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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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Commissioner Linda Bond elected 19th General

Canadian-born Commissioner Linda Bond will be The Salvation Army's 19th General. She will be the third woman and the fourth Canadian to hold the post of General since The Salvation Army was founded 146 years ago.

Commissioner Bond, Australia

Eastern territorial commander, was elected by The High Council of The Salvation Army made up of senior leaders from around the world who met at the end of January in Sunbury-on-Thames near London. Commissioner Bond, 64, will succeed General Shaw Clifton, who retires at the beginning of April. She

comes to the role of General with 42 years of experience in Christian ministry and leadership.

Since 2008 Commissioner Bond has led the Army's work in Eastern Australia, a huge territory with headquarters in Sydney. This includes the recently devastated state of Queensland where The Salvation Army continues to be heavily involved in assisting survivors of widespread flooding.

Prior to this, the commissioner was stationed at International Headquarters (IHQ) in London as secretary for spiritual life development and international external relations. This was her second spell at IHQ where she had previously served as under secretary for personnel in the mid 1990s. She also has served in corps, and on staff of divisional and territorial headquarters and at the College for Officer Training in her home territory of Canada and Bermuda. During those years she also served as a divisional commander and subsequently as chief secretary in Canada and Bermuda. Other appointments have included divisional leadership roles in the Manchester region of the



United Kingdom between 1998 and 1999, and as territorial commander in the USA Western Territory.

The announcement of the new General of The Salvation Army was broadcast live on the worldwide web.

Speaking just after her election Commissioner Bond said, "I love the Lord Jesus Christ and pledge my utmost obedience to Him. I am absolutely committed to a life of praise and thanksgiving to God. We, The Salvation Army, need to be an Army of praise and thanksgiving to God, and we must place our trust in God. We need His Holy Spirit to come mightily on The Salvation Army."

"We know the General-elect to be a gifted communicator of the gospel of Jesus Christ. She has a willingness to try new things. She is easily approachable with a

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Photo by Paul Harmer

General-elect Commissioner Linda Bond salutes the world immediately following the public announcement of her election to be the 19th General.

New Harbor Light offers a safe haven

by Karen Floyd-Sanders

More than 160 people, including officers, staff, volunteers, community leaders and representatives from local organizations, attended the recent dedication of the Harbor Light in Monroe, Mich. Local veterans also were on hand to tour the new facility, which will be home to one of Harbor Light system's five developing veterans' transitional housing programs.

"The addition of this magnificent center of Christian service brings to four the number of harbor light campuses offering hope to hundreds of southeastern Michigan's disadvantaged whose lives have been ravaged by addiction, homelessness and des-

peration," said Lt. Colonel Norman S. Marshall, Eastern Michigan divisional commander.

The Monroe Harbor Light offers several substance abuse treatment options including detox and residential and outpatient treatment programs, including a deaf and hard of hearing substance abuse treatment program, the only one of its kind in Michigan. Additionally, the veterans' program will offer transitional housing for 30 eligible veterans, helping them achieve residential stability, increase skills and/or income, and obtain greater self-determination.

The new building allows for consolidation of services previously offered at three separate rented



spaces into one comprehensive service center better enabling a seamless continuum of care.

"Having all of our programs in one building will be a lot more convenient," said Renee Shaw, Monroe

Harbor Light administrator since 2000. "Our clients can literally walk down the hall to begin the next stage of their recovery, making the transition from a life of addiction to a life in recovery a lot easier."

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Making a difference in the journey

by Commissioner Carol Seiler
Territorial President of Women's Ministries

With World Services/Self-Denial ingathering approaching, I want to share just a brief thought from our visit to the India Central Territory and specifically to the Army's Evangeline Booth Hospital in the Bapatla village area. Considering how much we are able to share from our own resources, it helps sometimes to put into perspective what it means in another country where our dollars benefit others.

In the most basic terms, an infant and mother need food, shelter and warmth. For women and children

there is a start on a journey from dependency to independency. All around the world mothers have hopes and dreams for their children from their very birth. It is amazing to me how mothers, no matter what language they speak, understand what is part of the package when they pick up a newborn.

Imagine what that means in a setting where resources are scarce, where sanitation is almost non-existent, and where birth rates are much larger than in the U.S.

Imagine what those hopes and dreams look like under a single low-watt bulb, with monsoon rain filling portions of the floor, with a thin blanket for the baby, and difficulty in producing breast milk due to malnutrition.

Imagine what a salary of \$2 a day is in that situation. Yet, with a steady resource there is hope in the mother's eyes.

Imagine the soft skin of the newborn, without layette outfit, but with wiggling



limbs and small cries, as his or her journey begins.

Can we make a difference in the outcome of that journey? Can we connect with mothers and children understanding as partners in mission we share common bonds and facilitate life itself?

Watch for more on the India Central Territory in the March issue. For more on World Services now, turn to page 8.



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At the Monroe Harbor Light dedication (l to r): Lt. Colonels Norman S. and Diane Marshall, Eastern Michigan (EMI) divisional leaders; Jeff Sangster, chairman of Harbor Light Advisory Council; Chris LaBelle, general contractor; Major Edward Rowland, Detroit Harbor Light System director; Commissioner Ken Baillie; Scott Sherman, architect; Major Sandra Rowland, Detroit Harbor Light System pastoral care director; Geoff Gallinger, Metro Detroit Advisory Board chairman; Commissioner William H. Roberts, former Harbor Light officer; Major John Turner, EMI general secretary; Major John McDonald, former Harbor Light officer.

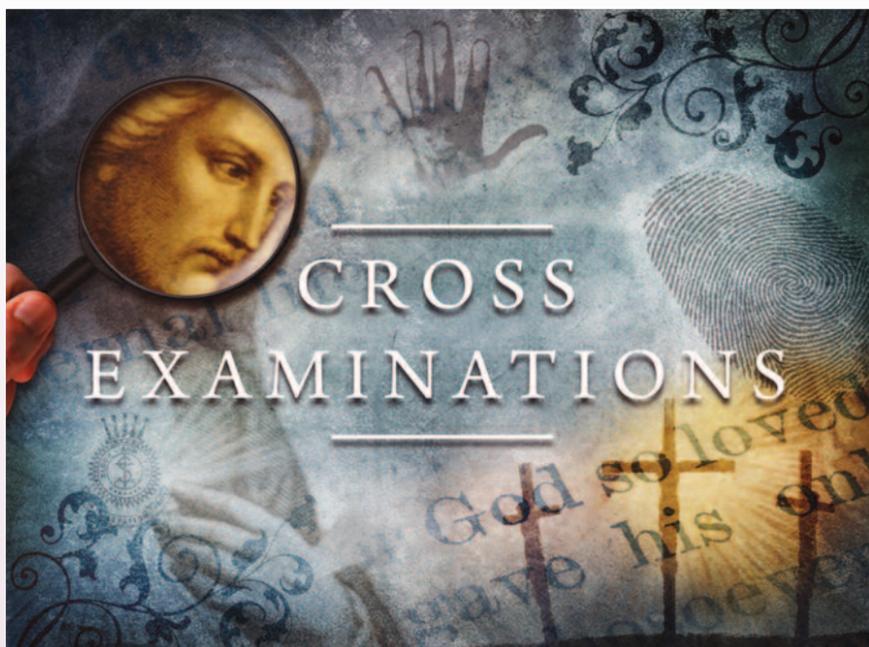
The harbor light occupies a former nursing home abandoned three years before its acquisition. Upon initial inspection, the building was in obvious disrepair and occupied by mischievous raccoons and stray cats. However, Colonel Marshall saw its potential and championed its acquisition and renovation. The total price, including purchase and renovation, was \$4.6 million, with \$397,289 in grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs aiding in the renovation.

