Time changes one’s perspective, doesn’t it? That is so for me and perhaps for many of you when you reflect on the Easter story. May be it has to do with our life experiences which make us see things differently. Or maybe the gracious way the Lord has dealt with us has taught us to read the Scriptures differently. Whatever the cause, the account of Thomas’s reaction on hearing that Jesus was risen illustrates this point for me.

Many of us perhaps think he deserved the name “Doubting Thomas.” The Bible tells us that he was not with the other disciples when Jesus came, but they were quick to tell him the good news: “We have seen the Lord!” (John 20:25). Then comes his famous response: “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.” (verse 25) “Seeing is believing”—or at least Thomas felt so. A week later, Jesus showed up again. This time Thomas was with the disciples. After greeting them all, “Peace be with you!” (verse 26), Jesus initiated the conversation with Thomas. He said to him: “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe” (verse 27). These words of Jesus are not written in our Bibles with exclamation marks, in bold print or in capital letters. Yet sometimes they are read as though they were a shout, a stern rebuke from the Lord to a stubborn disciple.

Have you considered that this was no shout but a gentle invitation to a struggling soul? That day, Jesus showed up especially for Thomas. The risen Lord knew His disciple’s heart. Thomas truly wanted a personal encounter with Jesus as His friends had experienced. He had been honest enough to admit his struggle. He could not believe the impossible or comprehend the incredible. Having witnessed the miracles of Jesus, he should perhaps have seen this as yet another of those amazing moments. But for him, resurrection after crucifixion was beyond the realm of possibility. Maybe this was no embarrassing moment for Thomas, no public shaming in front of his friends. Surely Jesus did not expose him before the others as a “doubting Thomas”? Rather, don’t you think that as Thomas was invited into Jesus’ wounds, the Lord whispered a word of faith into his ear?

The gentle invitation to believe

by General Linda Bond

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What kind of fool are you?
by Colonel Merle Heatwole
Chief Secretary

I am pleased to inform you that The Salvation Army is now providing all employees with the insurance for your pets,” was the start of a memo I sent to employees at divisional headquarters in Grand Rapids, Mich., on April 1 several years ago. While many quickly saw through my April Fools’ Day prank, others were disappointed to discover it wasn’t true. Interestingly enough, in the past year territorial headquarters has been investigating a variety of pet insurance plans to make available to employees at their own, but reduced, cost.

Although I enjoy April Fools’ pranks, I always have tried to avoid pranks which would publicly embarrass someone else. None of us enjoys being called a fool. And yet Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV ©1984), “if any one of you thinks he is wise by the standards of this age, he should become a ‘fool’ so that he may become wise.” Why would Paul make this type of statement? I believe he was reminding us that any time we start relying on our own wisdom rather than God’s, we already have become fools. Therefore, we are much better recognizing from the start that compared to God’s wisdom all of our human wisdom is foolishness.

In the context of this scripture passage, the Corinthians had been arguing over whether they were followers of Paul or Apollos. Paul describes them as “mere infants in Christ” because they had allowed such a petty argument to sidetrack them from their true mission to be God’s temple on earth. How often have we as Christians allowed things to distract us from God’s mission? Whether a battle over worship songs, preaching styles or even the temperature in the chapel, can’t allow our foolishness to impede God’s mission for us.

Each of us needs to decide, “Am I willing to be a ‘fool’ for Christ or just plain foolish?” Let’s commit together to being God’s fools.

CBLI
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Urban Mission will feature Howard Olver, senior pastor of Kingsview Free Methodist Church and adjunct professor of missional leadership with Tyndale Seminary in Toronto, Canada. He is a noted authority in the field with more than 40 years of experience as an innercity pastor and degrees from Roberts Wesleyan College [B.A.] and Asbury Theological Seminary [M.Div. and D.Min.]. If you minister in an urban context or feel called to do so, you’ll want to make this class a priority. It will help you better understand the urban dynamic, develop a network of support and provide some valuable skills for effective ministry.

If your passion is to bring youth to Christ and disciple them, the Youth Work intensive is designed for you. This course is designed to teach youth workers how to implement youth development strategy into their corps and community. It will focus on youth development principles, how to make a lasting impact, strategy tools for implementation, designing an infograph of current and future programming, and team-building activities.

