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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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Salvation Army responds to tornado in Marshalltown

by Todd Andrews

The EF-3 tornado that hit Marshalltown, Iowa, on July 19, 2018, pummeled buildings, destroyed houses and even ripped the cupola off the historic courthouse, but its devastating effects were quickly quelled by the loving response of Salvation Army officers, staff and volunteers.

Captain Pam Kasten wasn't even a month into her new appointment as

corps officer in Marshalltown when the twister struck late on a Thursday afternoon. But by evening, she was taking charge—spearheading the Western Division's emergency disaster services (EDS) relief efforts as incident commander with the support of divisional EDS Director Joel Arthur, who'd driven out from headquarters in Omaha, Neb., that same day.

"It was such a shock," said Captain Pam. "The storms came on so suddenly; there seemed to be just enough time for everyone to get to shelter."

They would soon discover, along with fellow EDS responders, the scope of the disaster: the 144-mile-per-hour winds of the tornado had torn a path sev-



eral blocks wide right through the middle of downtown. More than 700 buildings were damaged, many of them severely. Ten thousand people were left without power—nearly half the population. The town's main hospital was forced to close. What's more, the high winds tore part of the roof off the Marshalltown Corps, leaving the captain without a base of operations.

The response to such a storm had to be big—and it was. EDS leadership set up an incident command area in the parking lot of a local supermar-

ket. Volunteers drove Salvation Army canteens in from all over the state including Fort Dodge, Boone, Cedar Rapids and Iowa City. Meanwhile, staff and additional volunteers began descending on Marshalltown from

all over the region, as far west as Nebraska and as far east as Indiana.

Among those responding from a long distance was Ken Locke, an employee and soldier of the Warsaw, Ind., Corps. Born and raised in Marshalltown, Ken got in his truck as soon as he heard the news and drove over 400 miles to help with relief efforts.

"I love Marshalltown," Ken said. "This is home. It's just sad to see something like this happen to it."

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Army spearheads Community Awakening in Hastings

by Susan Eustice

More than 120 people turned out each evening during an exciting eight-day revival this summer in Hastings, Neb., that was spearheaded by The Salvation Army. The Community Awakening incorporated 13 denominations and featured a

variety of inspiring preachers and musicians including award-winning Nashville-based Christian country band Mark209.

The event was the brainchild of Hastings, Neb., Corps Officer Major Dale Brandenburg and Pastor John Whitsett from Hastings Community Church who hoped it would inspire local churches to come together in unity to reach people for Christ and to affect change in the community.

"We suggested the idea of hosting a Community Awakening to pull the congregations of the community together," said the major. "We decided to take steps to see if the Lord opened doors along the way. And He did, raising up more than a dozen people and businesses that agreed to help underwrite expenses and promotional efforts to convey the vision to other pastors and church leaders in town."

In addition, local land and business owners gave The Salvation Army and participating churches permission to use a strip of land and a parking lot near the town's main street as the location for the revival.

"We wanted the event to impact lives, break down denominational walls and come together under the Lordship of Jesus as many congregations but one



Church," said the major. With this in mind, a Nazarene evangelist, a Lutheran pastor and a Presbyterian pastor joined Major Brandenburg and Pastor Whitsett as preachers for the revival.

The major concluded, "Our hope is that as a result of this event, a culture of cooperation between congregations will emerge, replacing the skepticism and suspicion that has plagued this community and the cause of Christ for far too long."



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Smooth roads or speedbumps?

by Lt. Colonel Paul Smith
Assistant Chief Secretary

Not too long ago I found myself stuck in Chicago traffic. (Actually, apart from Sunday mornings, when are we not stuck in Chicago traffic?) I decided to use a traffic app to help me bypass the mess. While the suggested route had less traffic, it had several speedbumps.

Recently I heard on the radio how some communities, because of the growing popularity of traffic apps creating congestion on formerly quiet streets, are either banning the use of traffic apps or adding speedbumps to make their streets *less welcoming*.

This past June at commissioning we focused on "expanding our tables"—growing God's Kingdom by fostering



a culture that welcomes and embraces everyone. What is the attitude or behavior of people comprising such a culture?

We recognize all people are created in God's image (Gen. 1:27).

We love those around us which is an essential part of being Christ followers (John 13:35).

We understand diversity is a strength and reflects God's Kingdom now and in eternity (Rev. 7:9-11).



We strive to follow Christ's example of selfless obedience, focusing on the needs of others and doing what it takes to help people be reconciled to God (Phil 2:3-8).

And we build relationships which helps fulfill Christ's command to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19-20).

Our territory is developing an initiative to help promote this kind of welcoming and embracing culture. We want our corps and programs to be places where people will find love, acceptance and grace as they interact

with us. The question is: in your corps will people find a welcome or will they find barriers that make it hard to develop the transformational, loving relationships for which we are praying? In essence, do people find a smooth road or speedbumps? Isaiah 57:14 (NIV) says: "Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people."

I want to build smooth roads that lead people to God, not speedbumps that push people away. Won't you join me?

A passion for people



Majors Byron and Elaine Medlock (c) with Majors Allan and Carol Irvine (l) and their daughter and son-in-law Lts. Rachel and Joseph Irvine (r)

by Lt. Joseph Irvine

Commissioned as officers in 1986, Majors Byron and Elaine Medlock embraced their call to minister in every appointment with a passion for people that left an indelible mark everywhere they served. They held appointments in Atchinson, Bellefontaine, Leavenworth and Dodge City, Kan., Midland, Mich., Arnold and Chillicothe, Mo., Fargo, N.D. and at Northern Divisional Headquarters.

Despite busy ministry schedules they made time for their children, Ben, Joel and Rachel. School activities always had at least one parent in attendance. Byron officiated his sons' weddings and played the part of father-of-the-bride for Rachel, who also became an officer in 2015.

While Elaine is good with numbers, she has a heart for people. "The highlight for me has been the people, getting to know individuals and work with them as they walk through joys and sorrows of everyday living. Another highlight has been the businesses and individuals who support the Army in their community and their involvement with their time, talent and treasure. They are the army behind the Army."

Byron recalled sharing God's Word and ministry during disasters as two highlights of his service.

Elaine said she saw officership as "a job that I never wanted to do. It seemed like too much, but once I gave up my own plan I could not imagine doing anything else." Byron added, "I would encourage officers to focus on the Word of God and take time for yourself."

Seeking warmer weather they have retired to San Tan Valley, Ariz., and are soldiers at the Chandler Corps.



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Across the divisional divide

She started the week with chaos and confusion. With the help of The Salvation Army, she ended the week with joy and peace.

Marie* is a Navy veteran and custodial guardian for her nearly grown grandson, Jake.* She also is an employee of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls, Iowa, Corps (Heartland Division), using her skills to serve those in need. She lives modestly, not even owning a vehicle but relying on her two good legs and her family for transportation.

Raising a teenage boy is hard under the best of circumstances, but Jake's situation is less than ideal. Not long ago, his biological mother spoke harsh and cruel words to him, causing him to question his worth and reason for living. He struggled to come to terms with his mother's opinions, eventually making pain-filled threats against his own life.

Marie sought help for him, which resulted in his hospitalization. Due to a shortage of inpatient mental health beds, Jake was transported four hours away. Without a vehicle, Marie was unable to go but stayed in touch through multiple phone calls.

Several days after Jake was admitted, the hospital called Marie to say he was being released that day. Once the discharge papers were signed, Marie needed to pick him up by midnight. Without a car and with a win-



Lt. Natalie Austin, former associate corps officer, and Grace Fee, social ministries coordinator, at the Waterloo-Cedar Falls, Iowa, Corps

ter storm bearing down, Marie did not know what to do.

She asked her supervisor for help. With Marie's blessing, her supervisor contacted the hospital and arranged permission for Jake to be released to a representative of The Salvation Army. The supervisor and corps officer then called the nearest corps to the hospital in southwest Iowa to share their story and plead for help. They needed the officer not only to pick Jake up but drive him halfway across the state to meet up with them. Though this meant a trip in a snow storm, Major Donna Miller, corps officer in Council Bluffs, Iowa (Western Division), responded, "Let the hospital know I'm on my way."