Majors Ed and Sandra Rowland, director and pastoral care director of the Detroit Harbor Light System, played key roles in the dedication. Commissioner Ken Baillie, representing territorial headquarters, delivered the address before Colonel Marshall gave a dedicatory prayer. Remarks also were shared by Commissioner William H. Roberts, executive director of the Harbor Light system 1954-1962, and Frenchtown Township Supervisor James McDevitt and Monroe County Commissioner Floreine Mentel, both of whom helped bring the project to fruition.

Monroe Mayor Robert E. Clark and Chief of Police Thomas C. Moore were in attendance. Also showing support were Beth Baker of the Veterans Affairs Administration, Wayne Blank, director of Veterans

Inc., and Majors John and Jeanette McDonald who opened the Monroe Harbor Light more than three decades ago and led it from 1975-1989.

The building will be fully operational by the end of March 2011.



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Corps growth—no spectator sport

Humbly praising prior corps officers who'd led the Green Bay, Wis., Corps before her arrival in July 2010, Captain Katherine Clausell reports she's simply built on the groundwork they laid. In late fall, she enrolled 19 new soldiers (11 seniors and eight juniors) plus four adherents in the corps' first enrollment since 2008.

One of Katherine's first orders of business was starting a recruits' course after learning several attendees—some deeply involved in corps leadership—had never become soldiers or adherents. Almost 20 people signed up! Katherine noted some long-time attendees simply hadn't reached the point of readiness, adding several finally "let go" of issues holding them back from soldiership, like smoking or drinking alcohol.

A strong proponent of relationship building, Katherine used a particularly effective approach before classes began: individual pre-enrollment interviews to learn about people's lives, faith journeys, how they met the



Last fall Captain Katherine Clausell enrolled 19 soldiers and four adherents.

corps, and their passions and interests.

"This was a pivotal time for us. It was a nice way for people to meet me as their new corps officer and for me to get to know them," said Katherine, who early on also had surveyed the entire congregation to determine interests, talents and areas of giftedness.

"The Salvation Army is definitely not a place for spectators," Katherine continued. "There's an expectation that everyone find a service niche. The survey helped me match people with ministry needs, as well as identify and start grooming leadership potential."

Another result of Katherine's emphasis on relationship building is the bridging of more and more people into the corps through social and emergency services, a feeding program and the corps' highly popular youth outreaches, particularly for teens. In fact, the current recruits course, aiming for an

Easter enrollment, has several young people.

One new soldier, Calvin Farrell, came to the corps' feeding program homeless, jobless and new to the area. As Katherine got to know him, Calvin began attending the corps and people embraced him. The corps arranged temporary shelter for him, and when Calvin found a job, helped find permanent housing. Calvin eagerly

gives back as a volunteer to help "lift someone else up."



New adherent Harriet Schoenebeck signs her certificate.

New adherent Harriet Schoenebeck stopped short of soldiership only out of respect for her husband, who attends a Methodist church. A corps regular for 20 years, Harriet teaches Sunday school and is on the corps council. She also has a big heart for the community's underserved.



Heatwoles appointed Central chief secretary and secretary for women's ministries

Lt. Colonels Merle and Dawn Heatwole, who have been serving as secretary for business administration and territorial candidates' secretary, were recently appointed chief secretary and territorial secretary for women's ministries for the Central Territory.

They took up their new appointments on February 1, 2011, with the rank of colonel. They succeed Colonels Néstor R. and Rebecca Nüesch who retired on January 31, 2011.

"We are both humbled and honored to be given the opportunity to serve in these new roles," said



Colonel Merle Heatwole. "We are excited about the work that God is doing in this territory and look forward to working with the officers, soldiers, employees and friends of the Army as together we carry out God's mission."

Luau in the snow



On a snowy day with temperatures barely reaching 20 degrees, about 50 construction workers and others associated with the St. Joseph County, Ind., Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center happily enjoyed an outdoor pig roast lunch at the Kroc Center's construction site. Complete with beans, potatoes and, of course, hot coffee the Kroc Center's general contractor, Turner Construction Company, rewarded employees for 26,000 hours of labor without safety issues with this special event.

"The progress toward a new Kroc Center in South Bend reached a strategic milestone we are all very proud of today," said Major Bob Webster, senior Kroc Center officer. "It demonstrates a total team effort to cautiously meet the demands of construction while staying on task. God bless the men and women who are making this a world-class facility!"

The Kroc Center, which is projected to open in November, sits on more than 11 acres and will feature an aquatic center, climbing wall, teen center with recording studio, community garden and sports field.

Assured in the calling



My greatest joy is in the team ministry," said Lieutenant David Martinez about his officership. David loves working alongside his wife, Shannon, and takes his commitment to The Salvation Army in the same vein of seriousness as he takes his marriage vows.

He explained, "Our goal is until death do us part. It's the same with our call to officership; it's a lifelong calling for us and nothing can dissuade us from that."

It's a commitment they fulfill together, a balancing act between

two unique sets of abilities combined to accomplish the Lord's work. "Shannon has her set of talents and abilities; they complement mine and vice versa," said David. "Together we cover all the necessities of officership."

David and Shannon, who met in college, started their officership journey even before attending training. David was asked to be in charge of a corps in Indianapolis. What was supposed to be three months turned into a year and a half. Then, without children or



debt, they felt it was their "responsibility" to work overseas for a year. They served on a summer mission team and then headed to the Republic of Georgia to finish up their year commitment.

Their plan was to return to teaching for Shannon and soldier development for David, but God had a different plan. "While in Georgia we were called to officership," reported David.

After commissioning the Martinezes were appointed to the Omaha South Side, Neb., Corps. Their job was to assist the corps in the transition to the Omaha Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center. "It was surprising to me how comfortable we were in spite of being so far from our families," said David. One of the highlights of this appointment was a transition Sunday, when their soldiers marched from the



David and Shannon are pictured with their two sons Elijah, four, and Samuel, two.

South Side Corps to the new Omaha, Neb., Kroc Corps Community Center.

Currently David and Shannon are corps officers at the Des Plaines, Ill., Corps, where they have the privilege and challenge of leading a congregation composed of Spanish, English and Russian speakers.

David finds particular joy in the journey when making disciples of his congregation. "My personal passion is discipleship," he said. Not surprisingly soldiership—as it goes hand in hand with discipleship—provides one of his favorite mediums for encouraging growth in the lives of his congregation and friends.

