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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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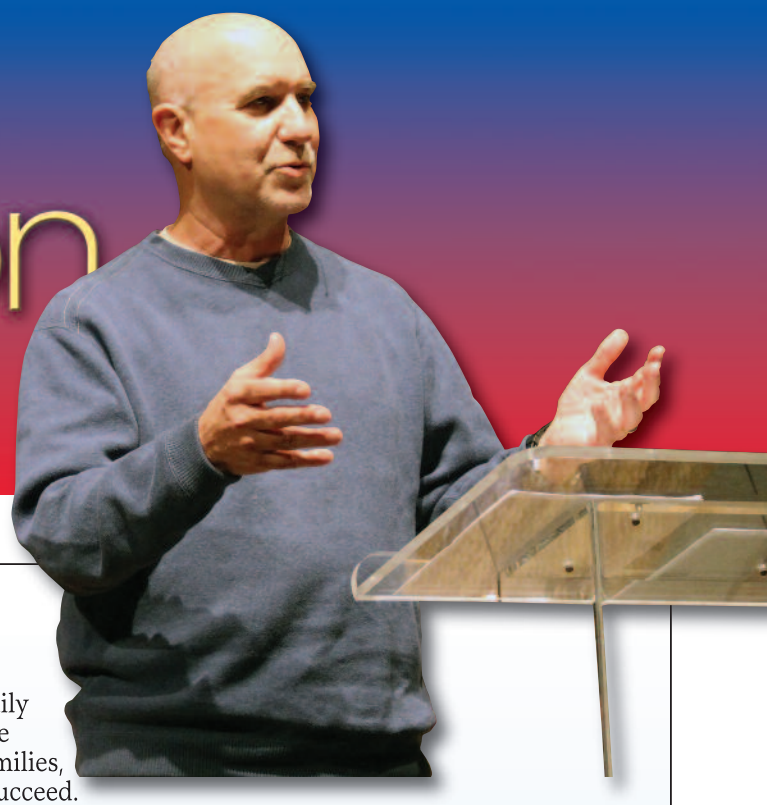

Refueling youth development workers

by Captain Rachel Stouder

"If the devil can't make you bad, he'll make you busy," exclaimed Pastor Jim Burns, president of HomeWord and executive director of the HomeWord Center for Youth and Family as he challenged 171 youth development delegates from the Central Territory at the Refuel conference.

The delegates were just a sample of the hundreds of youth workers across the territory who plunge themselves daily into the lives of young people, mentoring and discipling them. Recognizing the sacrifice it takes to keep up such a tenacious ministry, the territorial youth department, led by Majors Monty and Angela Wandling, strove to provide an opportunity for youth development workers not only to learn new things and to network, as important as these are, but to be renewed. They have recognized a specific need for *refueling*—to be re-energized and revitalized—for this challenging and rewarding work.

At this year's conference, delegates were invited to consider their ministry to youth specifically in the context of ministry to families. While many youth development workers readily acknowledge their ministry is not a singular, youth-only focus, Pastor Burns was able to reframe and reignite a passion for "beyond-a-season" family impact. Delegates were encouraged to help families, including their own, succeed. To accomplish this, Pastor Burns spoke specifically on helping parents help their own kids without attempting to usurp the parental influence. He pointed out that discipleship begins at home and the role of the Church is to influence it for the sake of Christ.

"One of the key points I took from Refuel was to bless children with my presence. Too often in ministry we think we are there for kids because we lead Sunday school or other activities, but are we truly engaged and paying attention to the kids around us?" asked Mike Dixon, Three Trails Camp and Retreat Center director. "As I evaluate my ministry and my family life, I am asking God to give me discernment in making better decisions with my time and attitude so I can be truly engaged with God, my family and those in my ministry and build effective and Christ-centered loving relationships."

In addition to plenary sessions, delegates were given the opportunity to expand their knowledge of topics like responding to mental illness in families, the impact of healthy sexuality for youth, the realities of human trafficking, and effectiveness in classroom leadership.

Worship led by The Singing Company, laughter inspired by the Bill Booth Theater Company and

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The Power of the Resurrection

by General André Cox

What a glorious celebration Easter Sunday represents for each one of us! God in raising Christ has defeated death. God in raising Christ has freed us from sin. God in raising Christ has established a sure eternal future for all who know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Life can be so full of uncertainty, danger and fears. Easter, however, serves to remind us that the life Jesus brought and bought cannot be undermined or extinguished.

As we celebrate the glory of the risen Christ, our hearts are filled with praise. We rejoice in worship as we gain new insight and understanding of God's eternal purposes and his plan of salvation for the world! As Jesus was raised from the dead, so will we be if we place our hope, trust and faith in God who sent his only Son into this world—not to condemn but to save!

It is not difficult to understand the consternation, disappointment, fear and discouragement of the disciples following the terrible events of Good Friday. They were devastated, shocked and completely thrown off course. Jesus had told his disciples on numerous occasions that he would die and rise again on the third day. Why, then, does it appear that not one of the disciples understood or realized what happened on that resurrection morning? Had the forces of darkness and injustice won the day? There are those today who seem to think so.

Amidst scenes of despair, suffering, injustice, greed, violence and the consequences of continued economic instability across the globe, I wonder whether there are Christians who this day feel despondent. Perhaps there might even be a sense of disillusionment for one reason or another. The disciples on the road to Emmaus expressed such feelings well: "We had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel."

When Jesus appeared to the disciples following his resurrection they did not recognize him. Possibly their preoccupation with personal sorrow and despair obscured what should have been clear.

How many times do we fail to sense Jesus' presence within our life and in the world today? Do we, as Christians, always reflect the joy and the power of the resurrection in our daily living? If we are honest we would have to admit that we don't always. However, it shouldn't—indeed it needn't—be like that!

It is as our spiritual eyes are opened and we gain ever more understanding of God's eternal purposes that through faith we begin to experience triumph over darkness and despair. Moment by moment, day by day, we can know the power and the victory of Christ's resurrection in our life. Hallelujah!

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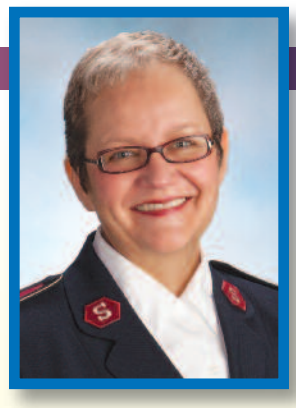

by Lt. Colonel Vicki Amick
Territorial Retired Officers' Secretary

I've heard it said, "less is more." But I'm not sure that's true. I guess it depends on what you're talking about. Too much candy might make you sick and too much make-up might make you look garish. But when it comes to coffee—less definitely isn't more!

We have been downsizing at our house over the last few months, and I must say it's easier said than done! There are many boxes in our basement that haven't been opened since we moved to Chicago four years ago. Obviously, we don't need these items, so it should be easy to let them go. But it isn't! With each box we open, we find treasures from days gone by. Although we never see or use them, parting with them is difficult.

We could easily part with many boxes if my husband, Dick, would let me throw out all his junk. He thinks I could get rid of mine, but that's not going to happen! So we are slowly sorting, doing our best to downsize, striving to believe "less is more."

