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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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Seminar celebrates territory's diversity

by Karen Young

There was great celebration under the banner "Everyone Come" at the 12th Biennial Multicultural Ministries Seminar. The event provided practical tools for delegates

engaged in a variety of cross-cultural ministries. It witnessed to the beautiful expressions of cultural diversity within our territory. Main sessions and workshops informed, inspired and challenged as speakers shared their expertise and passions with heart.



sive people. On Saturday morning, Major Joe Wheeler raised the question, "Are our ministries truly places where everyone can come?" Rev. Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil picked up the theme and challenged delegates to embrace the cultural mandate given by God as

part of our calling as His people. Sunday morning Colonel McLaren affirmed the mighty work of God in the past and in our time—our very

midst—in his message, "Glorious."

Workshop presenters provided timely information and tools. Rev. Alexia Salvatierra spoke about ministry to immigrant families when loved ones have been deported. Dr. Mark Hausfeld provided a thorough perspective, with a biblical basis, on ministry to Muslims. Rev. Dr. Salter McNeil led participants through a simulation on how cultures are formed and the challenges of inter-

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Lt. Colonel Mickey McLaren kicked off Friday's keynote with a message on "Pluralism in the Modern World." Delighting the crowd with stories, he went on to share reflections on culture and to urge delegates, through a survey of Scripture, to be God's inclu-

Kettles ring in new era

Last Christmas a couple of innovative Salvationists from Colorado Springs, Co., and Dallas, Texas, implemented The Salvation Army's first kettle credit card machine for Christmas donations.

Within weeks their initiative hit national airwaves, and their concept debuted on *Good Morning America*. Donations poured in, not just because of the national publicity but because of the machine, which research has shown to average seven times a typical cash donation.

This Christmas 30 corps in the Central Territory are collecting funds via credit card at kettles. Resource Connection engineered a holder for the credit card machine, which attaches to any kettle stand. They also offer a mat inscribed with the branding, "Doing the Most Good." The combined additions are meant to create a "giving experience," similar to what a kiosk might evoke. Corps could purchase the holders for \$50 from Resource Connection and the credit card machines for \$899.

"Although an initial investment, the credit card machine will pay for itself in donations," said Jeremy Rowland, sales and marketing manager for Resource Connection. "We have received one time donations up to \$1,000 using this machine."

This technology is more convenient for donors, who now often carry debit cards instead of cash,



and efficient for corps as donations are sent instantly into its bank account. The machine prints out two receipts: one for the donor, one for the kettle.

In an age of webcams and iPhones, a red kettle stand with wireless credit card machine at Christmas seems natural. Next year, the number of corps participating is projected to double.

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All my heart rejoices

by General Shaw Clifton

WHAT a night! The night our Savior was born! A night to rejoice with all our hearts!

Sweet angel voices, sounding far and near, announced his birth: Christ is born! It was as though the entire sky announced this matchless message. Joy filled the air. Joy-bells still ring to hail his coming.

If we listen carefully, our ear attuned, we can still hear the holy baby's first cry from the manger in Bethlehem. It is as though from birth he has been calling us, entreating, pleading with us to flee from the snares and dangers that await our souls. "Come to me," he says. "Leave all that grieves and burdens you. I can offer freedom. I can give you all you need."

So let us accept his divine invitation, you and I together. Let us do so without delay. He invites us all. He calls to the lowly and the great alike. We cannot impress him with our education or our income, so whoever we are we approach him together with awe and wonder as equals. He invites us to commit ourselves to him. He wants us to return the love he offers us all. The Christmas star, high and



bright in the sky, is a hope-filled sign of divine love.

Coming to the newborn Christ-child is a signal that we have come to our senses. We come to him, deciding to live in obedience to him, and finding our hope of Heaven in him. He offers us the matchless prospect of living with him forever. Who else promises matchless joy both now and in all eternity?

For all these reasons my heart rejoices. Christ is born!

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acting with those who are culturally different.

Ms. Patty Lane provided a framework to understand cultures and provided tools for delegates to become more culturally competent. Rev. Noel Castellanos spoke about ministry by Hispanics to non-Hispanic populations and working with youth in a culturally diverse setting. Lt. Colonel Abraham

Johnson coached leaders in ministry to communities of African descent. And a panel consisting of Captains Alex Lim, Steve Kounthapanya, Vong Luangkhamdeng and Bruce Keobounhom shared their work in multi-ethnic corps and with refugees.

Saturday's multicultural celebration offered a glimpse of the territory's diversity in song and dance. There was dancing, dancing, and more dancing! Participants made a joyful noise with guitar, violin and drum and in different languages. Captain Kerry Kistler, territorial evangelist, rendered a chalk art drawing of Christ as the bridge.

Some delegates expressed surprise at the diversity of the territory and the variety of multicultural ministries; others commented on the

richness of the fellowship.

"People really came together with open minds to get information and take tools back for their work in their corps," said Major Mary Hammerly, territorial multicultural ministries secretary.

The Holders of the Cross (Monroe, Mich., youth stomping group) opened Sunday's worship by drumming to "Dance like David danced." Later Lt. Colonel June McLaren asked delegates to do that very thing but not before she challenged them to consider the needs of children around the world for clean water, food, education and health care. Delegates enthusiastically danced up the aisles to present their offerings, a custom common in many African cultures, for Windsor Lodge children's home in Jamaica.