Within an hour of Marie asking for help, everything was arranged. Vehicles were dispatched from corps on opposite sides of the state to meet in the middle and reunite a family. They pulled into a gas station by the busy interstate at nearly the same time. After taking time only to refuel and pray together, everyone headed home in whiteout conditions where snow completely covered the roads. But with God's grace and protection, everyone arrived safely at their respective destinations.

Jake has continued to make positive progress, and Marie is his constant support. They have another chance because we're one Army despite divisional lines.



Major Donna Miller, Council Bluffs, Iowa, corps officer

*pseudonyms

What's happening at our table

With this article we begin an exciting new series capturing the heart of soldiership and showing how God is blessing our territory as we serve Him.

Des Plaines, Ill., Corps Hispanic Ministry

A multicultural corps encompassing English, Hispanic and Russian congregations, Des Plaines' Hispanic congregation is the fastest growing and the largest of the three with 150 members. They recently enrolled 14 senior soldiers and one junior soldier in a united worship service.

Welcoming people into the corps and helping them discover the joy of salvation and the blessing of service is key. Soldiership is highly valued and encouraged by Envoys Alberto and Ody Giraldo, who lead the Hispanic ministry at the corps. Soldiership classes are taught twice a year, and often whole families attend them and are enrolled together. Four families were represented in the last enrollment.

The Giraldos attribute the ongoing growth to a strong focus on God's plan for family and community. Envoy Ody is intentional about inviting



Teen Bible study leader Carmen Quirino with student Jessica Sanchez



Flor Perez and her son, Gerardo, both were enrolled recently by Envoys Alberto and Ody Giraldo.



Juan Diego Mijangos, adult Bible study leader, with his wife, Maria Elena, and their children, Joaike and Izabella

food pantry recipients to worship, and members of the congregation regularly invite their families, friends and neighbors to services as well. Envoy Alberto is known in the Hispanic community as someone to go to for marriage counseling, which also has led to families coming into the corps.



Envoys Alberto and Ody Giraldo

"The Giraldos have a very strong pastoral ministry," said Captain D.J. James, Des Plaines corps officer. "They are always there to counsel and pray with people."

The envoys encourage soldiers to participate in ministry based on their giftedness. Each person's gifts are valued and seen as important to the overall ministry and building God's Kingdom. And with a very full schedule of activities, everyone is needed!

"People tell me, 'Oh no, I can't do that,'" said Envoy Ody. "But I encourage them to try, and then they find out they can do it, and they like doing it."

There are separate ministries for each member of the family, such as character-building (combined with the English congregation) for children, teen worship and women's and men's ministries. Once a month the men and women meet together as couples to strengthen their relationships, and families are encouraged to sit and worship together during Sunday services. The ministry's sacred dance troupe—yet another of the options for ministry—participates in holiday worship services and events such as united services with the other congregations and summer outreaches that are held in tandem with Sunday afternoon family picnic lunches.



New soldiers of the Des Plaines, Ill., Corps

"Everything we do helps to unite families, and that builds the Church," said Envoy Alberto.

As individuals and as a congregation, the Des Plaines Hispanic ministry is growing in the Lord and growing stronger together.



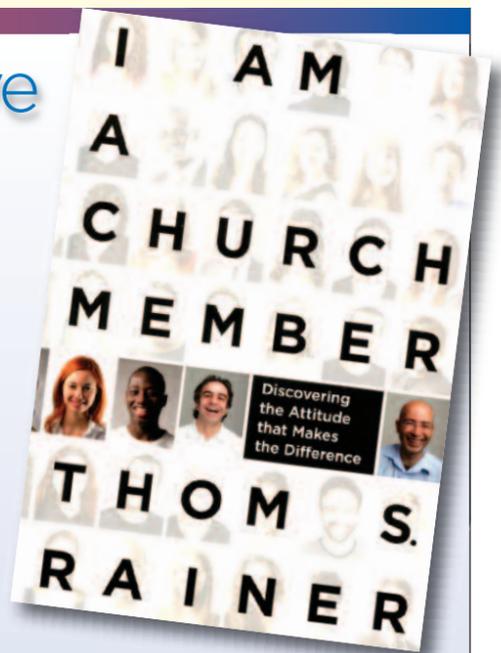
Saved to Serve

by Lt. Colonel Deslea Maxwell
Assistant Territorial Program
Secretary

During the commissioning weekend keynote session, the book, *I am a Church Member*, by Thom S. Rainer was given to every delegate. Starting with this edition of *Central Connection*, we'll explore this succinct yet powerful resource in pursuit of being authentic church members who reach out into our communities for Christ.

I am a Church Member challenges the reader to "discover the attitude that makes the difference" to the overall body of Christ—the Church—as we serve the Lord through serving others.

Unfortunately, in the 21st Century we seem to have developed a consumer mentality, asking: "What can the church do for me?" rather than "What can I do for the church?" In the first chapter of his book, Rainer reminds us what a church member really is. He says it's not about getting but giving, not about being served but serving, not about entitlement but sacrifice. He encourages us to search scripture, particularly 1 Corinthians 12-14, to develop a bibli-



cal perspective of church membership. It includes being a "necessary part of the whole," "different but still working together" and having everything we say and do "based on a biblical foundation of love." In other words, "biblical church membership is *functioning* membership."

Prior to Rainer concluding the first chapter with a pledge and study questions, he challenges the reader to pray: "How can I best serve my church?" What a wonderful prayer! Will you join with me in praying it?

The book can be purchased from Trade Central, Amazon or Christianbooks.com

Newly accepted candidates

Gunther Briceno and Francis Ramos

Salina, Kan., Corps
Kansas and Western Missouri Division



Gunther and Francis had been married 22 years and were leaders of the praise and worship at their church in Venezuela when their marriage fell apart. It was a long painful process, but through the Holy Spirit's power and the help of their pastors, their marriage was eventually restored, and so was their ministry.

Though he'd been a maritime engineer for a Venezuelan oil company for 25 years, Gunther wanted to serve God fulltime. While visiting relatives in Chicago they'd met Captain Pedro Arias one Christmas and were introduced to The Salvation Army. Later when they moved to Salina, Kan., they googled to see if there was a corps. They were happy to learn it had a Hispanic ministry and fell in love with

the Army from the start. Being involved in the corps' many ministries they have had the opportunity to help others and know this is what God has called them to do.

Gunther and Francis' corps officer is Captain Lynn Lopez.

Joshua and Darby Bowyer

Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps
Metropolitan Division



Joshua and Darby met while involved in summer camp ministry at Wonderland Camp in 2012. They have been employees and volunteers for The Salvation Army ever since. In college each considered several career paths but now realize God had something better in mind. They now realize it was only so hard because God had something better in mind. Joshua and Darby say they are so blessed to be called into fulltime ministry with The Salvation Army, and they look forward to what God has in store for their lives.

Joshua and Darby's corps officers are Majors Mark and Teri Martsof.

A good day



It was a good day when The Salvation Army met the Ariases," said Commissioner Brad Bailey in his remarks at the retirement celebration for Captains Pedro and Mirca Arias held at the Des Plaines, Ill., Corps. "It was clear they found their destiny."

The Ariases began attending the Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps when it was led by then Majors Brad and Heidi Bailey. Pedro had been pastoring a church in Venezuela for several years while teaching high school and raising three sons with Mirca, whom he'd met at church camp. Wanting to serve God fulltime, Pedro received a scholarship to complete his master's degree in divinity at a seminary near the corps.

After the Baileys connected the Ariases with divisional leadership, Pedro and Mirca commenced their fulltime service in 2003 as Hispanic ministries directors at the Des Plaines, Ill., Corps where they became auxiliary captains and associ-

ate corps officers three years later. In 2012 they were appointed as the Chicago Irving Park, Ill., corps officers and were promoted to full captains the following year.

Metropolitan divisional leaders Lt. Colonels Charles and Sharon Smith conducted the retirement ceremony and read the scripture (Galatians 5:13-15) on which Captain Pedro Arias based his message: "Por Favor No Se Muerdan Unos a Otros (Please Do Not Bite One Another)!"

