk, small groups where the teaching was unpacked, and a "leadership soapbox," led by Majors Rob and Amy Reardon who challenged campers to implement truths they'd learned in their daily walks. With the theme, "Frequency," young adults learned to tune into God's voice and overpower Satan's lies with God's truth. Afterglows provided opportunities for recreation, worship, CBLI Project Runway, a DIY Film Festival and a No-Talent Show.

In the Adult track God's Word came to life as Linda Himes taught an inductive Bible study on Jesus as kinsman redeemer. Elective classes included topics like women in

leadership, using spiritual gifts, and raising families filled with faith and grace. An evening track meeting included Fish Sticks Comedy's "other-centered improv."

Delegates from the Sr. High to Adult tracks met together for evening programs that included a concert by Dan Bremnes, a missions night led by summer mission teams, puppeteer Taylor Mason, poet and preacher David Bowden, and a hymn sing led by The Singing Company. Saturday night's "CBLI Live" with youth track participation and the presentation of top camper awards and scholarships proved popular again. (See Get Connected website for award winners.)

Everyone enjoyed free time activities such as swimming, pontoon rides, crafts, archery, the climbing tower and ropes course, and more than 150 participated in organized recreational tournaments from checkers to horseshoes.

Campers were encouraged to contribute to *Share Your Christmas Joy* which provides funds to Salvation Army children's homes, schools and centers around the world. When Lt. Colonel Paul Smith, territorial program secretary, promised to kiss a frog if Jr. CBLI could raise \$1,500 toward the goal, the kids topped \$1,900! All together campers raised \$7,452 through many creative means such as ringing bells at makeshift Christmas kettles and carrying trays for others in the dining room. With territorial headquarters matching the first \$5,000, the grand total equaled \$12,452—enough for 124 facilities to receive \$100 each for a Christmas party.

Colonel Jeffrey Smith, chief secretary, closed CBLI 2016 with a Bible message encouraging campers to live out their faith and reach out to their families, friends, corps and communities with the truths of God's Word.



# CMI: pursuing excellence

Central Music Institute (CMI) 2016 brought together 225 students and faculty for 11 days of music-making. The internationalism of the Salvation Army musical fraternity was well represented in delegates from Denmark, the United Kingdom, Argentina, Jamaica and other U.S. territories.

CMI exists in great part to enhance worship in corps. In addition to the five bands and two vocal groups, five double-period elective tracks were offered to further equip students in drama, dance, media production, leadership and praise band. Guest dance instructor Amerika Outlaw from the National Capital and Virginia Division and guest praise band leader Phil Laeger set a high standard in their instruction and offerings. As the week progressed students in the media and audio tracks could be seen behind the sound board and cameras.

Sealed orders, small groups and devotional times focused on the spiritual disciplines of solitude, study of God's Word, confession, humility, simplicity, gratitude, and spiritual friendship. On the first Sunday the faculty led a concert of prayer with Lt. Kelly Hanton as speaker, followed in the evening with a series of prayer stations.

The second Sunday's service led by students was on the discipline of celebration. Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, territorial commander, spoke at this meeting which included the number, *Psalms 150*, fusing together vocal, drama and dance students with accompaniment by the Wonderland Band. The culmination of the service, *Soldier's Hymn*, brought together the song's writer, Phil Laeger, the congregation and the Wonderland Band as a procession of drummers, campers carrying banners and a flagbearer carrying the Salvation Army flag inspired the CMI community to return home better equipped to be light in the world.

The Jesus Theater presentation of *Balloons* by the Creative Arts Service Team (CAST) was well received, as was Best Guest Night featuring cornetist Jonathan Corry with dancer Amerika Outlaw and singer-songwriter Phil Laeger in a poignant presentation of Laeger's song "I Surrender." A series of five evening concerts included the solo contest winners, as well as representative selections from the five camper bands and two choruses. Among many highlights would be the Wonderland Band's presentation of *Quintessence* (Redhead), *Coronation* (Norbury), and *Sky Dance* (Cordner), as well as Ben Dwyers' vocal rendering of "You raise me up" and Moriah Hellstrom's offering of the closing

movement of Beethoven's *Pathétique Piano Sonata*. Many evening programs were peppered with the joyful singing of the CMI song and the creative ruminations of CMI-TV.