"I love being a Salvationist so much that I want everyone to experience that privilege," he said. "I covet the opportunity to help those who are 'called' to soldiership get there."



David (far left) led a team from the Western Division to serve overseas in El Salvador.

All for One

Lts. David and Shannon Martinez are on a mission. Appointed last year to the Des Plaines, Ill., Corps, they found themselves in charge of a multicultural corps with three distinct congregations separated by languages and traditions: Spanish-speaking Hispanics, Russian-speaking Eastern Europeans and English speakers.

After an initial six months of prayer and observation, David and Shannon realized the relatively young corps (founded in the mid '90s) needed to define itself and identify its specific purpose.

"Our vision is to get the corps soundly on the path of what God needs it to be for His Kingdom," said David. "Everything's on the table [for discussion]; the only thing we won't concede on is it must be one corps."

Being assigned to the Des Plaines Corps made sense to the couple. Although not yet fluent in Spanish, David's cultural heritage is Hispanic, and both served as reinforcement soldiers in the Republic of Georgia.



"We have a context for each congregation, which includes Russian-speaking Messianic Jews," said David. All three congregations are spiritually healthy with strong local leadership and are producing senior and junior soldiers. Last fall, three more senior soldiers were added to the ranks of the Russian-speaking congregation (see One for all).

"We're in the process of identifying what's 'corps' and 'congregational,'" David continued. "We have one corps sergeant-major but three missionary sergeants; one corps council but three worship committees. Women's ministries are separate, but language isn't a barrier in our united youth activities."

When David learned of their appointment to Des Plaines, he was drawn to Ecclesiastes 4:12—"A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

"Once united, our corps' three congregations will not quickly be broken," said David, who asked Corps Sergeant-Major Ken Romin, a graphic designer, to create a logo with the verse in mind. Three colors repre-



senting the three congregations surround a common purpose: salvation.

An easy first step for uniting the congregations was a monthly



potluck already being held by the Hispanic congregation. The next step was scheduling bi-monthly Sunday evening united meetings covering all three languages and worship styles.

"We also decided all future soldier enrollments will take place at these united meetings. The corps will celebrate together," David concluded.

One for all

Last fall three people, all part of the Russian-speaking congregation of the Des Plaines, Ill., Corps, were enrolled as senior soldiers. Gregory Rudminsky was introduced to the corps through a leader of the Russian-speaking congregation, Glen Tagansky, while Helen Dishunts and Tonya Shell came to the corps through the ministry of Sergey Katchanov, a former Russian military officer, who went on to become a Salvation Army officer with his wife, Tanya. The Katchanovs currently serve as corps officers in the Ukraine.

A talented pianist, Helen was inspired to become a soldier this past year in part because of the witness of humility she observed among officers and other corps leadership.

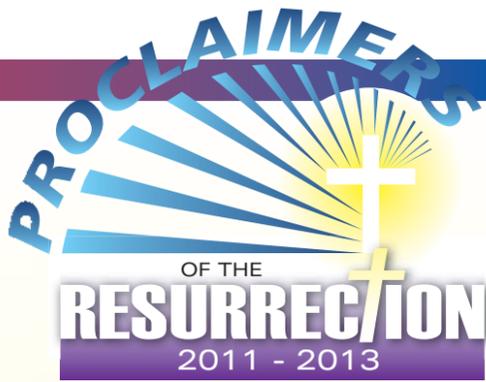
Tonya, a Messianic Jew converted in a Pentecostal church in the Ukraine, decided to

become a soldier so she can serve more effectively in her corps ministries, which includes being a worship leader.

"I really liked the friendly, caring and spiritual atmosphere," said Gregory. Depressed and drinking after losing his wife to cancer in 1999, Gregory came to Christ in 2004. Now happily remarried, Gregory decided to become a soldier after last year's congress when he saw all the amazing programs and services provided by The Salvation Army around the world.



Newest accepted candidate



1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Rachel Aren

Grand Rapids Fulton Heights, Mich., Corps
Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Division

Rachel Aren is the newest accepted candidate to the College for Officer Training. She is finishing college and working in the Ministry Discovery Program. She has had the wonderful opportunity of serving on four summer mission teams as a team member, leader and an intern. These experiences have given her an



expanded view of Salvation Army ministry around the world and have been the conduit for her call to officership.

She said, "Not only have these experiences changed me, but collectively they've confirmed, challenged, then reconfirmed my individual call to serve the Lord as an officer."

Rachel has a passion for ministry and wants to see others come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Rachel's corps officers are Majors Dan and Laura Leisher.



Discovering ministry

The Central Territory's Ministry Discovery Program is designed to give individuals a behind-the-scenes look at what the work of an officer is on a day-to-day basis.

They participate in a wide range of work like picking up people for meetings, coordinating kettles, providing social services, planning and leading meetings, preparing budgets, working with advisory boards and corps councils, holding youth activities and even accompanying them to camp.

There are currently 16 participants in the program, 10 of whom are new to the Army (three years or less). And there's a waiting list! We have also begun a new program with City Vision College to place three individuals in Salvation Army Corps throughout the

territory who will intern while taking on line courses from City Vision.

Christians, 18 or older, who are interested in officership may explore it through this program, making at least a one-year commitment and not exceeding two years in this employment.

The program is managed by the territorial candidates' secretary.

This program has been helpful to recruiting and giving individuals an opportunity to learn about The Salvation Army firsthand. Presently there are nine individuals at the College for Officer Training who worked in the Ministry Discovery Program. They had the opportunity to see officership up close and behind the scenes, better preparing them for ministry.

Headed to Japan



Chris spoke at a Japan territorial "Commitment Seminar" for youth.

Flood crisis in Australia

Salvation Army emergency services personnel from the Australia Eastern Territory worked 'round-the-clock for days to help tens of thousands of people impacted by an unprecedented flood crisis last month in central and south-east Queensland. Dozens of cities were affected. A number of rivers burst their banks, inundating town centers and leaving many smaller communities cut off. The floods encompassed an area larger than the combined size of France and Germany.



Salvation Army Flying Padre Envoy Simon Steele (in blue) delivers emergency supplies to a flood isolated property owner.

personnel. The Salvation Army fed more than a combined 1,000 stranded travelers in Warwick and Gin Gin after roads were cut off and rail service was affected by floodwaters.

The relief effort was assisted by the Salvation Army Flying Padre helicopter service through the transportation of supplies to stricken communities over the vast area impacted. The newly commissioned helicopter also was used to rescue people who were dangerously trapped.

The relief effort has continued well into this new year.

*From an International News Release

"The level of rainfall has been phenomenal," said Central and North Queensland Divisional Commander Major Rodney Walters.

In Rockhampton The Salvation Army fed more than 1,200 people at three evacuation centers. Further west in Emerald more than 1,400 people were provided with meals by Salvation Army emergency services



Photograph by Shaaron Paterson courtesy Pipeline

This month Captain Chris Marques left the Ishpeming, Mich., Corps to serve as the assistant territorial youth secretary in Tokyo, Japan. In a country where Christians comprise only one half of one percent of the population, he has his work cut out for him. But Chris is up for the challenge.