"How many times have we neglected serving our brother and sister because they speak a different language or have a different color of skin?" asked the captain. "We look more like God when we serve one another."

Sam Arias led the praise band and soldiers Noel Padilla, Sureya Perez and Fern Hacker gave the welcoming prayer, special music and benediction.

More than they could imagine

by Daryl Lach

During the 1950 International Youth Congress in London, Don Arnold was sitting in a meeting at Royal Albert Hall when he felt a "slight tug at his heart-strings" toward officerhip. Already accepted at Friends University in Wichita, Kan., he quickly put the thought out of his mind. He did not want to give up his lifelong ambition of becoming a surgeon.

By 1956 the young college graduate chemist was on his way to join the "Faithful" session as a cadet at the College for Officer Training (CFOT) in Chicago.

Don's surrender to God's calling was entwined with his personal sanctification. At a holiness camp in 1955 he couldn't get the spiritual victory he wanted at the altar until he said yes to being an officer. He remained reluctant because he didn't see himself as a public speaker. Thankfully, the visiting evangelist reminded Don, "God was great enough to make a donkey speak," and could do the same for him!

Around 1950 Marilyn Tennyson told her father she felt called to be a Salvation Army officer. He responded he didn't want her "taking care of

drunken bums and singing on street corners." An obedient daughter, in a more patriarchal time, she shelved the idea and took an accounting job at Victory Memorial Hospital in Waukegan, Ill. But by 1956 she also could no longer resist her calling and entered the CFOT. There she met her soulmate, Don.

Married in 1959 their first appointment together was in a small Kansas town. What started out with such promise soon became discouraging. Though they made some initial progress, feelings of not being able to accomplish all they'd hoped became overwhelming. They thought no one cared. There also was a cultural divide that especially affected Marilyn. Born with a "Martha Stewart" gene for hospitality, Marilyn felt shunned by the earthy women of the corps who wanted nothing to do with her penchant for feminine touches at corps get-togethers. Things got so bad the Arnolds were on the brink of resigning.

But they held on and were glad they did. In their next corps what they hoped for came to fruition. In 1965 they enrolled 28 local officers, and Sunday school grew to 180. The next 35 years involved leadership appointments at the CFOT (including Don as principal) and at divisional



Lt. Colonels Don and Marilyn Arnold with their children and grandchildren

headquarters, culminating with them leading the Wisconsin/Upper Michigan and the Northern divisions. The ultimate fulfillment they found in their work was more than they could imagine.

Lt. Colonel Marilyn says their early experience of discouragement made them sensitive to others and aware of the importance of servant-leadership by higher ranking officers. They tried to embody humility in their leadership roles—as many who've known them can attest.

"Asking those under your care about the difficulties they may be facing, while helping and giving them verbal encouragement, can go a long way," Marilyn said.

A favorite quotation she tagged from a Christian author years ago, but can't recall the source, sums up their perspective on officerhip: "Ministry is a difficult task, the results of which are not always immediate or obvious. If we base our morale on visible success, we may become proud of our accomplishments or discouraged over momentary setbacks. Whatever we're doing for the Lord, whether great or small, He expects us to be faithful—and to rejoice in one thing above all: our names are written in Heaven!"

Editor's note: Our prayers are with Lt. Colonel Marilyn on the recent promotion to Glory of Lt. Colonel Don.

Foundation in Christ

Living in a different culture makes you realize just how differently people can think and do things yet still have the same foundation of Jesus Christ," said Captain Catherine Fitzgerald, a Central officer who along with her husband, Jonathan, spent the past three years serving at the training college in Kingston, Jamaica. The captains have returned to the Central Territory to take up new appointments as corps officers of the New Albany, Ind., Corps.

Their time in the Caribbean was filled with blessings, particularly the opportunity to experience many cultures and styles of worship across the 17 countries in the territory. As training officers, they were privileged to make connections with officers and soldiers from nearly every country and were pleased to witness the first Jamaican commissioner lead the territory.

"The Caribbean Territory has more countries than any other territory in the world, so we have been able to experience a vast array of cultures and unique expressions of worship," said Captain Jonathan. "I am really proud of the fact that we have been able to play a small role in the training and formation of four sessions of cadets."

Serving in another country is not without its challenges; many things

were taken for granted in the United States are not guaranteed. For example, although English is a common language in the Caribbean many cadets spoke English only as a second language, and the college library had no reliable system for managing its books.

The captains worked hard to build relationships and communicate well both in and out of the classroom, and they took great joy in their roles as instructors and brigade officers. Last year they took on the enormous task of organizing and cataloging the 5,000 books in the college library; they leave behind a fully computerized system that will benefit the college for years to come.

Personal challenges also arose when twice their son AJ was hospi-



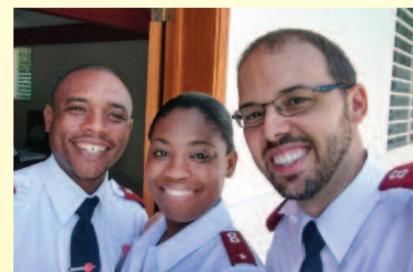
talized with pneumonia and asthma complications. These experiences were difficult as they questioned whether staying in Jamaica was the best option for his long-term care. God was faithful, however, and AJ rebounded from both stints of illness. They also weathered the threat of Hurricane Matthew as it tore through the islands and southern United States in 2016. In both cases, they found strength and reassurance in their faith.

"Throughout some of the trials, the assurance of God's calling us to serve in Jamaica grounded me and gave me confidence," said Captain Catherine.

Though the captains went to the Caribbean as teachers, God used their appointments to instruct them

as well.

"God has really opened my eyes to the greater needs of The Salvation Army in the Caribbean and around the world," concluded Captain Jonathan. "I have been humbled and encouraged by the great sacrifices and commitment of officers, cadets and soldiers who continue to joyfully serve God in all circumstances."



From England to Indy

After two years as corps officers in England, Majors Jeremiah and Rachel Stouder have returned to the Central Territory to serve as the Indiana divisional business officer and program secretary.

Reflecting on their service leading the Peterborough Citadel Corps, Major Rachel said, "My primary role at the corps was one of spiritual formation and pastoral care. With a large congregation to whom visitation was especially important, I spent the majority of my time in homes and coffee shops with our folks, as well as having opportunities to come alongside some officers in the division."

Her husband, meanwhile, was heavily involved in the business and financial ministry of the corps, especially with the challenges of a territorial restructuring. He also was responsible for managing a divisional congress with General André Cox (ret.).

Major Rachel continued, "We've



both grown spiritually; we've wrestled in new ways about what we believe and how we live out our beliefs. We've also been challenged about what is important and what isn't. Although we miss our corps people, England's beautiful countryside and proper fish and chips, we don't miss the price of gasoline (almost \$6.50 per gallon), traffic roundabouts and the lack of air conditioning! And, our children, don't miss their formal school uniforms."

Eli, 16, Josiah, 14, and Rebekah, 12, also have grown spiritually, said their mom, thanks to their involvement in the corps and befriending fellow students from many faith and ethnic backgrounds. She reports they're happy to be living for the first time near their cousins and eating once again at Red Robin!



Ties to Turks and Caicos



Linked with the Turks and Caicos Islands through the 20 New Corps initiative, the Midland Division sent seven people on a missions trip earlier this year to obtain a deeper understanding of the islands' needs and support the corps officers' and soldiers' work in building the Kingdom.

Led by Midland Divisional Commander Major Dan Jennings, the team discovered the corps bursting at the seams! Worship (featuring a brass band), Sunday school, corps cadets, junior soldiers, youth programs, women's ministries and a creative arts ministry group are immensely popular.

Even though the corps is beyond capacity in its borrowed meeting space, the officers and soldiers regularly perform door-to-door, school and other visitations to bring the Army into contact with ever-increasing numbers of people. Significant work also is being done with the country's Haitian immigrant population. The Salvation Army made

inroads on Turks and Caicos with the huge amount of recovery assistance it gave after the hurricanes in 2017.