The Faculty and Friends program concluded with the Faculty Band in a scintillating performance of *The Lord is King*, under guest conductor Jonathan Corry. The CMI Chorus (this year including campers with faculty) featured *The Power* (Harold Burgmayer's marriage of "The blood will never lose its power" by Andraé

Crouch and the *Flight of the Bumble Bee* by Rimsky-Korsakov). Daily marching practice culminated in an outstanding parade of witness at the Six Flags Great America theme park. On the final Saturday morning the Electfest, organized by the leadership class, showcased the women's and men's choruses with a variety of elective class offerings.

The closing Awards Festival included recognition of winners in each of the major ensembles, as well as a number of CMI alumni scholarships, and Ron

Shoults who is retiring from his role as CMI administrator for 32 years. For only the third time in CMI history, there was a tie for the Ben Merritt Award, the highest camper recognition, with the trophy presented to brother and sister David and Moriah Hellstrom.



## The music of the Congo



Harold leads the enthusiastic band at the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Territory's first music camp in several years.

This summer the Central Territory sponsored Harold Burgmayer, territorial music and gospel arts secretary, and his wife, Priscilla, a certified midwife, on a two-week trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Territory. Harold was the guest for the first territorial music camp in several years, while Priscilla assisted with the camp's vocal program and also visited health and maternity clinics run by The Salvation Army.

down to handle emergencies and births—and yet moved by the careful care and education they provide" said Priscilla. "The Salvation Army's healthcare is highly respected despite their overwhelming need of updated, repaired and replaced equipment and facilities."

The Burgmayers reflected, "We found it a country of dichotomies: beautiful and rich in resources like agriculture, gold, diamonds, copper, uranium, alongside abject poverty

both of families and basic community needs. Though there is remarkable musical talent, students do not have access to training or written music; often several students share one instrument. Congolese people are incredibly intelligent but often lack opportunity for schooling past the elementary level."

They continued, "The Salvation Army in DRC is providing schools, healthcare, community education and leadership training. As we traveled into remote parts of the country, hundreds of small brick houses could be seen. It was The Salvation Army that taught community leaders how to make bricks. The corps are healthy, providing fellowship, worship, Bible teaching, pastoral counseling and meeting practical and spiritual needs. We feel proud

to be a part of this organization that is not only all over the world but is in the trenches of poverty, providing a high standard of care in Jesus' name, bringing the Good News along with justice and mercy."



Staff Bandmasters Harold Burgmayer and Jean Marc Mbumu

More than 400 students applied to attend the music camp that was limited to just 75 in order to provide focused music instruction and leadership training to the territory's best players. Obviously interest in music is very keen in this territory!

Rehearsals were held for six hours each day, sometimes more! Students played alongside members of the Kinshasa Staff Band (led by Jean Marc Mbumu) and in between rehearsals practiced on their own.

"At many times between rehearsals one could hear students practicing well-known solos, rarely from written music but rather from watching videos. The students were eager to soak up every opportunity to grow musically and spiritually and were a joy to work with," said Harold.

Priscilla visited nine health and maternity clinics, spending a full week at the Kavwaya Clinic on the campground where the music camp was held. "I was shocked by the meager resources the health staff are working with—often there is no power, so they use a flashlight (if they have a working one) after sun-



Priscilla Burgmayer with a newly born namesake



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## "No pulse. Resume compressions!"

by Robyn Winters

It was my turn to do CPR, and I pounded as hard as I could on my patient's chest, literally beating his heart for him. The team worked around me, shouting orders and pushing medications. We paused to check his pulse again; there was a very faint heartbeat. We had won Jim back, but it wasn't going to be for long.

