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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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A spiritual statement to all Salvationists



The recent International Conference of Leaders, held in London, culminated in every member of the conference being invited to consider prayerfully the following Spiritual Statement (see page 3).

On the final full day of the conference, a Sunday, those present signed the personal recommitment and rededication in the presence of one another, many doing so at the Mercy Seat.

A Spiritual Statement to Salvation-

ists everywhere from the International Conference of Leaders gathered at Heathrow, London, England, July 7-13, 2009,

Conference theme: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8, NIV).

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Tillsley enrolls 21 soldiers at Rockford Temple

by Moriah Hellstrom

There was great rejoicing recently at the Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps, when General Bramwell Tillsley (Rtd.) enrolled 21 senior soldiers. Witnessed by more than 350 Salvationists and friends, the new soldiers pledged to live for Christ and knelt at the altar to seal the covenant they were signing.

The Sunday service was the culmination of a three-day holiness seminar themed, "The Spirit-filled Life." At each of the five sessions, the retired General, one of the Army's foremost speakers on holiness, gave a powerful message challenging each of the 80 individuals who attended the seminar to live more purely.

The General's final message on life in the Spirit in the Sunday morning worship made it abundantly clear that Christ needs to be present, prominent and preeminent in every individual's life. General Tillsley closed his message

by giving an invitation for people to renew their relationships with Christ and

make Him preeminent in their lives.

More than 100 people responded immediately, and later 10 others stood to receive Christ as their Savior. Since there was no more room at the altar, people stood throughout the chapel and knelt in the aisles.

"It was truly a Pentecostal Sunday experience," said Major Randy Hellstrom, Rockford Temple corps officer. "We prayed for this, and the Holy Spirit came just as we asked."

The Rockford Temple Corps is elated to see what God has in store because of all that transpired during the weekend. They believe John 14:12-14, "I tell you the truth, anyone

who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."



Revamped Corps Cadets headed your way!



Corps cadets, one of the most valuable and influential programs for youth in The Salvation Army, has recently undergone dynamic and relevant changes on a national level, which are set for implementation next month. Revisions to the program are projected to meet the unique interests and personal learning styles of teens.

Starting this fall, corps cadet curriculum will be broken down into three levels determined by the number of courses completed. Level one, for example, is completed after two years or four courses of study. Each subsequent level is then completed after the appropriate coursework is finished. The revamped framework will allow corps cadets some new curriculum opportunities. Additionally, this format will preclude anyone over the age of 19 from starting level one coursework and require level three to be completed by age 25.

Level three coursework will have exciting new

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The devil's in the details

by Colonel Carol Seiler

Territorial Coordinator for Strategic Mission Planning



Generally, I don't prefer details. While my husband thrives on them and handles them easily, I tend to find them messy—clouding up the "let's get it done." I have to admit by necessity and training I tolerate and engage in details. I learned in my very first job as a public health nurse that in order for school children and their families to be healthy I had to check for headlice. So part of me became a nit-picker—a phrase that has a special meaning for me!

"The devil's in the details." In the nitty-gritty of making sure mission and ministry happen, if we get sloppy on the details things can all fall apart. So reading 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 in *The Message* catches my attention: "Our work as God's servants

gets validated—or not—in the details....People are watching us as we stay at our post, alertly, unswervingly..." Don't you love the word "not"? That little word negates everything in front of it. You see the talk depends on the details, the walk.

The message is impacted by the messenger. The Apostle Paul has an urgency about the day and wasted opportunities. He doesn't want the gospel marred by the character of the messenger—a stumbling block, an excuse for people to walk away from Christ.

Tyndale commentary reminds us, "There are people who will be glad of an excuse not to listen to the gospel, or not to take it seriously, and they will look for such an

excuse in the conduct of its ministers." You might hear them say, "This guy with the cross on his car cut me off in traffic. Christians are no good...See what they're like? (Read the book *Unchristian* by David Kinnaman Gabe Lyons for a fuller discussion of this concept.)

However, the messenger is still human and imperfect. There's tension. We are "working out" holy lives so the glory of God can be seen. Do you ever resent people watching and judging you? I'd rather they looked to Jesus and give me a break. I'm just human.

But there it is as only Eugene Peterson can capture it: "Our work as God's servants gets validated—or not—in the details...People are

watching us as we stay at our post, alertly, unswervingly..."

Paul gives his own examples which the commentator William Barclay outlines to include trials of a general nature (afflictions, spiritual, mental and physical pressure), trials inflicted by others (imprisonments, tumults), and trials inflicted by his own choices (watching, sleepless nights, fasting).

It doesn't really matter the circumstances, it's how we handle them. It's about getting on our knees, weeping, asking forgiveness, faithfully being a disciple tomorrow and the next day, giving grace to ourselves and others, and seeking direction from God. So, sisters and brothers in Christ, don't abandon the details to the devil, but claim them for God.