With the division's 20 New Corps support, the corps was able to purchase land last year and is conducting a capital campaign to construct a building, reported team member Danielle Moushey. The Midland team helped conduct outreaches at schools and senior centers, participated in corps ministries (such as holding a spa day for the "Junior Miss" preteen girls discipleship class, leading the all-ages corps Bible study night and hosting a teen fellowship evening) and performed a painting project.

A long-time supporter of the Caribbean Territory through Partners in Mission, the Central Territory sent a global mission team to the Turks and Caicos Islands to help lay the groundwork for the official opening of the Army's work there in early 2011.

Hope through music

"Hope through music" best describes the mission of the new Red Shield Brass Band led by Dr. Jonathan Corry, Metropolitan divisional music and gospel arts director.



Major John Aren and Amy Nelson

Uniquely composed of high-caliber musicians, both professionals from across Chicagoland and current and past Salvationists, the band allows for fellowship, promotes quality music making and increases awareness of Salvation Army ministry.

Rehearsals are scheduled primarily around projects throughout the year which support and bring hope through music. For instance a Halloween-themed concert, "Creepy Classics," at the Chicago Harbor Light Center featured narrative by Commissioners Barry C. and Sue



Josh Wirt

Swanson who gave relevant insight into the music, its meaning and the journey from darkness to light. This journey was mirrored programmatically with music from horror films sandwiched between music of light and hope, culminating in a presentation of Peter Graham's *Shine as the Light*.

For a second year, the group led an evening of meditations during Holy Week, titled "Music of the Cross," held at the Chicago Central Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC). Creatively designed by Major John Aren, ARC administrator, this event had several powerful missional and ministry objectives. It sought to connect with musicians from outside an Army context so they could experience the wealth of wonderful meditative Army music. It aimed to share the power of the marriage of music and words with the listener. It allowed the musicians to react personally to their ministry through music and brought hope through the performance—allowing for reflection on the cross by an audience largely composed of the ARC beneficiaries.

The Swansons again provided insightful narrative which complemented the music and visuals. The program included "Lamb of God" by Twila Paris (arr. Terry Camsey), *For Our*



Dr. Jonathan Corry with Commissioners Barry C. and Sue Swanson

Musicals and more

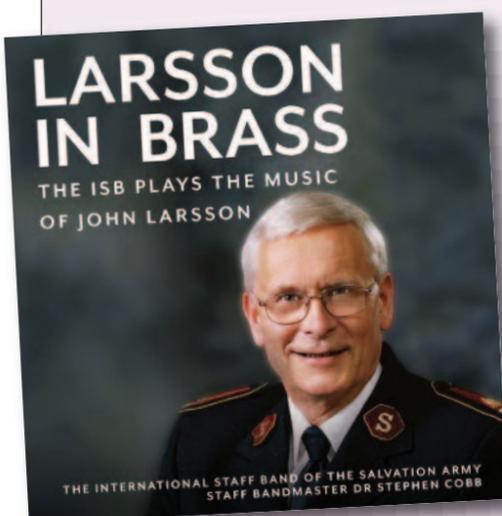
The International Staff Band (ISB) has recorded a new CD titled "Larsson in Brass" to mark the 50th anniversary of the first Gowans and Larsson musical *Take-over Bid*.

"I am grateful to the ISB for this initiative," said General John Larsson (ret.). "I believe the CD will be of

interest to Central Territory Salvationists not only because of the brilliance of the playing but also because of the way that our musicals have been featured in the territory. The LP recording of *Take-over Bid* by the Royal Oak Corps has never been surpassed by any other.

"The CD tracks are by some of the most outstanding arrangers past and present of Army brass music," he continued. "They range from major overtures of our musicals to items based on single melodies, and from exquisite devotional numbers to sparkling cornet and trombone ensembles. Thirty-nine of my song melodies from the musicals and beyond are featured in one way or the other on the CD, and the booklet contains the lyrics of them all."

The CD is available from Trade Central or www.sps-shop.com. It can be downloaded from www.spstunes.com



REDSHIELD BRASS BAND

SPERO PER MUSICA

Transgressions by Morley Calvert, *The Shadow of the Cross*, *The Challenge of the Cross* and *The Road to Emmaus* by Dean Goffin, *Silent Vigil* by Ken Downie, *God So Loved the World* by Stainer (trs. George Marshall) and *The King of Kings* by Eric Ball.

The evening proved to be deeply impactful with many people in the audience moved to come pray at the altar. Many of the band members also expressed an emotional reaction when the Holy Spirit moved through their music.

Professionals taking time out of busy schedules to invest in the lives of others with timeless, descriptive music of res-

urrection and hope perfectly reflects the Red Shield Brass Band's desire and motto.



Major John Aren, David Peterson and Greg Malovance

New worship resources for your corps

Several new worship resources from the territorial music and gospel arts department are now available for use in your corps.

Sacred Hymns for Brass Quintet

Twelve of some of the most-beloved hymns are arranged in five-part instrumentation.

Hallelujah Choruses

The release of *Hallelujah Choruses 25* gives corps access to 270 choruses. English and Spanish resources include the debut of a five-part brass version to expand the Army's reach into the Christian music market.

Worship Series

Three new worship series, *Church of Steel*, *Hope Strong* and *A Long Way Off* have been sent to all corps in the Central Territory.

Church of Steel is based on the book *Stay the Course: Challenges to Salvationists from the Book of Acts* by Captain Andrew S. Miller III. The series can be customized; each week includes a clip from the DVD *Book of Acts*.

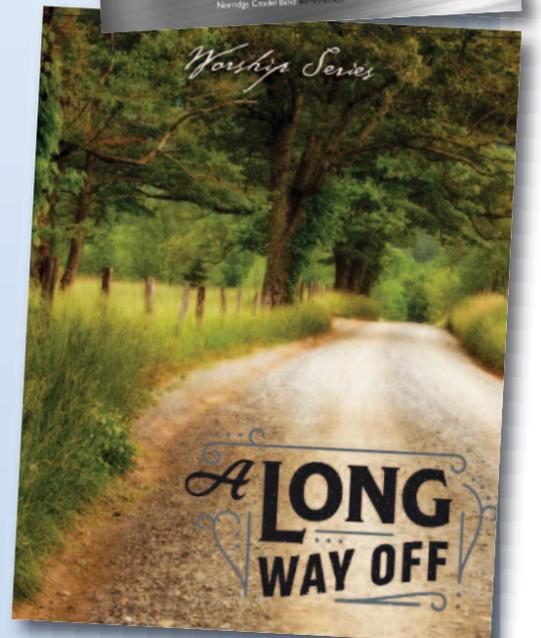
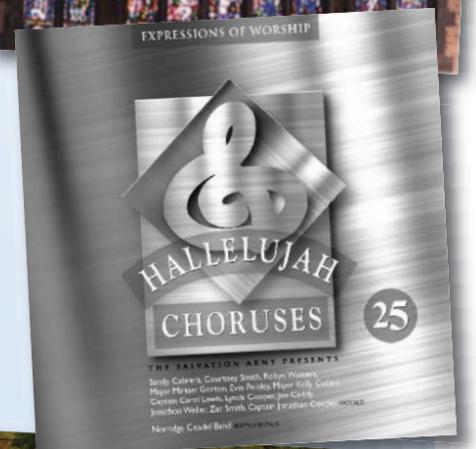
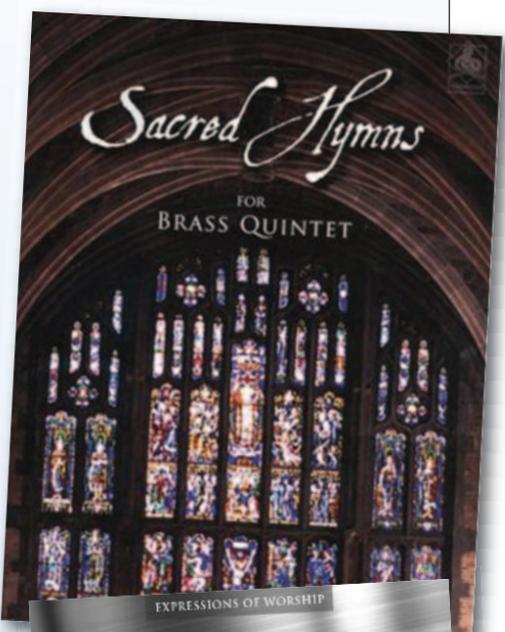
Created for the Metropolitan Division, the *Hope Strong* series develops soldiers to become Spirit-filled and mobilized. Sermons by Commissioner Barry C. Swanson are supported with video clips and "soul-training" exercises.