This process reminds me of Matthew 6:19-21 (NASB): "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth and rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

I want to treasure what matters for eternity: people. I want to share the message of salvation with family and friends, pray for the lost, love my neighbor , invite my coworker to church, offer a helping hand or a hug to someone who is hurting. The things of this earth will eventually pass away but those of the Spirit never.

Refuel

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expressions of appreciation for the ministry to which the delegates have committed themselves were woven into the three days of intentional refueling.

"Refuel was just that, a time to refocus and refuel. I have never been to a conference where I was told that I was strange and took it as a compliment. Jim Burns' message of us being 'strange' or 'different' because we wanted to minister to our young people truly resounded with me," said Captain Dan Sawka, Muskegon, Mich., corps officer. "If wanting to reach out to young people is strange, I don't want to be normal! I look forward to continuing the ministry we are doing, but approaching it with new vigor and excitement."

Large corps conversations

Territorial leadership has introduced a new means of supporting and encouraging corps officers of large corps across the territory while building an understanding of the challenges they face. Thirteen corps, representing some of the largest and most dynamic congregations with a history of multiple generations, have been selected to participate.

Each month these corps officers and divisional headquarters personnel join in a conference call led by Colonel Jeffrey Smith, chief secretary, and Commissioner Carol Seiler, territorial coordinator for strategic mission planning. The strategy is modeled after a successful effort to support Kroc Center staff called "Kroc Talk."

Participants come together for mutual support, problem solving, inspiration and idea generation for these corps officers on the frontlines of ministry. Topics for each 60-minute call are selected from a master list of issues submitted by the corps officers. The subjects cover a vast array of areas and might include corps spiritual life and evangelism, discipleship, developing local officers, leading boards and councils, rest and vitality, and officer children.

"The conversations help build camaraderie across the territory not just through the exchange of ideas but through personal sharing and prayer," said Major Lesa Davis, Norridge Citadel, Ill., corps officer.

She continued, "For me, one of the surprises from the conversations has been how much diversity there is among the appointments. The participants all fall into the category of 'large corps,' but they are diverse in congregational demographics and programming. I think that actually makes the conversation even more important—and more interesting—because we're not just alike."

Majors Brian and Lesa Davis, Norridge Citadel, Ill., corps officers, with staff member Pamela Pryor

"I am really excited about the possibilities for this program," said the chief secretary. "I know I would have welcomed the opportunity to interact in this manner with other officers leading work that was similar to what I was doing as a corps officer."

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God's my father

by Craig Dirkes

At just 15, Malee knows more about being a mother than being a kid. When not in school, this St. Paul, Minn., teenager helps clean her family's house and cook for her nine siblings, ages 1 to 13. Her mom works full-time; her dad left the family years ago.

"It's hard being oldest—nonstop responsibility," Malee admitted. "I've had to step up. My brothers and sisters basically consider me their second mom."

That's a lot of pressure for a high school freshman. And if not for The Salvation Army and Malee's faith in Jesus, she might have buckled by now. "I was just talking to my mom about that; I'd probably be doing drugs or something," she said.

In fact, several years ago Malee began heading down the wrong path. Life without a father was giving her serious trouble. "I felt an empty void, so I started going out and having boyfriends," she recalled. "I needed someone in my life: a fatherly figure. But I didn't feel

fulfilled. I asked God, 'Why doesn't my life feel good?'"

Though she'd been attending church and youth programs at the St. Paul Citadel Corps since age 8, the gospel message wasn't quite sinking in. She looked like a Christian on the outside, she said, but didn't feel like it on the inside. That changed about two years ago.

"One day, it clicked," she said. "Spiritually, I changed. I understood what the pastor was saying. "My dad didn't love me, but God loves me. *He's* my father."

These days Malee spends what little free time she has at the corps. She attends the Hmong Outreach Program, where twice a week she can relax, have fun, recharge spiritually and connect with friends.

"Coming to this group has really helped me," she said. "You can get really personal with the staff and learn more about Jesus."

Youth worker Pao Vang started the Hmong Outreach Program in spring 2008. Today the program serves about 60 kids in grades K through 12, providing after-school activities and all-day programming during summer. They attend Bible study, play sports and so much more.

Minneapolis and St. Paul are home to the U.S.'s largest population of Hmong immigrants—about 64,000.

Ace in the hole for Quincy Kroc

by Kent Embree

The Quincy Country Club, partner with The Salvation Army Quincy, Ill., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center's youth golf program, has been awarded the 2014 Herb Graffis award from the Gateway PGA centered in St. Louis, Mo. The award is given annually to a PGA facility that exhibits extraordinary or exemplary contributions in player development through golf programming.

The Kroc Center youth golf DIVOT program (Developing Initiative and Values through Outreach Teaching) was developed last year as a way of reaching out to third graders, who may not otherwise have exposure to the game of golf. Using SNAG (Starting New at Golf) brand equipment, such as oversized clubs and balls that are designed specifically for younger children, Kroc and Country Club staff visited a number of Quincy area schools. During the 2013-14 school year, the Quincy Kroc Center was able to reach 462 students in seven schools and is on track to reach 600 students this school year.

In order to keep the children's attention, the presentations for the students incorporate large inflatable creatures like "Golf-zilla" and the "Golf-a-potamus" as targets, similar to putt-putt style obstacles. As part of the award from the Gateway PGA, the Kroc Center received an additional inflatable "Golf-a-roo" (kangaroo) to use in the DIVOT program.

Kroc Center Operations Director Chad Rodgers and Recreation Specialist Katie Thomas have been instrumental in getting the Golf

Quincy, Ill., Kroc Center staff Katie Thomas and Chad Rodgers with Gideon Smith (center), member of the Quincy County Club which partners with the Army to introduce children to the game of golf.

DIVOT program off the ground.

"We saw an opportunity for the Kroc Center when another national youth golf program here in Quincy decided to close its doors," said Chad. "The Quincy Kroc Center has no 'green space,' which makes this type of program a great fit for us. By partnering with the Quincy Country Club and other golf associations and clubs, we are able to serve in areas which would otherwise be closed to us."

Katie agrees, stating, "This is just a great opportunity. Through this program, we can combine the love of the game of golf with other Kroc initiatives like Youth Asset Development. Because our name is involved, it also gives the community confidence that the program is ultimately Christ-centered."

New THQ update

Visual Communications meets with architects.

Progress is taking shape with the new Central Territorial Headquarters (THQ), 5550 Prairie Stone Parkway in Hoffman Estates, Ill. Contract documents (drawings and specifications that go out for bid) are in process. The awarding of the furniture, furnishing and equipment bids for work stations and offices also is taking place.

Construction is slated to begin in early April with a targeted completion date in November—with hopes this can be achieved even sooner. When renovation is complete the 193,000-square-ft. building will house not only offices but add 20 conference rooms, five break areas, 30 cost-efficient climate-control zones and a dining room that will seat 250 people. There also will be conference meeting space, a fitness center, the Adult Rehabilitation Centers Command, Resource Connection, the Territorial Historical Museum, and the Chicago Staff Band rehearsal and recording studio—all updated versions of existing spaces. The chapel is at the center of the first floor, with the cross being visible even from the entrance, symbolizing the heart of our mission.

