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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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Lansing serves up dinner and hope

by Major Pat Irvine

When the Lansing Citadel, Mich., Corps STEPS (Strategic Tool to Engage Potential) Committee met in 2018 to critically assess the condition of the corps, they concluded not only that Sunday attendance had gradually declined but efforts to invite people from the community largely had been ineffec-

tive. We realized that we needed take a closer look at the needs of our neighbors.

The neighborhood around the corps has changed drastically over time. Now, our neighbors struggle to put food on the table or to stay free from addiction. Although for several years the corps had provided meals for the community two days a week,

it was apparent that meals were not available on the weekends. Our corps began to dream and plan. We continued to talk and began to pray. Could the opportunity to provide food on Sunday also provide the opportunity for worship around tables where spiritual food could be shared as well?



Brenda McClure (pictured here) and Robyn Jones (pictured top right) prepare meals for the Lansing Citadel, Mich., Dinner Church.



We had no resources to offer an additional meal on Sunday, so we began to pray. We prayed together and individually for more than a year. God was faithful to answer our prayers and opened the door for the City Rescue Mission to provide enough hot food to our building every Sunday to serve our neighbors a hot meal.

Our Sunday Dinner Church came to fruition in August 2019. Our soldiers prep the tables and serve the guests food. As corps officers, my husband, Jim, and I provide a brief gospel message and offer an invita-

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David Pettit prepares a hot entrée to be served to guests from the neighborhood.

Unashamed of the Gospel

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes. (Romans 1:16, NIV)

by General Brian Peddle

My greetings to you as we recognize and celebrate Easter 2022.

The Apostle Paul made the following affirmation in Chapter 1 verse 16 of his letter to the church in Rome: "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." And I join Paul in declaring my fearless confidence in the truth, power



and need of the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Easter and the preparatory time of Lent provide us with an opportunity to enter into the salvation story of God in an immersive way. It is important to remind ourselves of the foundational and overarching story of the gospel that is at the heart of both our spiritual reality and the mission of The Salvation Army.

Wherever you are in the world, whatever your age, no matter your circumstances, the gospel of Jesus

Christ is good news and is directly applicable and relevant to you. The gospel encapsulates God's love for and choice of you; it communicates the provision of grace, mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation; it contains the power of resurrection and promise of eternal life; it is the all-encompassing story of Scripture that continues to be lived out in our lives today.

For those who are more than familiar with the events of Easter, there may be the danger of taking a blasé approach to Holy Week, but I encourage all of us to focus on Easter 2022 with fresh eyes and expectation. Jesus is still the Savior of the world. He is still the Way that leads to God.

Today's world is a melting pot of cultures, faiths, viewpoints and practices. Some people propose we de-

emphasize the harder parts of the message, but it is the essence of the good news that makes the forgiveness of sin, the path of repentance and the reality of Heaven possible for each of us.

The gospel has something to say. It brings hope, and offers an eternal dimension to impart a message that is desperately needed. Yes, we need to find relevant and respectful ways to communicate the gospel in our context, but there is no need for us to lose confidence in or shy away from the saving grace of God, made manifest in Jesus. If we don't take the opportunity to share this message at Easter, when will we?

Salvation Army, this is your moment to share the gospel with everyone—in every and any way you can. And may you know the presence of the risen Christ as you do so.

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Advancing together

by Commissioner Brad Bailey
Territorial Commander

As we continue to move forward with the reorganization of the territory to better enable mission, I want to thank you for your involvement and commitment to The Salvation Army. We appreciate the countless ways you give of yourself for the betterment of others in and through The Salvation Army.

I recognize change can be difficult and am aware of the emotional upheaval that changes of long-standing procedures, geographic placements and even the birth of new opportunities can generate. This is especially true for those of you who have dedicated much love, sweat and tears to fulfill Christ's mission in whatever corner of the vineyard you and your loved ones have been planted and contributed to the forward movement of the Army you love.

Today, we stand on the strong shoulders of those who have gone before us—officers, soldiers, employees, advisory board and council members, auxiliary members, other volunteers and friends of the Army—whose faithfulness has brought us this far by faith, leaning on and trusting in the

Lord. Their legacy of service and commitment offers us the privilege of embracing and living out our holistic mission to share the Gospel and serve suffering humanity in Christ's name without discrimination throughout the 11 central states comprising this beautiful territory.

We can courageously step up and do so by slipping our hand into our Father's, allowing His Spirit to guide us forward as a leaner, more efficient, effective territory. We are convinced that The Salvation Army has been raised up for such a time as this to provide Gospel-centered, transformational ministry at a broader scope and with a higher level of public awareness.

The overriding force behind this initiative is the desire to position ourselves to emerge as an effective fighting force for decades to come because of what we are boldly and courageously doing during these days. We have never been better positioned to streamline processes and redeploy financial and personnel resources at every level.

As you'll be aware the Central Territory pulled together a Reorganization Task Force to examine how we could address challenges while fo-



cus on new and creative ways to move forward. Their substantial efforts resulted in recommendations which were further validated by external consultants and sent to International Headquarters (IHQ) last November. Without question, IHQ approved the proposal to reorganize our territory to an eight-division model, recognizing the benefit of freeing additional officer personnel for frontline appointments and realigning corps/service area designations. This will further release our potential to experience denominational growth and expand social service ministries, optimize territorial assets, and provide additional leadership development opportunities for officers and employees, which ultimately will improve our capacity to serve others.

We were pleased with the phenomenal participation in the Project Advance survey earlier this year with more than 2,300 responses from people of various ranks, geographies and areas of involvement and responsibility, as well as the more than 600 par-

ticipants in the virtual territory-wide town hall meeting in February. I would encourage you to continue to be actively engaged and an agent of change in the area in which you serve. With your understanding and involvement, we are genuinely able to move forward as a territory.

Let us take heart from the Lord's message to Joshua following Moses' departure. These verses were underlined in my mother's Bible and were memorized through the years. In those moments in life when she or our family needed a reminder of God's presence, she would speak them over us as I now am privileged to do over you:

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:7-9, NIV

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Discovering another art form

Conductor's Forum supports Equip 25/25

by Tom Hanton

The Central Territory music and creative arts ministries department hosted a Conductor's Forum at Territorial Headquarters this winter which provided leadership training for brass and vocal leaders and supported the Equip 25/25 initiative. Twenty delegates from the territory participated in this educational and practical experience.

