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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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Crescendo to a great summer

The Detroit Temple, Mich., Corps hosted the Detroit Crescendo Summer Music & Arts Camp. Crescendo is a nonprofit that offers youth, ages 5-18, extracurricular programs centered on instrumental music and dance.

The new collaboration immersed 75 children three days each week in

the arts, providing lessons in band, orchestra, choir, music composition, jazz improvisation and musical theater. They also participated in arts and crafts, recreational activities and devotions, in addition to receiving a breakfast and lunch. The 10-week camp included an outing to the opera and a jazz concert.

"They were so focused and busy,

you could hardly tell our building was full of children," said Envoy Esther Lewis, who leads Detroit Temple with her husband, Envoy Artee Lewis.

The corps' central location made participation possible for many families in the neighborhood with limited finances who don't own cars, and children were encouraged to also attend day camp the other two days a week.

"It's been great as they're not only teaching our corps kids music, but it's brought new kids into the corps," said Envoy Esther. "We're hopeful they'll bridge to our regular programming."

Envoy Esther says she is excited about the possibilities the music and arts camp has opened up especially for young men who often focus on sports. She also is pleased by the possibilities it has opened up for the corps in terms of music.



"For our corps, the territory's goal of live music by 2020 has been a struggle, but now it feels possible," she concluded. "The summer music and arts camp has been a real blessing."



Stuff the Bus goes nationwide

This summer The Salvation Army teamed up with Walmart to collect school supplies for children in need during the first nationwide "Stuff the Bus" campaign.

Salvation Army staff and volunteers accepted donations outside nearly 3,000 Walmart stores, including more than 600 in the Central Territory, on

August 3 for this one-day event. Items gathered included backpacks, pencils, folders and binders which individual students need, as well as items like hand sanitizer, cleaning wipes and boxes of tissues that they're expected to contribute to their classrooms. After the event, supplies were sorted and prepared for distribution to local families.

were able to set up a red kettle to collect cash contributions which could be used to purchase additional items to supplement donations or for general assistance to families.



Lts. Pablo and Nancy Rivera of the Chicago, Ill., Mayfair Community Church (Corps)

"Stuff the Bus helped families from a financial standpoint by offsetting the expenses associated with back-to-school time," said Major Alan Wurtz, who led the Central Territory's efforts. "Students were equipped and prepared to be successful as they moved into a new school year."

Besides gathering school supplies as in-kind donations, corps

Captain Rich Forney reported a great response in Aurora, Ill. "It was a beautiful day that allowed people to help our neighbors in need. It also gave us the privilege of sharing about the ongoing services and ministry opportunities our corps provides for families."

In preparation for the collaborative event, corps and service extension units were able to create an online Walmart registry of school supplies for community members to review prior to shopping. This



Hannah Reynolds from the Elgin, Ill., Corps

allowed them to select preferred brands and items based on local school supply requirements and helped ensure a variety of materials were donated. Donors also were able to order supplies online and have them shipped directly to a participating corps or unit.

"The value of this collaboration is incredible," concluded the major. "Not only are corps assisting families with an immediate need, but it's also paving the way for future collaborative efforts."

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Homecoming

by Lt. Colonel Richard Amick
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Joshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went to their homes (Joshua 22:6, NIV).

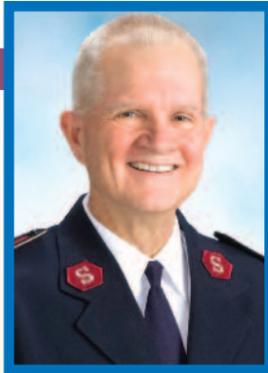
I have reached that point in life where I am no longer invited to weddings or celebrations of newborn babies but rather retirements and celebrations of friends' lives as they have their glorious homecomings in heaven.

However, this month Vicki and I are invited to the 100th birthday party of Mrs. Major Lurlene Duskin, a beautiful saint of the Lord who has influenced so many lives. She was born when Woodrow Wilson was president

and Bramwell Booth, General, and commissioned as an officer in 1942. Can you imagine all she's witnessed and the stories she could tell?

As I reflect on this special event in Hutchinson, I think back over my own life. It was 48 years ago when I was a senior at Hutch High. I remember homecoming weekend with the pep rallies, dance (not me—too afraid), tailgating and, of course, the football game. Go Salt Hawks! It seems like yesterday, and a simpler life.

After all these years, I find "homecomings" great times of remem-



brance and reconnecting, of sharing stories and seeing God's work in the life of friends.

Can you imagine the Israelites and their homecoming when they entered the Promised Land? It must have been quite memorable.

Having left their families and loved ones behind, the men who were capable of fighting crossed over the Jordan River to assist their brothers in conquering the Promised Land. After the Lord had granted them peace, Joshua blessed them and sent them on their way home. Can you imagine the celebration?

Are you looking forward to the great homecoming when God will provide all who believe in Him with resurrected life, knowing you will dwell with Him forever? Are you ready? If not, do not delay; do not miss the homecoming planned for you. Now is the time, the day of salvation.

As I get older, it seems I hear the song "When we all get to Heaven" more often. As it says, "What a day of rejoicing that will be. When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!" That's our homecoming. Can't imagine the pep rally.

Finding her niche has made a world of difference

It happened in the most ordinary of places, a classroom. While working toward her master's degree, Chris Shay had an epiphany. The Central Territory could do more with missions.

While the vision was fresh, she fleshed out a proposal and sent it off to Commissioner Ken Baillie. Her note resonated with the territorial

commander, who in response aimed to form a World Missions Bureau—and wanted her to lead it! She hadn't been looking for a new job. In fact, she was perfectly content working in the youth department and being involved in missions there and at her corps, but as usual Chris felt she should pray about it. And God said, "Go." This was the providential context for the Central Territory being transformed over the last 15 years with opportunities for service and growth.

Among Chris' accomplishments, the territory's solid Service Corps for young adults was renamed Summer Mission Team (SMT) and soared to a new level of excellence. During her tenure, 360 young adults have found challenge and fulfillment—and often themselves—as they've ventured out into the world. Teams have been sent to the same locations in successive years, promoting ongoing

relationships between the territories and helping to better enable the Army's mission.