His love for people in Asian cultures began in high school when members of his class participated in an exchange program with a Japanese sister city. He began to learn from the students and a teacher who came to assist in his English class.

Seven years ago Chris began to teach himself Japanese. This extremely complicated language of over 2,000 symbols is difficult to master, but Chris has persevered in learning 400 so far and can speak conversationally.

Chris' first trip to Japan was in the summer of 2004 during a break from training. "It was the worst jetlag I've ever experienced, but a great visit with a friend and his family," said Chris. "Even back home, I kept meeting Japanese people and learning from them." He went a second time on furlough from Beloit, Wis., in 2006. On this trip he had the opportunity to speak at a youth seminar and meet Japanese members from his

session "Preparers of the Way."

Through these experiences the Lord began speaking to Chris' heart. "The Japanese are materially affluent but spiritually starved," Chris said. "There is a void in the people's hearts that I feel burdened for, especially since they don't have a rich history or large presence of Christianity."

Although a daunting transition from small town America (Ishpeming's population is 6,600) to the sprawling metropolis of Tokyo with 13 million people, Chris is looking forward to digging deep as an officer in Japan. In particular he's excited to meet new people, reunite with others, serve God's flock in a different context and put his desire to share the love of Jesus in Asia to work.



During a 2006 visit to Japan, Chris met then Japan Territorial Commander Commissioner Nozomi Harita.

Youth united in prayer,

Walk into a Metropolitan divisional Prayer & Praise Night, and you'll be amazed by the nearly 200 teens and young adults with their arms outstretched and voices raised in worship.

The three-hour, high-energy gathering of youth throughout the division is traditional in structure but takes a youthful, upbeat approach to corporate worship. The music is louder, the Christian songs are harder and you'll rarely—if ever—find someone in uniform.

Nate Irvine, Metropolitan divisional director of youth evangelism and discipleship, leads and organizes the service which meets one Friday night per month. Every teenager and young adult in the division is invited to join in on this time of worship.

"This initiative proves that the Army is able to think outside the box for youth ministry," Nate said. "It's a program that works—isn't even required—and yet the youth are on board, not only with the meeting, but with the Army mission."

Not only is Prayer & Praise Night popular, it's growing. Four years after it started it averages 200 people, representing nearly 15 corps each month.

"Our young people love going to Prayer & Praise Night," reported Major Darlene Harvey, Chicago Kroc Center officer for congregational life and program development.

"They're exposed to a larger picture of the Army and love to see the friends they've made at camp and in the division."

The youth enter into fellowship and accountability with a time of testimonies. They're invited to stand up and share what God has been doing in their lives.

"It's incredible, the vulnerability these kids have with each other," said Nate. "The stories serve as a window into the ways God is working in their lives."

Audrey Hickman, now a

junior studying elementary education at Moody Bible Institute, is one of many who have been impacted by testimony time.

Audrey started attending Prayer &

Praise Night in high school when her Christian friends and faith were critical to her faith. She recalls a girl who shared about her personal devotional time.

"It had always been hard for me to find quiet time with the Lord," said Audrey. "After hearing one testimony from a girl similar to me, I changed my mind about it. I took what she'd learned and applied it to my life." Today Audrey wants to minister through teaching to children in third-world countries.

A newer addition to the worship service is the "justice minute" led by Andres Villatoro. During this time Andres highlights a social justice issue and provides suggestions on how youth can make a difference.

Topics have ranged from human trafficking to inner-city violence.

One of the most anticipated aspects of the night is the powerful and effective worship led by the Prayer & Praise Night band. Musicians Caleb Allan, Drew Creal, Kirsten Gorton, Maries Hood, Zane Koehler and Jon Moe each add his or her talent, unique experience and hard work to the group. Nate, too, contributes on the acoustic guitar, and Larry Hood handles the sound. Not only do they bring the youth into a time of connection with God, but they serve as role models for the teens on how teamwork, practice and serving Jesus pays off.

Today Drew Creal leads the band, succeeding Jonathan Taube. Jonathan recently accepted a position as worship and young adult ministries coordinator for the Grand Rapids, Mich., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center. It was a wonderful opportunity for Jonathan who has been leading worship since his teenage years.



praise and purpose



Jonathan's life has been blessed by Prayer & Praise Night. Growing up in a small corps in Wisconsin, he hadn't benefitted from fellowship with many Salvationists his age. The Metropolitan Prayer & Praise Night opened his eyes to another side of the Army.

"I could see this incredible bond between people in the division," he said. "That's what I've come to love about the Army; it's not about one corps, one officer or one service unit, it's a worldwide effort of people who love the Lord and want to praise Him in radical ways."

"I was blessed by Prayer & Praise Night beyond being a worship leader; I was someone who was taught, encouraged and instructed too," said Jonathan. He also credits his time leading praise and worship as a substantial building block for his career in music ministry.

Nate often gives the message after the praise. "My passion is to preach and teach," he said. After

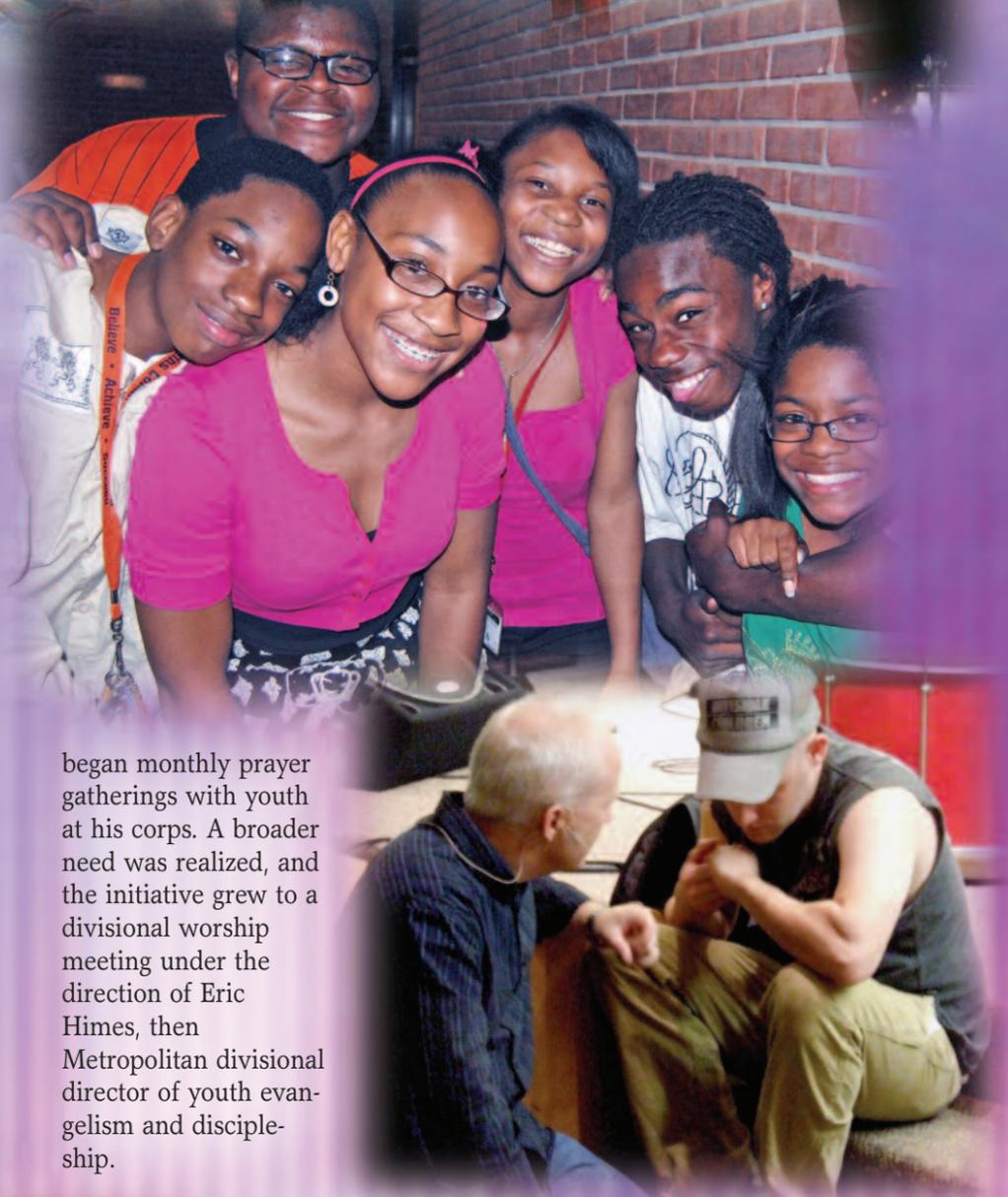
the message there's an altar call. "Our response time is incredible," reported Nate. Usually 20 to 30 young people come forward to kneel and pray with each other at the altar.

