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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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Singing companies up more than 50 percent

This season many corps around the territory are utilizing the Christmas musical, "The Light before Christmas," which was distributed free of charge by the territorial worship and gospel arts department as part of the emphasis on



Two comprehensive children's music collections with accompaniment 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."

singing companies in the territory, under the broader umbrella of Live Music in Worship in Every Corps by 2020.

Since the effort began in August 2011, singing companies are up by more than 50 percent, representing new groups formed and more participation in established ones. They now total 197.

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.



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



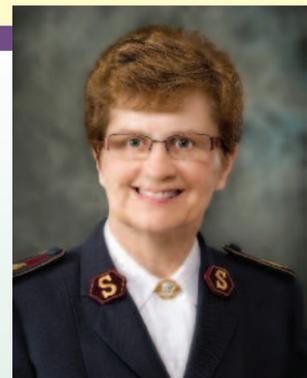
and the older man ran to embrace the boy. "You thought you were lost, didn't you? Well, I knew where you were all the time." No scolding of the boy for wandering off. No embarrassing lecture in front of strangers. No reprimand of any sort.

For so many people Christmas time only accentuates their sense of lostness—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 or meet 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 dotting grand-



father, saw where he was all the time and connected with him in a life-changing way. When criticized by the people because he was having a bite to eat with a "sinner" like

Zacchaeus, Jesus declared emphatically that he had come into the world to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10).

Zacchaeus changed from the scheming deceiver that he was to a generous, responsible citizen. Why? Not because he was publicly shamed, reprimanded or made to feel like an outsider, but because Jesus was on the lookout for him. He gave him a sense of dignity. He knew he could be different.

It is so important that we don't get carried away with nostalgia

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Christmas math

by Lt. Colonel Richard Amick
Territorial Secretary for Business Administration

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). Matthew 1:23, NIV.

It is another busy season for The Salvation Army, and how easily we can grow weary in "Doing the Most Good." The needs are many, resources limited, time insufficient. How can we make a difference?

Life was tough for Sue and her family. At 39, she had a heart attack and bypass surgery. A year later, her 15-year-old daughter, Ashley, was paralyzed as the result of a car accident. Sue quit her job to take care of Ashley. Bills piled up, and soon they'd face eviction. Sue was so angry with God that she

stopped praying.

Then came Christmas Eve. A young lady knocked on Sue's door, wished her a "Merry Christmas" and gave her an envelope. It contained a gift that would cover Sue's housing needs for the next year with a note that read, "Please accept this gift in honor of the Man whose birthday we celebrate on this holy night. Long ago, His family also had a shelter problem."

Jesus understood Sue's troubles. He brought her hope and met her needs through others. With all the



numbers we see at Christmas, none is greater than one: Immanuel. God with us is truly the power of One. I have shared on a number of occasions the following poem:

One song can spark a moment,
one flower can wake the dream.

One tree can start a forest, one
bird can herald spring.

One smile begins a friendship,
one handclasp lifts a soul.

One star can guide a ship at sea,
one word can frame the goal.

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 during 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.

Start 2013 right!

"Reflect," a one-year Bible study program that encourages 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 Commissioners 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



Captain Carol Lewis and Bob Jones review the "Reflect" study materials.

group leaders will appreciate the flexibility of the resources to introduce, build and maintain small groups and spiritually enrich participants."

According to Bob Jones, Resource Connection secretary, the free resources can be used with any Bible and are based on Tyndale's daily reading schedule from their best-selling *One Year Bible* and *One Year Study Bible*. The resources (for printing or email attachments) include an announcement and monthly posters, weekly reading guides, weekly discussion guides and a leader's guide.

To download resources, corps must sign up with Tyndale at: www.ReflectPs119.com



In response to the General's Worldwide Prayer Meeting (WWPM) initiative, Centralites have joined Salvationists in every time zone to encircle the globe with prayer this past year. A letter this fall from General Linda Bond reported people are now participating in 132 countries.

To mark the prayer initiative's one-year anniversary, an inspiring video has been created and may be viewed online (salvationarmy.org/thegeneral/wwpm) or together as a corps by DVD. The

General hopes this will be watched in every corps and center and that even more people will join this fellowship of prayer.

To encourage participation in the Central, divisions have utilized a wide range of means, from Facebook pages and email blasts to sermon series, special prayer rooms and even a balloon launch with each balloon

carrying a prayer request. Some locations have opened their chapels for early-morning prayer, while other groups have met in homes or coffee shops.