Participants each received 40 minutes on the podium, conducting either the Chicago Staff Band (CSB) or the Central Territorial Staff Songsters (CTSS), while receiving feedback from two of the four expert



Alexis Dill conducts the Chicago Staff Band during the Conductor's Forum.

guest clinicians at the event. These included Philip Harper, prolific composer and conductor of the world renowned, award-winning Cory Band in England; Dr. John Trotter, associate professor of music at Wheaton College and artistic director of the professional ensemble Chicago a cappella; Derek Lance, Eastern territorial music secretary and bandmaster of

the New York Staff Band; and Dr. Harold Burgmayer, then Central music and creative arts ministries secretary, CSB bandmaster and CTSS leader.

In addition to four conducting sessions, participants enjoyed workshops and panel discussions with the guests that covered topics like selecting repertoire, leadership issues, rehearsal techniques and also a Laban conducting movement session. Many skills and gifts in rehearsing and conducting were showcased but discovering just the right interpretive movement and gesture is integral to enhancing our music-making—a true art form.

"I am thankful to the music and creative arts ministries department for creating this event for leaders in the territory—young and older—to



Sang Kim gets conducting tips from Philip Harper.

come together and further develop their skills in conducting, training their ensembles, and long-term planning," concluded delegate Marc Smith. "Each of us was challenged, yet encouraged, as we received live feedback while working with the CSB/CTSS. We left with a refreshed passion for refining our leadership skills that will improve the experience for the groups we work with. I can't wait to apply what I learned with our youth band at Norridge, while also continuing to grow and develop as a music leader!"



Dr. Harold Burgmayer leads a choral conducting workshop at the forum.

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What's for dinner?

Enjoying food and fellowship is nothing new for churchgoers. Potlucks, prayer breakfasts and supper clubs are common activities for communities of believers. In fact, gathering for a meal while engaging in Kingdom-building, learning and discussion goes all the way back to the book of Acts when it was customary for the apostles.

Dinner Church is a movement that embraces the methods of the early church to unite believers and nonbelievers around the table. It is simply designed for members and visitors to mingle and enjoy a meal together. The focus is on intentionally and respectfully building relationships with people in the community, often those who are marginalized, hungry or lonely, and sharing the Gospel with them.

According to its website, the Dinner Church Collective is a nationwide community of mealtime missionaries



spreading the word about a simple, effective and historic approach to starting new forms of church.

In addition to Lansing, Mich., Dinner Church can also be found in several other communities in our territory, including at

the Keokuk and Burlington, Iowa, corps. Each location has its own approach to Dinner Church, tailoring the experience to their communities so that it is a meaningful time for participants and the message of the Gospel is spread.

In Newton, Iowa, Captain Janelle Cleaveland was looking for a way to revive the corps' ministry and connect meaningfully with the community when she heard about Dinner Church. After researching the Dinner Church movement, she developed a plan and started holding services on Monday evenings, adjusting over time to meet the needs of the people.

"Everywhere does Dinner Church differently," said Captain Janelle. "We have all the elements of a regular service, but we've also incorporated discussion starters for community building and communication, as well as a Bible trivia time. It works for us."

More than four years later, the ministry has grown, leading to involvement from Dinner Church participants to other programs like women's ministries and character-building. "Now they consider The Salvation Army their church home," said the captain.

Lt. Justin Steckbauer, Owosso, Mich., corps officer, describes Dinner Church as a messy yet victorious ministry, one that lines up with Salvation Army history and mission. "It was challeng-



ing at first," he said. "It echoed back to the early ministry of William Booth, when he would preach in bars and get jeered at."

Despite a rocky start, in time Dinner Church in Owosso has become a place people gather for worship, times of prayer and testimony and to hear God's Word. Several who started attending the corps for Dinner Church have joined Sunday morning services and have become soldiers.

"I'm really grateful for Dinner Church," concluded Lt. Justin. "It's been a wonderful model to do church in a new way."

To learn more visit dinnerchurch.com



Lansing Citadel

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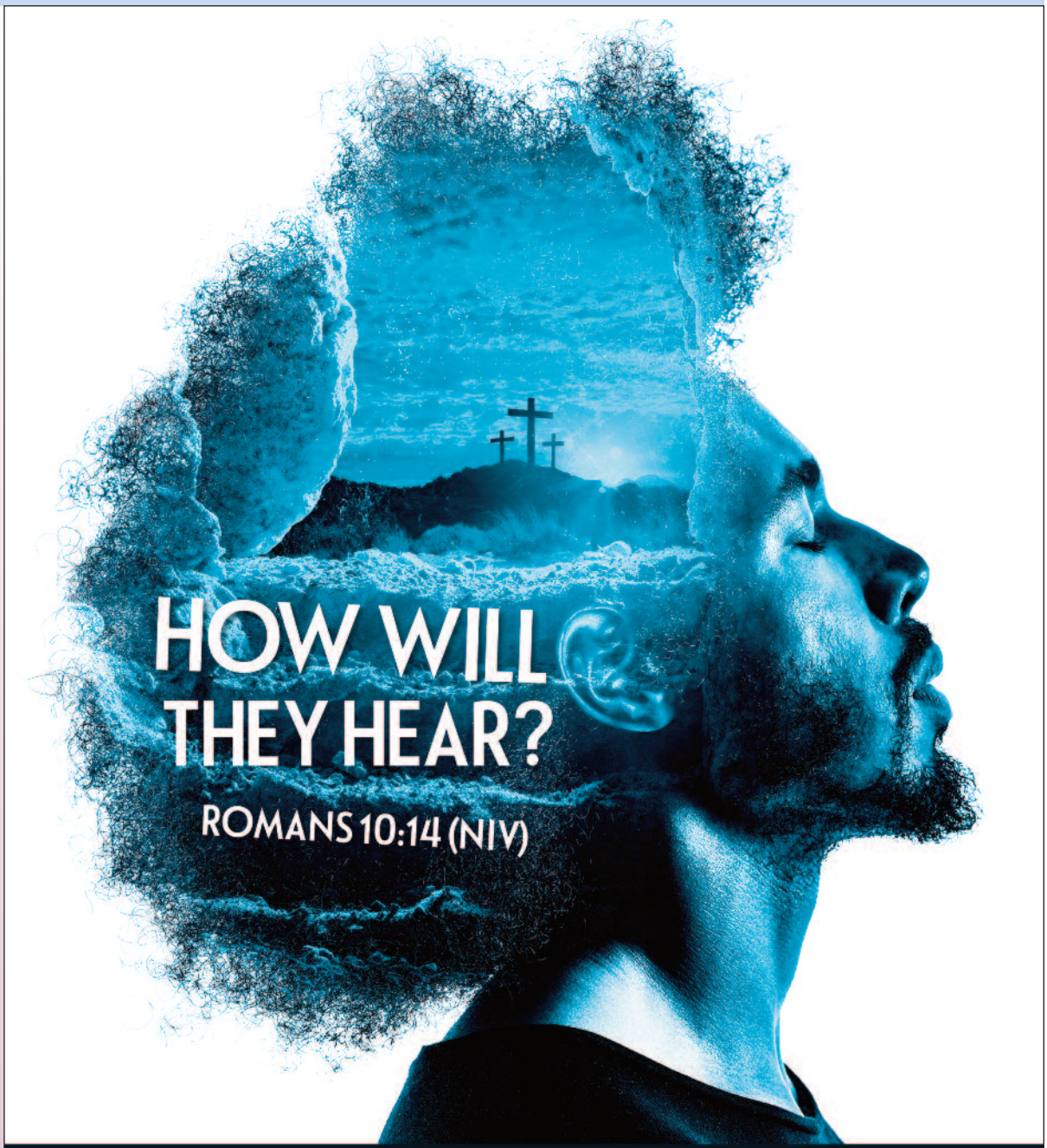