The move came out of extensive analysis due to the need to renovate the current facility for more efficient use of space, improved workstation standards and better task-share between departments, and, thereby, better service to the field. However, due diligence showed it was far less expensive to purchase and renovate a new property. A new headquarters represented the best long-term stewardship of funds.

Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, territorial commander, noted, "As we are changing our office location, we are looking very thoughtfully at how we work together at THQ and the way we serve the field."

Newly accepted candidates

Matthew Darrow

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Corps
Heartland Division

About 11 years ago I got my first look at The Salvation Army. I came to the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Corps to play basketball. I soon began attending youth group every Sunday afternoon. From there, I gained many other opportunities, from standing at a kettle at Christmas to going to the Dare 2 Share Conference in St. Louis, Mo., but the most significant was attending youth councils in 2005.

The theme for the weekend was "The Radical Revolution." Prior to councils, I was challenged by my youth pastor, Ronnie Amick (now Captain), to listen to what God had to say to me. I did, and that Saturday night I accepted Jesus as my Savior. Two years later, once again at youth councils, God spoke to me. This time He called me to be an officer.

Since that day God has helped me to grow spiritually and has molded me into the person He wants me to be. Every day I thank God for the calling He's placed on my life. With God guiding me, I know all things are possible.

Matthew's corps officers are Majors Paul and Barbara Logan.

Edward Williams III

St. Louis Euclid, Mo., Corps
Midland Division

I grew up attending the St. Louis, Mo., Euclid Corps with my family. My siblings and I were actively involved in the corps, and during the summer of 2002 I accepted Christ as my Savior. Aware of the commitment I had made that summer, I was excited to learn more about Christ and to develop my relationship with Him. My faith continued to grow until the sixth grade when I began to experience a personal struggle that continued into my young adult years. I have since recommitted my life to Christ.

I first heard my call to officership while attending the Mission and Purpose Conference in 2009. Instead of answering the call, I ran from it because I believed my calling was to be an elementary school teacher. It was in 2011 during devotions that I felt God again calling me to officership. During this moment I stopped running and said "yes" to God's call for my life. My calling has been confirmed as God showed me how He's been preparing me to be an officer through my preparation to be a teacher. I am excited about this new journey.

Edward's corps officers are Captains Patrick and Karen Holness.

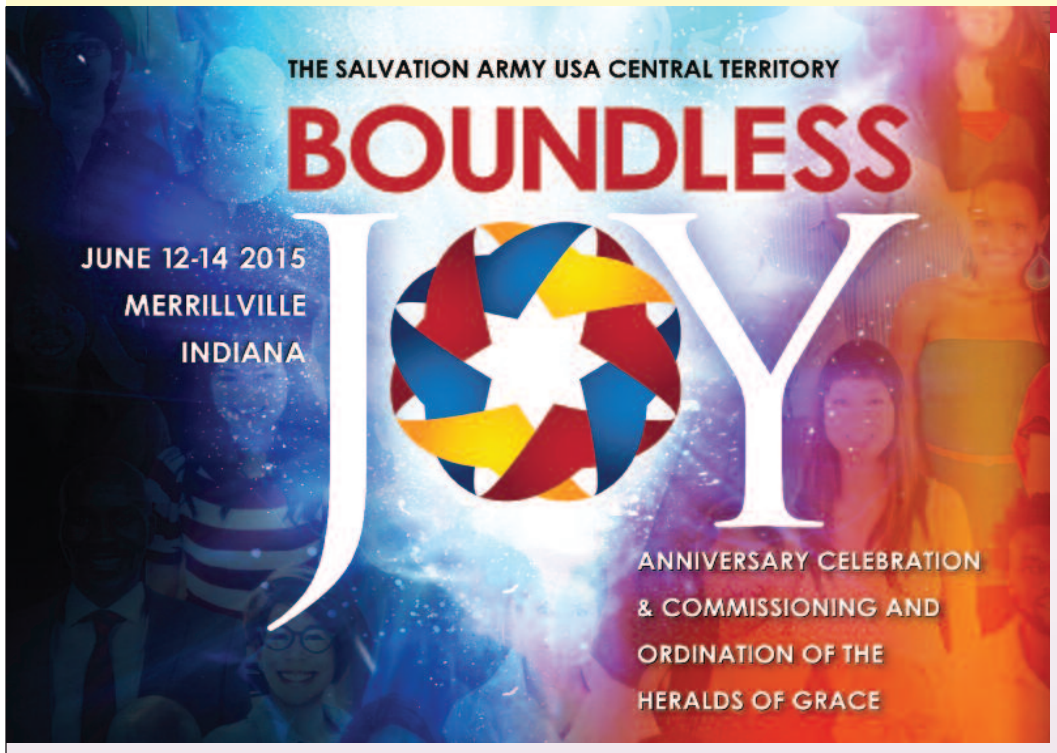
Zachary Zumwalt

Olathe, Kan., Corps
Kansas and Western Missouri Division

I was saved as a teenager at Three Trails Camp in Independence, Mo. I remember sitting in the back of the chapel and praying to a God I had never known was there. Afterward, there was no doubt about it—He had always been there!

I didn't experience my call to officership until I was in college studying to become a doctor. The problem was I wasn't pursuing this dream for God's glory. I was being selfish and never even thought to ask God what He wanted. My call to officership finally came when I gave my all to God. I gave Him school, church, work—my life completely. I stopped fighting Him. He put the call to ministry on my heart at youth councils in 2013. It was clear as day and the most amazing feeling I have ever experienced! I now know this is what God always wanted me to do. He has blessed every part of my journey to become the minister He wants me to be.

Zachary's corps officers are Majors Mark and Teri Martsolf.



Boundless Joy extras

During the Boundless Joy Commissioning weekend, June 12–14, don't miss these great opportunities.

Big on Kids

Award-winning Corporate Kids Events, a VIP childcare service, brings their custom entertaining and action-packed activities for children up to age 11 during the weekend. These experienced professionals create customized programs with themes running the gamut from the wild west ranch extravaganza to a beach party bonanza. Service provided during main meetings, except for Sunday afternoon; registration fee covers the cost. More information available online on the registration form through childcare link.

Run for the World

Join in fun, fitness and fellowship by participating in a 5K Run/Walk for the World with Territorial Commander Commissioner Paul R. Seiler. The event will start at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, and cover 3.1 miles; cost per delegate is $10. Participants also have the opportunity to raise funds for World Services/Self-Denial by pledging funds personally and from supporters.

Join the Conversation

Delegates, young adult and older, are invited to meet on Saturday night after the main meeting with territorial leaders and emerging leaders to talk about ministry, calling and officership. This informal gathering will be a perfect time to express your values, concerns, passion and prayers for the Army of today—and tomorrow! Light refreshments will be served.

Boundless deals and more

Discover exciting new vendors and products to support your ministry, new "Others" program (formerly Sally Ann) items and drastic, weekend-only reductions on books, CDs, many other items on Friday and Saturday at the Resource Connection marketplace!

Enjoy activities saluting the *Boundless* International Congress (including a workshop on Saturday afternoon offering helpful hints to those attending the July event), along with the Army's 150th and Central's 130th anniversaries, including a contextual timeline display from the Territorial Historical Museum charting world events side-by-side with the histories of the international Army and the Central Territory!