Afterwards, snacks are provided by the host corps. Kirsten Aho, now a cadet in her first year of training, really appreciates this time of fellowship and connecting with friends.

"I like to see all of my friends, meet new people and learn what's going on in people's lives," said Kirsten. "Last time I was there I prayed with the row of girls sitting in front of me. That's the kind of stuff I like to do, pray with people and connect."

For some of the young people, fellowship time doesn't end until nearly 11:00 p.m.!

The foundation for Prayer & Praise Night formed in 2004 when Envoy Josh Polanco, now in charge of the Blue Island, Ill., Corps with his wife, Jennifer,



began monthly prayer gatherings with youth at his corps. A broader need was realized, and the initiative grew to a divisional worship meeting under the direction of Eric Himes, then Metropolitan divisional director of youth evangelism and discipleship.

The program fosters unity across the division between corps, youth and leadership. "There is absolutely no way a Prayer & Praise Night could exist in a silo by itself," said Captain Enrique Azuaje, Metropolitan divisional youth secretary. "We need the corps officers to support the initiative and bring kids from all over the division."

Drawn to this upbeat and relevant expression of faith, youth find community, connectedness and accountability, with other young Salvationists. They stay in touch throughout the month by Facebook, Twitter, email and phone and are instilled with values such as service, outreach, evangelism and discipleship.

"I'm always blessed to see spiritual growth and youth who are in love with the Lord," said Nate. "These kids aren't just playing around; they're serious about their faith."



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The global Salvation Army is divided into five zones. Here are just some of the projects you've supported in each.

Africa Zone

Zimbabwe Territory Vehicle Purchase

A vehicle was purchased for use by the territorial commander so she could safely navigate rough roads while performing her duties. Commissioner Amos Makina, international secretary for Africa, presents the keys to Commissioner Vinece Chigariro at the dedication.



Ghana Territory Corps Construction

Funds were received to complete the construction of the Asokore Corps building after a visit from Eastern Michigan personnel (a foundation had been built in the center of town years ago). The completed corps seats up to 2,000 people and has attracted many newcomers.



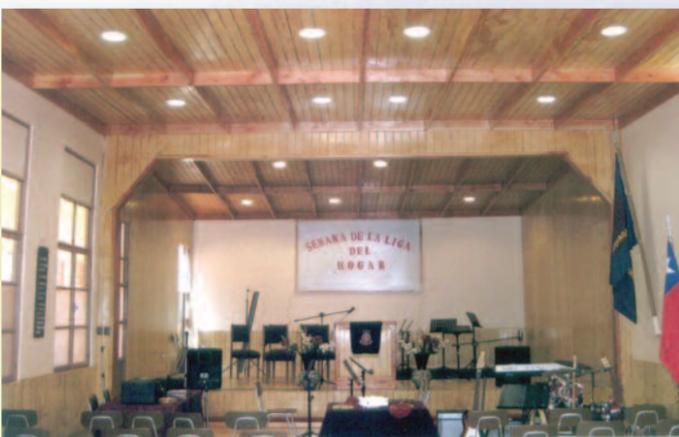
Americas and Caribbean Zone

South America East Territory College for Officer Training

A dormitory was remodeled into more apartments for families. Connecting bedroom doors allow reconfiguration for changing needs. The remodeling allowed six more cadets to be accepted, for a total of 20. A 12-passenger van also was purchased for the college.

South America West Territory Corps Repairs, Truck Purchase

The Antofagasta Corps in Chile received a new roof, windows, entrance, ceiling and interior lighting for its 95th birthday! Additionally, a small truck was purchased for the territory.



Europe Zone

Portugal Command Headquarters purchased

An existing building was purchased to serve as command headquarters in Lisbon. The new location provides excellent visibility for the Army; the former headquarters was obscure and had poor working conditions.

Eastern Europe Territory Corps Worship/Outreach

The purchase of wireless microphones and guitars has enhanced worship and outreach for the Kirovograd Corps in the Ukraine. More youth were enabled to join a music group that performs at open airs and evangelical concerts.



South Asia Zone

India Eastern Territory Moreh Corps Compound Walls

Seven motorbikes were purchased for corps officers who are responsible for extending the Army's work within in the Andhra Pradesh region.



South Pacific and East Asia Zone

Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar Territory Corps Renovations

The Kuching Corps in Malaysia needed a complete renovation and refurbishing to accommodate corps worship and activities. The now eye-catching building has raised the corps' profile in town and growth is taking place, the territory reports.



Metro Park: mission possible

by Carlos G. Moran

Off we went to Argentina, the land of the tango and *mate*, where they use the second person singular vos instead of *tú*, where it's practically a national holiday when *Boca Juniors* plays *River Plate* in *fútbol*, and where The Salvation Army is vibrant and growing.

Our group of Metropolitan

Divisional Headquarters (DHQ) employees was privileged to serve for two weeks alongside our *gaucho* brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our team stayed at the Training College in Buenos Aires which this session had a record 18 cadets! This blessing comes with many new challenges for Training Principal Major Estela Nicolasa like how to better serve the 12 children now living at the school.

This was the need Captain William DeJesus identified when Major Loren Carter, Metropolitan divisional secretary for business, explained the division's interest in sending a team of four employees (Alex Lee, Sylvia Duncan, Deborah Terrell, myself) and Majors Loren and Janice Carter.