"What was exciting for me," said Major Hammerly, "was the presence and the participation of youth and young adults. There wasn't just ethnic diversity, there was age diversity, too."



Scandinavian Jubilee celebrates past and future

by Lt. Colonel Marlene Chase

As flags waved, native sons and daughters of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden rose to their feet to honor their Scandinavian heritage. A crowd of

Celebrated guests General John and Commissioner Freda Larsson (Rtd.), challenged the crowd through powerful preaching and music with the watchword, "Forward!"

"The past is great; the future is even better," said the General and applied the words of Isaiah, "See, I am doing a new thing!"

The Larssons were joined by Commissioners Barry C. and E. Sue Swanson, territorial leaders.

The Jubilee marked 78 years of service through the Scandinavian department that included corps in the Central, Eastern and Western territories. In

1887 four Swedish-born soldiers working as laundresses in Brooklyn, N.Y., contributed to the opening of a Swedish-language corps. The event was re-enacted in a drama written by Milton E. Anderson and directed by Ken Jernberg. Colonel Ben Nelson opened the first Scandinavian corps in Chicago in 1891. By 1921, there were 94 Scandinavian corps.

A committee of officers and soldiers headed by Lt. Colonels Marvin Dahl and Daniel Sjogren planned the jubilee. The three-day event marshaled Salvationists from points north, south and east. Audiences were delighted by string bands from Escanaba, Mich., and Rockford Temple, brass bands from Rockford Temple and the Northern Division,

and the Northland Praise Team. Soloists included Jude Gotrich, Jill Romin, Tom Gabrielsen, and Captain Stanley Colbert. A musical highlight featured General John Larsson and the 50-voice Rockford Kids Choir.

In the final service attended by more than 500, the General enrolled 11 junior soldiers from the Rockford Temple Corps. At the close of his message, "Stir into flame," many people came forward to rekindle their dedication to God.



some 400 persons overflowed the Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps for a celebration hosted by Majors Randy and Kathy Hellstrom. Alderman Franklin C. Beach read a proclamation from the city of Rockford, and Paul S. Anderson, Norwegian Consulate General, gave stirring greetings. Along with dynamic worship, guests enjoyed fellowship meals that included Swedish pancakes and Danish pastries.

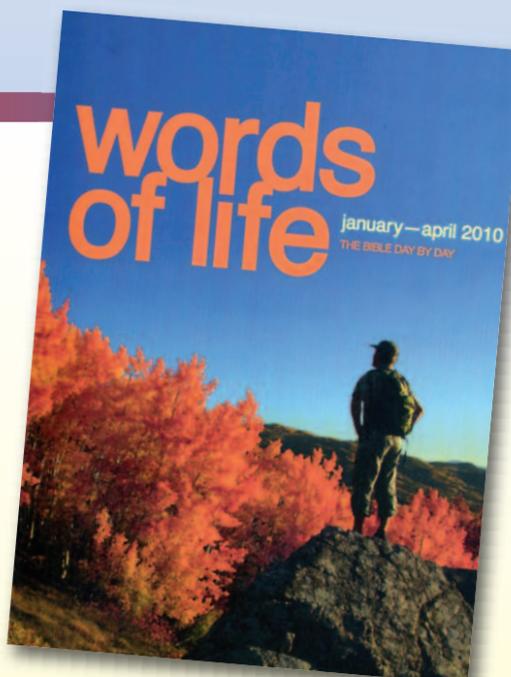
Words of Life

January – April 2010

Meet God daily through prayer and praise...Enjoy a variety of bite-size Bible readings...Build a lasting library for further study

In this edition of Words of Life we track Mark's succinct, reporter-like account of Jesus' ministry, stroll into the unique Old Testament book of Song of Songs, consider our spiritual and physical walks and see what the itinerant apostle writes to Christians in Corinth. Guest writer Commissioner Makoto Yoshida of Japan provides our preparation for Easter. Then we pause to ponder some paradoxes of our faith. For the final days of April we catch up with Mark again. Our Sunday readings primarily focus on the poetry of the psalms to aid our hearts as we worship the Lord on his holy day.

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New Ways to Give

This Christmas season The Salvation Army has gone high tech to make a difference.

“Coin Catch” nabs spare change

A new Christmas endeavor that might have national implications debuted in the Eastern Michigan Division (EMI). Called “Coin Catch,” its goal is to increase donations through viral communications, the online equivalent of “word-of-mouth.” According to Michelle St. Pierre, director of integrated marketing in EMI, donors catch virtual coins in a kettle. The captured change becomes the donation. The game is a quick and simple way to make a difference. Michelle credits The Richards Group, The Salvation Army’s national advertising firm, for making the game a reality.