The doctor led Jim's wife out to the hall while I adjusted the drips at his bedside. The color of his skin was dusky yellow from liver failure, and the tip of his nose was an eerie violet from the loss of blood circulation. I carefully adjusted his head on the pillow and wiped an ooze of blood away from his mouth while listening to the voice of his wife just outside the door.

"This can't be right. He's only 46! He was fine two weeks ago, he's really healthy!" She was weeping, frantic.

She's right, I thought. This can't be right. How can a father be dying when his wife and children need him? How can there be such cruel suffering?

My mind began wandering down a

familiar path. What is it within us that cries out against pain and injustice? I in no way presume to explain the presence of suffering, but surely we can only understand something as so completely wrong because we know there must be a right. We only recognize darkness because we have seen light.

Our spirits groan along with nature, calling out for restoration. But why would they do so unless there were a right order to which things must be restored?

Jim's wife decided not to continue interventions. As she requested, I made a place for her to lie in the bed next to her husband. She curled up next to him with her head on his chest, holding his hand, and cried softly as he died.

I see suffering almost every day as an intensive care nurse, but it has never caused me to question the existence of my Creator. As I Corinthians 13:12 tells us now we know in part, but then we shall know fully, even as we are fully known. I see this great darkness and know there must be a light. But for now, I simply pray: *Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Come.*



Robyn Winters (center, front) is shown with her family, (front row) brother Luke and sister-in-law Katie and (back row from left) brother Damon, parents David and Diana, and sister Anna.

## A presence in Mishawaka

by Meg Sauer

This summer The Salvation Army officially resumed a presence in Mishawaka, Ind. It was the result of concentrated research and networking to better meet the needs in that community.

When the South Bend, Ind., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center opened in 2011, social services for South Bend and Mishawaka were consolidated into the high-tech, world-class facility. It made sense to close the older, run-down office in Mishawaka. However, at times these "sister cities" can be rivals. South Bend is the larger, more urban city on the west side, and Mishawaka is the smaller city on the county's east side. For some in Mishawaka, this change was considered a snub.

"Very early in our assignment, our leaders expressed concern that without that physical presence in Mishawaka, we would not be serving the eastern half of our corps as well as the western half," said Major Louise Blessing, former Kroc Center officer for program and youth development who was appointed there with her husband, Lt. Karl Blessing, in the fall of 2014. "We heard the same thing from people in our church and the community."

The concern grew into a mission. The major enlisted the help of a couple of employees and for the next year quietly went to work, reading current needs studies and strategic plans compiled by the two cities and seeking input from other organizations.

During this process, they discovered there were schools in the county that still needed a weekend food program. "We knew God would want these children to be fed, and we needed to do it for that school year...It could not wait until we had a formal agreement or a comprehensive plan," said Major Louise.

Upon meeting Mike Hayes,



Mishawaka Food Pantry director, everything began falling into place. "Mike, and the food pantry, hold the respect and support of the community at all levels, from their generous donors to their army of volunteers to the people they serve," said Jan Marable, manager of the corps' Family Resource Center.

So a weekend food backpack program began in Mishawaka last September under the radar. With the help of two guidance counselors and honor roll students, weekend meals were packed in backpacks and given to students at two elementary schools without fanfare. It wasn't until the end of the school year that a joint press release was issued and the Army's red shield was placed on the Mishawaka food pantry building.

"Already we have strengthened each other in such a magnificent way," said Major Louise. "They are providing space for us, and we are providing programs they aren't able to provide like financial services for those on the verge of eviction or facing other family emergencies."

"And we are adding Pathway of Hope," Jan enthusiastically chimed in.

Following the public announcement, when asked to reflect on the accomplishment, Major Louise replied, "I love to be a part of what God is doing in our world."

The South Bend Kroc Center is now led by Majors Monty and Angela Wandling.

## International College for Officers

Each quarter Central Territory officers receive the opportunity to attend the International College for Officers in London, England, for a six-week session of training and development. Please keep the officers selected for the fourth quarter of 2016 in your prayers.