A Long Way Off reinforces the messages of the musical which premiered commissioning weekend. The series features songs from the musical, responsive readings and short dramas.

Songs of Salvation—Song Leader's Edition

Ideal for corps and adult rehabilitation centers looking for accessible arrangements, this edition features an enlarged, lead-sheet format for worship leaders and includes introduction and tempo markings plus CAPO chords for more guitar-friendly keys.

Hallelujah Choruses, *Songs of Salvation* and *Sacred Hymns* are available through Trade Central at spsatradecentral.org



Many hands, light work

Last year more than a half million people volunteered in the Central Territory devoting over 2.5 million hours to service opportunities ranging from ringing bells to distributing groceries to teaching youth archery skills. The old Shaker adage, "Many hands make light work," still holds true as we salute those honored as Volunteers of the Year.



Ruth Stoel—Lifetime Service

Ruth Stoel's almost 60 years of volunteer service in the Eastern Michigan Division began when she was asked to keep divisional camp programs running after the director became ill. Last year at age 79, Ruth went to Kenya where she helped paint a village corps and ministered to poverty-stricken women and children.

A soldier at the Royal Oak, Mich., Corps, Ruth invested decades teaching sunbeams, moonbeams, singing company, theory at music camp and life skills at explorers' camp—all while participating in senior band, songsters, women's ministries and

community care ministries.

"Years ago someone asked me why I do all the things I do. I replied, 'If what I've done through the years makes a difference for the good in one person's life, that's what it's all about,'" Ruth concluded.

Roberto and Lourdes Trejo—Family

Since 2003, soldiers Roberto and Lourdes Trejo have given countless hours of year-round service at the Olathe, Kan., Corps. Lourdes handles Christmas assistance applications and the toy distribution while providing vital Spanish-translation services. Every night she counts kettles with Roberto, who drives kettles and bellringers back and forth each day after work, then drives all day on his days off and during the two weeks of vacation he always takes before Christmas!

The Trejos prepare meals for corps events, assist with youth ministries and devote themselves to community outreach. Lourdes also works with back-to-school assistance.

"Serving makes me happy because I serve Jesus," Lourdes said. "I cook for Jesus, and Roberto drives for Jesus. It's all for Jesus!"



Olathe Corps Officer Lt. Heidi Strand said, "They allow us to accomplish great things...[and are] perfect examples of what servants of Christ look like."

Sofia Soto—Youth

Middle-schooler Sofia Soto has been volunteering at the Dodge City, Kan., Corps for the past three years. She's had an indelible impact as a role model on her peers and younger children at her corps, school and community, reported Captain Chrissie Coreano, then corps officer.

Sofia assists with moonbeams, sunbeams and explorers and volunteers for the corps' mobile kids' clubs and vacation Bible schools each summer. She's also the youth representative on the corps council. Enrolled in a gifted academic program, Sofia is involved in school band, jazz ensemble, basketball and dance—and volunteers six or more hours each week at the corps.

"Sofia has a true servant's heart for God and befriends the friendless using her bi-lingual skills to help new immigrant children feel safe and accepted," Captain Chrissie concluded.



Lynne Hines-Levy—Individual

As head chaplain for District 7 of the Milwaukee Police, Lynne Hines-Levy works tirelessly with the Army's emergency disaster services volunteer chaplaincy program, compassionately meeting people's needs in traumatic incidents and ensuring they're treated with dignity.

"In the last three years, Lynne has logged an unprecedented 927 volunteer hours (530 hours in 2017 alone)

in emergency-scene deployments, training, police outreach events, community meetings and much more. She does this ministry out of her deep faith commitment; Lynne truly believes in being the hands and feet of Christ," said Pastor Alexis Twito, chaplaincy program coordinator.

Lynne also provides the district spiritual care and leads monthly meetings of its faith-based community advisory board initiative.



Ford Motor Company Fund—Organization

For more than a dozen years, the Ford Motor Company Fund (FMCF) has provided volunteers for service opportunities with the Eastern Michigan Division. The FMCF's online volunteer site allows the Army to post opportunities for a fast response benefiting the division's Bed & Bread program, emergency disaster services, Echo Grove Camp, Christmas projects, food pantry dri-

ves, fundraising and much more.

Under FMCF President James Vella (who's also a Salvation Army National Advisory Board member), Ford volunteers have made a tremendous impact on communities through the Army. The division reported Ford volunteers roll up their sleeves and get the job done, giving 100 percent to the projects for which they've signed up.

Refugees and heroes

by Michelle DeRusha

When Abdinur Muqtar fled war-torn Somalia with his family, he was just 4. They walked for two days and nights to the Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya, where Abdinur lived for 13 years in a mud hut and survived on meager monthly food rations. When his high school teacher in the camp was murdered, Abdinur and his five friends taught themselves the curriculum, and all six passed the national exam two months later.

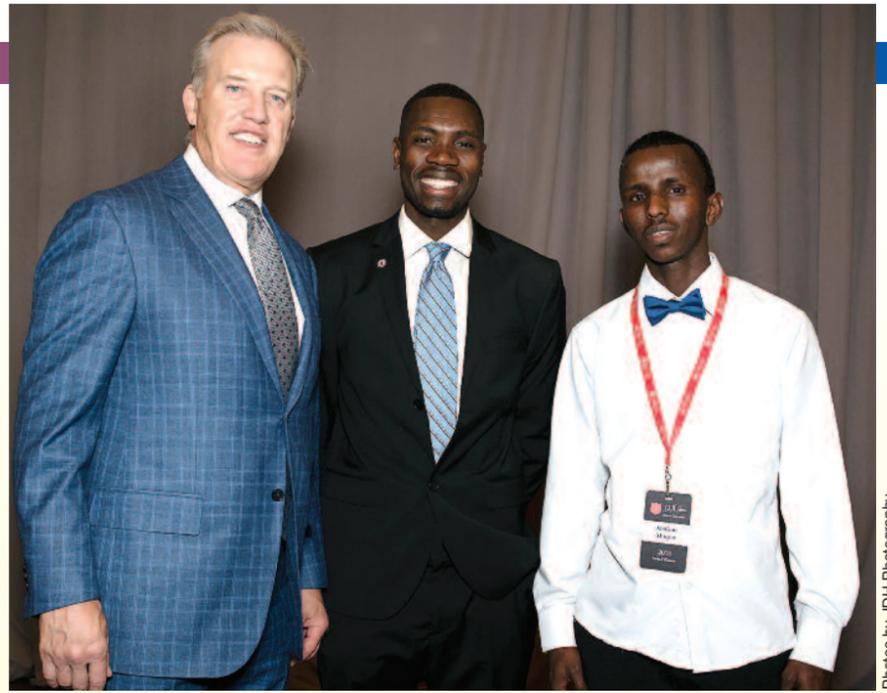
"It's tough where he came from," said Haji Salad, a youth mentor at the Omaha, Neb., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center. Haji knows first-hand about life in Dadaab because he, too, lived in the same refugee camp as a child before coming to the United States.

Although the two didn't know

each other in the camp, they met this spring at the D.J.'s Heroes Award luncheon where Abdinur was one of 10 Nebraska high school students who received a \$10,000 college scholarship. Haji said hearing Abdinur's story was "like seeing a reflection of myself."

After moving to Nebraska and graduating from Omaha South High Magnet School, Haji became the first person in his family to attend college. He recently finished his sophomore year at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. When he's not taking psychology and sociology courses, Haji works as a youth mentor at the Kroc Center.

"Being a youth mentor is a way for me to give back to The Salvation Army for what they provided for my family. I wouldn't be where I am right now if my dad hadn't gotten me involved with the Kroc Center when I was a kid," Haji said.



Football legend John Elway with Haji Salad and Abdinur Muqtar

While living at Dadaab, Abdinur dreamed of coming to America, earning a degree in economics and one day working at the United Nations as an advocate for refugees. This fall, he'll take the next step toward making his dream a reality when he enrolls in the economics program at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota.