tion and an opportunity to our guests to share prayer requests. Many people pray for God to heal them from addiction or to help them find a place to stay. God has been faithful in answering many of their prayers. We have even been blessed to dedicate a 5-year-old to God.

We have learned that Dinner Church has become a means to share the Gospel plainly, clearly and simply with people we now know by name. Our gymnasium has been transformed into a sacred space; the meal has been blessed with the Holy Spirit's presence.

Dinner Church follows our traditional corps Sunday morning Christian education and worship service. While our guests have not responded with interest to an invitation to attend worship services, they are quite at home with us as we fellowship together around the table.

Though with the onset of the pandemic we had to move from meeting inside to serving takeout meals, each has been complemented with a reader friendly and timely devotional we call Lunch Box Talk. While the food has been appreciated, our guests have been asking when we can have church together again. We are looking forward to that day very soon. May Christ's name be glorified.



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Conference signals a new day here for the taking

A deep longing for fellowship and community were keys to the large attendance for the first virtual Central territorial women's conference, according to Major Jolene Hull, territorial women's ministries secretary. *Arise and Shine: A New Day* was viewed by 1,158 registered delegates as well as many others who joined in watch parties in corps and homes throughout the Midwest.

The virtual format enabled women who normally couldn't participate to take advantage of the opportunity. For instance, at the Milwaukee Cold Spring, Wis., Corps, women tuned in who have young children and would have found it difficult to travel and attend in person.

"The virtual format allowed them to freely participate with their sisters in Christ, enjoying the fellowship in a COVID-safe manner," said Captain Leta Marin, corps officer and conference speaker.

Many, like Lisa Roberson and others from Branson, Mo., watched in tandem from their homes and said they were refreshed in the presence of the Lord. "We had no real expectations other than a desire to hear God speak truth to our hearts through His Word," reflected Lisa, who is a worship leader at her corps.



The compact conference—just slightly more than a day—packed a punch with three intense sessions filled with biblical messages, testimonies and music, a worship afterglow, and popular SWAG bags which featured beauty products, sweets, and a journal, travel mug and fleece blanket, all sporting the conference theme and intended to serve as a reminder of God's tender loving care.

In addition to sessions being translated into Spanish, each featured message was given in both English and Spanish so it could be received in each woman's own heart language. Guests could choose which they wanted to listen to. Major Melissa Viquez and Captain Jessica Martinez presented the messages in Spanish.

Arise and be Encouraged

During the keynote session, Sharlene Adrewin-Olivera, women's ministries leader at the Evanston, Ill., Corps, urged women to dig into God's Word for their validation and hope. She then spurred them on to encourage others.



"What people in your life, your work, your ministry do you need to tell God is at work in them?" she asked, challenging them to text that person with #God@Work.

Shine for you are Enough

Honing in on one of the main goals of the conference, the second session reminded women they are made in God's image and are enough in Him. It prompted some to reconsider their self-image, while to others it gave permission to stop striving and rest.

"You are enough with God's grace. Not just that you are enough. God's grace is enough," proclaimed Captain Leta Marin.

Embrace the New Day

In the closing session, Lt. Sonya Smith, Chicago Shield of Hope program director, candidly shared her own journey of how God brought her to a new day. From Mary Magdalene's story, the lieutenant suggested women should embrace the struggle, where and who they are but also who God has called them to be, believing He is at work in their lives to bring about change.

"God can take your brokenness and make you new. He can rewrite your story," she said.



In closing the women were reminded to:

- Continue to post about the conference and use #ariseanewday2022
- Support their corps' women's ministries programs and their division's women's ministries retreats/gatherings this year
- Save the date for the next territorial women's conference coming in fall 2024

"A new day is no longer on the horizon. It is here," Major Jolene concluded. "We need to accept it. Just like God's grace, it is there for the taking."



At the Elgin, Ill., Corps the Spanish and English women's ministries gathered for a watch party like in many other locations. "The women wanted and needed to reconnect with sisters in Christ," explained Joy Hernandez, women's ministries secretary. She said a highlight was the panel of six women who shared genuinely in each meeting about their lives and what God is teaching them.

Lt. Colonel Darlene Harvey agreed, "I really enjoyed the panel, and it flowed so naturally. The conference themes were spot on and relevant for women. The speakers were excellent, and their messages were such a blessing."



New Kroc Music School hits all the right notes



by Michelle DeRusha

Ragan Rieves, 11, and his peers are marching to the beat of their own drums—literally—thanks to a brand-new youth music program that launched in September at the Omaha, Neb., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center.

"I feel like it's making me happier," Ragan said. "I look forward to Wednesday nights now."

Ragan, who is learning to play the drums, is one of 20 youth, ages 7-16, enrolled in the Kroc School of Music, a free program that meets on Wednesday evenings year-round. In addition to group instrumental lessons in drums, trumpet and guitar, the program includes dinner, a short Bible-based lesson, choir and an opportunity to socialize and play games in the Kroc Center's Loft, an area dedicated to kids and teens.

The School of Music was developed and launched by Captains Alex and Carolina Yanez, who currently lead the center and developed a similar music school in their former corps appointment, Cold Spring, Wis.

"We grew up in The Salvation Army church and saw firsthand that whenever there were kids' programs, families came to church, too," said Captain Carolina. "One of our goals is to grow the church out of this program, and it's already happening. We have three families with a total of nine kids regularly attending church now."



Captain Carolina also has witnessed the positive educational impact the music program has had on the participants, from building their confidence and improving focus to fostering leadership skills. "We know music helps develop their brains," she said. "And the social connection is important for them, too."

Angelica Cepeda, whose two sons are enrolled in the program, appreciates that the music school allows her kids to try a variety of instruments at no cost. "They love to sing, they love music, and they love to play instruments," she said. "And I see their confidence increasing. They aren't nervous to perform."