"I'm particularly thrilled with how we have brought over Salvationist young adults from other countries to serve on our in-territory Central teams," said Chris. "We've had members from Ghana, Russia, Hungary, Denmark, the Bahamas and the Philippines. It just makes sense to me to have true partnership with The Salvation Army globally in this way."

She's also been overjoyed at the growth of the Global Mission Team (GMT) program which sends adult teams to locations worldwide to partner with local craftsmen to build, renovate and repair corps buildings, officers' quarters, children's homes and schools. During Chris' tenure GMT has brought short-term missions opportunities to more than 250



change to reflect more ethnicities and cultures, some might question the need for missions, but Chris insists short-term mission opportunities are even more important. "Those who serve overseas gain an understanding of cultural and ethnic differences

that helps them work with their immigrant neighbors in the U.S. with more caring and compassion."

It's these characteristics of kindness and compassion she wants to demonstrate in retirement as she serves more with her husband, Mick, at their corps (Oakbrook Terrace) in Chicago's suburbs. "The Lord has many people, near and far, that He wants us to notice, get to know, care about and show Jesus to through our actions and words," she concluded.

It reflects what she says is the biggest take-away from her ministry in World Missions—that life, as William Booth said, is really all about "Others."

adults, many of them long past the age for SMT. In fact, the oldest participants have been master craftsmen in their 80s!

This ministry in missions has afforded Chris the opportunity to travel the world in a meaningful way and has deepened her resolve to live with intentionality for the cause of Christ.

"Living in the U.S., I have much compared with many in the world, and the danger is complacency," she explained. "The global Salvation Army reminds me to live with the advancement of God's Kingdom in mind. A life of gratitude and generosity, godly attributes I've seen all over the Army world."

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CBLI: learning and growing together

by Major Carol Wurtz

With every age track studying the book of Philippians at Central Bible Leadership Institute (CBLI) this summer, campers grew in their faith together. Learning from and encouraging each other, they reflected CBLI's theme of "More people, more like Jesus." Often, children and adults could be heard talking about Christ and His amazing love.

In fact, intergenerational fellowship was a hallmark of the 10-day encampment. It began on the very first night during a prayer walk throughout the camp to ask God's blessing on what would happen in each space and continued through the last Sunday where many campers committed themselves to step out in faith as they returned home.

A spirit of Christian love permeated as campers learned about Jesus and grew closer to each other through the Circle of Worship meeting, Bible studies, meals, arts and crafts, sports tournaments for all ages, The Salvation Army Outdoors (TSAO) activities, carnival games for younger campers and even a young adult lip sync battle during an afterglow. Mid-week, campers headed off to Six Flags Great America to enjoy a day of fun together.

Each track interacted with others in transforming ways of servanthood, kindness and sharing the love of Christ. CBLI campers sensed and obeyed the Holy Spirit's leading as they were challenged by the apostle Paul's words "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:6, NIV). Spiritual growth was pro-

moted and enriched by the ministry of Commissioners Brad and Heidi Bailey, Lt. Colonels Philip and Deslea Maxwell, Majors Jonathan and Barbara Rich, Captains Keith and Pamela Maynor, Captain Darell and Lt. Willow Houseton, and Aaron Bolduc from Dare 2 Share Ministries.

Campers in all CBLI tracks also worked together to raise \$3,908.07

(matched by territorial headquarters for a total of \$7,816.14) to help build Salvation Army children's schools in the India South Eastern Territory, one of our Partners in Mission. Not only were funds raised but appreciation of the worldwide Army and different cultures was increased, again giving evidence of growing and learning together in God's grace at CBLI.

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CBLI Awards

Leader Award

Zariya O'Neal (Mt. Clemens, Mich., Corps)

Pepper Award

Erika Cruz (Olathe, Kan., Corps)

Strissel Award

Wesley Ruggerio (Royal Oak, Mich., Corps)

Shiels Award

Lucas Gantner (Wichita Citadel, Kan., Corps)

Carlson Scholarship

Grace Washburn (Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps)

Tristen Perry (Royal Oak, Mich., Corps)

Green Award

Emily Southfield (Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps)

Garrington Award

Mark Riches (Royal Oak, Mich., Corps)

Bonifield Award

Edrance Emmanuel (St. Louis Temple, Mo., Corps)

Rowland Spirit of CBLI Award

Keziah Selma (Tacloban Corps, Philippines)

Lyn Walton (St. Louis Gateway, Mo., Corps)

Western Division camps go on in wake of historic flooding

by Michelle deRusha

Western divisional leaders Majors Greg and Lee Ann (Poppy) Thompson drove out to Camp Gene Eppley in Bellevue, Neb., in early April just days after water from the flooded Platte River had receded. As soon as they crossed the threshold of the camp, which would have celebrated its 75th anniversary this summer, they knew it was a total loss.

Water had risen to the rooflines of the cabins and camp buildings. Furniture had been turned upside down by the roiling river, black mold already was creeping up the walls and mud covered nearly everything.

"I didn't want the kids to lose all the wonderful opportunities that come with camp, but it was also very apparent to me in that moment that we needed to come up with a solution," said Major Poppy.

The Thompsons also were hearing from families whose children were distraught. "This was a place where



they had enjoyed carefree, happy days. Now, in their minds, it wasn't going to happen this year," she said. "It was a big loss—not just a physical loss of buildings, but an emotional loss as well."

The Thompsons began to explore options for interim camp facilities, and almost immediately, the pieces started to fall into place. "We were behind the eight ball. Most places book up a year or more in advance," admitted the major. "But the Lord was very, very good to us. He led us to the right places, and our summer camps

never even missed a beat."