"This is all very motivating to me," Abdinur said. "It's a dream come true."

"I'm so happy for him," added Haji, "and I can't wait to see where

he goes."

The Salvation Army D.J.'s Hero Scholarship Award recognizes teens who have overcome adversity. The scholarships and event were founded by David and Peggy Sokol in memory of their son, D.J., who was active in his school and his community even while he battled cancer. D.J. died in 1999 at age 18. This year's 20th anniversary luncheon was attended by more than 1,400 people and raised a record \$586,000 to support youth development programs in the Omaha metro area.

Photos by JDH Photography

Meaningful makeovers



by Amy Burke

The Salvation Army of Milwaukee County's Echelon chapter hosted a Meaningful Makeover event earlier this year at the Army's emergency lodge. During the two-day event, 50 young professionals helped rejuvenate residents and restore rooms at the lodge, the only 24-hour shelter in Milwaukee serving men, women and families with children. Money to fund the project was raised at

Echelon Milwaukee's Red Tie in the Sky Gala.

"Echelon Milwaukee's vision is to end homelessness in Milwaukee County," said Brandon Tschacher, co-president of Echelon Milwaukee. "Even in times of great need, all people deserve comfort and a place of sanctuary."

On the first day some Echelon members painted rooms, updated décor, added storage options and provided new bedding, while others acted as stylists, shopping at the Army's thrift store for business casual clothing and presenting it to residents, who had applied for the program and provided their sizes. On the second day, a dozen residents were whisked away to receive haircuts at a local salon. While stylists cut hair, members helped residents feel comfortable by talking with them and making suggestions. "I thought I was just getting a haircut," said one resident. "They went above and beyond."

During the three years of Meaningful Makeover, Echelon members have helped revamp six rooms and provided makeovers to at least 36 individuals. "Every year gets better," said Mary Pelkofer, co-president of Echelon Milwaukee.



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by Sarah Micula

As of July, more than 1,500 women were registered for the Arise & Shine Women's Conference. Here's why you won't want to miss it.

- **Receive spiritual rejuvenation.** Led in worship by talented Sharon Irving and taught by prominent and gifted speakers, you'll enjoy a mountaintop experience that will send you home ready for what God has next for you.
- **Get equipped for ministry.** In addition to main speakers, the nine workshop presenters are all experts in their fields of ministry

who are eager to create spaces of learning and growth that will inspire you.

- **Catch a vision for the future.** Women from Williston, N.D., to Madison, Ind.—and everywhere in between—will gather at Arise & Shine. Meet your sisters in Christ. Hear their stories and share yours. Be encouraged by what God is doing!
- **Be a part of history.** Never in our territory's history have women of The Salvation Army gathered together in this magnitude. Our prayer since the start has been to gather 2,018 women in 2018. Be one of them!

The perfect fit

"I picked the Army at random," said Bruce Wakeley, a longtime volunteer for the Indiana Division. "But I think it's been a good fit for both of us. I believe in doing the most good, and that's what I see them doing every day."

Bruce started volunteering 14 years ago, when he signed up to ring bells at kettles for the Indianapolis Eagle Creek, Ind., Corps. A retired electrician, he was looking for ways to give back to the community.

He joined the emergency disaster services (EDS) team and has served across Indiana, from historic flooding of the Ohio River in New Albany to the aftermath of multiple tornadoes tearing through the city of Kokomo. Last winter he responded to a large apartment fire, providing support for multiple emergency and fire response teams and comfort to displaced families. Most recently, he served at a major fire at an auto repair shop where he provided refreshment to first responders as they fought the blaze through the night.

"Bruce is there when you need him, happy and willing to serve," said Bert Williams, Indiana divisional EDS director, adding that when the call for an EDS responder goes out, Bruce always volunteers.

When Angel Tree rolls around in December, Bruce takes his repair and engineering talents on the road, setting up what the special events team affectionately calls "Bruce's Bike Shop" at the distribution center. He inspects, assembles and repairs nearly 100 bicycles, tricycles and wagons



Bruce Wakeley is at home on the canteen with Bert Williams, Indiana divisional emergency disaster services director.

to ensure they are safe.

"Bruce is a huge blessing," said Captain Chrissy Cooper, then Eagle Creek corps officer.

Bruce can be counted on, whether it's manning the canteen for the annual Circle City Toy Run, repairing kitchen cabinets at a corps or fixing the lighting at the EDS warehouse. He is the 2018 recipient of the Sleeves Rolled Up award, which is given by National Headquarters to the top EDS volunteer from each of the four U.S. territories at the biennial National Community Relations and Development and EDS Conference.

"With everything the Army does, they need help," concluded Bruce. "If not me, then who?"

Taking service to the next level



Led by Central Territory officers Captains Enrique and Nancy Azuaje, the Miami-Dade Command opened a new emergency disaster command and training center this summer just in time for hurricane season. Among the many new resources at the center are two catering emergency food trucks donated by the Florida Panthers Foundation. The new center allows for training year-round and increases the capacity of The Salvation Army to serve a county of nearly 2.7 million people during disasters. Pictured at the grand opening are (l to r): Lt. Kelvin Garcia, Miami Hialeah corps officer; Captains Enrique and Nancy Azuaje, Miami-Dade commanders; Lindsey Linzer, The Miami Foundation director of programs and grants administration; Juan Medina, FedEx managing director of information technology; Kevin Smith, Florida divisional emergency disaster services director; Charles Cyrille, Miami-Dade County emergency management acting assistant director; WPLG Local 10 News hurricane specialist Max Mayfield; Lt. Niuris Garcia, Miami Hialeah corps officer.

State peers salute Benny Benedict

Benny Benedict, territorial disaster resource coordinator, was this year's recipient of the annual Presidential Service Award from the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA) for his dedication and inspiration to others involved in managing emergency responses.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be recognized for doing what comes naturally for me," said Benny. I also was very moved by the number of emergency managers from throughout the state who came up to me and expressed their approval. It's been a win-win situation for The Salvation Army in establishing good, working relationships with emergency personnel in Illinois, offering our support and educating them on all the great things the Army is doing in emergency disaster services."

Benny began his involvement in Salvation Army emergency disaster services (EDS) as a volunteer in the Heartland Division in 2013. Within a year he became a trained volunteer incident commander, then joined the division in a fulltime capacity as its assistant EDS director. Last fall he was deployed on the first territorial EDS team to Puerto Rico. Benny joined the territorial EDS staff earlier this year.



Benny Benedict accepts the 2018 Presidential Service Award from Dawn Cook, president of the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association.

Kevin Ellers, territorial disaster services coordinator, said, "Benny is great at building relationships and networking. His frontline experience and leadership is a great support to the divisions."

Since 1965, IESMA has served as the voice of local emergency management in Illinois. It provides a conduit from local to state and federal agencies using a collaborative platform to enhance the profession through professional standards, public relations and mutual emergency aid services.

Marshalltown tornado

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Over the ensuing weekend, Ken worked alongside Salvation Army colleagues, serving food, directing volunteers and connecting storm survivors with much-needed supplies.

"I went down to Fourth and Bromley where I grew up and started handing stuff out," Ken said. Turns out that as Ken was helping his hometown, his hometown inspired him. "Seeing neighbor helping neighbor is amazing," he said.

One of his fellow relief crew members didn't have to travel nearly as far to pitch in, but had a "storm story" just as unique. Doris Day—a local radio journalist and longtime Marshalltown resident—rode out the storm inside the basement-level studios of her downtown radio station. She was working as part of the station's broadcast team when the tornado roared by overhead.

"We stayed on the air; we told people to take cover," she recalled. "All of a sudden, I could feel it in my headphones."

Once the tornado had passed, Doris and her coworkers ran outside and were shocked by what they saw. "It was just devastation. It was a nightmare," she said.

After checking on her family, Doris went to volunteer for The Salvation Army. She spent much of the next several days

staffing the canteens at the incident command area, making meals for storm survivors.

"It's been absolutely great to be able to help out," Doris said. "This community is coming together. God is taking care of everybody."