The last intensive will tackle one of the most complicated issues of our day: Immigration. World Relief staffer and nationally recognized expert Matthew Soerens will guide you in considering the Church’s role and a personal, Christ-like response, offering concrete ways for you to welcome and minister to your immigrant neighbors.

At the heart of CBLI, of course, is Bible Study and two courses will be offered, The Joy of Discovery in Bible Study, taught by Commissioner Joy Baillie, will introduce basic skills for Bible study and provide opportunities for you to experience the joy of discovery as you apply those new skills to various scripture portions. The workshop is designed for those just beginning personal Bible study as well as those wishing to refresh their skills of observation, interpretation and application of biblical truths to life. A more advanced course of Bible study will be conducted by Linda Himes, territorial Bible ministries and stewardship consultant.

Lastly, if you’re an officer or soldier who has pastoral responsibilities, you’ll want to sign up for The Shape of Pastoral Integrity taught by Major Louise Rowland of the College for Officer Training. This course is based on the book, Working the Angles: the Shape of Pastoral Integrity, by Eugene Peterson which urges pastors to get back to the basics of praying, reading scripture and giving spiritual direction.

“CBLI isn’t just a retreat. It’s about growing spiritually and being equipped for service,” said Major Annette Kinsman. “It’s really that easy. While you’re there take a look at the world wide map that shows which countries are currently participating. You’ll also find many resources to assist you at the corps or divisional level.

Get more information and register online for CBLI at usc.salvationarmy.org/cbli

Around the world, round the clock!

A couple of years ago our territory embarked on prayer 24/7. Now you can join Salvationists around the world in praying non-stop. Simply log onto www.saglobal247.org and click on the sign up tab. It’s really that easy. While you’re there take a look at the world wide map that shows which countries are currently participating. You’ll also find many resources to assist you at the corps or divisional level.

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Chicago Staff Band

Our territory’s very own Chicago Staff Band—having just returned from their United Kingdom tour and participation in the historic 120th anniversary of the International Staff Band in London—will anchor the weekend, under the leadership of Staff Bandmaster William Himes.

The Bill Booth Theater Company

A perennial favorite, the Bill Booth Theater Company will once again bring spiritually impactful messages through its improvisational-style comedy, drama skits and inspirational moments. The troupe includes Joe Caddy (leader), Mark Lewis, Courtney Smith, Brian James and Matt Erickson (media tech).

Divisional and Corps Performance Groups

Enjoy an array of talent from throughout the territory. Just a small sampling includes:

- **Corps songster groups** Including the Royal Oak, Mich., Songsters; Flint Citadel, Mich., Songsters; Heartland Divisional Gospel Choir; Oah Creek Centennial, Wis., Songsters; St. Louis Temple, Mo., Youth Choir; the College for Officer Training Vocal Ensemble.

- **Corps and divisional bands** Including the Marion, Ind., Corps Band; Royal Oak, Mich., Band; Heartland Divisional Band; Indiana Divisional Band.

- **Contemporary performance groups** Including the New Albany, Ind., Drama Team and Flag Team; Iowa City, Iowa, Boys Mime Company; Fox Cities, Wis., Puppet Ministry Troupe.

The weekend will be crowned by a majestic Sunday morning holiness service including the ordination and commissioning of the Ambassadors of Holiness session. Then comes the excitement and anticipation of Sunday afternoon’s Service of Appointments!

Resource Connection will once again have an amazing array of goods for purchase and will host the Festival Art Exhibit for non-musical expressions of worship.

And you won’t want to miss the announcement of winners for the territory-wide Festival Composition Contest!

For the latest details and registration, visit www.usc.salvationarmy.org/commissioning
Newest accepted candidates

Jaclyn Davison
Kankakee, Ill., Corps
Heartland Division

They are relatively new to The Salvation Army; having been enrolled as soldiers in 2009, but are excited to come alongside other officers to serve the Lord. They will enter training with their children, Kayla and Matthew. Tim and Julie’s corps administrators are Phil and Gail Barrett.

