Two comprehensive children’s music collections with accompanying CDs were provided to each one.

“The singing company initiative has brought unity between the youth from our church programs and new kids who have begun attending,” said Lt. Dana Bigelow, Marion, Ind., corps officer. “It is more than a time to get together to sing, but a time where they can learn about what worship really means and fellowship together.”

The Chicago Staff Band conducted two singing company leadership seminars during their weekend visits to the Heartland and Metropolitan divisions earlier in the year and follow-up training is scheduled for 2013. And next month the Territorial Worship Arts Retreat will emphasize singing company leadership and children’s music resources as part of this initiative.

Also in January divisions will receive more details about the singing company competitions which will take place across the territory and result in the winning group from each division participating in a massed singing company of more than 200 children at the “One Army, One Mission, One Message” Family Congress with General Linda Bond in St. Louis, Mo., June 7-9, 2013.

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A Christmas Embrace

by General Linda Bond

The small boy was obviously lost. Standing in the shopping mall with crowds of people rushing by, he looked terribly anxious, glancing all around for a familiar face. It was Christmas time and the worst time of year to be in the midst of a rushing crowd, disconnected from a family member. Yet, standing beside The Salvation Army’s Christmas kettle, I could see what he could not—an elderly man standing not far away with eyes fixed on the boy. I thought to myself that this was his grandfather. Sure enough, their eyes met and the older man ran to embrace the boy. “You thought you were lost, didn’t you? Well, I knew where you were all the time.” No scolding of the boy for wandering off. No reprimand of any sort.

For so many people Christmas time only accentuates their sense of loneliness—of being alone in the crowd. The emphasis on family, happy memories, celebration and giving just reminds them of their isolation and that life has not been like that for them. Perhaps that is why The Salvation Army has made Christmas a major focus of its year. Perhaps that is why we arrange special meals in the community, Christmas assistance and the giving of toys. We want to replace the sense of loss with the urgent need and display the spirit of Christmas in the most practical ways.

Yet in spite of all we do, we cannot fix broken lives or heal the deep wounds of the heart. Sometimes we are surprised to discover that the people who feel most lost in this Christmas maze are not the economically strapped. Sometimes the hurting, broken, lonely and lost are actually the ones who appear to have it all together.

The Bible tells a story of such a man—Zacchaeus. He was actually very prosperous. However, his profession as a tax collector ostracized him. But Jesus, like the doing grand-
“Start 2013 right!”

“Reflect,” a one-year Bible study program that engages participants to “reflect on God’s Word so it can reflect in your life,” is a Spiritual Life Development emphasis being promoted in 2013. At the Spiritual Life Summit this past summer, territorial leaders Commissioner Paul R. and Carol Seiler called Salvationists to a renewed commitment to study God’s Word, along with prayer and the pursuit of Christ-likeness and God’s will.

To help Salvationists delve into God’s Word, the Central Territory has partnered with Tyndale House Publishers to make available “significant free resources for corps to engage people in faithful Bible reading in 2013,” said Captain Carol Lewis, territorial spiritual life development secretary. She continued, “Small steps lead to big changes.”

When it comes to the Christmas story, we can romanticize the scene of Jesus’ birth and miss the power of its message. God took on human flesh, moved into our neighborhood and spent His life in search of those who need to reconnect with their Maker.

Maybe some of us would never admit to being a lost soul, but we would admit to a loss of our idealism, values, faith or hope. Maybe we would even venture to admit that we have lost much of our love for ourselves or others. It’s not something we declare to everyone. We may feel like the young boy, unnoticed by the crowd but frantic to be found. We are friends. Christmas is about the coming of the Savior of the world—the loving Savior—the one who searches out lost people, embraces them, and gives them the best sense of belonging they could ever imagine.

One vote can change a nation, one sunbeam can light a room. One candle can wipe out darkness, one laugh can conquer gloom.

One step must start each journey, one word must start each prayer. One hope will raise our spirits, one touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom, one heart can know what’s true.