Corps Cadets

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options. To meet individual interests and learning abilities, corps cadets may choose to participate in the leadership development track, intern with a local officer or corps officer, or join a short-term mission team in place of the standard level three curriculum. All three options have been offered before in the territory, but this is the first time the corps cadet program will integrate them into the curriculum.

All three levels of the curriculum will include a daily devotional study called S.O.A.P (scripture, observation, application and prayer). These will be conducted through a complimentary subscription to *Credo* magazine, which provides 28 days of devotions, engaging articles on rele-



vant topics, and a supplementary website for additional information.

Another exciting change will allow teens the opportunity to substitute Bible Bowl for one year of corps cadet curriculum. Bible Bowl, popular in the Southern, Eastern and Western territories, is an interactive, memorization-driven game where teens compete to out-wit one another

in biblical knowledge. Teams will consist of four active players, alternates and coaches and may combine with up to two other corps to form a complete team.

Although many elements of corps cadets will change, the core mission, "To develop young people into fully devoted followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and active soldiers in The Salvation Army," will remain the same. Corps cadets also will remain



a mandatory program for every corps in the territory.

To learn more, see your corps officer today!



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Bible Bowl is coming soon!

Attention youth and youth leaders!

Want to have fun? Make new friends?

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Then Bible Bowl is the game for YOU!

Starting in September you can receive up to two courses (1 year) of corps cadet credit for participating in this competitive and action-packed game.

See your corps officer or corps cadet leader and assemble a team today!



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A spiritual statement to all Salvationists

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A Spiritual Statement to the Salvationists of the world from the General, the World President of Women's Ministries, the Chief of the Staff, all officers holding the active rank of commissioner, and the territorial and command leaders of The Salvation Army gathered in the name of Jesus Christ and by the grace of God in conference in London, England, on July 7-13, 2009.

Statement

WE have gathered in the sacred name of Jesus from every corner of the world. In a spirit of humility we have given time to waiting upon God for his guidance for our own individual and personal lives and also for our sacred responsibilities as Salvation Army leaders under God. We have spent time seeking the will of God in plenary sessions together, in small groups focused upon the Scriptures, and in solitary prayer and meditation. Our subject matter has included the following large themes and topical issues for the whole Army:

- a reaffirmation of the role of the Army, of all Salvationists, and not least of Salvation Army officership, in the building of God's Kingdom here on earth;
- the building up of God's Kingdom through an ever-deepening commitment to Christ and personal confidence in the power of the gospel;
- working for Kingdom growth through the Army's numerical growth and through the establishing of Army work and witness in new lands;
- the Army's God-given role in working for social relief, social justice and human rights on every continent;
- the challenges of financing the Army's global mission at a time of global recession;
- the challenge of working in Muslim cultures today;
- understanding current societal trends in relation to postmodernism, issues of gender, the younger generation, and our relations with other Christian bodies;
- the ever-urgent need to win and disciple children and whole families for Christ;
- the constant need to prepare the future leaders of the Army on every continent.

Most importantly of all, we have prayed together with earnest and seeking hearts, asking God to reveal to us with new clarity all he is willing to accomplish through us despite our failings, both personal and organizational. We have pleaded for a renewed spirit of humility, surrender and submission to the divine will for us and for the Army.

We have pondered again before the Lord, who is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8), a vision of the worldwide Salvation Army kneeling in repentance, prayer and rededication at the Mercy Seat. We have spoken together of all that this might mean for the Army, seeking new grace, new spiritual power, new divine prompting, and asking for and receiving afresh God's mercy.

As we keep this vision before us, we give heartfelt thanks to God for his blessing upon his Army. We thank and honor him for souls redeemed, lives transformed, and a growing Army of Salvationists offering selfless service across the world. We praise God for the growing number of countries into which he is leading us. We pray for heavenly resources of wisdom and ability in order to meet the many new challenges and opportunities he is giving. We thank him for his constant provision and sustaining grace.

Also we affirm our conviction that, to be truly useful to God, the Army needs to be pure and free from sin, and that senior leaders must, by grace, be effective role models in this. We feel the urging of the Holy Spirit to examine our own hearts afresh to see if there be any wicked way within us. We want to yield again to the demands of divine love, to return to first things, to cast aside distractions unpleasing to God, and to be in a relation of entire obedience to the Father. We acknowledge our constant need of grace.

We renew our sacred vows and covenants as both soldiers and officers of the Army, thanking God from our hearts for the privilege of the calling he has placed upon us. We declare again our availability and our readiness, as senior officers, to go anywhere to do anything at any time under God and within the structures of the Army, seeking only the advancement of his Kingdom.