"When we pray for our brothers and sisters around the world, we demonstrate our love and concern for them and for the mission of our global Army," said Lt. Colonel Dorothy Smith, territorial ambassador for prayer. "We also pray for a different Army country each week. And they are praying for us. Won't we all be strengthened and blessed? Let's continue to serve others in prayer."

To receive a weekly prayer guide contact david_tooley@usc.salvationarmy.org.

A Christmas Embrace

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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 needed 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 frantically needing to be found. Well, 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.

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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 200 friends and realizes 100 donations that amounted 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.

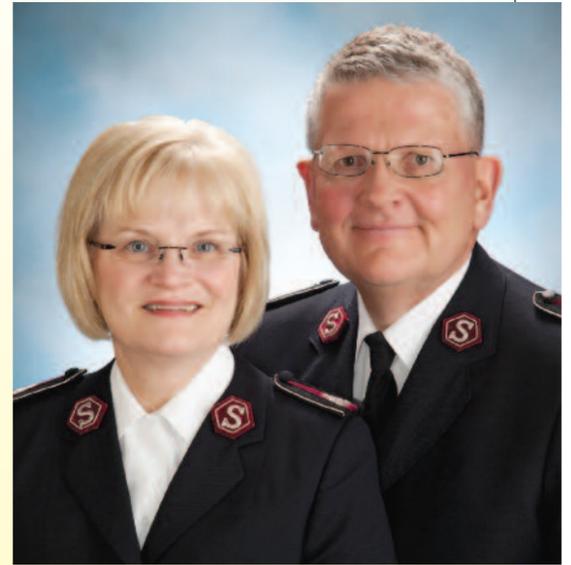


John and Patty Bailey (r) man the kettle with their friends Bob and Barbara Ross.

Swansons to lead the East

Centralites 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.

The new Chief of the Staff and World President of Women’s Ministries will be Commissioners Andre and Silvia Cox, who currently lead the United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland.



Omaha Kroc honored



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.

Being named non-profit of the year by Sarpy County recognizes excellent stewardship of resources and exceptional outcomes.

“This is a tremendous honor. We thank the Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce for the recognition and ongoing support of our mission to help community members discover their God-given talents and develop their abilities in a fun, family-friendly environment,” said Jonathan Kuebler, Kroc director of operations.

The AIA award for design recognizes the Kroc Center’s site integration, sophisticated interiors, and its simple and clean design. Jury com-

ments included, “We need more of this in our cities. Great program and facility for community only serves to make neighborhood better.”

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, gymnasium complex, assembly hall, fellowship hall, education center, learning center, outdoor sports field complex, festival plaza and commercial kitchen with a full-time executive chef.



University 2020



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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South Bend, IN 46637
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\$54 (single) & \$59 (double) per night |
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A very merry Salvation

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 'Sleig-hay' 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.



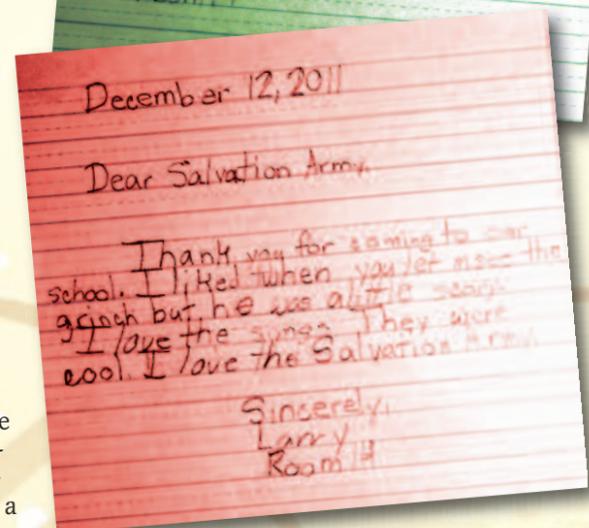
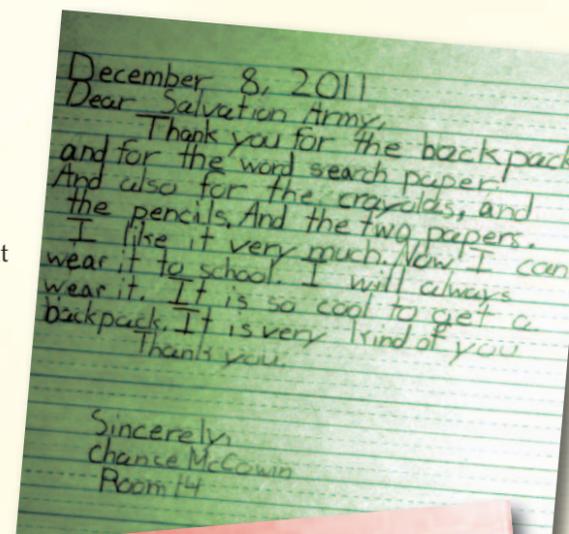
The Grinch goes to school

"Maybe Christmas...doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more!"—the Grinch

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 pessimist 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.