Register online today for the Boundless Joy Commissioning weekend at centralcommissioning.org

Please note there will be open seating and your delegate badge will be needed for admission to the theater each session.

For Every Child a Chance at Life

Psalm 127:3 (NLT) says, "Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him."

A blessing from the Lord, children can bring hope, joy, energy and promise to our families, communities and congregations.

Playfulness, giggles and exploring are all a part of the nature of children. Whether on a brand new playground or a mound of trash, kids find ways to play and enjoy life. For the adults who love them, keeping them safe, well-fed and healthy is foremost.

But in many places around the world, this is a daily challenge. Life is difficult and there are many obstacles a child must overcome to simply survive. In 2012, 6.6 million children died before their fifth birthday, primarily due to a small number of common, preventable and treatable conditions.

These truths and challenges form the basis of the territory's 2015 World Services/Self Denial theme: "For Every Child a Chance at Life." New resources and video segments with this theme will be coming soon to the centralmissions.org website under resources.

As we consider the gift children are to us, let's have open hearts to what God would have us do to ensure a chance at life for every child. For more information, contact missions@usc.salvationarmy.org.

2015 Summer Mission Teams announced

Pray for these young people who will be ministering this summer.

Haiti/Bahamas

Kendelle Polsley*	Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps
Joshua Bowyer	Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps
Henry Herber	Port Huron, Mich., Corps
Stephanie Marinelli	Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps
Marjorie Remy	Waukegan, Ill., Corps
Briana Staggers	Chicago Temple, Ill., Corps

Hungary

Lance Hill*	Royal Oak, Mich., Corps
Milly Flores	Evansville, Ind., Corps
Rebecca Hixenbaugh	Fairmont, Minn., Corps
Kaitlyn Kyser	Hillsdale, Mich., Corps
Justin Polsley	Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps

Kenya (East)

Sam Arias*	Chicago Irving Park, Ill., Corps
Darby Bird	Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps
Rachel Kim	Chicago Mayfair Community Church, Ill., Corps
Morgan Marinelli	Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps
Alex Paguibitan	Royal Oak, Mich., Corps
Brianna Shelbourn	Omaha Kroc Center, Neb.

* = Team Leader

CAST (Creative Arts Service Team)

Cadet Veronica Cintron*	College for Officer Training
Kayla Bohannon	Warren, Mich., Corps
Sandra Cabrera	Wichita Citadel, Kan., Corps
Greg Hurula	Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps
Lauren Smith	Rochester, Minn., Corps

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Rebekah Langham*	Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps
Samantha Barnes	Oak Creek Centennial, Wis., Corps
Ruquyyah Houston	Ann Arbor, Mich., Corps
Honey Joel	Des Plaines, Ill., Corps
Jerry Joel	Des Plaines, Ill., Corps
Isaac Leka	Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps
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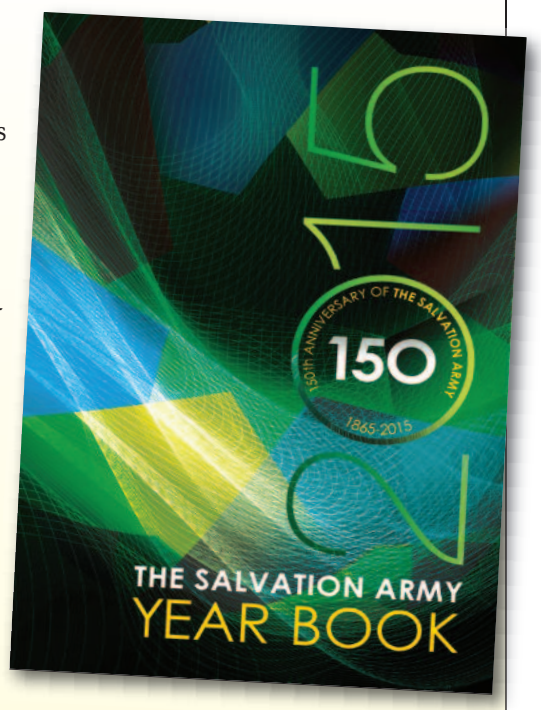

For the first time in its 100-plus year history, *The Salvation Army Year Book* is available as an e-book. It is hoped many people will take advantage of this new facility, which will allow them to have a copy of the *2015 Year Book* on their smartphones, tablets and some e-readers. Printed copies are also available, providing a valuable resource to Salvationists and non-Salvationists alike.

The first *Salvation Army Year Book* was published in 1906. Since then it has provided an annual snapshot of Salvation Army work and ministry, with facts and statistics supported by reports and articles. Published for The Salvation Army's 150th anniversary, the *2015 Year Book* includes articles about engaging with society, anti-trafficking ministry and international congresses through the years.

General André Cox writes in his foreword: "This edition of *The Year Book* provides many facts and much information about the work of the worldwide Salvation Army. Most inspiring are the impact-filled stories of positive, lasting transformation, where God, through the mission and ministry of his faithful people, changes the lives of men, women, boys and girls for the present and into eternity."

Like the printed copy, the e-book features numerous black-and-white photographs of The Salvation Army's ministry from many of the 126 countries in which it works, along with color sections containing vibrant photos and detailed maps. The printed version also exclusively contains a record of officers in designated appointments or holding the rank of lt. colonel and above, details of retired generals and commissioners and a list of officer retirements and promotions to Glory.

The *2015 Year Book* is available for Kindle e-readers—and the many other devices which can run the free Kindle app.—through the various international versions of online retailer Amazon (search for "Salvation Army Year Book 2015").

Printed copies of the *Year Book* can be purchased from Resource Connection. Call 1-800-937-8896 or order online at shop.salvationarmy.org

Girl Guards—100 years and

For 100 years the girl guard program has helped girls discover their abilities, develop their leadership skills and grow in their faith. Today, there are more than 1,300 girl guards in the Central Territory.

Helping girls find their way

The girl guard program has played an integral part in reaching girls with the gospel, giving them a place to belong, providing challenges and opportunities for achievement, and helping them discover their God-given gifts and potential. While the program's aim to help girls grow spiritually, mentally, physically and socially has remained constant, over the years the curriculum has evolved to meet girls' changing needs and interests.

Coinciding with the program's centennial, a new handbook will be released online later this year that has several marked differences. The two biggest are that the holistic mission will be applied to each emblem and girls will have the opportunity to create an emblem based on their own interest. Additionally, more emblems have been added in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math. For instance, the "netiquette" emblem addresses being safe on the internet but also showing good manners and relating the girls' witness to what they view online and what they say through Facebook, Twitter, etc...

"Today's girl has many more opportunities, and the guarding program opens doors to learn new skills and explore possibilities," said Jerrie Miller, territorial youth development specialist with an emphasis on character-building. "We're teaching her to change a tire, repair a leaking faucet or become a community leader."

According to Jerrie, one of the guard program's crucial roles is providing an introductory path for girls into larger corps life and its full array of programs.

"My mom always made sure we went to church, but I really didn't have a salvation experience until I went to girl guard camp," said Lt. Crystal Sherack, Council Bluffs, Iowa, assistant corps officer, who says she never would have found The Salvation Army either if it weren't for guards.