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Kansas and Western Missouri Division

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# Spanning the globe for Jesus

This year five summer mission teams (SMTs) served in locations from the Central Territory to the Bahamas, Hungary, Kenya and Mexico. Although ministry challenges differed, a common denominator became apparent: God changed them even more than He used them to change the world.



Kenya

## Kenya

This team developed a new understanding of "home is where the heart is" after ministering in corps and working with youth in schools operated or supported by The Salvation Army. They grew in their understanding of the true source of *mutanu* (joy) from the God-centered Salvationists with whom they marched to open-air. A highlight was serving at the Joy Town schools for youth with multiple handicaps. After pooling their money, the team paid off the school fee debts of three students who had no other means of support.



Kenya

The Kenya team was led by Amanda Tregellas and included Keyarah Banks, Heidi Hurula, Rachel Minter, Briana Staggers, Geron Williams and Matthew Winters.

## Mexico

Mexico City served as the team's base as they conducted vacation Bible school (VBS) and music schools at corps and children's homes in and around the city, including a town where the Army hopes to plant a corps. The team also led worship, conducted a leadership seminar and taught at the first-ever Mexico City divisional music camp.



Mexico

After sharing their testimonies at a children's home, the team met with staff members in the chapel that evening to learn a new song. When the kids heard singing, they rushed in to take part in a spontaneous worship service during which many responded to an impromptu altar call. In another town the team accompanied 10 corps teens who regularly fed and shared the gospel with homeless people. Working with the fearless teens inspired the team.

The Mexico team was led by Greg Hurula and included Makayla Broer, Shannon Cabrera, Kimberly DeSantiago, Jose Lopez Morales and Johanna Sveden.

## Hungary

This team hit the ground running to conduct VBS in Miskolc (two hours from Budapest) and a gypsy village where the Miskolc corps officers had planted a new corps. The team returned to Budapest to hold VBS in two corps and another gypsy village.



Hungary



Mexico



Hungary

The biblical truths taught by the team at one corps not only touched the children but a secular drama teacher who, after conducting some fun acting exercises with the kids, was amazed by the spiritual orientation of their responses!

The Hungary team was led by Michelle Winters and included Caitlin Balliet, Kayla Bohannon, Summer Koehler, Andrew Mahone and Stephen Richardson.

## Creative Arts Service Team (CAST)

After intense rehearsals, the team made its debut at the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan divisional music



CAST

camp, followed by the Northern divisional music camp where evening performances brought big responses.

After joining the Central team on the island of Eleuthera in the



CAST

Bahamas to conduct a week of VBS, they conducted a "traveling" VBS program at the Fort Wayne, Ind., Corps, where they gave a Saturday evening performance attended by the Fort Wayne Adult Rehabilitation Center. The team's final engagements were leading day camp in Warren, Mich., and the teen camp in the Eastern Michigan Division.

CAST was led by Sandra Cabrera and included Brianna Kruse, Mikal Mathews, Keziah Selma, Edward Vere and Jacob Wise.

## Central Territory

This team hopped among assignments before and after a week serving in the Bahamas. They began their summer ministry at the Janesville, Wis., Corps, then headed off to the Black Hills Camp in South Dakota for a Native American children's camp. In St. Louis, Mo., they joined young adults living fulltime in the Temple Houses, part of the dynamic Urban Mission Center ministry.



Central

They concluded their SMT experience at the National Jamboree in Missouri, then serving at the Harbor Light campuses in Detroit and Monroe, Mich., where they helped distribute more than 2,000 meals to the homeless.



Central

The Central team was led by Sara Ruthberg and included Jessica Butler, DJ Crosby, Corrina DeLacy, Victoria O'Neil and Kaleigh Wise.



# Maxwells to come alongside KWM

by Simone Worthing

Major Philip and Deslea Maxwell, officers of the Australia Eastern Territory for more than 30 years, have been appointed as the divisional leaders for the Kansas and Western Missouri Division effective November 1, 2016.