Army Christmas

Hoosier bell ringer?



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

Imagine for 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 news anchor and Salvation Army Advisory Board Member Eric Halvorson. 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 sets 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.'



Indiana news anchor Eric Halvorson with Butler University's bulldog mascot.

It's fun 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."

Express tops \$1 million



Each year in early December, a wondrous sight crisscrosses the eight states served by the KC Southern (KCS) Railway. The Holiday Express is a spectacularly decorated, six-car train featuring smiling tanker "Rudy," a flatcar carrying Santa's sleigh, reindeer and a miniature village, a ginger-bread box-car, the elves' workshop, the reindeers' stable and a little red caboose.

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 KOOL 108 radio as part of the kick-off to the Twin Cities Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign.

The 2011 kick-off centered on one volunteer at one kettle for 30 hours. This time organizers spread out the celebration. "We said, 'We're an Army; let's get an Army!'" reported Jeff Olsen, Northern divisional communications and marketing director. Because the national campaign is called "Rock the Red Kettle," and since the Twin Cities Salvation Army has a great relationship with KOOL 108 radio, a "rock" theme made sense. A concert held a day before added even more flavor to the event.

Each of the 108 kettle stations was manned by a single "Rock Star" who was responsible for all 10.8 hours of ringing. Some rang the whole time, and others organized teams of bell ringers. Since the goal for each kettle



was \$1,000, Rock Stars also did fundraising through an online version of their kettle before they picked up bells.

"The volunteers were from all walks of life," said Jeff. "From Lions Clubs to kids hockey teams, civic groups and businesses. We had incredible support."

A former newscaster in the Twin Cities, Jeff knows how to attract media attention. "We tried to make it impossible to overlook that the kettles are back in town!"



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

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 none of them felt like home, like The Salvation Army. I grew sad



because I knew I had not followed God and also grew angry over the loss of my best friend years earlier. God was faithful to me through it all, and when He sent me the calling again, I was ready. I'd learned I could trust Him. He won't let me down.

Michelle's corps officers are Majors

William and Tracey Walters. She has been interning at the Grand Rapids Fulton Heights, Mich., Corps with Majors Jim and Valerie McDowell.



USA CENTRAL

Candidates' weekend like GPS

by Cadet Brenna Logan

Candidates' weekend, a collaboration of the territorial candidates' department and the College for Officer Training (CFOT), provides awareness of cadet life for candidates but, more importantly, confirmation in their journey to officership. This fall people from across the territory gathered for this event to learn more about ministry and encourage each other.

It kicked off on Friday evening with a humorous skit, "New Lieutenant Commissioning Draft" by the Bill Booth Theater Company along with a few cadets. This exemplified the anticipation of a new lieutenant's first appointment, as well as a humorous glimpse into their 22 months at the CFOT. Then Major Cheri Hobbins, training principal, talked about the importance of deciding to follow Christ each day. Later that night officers, cadets and candidates shared a time of fellowship.

Saturday allowed candidates to experience campus life starting with morning worship and focused prayer led by Lt. Xavier Montenegro. He challenged the group using the example of Ezekiel who decided to obey



Cadet Carolina Yanez shares her testimony.

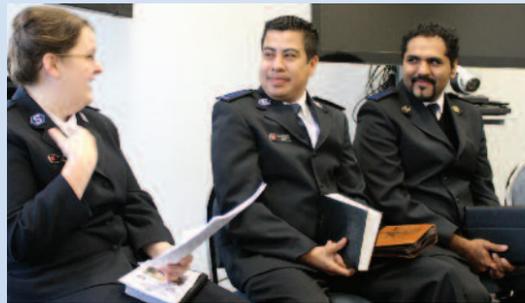
God's calling even though he felt inadequate and would endure hardships. Today, many of us might feel inadequate to complete the tasks God calls us to, but the message reminded us that God equips those He calls.



Delegates toured Chicago in teams during candidates' weekend.

Throughout the rest of our day, candidates were able to participate in doctrine, social services and comparative religion classes. On an off-campus tour, delegates worked as teams to navigate through "The Amazing Race" of Chicago. Once everyone arrived back at the CFOT, an insightful Question and Answer session, featuring a panel of cadets, rounded out the evening.