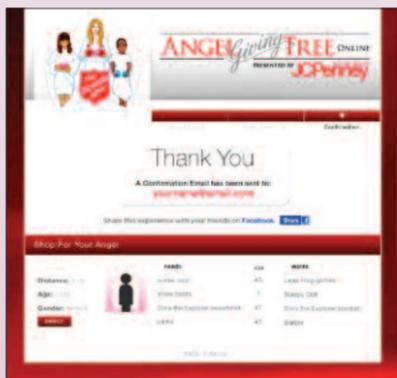


Text to give

Last year the Kansas and Western Missouri Division began collecting donations via cell phone. By texting ARMY to 90999, anyone can donate five dollars to help the needy in the Kansas City area. The donation appears on the person’s phone bill. Scott Justvig, Kansas and Western Missouri director of development, pioneered this concept for the division. He said, “Our hope was to tap into the trend of young people who communicate by texting.”

Angels online

Customers had the opportunity to purchase presents for The Salvation Army Angel Tree while Christmas shopping on JCPenney.com this year. JCPenney created a database system where corps listed gender and age of those needing Angel Tree support and then partnered with FedEx to send Christmas donations directly to corps.



Facebook friendly kettles

With the help of Charity Dynamics, an application called Boundless Fundraising has promoted Online Red Kettle on Facebook. Donations to Facebook kettles are posted in user newsfeed or a layout in which users can see a constantly updated list of their friends’ Facebook activity.

For example, if someone has 500 friends, every time a donation is made all 500 friends receive a real time update of who donated and how much. That’s a lot of promotion! Any Facebook user can add this application by signing up for an Online Red Kettle at onlineredkettle.com or by requesting it from a Facebook friend.

Miles generate volunteers

This Labor Day the Eastern Michigan Division jump-started its kettle campaign through an online loyalty site called E-miles. The campaign recruited 900 kettle volunteers, in addition to collecting donations.



At E-miles consumers accrue frequent flyer miles by watching advertisements and answering questions. The division was able to target 70,000 people in the area to view their message.

“The great thing about these new volunteers is that now we have their email addresses so we can keep them informed—not only about the Red Kettle campaign but on all of the events that they can assist with,” said Michelle.

Lighting Detroit for 70 years

by Major Sandra Rowland

The Salvation Army Detroit, Mich., Harbor Light recently celebrated 70 years of service to the community with a weekend of special anniversary activities.

When the Detroit Bowery Corps was opened in 1939 by Adjutant George Bellamy to aid homeless substance abusers, no one dreamed the Bowery Corps would become the large, multi-faceted spiritual and social service agency it is today. The center’s original goal of eradicating hunger, homelessness and substance abuse has remained unchanged, and it’s now one of the largest drug rehabilitation centers in Michigan.

diers for faithful service. Proclamations from the Detroit City Council, the Mayor of Detroit and the Governor of the State of Michigan were read. Several former center directors were also in attendance: Commissioners William and Ivy Roberts, Majors Jack and Jeanne McDonald, Majors Geoffrey and



Pictured (l-r) are Envoy Artee Lewis, Detroit Harbor Light (DHL) corps officer; Major Sandra Rowland, DHL director of women’s ministries and pastoral care; Vickie Winans, recording artist; Major Ed Rowland, DHL director.

The weekend got off to an exuberant start with a soul-stirring gospel concert featuring recording artist Vickie Winans at the Millennium Center Theater. The concert began with the Harbor Light Choir, 50 strong, marching into the theater singing, “We are soldiers.” Other performers included vocalist Monica Allen and the group *Living Testimony*.

Marian Allan, and Majors Thomas and Patricia Tuppenney.

Sunday morning was a beautiful time of dedication and renewal. Territorial Commander Commissioner Barry C. Swanson enrolled two adherents, saying “You have decided to make The Salvation Army your church home. This is where God wants to use you.”

The next evening, a recognition dinner honored employees and sol-

The commissioner preached on “God’s New Things” based on Isaiah 42:1-9. He stated, “God wants to do something new in and through us.”



The altar was lined with seekers. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Detroit Harbor Light continues to be a place of new beginnings.

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- II Timothy 1:9
“God who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.”

USA Central Territory

Christmas

Christmas is a time to remember others, to give abundantly as Christ gave to us. From thrift store

Christmas confusion

by Ginger Yoak

When my husband, Jim, and I ring bells at the Salvation Army Christmas kettle, we are transformed. Our personalities evolve from introverted to extroverted. Normally reserved, we don't hesitate to shout, "Merry Christmas! God bless you," to everyone who approaches. We wave with one hand and ring the bell with the other. As we do all this, we're certain God is smiling.

So, it was in this state of elation that we watched a very luxurious car park several feet away. Not only were we impressed with the vehicle's sleekness but its unusual license plate. Immediately, we began interpreting the six letters. By the time the tall gentleman emerged from his car, we had it.

As he passed by, we greeted him and cleverly remarked, "We really like your license plate—Holy Word!" He halted. Looking dumbfounded, he turned, scrutinized his license plate and uttered somewhat defiantly, "It's an abbreviation for

Hollywood."

It was the last time we mentioned a license plate to anyone while ringing bells at Christmas.

Our license plate? It reads SAL-RMY. We think God is smiling.



Crafting Christmas spirit

From popcorn and cranberry garlands to gingerbread men adorning the fireplace, everything about Beau Fodor's young family Christmas was handmade. Now as the Des Moines, Iowa, Adult Rehabilitation Center volunteer coordinator of special events, Beau put the creativity of his youth to work by pioneering "Handmade Holidays," a crafting event promoting Salvation Army thrift stores at Christmas.