This is the third consecutive international appointment for the Maxwells, who have been serving outside Australia for almost seven years. Their first international appointment was to Papua New Guinea for four years with Major Phil

as territorial secretary for business administration, and Major Deslea as director of schools and, after one year, as literary secretary as well.

For the past two and a half years, they have served at International Headquarters (IHQ) in London. Major Deslea has been editor of the women's ministries leadership magazine, *Revive*, and editor of *The Salvation Army Year Book*. Major Phil has been an international auditor.

In their new roles, the Maxwells will be working with the divisional team to support the corps and center officers throughout the division.

"I will have the privilege of working alongside the women within the division," said Major Deslea of her new role as divisional director of women's ministries. "I believe women are people of influence, not only within the home but also within the wider community as they speak into community life and the workplace. I am looking forward to coming alongside them to encourage, support, challenge and help equip them for this ministry."

For Major Phil, the role of a divisional commander in the USA, although similar to Australia, is in some ways quite different. "The role of communicating the vision of the Army, supporting and enabling officers and staff in their respective ministries and providing spiritual input and challenge to the broader Salvation Army community is essentially the same," he

explained. "The differences that I am becoming conscious of include the scope of work that is covered by divisional headquarters, its level of authority and the more defined responsibility for governance."

Being with people is something in her new role that Major Deslea is looking forward to. "I love people!" she said. "I love coming alongside them, hearing their story, journeying through life with them and giving support where I can. I am passionate about encouraging and empowering women to walk in courage and confidence as they grasp their true identity as a child of God and a co-heir with Christ. In my new role, if I can help play a part in that, I will be pleased. And I am also looking forward to helping stimulate the development of women officers' leadership potential."

Major Phil shares this passion for people. "We also share a passion for mission," he said. "To work under God's direction in 'unpacking' the potential that God seeds in all his people is my greatest desire. When we unlock that potential we are best positioned to see what God, through his Holy Spirit, is able to accomplish."

The Maxwells are both extremely thankful for their family and God's goodness in their lives. "Our children understand our calling to international service and support us greatly (mind you it does give them some great holiday destinations!)," they said. "We are conscious though, that

unlike other grandparents, our grandchildren can't come for sleepovers, the kids just can't 'pop in' for a meal and we can't be there for grandparents day at childcare, baby sit, or be there when our kids journey through difficult times. But as we have said on many occasions, 'The Lord is a far better parent than we could ever be' and as our children have had to rely on Him, they have grown in their faith and know their heavenly Father's strong arms will always envelop them no matter what they encounter. However, we are grateful for Skype and FaceTime and when we do see the little ones—after only a few minutes—it's as if we have never been apart."

"As we prepare to make the move 'across the pond' we would be grateful for your prayers, asking that the Lord might continue to provide us with good health, and that His vision for the Kansas and Western Missouri Division will be revealed to us as we work alongside the officers and staff in that part of His vineyard."

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**GMTs at Rio Olympics!** Continued from page 1

The Meier Corps team focused on children's ministries with the neighborhood kids. The first day about 50 children showed up, many more than expected! Though the language barrier was challenging, the team quickly learned that sports ministry can overcome it, and by the end of the day friendships were kindled between them and children.

Team members maintained the routine of mornings spent preparing for each day's activities or handing out the Brazil Territory's magazine which included the Olympics schedule to encourage passers-by to take one. They would meet neighborhood children for lunch and then hold Olympic-inspired competitions throughout the afternoon. Each day ended with a soccer game before concluding with devotions. The team at Meier was blessed by the corps'



passion and dedication for the children and their community and felt privileged to be able to partner in their ministry.

"Rio de Janeiro has left an impression on us in a way that wasn't expected," said Audrey Hickman. "The people greeted us and invited us into their fellowship and community. We felt safe and at home despite the stories we heard before leaving the U.S. The 2016 Olympics will be remembered by many for the athletic competitions in the games, but we will remember it by the faces of the people we met and the stories lived out during our time in Rio."