Our plan was to remodel the child-care area and

build a new playground. It was possible due to the generosity of the DHQ employees who collected money through fundraisers to purchase the materials.

I never imagined how long it takes to remove wall paper or how much energy sanding a floor requires. I had no idea how long it takes to put down 50 square meters of rubber flooring for a playground or to manually paint a building. But it wasn't by might or power but by His Spirit we were able to finish the projects!

On our last day we were privileged to welcome Colonel Susan McMillan, South America East territorial commander. After a delicious cookout, we dedicated "Metro Park."



Surprise and delight shone on the children's faces.

I'm grateful for the privilege of living with the cadets and their families during those two weeks. We learned of the sacrifice and faith it takes to answer the call to officership. Their hope and reliance in the Lord is a great witness.



Booth mania

To raise money and awareness of missions, the Kansas City Bellefontaine, Mo., Corps held a Sunday morning fundraiser in which booths were set up throughout the corps with information on countries in need. Corps goers spent five to 10 minutes at each station learning about Ghana, Georgia, Moldova, Kenya and South Africa.



Dedicated volunteers,

like Kristin Caddy from the territorial world missions bureau, provided country history, photographs, artifacts and information on Salvation Army work for the country they represented. After an offering was taken, a special lunch was provided with recipes from South Africa, Georgia and Kenya.

In combination with a spaghetti dinner benefit later that week, the corps raised just over \$900 for World Services/Self Denial!



Dusting for World Services!

A silent auction of creative services and hand-crafted items raised almost \$500 for World Services/Self-Denial at the Des Moines Citadel, Iowa, Corps. One of the highest bids

(\$100) was received for housecleaning by Lt. Janelle Cleaveland, associate corps officer!

Bid sheets for each service or item were posted prominently in the corps. People soon caught onto the fun and excitement of trying to outbid each other. Some were so eager to win they even phoned in updated bids before the auction closed!

Other auction items included a piano lesson from Corps Officer Major Mary Corliss, lawn mowing and snow blowing by a corps member, a thrift-store "shopping lesson" by the corps' secretary, house painting by Janelle and a team of corps members, plus a hand-made blanket, two paintings and a drawing created by soldiers, two hand-painted ceramic pieces and a large "goodies" basket.



Kiss the pig

by Lt. Kristina Sjogren

Last fall the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Corps family outreach committee organized a competition to challenge the congregation to get more involved in supporting World Services / Self-Denial. The corps took a silent survey to nominate three members they'd like to see kiss a pig.

For six weeks corps members could vote for the individual they would like to see kiss the pig by depositing money into a counter kettle displaying that person's picture. The one containing the most money determined which person would have to kiss the pig!

At a family picnic after the Sunday holiness meeting it was revealed that Lt. Michael Sjogren—the winner—had to kiss the pig. Through this fun and memorable effort, the corps raised \$275!



Beyond beneficiaries



Pictured (l-r) are new soldiers and adherents Renada Tate, Angela Mathis, Kathy McKinstry and Justine Buchanan White of the Southeast, Mich., ARC.

Late fall brought three exciting events rolled into one Sunday morning at the Southeast, Mich., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC): a visit from territorial leaders Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seiler, the enrollment of women who worship at the center and recognition of soldiers who completed a discipleship course.

Angela Mathis and Justine Buchanan White became the two newest soldiers at the ARC, while Kathy McKinstry and Renada Tate were enrolled as adherents. All four live in the neighborhood surrounding the center and have been attending worship services at the ARC for about a year.

One of the women used to attend the Detroit Harbor Light; the others were attracted by a simple sandwich board outside the center advertising its Sunday morning services. One woman had been totally unchurched until she was invited to the center by a friend, reported Envoy Merle Miller, ARC administrator with his wife, Cheryl.

And, recognized for completing a discipleship course at the ARC were soldiers Shay Harris, Lionnel Simmons, Belinda Wells, Brenda Thompson and David Carrier.

Although more than 730 people

attended this special worship service, normal Sunday attendance at the center averages 600!

"We've been told we're the largest congregation in the territory," said Merle. Beneficiaries and family members, program graduates and their families, local residents and several homeless people attend Sunday school and worship services at the center.

Commissioner Paul Seiler presented a moving message titled, "Do you want to get well?" based on the incident of Christ at the Bethesda pool in John 5.

"These men have been sick for so long," Merle continued. "They need to get well. And, the only way they can get well is by meeting Jesus Christ." He reported the commissioner's message was very well received.

"Typically our men aren't 'rushers'; they don't rush to the front," Merle observed. "But it was exciting to see that of the 60 or so people who responded to the altar call, more than half were wives and teens." (Children attended junior church.)

Afterwards ARC soldiers, adherents and their families dined with the territorial leaders.



ARC alumni celebrate!

In celebration of the life-changing work of God through the programs and services of the Chicago Northside Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC), Alumni Sundays are held twice a year in the fall and spring. Many program graduates return as volunteers throughout the year to teach classes and provide support to beneficiaries at the center, reported Major Larry Manzella, ARC administrator with his wife, Jean.

Last fall's gathering attracted more than 200 alumni and their families plus former ARC employees. They weren't only there to celebrate God's power to free people from substance abuse; another cause for rejoicing was the enrollment of five senior soldiers and two adherents!

Performing the enrollments was special guest speaker Lt. Colonel Jeffrey Smith, territorial secretary for personnel. The overflow crowd clapped and stood to their feet as he spoke on what it means to be a Salvation Army soldier.

"The men being enrolled had these great smiles throughout the ceremony," said the major. "They were dressed for the first time in their white shirts and ties plus blue soldiers' trim. You could just sense how proud they were to be enrolled. For many in this group it was the first time they'd ever had a sense of achievement and purpose."



New soldier August said, "I can't believe the changes God has brought about in my life. I came into the center with no purpose. When I opened my heart to Jesus, He changed everything. I've been given a fresh chance to start my life over again."

And new soldier Joel shared, "I now have a better understanding of my calling: serving Jesus Christ with all my heart and leading others into new life through Him. God willing, one day I'd like to be a Salvation Army officer."

The other new soldiers are Eli, Steven and Anthony. New adherents are Donald and Patrick.

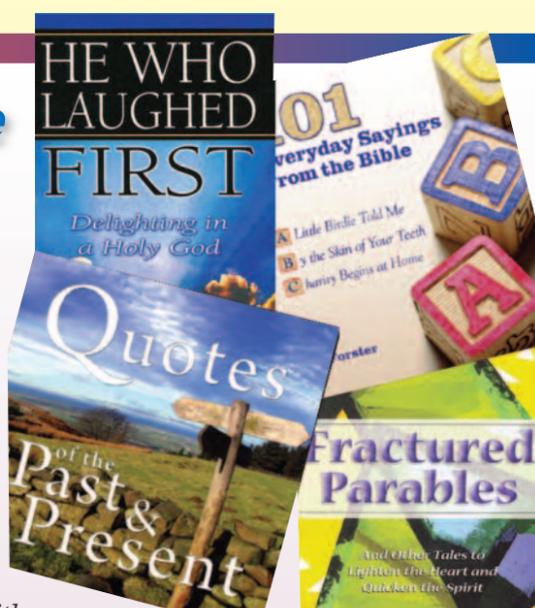
Rev. Milton Johnson, ARC advisory council member, and Pastor Jerome Jackson, ARC program director, also spoke. The morning's messages formed a powerful exhortation of hope, change and responsibility, ensuring no one present departed like they came. Almost 70 people responded to the gospel invitation, including 10 family members.