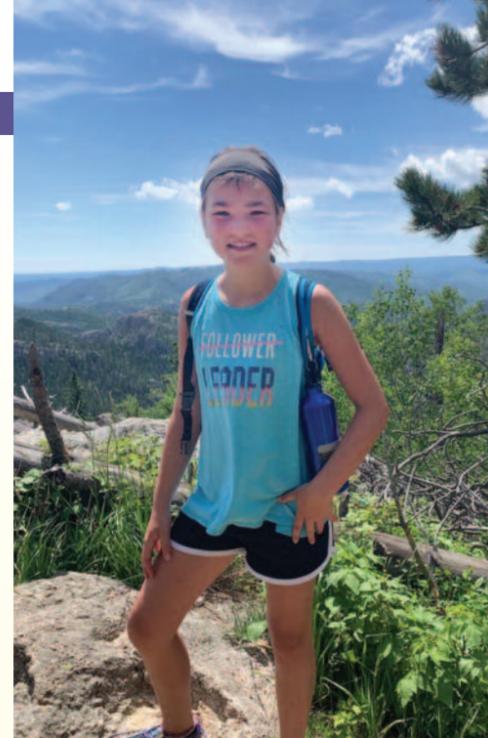
Teenaged campers and those registered for The Salvation Army Outdoors (TSAO) spent a week at the Western Division's Black Hills Camp near Rapid City, S.D., but finding an appropriate spot for younger campers and the music students, who needed indoor facilities, was more challenging.

The Thompsons connected with The Leadership Center in Aurora, Neb., which turned out to be a perfect fit for the boys and girls junior camps. Music camp was held at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa.

"It was an awesome facility, and I was really pleased with how well the kids represented The Salvation Army," said Western Divisional Music Director Tyler Schulze, who along with other instructors led 114 campers in choir, brass and guitar ensembles and electives including dance, drama, ukulele, timbrels, and film and TV editing.

A total of 350 kids, ages 8-18, enjoyed camp this summer. Although the enrollment was lower than previous years, Major Poppy calls it nothing short of a miracle.

As everything came together, the Thompsons had no doubt God was in the details. "We received constant confir-



mation that we were on the right course," said Major Poppy. "The pieces all fit perfectly, the kids got summer camp, and I couldn't be happier."

Plans are in works to open a permanent camp in a new location next year, ensuring that plenty of camp memories will continue to be made for many summers to come.



New International Positional Statement on Sexism

The Salvation Army's International Moral and Social Issues Council has released a new International Positional Statement on Sexism, which has been approved by the International Management Council.

The statement reads:

Sexism is discrimination based on sex or gender, most often against women and girls and is increasingly understood as a fundamental human rights issue.

Sexism often includes a combination of prejudice plus power. It is expressed through systemic, structured prejudice and cultural discrimination and can be present in a family, communities of faith, and societal and national cultures.

The Salvation Army believes that both male and female are made in the image of God and are equal in value and therefore is opposed to sexism. We reject any view that subordinates women to men, or men to women.

The Salvation Army believes that our world is enhanced by equitably valuing, equipping and mobilizing all human beings. While valuing gender equity, The Salvation Army acknowledges with regret that Salvationists have sometimes conformed to societal and organizational norms that perpetuate sexism.

We are committed to model the equitable valuing, equipping and mobilizing of men and women, and will speak into societies around the world where sexism exists.

Positional statements are given for the information of the public and the guidance of Salvationists. The International Moral and Social Issues Council trusts this new positional statement will find a useful place in the worldwide ministry of The Salvation Army.

To read more about this statement visit: salvationist.ca/articles/salvation-army-releases-positional-statement-on-sexism



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Volunteers of the Year

Last year more than a half million people volunteered in the Central Territory, devoting over 2.5 million hours to service opportunities from ringing bells to emergency disaster relief, and everything in between. Here we salute those honored as Volunteers of the Year.

Artemis Wallace—Lifetime Service



Artemis "Temo" Wallace has furthered The Salvation Army's mission through volunteerism and service as a soldier for more than 60 years. As kettle coordinator for the St. Louis Euclid, Mo., Corps, Temo helps ensure success. He serves on the corps council, teaches recruits' classes, plays in the band and participates in men's and community care ministries. Always ready to help, he volun-

teers for the food pantry, mobile market and outreach events; when younger he was active in emergency disaster services. Captains Patrick and Karen Holness, corps officers, reported, "Temo is an exemplary soldier and volunteer. Not only is he a veteran who served two tours of duty in Vietnam; he's also a veteran Salvationist leading people to Christ through his service and example."

Mark Krogh—Individual

Mark Krogh uses his expertise to maintain software programs and data input for ministries, services and finances for the Omaha North Side, Neb., Corps. Volunteering in the corps office over the last four years, five days a week for four hours a day, Mark tracks complex statistical and financial data, sometimes building custom programs to capture all of the data needed to produce reports for the corps, divisional administration, United Way and others. He keeps daily records for social services and attendance for all youth and adult ministries and programs. "Mark frees



us up to do ministry," said Lt. Ken Jones, corps officer. "The work and time he's put into learning Army software and maintaining accurate records is outstanding—above and beyond anything I've ever seen from a volunteer."

Steve and Kaye Cook—Family



Motivated by their love for Jesus, Steve and Kaye Cook's volunteerism is a lifestyle. Well known in their community, the Cooks use their business and social connections to generate funds and recruit volunteers for the Sioux Falls, S.D., Corps, particularly for its house-painting ministry and kettle season. Not only do they count money each night, the couple started a donation match. "Without it, we wouldn't be able to meet our kettle goals," said Major Tom Riggs, then corps officer. "Steve and Kaye are walking billboards for The Salvation



Army." Every Christmas morning the couple provides, prepares and serves breakfast at the corps; they do the same for the corps' daily feeding program several times a year with their church. The Cooks also lead domestic and international Habitat for Humanity teams.

Faith McDevitt—Youth

When Faith McDevitt was a 3rd grader, she donated her allowance to a kettle, then campaigned with her family and friends for a larger, collective donation! Faith's continued commitment to supporting people in need crystalized during a hospital stay when she asked for someone from the Livingston County, Mich., Corps to come pick up the money she'd been collecting. "Most young people would've been completely focused on their own pain," recalled Major Prezza Morrison, corps officer. Faith continues raising kettle donations, rings bells at kettles and volunteers in the corps' toy shop and Summer Lunch Bunch, a collaborative, county-wide feeding program. A 4.0 student and active in her school's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program, Faith's interests range from aerospace to culinary arts!