We acknowledge our humanity and weakness, seeking the unique strength that God provides when we are weak and he is strong. We confess our limitedness, knowing that God is all sufficient. We abandon explicitly any desire that has sprung up in our hearts to place self first.

We ask for the prayers of our fellow Salvationists to help us in this renewal of our covenants as soldiers and as officers, and in so doing we recognize our vulnerability and our personal need of divine help.

In sharing this Spiritual Statement with Salvationists everywhere, it is our hope and prayer that it will be received with humble and understanding hearts, and that by the abundant grace of God it will be used to inspire and prompt others to seek with us repentance, with renewed purity and holiness in Christ.

My Personal Recommitment and Rededication

By adding my signature to this Statement, I wish to identify personally with the spirit of repentance, humility and availability shown by my comrade Salvationist leaders gathered in conference with me in London. With renewed confidence in God, I pledge myself afresh to these shared goals of personal holiness and of seeking to do only his will in all things.

Unlock the Kroc

The Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Division has received a \$1 million challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich. The challenge grant will support the campaign to build and fund the new Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center on Grand Rapids' south side.

To meet the challenge, The Salvation Army has launched "Unlock the Kroc," a community fundraising campaign with a goal of raising its final \$2.5 million. The Kresge grant and the "Unlock the Kroc" campaign are the final steps to reach the \$15 million campaign goal. Achieving this goal is one of the leading criteria for securing the original grant from Joan Kroc of more than \$41 million, which will go directly to construction and endowment.

"We realize that these are challenging economic times in Michigan, but



Major Ralph Bukiewicz, Western Michigan and Northern Indiana divisional commander, and Majors Roger and Joy Ross, Grand Rapids Kroc Corps Community Center administrators, unveil the "Unlock the Kroc" banner.

we now have a challenge set before us, and we are reaching out to our neighbors and friends to help create this world-class, life-changing educational, recreational, cultural and spiritual campus," said Major Ralph Bukiewicz, divisional commander.


Known for funding projects that transform neighborhoods and individual lives, the Kresge Foundation selected the Grand Rapids Kroc Center because of its potential economic impact on the community and Kent County—bringing more than 260 full and part-time jobs during construction and operations upon opening.

The Kroc Center's commitment to cultural diversity, opportunity and environmentally sustainable construction and development strengthened its candidacy for the Kresge grant.


The division broke ground on the 90,000-square-foot, multi-use Kroc Center campus in October 2008. Opening date is scheduled for fall 2010.



The Rev. Dr. Rik Stevenson, chair of the Grand Rapids, Mich., Kroc Center Advisory Council, addresses media and guests.

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Cadets' Welcome



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Friday,
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Chicago Mayfair
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5020 N. Pulaski Road
Chicago, Illinois

Escanaba *a model of*

by Major William Cox

Since the introduction of *Discipleship Training*—an intense, eight-level program—to the territory a few years ago, the Escanaba, Mich., Corps has graduated two groups of level-eight course members. More than 70 people have now taken part in at least one level of discipleship training.

“The overall results of Discipleship Training...have been astounding”

To meet the continuing discipleship needs of program graduates, we’ve conducted a series of educational sessions teaching how to apply the things learned in the courses to leadership roles in the corps.

The overall results of *Discipleship Training* and these advanced application sessions have been astounding, resulting in a healthier corps, more active involvement of membership, a commitment to corps growth and a positive place to worship and serve.

Healthier corps

For the past eight years, we’ve focused on developing a healthy corps based on a model my wife, Betsy, and I learned several years ago from Majors John and Juanita Morrison (then involved in territorial corps growth). Healthy believers need to know they’re saved, attend weekly worship, maintain daily devotions and prayer, attend at least one Bible study, keep regular fellowship with believers and have at least one area of committed ministry. *Discipleship Training* supports this model, developing healthy saints through spiritual disciplines.



Although the Escanaba Corps boasts multiple generations with attendees’ ages spanning a century, the corps continues to attract new people and grow in its enrollment numbers.



The changed lives resulting from the eight-level *Discipleship Training* course have been key factors in the Escanaba Corps’ growth.

Active membership

The *Discipleship Training* program has equipped and launched twice the number of our people into some type of ministry—nearly 150 of almost 250 members now work to support both the spiritual and physical aspects of corps ministries!

“...Discipleship Training...has equipped and launched twice the number of our people into some type of ministry”

Corps growth

We’ve seen a remarkable increase in people testifying to a deeper walk, hunger for God’s Word and a desire to see the corps grow. After removing 20 inactive senior soldiers from our rolls, we reinstated seven and added 20 more, and the 10 inactive adherents removed were soon replaced! Our corps is not only maintaining its size, it’s growing in light of a national decline in church membership.