This sentiment reached all levels of The Salvation Army's response team from the newest volunteer to the incident commander. For her part, Captain Pam marveled at the scope of the response: people from three different Salvation Army divisions stretched out over a distance of a thousand miles all coming together in a small central Iowa town to help people they'd never even met. Indeed, by late Monday evening in Marshalltown, officers, staff and volunteers had served 15,273 meals, 74,721 drinks and snacks, and handed out more than 7,000 additional items.

"The outpouring of love and support in the wake of the disaster has been truly heartwarming," said the captain. "Our thanks go out to all the first responders, volunteers, donors and everyone who's played a part in the relief effort."



Doris Day



Ken Locke

ARC campaigns to bridge the gap

Soon after Major Larry Manzella arrived at his new appointment at the Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC), he realized he had a problem. In the middle of a nationwide opioid crisis, the ARC, with a capacity for 300 beneficiaries, had far too many empty beds. A conversation with a Detroit narcotics officer right in front of the building revealed the officer had no idea what the ARC did. This sparked a change for the center.

Joining forces with Franco, a Detroit public relations firm, the ARC launched a brand awareness campaign called "Bridging the Gap," with the tagline, "The Road to Recovery."

The goals were to increase awareness of the men's and women's facilities; increase enrollment in the ARC program; position the ARC as a viable resource for substance-abusing adults in the metropolitan Detroit area; clarify the services and programs offered at the ARC; highlight the family thrift stores as the sole source of income for



Lynne Williams, director of rehabilitation services

the program; and listen to ways in which the ARC could improve services.

They began working with area addiction services providers, the Detroit police and fire departments, local judges and probation/parole agents, hospitals, politicians, local television stations and clergy. ARC staff knew if they'd tour the facilities and help get the word out, the campaign would be a success.

"It has been simply amazing," said Major Larry. "Hundreds of people have now toured our facility and in a very real way have become partners with us in the battle against addiction."

With the input of surrounding communities, the ARC made improvements to its program which has resulted in beneficiary referrals from all over the metropolitan area and even out of state. Referrals and admissions have increased by 25 percent!

"The Salvation Army cannot win the battle against addiction on its own. We needed to partner with others in our community in order for us to have the greatest opportunity for success," said the major.

Most recently a mentoring program has been created for beneficiaries to spend time with members of the Detroit Fire Department.

To express appreciation to the many agencies now working with the center, the ARC held a luncheon at which Michigan Congresswoman

Debbie Dingell issued a proclamation of support for the Southeast Michigan ARC.

During the luncheon Lynne Williams, Southeast Michigan ARC director of rehabilitation services, encouraged the ARC's new partners: "It is important we do not stop here. While we are so grateful for all you have done to help us to improve and to get the word out, while we are so thankful for your referrals and for the many opportunities you have given us to help someone learn how to stay clean and sober, we must not stop and rest. Men and women are still struggling, and many are still dying."

Major Manzella echoed that sentiment: "The awareness campaign was not something to be started and stopped. The awareness of what The Salvation Army is doing and the services it is providing must continue. We must work diligently to get the word out about how the Army helps save lives."



Pictured at the appreciation luncheon are (l to r) Mr. Dan Ponder, Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center Advisory Council chairman; Major Randall Polsley, Adult Rehabilitation Centers commander; Katie Jesaitis, representative of Congresswoman Debbie Dingell's office, Majors Larry and Jean Manzella, Southeast Michigan ARC administrators; Deputy Chief Todd Bettison and Lt. LaShanna Potts, Detroit Police Department.

Shining for Christ

The bonds of family and friendship were evident throughout the retirement celebration of Majors Roger and Cecilia Senn, held at the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Grand Rapids, Mich. The majors were delighted to include in the service people who'd impacted their lives over the years.

"We thank God for our various appointments [in corps, adult rehabilitation centers and divisional headquarters] and the lives we've had the privilege of touching with the gospel," said Major Cecilia, who with her husband retired as administrators of the Grand Rapids Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC).

After Major Lloyd Hanton carried in the "Followers of Christ" (1974) session flag, Major Brendon Robertson entered with the ARC Command flag as the Grand Rapids Fulton Heights Citadel Corps Band played. Leading the Senns' retirement service was Lt. Colonel Mark Israel, whom the corps officers had befriended when he was in college.

The Senns' five grandsons—Jalen, Josiah and Jakobe Blackman and Brighton and Liam—presented a tribute as did Captain Bonnie Sanders. Majors Donna and Gary Van Hoesen



were flagbearers, while Captain Caleb Senn conducted the retirement ceremony for his parents. He presented the certificate to his father, and his sister, Sarah, presented the certificate to their mother. ARC Command leaders Majors Randall and Charlene Polsley spoke and gave a blessing.

"We look forward to spending more time with our terrific grandsons and their parents. God isn't finished with the work He's called us to, and we look forward to new challenges and adventures ahead," said Major Cecilia, who closed the response time singing "He's been faithful to me" accompanied by her husband before "daughter-in-love" Captain Stephanie Senn gave the benediction.

Superheroes of faith

by Emily Proccichiani

The Adult Rehabilitation Centers Command 2018 Alumni Family Retreat, themed "Superheroes, Rise of the Faithful," was filled with blessings and equipped delegates of all ages to keep moving forward in their walk with Christ. At registration delegates chose to be members of four teams (Lightning, Earth, Fire, Water) during the weekend.



On Friday night the retreat began with worship led by The Singing Company which was followed by a poem by Kimberly Ware-Morten (former Southeast Michigan ARC beneficiary) describing her journey, and then a spirited sermon by Pastor Benjamin Baker.

Saturday morning featured a variety of workshops that ranged from marriage enrichment to spiritual disciplines to mindfulness and recovery. On Saturday afternoon a lip-sync battle featuring the most creative members of each superhero team was hosted by The Singing Company—a true highlight of the camp. The afternoon also was filled with a wide variety of sporting tournaments.

Throughout the weekend delegates had the opportunity to earn stars for participation, good works and attendance which were recorded for their teams. On Saturday evening the Water team was announced as winners to the crowd's delight. During the retreat excellent age-appropri-



ate care was provided for children, while teens had their own sessions encouraging them to serve others and share the gospel.



On Sunday delegates participated in worship, gave lively testimonies and took a deeper dive into God's Word with the Swansons who stressed Christ's sacrifice for our sins and the importance of unity in the Body of Christ. During this meeting and throughout the weekend, many life-changing decisions were made.



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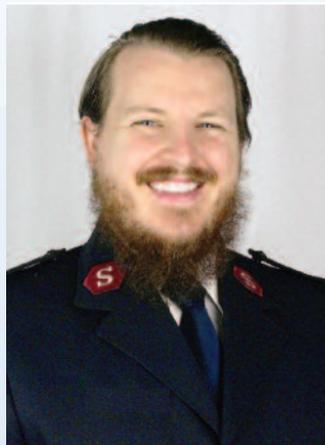
1,108 days and counting

by Lt. Vinal Lee

I am a first-generation Salvationist. I came to The Salvation Army because of a skateboard park in the gym of the corps in my community. I had no idea that skateboarding with my friends on a Friday night would change my life.

I now find myself a corps officer in Madison, Ind., serving a community overrun with drugs and people who are suffering from addiction. We find ourselves on the frontlines of combating addiction every day. This often means transporting individuals from our corps to nearby adult rehabilitation centers. One such experience taught me that being obedient to the leading of God in my life to become a Salvation Army officer was the best decision I have ever made.

A young man came into our building noticeably in pain. He informed us he had "shot up" and missed his vein, injecting a meth and heroin mixture into his muscle. In a moment of panic, he found himself at the door of The Salvation Army asking for help to



get to the hospital. He plainly said, "You people are all I got, so either I get to the hospital or this kills me." We got him to the hospital and they saved his life, and on the way back to the corps we had the opportunity to lead him to Christ.

For me, the joy of officership is knowing when people are at their absolute lowest, the place they can go to be loved and served is The Salvation Army. As young men and women walk into our building daily seeking recovery, we're able to provide them more than a path to clean living. We can show them the path to salvation.