The Yanezes are thrilled that the music school has taken off so quickly and are excited to expand the program over the next several months.

"We are grateful to God for providing everything we have needed so far for success—the students, the instructors, the instruments, the resources," said Captain Carolina. "We love that the kids are engaged and enjoying the program. No one ever wants to miss a Wednesday night."



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Schedule of Events

Friday, June 10

9:00 am	Commencement Ceremony Oak Creek Centennial, Wis., Corps
Noon	Retired Officers' Luncheon + Hyatt Regency Milwaukee
1:00-6:30 pm	Trade Central and Museum Exhibits Hyatt Regency Milwaukee
2:00-7:30 pm	Registration and Packet Distribution 5K Run for the World Packet Distribution
4:00 pm	Candidates Meet and Greet + Hyatt Regency Milwaukee
5:00 pm	Long Service Recognition Dinner + Hyatt Regency Milwaukee
7:00 pm	Childcare Registration and Drop-Off for Preregistered Children ages 11 and under ** (Photos must be taken at this time for all adults authorized to drop off or pick up children.)
7:30 pm	Opening Session *
10:00 pm	Teen and Young Adult Afterglow (ages 12-29)** Sponsored by SA Gaming

Saturday, June 11

7:00 am	5K Run for the World with the Territorial Commander** Juneau Park, Downtown Milwaukee Lakefront
7:30 am	CFOT Summer Session Breakfast+ Hyatt Regency Milwaukee
9:00 am-Noon	Registration and Packet Distribution
9:15 am	Childcare for Preregistered Children**
10:00 am	Morning Session*
12:30-5:30 pm	Trade Central and Museum Exhibits Hyatt Regency Milwaukee
4:15 pm	Fellowship of the Silver Star Dinner + Hyatt Regency Milwaukee
6:30-10:00 pm	Registration and Packet Distribution
6:45 pm	Childcare for Preregistered Children**
7:30 pm	Evening Session*

Sunday, June 12

8:00 am-3:00 pm	Registration and Packet Distribution
8:15 am	Childcare for Preregistered Children** (no afternoon childcare)
9:00 am	Commissioning and Ordination of the Messengers of Reconciliation Session
1:00 pm	Service of Appointments*
3:00 pm	Reception for New Lieutenants and Unit Commanders+

All Events held at Miller High Life Theatre unless otherwise noted.

+ By invitation only

* Delegate Credential/Ticket required

** Available with preregistration only

Spanish, Laotian and Korean translation provided for general sessions.

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Five Salvationists under 25

The emerging generation of young Salvationists is Spirit-filled and intent on sharing God's love. Here are five of our territory's up-and-coming Salvationists who already are making a difference.

Princess Pyle

When it comes to changing the world, Princess Pyle is well on her way, starting with her spheres of influence at her corps, school and community.

Princess, 16, is a soldier at the Chicago, Ill., Mayfair Community Church (Corps) where she is involved in corps cadets and youth groups both in person and online. She's also active in the Metropolitan Division's newly branded Amplify—a music and creative arts community for young artists.

During the pandemic when people were locked down, frightened and experiencing loss on a broad scale, Princess found herself examining her faith and how God could use her. "People were dying," she said. "I just thought, 'Why would I waste my life?' I would rather spend it serving God."

Moved by scripture to seek justice for others in different contexts, Princess, a high school junior, was accepted into her school's Civil Rights Scholars program that aims to spread awareness and fight discrimination in Chicago Public Schools (CPS). In addition to mem-

berships in her school's Christian Club and Student Government, she also was elected to speak for her class as a member of the Local School Council and was chosen as one of only three students to join the CPS Council.

"I believe it's important to speak for those who can't speak for themselves," said Princess. "I decided to use my voice to speak for others."

Why would I waste my life? I would rather spend it serving God.

As a Salvationist, Princess wants to use the knowledge she's gaining through her many corps activities and academic pursuits to affect change.

"My generation sees things a little differently," she said. "I hope to have the opportunity to bring issues forward that can be looked at from another perspective."

With such a full academic and



extracurricular calendar, it's hard to believe Princess has any time or energy to volunteer but she also assisted with her corps summer

day camp and lent a hand for events at the Chicago Midwest Corps. She concluded, "I'm helping any way I can."

Corwin Daniels

Corwin Daniels isn't sure where his life is headed, but he's not worried. He has peace, knowing he's exactly where God wants him to be right now and confidence in his decision to follow God's call no matter where that leads.

"I used to dream of becoming a college music professor, but as my faith deepened, I heard God's call to ministry," said Corwin. "I don't really know where I'm going to end up, but no matter what it is, I pray, 'God send me.'"

In his senior year at Purdue University, Corwin spends most of his days student teaching elementary school music and many of his evenings and weekends at the Fort

Wayne, Ind., Corps, helping with youth programs, leading the praise team and filling in where needed.

As my faith deepened, I heard God's call to ministry.

"Corwin is an asset to our corps," said Captain Kenyon Sivels, corps officer. "We have seen him grow in confidence and willingness to respond to Jesus' leading in his life. We are incredibly proud to have him as one of our soldiers and are grateful for the example he sets."



Whether God leads him into a career in teaching, performing music, being an officer or something else, Corwin is thankful for the role The Salvation Army has played in shaping his life, including sparking his passion for music with his first euphonium lesson at age 9 and giving him opportunities to learn and grow.

"Being involved at the corps really set the bar for how strong my faith can be," he said. "The programs I was involved in as a kid filled the gaps in my life with Jesus. When I think back, I remember those lessons of how deep and wide my faith can go as long as I keep Jesus where He should be."

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Git Gatluak

At the heart of Git Gatluak's service is a desire to become who God wants him to be. A soldier at the Omaha Citadel, Neb., Corps, this 19-year-old college freshman makes time in his busy schedule of classes, schoolwork and a fulltime job to volunteer in multiple capacities and take on leadership roles.

"Git is very active at his corps and in his community," said Matt Walter, Omaha Citadel Corps program director. "He is always positive, friendly and willing to serve."

In the past year, Git's dedication to service has been seen in his volunteer activities as a junior band leader, youth Sunday school teacher and participant in leading elements of Sunday worship such as reading scripture. Having

learned to play first cornet and then baritone at the corps, Git developed in his talent and recently had the honor of marching in the Tournament of Roses with The Salvation Army.

I hope to make a difference by being an example to the youth.

Recognized for his heart for making a difference and leadership abilities, Git has been selected to serve on the Central Territory's new Young Adult Council.