Just for today

Patti Mattonen is almost apologetic in saying she doesn’t have a “dramatic testimony,” yet her journey of faith is just as powerful as any voice-from-heaven or bolt-of-lightning experience!

Because Patti has had a consistent walk with God and enjoyed the blessings of obedience throughout her life, she was spared the pain of a prodigal. Raised in The Salvation Army, Patti sometimes even wore her uniform to school! She married a wonderful Christian man, Hugo, and had four children.

Patti shared that while having her evening devotions one night about 10 years ago, God revealed she was putting something ahead of Him. She thought she’d surrendered every aspect of her life to His control. Then realization hit: she hadn’t fully surrendered her children. Patti still wanted control over their destinies, wanting them safe from harm. The decision was a struggle, but she felt tremendous peace when she could finally place them fully in His hands.

Now a grandmother of seven (with number eight on the way!), Patti faced the spiritual struggle of her life several months ago when her husband (a highly respected city commissioner and prominent citizen) was falsely accused of embezzling \$50 from the company for which he’d faithfully worked for 37 years. The accusations were politically motivated from a man determined to damage Hugo’s reputation.

Patti was mortified when the front page of the newspaper carried the story with

Hugo’s picture. He was proven innocent at a highly publicized trial, but for Patti the damage was done. She had never before felt such raging, white-hot hate. She hated the man who caused the trouble and hated the company for not trusting a loyal employee and suspending Hugo from his job until after the trial.

Patti realized only God could take away the hatred that churned inside her, and He was faithful in answering her prayer. Hugo, she added, never felt hatred toward the man or the company throughout the ordeal.

“Each morning I ask God for wisdom just for that day so I won’t be led astray,” said Patti. “The devil can be so cunning.”



Positive place

I believe the most remarkable change has occurred in the attitude of our overall membership. On any given Sunday the spiritual temperature is hot! The love among the fellowship is *agapé* (New Testament Greek word describing God's love). And, the desire within the Body of believers to serve the hurting is unconditional.

"On any given Sunday, the spiritual temperature is hot!"

Why any success has taken place at our corps is because God has blessed this Body with His divine presence and grace—so many times, we can't count! We're not perfect, but we hunger for perfection, and the Bible promises those who hunger and thirst after righteousness are blessed and will be filled.

We cannot take credit for the effects of programs, our membership or anything man can do—except to walk in the shadow of God, spreading the fragrance of the knowledge of Christ.



Youth ministries are a sacred responsibility at the Escanaba Corps as future soldiers and leaders are groomed and developed.



Music in all its forms—vocal, brass band, hand bells or string band—is vital to corps worship.



Coming full circle

Crystal Carlson sings like an angel, but she knows her sound became even clearer after Jesus cleansed her soul!

A multigenerational Salvationist, Crystal was a sunbeam, girl guard, junior soldier and corps cadet. Her grandfather was the corps sergeant-major for decades, and her mother belonged to *Crossroads*, a popular touring quartet.

Crystal's teen years brought the usual rebellion: "Not really bad, but not walking with God, either," she recalled. By the time Crystal joined *Crossroads*, she was hanging out with a bad crowd in college, drinking and submitting to peer pressures. Every Sunday she'd sit in church feeling nothing but shame and guilt.

Crystal finally pulled away completely from God, got married, had a son (Brock, now 16) and divorced. She dated a disk jockey, got pregnant with Brandon (now 10) and moved to another city where she lived with a rock star.

During these years, Escanaba Corps Officer Major William Cox faithfully mailed a Sunday bulletin to Crystal weekly. One night after discovering her boyfriend's band doing cocaine, she called her dad and asked him to come get her and the kids.

She was welcomed back with open arms. But Crystal, full of guilt and shame, kept a low profile at the corps for a long time. Then Major Elizabeth Cox asked her to sing at a Christmas Eve service.

"When I sat back down in the pew, I let go of the guilt," recalled Crystal. "It was like someone had put a quarter in me; I suddenly became alive again!"

Not long after, on karaoke night at a country music club, Crystal sang, "Jesus take the wheel." A man stood entranced. Clinton had come home to a divorce after a second term of service in Iraq. A Christian, he and Crystal fell in love and married the next year. Four months later, Clinton was called up for a third term in Iraq. Crystal's faith in God during this time was amazing: "I figured if the worst happened, I'd see Clinton in heaven. And, if that's the worst that could happen, then that's not so bad."

Now Clinton is a soldier in the Lord's fighting forces, and Crystal has come full circle as the new young people's sergeant-major!



2009 Territorial Volunteer of the Year Awards

Territorial Volunteer of the Year Jim Helton

Jim Helton has been integral to the feeding program of the Topeka Citadel, Kan., Corps for the last decade. His kindness and servant leadership forms the heart of his ministry as Jim feeds people physically and spiritually. In fact, if Jim isn't there with his wide grin, disappointment shows on people's faces.