Interestingly, inspiration for the project came from a shipment of damaged Christmas goods. In light of the difficult economy, Beau was



determined to make these trinkets into treasures. Broken ornaments were recycled into picture frames, men's ties became decorative cell phone cases and fake flowers blossomed into colorful wreaths.

With the help of Des Moines ARC Administrators Captains Jeremy and Jaelyn Dunkirk, the crafts became the Handmade Holidays event, which was held for its second year at the Des Moines Public Library.

More than 250 people showed up. Even local reporters dropped by to write a story, which appeared on the front page of *The Des Moines Register*.

One single, unemployed man fought back tears as he and his three daughters made each other Christmas gifts. His daughters were thrilled to participate, and he patiently watched them craft, later thanking staff for providing the opportunity to show his daughters the true meaning of giving at Christmas.



Baskets full of gratitude



Every Christmas Eve James Warfield, Western Michigan and Northern Indiana emergency disaster services director, and a team of volunteers deliver over 50 gift baskets to Grand Rapids, Mich., area first responders who are on duty.

James, a former military man, has a deep appreciation for those who protect the community. "These men and women put their lives on the line constantly," said

James. "They are our local heroes, and it's important for us to remember what they do for our community."

Teams of volunteers deliver baskets over a radius of nearly 20 miles. Baskets include food goods, a Salvation Army brass band Christmas CD, ornament and signed card. Over half the cost and labor to put the baskets together is supplied by a Spartan store, Family Fare Supermarket.

The first responders are remembered for their service to the community and service to The Salvation Army. The fire department has volunteered to ring bells at kettles for the last 20 years. Last year it raised a combined \$2,000 over a two-day period with the police department.

Many first responders have told James these gifts make them feel appreciated. Sometimes they even offer the food for the needy, but James insists they keep it.



M.A.S.H. unit for bells

by Arvid Huisman

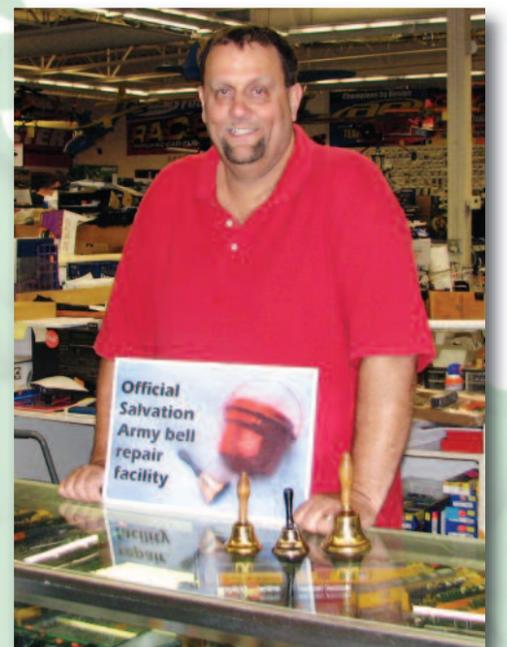
Tom Weidner is Des Moines' official Salvation Army bell repairman. He's been repairing the red kettle bells for four years now.

After Tom had repaired an average of 15-20 bells a year for three years, in 2008 Major Keith Petrie, then city coordinator, had a sign created that designated Weidner's efforts as an "Official Salvation Army bell repair facility."

Tom is the train department manager for Hobby Haven in the suburb of Urbandale. An avid train model hobbyist, Major Petrie was a regular customer when he served in Des Moines. After accumulating several bells needing repair, he asked Weidner for help.

Repair them he did. Using super glue, paper clips, balsa wood and anything else that would work, he restored the bells back to operating condition.

"This is a M.A.S.H. unit for red kettle bells," Weidner joked as he



pointed to the glass counter where he makes the repairs. "We do whatever it takes to fix them." He said the most common problems are with handles and clappers.

Tom doesn't charge The Salvation Army for his service. "I like to be of help when I can," he explained. "I feel like I'm giving something to The Salvation Army when I repair the bells."

crafts to fortuitous encounters to red kettle "Maaco-vers," the signs of Christmas kindness are everywhere.

Five years of bringing joy

by Craig Dirkes

The Salvation Army in the Twin Cities is celebrating the five-year anniversary of one of its most popular holiday programs: Adopt-A-Family. The program allows community members to purchase food and Christmas gifts for a family in need, then deliver the items in person to the family's doorstep.



"Through Adopt-A-Family, donors witness with their own eyes the smiles and the laughter of the people they are touching. Few programs allow donors to see firsthand how their contributions are making a difference," said Major Darryl Leedom, city commander.

In early December local radio station 102.9 Lite FM holds a two-day radiothon at Northern Divisional Headquarters, encouraging listeners to sponsor a family. Donors are responsible for purchasing a toy worth up to \$25 for

each child, plus a \$10 grocery gift card for every person in the family. Each donor is given gift suggestions provided by the family. In some cases, donors and families have become friends year-round. Last Christmas the program served nearly 1,000 families.

Adopt-A-Family is popular among businesses. Many pool together \$200 or more to sponsor large families. Past business donors include the Snips SpaSalon in Bloomington, whose employees scratched Secret Santa gift-giving to spend the money on Adopt-A-Family.