"I hope to make a difference by being an example to the youth," said Git. "They look up to me, and I want my example to help lead them to



know Christ and to learn to serve God in whatever they do."

Git was born in the U.S. to parents who years earlier had immigrated from South Sudan. As a child with 10 siblings at home, he found belonging at the corps where he spent time developing his talents and growing in his faith with the

love and support of his officers and youth leaders.

"I have had the great privilege of watching Git grow from a quiet 5-year-old to a confident young adult," concluded Matt. "Git is a great example of a young adult Salvationist and follower of Jesus Christ."

Lydia Welch

Lydia Welch has a passion for ministering to children. Growing up in a Christian home and being active at the Marion, Ind., Corps, she accepted Christ at a young age and had opportunities to test her strengths, develop her talents and grow a deeply-rooted faith. It was at the corps that Lydia discovered her love for Jesus, brass band music and teaching children about God's love.

"When I was a freshman in high school, God called me to ministry during a youth councils weekend, and I really started developing my faith and relationship with Him," she said.

I love seeing the joy on their faces when kids realize and understand God loves them.

Throughout her teen years, Lydia sought out opportunities to assist with children's ministries and discovered she loved working with children at the corps so much that she developed materials to put on vacation Bible school! A summer working at Hidden Falls Camp as assistant activities coordinator, planning programs and developing relationships with the campers, affirmed her calling to teach. And after spending a semester of her senior year of high school assisting in a special needs elementary school classroom, her mind was made up.



"Working with special needs children changed my life," she said. "I want to focus on children because they need to know they're loved by God and others. I love seeing the joy on their faces when kids realize and understand God loves them."

As she pursues degrees in children's ministries and special needs ministries at Huntington University, Lydia bounces between the Marion and Huntington corps, volunteering as she's able.

"Lydia is a passionate young adult who is always willing to help and isn't afraid to take up leadership," said Lt. Michaela Lendt, Marion corps officer. "She always strives to see good and how God is working in any person or situation. She truly is outstanding."

Emilio Ramos

Investing in the lives of youth, especially those who are struggling with difficult circumstances, is Emilio Ramos' way to give back. A sophomore in college studying information systems and business, Emilio is grateful for the people who poured into him during some of the hardest years of his life.

"I want to be involved with people, especially kids, because I know they go through a lot," he said. "When I was a kid, others received me with open arms, and I want to do that, too."

At the East Chicago, Ind., Corps, Emilio volunteers to assist with activities like vacation Bible school and helps lead the praise team on guitar and vocals or drums.

Emilio is motivated to help children who are struggling to find their place by his own experience immigrating at age 12 to the U.S. from Mexico.

I realized that no matter what your calling is, it's important to follow the Lord.

Captain Abraham Marin, then the corps officer, welcomed Emilio and gave him a place to belong at the corps. As Emilio attended youth programs and learned to play guitar and drums, he says his feelings of anger, loneliness and isolation started to lift.



"At first, I didn't want to go, but my mother sort of dragged me. Now I'm glad she did," said Emilio.

The corps became a second home where he felt accepted and loved. At Wonderland Camp, he discovered a place to connect with God on a deeper level. It was there during youth councils that he accepted Christ. He has continued to deepen his walk with the Lord and share his testimony.

"I realized that no matter what your calling is, it's important to follow the Lord," he concluded.



Garden City Corps rallies together for World Services

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Each year the World Missions Department releases new materials showcasing World Services/Self-Denial and the difference it makes. Captain Chelsea Barnes, who leads the Garden City, Kan., Corps, knows this first-hand. At 16, she was part of a Summer Mission Team (SMT) to Ghana.

In 2021, she played the *Into the World* videos, including one featuring disaster relief in Haiti, to give her soldiers an idea of the wide scope of World Services ministry, get them excited about The Salvation Army's global ministry and involve them in fundraising in ways that

were effective and engaging for members of all ages.

The congregation responded enthusiastically to the call for donations, filling up boxes and envelopes throughout the Lenten season. Their enthusiasm was heightened by Captain Chelsea's suggested prize: the person who raised the most money would get to throw a pie in her face, with the winner announced the Sunday after Easter.

The winner, a grandmother who worked with her grandchildren to collect spare change, raised over \$100 and was able to put pies in the faces of both Captain Chelsea and the corps' prior youth development coordinator.

"World Services really helped jumpstart our congregation in raising money," said Captain Chelsea. "Who doesn't want to pie their pastor in the face? Having fun prizes and discovering fundraising strategies that work to engage everyone has helped rally our congregation together."

Last year, Terecita Vasquez Perez from the Garden City Corps was selected for the territory's newest SMT which focused on social justice and city mission and ministered in the Midwest. The congregation responded by enthusiastically



Terecita Vasquez Perez (right) with teammates on the territory's first social justice/city mission team.

selling candy bars to help fund her participation and offering their prayers and support. This year, Captain Chelsea is dividing the congregation into groups to raise funds and is considering a prize of being able to make her into a "human sundae."

The sense of community gained through fundraising has led to growth in other areas of the corps, including youth programs like Friday Night Youth Night, which has grown from six to 30 kids since Feb-

ruary 2020. Terecita has become a leader in helping to expand the youth program by encouraging kids to invite their friends for the Friday evenings of fun and spiritual growth.

"Raising money doesn't have to be a chore," concluded Captain Chelsea. "Fundraising for World Services has not only supported The Salvation Army's work in other countries, it has brought our corps closer together and closer to God at home."



Captain Chelsea Barnes and the corps' youth development coordinator were pied in the face by the winner of the fundraising challenge.

Project: FAST promotes compassion

by Stephanie Marinelli

Teaching youth about World Missions is more important than ever. As travel has become difficult over the last few years, we must be intentional in educating young people about different cultures. A distinct characteristic of The Salvation Army is its presence in 132 countries which presents an amazing opportunity to feel deeply connected with a global community. It is also important that youth take time to learn about various needs around the world and how they can make a difference. One of the ways to explore these topics is through Project: FAST.