Sunday the weekend concluded with a time of worship, confirmation and commitment. It was exciting to meet those who are putting their trust in God and fully surrendering their plans to Him. Many have dedicated their lives to serve the Lord through officership. It is evident God is preparing future leaders for our territory.



Delegates and cadets joined together for Sunday school.

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; supervision 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,

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International College for Officers Delegates



Major Stephen Yoder

Session 216
January 9 - March 4



Major Gregory Thompson

Session 217
April 10 - June 3



Captain Alex Lim

Session 218
July 17 - September 9



Major Catherine Thielke

Session 219
October 16 - December 9

A leap of faith

Leaving behind successful careers in their late 40s to become auxiliary captains, Daniel and LaMae Ortman found even greater satisfaction focusing their fulltime efforts into helping others.

Daniel was an information technology manager for a large corporation and LaMae worked at Central Territorial Headquarters. After belonging to other denominations, they began attending the Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps after one of their three sons got involved in music there.

As they got more involved in corps ministry, Daniel remembers his turning point to pursue officership while assisting with Christmas distributions. After loading groceries and gifts into a woman's car, he said a perfunctory, "Merry Christmas." The woman turned to him and said, "Now I will. Thank you."

"It totally changed my perspective," said Daniel. LaMae's heart also was being prepared by God as her desire to help people grew.



"It was scary to make the big leap into fulltime Christian work," said LaMae, "But I grew as a person and met many great people over the years."

Drawing on their administrative skills—and emerging spiritual gifts for preaching, teaching and counseling—the Ortmans' first appointment as auxiliary captains was Belvidere, Ill., in 1996. Two more appointments followed in the Metropolitan Division (they became captains in 2001) before they moved on to lead corps in Wisconsin, Missouri, then Indiana. They retired from special services appointments at the Indiana Divisional Headquarters.

Words of Life

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Take time with the *Father* daily as you meditate upon His Word.

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

Open yourself to the *Spirit* as He brings inspiration.

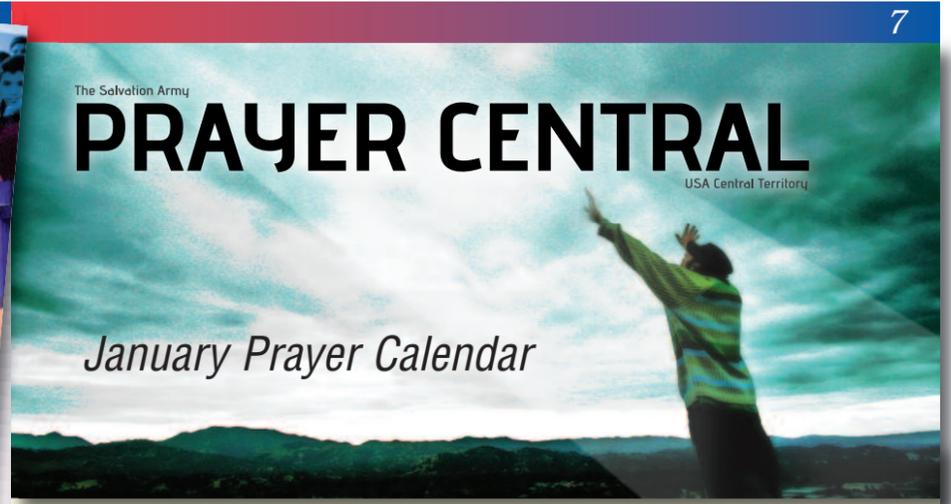
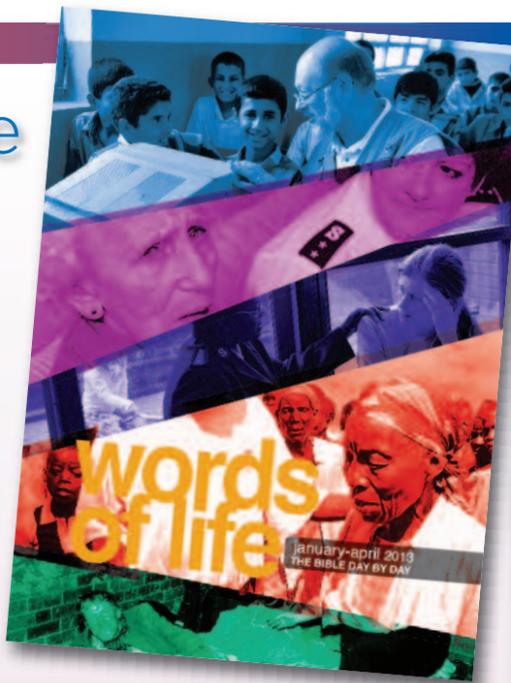
Hope is the overarching theme in *Words of Life* in 2013, with this edition looking at “Ambassadors of Hope.”