"One of our hairdressers said, 'We're already so fortunate. Why don't we help somebody else?'" recalled Snips beautician Jill Wilson, who helped purchase and deliver gospel CDs, clothes and other gifts for a single mother with five children.



A Christmas surprise

by Major Joan Stoker

I first met Deb when she came to the corps to volunteer at Christmas. I gave her several suggestions, including helping our home league pack gifts for community care visits to nursing homes. She joined us for this effort.

During refreshments, she listened as the women updated me on the Christmas Angel Tree. One year, they told me an advisory board member bought bikes for all five children in a family. He loaded them up and took them out to the family's house.



Deb smiled. During the next lull in the conversation, she quietly said, "That family was mine. It was my kids who got those bikes for Christmas from The Salvation Army. I'll never forget when that truck pulled into the driveway." She shook her head as though she still couldn't believe it. "That's why I came tonight. I want to give back because I'm so thankful for what we received."

We were stunned. No one at the table had any idea that Deb was the mom in that story. Her happiness at sharing her joy that night felt as if we'd come full circle.

A Christmas kettle Maaco-ver

by Craig Dirkes

Call it a Maaco-ver. Six Twin Cities area Maaco collision repair and auto painting centers coated 1,200 faded Salvation Army kettles in shiny red paint. Each center handled 200 kettles, an overall effort worth about \$12,000 in materials and labor.



"These kettles have taken a beating over the years from frigid weather and general wear and tear," said Major Darryl Leedom, city commander. "Maaco's donation will add years to the life of the kettles. It will also save us a bundle of money that we will use to serve people in need this holiday season."

Maaco joined the effort when The Salvation Army approached Ron Wuchko, owner of the Maaco on East Lake St. and 20th Ave. in

Minneapolis, who agreed to help because The Salvation Army once supported a member of his family battling addiction. His store manager, Marwan Kawas, then recruited other Maaco centers.

"The Salvation Army does a lot of good work," Wuchko said. "They're part of the community, and so are we. We are happy to help."

The Salvation Army serves more than 200,000 people in the Twin Cities. It serves 2,100 hot meals a day and houses more than 850 people every night.



Army fights AIDS

December 1st marked the 21st anniversary of World AIDS Day. The United Nations estimates 33.2 million people worldwide are living with HIV/AIDS. Half became infected before age 25; half are female.

The Salvation Army is involved in the worldwide fight against HIV/AIDS with prevention, treatment and support programs. Here are just four examples.

Helping Haiti

The HIV/AIDS relief program at The Salvation Army Bethel Medical Clinic in Fond-des-Negres, Haiti, has achieved such remarkable results, it's widely studied and emulated.

Bethel Clinic, which has served



this remote, mountainous area of Haiti for more than three decades, began its HIV/AIDS program in 1991 with education, testing, treatment, counseling, child and other support.

A recent grant-funded treatment program utilizing anti-retroviral therapy produced such remarkable results, doctors called it "the resurrection phenomenon." Patients who could barely sustain their own lives became strong enough to care for their families and even return to work—no longer



hopeless, helpless victims.

Motivating Moldova

Eastern Europe has one of the fastest growing HIV/AIDS rates in the world. Although Moldovans have a general awareness of the disease, their understanding of prevention is poor.

In partnership with local education authorities, The Salvation Army developed and taught a Christian HIV/AIDS program in schools and colleges throughout Chisinau, Moldova's capital. They reached more than 16,000 youth through 80-plus seminars. Multimedia presentations and group activities encouraged meaningful discussions on HIV/AIDS and drug abuse. Student attitudes changed as they understood the consequences of their actions, and some even joined The Salvation Army!

Impacting India

Earlier this year in the India Northern Territory, the Kolkata Regional HIV/AIDS Team held a community meeting on HIV/AIDS during which an offer was made to visit every home in the village for couples counseling.

The villagers were happy to ask questions in private settings about disease prevention, treatment options and caring for affected family members. The visits also provided opportunities for counseling on other sensitive issues, such as alcohol and drug abuse.

Affecting Africa

A handicraft is helping women affected by HIV/AIDS breathe new life into their lives, families and communities throughout eastern Africa.

A few years ago a Ugandan



Salvationist named Dorcus was stuck in warring Sudan after attending an HIV/AIDS workshop. While waiting she learned how to make simple but highly attractive paper beads.

After returning home she taught other women the skill. Soon micro-enterprise projects incorporating "Dorcus" beads and basket weaving blossomed. Women now not only provide for their families, entire communities have benefited with new water tanks, toilets and other items.

The concept spread to other eastern African countries. In Kenya a cooperative of 50 women from eight villages produces beautiful necklaces and decorated baskets for Nairobi shops.

To order Dorcus Bead products, contact April Foster at: ajfsareg@mak.or.ke

See new products and project updates at: www.dorcusbeads.blogspot.com

Check out "Get Connected" for more information on World AIDS Day and a test of your knowledge.



Walk for the World

by Chris Shay

How do you develop a heart for world missions? A good place to start is learning about other countries and cultures while you're young. This was a goal of the Heartland Division's character-building troop rally, themed "Walk for the World," bringing together more than 300 girl guards, sunbeams, rangers, explorers, boy scouts, cub scouts and leaders.