One life can make the difference, you see it’s up to you!

May we remember our Christmas math this season and that He is Immanuel, “God with us,” and with His help, each one of us can make a difference in the lives of others. That is the Power of One.
Adopting the Right Strategy

by John Bailey
Twin Cities Advisory Board member

It was through their service as advisory board members that my wife, Patty, and her friend, Sandy Burke, originally started recruiting bellringers at our church. However, it was seeing the generous results that fellow board member David Fox and his father, Bill, achieved from their kettle matching and sponsorship strategies that truly inspired Patty and Sandy. In 1997 they began what has grown into a successful kettle fundraising effort among a network of friends—our own, personal “army.”

The strategy is simple and effective, both as a kettle fundraiser and as a Salvation Army Harbor Light information broadcast. We and a small group of friends ring at a kettle in our community, but—and here’s the key—we also mail many of our friends a letter asking them to contribute to our kettle. The letter, which is drafted by Harbor Light staff, talks about current efforts and achievements at the shelter and requests donations via an enclosed Salvation Army adopt-a-kettle contribution envelope.

The mailing has grown over the years to more than 300 friends and realizes 100 donations that amount to $60,000 just last year. Our passion is the Harbor Light Center and so our kettle is—you guessed it—designated to the Harbor Light. As an added bonus, thanking people for their donations to our kettle provides yet another opportunity to tell about the wonderful achievements of the folks at the Harbor Light. The personal thank you letter includes a brief update of how the center is doing, again drafted by staff.

For those of us who are passionate supporters of the Army, the strategy is simple: identify friends who would be interested in the good works of the Army, get help drafting a letter to them, mail the message with the opportunity to contribute via the pre-addressed return envelope, and enjoy the heart-warming results you’ll see happen! Compound your satisfaction with a personal, Salvation Army drafted thank you message to your friends. It is perhaps the greatest joy of all to share with our friends the difference their compassion and generosity has made in the lives of others.

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### Worship Arts Resource Weekend

#### January 18 - 20, 2013
South Bend, Ind., Kroc Center

Don’t miss the weekend of hands-on workshops to help your corps bring Sunday to life—or life to Sunday—covering virtually every aspect of worship. For music and gospel arts leaders, officers and meeting leaders, present and potential.

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Discount rates at the following hotels for those making reservations by December 18:

- **Comfor Suites** 52939 State Rd. 933 North
- **Suburban Extended Stay** 52825 State Route 933 North

**Reservations:** 574-272-1500

- **Comfort Suites** $74 per night (includes breakfast)
- **Suburban Extended Stay** $54 (single) & $59 (double) per night

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### University 2020

Worship Arts Resource Weekend

The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Omaha, Neb., has received two honors this year. It has been named 2012 Non-Profit Organization of the Year by the Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce and has won the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Honor Award for Design.

“Centralities Chief of the Staff Commissioner Barry C. Swanson and World President of Women’s Ministries Commissioner Sue Swanson, have been appointed Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women’s Ministries for the USA Eastern Territory, effective February 1, 2013. Please pray for them as they prepare to take up these new responsibilities.”

Swansons to lead the East

At the Omaha Kroc Center, children, adults, and families are inspired to discover their potential through positive experiences in health and fitness, creative arts and education, sports and recreation, and spiritual enrichment.

The center covers a six-block area and includes a fitness center, aquatics center, gymnasia complex, assembly hall, fellowship hall, education center, learning center, outdoor sports field complex, festival plaza and commercial kitchen with a full-time executive chef.
During the Christmas season we work ‘round-the-clock to serve our communities, bringing hope and cheer, not just to those in need, but everyone we meet. From kettles that rock to trains that roll into town and Grinches who delight, we’re spreading the spirit of Christmas.

Christmas at camp

by Mark McClenaghan

In December when thoughts of summer are a distant memory and as retreat ministry slows for the mud months, Echo Grove Camp in the Eastern Michigan Division focuses its attention on providing Christmas community cheer.