# What God can do with lemonade

After the shooting deaths of law enforcement officers in Dallas and Baton Rouge this summer, the children of Doug and Stephanie Sayeg wanted to find a way to help the families who'd lost their loved ones in the line of duty. So, they started a lemonade stand outside of their suburban Milwaukee, Wis., home to raise money for the families. After raising nearly \$300 the first day, the kids decided to continue the lemonade stand for a week.



News of what the children were doing spread via social media and word of mouth, and hundreds of people began arriving to donate to the cause—multiple law enforcement agencies, fire departments, tow companies, city and county leaders, and many members of the community. In total, they raised

more than \$8,700!

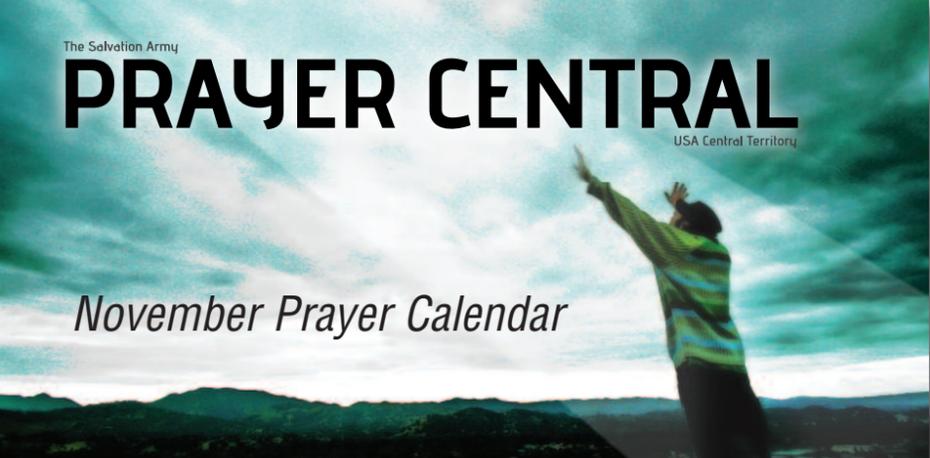
Stephanie and Doug had planned to drive to Dallas and hand-deliver the check, but upon hearing the story JetBlue Airlines flew the entire family there at no cost. They visited the Dallas Police substation, where the majority of officers who were killed had been stationed. The children interacted and ate lunch with officers and presented the check; afterward, the family toured the downtown police station. Local media covered the story.

"This entire event has changed our lives forever as we never imagined a cup of lemonade would be able to impact so many," said Stephanie. "Through this adventure we saw a community come together to be God's hands and feet for a hurting nation. Our children got to be God's example of love to others, and it is our hope that the name of Jesus was shown through each of our actions."

Note: Stephanie is an employee at the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Divisional Headquarters.



The family visits the police station in Dallas, Texas (back row, l to r): Emma, Tobey, Steph, Faith, Doug; (front row): Hope, Grace, Eli and Jack.