Greg and Holly Ehler
Aurora, Ill., Corps
Metropolitan Division

Greg and Holly are “trophies of grace” as they live out their Christian walk. They testify to the saving grace of Jesus Christ in their lives and want to give back through service as officers. Though they recognized their call a few years ago, they waited until now to apply for training in order to overcome some life situations. They are happy to be entering the CFOT this fall with their children, Christopher, James and Brenda. Their corps officers are Captains Antonio and Janelle Romero.

Norman and Denesia Polusca
Minneapolis Parkview, Minn., Corps
Northern Division

Norman and Denesia came to The Salvation Army in the Caribbean Territory and were enrolled as senior soldiers at the Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Corps. They are currently interns at the St. Paul Citadel Corps. Both are musically talented, and prior to their work as interns, Norman was the fine arts and young adult director at Northern Divisional Headquarters. Norman and Denesia will enter training with their daughter, Chantal. Their corps officers are Majors Noel and Rose Mason.

Elizabeth Clark
Kalamazoo, Mich., Corps
Western Michigan/Northern Indiana Division

Betsy has been working at the Kalamazoo, Mich., Corps helping with fundraising and directing volunteer recruitment. She’s involved in many aspects of corps ministry, including being the young adult Sunday school teacher and playing euphonium in the band. She has a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Michigan State University. Her calling to officership came last summer at the World Youth Convention in Stockholm, Sweden. Betsy’s corps officers are Majors Don and Judy Tekautz.

Comitments

October - December 2010

150 Senior Soldiers
72 Adherents
94 Junior Soldiers
Focuses on helping small businesses change their behaviors and reaching their firm in Indianapolis which is CJ McClanahan. CJ is the training and management consultant.

Life partners in mission Majors Debbie and Rand Sjogren's enthusiasm, in fact, did become officers five years later, and Debbie was commissioned herself in 1976. Nurses training had diverted her attention, but God used a handsome, blonde Swede named Rand Sjogren, who was going to training, to get it back.

A lifetime of service later, Major Debbie Sjogren’s enthusiasm for officer ship hasn’t faded. You still hear it in her voice, see it in her eyes. It’s there because somewhere along the way she realized the best way she could bring glory to God was by being an officer. This realization has grounded her, pushed her to excellence, and, yes, helped her rise to many occasions—whether an appointment that wasn’t quite her “thing” or a daunting situation. With her life in God’s hands, she knew He always had a purpose, and it was liberating.

"Joy comes from an active relationship with Christ," she explained. "If every day you wake up and ask, ‘How can I bring glory to You today?’ then there will be joy, even in difficult circumstances."

And what better than officer ship could draw on her most prominent gift of encouragement? "It’s perfect really," she said. "Everyone needs encouragement from the advisory board member to the kid in the shelter. Everyone needs to feel they’re valued.

For Debbie, it’s all about relationships—first her relationship with Christ and then others. She embraces people with a larger than life personality. In fact, so relational is she that she didn’t have a favorite appointment; leaving the people in each place broke her heart.

She describes her family as the thin line that runs between God and the Army. Refusing to compromise on her commitment to either ministry or family, however, required a lot of creativity and intentionality, especially when her girls (Evie and Erika) were younger. For instance, when they were corps officers in Omaha, Neb., she transformed Saturday hospital visitations into special occasions to be looked forward to, beginning with a McDonald’s breakfast and ending with $1 to spend at the gift shop.

"The reality is that they are as much my ministry as my calling," she explained.

Her family has been tested in recent years as her husband has valiantly battled cancer. Debbie has been there as supporter, advocate and witness to God’s grace each step of the way.

Debbie’s officer ship has encompassed appointments in corps, divisional, territorial and national head-quarters and has given her some exceptional opportunities, even meeting with "movers and shakers" in the White House.

But regardless of where she’s been or what she’s achieved, she reflects, "I hope people don’t remember Debbie Sjogren, but they remember a sense of God’s presence, they remember He was there."

With radio personality John Williams, one of many community supporters and friends.