Salvation Army youth joined forces with young adults of the Journey intern program to participate in I’ll Fight Day in early December. Coinciding with the Oxford, Mich., Christmas Parade, hundreds of participants and spectators take to the chilly downtown streets to enjoy the festivity and are warmed with hot chocolate, coffee, cookies and a smile from our young warriors. With a booth set up along the parade route and two golf carts being converted into mini-canteens, which also were featured in the parade, the local communities appreciate the presence of The Salvation Army.

The festivity continues the following weekend as more than 400 people attend Breakfast with Santa at Echo Grove. This event provides a relaxed, spirit-filled opportunity for children and their families to enjoy a Christmas celebration. A delicious all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet, followed by a visit with St. Nick, delights both kids and parents alike.

During a short program the children gather on stage to hear Santa encourage giving at this festive time of year and highlight the work of The Salvation Army before requesting the reading of the Christmas story. Santa then leads everyone into his Christmas grotto for a photograph by the fire which the kids take home in a handmade ornament. Multiple craft stations and even ‘Sleigh’ rides keep the kids busy while they wait for their photo.

Several summer camp staff members return to volunteer alongside the National Honor Society of Oxford High School. Many of the community children who come to the Christmas event also have attended summer day camps offered by Echo Grove, making it a wonderful time to reconnect.

The Grinch goes to school

by Kayla Sebastian

The Grinch may have stolen Christmas from Whoville, but he brought some Christmas cheer back to 10 elementary schools in the Omaha, Neb., area this past December. The Western divisional youth department created its own miniature Whoville—complete with tree, sled and Grinch—to bring to school assemblies in the Omaha, Bellevue and Council Bluffs, Iowa, school districts. Each assembly was geared toward children from pre-kindergarten to sixth grade and featured classic Christmas songs about a red-nosed reindeer, a trip in a one-horse open sleigh, and a dozen very unique gifts. It also included a couple of messy games that sparked some fun but fierce competition between teachers and students.

The culminating event in this interactive production was the retelling of the well-known Dr. Seuss book, How the Grinch Stole Christmas. The skit featured Captain Jolinda Shelbourn as narrator and took the audience through the Grinch’s transformation from a present-pilfering pest-simist to a content creature with a magnified heart. Captain Scott Shelbourn portrayed the green hermit so effectively one student described him as “funny, creepy and ugly!” While there was no “Who pudding or roast beast” served, the Grinch did bring a gift for each child: a drawstring bag with goodies galore, including suckers, crayons, pencils, coloring sheets and a list of activities available for them to attend at each of the four area corps.

This seasonal event has expanded abundantly over the past four years from three school assemblies in 2009 reaching 678 children to 18 assemblies reaching more than 4,500 children not only with entertainment but encouragement! This year the youth department is sharing “Christmas around the World” with school children.
Imagine a moment: you’re driving through downtown Indianapolis during the Christmas season, when dancing before you is the Indianapolis Colts mascot, Blue, attempting to flag you down to make a Salvation Army red kettle donation. What would you do? Well, you’d donate, of course!

This kind of enthusiasm could be a major part of the success of The Salvation Army’s annual Tree of Lights campaign and companion event—celebrity bellringing, which helps bring in nearly $1 million in kettle donations every year. “We’d like to break the million dollar mark this year,” said Michael Rowland, media director. “We’re so close!”

Each November The Salvation Army in Indianapolis kicks off its annual Tree of Lights and red kettle fundraising campaign with a public ceremony downtown. The following day local celebrities gather on Monument Circle to take shifts ringing bells and securing some of the season’s very first donations.

Not only does the event draw attention from the media, it includes the media! Joining the Army is on-air talent from local TV and radio stations, like number one rings anchor and Salvation Army Advisory Board Member Eric Halverson. Celebrity bellringing has included everyone from Indianapolis Colts cheerleaders and the Indiana Pacers’ Pacemates to public officials like Congressman Mike Pence and Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard.