My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Tuesday	Ecclesiastes 3-4	Milwaukee, Wis., ARC*
	2 Wednesday	Zephaniah	Flint Citadel, Mich., Corps
	3 Thursday	Acts 11-12	Madison Genesis, Wis., Corps
	4 Friday	James 4-5	Indianapolis Eagle Creek, Ind., Corps
	5 Saturday	Deuteronomy 1-3	Kansas City Citadel, Kan., Corps
	6 Sunday	2 Chronicles 33-36	Youth in Corps Cadets
	7 Monday	Psalms 128-130	Cicero Templo Laramie, Ill., Corps
	8 Tuesday	Ecclesiastes 5-6	Caribbean Territory <sup>PM</sup>
	9 Wednesday	Haggai	Hibbing, Minn., Corps
	10 Thursday	Acts 13-14	Kearney, Neb., Corps
	11 Friday	1 Peter 1-3	Metropolitan DHQ**
	12 Saturday	Deuteronomy 4-6	Jackson, Mich., Corps
	13 Sunday	Ezra 1-5	Madison Temple, Wis., Corps
	14 Monday	Psalms 131-133	Minneapolis, Minn., ARC*
	15 Tuesday	Ecclesiastes 7-8	Hillsdale, Mich., Corps
	16 Wednesday	Zechariah 1-7	Iowa City, Iowa, Corps
	17 Thursday	Acts 15-16	Indianapolis Fountain Square, Ind., Corps
	18 Friday	1 Peter 4-5	Christmas kettle campaigns
	19 Saturday	Deuteronomy 7-9	Kansas City Northland, Mo., Corps
	20 Sunday	Ezra 6-10	Jr. Soldier enrollments
	21 Monday	Psalms 134-136	Crystal Lake, Ill., Corps
	22 Tuesday	Ecclesiastes 9-10	Jacksonville, Ill., Corps
	23 Wednesday	Zechariah 8-14	International Falls, Minn., Corps
	24 Thursday	Acts 17-18	Thank God for the blessings He gives!
	25 Friday	1 John 1-2	Lincoln, Neb., Corps
	26 Saturday	Deuteronomy 10-12	Kalamazoo, Mich., Corps
	27 Sunday	Nehemiah 1-4	Advent – The Journey begins
	28 Monday	Psalms 137-139	Manitowoc, Wis., Corps
	29 Tuesday	Ecclesiastes 11-12	Livingston County, Mich., Corps
	30 Wednesday	Malachi	Kankakee, Ill., Corps

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 \* = Adult Rehabilitation Center  
 \*\* = Divisional Headquarters

# Echo Grove scores with new soccer field

by Mary Parkinson

This summer the Eastern Michigan Division's (EMI) Echo Grove Camp and Retreat Center dedicated its newest soccer field, Foran Field, honoring the late Jeffrey S. Foran who was co-founder of the Bloomfield Hills Youth Soccer League. The Jeff Foran Charitable Trust, which has provided college scholarships for years, aided in the creation of this recreational field.



Five-year-old Hayden Messeral kicks the first goal at the new Foran Field in honor of his grandfather.

More than 20 guests attended the dedication, including Lt. Colonel John Turner, EMI divisional commander; Dr. Bill Nixon, Jeff's friend and co-founder of the Bloomfield Hills Youth Soccer League; Jane Bergstrom, Jeff's former wife, and their three children Katie Messerall, Jessica Foran and Richard Foran.

"The Salvation Army, a ministry motivated by the love of God... is a perfect match for how Jeff Foran lived out his faith," said Jane. "I believe we can all agree the fruition of this field is and will be 'Doing the Most Good.'"

"We are so grateful to the Jeff Foran Charitable Trust for this incredible gift," said Lt. Colonel Turner. "Now, in honor of his legacy, children visiting Echo Grove Camp will be able to enjoy the game Jeff loved so much for years to come."

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## Little bits of heaven

Surrounded by family and friends, Majors Loren and Janice Carter retired after a combined 90 years of service as respective members of the "Light Bringers" (1972) and "Undaunted" (1970) sessions.

Major Jeff Carter, one of their sons, conducted the retirement ceremony and presented a heart-felt tribute to his parents. Alluding to General William Booth's statement, "Making heaven on earth is our business," Major Jeff praised his parents for having done just that. "At camp, in nursing homes, in 15 passenger vans, at disaster sites, on street-corners, at

pot-luck dinners, in quiet hallways and noisy gymnasiums, they've been faithfully making little bits of heaven...proclaiming the good news of Jesus to the desperate, the lonely, the poor and afflicted," he said.

The majors' youngest grandchildren, Kaylin, Abby, Jackson and Erica sang a sweet rendition of "Jesus Loves Me," and their oldest grandchildren, Dune and Emma, served as flagbearers. Majors Joseph and Lois Wheeler performed "He leadeth me."

As single officers and together, Majors Loren and Janice served as corps officers in seven divisions and in administrative appointments at five divisional headquarters. Most recently they served in the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division as the Dane County (Madison, Wis.) coordinator and special services director, as well the Madison Temple corps officers.