Quicken Loans—Organization

Quicken Loans, Inc., headquartered in Detroit, Mich., has partnered with The Salvation Army for almost 15 years. As the nation's largest retail mortgage lending company, Quicken Loans' commitment to people in need exemplifies corporate care and citizenship. "Their commitment, example and consistency helps move our mission forward," said Lt. Colonel John Turner, Eastern Michigan divisional commander. Every Friday the company's employees make sandwiches distributed by The Salvation Army's Bed and Bread trucks throughout Detroit. Employee assistance in the Detroit Harbor Light's kitchen alone accounts for more than 1,000 volunteer hours a year over the last decade.



Finding peace in recovery

by Katherine Basaran

A new prayer garden is a place of peace, meditation and hope for those struggling to overcome addictions at the Indianapolis, Ind., Harbor Light Center. It is a space for peaceful reflection and adds an outdoor element to the holistic treatment.

Dozens of Salvation Army staff and volunteers came together this summer and, in the course of just one day, transformed a large, unused plot of land on the property into a place of

beauty and healing. Volunteers from Turner Construction and iTown Church worked side-by-side with Salvation Army staff from both the Harbor Light Center and Indiana Divisional Headquarters to lay new sod, plant trees and flowers, build benches, raise flower beds and shape pathways.

Overseeing the efforts was Randy Sorrell, owner of Soundings Landscaping. With his direction, the group saw the 4,400-square-foot space quickly changed into a colorful garden. They were honored to have Cameron Radford, Director of Community Outreach in Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett's office, stop by to congratulate everyone on the new addition to the center.

"God is ready to help when we need Him," said Major K. K. Mathews, executive director of the center. "This prayer garden will help all who use it to stand fearless at the cliff edges of recovery, ready to renew hope and begin healing."

The Harbor Light Center serves over 3,500 men and women from



across Indiana every year. The adults who participate in the program have access to medically supervised detox, residential treatment, transitional housing, an intensive outpatient program and spiritual counseling. Educational classes teach life management skills to help consumers re-enter the workforce, stay committed to sobriety and heal broken relationships with their children, spouses and other loved ones.

The prayer garden was made possible through a generous donation by Jay and Jan Brill, who saw potential in the open land and dreamed of an outdoor space where prayer and contemplation could take place under an open sky.



The value of Summer Mission

by Chris Shay

Six short weeks. It's hard to imagine how much a life can change or how much ministry can be accomplished in that time, but working with Summer Mission Teams (SMT) I've seen it again and again. God is at work, transforming lives, changing the world.



Each year through SMT, a young adult discipleship and service program, five teams of four to eight members are sent out to learn and grow while serving people through vacation Bible school (VBS) and other children's ministries, outreach and evangelism, feeding programs, adult programming, worship, camps, work projects and more.

As they work together, young adults experience the joys and difficulties of ministry, as well as the challenge of working as a team. While many of them already are involved in ministry in their



corps, SMT provides a broader range of experiences that enhances their ministry when they return home. And as they take on the challenge of being a team, going to new locations, being immersed in unfamiliar cultures and having new experiences, God is working in and through them, and they are able to do more than they ever thought possible for His Kingdom.



After more than 20 years of leading and coordinating young adult mission teams, first at my own corps and then for the territory, I've come to realize it's not only the service given every summer but the lessons learned that are the true value of SMT.

Gratitude

This may be the biggest lesson of all. As SMT members see how officers and soldiers minister throughout the world, often in difficult settings with few resources yet with joy, the results are profound. Young adult Salvationists' perspectives on the world, fairness and justice begin to change.

A member of the Southern Africa Team this year recounted he'd grown numb to God's blessings in his life and was suf-

fering from a lack of thankfulness, but witnessing God at work in the lives of corps members and their communities in South Africa and Namibia reignited his gratitude.

Humility

With a change in perspective, SMT members come to understand they are not at a location to show what they know or can do but rather to encourage and serve alongside those who have been doing Kingdom work there for a long time. The young adults have the treasured opportunity to see many faithful Salvationists loving their communities for the sake of the gospel. The concept of "others" becomes more real.



One CAST team member this summer recounted her experience at a camp in the Heartland Division. She was moved by how every member of the camp staff was willing to work extra hard and take on additional responsibilities without complaining. Their servanthood left a lasting impression on her and other CAST members.

Generosity

"God so loved the world that He gave...." And we must become people who give. Smiles, hard work, time spent with children who hunger for attention, kindness and fun—all of these contribute to developing the trust needed for people



to be receptive to the gospel. Giving financially becomes more important as well. We all have so much more we can give than we realize. The SMT experience brings this truth to light.



Teams



This summer the team to Denmark was impressed by how intentional Salvationists there are in building relationships. They recounted how Danish Salvationists were so generous with their time with the team members and people in their communities, purposefully and generously investing in others for the sake of God's Kingdom. SMT members were personally challenged by experiencing this type of generosity.



Perseverance

As SMTs minister they have the chance to see how change takes time and endurance. God asks for our faithfulness in ministry, as noted in 1 Corinthians 3:5-9. Local soldiers and officers plant the seeds of the gospel in their communities, and SMT members have the privilege of watering the plants. Teams may, or may not, see



the fruit of their ministry while they are on location, but they learn they can trust God, who is faithful, to bring it about in His timing. That is true for their

ministry back home as well.

The Spain and Portugal team witnessed Salvationists in both countries planting seeds in difficult soil. They participated in social and evangelistic outreach, and they partnered with soldiers and officers in sharing the gospel through VBS, open-air and homeless ministries. A highlight was getting to know a teen who had followed the group back to the building out of curiosity which gave them an opportunity to plant the seed of the gospel message.



Community

Christians worldwide are our brothers and sisters because of Jesus. This wonderful truth is brought home again and again as the teams make new friends during their ministry. Though people may be from different cultures or ethnicities, we share a bond of fellowship and unity in Christ. For many young adults, it's a surprising bonus—and a joyful one! Within their teams as well, deep friendships often are formed that last for a lifetime.