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Last month Resource Connection became the global retailer of The Salvation Army's Crest Books and Word & Deed publications. Crest Books are published by National Headquarters and include such titles as *Sanctified Sanity* by Dr. R. David Rightmire, *Man with a Mission* by Colonel Henry Garipey and *Who Are These Salvationists* by General Shaw Clifton. *Word & Deed*, a journal of Salvation Army theology and ministry, is available in both hard copy and download form.

Resource Connection was chosen as the global retailer because of its international website presence and distribution channels. While helping to maintain its national website (shop.salvationarmy.org), with



over 2,500 Salvation Army products and resources, Resource Connection feels with the addition of the Crest Book distribution, they can provide an even greater service to the public and soldiers around the world by getting these ministry-filled resources into their hands.

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Dearborn Heights rocks



The Dearborn Heights Citadel, Mich., Corps celebrated its 90th Anniversary Thanksgiving Concert this past November. Colonels Néstor R. and Rebecca A. Nüesch were special guests for the weekend which included an alumni dinner, Sunday celebration service, luncheon and the concert. More than 300 people enjoyed the concert featuring traditional brass band coupled with the contemporary sounds of musical guests *transMission*. Dearborn Heights Citadel is led by Captains Caleb and Stephanie Senn; the band is led by Tom Hanton.

Power of praying people

Charged to help organize and encourage prayer efforts in their respective divisions and commands, prayer point persons are valuable assets for corps and institutions, says Lt. Colonel Dorothy Smith, territorial ambassador for prayer.



Adult Rehabilitation Centers
Major Judy McPherson

"Prayer can change lives and circumstances like nothing else...it's our lifeline to Him."

College for Officer Training
Captain Yvette DeGeorge



"It's a privilege and sacred responsibility [to] model faith and prayer structures, such as praying through scripture."



Eastern Michigan Division
Major Vicki Steinsland

"Headquarters and several corps have set aside space for prayer rooms or corners."

Heartland Division
Major Miriam Gorton



"New to the position, I plan to invite the territorial prayer team and hold seminars."



Indiana Division
Major Vicki Amick

"A Christmas prayer tree was decorated with paper chains of employee prayer requests."

Kansas and Western Missouri Division
Major Cheryl Miller



"Soldiers have expressed increased confidence and reliance on God's power."



Metropolitan Division
Majors Mark and Sandra Turner

"Prayer has become part of corps' DNA; lives are being changed and families healed."

Midland Division
Major Debra Richardson



"Corps have appointed prayer point persons of their own!"



Northern Division
Major Cherri Hobbins

"There's a growing awareness all of life needs to be bathed in prayer."

Retired Officers
Major Florence Moffitt



"The prayers of our retired officers are of great value for the territory; they've had years of experience doing it!"



Territorial Headquarters
Mark Bender

"People feel comfortable sharing prayer concerns knowing they'll be prayed for."

Western Division
Major Carla Voeller



"Corps have become praying people [with] prayer retreats, youth prayer nights."

Western Michigan and Northern



Indiana Division
Major Debbie Hansen

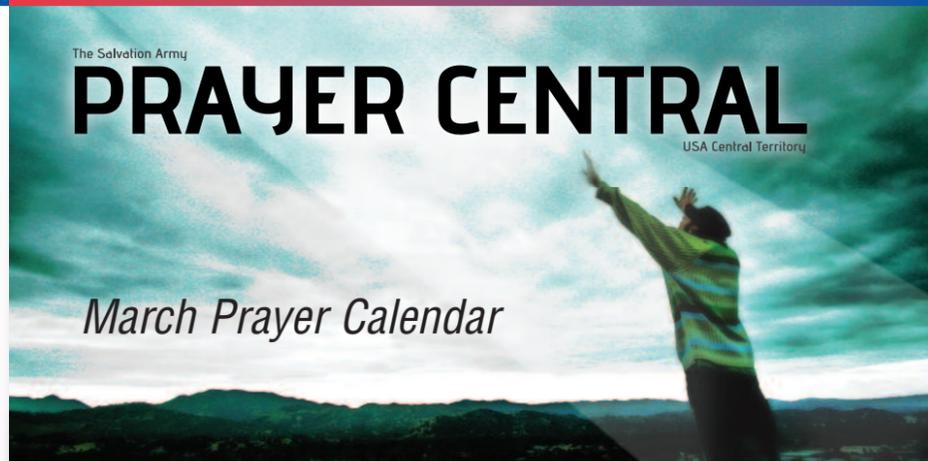
"We've seen corps become spiritually awakened by the prayer initiative."

Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division



Major Kim Hellstrom

"Being in this position as a corps officer aids peer ministry and receptiveness to prayer projects."



My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Tuesday	Job 17-18	Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Corps
	2 Wednesday	Isaiah 45-50	Bob & Vicki Poff (Haiti)
	3 Thursday	Matthew 23-25	Oak Creek (Centennial), Wis., Corps
	4 Friday	1 Corinthians 1-2	World Day of Prayer
	5 Saturday	Genesis 36-39	Southeast Michigan ARC*
	6 Sunday	Ruth	Jr. Soldier Enrollment & Renewal Sunday
	7 Monday	Psalms 27-29	Port Huron, Mich., Corps
	8 Tuesday	Job 19-20	Peoria (Citadel), Ill., Corps
	9 Wednesday	Isaiah 51-55	New Albany, Ind., Corps
	10 Thursday	Matthew 26-28	Return of the Biblical Education Tour
	11 Friday	1 Corinthians 3-4	Western Michigan & Northern Indiana DHQ**
	12 Saturday	Genesis 40-43	St. Joseph, Mo., Corps
	13 Sunday	1 Samuel 1-5	National Music & Arts Sunday
	14 Monday	Psalms 30-32	Joliet, Ill., Corps
	15 Tuesday	Job 21-22	St. Louis (Euclid Ave.), Mo., Corps
	16 Wednesday	Isaiah 56-61	Cadets on Spring Campaigns
	17 Thursday	Mark 1-2	Noble Worship Center, Minn., Corps
	18 Friday	1 Corinthians 5-6	Omaha (Citadel), Neb., Corps
	19 Saturday	Genesis 44-47	Muskegon (Citadel), Mich., Corps
	20 Sunday	1 Samuel 6-10	Oshkosh, Wis., Corps
	21 Monday	Psalms 33-35	Royal Oak, Mich., Corps
	22 Tuesday	Job 23-24	Springfield, Ill., Corps
	23 Wednesday	Isaiah 62-66	Peru, Ind., Corps
	24 Thursday	Mark 3-4	Topeka (Citadel), Kan., Corps
	25 Friday	1 Corinthians 7-8	Norridge (Citadel), Ill., Corps
	26 Saturday	Genesis 48-50	St. Louis (Gateway Citadel), Mo., Corps
	27 Sunday	1 Samuel 11-15	Rochester, Minn., Corps
	28 Monday	Psalms 36-38	Omaha (North Side), Neb., Corps
	29 Tuesday	Job 25-26	Niles, Mich., Corps
	30 Wednesday	Jeremiah 1-6	Quincy (Kroc Center), Ill.
	31 Thursday	Mark 5-6	Racine, Wis., 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



--Mustard Seeds--



Cliftons saluted

A retirement salute to General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton was held in conjunction with the welcome of the High Council last month.