She isn't alone. Countless girls have come to know the Lord, joined the ranks as soldiers or discovered their calling to officership or another field through girl guards.

Juanita Belcher credits her girl guard leader for encouraging her to learn more about nursing after she excelled with a nursing-related emblem. Juanita became a Licensed Practical Nurse in 1985. But her passion for guarding never left and in 2001 she became Heartland divisional character-building director.

Centralite Commissioner Sue Swanson, who led the guard program internationally and now leads the Eastern Territory with her husband, says her girl guard leader and corps officer deeply influenced her perception of officership. "They were models for me," she said.

She continued, "We're reaching young women at a stage when they can make strong decisions for the Lord and be brought into a wonderful fellowship. And we not only can reach young women but their families."

Rita Summit, who was a girl guard leader for 40 years and Midland divisional character-building director said, "So many girls in our culture hear about God, but they don't understand who He is and how much He loves them. As they get into high school and things get tough, they can know there will always be someone there for them. They have a foundation in Jesus."

going strong

Devoted to her girls

Sterling, Ill., Corps Administrator Envoy Christal Johnson holds a special place in her heart for girl guards.

"She is an amazing girl guard leader," said Juanita Belcher, Heartland divisional character-building director. "She has a smile that will light up the room, and most importantly she is a woman of God who cares deeply, not only for the girl guard program, but for the spiritual and emotional needs of her girls."

Envoy Christal Johnson enrolls soldier Shacarra Hoskins who came to the corps through character-building programs.

Christal wants to see her girl guards flourish spiritually and emotionally and builds a personal relationship with each of them.

A few years ago when she was a youth director in Iowa City, Iowa, she helped six girls earn their General's Guard awards. It was a landmark achievement at their corps since they hadn't had a General's Guard since 1982.

"It meant so much to these girls. It was a lot of work and extra hours, but when they completed it, I could see their gratification. The award wasn't the main thing; it was about the perseverance and experience," said the envoy.

Christal has brought many girls from the community into the program, and shares God's love through the environment she helps to create.

"When they start to experience the joy here, they want more," said Christal. "They want to come to Bible study, then Sunday school. Most of them become a follower of Christ because of the love they experience and the lessons they learn."

Royal Oak girl guards with Commissioner William A. Roberts, Chief of the Staff, at International Headquarters (IHQ)

A tip-top troop

The Royal Oak, Mich., girl guard troop is one for the books—literally. A visit to International Headquarters reveals 112 General's Guards from the Royal Oak Corps are listed in the official guarding book. The troop also lays claim to nearly 15 percent of all Catherine Booth Awards received in the Central Territory!

Jill Johnson, Royal Oak girl guard leader, says her troops learn responsibility and take ownership while having a blast. Each year the girls can sign up for an opportunity to go to London, England! To go they must complete their General's Guard and Catherine Booth Awards, have at least 75 percent attendance and be a girl guard in good standing.

"Once they've earned the trip it's not a free ride," Jill said. "I give the girls assignments and tasks to research. I always try to help the girls succeed, but I don't do the job for them."

The troop, averaging about 20, participates in a few outings a year to earn emblems outside the corps. Over the years they've taken a number of bigger trips to destinations like New York City, Chicago and Washington D.C. It's expanded the horizons of hundreds of young women.

Rebecca Ruggerio holds open the official book of General's Guards at IHQ to the page where she's found her name.

Another claim to fame in Royal Oak is the annual girl guard pie sale. This lucrative fundraiser brings in upwards of $6,000 for the troop yearly. Not only does it help fund programming, it teaches the girls to cook, improvise, sell and work well with each other.

The story behind guarding

Photo courtesy of the Central Territory Historical Museum

Evangeline Booth leads a Chicago Youth Rally in 1937.

In 1915 the first girl guard troop was inaugurated in London, England. The next year on May 21, 1916, six troops totaling 100 girls were publically inaugurated in New York City at Carnegie Hall by U.S. National Commander Evangeline Booth, who incidentally designed the first girl guard uniform! It consisted of a blouse and skirt in forest green colored khaki fabric.

The program spread quickly as girls learned skills preparing them for homemaking and outdoor activities. Back then the curriculum was patterned after the Boy Scouts, and girls spent much of their time hiking, camping, marching, learning first aid, Morse code and flag signaling.

The first corps to inaugurate a troop in the Central Territory was Chicago Temple, Ill., followed by Racine, Wis. The Racine troop included Hester Pottinger, who was one of the first girls to sign up in 1916. Interestingly, Hester went on to receive the Order of the Founder for her exemplary girl guard leadership. Under her direction 123 girls earned the General's Guard award by 1974. The total number of General's Guards awards in our territory is now 2,486.

For more history about girl guards visit Get Connected at salarmycentral.org

Generally amazing

Twelve-year-old Luisa Fierro rarely misses a girl guard meeting and is already working to earn her General's Guard award. She loves earning badges as part of the Emporia, Kan., Corps troop and participating in the Sunday worship service by reading scripture or giving the announcements. Another wonderful trait about Luisa: she's bold about sharing her faith and inviting friends to the corps.

Luisa with her sunbeam leader, Rose Colunga, and girl guard leader and corps officer Lt. Lynn Lopez

"It's one of my favorite things to do [sharing her faith]," she said. "...because if people haven't heard of Jesus, they don't get to know Him." One of Luisa's friends started attending the corps with her family as a result of Luisa's invitation.

In 2013 Luisa had the opportunity of a lifetime when she attended the Family Congress in St. Louis, Mo.

"Luisa wanted to be in all the adult meetings, listen to the General and to see the big Army," said Lt. Lynn Lopez, Emporia corps officer and Luisa's troop leader. "She was fascinated, and when there was a call to officership, she went forward with her mom."

While there Luisa met the General. "It was very exciting, and not a lot of people get to meet the General!" Luisa said, "...And I have a calling [to officership]. I know because when I go to church, it feels like nothing else."

Regeneration moves mountains

by Captain Jennifer Ortman

The Regeneration conference provides young adults time to focus on and respond to the call of God on their lives. This year's event provided such moments for more than 400 delegates at Camp Wonderland with the theme "Move." When God points us in a direction, we can face our "mountains" with faith—and through faith these mountains will move!

Friday night and Saturday morning, messages from guest Bob Goff, like "Don't let others determine who you are," "Fear is a punk!" and "Be the next humblest version of you," resonated with delegates as they sang with worship leaders Citizens and Saints. Spoken-word artist Amena Brown and her husband, DJ Opdiggy, provided seeds of thought and preliminary music to fuel the high-energy meetings. Excitement continued as delegates met new friends at the Friday night mixer.

Saturday afternoon activities included games, crafts, a clothing swap, a "s'mores-gasbord" and coffee shop, an open mic, and workshops on worship, life skills, mentoring, Bible studies and young adult trends. Saturday's dinner had a Roaring '20s theme, referring to the decade though it could have easily represented the average age of delegates.

Territorial Headquarters matched $5,000 collected during the weekend to purchase a bus for students at Salvation Army schools in Nagercoil, India.

During the Saturday night meeting delegates were challenged to move to a posted sign and pray. Some signs represented mountains they needed to move, some presented a new way of living, while others were career decisions, like exploring the possibility of officership.