The Central SMT was made up of Salvationists from three countries this year! Building community within the team was a rewarding cultural experience. In addition, they often spoke of the strong relationships they built with the host officers and cadets they encountered throughout the summer. They even added five team members when they headed to the Bahamas for a week of ministry. Nurturing community was a constant challenge and blessing.

Purpose

SMT has been the turning point for the lives of many young adult Salvationists. The experience has helped them consider fulltime ministry as officers or employees in The Salvation Army. For others, their SMT experience has strengthened their commitment to serve in their corps as local officers as they shine for Christ in secular employment. The SMT experience serves as a jumpstart in maturity for those willing to step into the challenge.

Courtney Smith, a former SMT leader, shared, "When you asked me to be a Summer Mission Team leader, it changed the whole trajectory of my life." She is not alone in this sentiment. Whether it impacts career plans, develops spiritual growth or highlights previously unknown skills and gifts, young adult Salvationists often express they find renewed purpose in their lives after serving on a Summer Mission Team.

If you're a Salvationist, age 18-28, prayerfully consider applying to be on a Summer Mission Team in the future. God is waiting to do amazing things in and through your life. For more information visit centralmissions.org



Seizing every opportunity

by Major Beverly Best

The National Seminar on Evangelism's 50th anniversary marked one of the largest turnouts in years with 114 delegates from across the nation, including 47 from the Central Territory (the largest delegation), as well as representatives from Italy.

The Kansas City Citadel, Kan., Corps brought seven delegates of differing backgrounds to the seminar in Colorado. Some are survivors of abuse and homelessness; one is a former drug addict. Some have struggled with thoughts of self-harm. Three have their master's degrees, and four are Ministry Discovery interns. What do they have in common? They are all saved by

grace through Jesus Christ and have a passion to win the lost.

The delegates gathered for personal refreshment in the awe-inspiring natural beauty, enthusiastic worship, moving Bible teaching and real-world evangelism training from various teachers, including National Ambassador for Holiness Dr. Bill Ury.

Lt. Colonel Dean Hinson, then national secretary for program,



Major Beverly Best and the delegation from the Kansas City Citadel, Kan., Corps

opened the seminar with a powerful message, "Today is the day of Good News!" (2 Kings 7:9). He was quick to tell delegates, "What happens at Glen Eyrie, does *not* stay at Glen Eyrie!"

National Commander Commissioner David Hudson also encour-



aged delegates not to be satisfied with preaching to their weekly congregations but to go out into their communities and share the gospel and meet human needs.

Delegates met in small groups to share their stories, hone their testimonies and receive personal encouragement from each other. On Thursday evening, the teams ventured into Colorado Springs and Denver to parks, neighborhoods, shelters and rehabilitation centers to share the gospel. Some talked with strangers over a meal or a cup of coffee, while others handed out flyers and engaged people in conversation. The Good News was given to men, women and children, the homeless, prostitutes and atheists. Delegates were not shy to share their own stories of how Jesus has rescued them from sin and transformed their lives.

Delegate Charles Kristian from Kansas City said at first he wasn't sure he belonged, that he felt inadequate among officers and longtime soldiers since his personal history includ-

ed abuse and addiction, and he is just beginning to learn the Bible. Then he heard the testimony of a fellow delegate who had experienced many of the same circumstances. He was encouraged by this brother in Christ and realized the power of his own story.

The week culminated with a covenant service where delegates dedicated themselves to seeking the salvation of the lost, taking every opportunity God gives them to communicate the Good News of salvation, allowing nothing to deter them from their desire to win souls for Him!



Connecting through cars

Classic automobiles are a big deal in Battle Creek, Mich. Local car enthusiasts love to display their antique models, admire others' and talk shop. Among them are members of The Salvation Army men's club, who 11 years ago came up with a creative way to tap into the community's passion for cars while engaging people for Christ by hosting the first corps-sponsored auto show.

The event has grown into a popular family outing. A free lunch of hotdogs, chips, cookies and cold beverages is served. Children enjoy a giant Red Kettle bounce house and

their parents the 40 or so cars on display.

Visitors to the car show fill out contact cards which are followed up with a letter, phone call or personal visit from the corps thanking them for attending and inviting the family to Sunday worship and corps programs.

"It's a fun family event," said Major Kevin Van Zee, corps officer. "It helps us connect with the community in a unique way."

At the end of the day, the best entries are awarded trophies and prizes in a variety of categories.

The men's club holds fundraisers throughout the year and gathers in-kind donations from local businesses to help offset the costs associated with the event.

"A lot of people who would never have a reason to come to the corps attend the car show," the major concluded. "So we're engaging with a different demographic."



Major Christie Van Zee, Battle Creek, Mich., corps officer, and Anna Van Denberg, young people's sergeant-major, check out one of the entries at the annual car show.

Pop with a Cop

When communities in Lincoln, Neb., gather in their neighborhood parks for summer evenings of fun and fellowship, it's a sure bet that The Salvation Army's canteen and a police cruiser or two will show up to join the party.

Funded by a city grant, Pop with a Cop is a popular addition to park district-sponsored Picnic in the Park events, which can draw crowds ranging from 50 to 600 attendees. Majors Mark and Susan Anderson, Lincoln corps officers, accompanied by Salvation Army staff and volunteers, pass out free, cold cans of pop while police officers engage in games or conversation with community members, building trust and relationships.

Through experience and observation, the corps and police have learned how to best engage with each neighborhood during these events. Some prefer an information table with fliers and

brochures to pick up, while others enjoy playing lawn games or tossing a ball around. Prayer is offered to, and often happily accepted by, visitors to the canteen.

"We believe in this program wholeheartedly," said Major Susan, who gives credit for its success to previous corps officers who laid the foundation. "The corps and the police department have developed a great relationship which has expanded our visibility and provided opportunities for collaboration."



CMI: steadfast in mission and excellence

by Ronda Atwater

Young women sharing and affirming their faith in the Elm cabin after a full day of music-making. Varying melodies of "Be present at our table, Lord..." at meals. A sea of purple marching with instruments, tambourines and flags at an amusement park. Stillness after a Wonderland Band number. The grassy fields of Camp Wonderland peppered with campers and faculty silently reading sealed orders and praying with their heads bowed or faces lifted toward heaven. Choir students singing as they left rehearsals, their joy overflowing into their next class or activity.