Fifteen years ago Jim was a psychiatric nurse with his own catering company. Out for a stroll one evening, his life was instantly changed by a drunk driver. A brain injury left Jim in a coma for three months. Therapy rebuilt his daily-living skills, but he could no longer work.

Jim knew little about The Salvation Army when asked to volunteer. Nervous about "holy rollers," he first attended a worship service. He sat in the back for a quick escape but soon realized, "God meant for me to be here."

Jim still sits in the back: "I don't want to miss anything else God has to say!"



Territorial Family Volunteer of the Year

The Allen Family

The amazing Allen family—mom Sherry and seven children ages nine to 16—began volunteering six years ago for The Salvation Army's Milwaukee County Social Services.

Their first venture was the annual summer "Feed the Kids" program. Each week the Allens helped make lunches then stay for cleanup. If a day was short on volunteers, the family would drop everything and run in to help. Since then they've volunteered for several other programs, putting in incredible hours, making a significant difference and serving as excellent role models. The children even hold school bake sales to buy socks for the needy.



When asked why the family has made such a commitment to service, Sherry replied, "We do it because the Lord tells us to help the less fortunate. As a family we're truly blessed."

Territorial Youth Volunteer of the Year

Joshua Hubbard

This young soldier and corps cadet has made the Wayne/Westland, Mich., Corps his second home. His love for Jesus and others shines through all he does. For the last three years, he's become invaluable to the corps as an after-school program tutor, as well as performing office, janitorial and landscaping duties.

Joshua is a go-getter who doesn't know the meaning of downtime. He's the assistant junior soldier leader; manages the website for the corps' coffeehouse, for which he also books Christian bands, and has earned the Rangers National Commander's Award.

Joshua excels in school and belongs to a program for high achievers. His dedication to education has inspired corps youth to follow his example.



Territorial Group Volunteer of the Year

Ironworkers Local #21

For the last 10 years, the Western Division has relied on these volunteers to provide the critical technical skills and manpower to assemble, erect and disassemble its most visible symbol of hope in downtown Omaha, Neb.—the Tree of Lights.

The International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Ironworkers Local Union #21 (under President Stu Steffens) consistently exceeds expectations in its contributions of time and equipment. Marshalling up to 30 ironworkers, it coordinates tree assembly and transportation to Omaha's busiest intersection where hoists and a crane erect the 55-foot, 6,000-pound steel tree sporting more than 50,000 lights.



Words of Life

September–December 2009

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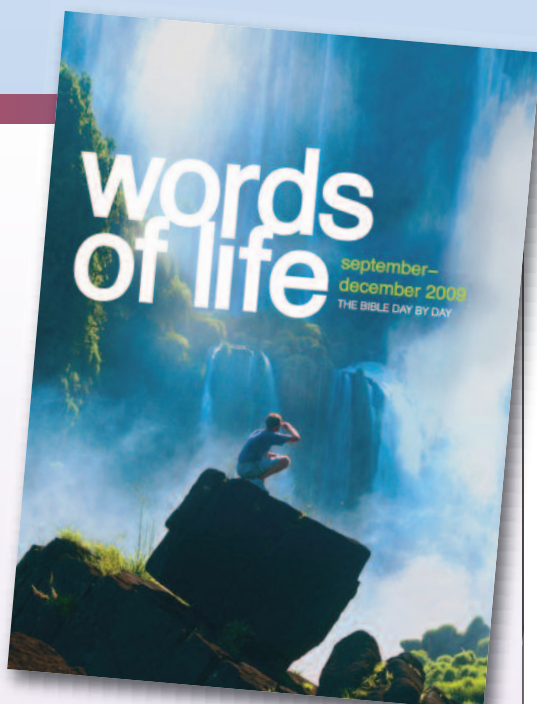
Remembering...In this edition of *Words of Life* Abraham helps us remember more lessons of faith. Jude reminds us to be steadfast in the face of heretical doctrine. Matthew brings to mind what Jesus stressed during his Judean ministry and up to a few days before the cross.

We reflect on a collection of remembrances in November, and then the apostle Paul's letter to the Colossians reviews essentials of Christian doctrine. Guest writer Major Rachel Tickner supplies reminders from Isaiah in preparation for a happy Christmas.

For the Sunday readings, hymn writers, poets and psalmists aid our hearts as we worship the Lord and remember His holy day. "He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations" (Psalm 105:8, NIV).

Words of Life is written by Major Evelyn Merriam, an officer in the Eastern Territory. She holds degrees in education and writing. Evelyn and her husband have been in Salvation Army ministry for more than 35 years, five of them in Tokyo, Japan. They live in New York's Hudson Valley.