Guest Jo Saxton wrapped the weekend up by encouraging delegates to find a shoulder to stand on in life and in mission. She called delegates to see mentoring as biblically and culturally relevant and essential for adults to grow in Christ. This linked to meeting elements throughout the weekend when mentors, over age 29, shared what they would tell their 20-year-old selves.

Megan Baker, from the Indianapolis Eagle Creek, Ind., Corps, summed up her first Regeneration experience: "I am coming away with more questions than answers, but now I'm asking the right questions. When I came here I was asking the wrong ones, and now I can move forward in finding what God has in store for me."

A shot at success

by Jackie Rachev

It's 11:30 p.m. on a cold Saturday night in January. The Chicago, Ill., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center seems quiet, but then a swish, a whistle and a cheer erupts in the gym, bringing the facility to life.

This is the Kroc Center's Late Nite Flight basketball league, and one of the players just made a lay-up while being fouled. The fans cheer and groan. It's a playoff game, and the players are giving it all they've got.

Late night basketball leagues started in the 1980s to provide alternatives for young men at risk of becoming involved in, or a victim of, violence. What makes this program unique is it's about much more than a safe haven. It provides a host of wrap-around services including weekly classes that focus on topics like anger management and coping strategies, identifying and maintaining healthy relationships, employment-searching skills and resumé writing and goal setting.

"Of course we want to provide these guys a safe place to play and hang out," said Major David Harvey, Kroc Center administrator. "But we also want to come alongside and provide them with the tools and opportunities to better their situations, so they're less likely to turn to violence. We want to lift up these young men so they succeed in reaching their goals."

Not attending school and with no job prospects, Lavonte Smith, 21, of Calumet Park spends most of his time at the Kroc Center playing basketball and keeping busy. He says the classes have helped him take steps to improve his future. "It is hard when you have a dream but don't know what it takes to achieve it. The goal-setting class really showed me how to create a plan to succeed," he said. With direction and support from Kroc Center staff, Lavonte is applying to local colleges to pursue a career in sports management.

Brian Kent smiles as he works his way through a group exercise with his coach and teammates. (l to r) Joseph Pearson, Eric Washington, Officer J. Nettles, Brian Kent and Lavonte Smith.

Lead sponsor Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois provided $40,000 to support the first basketball session. "Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois is proud to be the sponsor of The Salvation Army's late night basketball program at the Kroc Center," said Donna Gerber, vice president, public affairs and community investments. "Like The Salvation Army, we have a long history of serving the people of Illinois. Our focus is on keeping people healthy and Late Nite Flight promotes fitness while offering even more. It provides a safe environment and trains young men to be community leaders."

At the end of the 15-week season, the Kroc Center and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois will host a banquet and awards ceremony with guests from the Chicago Bulls.

Jammin' for Jesus

by Craig Dirkes

The nine members of a unique Salvation Army rock band are vastly different men with three awesome things in common: God, music, sobriety. Most of them met five or six years ago while enrolled at, or as recent graduates of, the Minneapolis, Minn., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC).

Their stories are remarkable. Singer Keith Ableiter, for example, used to fund his meth addiction by breaking into corner stores and stealing scratch-off lotto tickets. He'd cash them in at other convenience stores early the next morning before anyone noticed they were missing. Keith spent his life in and out of jail for drug-related crimes, then got clean in 2009 after six months of treatment at the ARC. While there, he regularly listened to—and was astounded by—the music of the ARC band which played during worship services.

"They were jamming. You could just feel the energy," he said. Keith desperately wanted to join, even though he'd never sung a note in his life. "I finally got up the guts and asked to sing," he recalled.

Most of the same band members are still playing together today at select Salvation Army events and other venues.

"This isn't your fluffy praise and worship music," said band leader and guitar player John Hulteen, who formerly worked at the ARC and now is a chaplain for the Northern Division's correctional services.

The band plays R&B and gospel-inspired classics like "People get ready," first recorded in 1965 by The Impressions and later by the likes of Bob Dylan and Rod Stewart.

Each performance includes band members' testimonies. "We're using music to take into the community the message of Christ and His power to break the chains of addiction," said John.

As much as the band enjoys playing together, music is secondary to nurturing their relationships with God. Each rehearsal is followed by a Celebrate Recovery meeting, a Christ-centered program based on the 12 Steps of Recovery and 8 Principles of Recovery.

"The guys I'm with are honest and trusting of each other. For the first time, I feel like I have some real friends," said Keith.

Singer Carl Christian feels the same. He's a latecomer to the band, having joined after graduating from the ARC in January 2013. "When I got [to the ARC] I was pretty much done," recalled Carl, who grew up in Chicago as the youngest of 10 kids. "I've been homeless. I've stole for my addiction. I've done a lot of things that weren't so nice."

Today he's a different man. He's in his second semester at Anoka Technical College with plans for a career in administrative health information. He's engaged to be married and brings his fiancé and her kids to church every Sunday.

"Being with these guys keeps me connected," said Carl. "It's a fellowship. We keep each other accountable as Christian brothers. We're family. If it wouldn't have been for God's Word and hope in Jesus, I'd have given up a long time ago."

The other band members include Ray Dahl (bass), Tim Graff (lead guitar), Stefan Haire (vocals), Steve Holbrook (drums), Michael Thompson (vocals/bass), and ARC chaplain Envoy Alan Carlson (keyboard).

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BOUNDLESS THE WHOLE WORLD READING

THE INTERNATIONAL BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

5,130 Centralites are part of the Bible reading challenge this year. Here's a glimpse of what's happening at the Chicago North Side Adult Rehabilitation Center.

A group of soldiers and officers at the Chicago North Side, Ill., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) are taking the *Boundless...The Whole World Reading* International Bible Reading Challenge wherever they go. By downloading the Bible challenge app to their mobile device, they have constant access to each day's reading.

"You simply click on the app, and it will give you the day's reading, followed by a summary recapping the main theme of the chapter and a list of questions," said Major Julie Aren, ARC administrator, who initiated the group. "The app even gives you a chance to comment, so there are literally responses coming in from around the world!"

Not only has the group committed to read through the New Testament in 2015, they meet every Sunday for discussion and accountability.

Cadet Linda Acosta, who is participating in her field practicum training at the Chicago North Side ARC, has joined the Bible challenge.

They encourage each other to keep up with the reading, discuss any difficult or confusing questions and share how they've applied the scripture to their lives that week.

Quarterly the plan is to come together and share what they're learning with the 80-100 men at the ARC.

One of the things that encouraged the major to pursue the challenge for the men was the free Bible participants receive from the territory.

"I knew our guys would love a free Bible to help them get up on their feet," she said. "I'm seeing the ARC graduates [now soldiers] who are part of the challenge really benefitting from this plan."

Two for the greater good

The lives, marriage and legacy of Robert and Ellen Dickman, soldiers at the Farmington Hills, Mich., Corps, could be described as *gestalt*—more than the sum of their parts—as God used their experiences to bring glory to Himself while drawing the Dickmans into His Kingdom.

"When we first met [on a blind date in 1990] it was clear we were strong individuals, but together we were powerful," recalled Ellen. They married within months after ensuring their children (Bob's five and Ellen's two) would work as a blended family. Today, the Dickmans are grandparents to 10.