These are among the memories that will rise up within me whenever I think of Central Music Institute (CMI) 2019, themed "Steadfast."

With five instructional periods each day, many of the 219 CMI students double-majored in voice, brass and percussion, praise band, woodwinds, drama or dance, allowing for well-rounded musical training. Some also chose an elective from piano, guitar, dance, drama, handbells, timbrels, percussion, conducting, instrument repair, leadership, media engineering, CMI-TV or Bible study. Over the course of the camp, three student showcases and two concerts displayed a blending of expressions and featured winners from each major's solo competition.

Welcome night, accompanied by the Pep Band, brought together students and faculty hailing from England, Scotland, the Netherlands, Argentina, Canada, Jamaica and the Bahamas.

On guest night Bandmaster Paul Sharman shared his journey as a performer and composer and conducted

the Faculty Band in his piece *Solid Rock*. Amsterdam Staff Songsters Leader Roel van Kesteren led the CMI Chorus in "Boundless in Love" (Phillips) and

invited all campers to join them. Leading the Gospel Choir and woodwinds, I taught voice parts for the gospel "Praise Him" (Harper). Dancer and choreographer Kellyn Thornburg got everyone on their feet with Kirk Franklin's "123 Victory," assisted by her dance majors. Memphis area worship pastor Ronnie Murchinson was active throughout the week with the student praise bands, including a daily Evensong. One evening the Creative Arts Services Team (CAST) presented the Jesus Theater production *Kites*—a striking look at God's attributes, our life experiences and how Jesus came to reconcile us to the Father which concluded with an opportunity to respond.

Alongside the rigorous music and arts curriculum, the priority of devotions and discipline remained strong. Each day sealed

orders (devotionals by Rebecca Phillips based on Eugene Peterson's book *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*) were hand-delivered to every student to work through individually. Then small groups brought faculty and students together to unpack and discuss each day's lesson which became a rich time of reflection and transparency.

Sunny afternoons found students involved in all manner of activities such as swimming, team sports, puzzles, arts and crafts, and even a zip line. Some practiced vigorously for solo contests, while others chatted or slept. Daily after-dinner marching practice prepared students for a mid-week parade at Six Flags Great America, after which they enjoyed a free day at the park.

Anchored by Captain AJ Zimmerman, a relaxed Q & A night with Colonels Steven and Janice Howard, chief secretary and territorial secretary for women's ministries, gave students a glimpse into their family and ministry. On the first Sunday morning, Colonel Janice also gave the message, using her journey as an officer and her heart for missions as examples of God's providence and grace.

The final Sunday worship service carried

overtone of an 11-day journey of musical strides, worship and deepened relationships, witnessed by those attending alumni weekend. Among the many awards, Samuel Leka and Alexis Dill shared the Ben Merritt (highest camper recognition).

Alexis also won the Wonderland Band solo contest with her rendition of *The Carnival of Venice*. In her Sunday morning testimony, Alexis said, "I'm gonna seek the Lord more aggressively," to a collective murmur of agreement from the audience. CMI chaplains Lt. Colonels Philip and Deslea Maxwell, territorial program secretary and assistant program secretary, were ever-present, and at this last gathering Colonel Philip spoke again, sealing the week's spiritual teaching.

CMI, what a "place to be!" A favored moment of mine was at the start of each day when I would watch and listen to the full range of technique classes beginning. Groups of vocalists and instrumentalists gathered under trees, in log cabins and on porches. Scales and exercises warmed up bodies and brains in anticipation of goals to be reached that day. The students were hungry, eager, *steadfast* and faithful.

CMI Top Awards and Scholarships

Ramsdale-Jaudes-Boyer Rookie Award
Jack Strand (Olathe, Kan.)

Harry Strissel Most Improved Musician Award
Bailey Sawka (Omaha Citadel, Neb.)

Steve Diaz Chaplain's Award
Mikal Mathews (Indianapolis, Ind., Harbor Light)

Lois and Len Duguay Spirit of CMI Award
Luis Guerrero (St. Joseph, Mo.)

Ben Merritt Award
Alexis Dill (Yorkminster, Ontario, Canada)
Sam Leka (Rockford Temple, Ill.)
Arthur Shoults Scholarship

Crosby-O'Neil Cornet
Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps



Patriot exercise enables EDS training

by Alexis Twito

Central Territory emergency disaster services (EDS) had a valuable and successful time conducting its training and operations this summer at the Patriot North Disaster Training Exercise held at the Volk Field Air National Guard and Fort McCoy U.S. Army installations in Wisconsin.

The annual training exercise brings together military, government agencies and civilian organizations to increase their understanding of the coordination, policies and procedures required for conducting a joint, inter-agency domestic disaster response. The Salvation Army initially was invited six years ago to help alleviate the problem of keeping participants hydrated. Since then EDS has expanded the scope of its operations and increased the number of personnel.

This year more than 75 Central Territory EDS men and women, representing all divisions, participated.

"The value here is that we're building relationships, providing real-life support and improving our deployment processes and skills. It gives us an opportunity to see where our gaps might be, then address those gaps in practice exercises," said Terri Leece, Wisconsin and Upper



Michigan divisional emergency disaster services director.

One such gap was emergency sheltering. "Although EDS is listed as a backup resource in disasters for emergency sheltering, it's not something we've provided at the exercise before," Terri continued. After EDS held emergency sheltering training, a team of volunteers practiced how to set up, staff and tear down an emergency shelter.

This year two complete Incident Management Teams operated with a shadow team, which is vital in mentoring trained people to fill key disaster leadership roles. SATERN (Salvation Army Team Radio Network) members not only provided radio communications support to EDS operations, they also assisted Team Rubicon, a veterans' disaster radio organization which participates in the exercise every year. SATERN also shared equipment with other organizations when the need arose in one of the disaster scenarios.

Between the two exercise sites, EDS canteens provided 1,800 meals and snacks to participants over three days. The 2,000 bottles of water and 300 bags of ice they distributed on the field were appreciated as temperatures rose past 90 degrees.