Five to thrive

by Michael Rowland

The Salvation Army in Indianapolis, Ind., is blessed to have some wonderful people on its advisory board. One of the newest members is CJ McClanahan. CJ is the founder of Reachmore, a leadership training and management consulting firm in Indianapolis which focuses on helping small businesses change their behaviors and reach their goals.

CJ was thrilled when he was asked to become an advisory board member.

“There are only a handful of organizations that have an image that is so well recognized with serving those in need. The Salvation Army is one of those organizations, and I wanted to be a big part of that,” he said.

CJ’s latest book, Thrive, gives readers five simple strategies to build success in life. "People have read way too many books with too many rules in order to be successful. I spent a long time boiling that down to five simple rules for success,” CJ explained.

One of the rules is “Be Grateful,” and one of the ways to show gratitude is to give back. With that in mind CJ decided to give $5 of every book sold to The Salvation Army.

You can order the book at www.TheThriveBook.com. In address line 2 of the credit card form, please put "SA".

Reach out for Join Hands Day!

May 7, 2011

National “Join Hands Day” specifically targets and develops relationships between young people and adults through neighborhood volunteering. Held annually on the first Saturday in May, it gives volunteer organizations opportunities to connect generations and develop new relationships. This is a great opportunity for your corps to create a project and invite your neighborhood to join hands! www.joinhandsday.org
An invitation from our Partner in Mission, the India Central Territory, to dedicate the hostel for working women in Chennai started us on a journey to represent Central Territory World Services/ Self-Denial donors. As we prepared to leave, it was amazing to receive promises of prayer from individuals, corps and adult rehabilitation centers who’d been contributing to the work in India Central.

Arriving at the airport in Chennai at 8:00 a.m., we were stunned to be greeted by all the territorial headquarters (THQ) officers in full uniform! What a witness to sing “There is joy in The Salvation Army” in the parking lot, masses of people and luggage surrounding us, and to join in prayer. We were already blessed by our brothers and sisters in Christ.

A few hours later we joined in worship at the Ayanavaram Village Corps with some 250 people despite the travel challenges monsoon rains had posed for them. Although many spoke English, we were translated into the primary language of Telugu during our visit. Children, babies and young people were brought to us for blessing during the altar call. We then shared a lunch of specially prepared dishes.

The next day we dedicated a two-story hostel that will house 44 women who come from the villages to the city for work and who need affordable housing. Interestingly, it was built on empty land behind the territorial commander’s home. Rather than paying property taxes on empty land, the Army now has a program which provides income to the division and tax exemption. It is wonderful to realize our partnership works together to resolve issues faced by the India Central Territory rather than representing an off-balance relationship of charity. We truly are part of helping to shape dreams to meet needs in the community and provide an income stream for the territory.

The joy of their welcome was humbling, and we will be blessed forever knowing the dedication stone in this building in Nungambakkam notes the USA Central Territory’s contribution.

Catching a 10:00 p.m. train, we began our next journey to the Vijayawada Division where again at 4:00 a.m. the divisional staff greeted us. The sounds and sights of crowds and poverty of the general train cars were unfamiliar to us even though it’s most accessible for the poor. We sensed the officers’ ministry of walking through the train stations and caring for individuals could easily parallel the ministry of Mother Theresa. Quite humbling.

After another brief clean-up at the hotel, we started an hour or so drive into rural areas to gather with 600 active and retired officers for a spiritual time. Along the way the caravan of two vehicles stopped at the Nidubrolu Evangeline Booth Hospital which houses a nursing college for 180 young women. The day we visited clinics were closed due to the monsoon rains that ran through the rooms, but we greeted two new mothers and prayed for their infants, as well as several elderly women living in the ‘senior residence’ wing.

Our visit here was sobering as we realized the inadequacy of the resources in meeting the needs. The facilities and equipment did not appear to have been updated since the 1930s. In spite of this, bright, clean, enthusiastic nursing and pharmacy students greeted us with joy and singing. The stark contrast was heart-breaking, and we were significantly moved. We fought back tears and shared in the concern about lost opportunities due to the state of the facility. The hospital faces critical decisions about its future and is under international review. The officers talked thoughtfully about these decisions, community needs and obvious physical repairs for this location.