Having come of age in the late 1960s during the civil-rights era, the Dickmans became lifelong advocates for underdogs. Bob particularly identified with the disenfranchised. Adopted as an infant, he was lovingly raised by devout Jewish parents in Detroit, Mich. But, even after his bar mitzvah, Bob continued to be ostracized for his gentile roots.

Bob's social activism during college led to a career in law; he became a proponent of *pro bono* services as a law student volunteering at a legal clinic. In 1994, the Dickmans started a free legal clinic in office space provided by the Detroit Harbor Light. The endeavor eventually became the William Booth Legal Aid Clinic. A second location opened in Pontiac, Mich., in late 2007. To date, the clinics have resolved more than 23,500 legal issues.

As the Dickmans learned about the extensive scope of the Army's services, they became increasingly fascinated by it. "The Army's mission was very much in line with ours," said Bob, who joined the harbor light's advisory board. They also became committed volunteers at the Farmington Hills Corps, where Bob joined its advisory board as well.

Curious about Christ even as a child, Bob felt something was missing in his life. One day after a board meeting, he spoke to the corps officer and accepted Christ. The Dickmans' involvement at the corps intensified. Bob taught Sunday school, became the assistant corps sergeant-major and joined the Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center Advisory Board. Ellen became an adherent, and last fall was enrolled as a soldier by General André Cox during his visit to the Eastern Michigan Division!

Bob teaches an adult Sunday school class.

Raised an Orthodox Jew, Ellen had a happy childhood in New York City but resented that girls were discouraged from pursuing academics—and that she couldn't sit with her father on the men's side of the temple! It was a college roommate who sparked her interest in Christ. Later while living in a small New Hampshire town, Ellen realized "attending church was a necessity if I wanted a social life!"

"We've truly become changed people," said Bob of the fulfillment he and Ellen are experiencing. "Our corps [led by Major Marlys Anderson] is everything in the world to us; they're family."

Recently honored as an outstanding alumnus of the University of Detroit, Bob received thanks from a young woman for helping her father in 1967 when he'd been arrested during a civil-rights protest. Volunteer law student Bob obtained justice for her father then and has never stopped working to obtain it for others.

Bob and Ellen Dickman are fully immersed in Farmington Hills, Mich., Corps life.

Major honors vets

As far as Major Cecile Tekautz is concerned, every Thursday is Veterans' Day! For more than a decade, the retired Salvation Army officer has honored the residents of the Home for Veterans in Grand Rapids, Mich., through practical service and spiritual support.

Each Thursday morning, the major coordinates the work of two visitation volunteers and four volunteer seamstresses who've faithfully repaired or altered residents' clothing over the years.

"It's not unusual to find five sewing machines humming at the same time as the major and her cohorts strive to get all of the work orders completed," said Major Valerie McDowell, Grand Rapids Fulton Heights corps officer. "Major Cecile is well loved and respected by the sewers and is warmly greeted by the veterans as they come in to drop off or pick up their newly hemmed pants, repaired jackets, ironed shirts or other special projects that need extra attention and expertise. The weekly visitations also are greatly appreciated by the residents as they're greeted and remembered in this way."

A dozen or more extra volunteers assist during Christmas and Easter visitations to deliver gifts to the residents and share special music in each of the home's lounges. And each summer at the home's annual carnival, Major Cecile coordinates volunteers serving pie and coffee or water from The Salvation Army booth!

Because of the caring services provided by the major and her crew, The Salvation Army is loved and respected by the home's residents.

Not only was Major Cecile recognized by the Central Territory as the Veterans' Services Volunteer of the Year, she also was selected by National Headquarters as the 2014 National Veterans' Administration Volunteer Services Female Volunteer of the Year.

New EDS courses launched

Emergency disaster services (EDS) has introduced two new training courses essential for optimal feeding and sheltering responses in emergencies. Major Karen Hanton, territorial disaster training coordinator, teaches the "train the trainer" courses for others to teach in the divisions.

Disaster Food Service and Canteen Operations is an eight-hour course on the fundamentals of disaster food service operations. The major stressed its importance because one of the first gestures of comfort received during a disaster often is a drink, snack or meal from the Army.

"This new course seeks to integrate the most current food handling standards from the National Restaurant Association within our feeding operations, despite the challenges of feeding in a disaster zone without the standard amenities and resources normally available," said Kevin Ellers, territorial disaster services coordinator.

The course takes an in-depth look at the provision of services and is the starting point for anyone interested in food service delivery or serving on a canteen. After completing prerequisite classes, participants learn about canteen and food service delivery strategies, disaster food service teams, canteen systems and maintenance, and canteen deployment and operations. The course culminates with an exercise in which participants must plan meals, deploy and station canteens and determine staffing needs.

"It's one of the best written courses I have the privilege to teach," said Major Karen.

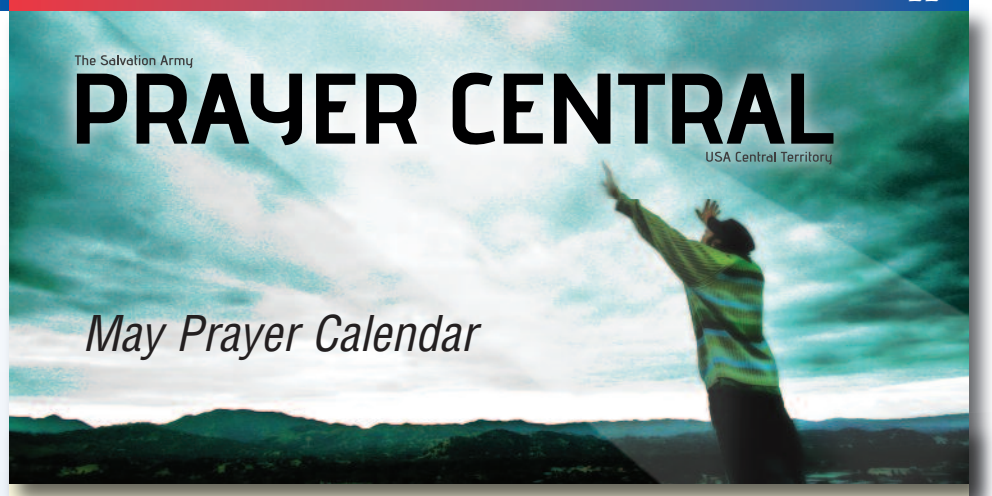
The other new course gives an overview of the Army's disaster shelter program.

"The Army increasingly is being asked to provide sheltering services," said the major. "The Indiana Division took the lead in developing this remarkable course, which incorporates FEMA guidelines and best practices into a step-by-step process enabling a corps or service area to set up a shelter."

Participants learn the essentials of shelter operations, including site selection, opening, maintaining and closing a shelter. Topics include minimum staffing and shelter team responsibilities, minimum shelter square footage based on population (plus the minimum number of toilets and showers required) and typical challenges encountered in shelters, including those of special-needs populations.

Dolibers dig deeper

Majors Robert and Rae Doliber have donned two more "hats" in addition to the ones they're already wearing in their primary duties as director and special projects manager of The Salvation Army's Haiti Recovery and Development (HRD) team. Their additional appointments are divisional secretary for business for Major Bob and divisional human resources supervisor for Major Rae. The Dolibers' service in Haiti has been extended until mid-2017; they arrived to serve on the HRD team in September 2010.