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Fourth Annual International Weekend of Prayer and Fasting for Victims of Sexual Trafficking

September 25-27, 2009

The Salvation Army, the Initiative Against Sexual Trafficking, and the Faith Alliance Against Slavery and Trafficking, invite you to join with them in observing the 4th annual International Weekend of Prayer and Fasting for the Victims of Sexual Trafficking. Please join with us in lifting petitions to God to free the captives, end sexual exploitation, and equip Christians to prevent, rescue, and restore.

"May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice."
—Psalm 141:2

GET READY:

- ✓ Mark your calendars
- ✓ Pray in advance
- ✓ Register and get materials at: www.salvationarmyusa.org/trafficking
- ✓ Educate yourself and others
- ✓ Partner locally



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SA aids displaced people in Pakistan

The Salvation Army in Pakistan is providing vital assistance to families forced from their homes by fighting. Many villages in Pakistan's western border areas have been hit by violence as separatists and pro-Taliban militants fight government forces. According to provincial government reports, more than 1.9 million people have been registered as "internally displaced persons" (IDPs). They are living in schools, camps and with families in host

communities—wherever they can find shelter.

Fatima, 11, is one of the almost two million IDPs. She used to live in the Swat Valley with her parents but as the violence increased Fatima's family fled and travelled with large groups of IDPs searching for safety. In the ensuing chaos, Fatima and her parents became separated. After much searching and many struggles she found her uncle. She clings to the hope that she will find her parents again.

Because of The Salvation Army's good reputation and experience in emergency response, authorities requested its assistance with the huge problem of accommodation. The Salvation Army is working in Mazadoor Camp, one of several IDP camps. Salvationists working at the camp met Fatima while distributing tents, cooking utensils, mats, pillows and quilts.

Nazir also is living in the camp. He used to live in



Malakand Division, where he had a thriving grocery shop. When the fighting broke out he had to leave everything behind. When The Salvation Army distributed bags containing cooking utensils he expressed his gratitude for the assistance.

Salvation Army team members are providing assistance with urgently needed essentials but their presence also assures people that someone cares about them and that they are not forgotten.

Donations to the South Asia Disaster Fund can be made online at www.salvationarmy.org.

***From an International News Release**



A leap of faith

With a reputation as a prayer warrior, Major Kim Hellstrom was a natural choice as the 24/7 prayer point person for the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division, where she and her husband, Alan, are the Sheboygan, Wis., corps officers.

From her earliest memories Kim recalls having a simple yet strong faith in Jesus as her friend. Raised by a Christian mother in a non-churched household, Kim's childhood was often rough and sometimes harrowing; she learned early not to rely on people. When her mother was at work, Kim cared for her younger brothers. She instinctively depended on Jesus for her needs.

One day Kim asked her mother what it meant to trust God. Her mom had Kim jump off a table into her arms. When asked why she jumped off the table, Kim replied, "Because I knew you'd catch me."

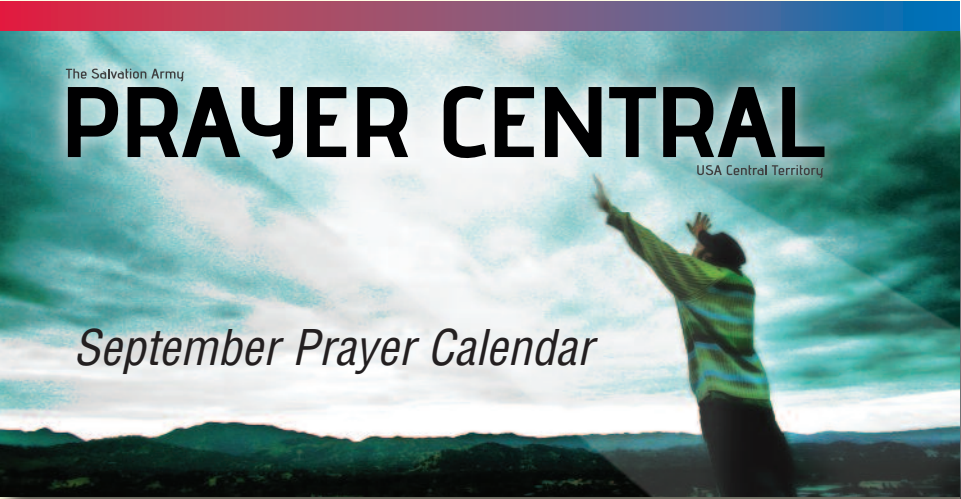
"What if I didn't catch you?"

Kim recalled laughing at her mother's question while replying, "But, you're my mom! I know you'd catch me!"



"Well, that's what trust is—knowing God is going to catch you." That little lesson became the bedrock of Kim's lifetime emphasis on prayer.