Rally preparation included learning about assigned countries, cultures, needs and Scripture about serving others. Troops held creative fundraisers to fill a shoe with money for a Kids Club in Zambia for orphans affected by HIV/AIDS. In addition, each corps created a booth depicting a country.

Majors Charles and Sharon Smith, divisional leaders, along with Captains James and Melissa Frye, divisional youth secretaries, and Juanita Belcher, director of character-building programs, began the day with troop inspections. The young people looked sharp in their uniforms! After a brief session on



Zambia, they were off to compete. During this time, Sarah Kincaid, territorial sponsorship coordinator, and I had a good time checking out the booths; we appreciated the work



and love put into creating them.

At day's end we all rejoiced as Majors Smith announced \$841 had been raised for Zambia and that the Heartland Division would more than double that amount to send \$2,000! Final awards were given, and everyone received ribbons commending their participation. With a final amen, youth and leaders left for home with a greater understanding of God's love for the nations.



On the chopping block

by Envoy Tricia Taube

What would you give to help needy children? When the challenge came from the sponsorship office of the territory's world mission bureau to "Share Your Christmas Joy," one Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Divisional Headquarters (WUM DHQ) employee put his beard up for auction. If DHQ employees could raise \$300 his beard would be shaved off. If they raised \$600, he'd keep it off for one month.

For some this might not be a big deal. But Mark Mueller, building maintenance, has not seen his cheeks or chin since 2001 or his upper lip since the early '80s. No one was more surprised than Mark when employees put his beard on the chopping block for an amazing \$1,606!

To make the day extra special, Major Carol Wilkins, former divisional women's ministries secretary, came from territorial headquarters to make the initial trim. A break-



time gathering of donuts and cider allowed employees to observe and celebrate the achievement.

Employees at WUM DHQ are not strangers to giving to World Services/Self-Denial. Each month they participate in "Casual for a Cause" making a monthly donation that allows participants to "dress down" on Fridays. September and October "Casual for a Cause" dollars were added to the dollars raised by Mark's auction for an impressive \$1,800 gift to help the bureau reach its \$11,100 "Share Your Christmas Joy" goal.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra joins ARC singers

by Colleen Kinney

This fall the widely acclaimed Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) performed at the Southeast, Mich., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC). In turn, the DSO hosted the ARC Singers at its own Max M. Fisher Music Center. The arrangement was part of the symphony's outreach to enrich lives in their community through music, a goal shared by the ARC Singers.

The symphony, introduced by ARC Performing Arts Director (and former beneficiary) Loren Harper, was led by renowned DSO Director, Leonard Slatkin. Loren's enthusiasm was unmistakable as he welcomed the orchestra. The symphony's performance included classical favorites like *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* and more contemporary pieces like "Hoe Down" from *Rodeo*.

The diverse audience of more than



Pictured (l to r): Charles Champion, Southeast, Mich., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) music director; Leonard Slatkin, Detroit Symphony Orchestra conductor, Loren Harper, ARC director of performing arts department; Envoy Merle Miller, ARC administrator.

800 people included local philanthropists Mr. and Mrs. John A. Boll, DSO President and CEO Anne Parsons, ARC beneficiaries and staff, along with many others associated with social service agencies. For many, this was their first live symphony experience; for all, it was a magical evening.

The symphony performance was followed by the ARC Singers' Sunday presentation at the symphony's hall. Honored to be one of just two performing groups, along with DSO musicians, the singers ministered with reverence and style. Envoy Merle Miller, ARC administrator, said, "What a blessing to be invited to this wonderful venue to share the ARC Singers' musical ministry with the DSO's audience."



Digest this

by Colonel Patricia Hickam

One of my favorite accounts of prayer is found in Jonah. Poor Jonah rebelled against God and found himself in the belly of a big fish. "Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the stomach of the fish and he said, 'I called out of my distress to the Lord, and He answered me, I cried for help from the depth of Sheol; You heard my voice,'" Jonah 2:1-2 (NASB).

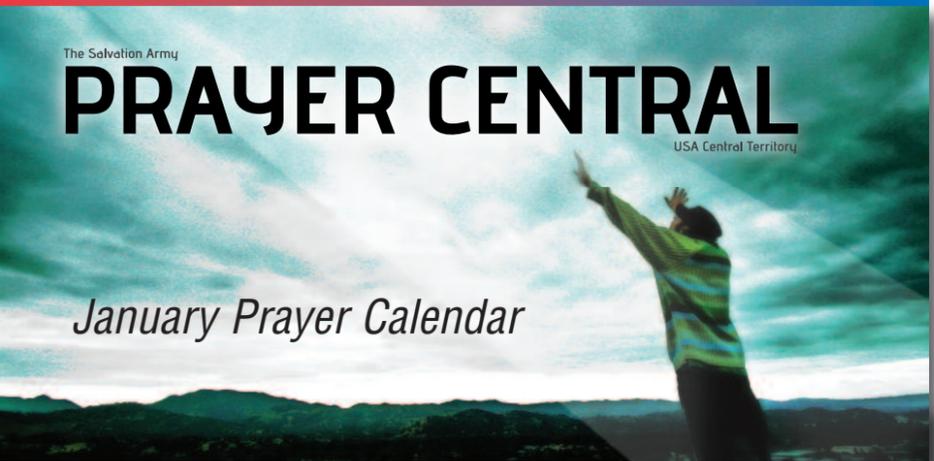
It's surprising Jonah was alive. After all, he was swallowed whole. (The fish must not have listened to his mother's admonition to chew his food!) Neither did Jonah drown when the fish swallowed water. Jonah was desperate and terrified. He cried out to God who caused the fish to burp. Jonah flew out and landed on the sand. He got up, brushed himself off and went to do God's will.