“What gets Indianapolis’ celebrity bellringing campaign apart is our small-town feel,” said Mike. “Our local celebrities love to interact with people. They’ll walk out into the street to talk to a donor and say ‘hi!’”

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Major Jeff Strickler, Twin Cities city commander, and Kool 108 deejay Sue Falls cheer on as Jeff Olsen received a $5,000 donation last year.

Sports analyst and former NBA player Quinn Buckner takes his turn at a kettle.

**Express tops $1 million**

Each year in early December, a wondrous sight crosses the eight states served by the KC Southern (KCS) Railway. The Holiday Express is a spectacularly decorated, six-car train featuring Santa’s sleigh, reindeer and a miniature village, a ginger-bread boxcar, the elves’ workshop, the reindeer’s stable and a little red caboose. The train makes scheduled stops in the eight states served by the KCS Railway. A wonderful sight crisscrosses each year in early December, sponsored by employees, vendors and friends.

The train makes scheduled stops in two dozen communities so families can tour the cars and visit Santa in the caboose. But more importantly at each stop, gift cards from the KCS Charitable Fund are given to The Salvation Army to provide warm clothing and other necessities for children in need. More than $1 million in gift cards has been donated to the Army over the past 11 years.

“Each year, thousands of families look forward to the arrival of the Holiday Express to their community during the Christmas season. It’s become a cherished holiday tradition,” said Major Charles Smith, divisional commander of the Kansas and Western Missouri Division. “Through the generosity of Kansas City Southern and its employees and supporters, each Christmas we’re able to provide warm winter clothing and other basic necessities to children in need in our community. We’re grateful to KC Southern for bringing the joy of Christmas to so many, for so long.”

The Holiday Express was created in 2001 by volunteers who spent more than 8,000 hours transforming the retired rail cars, complete with festive lights and music. The KCS Charitable Fund is supported by its employees, vendors and friends.

**Everyday Rock Stars**

A rock and roll sensation swept the Twin Cities this November as 108 “Rock Stars” [volunteers] rang at kettles for 10.8 hours with the goal of raising $108,000 on kettle kick-off day. Dubbed “Rock the Red Kettle,” this citywide bell ringing event was heard live on Kool108 radio as part of the kick-off to the Twin Cities Salvation Army’s Red Kettle Campaign.

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**Indiana news anchor Eric Halverson with Butler University’s bulldog mascot.**

It’s time to see.” Mike also attributes success to Hoosier generosity. “Hoosiers really want to help their neighbors in need. It’s part of the culture here.”
Employment Opportunities

Divisional Director of Development—Alaska Division, USA Western Territory. Community Relations and Development Department seeks Divisional Director of Development responsible for community relations, direct mail, donor relations, financial development, planned giving, grants and foundations, external affairs of professional and support staff. Minimum qualifications: bachelor’s degree in community relations, marketing, business administration or related field; three years executive level management experience in fundraising and development; seven years successful fundraising leadership; CFRE status in the Association of Fundraising Professionals or equivalent certification. Position requires documented ability in designing, implementing, managing fundraising activities, including direct mail, electronic campaigns, endowment and capital campaigns, strong analytical and problem-solving skills; excellent interpersonal skills; effective communication with a variety of audiences, divisional management, volunteers, donors, prospects, community groups and corporate contacts. Apply at www.salvationarmy.org/alaska. For more information: (907) 339-3436.

Art Director—National Publications Department, National Headquarters. Lead position providing art direction, standards development, staff supervision, coordination of internal/external resources and support to establish unified, compelling, creative design strategies and implementation across all print products and electronic platforms. Knowledge of Salvation Army mission/branding essential, as are best practices/techniques in art direction/production. Minimum requirements: bachelor’s degree in graphic design, fine arts, visual communication or related field; four-plus years in graphic arts design and management; working knowledge of Adobe Creative Suite and website software, html language, Macintosh platform. Free underground parking, lunches. Cover letter and resume to usn_recruit@usn.salvationarmy.org or fax (703) 302-6688.