Project: FAST is a program for teens to learn about fighting world hunger. Participants fast for 24 hours to get an idea of what hunger feels

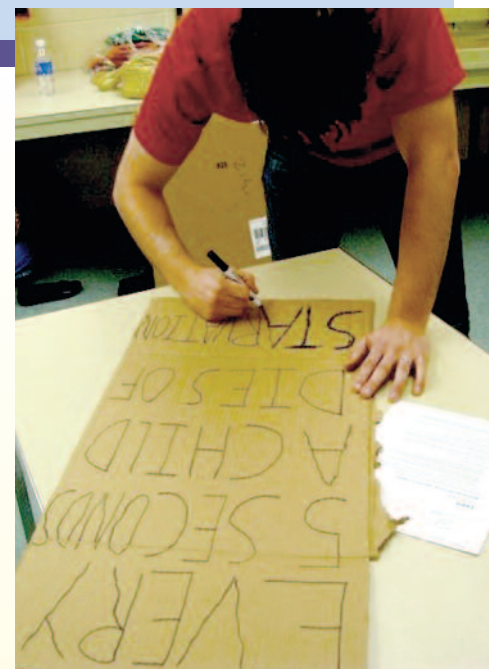


like. In addition to being an effective way for young people to learn about the spiritual discipline of fasting, Project: FAST teaches them about **F**undraising, **A**wareness, and **S**erv-

ing Together. This program can serve as an important part of spiritual formation. Project: FAST gives teens an opportunity to spend time in meaningful worship with their peers. It provides space for young people to learn and connect with the global Church and the far-reaching ministry of the international Salvation Army.

As part of the event, participants are encouraged to raise funds for a Salvation Army project that addresses hunger or food scarcity.

While not always easy, the fundraising is an opportunity for teens to be challenged. This brings perspective to the difficult circumstances our brothers and sisters face and can



help develop compassion. Raising awareness through Project: FAST brings attention to World Missions in a new way for teenagers and can encourage their support through self-denial giving and participation in experiences like Summer Mission Team and Global Mission Team.

While the program is still relatively new, it has been used by corps like Oak Brook Terrace where the youth group has held Project: FAST events with significant outcomes. "I have been learning that I like helping people with nothing in return," said one teenager who participated. "It has made me understand God's love a little bit better."

A comprehensive leader's manual which contains fundraising ideas and plans for games, learning exercises, schedules and more is available. Contact the world missions department for your copy at missions@usc.salvationarmy.org.



Royal Oak shakes things up

In a strategic effort to reach their community, decrease leader burnout and bring more flexibility and creativity to character-building programs, the Royal Oak, Mich., Corps, led by Captains Kory and Heidi Strand, recently implemented a new youth activity schedule that moved all character-building groups from one evening a week to one Sunday afternoon a month.

The adjusted schedule has breathed new life into these tried and true programs and has been well-received by participants and leaders alike. By shaking things up, youth leaders have noticed increased excitement and enthusiastic participation from the youth, some of



whom have invited friends to join them for Sunday activities.

"Changing the way we do character-building has been a blessing," said Young People's Sergeant-Major Charol McDonald, who also leads moonbeams. "Kids have invited friends to come,

and they have joined us during our Kidz Worship time in the morning as well."

In addition, longtime leaders are enjoying the additional time to plan and prepare, and adults who would not be able to commit to leading a program on a regular basis are volunteering to teach single lessons.

"It can be a struggle in any corps to find committed leaders," said Amy Soffran, who assists with programs. "By making it a once-a-month commitment rather than a weekly one, leaders are able to come with more energy and excitement, and other corps members will volunteer to teach things they are passionate about."

The programs are planned so



every group is engaged in a meaningful activity. At times when two or more groups are working on an equivalent badge, they combine for a part of the lesson or its entirety.

For example, all of the character-building groups from moonbeams on up participated in a cookie bakeoff as part of their baking badges on the same day, a collaborative effort that was a lot of work but also a lot of fun for everyone.

"To see the girl guards and rangers interact-

ing with the sunbeams, explorers and moonbeams during lunch and combined activities has been wonderful," said Charol. "It provides good leadership training for those older participants."

The setup also has proven helpful to families. Instead of competing with youth sports or having to worry about making up lessons if they miss a week, parents know that their children will complete everything necessary to earn a badge in one afternoon.

"All of our youth programs are done with careful planning and intentionality so that the kids get the most out of the time," concluded Amy. "Our hope is that through focused, creative and interactive lessons, character-building might ignite a hobby, skill or even career path."



A cheerleader for camps, character-building and Christ

by Jill Johnson

If you know Jerrie Miller, you know Jerrie Miller. If you don't, let me tell you about her.

Jerrie served for 22 years in the territorial youth department. Throughout her tenure, I had the opportunity to witness her hard work

and dedication to the youth and leaders of our territory. When it came to character-building programs and The Salvation Army Outdoors (TSAO) initiative, Jerrie was all in.

For example, she worked hard to make jamborees available to character-building troops in the territory because they are life-changing for

many young people. This camp makes space for kids to take risks and do things out of their comfort zones. Jerrie was quick to encourage young people to say yes to something big, whether white water rafting, hiking in the mountains, preparing a meal over the fire, or gathering the courage to share from their hearts. She could do this because she was there with our young people, doing the scary things right alongside them.

However Jerrie's encouragement reached beyond young people. She also was committed to supporting and resourcing leaders. She often said being a good leader is being a great cheerleader, a motto that she lived out. Planning troop rallies in the Eastern Michigan Division, I would call her with an idea, and she would excitedly step into my plan. She shared her expertise but more importantly she chose to be present. She made a point to attend and do whatever asked.

The same rings true for summer camps. She embraced the silly things



Jill Johnson and Jerrie Miller

like mud pits. I remember one summer we had the crazy idea to ride down a giant hill in an inflatable boat; she laughed all the way down. Even more, she embraced the meaningful things like encouraging leaders to do their best and telling young people about Jesus.

Yes, Jerrie was quick to share with everyone the transformative love of Christ. In fact, if she were writing this article, I know what she would say: "If you know my friend Jesus, then you know my friend Jesus. If you don't, let me tell you about Him."



Created for Community

by Captain Daniel Simmons

When I was growing up, my family made our way to The Salvation Army for help with necessities. We did not realize we would receive something greater than a place to sleep and food to eat, but that's what we got.

The people at the corps didn't force programs on us or attempt to get us in their pews on Sunday. Instead, they reintroduced us to Jesus and invited us to be part of a beloved community—no strings attached. This community, known as the Church, has its foundation on Jesus and His teachings of love and support. As I navigate the Word of God, this notion of community continues to reveal itself.

God created us to be in community. Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV) states, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

The programs and services The Salvation Army provides are an extension of this beloved community. They enhance it and serve as a point of connection to others we can welcome and support, where they can feel at home.

Regardless of where someone may be, there is no place like home. Young people yearn for a place they can call home—a place of safety,



support, accountability and trust. They desire for someone to care for them consistently, expecting nothing in return.

Jesus said it best in John 13:34-35 (ESV): "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

As disciples of Jesus, we are part of the Body of Believers and have an obligation to reach the lost and broken to invite them into the community of God.

Regardless of your age, you have value not because of the service you provide, the work you do or even your potential but because you are created in God's image and He loves you. He has said you have value, and His word is absolute.