While I've never been swallowed by a fish, I have been in a dark, painful place. Hurting and lonely, I wept on my knees before God. He did not always remove the problem, but He brought healing and strength.

After a lifetime of experience, I know without a doubt that I need to pray every day. It's vital to my Christian walk. It makes all the difference.



--Mustard Seeds--



My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Friday	Genesis 1-3	Mankato, Minn., Corps
	2 Saturday	Joshua 1-5	Mitchell, S.D., Corps
	3 Sunday	Psalms 1-2	LaPorte, Ind., Corps
	4 Monday	Job 1-2	Menasha Fox Cities, Wis., Corps
	5 Tuesday	Isaiah 1-6	Captains Sergey & Tanya Katchanov (Ukraine)
	6 Wednesday	Matthew 1-2	Romulus, Mich., ARC*
	7 Thursday	Romans 1-2	Mt. Clemens, Mich., Corps
	8 Friday	Genesis 4-7	Moline Heritage Temple, Ill., Corps
	9 Saturday	Joshua 6-10	Logansport, Ind., Corps
	10 Sunday	Psalms 3-5	Northern DHQ**
	11 Monday	Job 3-4	Manhattan, Kan., Corps
	12 Tuesday	Isaiah 7-11	Elgin, Ill., Corps
	13 Wednesday	Matthew 3-4	Mattoon, Ill., Corps
	14 Thursday	Romans 3-4	National Advisory Board
	15 Friday	Genesis 8-11	Zimbabwe Territory PIM
	16 Saturday	Joshua 11-15	Minneapolis Central, Minn., Corps
	17 Sunday	Psalms 6-8	Cultural Awareness Sunday
	18 Monday	Job 5-6	Newton, Iowa, Corps
	19 Tuesday	Isaiah 12-17	Ludington, Mich., Corps
	20 Wednesday	Matthew 5-7	Milwaukee Citadel, Wis., Corps
	21 Thursday	Romans 5-6	Grand Rapids, Mich., Kroc Center
	22 Friday	Genesis 12-15	St. Louis, Mo., ARC
	23 Saturday	Joshua 16-20	Owosso Citadel, Mich., Corps
	24 Sunday	Psalms 9-11	Muscatine, Iowa, Corps
	25 Monday	Job 7-8	Madison, Ind., Corps
	26 Tuesday	Isaiah 18-22	Olathe, Kan., Corps
	27 Wednesday	Matthew 8-10	Territorial Executive Council
	28 Thursday	Romans 7-8	Evanston, Ill., Corps
	29 Friday	Genesis 16-19	"Refuel" Territorial Youth Leaders Seminar
	30 Saturday	Joshua 21-24	O'Fallon, Mo., Corps
	31 Sunday	Psalms 12-14	Minneapolis Parkview, Minn., Corps

Go to www.prayercentralusa.org for prayer updates.

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

* = Adult Rehabilitation Center
 ** = Divisional Headquarters
 PIM = Partners in Mission



Getting acquainted

by Carol Jensen

The Northeast Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce held a "Get Acquainted Breakfast" at the Minneapolis Central Corps Community Center to learn about The Salvation Army. The event was attended by 85 guests, who brought donations for the food pantry which serves up to 3,000 families each month.

During the breakfast music was provided by a brass ensemble. Introductions were made by Christine Levens, chamber of commerce executive director, followed by members giving a "one minute commercial" for their businesses. Captain Vong Luangkhamdeng, Central corps officer, shared how The Salvation Army helped him as an immigrant from Laos. Catherine Baugh, community outreach director, gave a program summary. Lynn



Bastiansen shared how she got to know The Salvation Army when she brought her son to cub scouts. She is now an active corps member and volunteer.

Five students from Edison High School's business and voyager programs attended the event. In these programs juniors and seniors receive education, work-readiness training and career-oriented job experience.

Guests were invited to tour the beautiful new facility, including the chapel, children's activity room, computer lab, gym and fitness room.

The power of community

by Jordanka Lazarevic

Christmas came early for children living near Metropolitan Division's Mayfair Community Church in Chicago, Ill. They were treated to a brand-new playground built in a day by more than 200 volunteers from Discover Financial

Services, The Salvation Army and non-profit playground builder KaBOOM! The design was based on drawings by the children, and equipment was donated by Discover.

Volunteers cheerfully worked shoulder to shoulder transporting mulch, assembling slides and swings and building outdoor furniture. Six hours, 165 cubic yards of mulch, and 18,000 pounds of hand-mixed cement later, volunteers had created more than just a children's playground. They had created a living testament to the power of a community coming together for a greater good.