On this large parcel of land the hospital, a chapel, dorms, the officer apartment and guest apartments were in various states of disrepair. Again, we enjoyed tea and warm hospitality with the staff before leaving for further adventurous travel to the large hall where the officers gathered. In this time, with all 600 in beautiful formal white uniforms and saris, we experienced the common
bonds of a Spirit-infused Salvation Army. Kneeling at the altar in quiet rededication, they responded to a call for holiness. The metaphor of their spotless uniforms in the midst of the rain and mud was not lost on us. Great care was taken in their travels to protect the integrity of their uniforms, a lesson for the integrity of holy lives in spite of walking in the gritty streets of real life.

We learned about the outreach or extension officers’ work, learning how the USA Central Territory had provided the treasured motor scooters for the officers to get into the more remote parts of their appointments. Everywhere it was evident scooters surpassed bikes and even cars for most efficiently traveling the narrow roads and avoiding animals and ditches in the rural areas.

Another night train ride back to Chennai, a couple of hours to freshen up and then a spiritual meeting with the THQ officers. We had many opportunities to listen to plans for a new THQ and housing and emergency shelter behind THQ that had been dedicated by Booth Tucker in the 1880s. The staff marveled that visitors still insisted on coming for shelter to this old and probably condemnable building because it was a safe haven. The Army’s reputation, ministry and service are evident.

After a lunch where we further shared the hopes and dreams of our territories, we stopped at a location where basic food, shelter and minimum-wage recycling work was offered in a destitute neighborhood in Chennai. The chapel roof had collapsed a year ago, grass was growing in the rubble inside the building, and cats and dogs ran through the property, yet the officers graciously opened their humble two-room home to us for tea, cookies and honey-dipped nuts. They showed us this property to explain that, due to government regulations on land, the mission funding our territory provided in 2007 could not be used as originally planned, but it would make a wonderful difference here. Would we mind? This complex relationship of leased land, permanent structures being proposed and life skills ministry was certainly consistent with World Service/Self-Denial; we were pleased to support their goals and dreams of reclaiming lives.

Having gathered at midnight with many of the THQ officers for prayer and best wishes before going through airport security, we departed with grateful hearts at 2:00 a.m. for a flight to Frankfurt and then another 10-hour flight to Chicago.

Our short but beneficial visit to the India Central Territory reinforced to us that being a partner in mission is so much more than just “charity” for missions. The gifts and funds raised are received as gladly and seriously as major donor or government funding, with careful planning and accountability.

Your World Service/Self-Denial efforts truly make a difference.
more than 350 people gathered together at Camp Mihaska for the Central Territory’s annual young adult conference, Re-Generation. The event’s theme, “Holiness,” challenged young adults to single-mindedly seek after God’s heart and His purpose for their lives.

Special guest Captain Terry Masango, from the Western Territory, spoke powerfully and passionately, giving messages throughout the weekend focused on Matthew 5:3-16. His words of truth and conviction brought many hearts before the Lord.

Worship was led by transMission. Salvationists from the Southern Territory, who returned for a second year and blessed delegates with their music.

“The Soapbox,” a collection of video testimonies filmed over the course of the week-end, gave young adults an opportunity to share their ideals and dreams for the Army by finishing the sentence: “The Salvation Army I want to be a part of is...” The final product debuted in the Sunday morning service and testified to the many young people taking hold of the vision God has given them.

Delegates also were encouraged to participate in an act of giving. Through the purchasing of a $5 paper t-shirt, funds were collected for the Republic of Georgia, one of the Central Territory’s Partners in Mission; $1,962 was raised to sponsor their upcoming youth councils.

During Saturday evening’s keynote session, Terry focused on what it means to be “salt” and live holiness in community. He chal-
Destined for missions

Damon Winters has lived or served on the mission field since age three. Now missionary service is a passion and calling he’s pursuing as an adult.

In January Damon embarked on his longest individual mission yet: a one-year stint to Haiti as the technical advisor to suing as an adult.

His own parents in Zambia, India and then together in Zambia at the Army’s Chikanaka Hospital where his dad was chief medical officer. His family resided in Africa until Damon was in fourth grade. Upon return to the U.S., his own desire to serve abroad took root.