## Retirement blessings

With the theme, "Obedience brings Blessings," Majors Emmanuel and Colleen Michaud celebrated their well-earned retirement in a service led by their children, Mark Michaud and Marie-Ange Hayden, at the Freedom Center in Chicago, Ill.

"You are not retiring from officership. You are retiring from active service," said Colonel Dennis Phillips who the Michauds served with in the Caribbean. "There is no discharge in this war. A covenant is a covenant, a calling is a calling."

Major Evie Diaz, Kansas and Western Missouri divisional commander, conducted the retirement ceremony as the Michauds' son, Mark, and son-in-law, Gavin, held the flags. Tributes were given by a variety of soldiers with whom the Michauds had worked during

appointments in both the Central and Caribbean territories. The Michauds' last appointment was as Kansas City Bellefontaine, Mo., corps officers.

Hailing from the Caribbean Territory, Major Colleen (from Guyana) was commissioned in 1972 with the "Lightbringers" session and Major Emmanuel (from Haiti) was commissioned in 1980 with the "Proclaimers of Salvation" session. They served as corps officers in the Guyana, Eastern Jamaica and Western Jamaica divisions, held a variety of divisional and territorial headquarters appointments, and served as regional leaders in Antigua and Barbuda.

After being appointed to the Central Territory in 2002, they served as corps officers in the Midland, Metropolitan and Kansas/Western Missouri divisions.

Both earned bachelor's degrees from Olivet Nazarene University, and Major Colleen attended the International College for Officers in 2002. The Michauds officially transferred to the Central from their home territory in 2013.



## Treasuring books

There's a new sense of excitement at the St. Louis, Mo., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) as beneficiaries keep an eye out for gently used classic and children's books when sorting through each day's donations, reported Major K. Kendall Mathews, the center's administrator. The donated books are delivered to a nearby elementary school where they're welcomed by teachers—and eagerly devoured by students who've been receiving encouragement over the last two years to spend more of their free time reading!

The reading program became so popular with the students, it was hard for the school to keep up with the demand for fresh titles from the few churches that were donating books until the ARC stepped in.

"We've been encouraging people to add children's books to their donations, and the men enjoy paying close attention to finding books they can set aside for the school," said Major K.K. "One man saw a book he'd given his own child years ago, which brought back many fond memories for him."

So far the ARC has collected more than 1,400 books! "The books are being treasured by underprivileged children who are also enhancing



Pictured with Major K. Kendall Mathews, St. Louis, Mo., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC Coleman) administrator, are Cameron Coleman (r), Adams Elementary School principal, and Ron, City of St. Louis neighborhood improvement specialist.

their reading capabilities; in fact, reading scores at the school have been steadily improving," the major continued. "This is being seen as a pilot program with hopes of branching out to other schools."

The students love when a new shipment of books arrives at the school from the ARC. Books with popular titles or that are in near perfect condition are distributed to teachers for their classroom libraries so children can share them. The rest go on the free book shelves set up in the gymnasium for the students to read at school or take home and keep.

"Many of the students don't have a lot, especially books. For them it's extra special to know these books are something they can call their own," the major concluded.



Children help Lindsay Schuessler, an academic instructional coach at the Adams School, unpack book donations from the St. Louis ARC.

## Promoted to Glory

### Major Marilyn Aldridge

Major Marilyn Aldridge was promoted to Glory on July 1, 2016. She was 71.

Marilyn was born on November 9, 1944, to James and Mary Mendenhall in Niles, Mich.

After graduating from high school in 1961, she entered the College for Officer Training. She married Robert



Aldridge on June 4, 1967, and together they served in corps appointments throughout the Midwest. They retired in 2004 to Sioux Falls, S.D., where they had been corps officers from 1986 until 1991.

Major Marilyn passionately cared about women and children in her ministry and took great pride in having helped several people heed their calls to officership. She was an avid writer, and her children and grandchildren were a source of joy to her.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; children Heather (John) Bart, Steven (Suzy) and Robert "Andy" Aldridge; two grandchildren, Miriam and Katharine Bart, and her sister-in-law, Margaret Mendenhall.