Metropolitan Divisional Commander Lt. Colonel David E. Grindle celebrates the completion of a new children's playground with volunteers.

Employment Opportunities

The Salvation Army Central Oklahoma Area Command in the Oklahoma and Arkansas Division seeks to fill the following positions; bilingual in Spanish a plus. Send resumes to dan.proctor@uss.salvationarmy.org

Director of Operations/Programs—Supervise, monitor, evaluate command oper-

ations, programs, staffing (Boys & Girls Clubs, development, social services, administration). Ensure efficient office operations compliant with established policies, procedures; cross-train/support office tasks for deadlines/quality standards. Master's degree in business/related field preferred; bachelor's required.

Director of Development—Provide leadership, planning, execution for development/fundraising activities. Implement, monitor, evaluate program targeting central Oklahoma (individual gifts, donor solicitations, relationships; corporate gifts, sponsorships; government grants, special events). Work directly with units on promotional plans; capital campaign management. Master's degree in fundraising/related field preferred; bachelor's required.

Director of Social Services—Plan, direct, monitor, evaluate social service staff, activities: shelters, kitchens; disaster case management; food, clothing, utilities, transportation assistance; new program development. Represent the Army on community boards, commissions, councils. MSW required, as is social service administration experience.

Readers' Forum

The family of Julie Rowland expresses its appreciation for the many cards, prayers and donations to the Julie Rowland Spirit of CBLI award after her Promotion to Glory in August. Julie loved life, and we thank you for your part in making her life so special.

Feelin' at home

by Major Lynda Magoon

In John 15:7, Jesus says, "Abide with me." In *The Message* this is interpreted, "feel at home in Me." In other words, be comfortable with me in your heart and home.

"A beautiful heart, a beautiful home" was the theme of the Kansas and Western Missouri Divisional Women's Retreat held at Three Trails Divisional Camp in Independence, Mo. Commissioner E. Sue Swanson set the stage in her opening remarks, quoting from Psalm 84, "How beautiful is your home, O God."

Workshops on home decorating, fashion, cooking, budgeting and life coaching filled the morning, while the afternoon was given to a "Home Expo" featuring a number of choices from getting a haircut to learning how to repair a dripping faucet. The women raised over \$1,300 for World Services/Self-Denial in a silent basket auction. The Price is Right game show gave corps the opportunity to win prizes which they were encouraged to take back home and use to raise more money for World Services.

The fellowship culminated in a Sunday morning worship service



Feelin' at home at the Kansas and Western Missouri Divisional Women's Retreat are: (front) Commissioner E. Sue Swanson, territorial president of women's ministries, and Major Dorothy Smith, divisional director of women's ministries; (back) Majors Candace Voeller, Cheryl Miller, Valerie McDowell, and Phyllis Blinks.

that was inspiring and uplifting. Commissioner Swanson encouraged delegates to follow the divine design for life laid out in The Sermon on the Mount. Delegates returned home with the song "My Heart, Your Home" resounding in their hearts: "Come and make my heart Your home. Come and be everything I am and all I know. Search me through and through, 'Till my heart becomes a home for You."

Promoted to Glory

Mrs. Major Marguerite Hultin

Mrs. Major Marguerite Hultin was promoted to Glory on September 29, 2009. She was 80 years old.

Born to Salvation Army officers, John and Edith Crawford, in Milwaukee, Wis., Marguerite's childhood was steeped in Army tradition. She received Christ as her savior as a teenager at a tent revival meeting. Not long after that, while her family was stationed in Minnesota, a navy man named Ensign Harold Hultin, began attending her corps.

Romance followed and they were married in 1947 one week after Marguerite graduated from high school. Feeling called into ministry, the Hultins entered the College for Officer Training and were commissioned in 1948.

Their early ministry was marked by service in corps throughout the Scandinavian and Central Illinois divisions. Later, after Harold received finance training, they served in divisional and territorial appointments.

The Hultins retired to San Marcos, Calif., where they attended the Oceanside, Calif., Corps. Marguerite is remembered for her generous hospitality, sewing endeavors and devotion to family.

Mrs. Major Hultin was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by five daughters, Major Nancy (John) Mowers, Peggy (Greg) Crowe, Sue, Carol and Sharon (John)

Bailey; 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Major Eva Coleman

On September 29, 2009, Mrs. Major Eva Coleman was promoted to Glory from her home in Owosso, Mich. Her family was with her until the end.

Eva was born to William and Lillian Roberts in 1924. Raised by her father, an uncle brought her and her siblings to The Salvation Army for worship. It wasn't until her brother's farewell sermon, prior to his leaving for training, that she was converted.

Eva followed in her brother's footsteps and went to training in 1948. Her first appointment was at the Detroit Headquarters Emergency Welfare Department. While in her next appointment, she met Dale Coleman and romance blossomed. Their marriage was blessed with four children.

The Colemans served at corps around the territory, particularly in Michigan. Dale was promoted to Glory in 1978, after which Eva was appointed to territorial headquarters. She retired from the Owosso, Mich., Corps where she was highly regarded by corps members.

Mrs. Major Coleman is survived by her children, Dawn Devins; Dale, Jr.; William; and Robin Burgen; eight grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and one brother, Commissioner William H. (Ivy) Roberts.