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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My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Tuesday	Genesis 1-3	Soldiers in 2013
	2 Wednesday	Joshua 1-5	Mankato, Minn., Corps
	3 Thursday	Psalms 1-2	Mitchell, S.D., Corps
	4 Friday	Job 1-2	LaPorte, Ind., Corps
	5 Saturday	Isaiah 1-6	Menasha Fox Cities, Wis., Corps
	6 Sunday	Matthew 1-2	Stewardship Sunday
	7 Monday	Romans 1-2	Captains Sergey & Tanya Katchanov (Canada)
	8 Tuesday	Genesis 4-7	Romulus, Mich., ARC*
	9 Wednesday	Joshua 6-10	Mt. Clemens, Mich., Corps
	10 Thursday	Psalms 3-5	Moline Heritage Temple, Ill., Corps
	11 Friday	Job 3-4	Logansport, Ind., Corps
	12 Saturday	Isaiah 7-11	Northern DHQ**
	13 Sunday	Matthew 3-4	Manhattan, Kan., Corps
	14 Monday	Romans 3-4	Elgin, Ill., Corps
	15 Tuesday	Genesis 8-11	Mattoon, Ill., Corps
	16 Wednesday	Joshua 11-15	Minneapolis Central, Minn., Corps
	17 Thursday	Psalms 6-8	Newton, Iowa, Corps
	18 Friday	Job 5-6	Ludington, Mich., Corps
	19 Saturday	Isaiah 12-17	Milwaukee Citadel, Wis., Corps
	20 Sunday	Matthew 5-7	Cultural Awareness Sunday
	21 Monday	Romans 5-6	Grand Rapids Kroc Center, Mich., Corps
	22 Tuesday	Genesis 12-15	India South Eastern Territory PIM
	23 Wednesday	Joshua 16-20	St. Louis, Mo., ARC
	24 Thursday	Psalms 9-11	Owosso Citadel, Mich., Corps
	25 Friday	Job 7-8	Muscatine, Iowa, Corps
	26 Saturday	Isaiah 18-22	Madison, Ind., Corps
	27 Sunday	Matthew 8-10	New souls for Christ this Decision Sunday
	28 Monday	Romans 7-8	Olathe, Kan., Corps
	29 Tuesday	Genesis 16-19	Evanston, Ill., Corps
	30 Wednesday	Joshua 21-24	O'Fallon, Mo., Corps
	31 Thursday	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

Jumping for Joy



Photo by Jill Johnson

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.

During this past program year, 51 girls in the Central Territory achieved this highest honor in sunbeams. To qualify for the Commissioner's Sunbeam award, a girl must be at least 8 years old or in the third grade; be an active sunbeam in good standing for at least one year; be recommended by her leader and corps officer; attend Sunday school or worship services regularly; complete required emblems; and participate in a Commissioner's Sunbeam award review.

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!

--Mustard Seeds--



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.

The Salvation Army in Hungary has four corps: two are located in the capital city of Budapest while two others are rural. In February the Army was granted legal recognition as a church by the parliament. This means they'll continue to enjoy privileges such as tax benefits and funding for social services.



Operations started in 1929 but were suppressed by communism 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 same churches failed, people were disillusioned.

Despite this, officers work passionately toward expansion. In Debrecen, Corps Officers Captains Gyozo and Marika Cseki seek to reach out to the gypsy community. They are specifically equipped for 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 Gabor and Andrea Gazso and Rakoscsaba Corps Officers

Majors Bela and Eniko Vescey are working hard to meet the needs of the poor. At Dobozi 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 school year and a popular vacation Bible school each summer. Last December General Linda Bond enrolled 18 soldiers at the Rakoscsaba Corps.

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

Though 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."



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. Lullah Logan, at her corps, Evansville 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, granddaughter, 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 6, 2012, at his son's home in Vincennes, 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" session, 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 1996.

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 (Judy), grandchildren Madalyne and Emma, and a sister in England.

International news

Work opens in Greenland

The Salvation Army's work in Greenland officially opened August 8, 2012, bringing the number of countries in which the Army officially operates to 125. Since Greenland is an autonomous country within the Kingdom of Denmark, the work will be under the supervision of the Denmark Territory.

Lts. Magnus and Petura Haraldsen were commissioned by the General during her visit to Denmark in May and they, along with their sons Dánial and Andrias, took up residence in Nuuk in August.



Spain and Portugal united

The Salvation Army work in Spain and Portugal will undergo 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.

Source: International news releases