International College for Officers Delegates

Newly accepted candidate

Michelle Walters
Niles, Mich., Corps Western Michigan/Northern Indiana Division

Though I was raised in The Salvation Army with officer parents, it wasn’t until I was 9 that I genuinely gave my heart to God. But as I grew up my mom and I clashed since we were so much alike and I was seeking independence. At age 18 I heard my calling to officership right after figuring out which college to attend. Being young and not ready to make a commitment to fulltime service, I went on to college and visited other churches. But I clashed since we were so much alike and I was ready to make a commitment to college and visited other churches. But I genuinely gave my heart to God. I grew up my mom and

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Ask Jesus to interpret His Word and speak to your heart.

Open yourself to the Spirit as He brings inspiration.

Hope is the overarching theme in Words of Life in 2013, with this edition looking at “Ambassadors of Hope.”

We see hope for God’s world in creation, Old Testament leaders giving hope for the Israelite nation and beyond, and how hope relates to holiness.

In the New Testament, leaders of the young Church are ambassadors of hope as they encourage others to spread the gospel. A series by guest writer Major Stephen Poxon addresses the subject of grace.

May we be ambassadors of hope who daily share God’s love and grace with a world in desperate need of Christ.

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Jumping for Joy

Sunbeams from the Eastern Michigan Division couldn’t be happier about earning their Commissioner’s Sunbeam awards earlier this year at Camp Echo Grove. They include (pictured from left): Jia Jean Clark, Livingston County; Jessica Alexander, Royal Oak; Alexis Thompson and Shelby Sanders, Mt. Clemens; Samantha Wiechert, Royal Oak; Gianna Jones, Madison Sanders and Trisha Clarlebois, Mt. Clemens.

According to Jerrie Miller, territorial character-building ministries director, corps across the territory are reaching out to youth in their communities through character-building programs, and the kids are the winners!

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If you follow the prayer calendar in the next year, you will have read through the Bible!
Raising up an Army in Hungary

As part of the Partner in Mission (PIM) initiative introduced by International Headquarters in 2003, the Heartland Division now partners with the Hungary and Austria regions.

Dr. Andrew G. Haraldsen were commissioned by the General during her visit to Denmark in May and they, along with their sons Daniel and Andreas, took up residence in Nuisk in August.

Operations started in 1929 but were suppressed by communists for 40 years until Christian churches were re-established in 1990. Even after the fall of communism, the political climate presented considerable challenges to church growth. Hundreds of churches opened after the fall and thousands of people were saved, but when these churches failed, people were disillusioned.

Despite this, officers work passionately toward expansion. In Debrecen, Corps Officers Captains Gyozo and Marika Csekiseek to reach out to the gypsy community. They are specifically focused on this ministry since they grew up in this community.

Today they regularly hold open-air meetings, which sometimes attract more than 100. After a tornado destroyed the homes of hundreds, Gyozo and Marika were some of the first on the scene to help. At a subsequent open-air meeting nearly everyone came forward to accept Christ.

In Budapest, Dobozi Corps Officers Captains Gilbert and Andrea Gazzo and Rakoscsaba Corps Officers Majors Bela and Eniko Vescey are working hard to meet the needs of the poor. At Doboni they regularly hand out food to homeless people at the train station and support the men’s shelter attached to the corps building.

Rakoscsaba is the largest corps in Hungary and holds a successful puppet ministry throughout the year. In a popular vacation Bible school each summer, the corps ministers to children.

The Gyorgyos Corps, under the direction of Captains Andreas and Roni Hegedus, is growing so quickly they applied for a grant to renovate their building. This summer they received news the funds were granted.

Although the Army in Hungary is small, God’s presence is big. “Worship services are beautiful and full of energy!” said Sarah Eddy, 2012 summer mission team member. “People are filled with the Spirit and sensitive to His leading.”