“I love being part of the Army’s worldwide network of missionaries. Serving abroad is something I enjoy and feel at ease doing,” Damon said.

In high school the call he felt was solidified when he spent a summer serving with the Salvation Army World Service Office (SA WSO). He pursued it further at Wheaton College obtaining a degree in international missions.

Damon ultimately wants to work as an international community developer. He hopes to obtain his masters in international development once back in the United States.

Returning to Georgia

Last year I told Chris Shay [world missions bureau [director] I would quit my job if an opportunity arose to lead a summer mission team (SMT) to the Republic of Georgia,” said Kirsten Witthoff as she prepared to leave her home in the Chicago area for a year of service in Tbilisi, Georgia. “That’s when we started discussing how I could get back there long-term.”

Before her current ministry in Georgia, there were trips, experiences and people that paved the way for Kirsten. At 16, she participated in her first mission trip with the Oakbrook Terrace, IL Corps to the Bahamas. She immediately hoped for another opportunity to serve abroad. Kirsten served in Georgia for the first time with an SMT during her college years, and then returned as a team leader after finishing her

Next step for Matthew

Matthew Beatty found his passion to serve the people of the Philippines when his corps, Kansas City Northland, Mo., arranged a work trip with the Tanay, Philippines, Corps through the Partners in Mission Next Steps relationship.

“You could see Jesus in the lives of these people,” Matthew said. “In spite of difficult circumstances, they didn’t find reason to complain but instead reason to praise God. Their humble, grateful attitude touched me.”

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Pray for these young people who will spend time overseas this summer.

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Contagion on the loose!

I t corps growth was a disease, the Elgin, Ill., Corps would have to be quarantined!

Excitement for what it offers—enconced in a loving, accepting environment—has become contagious.

“When we arrived last July we started off with seven regulars for Sunday worship,” said Captain Nancy Mead, corps officer with her husband Fred. “After six months we averaged 70 regulars with a high of 160 people for Christmas!”

The Meads are huge proponents of intentional relationship building. Those skills helped them turn around two other corps. “It has to start with you,” Nancy explained.

She added, “When community and local business people visit the corps, they’re intrigued by what they see and often come back. Many return with friends and family, who invite their friends and family! It’s just like how Paul wanted the church to grow; when people find a loving congregation, they tend to stay.”

The language of love, smiles, hugs and laughter is universally understandable,” Nancy continued. “We may not understand each other’s words, but everyone knows they’re cared about.

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Monthly community outreach events also attract many newcomers.

Before the Meads came to Elgin, they were the Western district youth secretaries. Nancy learned helpful insights into the Hispanic culture, such as families doing everything together.

“You must avoid exclusion,” said Nancy who recalled a highly involved teen refusing soldieryship to avoid hurting her Roman Catholic family.

The Meads also found a few name changes made activities more understandable. Instead of calling classes for children and adults “Sunday school,” classrooms are full each week as “small groups.” And, all youth programming falls under “Spark Academy,” an approach the Meads first saw in action at The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Omaha, Neb.

More than 80 youth, from kindergarden through high school, are divided by age into co-ed groups. The groups, each with two leaders, rotate through three areas of instruction (music, recreation, arts and science), each led by two teachers. At any point throughout the evening, four adults interact with each group.

The corps also offers men’s and women’s ministries, a long-running Latino literacy program, and a Friday-night homeless feeding program.

Community volunteer support is strong, including students from nearby colleges and young adults from mega-church Willow Creek, who are taught each week about service from a Salvation Army perspective!
Officers, staff, advisory group members and volunteers involved with social service and social justice ministries will find this conference informative and inspiring!

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The Salvation Army

Refresh - Retool - Relate
Central Territorial Social Services Conference
May 10-12, 2011
Hilton Chicago/Indian Lakes Resort
250 West Schick Rd., Bloomingdale, IL 60108
[less than 30 minutes from O’Hare International Airport]

Of ficers, staff, advisory group members and volunteers involved with social service and social justice ministries will find this conference informative and inspiring!