Debra Gaskill (l) and Stacie Hurst practice shelter-intake procedures.



SATERN member Rev. Bob Dennis

In addition to feeding and hydration, emotional and spiritual care teams interacted with military and civilian participants alike with smiles, friendly conversations and spiritual support. Two dogs and their handlers from HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response worked with the teams, which made 700 emotional and spiritual care contacts.



Incident Management Team members Kaila Lariviere and Chris Striebel

Church safety and security

The Salvation Army partnered with Willow Creek Community Church, Secure Church and Lionheart International Services Group to host a Church Safety and Security in a Changing World seminar at Central Territorial Headquarters (THQ). Metropolitan Divisional Emergency Disaster Services served dinner from their new field kitchen, and chaplains and volunteers from THQ staffed the event.

The seminar's purpose was to help houses of worship prepare to build effective safety and security protocols; select, train and manage a safety team; leverage technology to ensure best practices; avoid common pitfalls; create buy-in from leadership and compliance from staff; and the legal, tactical, practical and spiritual elements of response. Discussion from panelists included retired FBI and Secret Service experts as well as staff from the sponsoring organizations.

"This was a very valuable resource for our divisions," said Kevin Ellers, territorial disaster services coordinator. "It is critical that we take strategic steps to ensure safety within all of our locations to protect the vulnerable populations we serve."

Additional training and resources relating to safety and security is being added to the territory's emergency disaster services curriculum.



Making new memories in Marshalltown

One year since an EF3 tornado touched down in Marshalltown, Iowa, ripping off the top of the historic court house and damaging hundreds of business and homes, including both Salvation Army facilities, The Salvation Army continues to help its community to move forward. Led by the newly appointed corps officer, Captain Pamela Kasten, the immediate disaster response in July 2018 involved canteens from across the Western and neighboring Heartland divisions. Personnel and volunteers served thousands of meals and drinks, supplied clean-up kits and provided emotional and spiritual care.

This summer Captain Pam wanted to celebrate the rebuilding and recovery that's taken place in Marshalltown. Utilizing a trust grant and contacts throughout the community, she and her team put together a carnival-type event and invited the public to attend free of charge. More than 400 individuals came through the corps' doors in one evening to cel-

brate together, learn more about The Salvation Army and have fun. The event featured a red kettle bounce house, inflatable obstacle course, dunk tank, horses, face painter, balloon artist, giant and carnival games and lots of food.

"I was so overwhelmed by the turnout and how God brought the people to us to share the love of Christ," said Captain Pam.

July 19 now has another memory tied to it as The Salvation Army in Marshalltown continues to help families recover from the devastating tornado.



Clowning around at the carnival are Western divisional leaders Majors Greg and Lee Ann Thompson and the headquarters team who came to support Captain Pam Kasten (back, center) and the Marshalltown, Iowa, Corps' community outreach.

730... AND BEYOND



1,568 days and counting

by Lt. Joseph Irvine

I'm finding life as a Salvation Army officer provides a wide array of opportunities for ministry. While some are standard, it's never the same old thing—and sometimes officership presents extraordinary opportunities for service. In January, my wife and I came across one of these.

The day had hummed along with the usual routine of administrative work and service, and the evening promised to be ordinary, too. But halfway through making dinner I received a call from an officer in a nearby corps. The Salvation Army there had received a request from the emergency management service to respond to a fire, but their canteen was already providing food to those in need. Could we help? It seemed no sooner than I'd changed out of my uniform, I was back in it, activating our canteen and on my way to the scene.

Dispatch gave directions to the rural area. "When you're close, you'll see the lights," they said. They weren't exaggerating. Crews from multiple rural fire departments had responded to a house fire, and they were working hard to keep it contained. As they rotated shifts, we had the opportunity to provide them with beverages and



snacks to keep their energy up and help them stay hydrated. Some firefighters even defrosted in the canteen's warmth, as did a valve that had frozen that frigid night.

The biting cold and water being sprayed made for miserable conditions, but the firefighters didn't bat an eye at the discomfort, and we were happy to support them. We remained on site until we weren't needed anymore and arrived back home at midnight.

It wasn't the day we had planned or the evening we thought we'd have when the office closed because the Lord had even more in store for us. Whether quiet and mundane or busy and chaotic, we look forward each day to the opportunities the Lord sends our way to serve Him. It's a privilege, and we count it all joy.



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

* = Adult Rehabilitation Center

** = Divisional Headquarters

+ = International Headquarters

PIM = Partners in Mission

Go to www.salarmycentral.org

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

Scoop Challenge sets record



by Craig Dirkes

Raising money for The Salvation Army never tasted this good. On July 17 local TV and radio personalities gave out free Kemps Moose Tracks® ice cream in downtown Minneapolis, with the goal of serving 10,000 scoops in just four hours.

They exceeded their goal, serving more than 13,000 scoops. That's a new record for the Moose Tracks® "10,000 Scoop Challenge," which has visited 40 cities and raised \$420,000 for The Salvation Army since its beginning in 2010. The 10,000 Scoop Challenge was last held in Minneapolis in 2012.

"The Salvation Army is grateful to Kemps for hosting this awesome event," said Lt. Colonel Lonnel Richardson, Northern divisional commander.

Proceeds from the event will be used to provide food, shelter, clothing and other critical Salvation Army services for Twin Cities families in need.

--Mustard Seeds--



Growing stronger together

The Milwaukee, Wis., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) and four area corps are changing lives, strengthening worship and building the Body of Christ in Milwaukee through collaborations.

Milwaukee ARC Rehabilitation Director Jason Grandstaff works closely with ARC Administrators

Majors Gerhard and Connie Scheler to coordinate these efforts with the Milwaukee Citadel, Oak Creek Centennial, Milwaukee Cold Spring and Milwaukee West corps. Exchanges of knowledge, wisdom and friendship are flowing.

Jason reported beneficiaries look forward to attending worship services, Bible studies, programming and events at the corps because they feel genuinely welcomed. And at the ARC, corps members are cementing new relationships through soldiership and life-skill classes and participating in Celebrate Recovery meetings and Bible studies.