My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Friday	2 Samuel 5-9	Wayne/Westland, Mich., Corps
	2 Saturday	Psalms 51-53	Shelbyville, Ind., Corps
	3 Sunday	Job 35-36	Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps
	4 Monday	Jeremiah 27-31	Sedalia, Mo., Corps
	5 Tuesday	Mark 15-16	St. Paul Eastside, Minn., Corps
	6 Wednesday	2 Corinthians 4-5	Sioux City, Iowa, Corps
	7 Thursday	Exodus 21-24	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Corps
	8 Friday	2 Samuel 10-14	Superior, Wis., Corps
	9 Saturday	Psalms 54-56	Sturgis, Mich., Corps
	10 Sunday	Job 37-38	Wyandotte Downriver, Mich., Corps
	11 Monday	Jeremiah 32-36	Terre Haute, Ind., Corps
	12 Tuesday	Luke 1-2	St. Charles Tri-City, Ill., Corps
	13 Wednesday	2 Corinthians 6-8	Springfield, Mo., Corps
	14 Thursday	Exodus 25-28	Virginia, Minn., Corps
	15 Friday	2 Samuel 15-19	Caribbean Territory PIM
	16 Saturday	Psalms 57-59	Sioux Falls, S.D., Corps
	17 Sunday	Job 39-40	South Bend, Ind., Kroc Center
	18 Monday	Jeremiah 37-41	Waukesha, Wis., Corps
	19 Tuesday	Luke 3-4	Ypsilanti, Mich., Corps
	20 Wednesday	2 Corinthians 9-10	Vincennes, Ind., Corps
	21 Thursday	Exodus 29-32	Waukegan, Ill., Corps
	22 Friday	2 Samuel 20-24	Captain Christopher Marques (Japan)
	23 Saturday	Psalms 60-62	St. Louis, Mo., Harbor Light
	24 Sunday	Job 41-42	Williston, N.D., Corps
	25 Monday	Jeremiah 42-46	Watertown, S.D., Corps
	26 Tuesday	Luke 5-6	Wausau, Wis., Corps
	27 Wednesday	2 Corinthians 11-13	Detroit, Mich., Harbor Light
	28 Thursday	Exodus 33-36	Warsaw, Ind., Corps
	29 Friday	1 Kings 1-4	Chicago, Ill., Harbor Light
	30 Saturday	Psalms 63-65	Willmar, Minn., Corps
	31 Sunday	Proverbs 1	Traverse City, Mich., Corps

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

PIM=Partners in Mission

Clinic boasts impact

The Salvation Army Red Shield Medical Clinic in Manitowoc County, Wis., has been open just over a year and is already having a significant, positive impact on the community. Lts. Jeff and Terri Olson, Manitowoc corps officers, report clients receive care for illnesses like the cold and flu as well as chronic conditions.

The clinic, which was made possible thanks to a Thomas Lyle Williams Fund grant, was opened to help people who can't afford medical care, coverage or deductible. Many simply don't know what is ailing them. Diagnoses range from diabetes to hypertension as well as chronic joint pain and asthma. Not only do practitioners and nurses treat clients, they teach them about their medical problems and assist them in getting medication.

One unemployed man visited the clinic with shortness of breath and severe ulcers on his legs. Not only did the clinic supply him with an inhaler for his asthma, they addressed the ulcers over a three-week period and worked with him to lose weight. His ulcers healed, and his breathing problems went away, which eventually enabled him to land a new job.

If a condition is beyond the scope of the clinic, a practitioner or nurse will attempt to find a referral site, which is most often secured free of charge. One woman was referred to an eye doctor and received a diagnosis of glaucoma. Without treatment she would have gone blind.

"I believe the same medical facilities wouldn't have taken the client without charge if we had not been involved. Our clinic also assists patients with applying for expensive medications directly from the pharmaceutical company, free of charge," said Lt. Jeff.

A mother of two with insulin dependent diabetes visited the clinic. She was ineligible for government assistance and had been paying for her insulin. To cut costs she kept her doses well below what she needed. With help from the Patient Assistance Program, the clinic was able to increase her insulin intake, and her blood sugar is now under control.

The clinic is developing a reputation as a reliable, charitable health care provider in the community. Not only is it helping to improve the quality of life for patients, it's reducing long-term health care costs for the community.

A golden opportunity

The new territorial director of volunteer services, Lora Cummings, has spent the majority of her career in the non-profit sector and is thrilled to work for The Salvation Army, an organization she views as the gold standard among charities.

"It has been an aspiration and honor to become a contributor to an organization with such a heartfelt mission and a worthy cause," said Lora, who witnessed firsthand the tremendous support the Army offers when a fire destroyed her parents' house and a tornado devastated a portion of a neighboring town.

In her new role she supports and continues to strengthen the overall efforts of volunteer engagement in the Central Territory through consultative training, advocacy and resource allocation. Her main objectives are to seek out and share best practices, streamline the volunteer process through use of training and current technology, and seek opportunities to increase volunteer outreach and collaborations.

"Volunteers bring an intrinsic value beyond just their time. They contribute to a genuine spirit and sense of community," said Lora. "They are the 'ambassadors' of an organization and a source for building community awareness."

Volunteering was a family experience for Lora growing up, and as a teen she became a youth volunteer at a hospital, her church and as an aide with a special education program. Today as a wife and mother of three boys, she is working to instill volunteerism as a way of life for her children.

Growing by faith

Thomas and Christine Lee

For the last two years, the people of the Lansing South, Mich., Corps have worked together to make solid strides in corps growth.

"When people visit they want to stay because everyone is so friendly, welcoming and real," said Thomas Lee, who with his wife, Christine, provides pastoral care to the corps under the supervision of Major Kim Hellstrom, Lansing South corps officer, and Major Alan Hellstrom, the Capital Area coordinator. The Lees are part of the territorial ministry internship program.

A few years ago when the corps changed names and moved across town, attendance shrank to a handful of people but today exceeds 40. A similar number of people attend the corps on Wednesday evenings to enjoy fellowship with dinner, men's and women's ministries led by soldiers and care for children.

Following the multiplication principle found in II Timothy 2:2, the corps is concentrating on cultivating local leadership to prepare the congregation for its next stage of growth: the introduction of character-building programs.

"We have great confidence in the Lees. They're doing a great job and need little oversight," said Major Alan Hellstrom. "They have a zeal and drive for people and discipleship. Because corps in general can ebb and flow over the years, the Lees are working hard to set a sustainable foundation for the future so this corps can grow on its own."

Thomas concluded, "We just want to make sure God is given all the glory for anything good that's happening here."

The Power of the Resurrection

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It is my prayer that these familiar words will resonate in your heart as we celebrate once again the reality of our risen Lord Jesus:

Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes
Where thy body lay.

CHORUS
Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets thee,
Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets thee,
Scatters fear and gloom;
Let his Church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth;
Death has lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee,
Glorious Prince of Life!
Life is naught without thee;
Aid us in thy strife;
Make us more than conquerors
Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To thy home above.

Edmond Louis Budry,
trs Richard Birch Hoyle

(The Song Book of
The Salvation Army, 152)