Love Beyond newest campaign

On February 14, residents in four major

US cities were surprised with a giant giftbox placed in a highly visible area. Inside, curious on-lookers were introduced to The Salvation Army's newest campaign, Love Beyond, which will continue all year, culminating in the 2022 Christmas campaign.

Inspired by Peter 4:8 (NIV), which says, "Above all, love," the goal of Love Beyond is to increase public awareness of The Salvation Army's year-round services, expanding the image of the red kettle and Christmas toys to an everyday Army that serves as the nation's top provider of social services, not only during the holidays but throughout the year.

As The Salvation Army, we love beyond hunger, homelessness, destruction, fear, loss, addiction, loneliness, despair, overdue bills and so much more. We love beyond the circumstances of those we serve, seeing and valuing each person.



LOVE BEYOND LONELINESS

Shelter. Job Training. Counseling.

Throughout the campaign, assets will be provided for use in both local and national media outlets, including print, television, digital and radio spots.

Love Beyond is an invitation to others who care about suffering humanity to join The Salvation Army in helping others. It's a reminder for those of us in the Army to love others, serving them in Jesus' name without discrimination.

More information and assets can be found at redshieldtoolkit.org

There's a welcome here

Lauri Hellmann learned about the Belvidere, Ill., Corps when her son, James, and his friends from high school started volunteering at the food pantry. Not only was she pleased that her teenage son was doing something so positive, but she was intrigued because, "I'm a foodie at heart," she said.

She began donating food to the pantry, and during one of those drop-off visits struck up a conversation with the staff at the corps.

"That's when I learned it was also a church," she said. "I've always trusted The Salvation Army as a charitable organization and donated over the years, especially at Christmas."

Learning that the Army is also a place of worship and service, and a bilingual one at that, drew Lauri in around Thanksgiving in 2020. Since COVID-19 cases were high, she began attending Sunday worship via Facebook. When in-person gatherings resumed, Lauri and her son became more involved in the Belvidere Corps.



Lauri Hellmann and other members of women's ministries at the Belvidere Corps

Lauri says she was also drawn to the corps by its friendly members, the biblical teaching and the corps' heart for her community.

"Lauri and James have been a big help in enabling the corps to serve so many families in the community through the food pantry," said Major Marcelo Orbe, corps officer. "They have giving hearts and are always eager to be involved in volunteering and ministry."

"I love that my son, James, is not invisible there," Lauri added. "He is welcomed, acknowledged and encouraged to be part of the church."

Inspired by the corps' mission and inclusivity, Lauri enthusiastically took part in more activities, seeking to play a greater role in sharing the love of Jesus. In addition to volunteering at the food pantry, which is open daily and serves 150 families

on the first Wednesday of each month, Lauri assists with the corps' praise team playing piano, women's ministries, and was recently a bell-ringer at kettles during the Christmas season.

As a bilingual ministry, the Belvidere Corps holds worship and provides assistance in both English and Spanish. To better communicate with other corps members, Lauri recently began to learn Spanish.

"Lauri is always happy when she is at the corps and loves every minute that she can serve others and share the message of Jesus," added Major Monica Orbe. "She is playing an important role in breaking down barriers as our corps serves a diverse community and proving that God's message of love is the same in every language."



Lauri with Majors Monica and Marcelo Orbe

The Salvation Army

PRAYER CENTRAL

USA Central Territory

May Prayer Calendar

My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Sunday	2 Samuel 5-9	Alpena, Mich., Corps
	2 Monday	Psalms 51-53	India Central Territory
	3 Tuesday	Job 35-36	Bismark, N.D., Corps
	4 Wednesday	Jeremiah 27-31	Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Corps
	5 Thursday	Mark 15-16	Chicago Temple, Ill., Corps
	6 Friday	2 Corinthians 4-5	Eastern Michigan Division
	7 Saturday	Exodus 21-24	East Chicago, Ind., Corps
	8 Sunday	2 Samuel 10-14	Flint Beecher, Mich., Corps
	9 Monday	Psalms 54-56	Gary-Merrillville, Ind., Corps
	10 Tuesday	Job 37-38	Hong Kong and Macau Command
	11 Wednesday	Jeremiah 32-36	Hammond, Ind., Corps
	12 Thursday	Luke 1-2	Indianapolis Fountain Square, Ind., Corps
	13 Friday	2 Corinthians 6-8	Kansas City Blue Valley, Mo., Corps
	14 Saturday	Exodus 25-28	Madison Genesis, Wis., Corps
	15 Sunday	2 Samuel 15-19	Community Outreach
	16 Monday	Psalms 57-59	Monroe, Mich., Corps
	17 Tuesday	Job 39-40	Lafayette, Ind., Corps
	18 Wednesday	Jeremiah 37-41	Rapid City, S.D., Corps
	19 Thursday	Luke 3-4	Shelbyville, Ind., Corps
	20 Friday	2 Corinthians 9-10	Ghana Territory
	21 Saturday	Exodus 29-32	Terre Haute, Ind., Corps
	22 Sunday	2 Samuel 20-24	Waukesha, Wis., Corps
	23 Monday	Psalms 60-62	Youth Ministries
	24 Tuesday	Job 41-42	Decatur, Ill., Corps
	25 Wednesday	Jeremiah 42-46	Midland, Mich., Corps
	26 Thursday	Luke 5-6	Caribbean Territory
	27 Friday	2 Corinthians 11-13	St. Charles, Mo., Corps
	28 Saturday	Exodus 33-36	Salvation Army Volunteers
	29 Sunday	1 Kings 1-4	Keokuk, Iowa, Corps
	30 Monday	Psalms 63-65	Emergency Disaster Services
	31 Tuesday	Proverbs 1	Indiana Division

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

A column on holiness by Dr. Bill and Diane Ury

Free to Love

by Rev. Diane Ury
National Ambassador for Holiness

I am reading an autobiography by a Christian who lived in Romania during the Nazi occupation and then the Communist takeover. He and his wife literally felt physical pain over the fact that their oppressors did not know Jesus. They were imprisoned and brutally tortured because Jesus was their authority and highest love, yet Jesus gave them freedom to think as individuals and to love others at any cost. Communists hate freedom and other-oriented love; they tried to beat it out of this Christian couple but could not. They were so filled with the life of God, Who is Love, that they loved their torturers while they were imprisoned.

Since 2020 I've occasionally attended a live-streamed Bible study led by Dr. John M. Perkins. I've watched him cry with passionate love for racists who tortured him and for the Church today in its failure to love. Even over Zoom, Dr. Perkins' face radiates Jesus.

I look at myself in the mirror and wonder, *What am I?*

God is able to make us people who ache with His love for those with whom we are in conflict. Let's ask God to unveil what might be hindering true love in our hearts and from our mission as His Army and seek His repentance.

"Wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us

who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like Him as we are transformed into His glorious image." 2 Cor. 3:17-18 (NLT)

Is there something I'm unaware of in me that He wants to remove?

We can live in deception that is greater bondage than a Communist prison. That bondage is sin. It separates us from God and from each other. Acting out from irritation, holding grudges from hurt feelings, developing resentment from slights, or blaming and condemning others is sin.

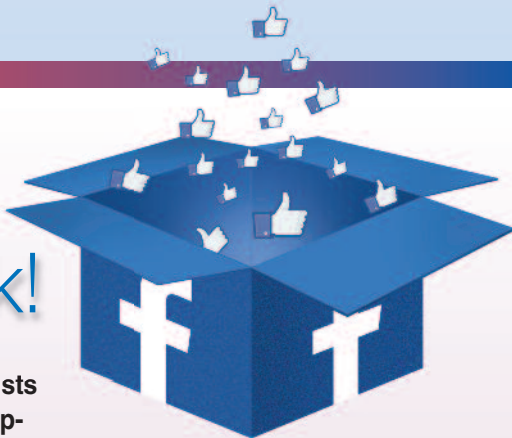
Holy Spirit, bring me the gift of conviction—our Voice and Light into my stony, deceived heart. Only Your faithful Presence makes me know truly what You desire for me to repent of. Even if I'm only five percent at fault for the friction, I don't want to hinder Love.

The witness of God's holy ones is always love. Love for Jesus above all others. Love for all people, of course for our family members but even for our enemies. Only putting to death our self-interest, entirely surrendering to God, and Jesus' life entering our whole beings will transform us with His freedom to love.

"Jesus answered them, 'I tell you the solemn truth, everyone who practices sin is a slave of sin....If the Son sets you free, you will be really free.'" John 8:34, 36 (NET)



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730... AND BEYOND



292 days and counting

by Lt. Shannon Cabrera

Worship Artist Josh Baldwin writes, "I see the evidence of Your goodness, all over my life. I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life."

Life never seems to be what we expect, but over and over again, I see God's goodness in my life. In my first year of officership, I've seen evidence of God's goodness while being stationed at the College for Officer Training where every few months we had a Family Sunday on campus where all the children joined the cadets and officers for morning worship.

For one Sunday, we asked three of the cadets' daughters to prepare a worship dance for the service. With a week and a half to put the dance together, I worked with these sweet girls who were energetic, eager to



learn and excited for this opportunity. We spent a few nights learning the steps, understanding the song lyrics and worshipping together. My heart was overjoyed each evening and even more when I watched them leading us in worship through the dance that Sunday.

Investing time in our little ones and encouraging them to try new

things is important. Just as we invest in our future officers in training, we also get to invest in their children. I hope those girls also can see what God is doing in their lives and how He is using them. What a blessing they were to me, and how exciting to think this is only year one as an officer.

As you are aware, there comes a time when officers move. Mine came sooner than expected, but many things weren't expected this year. In late November, I packed up two suitcases and moved to Wausau, Wis., to support my dear friend, Major Barb Logan, and the Wausau Corps. In a season of great loss for the Logan family and this community, I witnessed great love, compassion, support, flexibility, and again God's faithfulness. I have met new people. I have experienced new things. God has provided new ministry and learning opportunities. May the desire to serve the Lord and worship Him always be evident in my life, in every season. I am confident that wherever God sends me, I'll continue to see His goodness.

Promoted to Glory

Major Frederick Van Tull

Major Frederick Van Tull was promoted to Glory on February 8, 2022. Throughout his life, Frederick worked tirelessly to spread the Gospel and provide excellent leadership and service in each of his appointments.



Born on December 21, 1933, in Georgetown, Guyana, to Maud and Francis Van Tull, he attended the Georgetown Central Corps while growing up. After earning his Cambridge Certificate from the Guyanese College, he entered the School for Officers' Training in Kingston, Jamaica.

Commissioned in 1955 with the "Soul-Winners" session, he served for five years as a single officer in Jamaica before marrying Lt. Eloise West in 1960. Together, they served in Panama and Bermuda until 1973, when they were transferred to the USA Central Territory where they led corps until retiring in 1997.

Through leadership on local boards and committees, Frederick made countless contributions to the communities in which he served, receiving accolades from the Government of Bermuda for his work in marriage guidance and counseling and from the mayor of Detroit for his efforts to make the city a better place in which to live. An avid supporter of scouting, he also was recognized for mentoring and discipling youth through character-building programs.

Frederick is survived by his wife, Major Eloise; children, Angela (Charlie) Anderson, Michael (Brenda) and Andrew; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Fusion fills Farmington Hills with music

by Lt. Karen Kumar

It's Thursday afternoon. The snow is falling. Kids are coming through the doors; the hall is filling with instruments. Why, you ask? It's Music Day at the Fusion afterschool program at the Farmington Hills, Mich., Corps.



A few years ago, our corps started the Fusion program with just a handful of kids. We found instruments and began teaching them how to play and make music. I believe music has a way of teaching children many life lessons as well as giving them an opportunity to develop talent and a love for music.

None of this would be possible without committed teachers. I would

love to teach everyone, but my plate is full as an officer and a parent of two super energetic toddlers. I was wondering, how we could do this? I wanted to provide a safe, nurturing place like I had growing up. But how? Our corps doesn't have a brass band, and we don't have any books or materials. Here is when I brag on our divisional music department for a moment. I asked for help and immediately received the response: "We will be there, and we'll bring the books needed!" Now every Thursday we have professional brass band members from the community teach our kids. The teachers are committed, and because of this the students want to show the same commitment.

Last summer our corps sent five students to a divisional music conservatory; they came back excited about their experience and eager to tell their friends.

We now have 21 students learning to play brass instruments and 14 learning percussion, vocal or theory. That is a total of 35 kids on a Thursday night excited about music.

Music day has become one of the most anticipated days in our program. Parents are excited when their children can take up a brass instrument because they can see the impact music can have. The character building, responsibility and the sense of accomplishment can lead to success in other areas of their lives.



The excitement and growth initially presented a challenge since we didn't have enough instruments. I was told, "Karen, you won't be able to get instruments for these kids."

However, we were determined to give our Fusion kids the best! An email went out to the Eastern Michigan Division to locate any instruments in other corps which were not being used. You know what? God provided! We had just enough in-



struments for the kids at that time. God continued to provide as we were given the ability to purchase brand new instruments, 20 of them to be specific, on which our kids could learn. Isn't that amazing? In Farmington Hills, we are aiming to fill their world with music.