As an officer with the spiritual gifts of discernment and empathy, Kim has been used mightily by God to minister to people. Her unwavering faith in God through even the hardest times enables Kim to minister to hurting people as she counsels and prays with them. And, when answers do come, Kim ensures prayers of thanks are offered.



My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Tuesday	John 10-12	College for Officer Training
	2 Wednesday	2 Timothy 1-2	Gary, IN ARC*
	3 Thursday	Numbers 10-12	Detroit (Harding), MI Corps
	4 Friday	1 Chronicles 20-24	Davenport, IA Corps
	5 Saturday	Psalms 105-107	India Central Territory PIM
	6 Sunday	Proverbs 22	Fort Wayne, IN Corps
	7 Monday	Joel	Independence, MO Corps
* = Adult Rehabilitation Center			
PIM=Partners in Mission			

Go to www.prayercentralusa.org for the rest of the calendar.

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

Point persons for 24/7 prayer

In our territory specific people have been designated as point persons for the 24/7 prayer experience, helping to organize, encourage and ensure success. Wondering who is that person for your unit command? Look no further than this list!

Territorial Headquarters
Mark Bender

College for Officer Training
Captain Yvette DeGeorge

Adult Rehabilitation Centers
Major Judy McPherson

Eastern Michigan
Major Catherine Thielke

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Kansas & Western Missouri
Major Dorothy Smith

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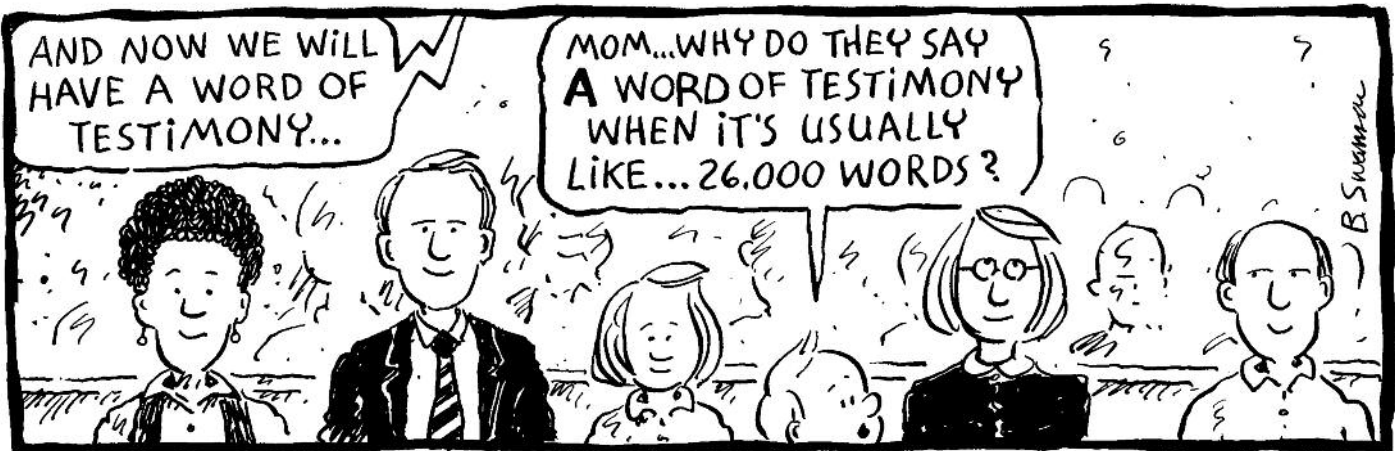
Western
Major Carla Voeller

Western Michigan & Northern Indiana
Major Debbie Hansen

Wisconsin & Upper Michigan
Major Kim Hellstrom

Retired Officers
Major Mary Hoskin

--Mustard Seeds--



Around the Territory

STEVENS POINT, WIS.—The Salvation Army Hope Center broke ground for a major remodeling project that will enable the Army to better meet the increasing demand for temporary housing and meals, according to Major Leanne Tuttle, corps officer. Guests included Major Robert Thomson, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan divisional commander; Stevens Point Mayor Andrew Halverson; sixth graders from Washington Elementary who raised funds for a playground at the Hope Center; the United Way of Portage County; and Mark Maslowski, Portage County executive.



INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard dropped by unannounced at Indiana Divisional Headquarters in June. Knowing joblessness and homelessness are on the rise, he wanted to get first-hand information from those serving families in need. The divisional finance board, which was meeting, quickly took a break to visit with him. A strong supporter since taking office in January 2008, Ballard thanked The Salvation Army for its service. "I've served at DHQs and THQ for 25 years, and this is the first time a mayor has just stopped by to see how we are doing," said Major Richard Amick, Indiana divisional commander. Pictured (l to r): Major Keith Welch, Jeff Stanger, Howard Green, Major Judy Eagle, Mayor Greg Ballard, Major Richard Amick, Major Sherrie Welch, and Major Beverly Gates.