Through a live web stream, Salvationists from every continent combined with the 800-strong Lancaster London Hotel congregation to praise God for the ministry of the General and Commissioner Clifton, and to encourage the High Council as it met to elect the 19th General.

A photographic journey, "Five Happy Years," captured the Cliftons' tenure as international leaders. In a tribute the Chief of the Staff spoke to the General's two most outstanding leadership characteristics—global vision and decisive action. "He has a vision for a growing, holy, united Salvation Army, and he put many steps in place to help this happen. During the past five years the Army has commenced ministry in 13 countries—an amazing rate of growth," said Commissioner Barry C. Swanson.

Thanking God for Commissioner Helen Clifton, Commissioner Sue Swanson cited her care for others, gifted communication and bold cry for justice for struggling women and children.

"Our lives have been so full and so busy for so many years that I feel unsure of what to expect in retirement. I very much want to devote special time to the children and to the grandchildren. Also, I want to collaborate with Shaw and help him, as much as I can, in the writing of an autobiography," responded Commis-



sioner Clifton. "My heart is full of praise and thanksgiving this afternoon. God has been so generous to us through all the years since he called us into sacred service."

The General reflected that they'd flown 300,000 miles, plus driven many miles in the U.K., visited 40 countries and the International College for Officers 50 times, traveled three or four months a year, and that he'd spoken on more than 650 separate occasions.

"I share these statistics because some people think I've been a sick General. But I haven't been sick apart from two, three-month periods," he said. "And one of the great things about the Army is that when you are in trouble it is terrific. We have experienced the Army at its best during our difficult times. We have been the constant recipients of the prayers of the whole Army."

Earlier General Clifton had thanked his family for their support and expressed joyful surprise that their three children had pursued officership.

Regarding his wife, he said, "There are no words to encompass what Helen means to me. We have loved each other since she was only 14 years old. She married me when she was 19, and four years later we became cadets together. We were commissioned together, served on five continents together and now we retire together."

Excerpted from a report by Lt. Colonel Laurie Robertson

View the meeting at www.salvationarmy.org/highcouncil



Two of the Cliftons' grandchildren present the commissioner with a basket of flowers.

A Call for Entries

Art Exhibit

Festival of Gospel Arts

June 10-12, 2011
Merrillville, Ind.



Amateur and professional artists are invited to submit their work for display consideration. The exhibit will be an extraordinary opportunity for artists to share with others God's influence on their art.

Please send digital photos of your work (maximum three submissions, jpg files preferred) plus a paragraph for each explaining title/inspiration, media used and approximate dimensions. Include your full name and contact information. Send to anne_urban@usc.salvationarmy.org

Entry deadline: Friday, May 6, 2011

Original concepts only; no craftwork. Work accepted for display must be hand delivered by a representative or self to the Resource Connection Exhibit Hall by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 10, and picked up at exhibit hall closing, Saturday, June 11.

19th General elected

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warmth of personality. The Army will be well represented with Commissioner Linda Bond as our new international leader," said Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, Central territorial commander.

During the past five years under the leadership of General Shaw Clifton, the work of The Salvation Army has expanded into 12 new countries. The Salvation Army is now in 123 countries. During his term General Clifton established the Salvation Army's International Social Justice Commission, based in New York and the Army's Centre for Spiritual Life Development in London. The General and Commissioner Helen Clifton have also actively worked to aid the plight of struggling women and children around the world, including mobilizing The Salvation Army in a concerted effort against human trafficking. Increasing the role of women in Salvation Army leadership has been of special concern to General Clifton and he has appointed many more women to senior leadership positions around the world than has occurred previously.

The Salvation Army across the world increasingly uses the internet and social media to share its Christian message and news about its mission, so it was appropriate that news from the High Council

2011 was shared in this way. The webcast of the Welcome to the High Council and the Salute to General Shaw Clifton was accessed by more than 20,000 individual computers, with many more thousands expected to have viewed the service. For the first time social media was used to share information about the progress of the High Council, with many thousands of people receiving information through Facebook, Twitter and Flickr and more than 5,000 people receiving email news alerts. The Salvation Army's international website had 300,000 hits during the week of the High Council compared to a usual weekly figure of around 55,000.

From an International News Release



Hailing from or currently stationed in the Central Territory, High Council participants included: Colonels Dennis and Sharon Strissel, Commissioners William A. and Nancy L. Roberts, Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seiler, and Commissioners E. Sue and Barry C. Swanson, chief of the staff.

Promoted to Glory

Mrs. Major Mary Scofield

Mrs. Major Mary Scofield was promoted to Glory on November 20, 2010. She was 88 years old.

Mary was born to Harry and Carrie Reed in Ismay, Mont., in 1922. She attended church as a child but was not introduced to the saving grace of Christ until joining the Aberdeen, S.D., Corps. George Scofield invited her to visit for the first time.

In 1941 as singles Mary and George boarded a bus for training in Chicago, Ill. After their 1942 commissioning Mary was appointed to North Platte and George to Omaha, Neb. Mary and George were married in 1944. Their marriage was blessed with three children.

Together the Scofields served in many corps and divisional appointments, retiring from Western Divisional Headquarters in 1986 where Mary had been the divisional medical fellowship, and league of mercy secretary.

After retirement they accepted many short-term assignments and faithfully ministered to those in need.

Mary was preceded in death by her beloved husband and a son, David. She is survived by her son Jonathan, daughter Elizabeth (Aaron) Moore and two grandchildren.

Major Howard Pettys

Major Howard Pettys was promoted to Glory on November 17, 2010. He was 87 years old.

Born in Joliet, Ill., Howard was raised by Ukrainian neighbors after his mother passed away. In 1942 he married Norma Davison, and their marriage was blessed with three children. Howard came to know the Lord after his daughter invited him to a family day at the church where she'd been attending Sunday school.

After moving to Springfield, Ill., the Pettys began attending the Army and became soldiers. They soon felt called to serve fulltime and were approved as "supplies" in 1959. In 1961 they became auxiliary captains and were promoted to captains in 1972.

Subsequent appointments ran the gamut from public relations to adult rehabilitation centers (ARC). Howard retired from territorial headquarters as the general secretary to the territorial men's social department (ARC) in 1986.

Even during retirement Howard capably assisted the Army with adult rehabilitation center ministry.

Howard is survived by his wife; children Judy Kay, Richard (Kathy) and Ronald (Dawn); seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brother, Charles and sister Thora Johnson.