Backyard Bash

by Roger Snider

More than 250 people attended a Backyard Bash fundraiser for The Salvation Army in Kent County, Mich., at the DeVos Place Convention Center in downtown Grand Rapids. Complete with yard games, barbecue and live music, the event raised more than \$100,000 to support local programs and services.

In keeping with the casual, backyard vibe, Master of Ceremonies Ben Wilke held an on-stage "patio chat" with guests George and Susan Heartwell. George served in the public sector first as a city commissioner then as Mayor of Grand Rapids for a combined 19 years. Susan's work with crime victims led to the Children's Advocacy Center, a beacon of hope to those subjected to child sexual abuse. The Heartwells have a history of supporting the community and The Salvation Army.

During the evening a hilarious video featured children from the Grand Rapids Fulton Heights Corps who answered questions about the finer points of eating at a backyard barbecue and gave their best squirrel imitations. The Army's drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs were highlighted in a second video which featured a powerful testimonial from Melvin, a client of both the Adult Rehabilitation Center and Turning



Point program, who has been "clean" from drugs and alcohol for three-and-a-half years. Madiey Twyman, a local singer/songwriter, provided a stirring and poignant rendition of the popular song "Rise."

The evening was a true celebration of The Salvation Army Kent County's work in its own "backyard."

PRAYER CENTRAL

The Salvation Army

USA Central Territory

October Prayer Calendar

My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Monday	Numbers 22-24	Janesville, Wis., Corps
	2 Tuesday	2 Chronicles 11-15	Indianapolis, Ind., ARC*
	3 Wednesday	Psalms 117-118	Officers throughout the territory
	4 Thursday	Proverbs 28	Farmington Hills, Mich., Corps
	5 Friday	Jonah	Men's ministries
	6 Saturday	Acts 3-4	Dubuque, Iowa, Corps
	7 Sunday	Hebrews 5-7	New life in Christ on this Decision Sunday
	8 Monday	Numbers 25-27	Huntington, Ind., Corps
	9 Tuesday	2 Chronicles 16-20	Kansas City Blue Valley, Mo., Corps
	10 Wednesday	Psalms 119	Blue Island, Ill., Corps
	11 Thursday	Proverbs 29-30	East St. Louis, Ill., Corps
	12 Friday	Micah	Arise & Shine Territorial Women's Conference
	13 Saturday	Acts 5-6	Grand Forks, N.D., Corps
	14 Sunday	Hebrews 8-10	Harvest Festival Sunday
	15 Monday	Numbers 28-30	Hastings, Neb., Corps
	16 Tuesday	2 Chronicles 21-24	Kansas & Western Missouri DHQ**
	17 Wednesday	Psalms 120-121	Youth character-building programs
	18 Thursday	Proverbs 31	Grand Rapids Fulton Heights Citadel, Mich., Corps
	19 Friday	Nahum	Kenosha, Wis., Corps
	20 Saturday	Acts 7-8	Ministry of Chicago Staff Band in Northern Division
	21 Sunday	Hebrews 11-13	Kansas City, Mo., ARC*
	22 Monday	Numbers 31-33	Flint Beecher, Mich., Corps
	23 Tuesday	2 Chronicles 25-28	Medical Mission Team to Moldova
	24 Wednesday	Psalms 122-124	Freeport, Ill., Corps
	25 Thursday	Ecclesiastes 1-2	Chicago Temple, Ill., Corps
	26 Friday	Habakkuk	Granite City, Ill., Corps
	27 Saturday	Acts 9-10	Huron, S.D., Corps
	28 Sunday	James 1-3	Women's ministries
	29 Monday	Numbers 34-36	Sri Lanka Territory ^{PM}
	30 Tuesday	2 Chronicles 29-32	Holland, Mich., Corps
	31 Wednesday	Psalms 125-127	La Crosse, Wis., Corps

Go to www.salarmycentral.org

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

* = Adult Rehabilitation Center

** = Divisional Headquarters

PIM = Partners in Mission

--Mustard Seeds--



Meet the Burdicks

A donation to the Central Territorial Historical Museum yields treasures—even a World War I doughnut cutter!—and spawns a fascinating new exhibit about one Salvationist family's life and service told through objects left behind.

by Elizabeth Glenn

Their Story

Floyd and Minnie Burdick met in their hometown of Albion, Wis., married in 1884 and had four children. They attended the Chicago #8 Corps and entered officer training in 1904. After being commissioned, they held appointments in corps



throughout the Department of the West territory, which included Illinois, Wisconsin and all states west of the Mississippi River. Many of their appointments were in Texas. Though their daughter, Grace, also went to training in 1908, she left the work just two years later.

When a call went out for volunteers to serve overseas during World War I, the Burdicks and their daughter Cecil were among the first Salvationists to respond. Dedicated to serving the soldiers, Floyd and Minnie quickly became known by the servicemen as "Ma" and "Pa"—terms of endearment they were known by for the rest of their lives.

After the war, Ma and Pa continued serving as officers until 1931. Their appointments included various Texas corps, the Chicago South Side Settlement and the Gulf Division Fresh Air Camp. Ma was promoted to Glory on January 24, 1937, and Pa on November 12, 1946.



The Exhibit

During our lifetime all of us acquire objects relating to all parts of our lives. Sometimes the stories and personal meanings of these items are shared with family and friends, but too often they become lost in time.

The Burdicks: A Glimpse at a Family through Treasures Left Behind focuses on possessions that were passed down in the family. Though much was discovered about the Burdick family through historical research, information from family descendants and their Salvation Army service records, much still



remains a mystery. The exhibit encourages visitors to use the presented information to imagine the family members' stories surrounding the objects.

To help visitors feel even more connected to the family and their objects, an interactive activity was created that allows them to flip through the Burdick family Bible circa 1860s. The newspaper headlines around the exhibit are from actual articles about the Burdicks' lives before, during and after their World War I service. There is also an activity and recipe book created for the exhibit that includes recipes Ma used on the frontlines which is available through Trade Central.

Be sure and stop by the second floor of territorial headquarters to enjoy this unique exhibit.

The museum is working on developing new exhibits and would love your input! Take their survey at salarmycentral.org/museumsurvey2018

Targeting growth

by Jill Johnson

I made the trip to Ypsilanti, Mich., to see for myself how archery was making a difference in the corps. You see, only one short year ago there were no kids to be found inside The Salvation Army.

That all changed once Captain Jeremy Fingar, corps officer, announced the corps was starting an archery club. On average, 20 youth now come to the corps. When 4:30 p.m. rolls around, a bunch of energetic kids blows through the door. They've come to see how many bullseyes they can hit!

Preston is relatively new. Since the other youth already had the concepts down when he started, Preston felt a little intimidated. He tried a few times to hit the target, but the arrows just didn't stick. Then, it happened—one arrow after another stuck—and he got excited. Each week the archery club ends their session with "Who



wants to try and beat the captain!" Can you imagine the look on Preston's face when he tied with Captain Jeremy? Even more priceless was the captain's expression.

Not only has archery grown in the past year, but character-building programs and Sunday school have, too!

I asked the captain, "Did all these kids come into the building for the first time because of archery?" He replied, "Yep, 100 percent."



Museum staffer recognized nationally

Betsy Glenn, assistant director of the Central Territory Historical Museum, has been appointed to a two-year term with the board of the National Association for Museum Exhibition. This professional organization operates under the auspices of the American Alliance of Museums, the national association for museum professionals.

Her nomination for the appointment was based on a career developing high-quality major exhibits, most recently for the territorial museum, as well as the museum's traveling exhibits for use during commissioning weekends, divisional and corps events, plus her expertise in social media and experience in developing web content.



Betsy will serve as the organization's webmaster overseeing and promoting its website and social media outlets, which she plans to expand for greater use by members. She also will be collaborating with the membership email list moderator.

Betsy holds a master's degree in historical administration from Eastern Illinois University and a bachelor's degree in history from Valparaiso University in Indiana. Before joining the territorial museum in 2013, she's held positions with the Chicago Field Museum, Chicago History Museum, Oriental Institute, Naper Settlement and Lombard Historical Society.

New Members

April - June, 2018

223 Senior Soldiers
150 Adherents
151 Junior Soldiers

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