Spain and Portugal united

The Salvation Army work in Spain and Portugal undergoes a change in administrative structure, uniting the two countries as the Spain and Portugal Command, effective February 1, 2013.

Commissioner Robert Street, international secretary for Europe, explained, “The sharing of resources and personnel will enhance the capabilities available in both countries. The larger command will also give officers opportunities for a greater variety of appointments and the potential for gaining experience in different fields of service.”

The leaders of the Spain and Portugal Command will be Lt. Colonels Gordon and Susan Daly.

Promoted to Glory

Major David Logan

Major David Logan was promoted to Glory on September 21, 2012. He was 82.

David was born to Joseph and Josephine in Belvidere, Ill. He grew up in a Christian home and after high school joined the U.S. military.

Upon returning home David assisted his sister, Lt. Luliah Logan, at her corps, Evensville Lodge, Ind., where he met the love of his life, Cathryn Foster.

They were married in 1954 and were commissioned in 1959. The Logans served at corps in Indiana and Iowa and at the Kansas City, Mo., Adult Rehabilitation Center. They retired from the Ottumwa, Iowa, Corps in 1993.

David led by example, loved to talk about the Lord, and his greatest joy was his family.

David was preceded in death by his wife and daughter, Mary Jo. He is survived by his son, Sam, grand-daughter, Cathryn, a special caretaker and friend, Captain Donna Rose, and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Captain Gloria Meyer

Mrs. Captain Gloria Meyer was promoted to Glory on September 29, 2012. She was 85.

Gloria was born to Alva and Ruth Spangle in Leesville, Ind. She was actively involved at the Gary, Ind., Corps, in everything from band to outreach activities.

Gloria was commissioned as a probationary lieutenant in 1946, and served as assistant officer in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She left the work to marry Donald Meyer, who had previously also been an officer. They were reaccepted as officers in August 1947.

The Meyers served as corps officers across the territory from Kansas to Indiana to Michigan and at the emergency Lodge in Indianapolis, Ind., from which they retired as the directors.

Gloria is remembered for her kindness, sense of humor and contagious laugh.

She is survived by her husband, children Major Robert (Linda), Donald (Kimberly), Bruce (Linda), Major Timothy (Lori) and Joy (Sam) Scantlen; 15 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Major Verle Wilson

At 78, Major Verle Wilson was promoted to Glory on October 12, 2012, at his son’s home in Venieres, Ind.

Verle was born to Leo and Sarah Wilson in Kokomo, Ind. His life changed one decision Sunday when we gave his life to Christ at age 6.

At 22 Verle fell in love with Margaret Ann Tapley, and they were married in 1955. Their marriage was blessed with three children. Together they entered training as part of the “Soldiers of Christ’s Passion,” and were commissioned in 1962.

The majority of their officership was spent at corps in Indiana. Additionally they served at the Southfield Kresge Center and retired from Pontiac, Mich., in 1995.

Verle is remembered as a devoted pastor and wise teacher. He was preceded in death by his wife and is survived by his children Donald, Major Timothy (Kathy) and Patricia; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Major Raymond Tregellas

Major Raymond Tregellas was promoted to Glory in the early hours of Sunday, October 7, 2012, surrounded by his wife and family.

Born July 3, 1925, in the U.K. to Salvationist parents, Raymond entered the William Booth Memorial Training College in London in 1947 and was commissioned a probationary lieutenant a year later. He served in corps appointments before his marriage to Lt. Mary Ritchie on April 25, 1952.

After coming to the U.S. in 1964, they settled in Milwaukee, Wis., where Raymond worked for the Army. Reaccepted as officers in 1969, they held appointments in corps, service extension units and adult rehabilitation centers.

Retiring in 1990, they eventually moved to East Stroudsburg, Penn., where Raymond was active in the corps’ band and songsters and taught men’s Sunday school.

Raymond is survived by his wife, son Raymond [Julie], grandchildren Madalynne and Emma, and a sister in England.