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ST. CHARLES, ILL.—Helen Peterson and George Luckett, who distribute bakery items at the corps twice a week to families in need, were named volunteers of the year at the corps, led by Majors Steven and Melody Koehler. Hall of Famer and former Chicago Bear Dan Hampton was special guest for the annual dinner.

PLYMOUTH, MICH.—The corps held a rummage sale that raised \$1,175 to benefit women's ministries and the Tiny Tot childcare. Not only did the sale bring in significant profit, it increased community awareness of The Salvation Army. The fundraiser went out with a bang, literally, when a thunderstorm rolled in at 5:00 p.m. just as the sale was ending.

WICHITA, KAN.—A highlight of vacation Bible school for children at the Wichita Citadel Corps was a spirited "missionary march" during which offerings were placed into brightly colored buckets marked according to age group. The cheerful givers sat on the edge of their seats as the totals were tallied and displayed: \$105.43, far surpassing the goal of \$80. The money will benefit The Salvation Army Home of Joy in Africa.



PEORIA, ILL.—Captain Michelle Rose, chaplain for social services, received the outstanding young religious leader award from the Jaycees. She was nominated by Glenavary Lucas, director of social services. The Jaycees are a nonprofit organization committed to the development and success of young people, ages 18-40, in the areas of business, management, community service and international connections.

CAMP LAKE, WIS.—Pictured are some of the 424 women who attended the Metropolitan Divisional Women's Bible Study Camp "Project Hope" held at Camp Wonderland.



Special guest Dr. Leslie Parrott encouraged women to discover how they can make a difference. Women left with a renewed sense of God's hope for their lives and being able to share that hope with others.

The ripples continue

by Captain Alex Velasquez

Eight of our men were enrolled at the Fort Wayne, Ind., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) and more than a dozen signed up for the next recruits class. Our newest soldiers are Walter Bunkowski, Bruce Heine, Gregory Hunt and Brent Shank; our newest adherents are Darin Bevell, Fred Binning, David Glenney and Mike Wells.



When William Booth began sharing the love of God with people in need, the ensuing ripples eventually affected me as a suffering addict. Now I share the love of God with others.

At the ARC as we share the unconditional love of God with the men, it becomes contagious. Once they know the Lord, they realize He wants to bless them with the opportunity to serve. They want to guide others to God and make amends with society.

I've never seen a group of people with such a strong craving for the love of God. Each person who attended our doctrine classes came prepared to learn about the Army

and the Lord as if his life depended on it. I believe these men will continue the ripple effect as they guide others to Christ.

New soldier Brent Shank said, "I've been blessed with the opportunity to help run my family's business but decided to keep working for The Salvation Army because the Lord has clearly called me to serve Him here."

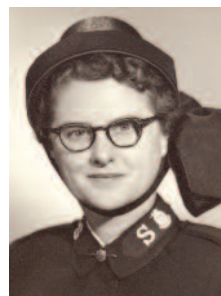
Another new soldier, Bruce Heine, shared, "I made a lot of bad choices in my life and never took the rehabilitation process seriously until I invested the time to get to know Him. Now I have a close, personal relationship with God; I know I'll be living a life of freedom from addiction."



Promoted to Glory

Mrs. Brigadier Emma Matheson

Mrs. Brigadier Emma Matheson was promoted to Glory on May 24, 2009. She was 100 years old.



Emma Henderson grew up in the South. Born to Salvation Army officers in 1908 she was a natural leader and took up leadership positions at the corps early on. In addition, she was a talented bookkeeper and office worker.

In 1929 Emma married the love of her life, Chester Matheson. Feeling the call to ministry they attended the officer training school in New York, were commissioned and served together in the Eastern Territory. In August of 1931 they transferred to the Central Territory.

The Mathesons served in the industrial home ministry, now adult rehabilitation centers, in the

Central, for the majority of their career. They retired in 1964.

Mrs. Brigadier Matheson has no close surviving relatives, but will be missed by her Army family at the Old Orchard Beach, Maine, Corps, where she spent her final years.

Employment Opportunities

The Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center, Omaha, Neb., seeks uniform-wearing Salvationists for two fulltime positions:

Youth Ministries Coordinator—Responsibilities will be split between corps youth programs (i.e., character building, vacation Bible school, Sunday school) and community center youth programs with goal to bridge children and families into the corps.

Music Ministries Coordinator—Responsibilities will be split between corps music programs (i.e., Sunday worship, youth and senior bands, singing company, etc.) and community center music programs with goal to bridge participants into the corps.

Please apply for these positions through www.careerlink.com; if questions email david_martinez@usc.salvationarmy.org