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Men's ministries hold strong

The Eastern Michigan [EMI] Division is known for its strong men’s ministries program. The secret to their success, according to Major Herb Fuqua, divisional men’s ministries secretary, is three-fold: a thriving men’s camp in the spring, a high impact men’s Bible retreat in the fall and the largest adult rehabilitation center (ARC) and harbor light system in the territory.

Last fall was one of the division’s most successful men’s Bible retreats yet. Under the direction of Herb, the retreat remained simple and to the point: eat, sleep and study God’s Word. With dynamic teaching from are newer Christians from the ARC or harbor light programs, the camp has an evangelistic flavor. This year they’re holding a retreat specifically geared to reach men in the harbor light and ARC systems. At the end of the retreat, the men will be given an opportunity to commit to Christ and another to attend harbor light Bible study and recruits classes.

“This month EMI joins with men across the territory to participate in the Territorial Men’s Ministries Conference. “Our men will come home with new items for their ‘spiritual tool-boxes’ and a renewed vision for the importance of reaching men for Christ,” said Herb.

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It was through Nellie’s influence that James came back to the Lord during his years with the U.S. Navy. When he returned from war, Nellie resigned her officership to marry him. Later James began to feel a stirring to become an officer. With Nellie’s encouragement and the Spirit’s leading, James entered training in 1952. Nellie was reaccepted as an officer. After his commissioning James and Nellie served in Sturgis, Mich., and appointments followed primarily in corps across the Midwest. In 1984 they were appointed to the Chicago Harbor Light. James possessed excellent people skills and was a talented musician and well-loved pastor.

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In addition to being a dedicated, hard-working officer, Linnea was a gifted musician and youth worker.

Linnea was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Leonard. She is survived by several nieces and nephews, as well as special friends Major Debra Dalberg and Dr. and Mrs. Nelson.

Blanketed in love

Elizabeth Rogers has been crocheting blankets for the family assistance ministry of the Northern Illinois [NI] Corps since 2006, reports Pamela Church-Pryor, ministry director. The colorful and extremely well-made blankets are the perfect size for babies to lie on and be comfortable and warm. The blankets also are perfect as lap robes for the sick and elderly; the colors are soothing and keep patients’ legs warm, especially while sitting in wheelchairs.

“My love that Mrs. Rogers’ ministry extends to both ends of the age spectrum,” said Pamela. Corps Officer Major Linnea Sederberg added, “Her blankets are twice as warm because they’re made with love.”

So far Elizabeth has donated more than 70 blankets. She explained her motivation: “I lived at an orphanage for a couple of years during World War II; my mother worked after my father died but couldn’t support me. Since that time, I’ve always wanted to help others.”

Elizabeth also makes scarves for ketlle workers, who appreciate the thought that someone made these by hand just for them, observed Barbara Burich, corps business administrator.

Modern-day Dorcus

For most of her life, Major Margaret Nonnweiler has embodied Dorcus, an early-church woman described in Acts 9 who made clothes for the needy.

As one of 10 kids, Margaret began sewing young. Even as a corps assistant, she made clothes for her four-year-old sister back home, designing patterns on brown-paper bags and using material from thrift-store purchases.

Her talent for design and eye for thrifty finds came in handy after marriage and four children! Margaret became a much sought-after seamstress. She worked on ornate bridal party gowns and innumerable flower-girl dresses, and altering uniforms for the Civil War Staff Band and visiting Salvation Army dignitaries. (She discovered lower legs of uniform slacks made dandy junior soldier skirt.)

Fees paid for Margaret’s services always go directly to World Services/Sal-Denial. She’s raised a small fortune over the years—almost $1,000 last year alone. She also makes and sells beautifully detailed hat and scarf sets featuring embroidery, buttons and beading. She donates many sets to homeless families at the Chicago Harbor Light.

During decades of teaching Sunday school, Margaret made hung dreads of kid’s shirts & recent model featured stained-glass window appliques colored and signed by each child). She’s seven counts pageant costumes over the years and even made school uniforms for the Jamaican Windsor Lodge Children’s Home.

Retired from territorial headquarters last year, Margaret is thrilled to have a big sewing area in her new home and more time to design children’s clothing!

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