Majors Scheler and the ARC staff have observed that men experiencing corps life have an

increased enthusiasm for participating in the recovery program and a greater awareness of their spiritual needs. Future plans include increased pulpit exchanges, appointing corps people as ARC liaisons and assessing beneficiary family needs, Jason concluded.

Lt. Patricia Williams, Milwaukee Citadel corps officer, said up to 15 ARC beneficiaries are picked up every Sunday morning for worship. "Some weeks two vehicles are needed!" she added. "Word-of-mouth at the ARC has been vital to men becoming part of our corps," she continued. "We make them feel welcome, cared for and involved through such things as reading scripture, giving the call to worship or

seeing their names mentioned in the bulletin." In response, the lieutenant has seen beneficiaries plug themselves into corps life, including Nurturing Father classes on weekday evenings and men's ministries on Saturdays.

"The corps' next level of inclusion is aimed at families joining their loved ones for worship together. Then we can invite them to the many programs we offer for adults and youth of all ages," Lt. Patricia concluded.



Jason Grandstaff, Milwaukee ARC rehabilitation director, coordinates collaborations with four area corps.



Colonel Janice Howard enrolls junior soldier Emma Leal and senior soldiers Mary Limon and Lee Stanik, who is the first Milwaukee ARC beneficiary enrolled at the Milwaukee Cold Spring, Wis., Corps led by Lts. Alex and Carolina Yanez (far l and r).

Already involved in the ARC mid-week chapel rotation, Majors Bob and Ruth Fay, Oak Creek Centennial corps officers, are excited to introduce Celebrate Recovery meetings at their corps.

Two other options for involvement by ARC residents can be found at the Milwaukee West Corps led by Captains Sanhty and Jean Thammavongsa or at the multicultural, bilingual Milwaukee Cold Spring Corps led by Lts. Alex and Carolina Yanez, who were excited to enroll their first ARC beneficiary as a soldier this past spring!



Several Milwaukee ARC graduates and employees were enrolled with other corps members as senior soldiers this spring at the Oak Creek Centennial Corps. Pictured (l-r) are Daniel Arfstenm, Rick Barners, Ethan Suydam, Martin Ruiz, Juliana Anguiano, Bill Adams, Isabella Anguiano, Ronald Parker and Ava Shiels.

International College for Officers



Major Scott Shelbourn has been selected to attend the 243rd session of the International College for Officers in London, England, October 9-November 18, 2019.

A servant's heart

by Major Lesa Davis

Singing in English and Spanish, friends and family gathered at the St. Charles, Ill., Corps to celebrate the retirement of Major Elsie Cline. Her officership began with two corps appointments, then moved quickly into overseas service in the Latin America North Territory and the Spain and Portugal Command.

Although Elsie's responsibilities most often were in divisional or territorial finance departments, several people recalled how she always went beyond her duties to minister to peo-

ple. In Latin America North, she found special joy in ministering to street children.

Central territorial leaders Commissioners Brad and Heidi Bailey, Elsie's sessionmates and former Spain and Portugal Command leaders, testified to her faithful, unassuming service.

Elsie's officership was marked by generosity and a willingness to do the most humble tasks with joy. Colonel Frank Payton described Elsie's determination to serve at the College for Officer Training (CFOT) in Mexico even though her Spanish was still limited.

"Even when she couldn't teach classes, she gave time and energy to running a mimeograph machine to enable others to teach," the colonel recalled. Major Brian Davis, Central CFOT principal, described a similar quiet willingness to be of service in Elsie's final appointment; for instance, she even helped cadets with laundry.

Having served at two training colleges gave Elsie a special love for cadets, evidenced by their participation in her retirement service, including a male quartet comprised of brigade members trained during Elsie's tenure at the CFOT in Chicago.



Promoted to Glory

Colonel Ernest Miller

Colonel Ernest Miller was promoted to Glory on July 9, 2019. A gifted musician, charismatic leader and visionary, Ernest was the first director of public affairs for The Salvation Army in the United States. During his 16-year tenure at National Headquarters, he founded The Salvation Army World Service Organization (SAWSO), which continues to make an extraordinary difference around the globe more than 40 years later.

Ernest grew up attending the Burlington, Iowa, Corps. He was drafted to serve in World War II and vowed that if he survived, he would dedicate his life to serving the Lord—a promise he faithfully kept all his life.

Upon returning from military duty, Ernest completed his studies in music at Northwestern University. He married Mary J. Klaas in 1947. They entered officer training in 1949 and were commissioned in 1950.

The Millers served in the Central Territory for nearly 25 years in corps and territorial appointments and were known for their music ministry together. Ernest was bandmaster of the Chicago Staff Band from 1966 until their move to National Headquarters in 1974.

The Millers retired in 1990 to Asheville, N.C., where Ernest continued to work in community relations for the Army. After 61 years of marriage, Mary was promoted to Glory in 2010. Four years later, Ernest married Whilhamena (Billie) Stephenson.

Ernest is survived by his wife, Billie, and many nieces and nephews.



Major J. David Stewart

Major J. David Stewart was promoted to Glory on July 11, 2019, surrounded by his family. Joyful and kindhearted, David always had a smile and was known as an encourager. He had a great sense of humor and enjoyed making others laugh. A passionate musician, he played in many Salvation Army and community brass bands.

David was born on January 10, 1939, in West Hartlepool, England. He moved to Kalamazoo, Mich., in 1953, and began attending the corps, where he was a soldier and bandsman. He entered officer training in 1958 and was commissioned in 1959 with the "Pioneer" session, then married the love of his life, Captain Kathryn Raby, on September 28, 1963.

The Stewarts served in corps and divisional appointments throughout the Midwest for 45 years. They retired in 2004 from their final appointments at Midland Divisional Headquarters, where David served as general secretary. In retirement, he enjoyed visiting friends and family and traveled to Italy, Spain, England and Scotland.

David is survived by his wife, Kathy, of 55 years; children, G. Elizabeth Pryor and John M. Stewart; five grandchildren and many more family and friends. A music education fund has been established in his name to send delegates from the Kansas and Western Missouri Division to Central Music Institute.

