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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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Hope comes to the west side of Chicago

by Jacqueline Rachev

Today, across the city of Chicago, we are facing some tough challenges. Many of our neighborhoods aren't safe. Gangs, drugs and crime are chronic problems. For many people, unemployment and a shortage of jobs remain major hurdles to success. Many families struggle to put food on their tables. Chicago's west side is one of those areas in need.

But The Salvation Army is bringing hope.

We're on the frontlines, addressing these issues head-on with programs to prevent violence, offer safe havens for youth, provide substance abuse rehabilitation and help families in crisis achieve sufficiency. We are answering these challenges with a

new Freedom Center campus, which will house:

- a new corps community center,
- the Pathway Forward community-based corrections program,
- the Harbor Light Center rehabilitation program,
- a transitional jobs program, and
- the Mobile Feeding and Outreach program.

"This entire campus is expected to serve 24,000 people every year," said Captain Nancy Powers, Harbor Light corps officer. "The corps community center will serve approximately 22,000 people from this area, and the Harbor Light Center and Pathway Forward programs will serve thousands of people from across the city, and even throughout the state."

The corps community center will offer a wide variety of programs for youth, seniors and families in West Humboldt Park and the surrounding neighborhoods. Youth will be able to take advantage of afterschool programs in a safe place, including sports, tutoring and character-building classes. Families facing crisis can access social services such as a food pantry, emergency assistance and job training.

"This community has embraced The Salvation Army," said 27th Ward Alderman Walter Burnett, Jr., acknowledging the support from community groups. "I'd like to thank them for having the foresight to accept The Salvation Army so they can directly tackle the challenges here in the neighborhood and give the neighborhood a new opportunity."

Donors Paul and Joan Rubschlager, Carl Johann, Metropolitan associate director of development, and Captains Nancy and Merrill Powers, Chicago Harbor Light Center corps officers

"We need more things like this in the community," said resident Patrick Adams. "Without The Salvation Army, a lot of people would have nowhere to go."

Business leaders also are welcoming the Army. Paul and Joan Rubschlager, former owners of Rubschlager Baking Corporation located a few blocks from the Freedom Center campus, are lead donors for the project.

"Although we no longer own the business, the neighborhood remains important to us," they said. "Every service that the Freedom Center will provide—alcohol and substance abuse rehabilitation, community corrections and transition, a community center—addresses a need in

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ATV windfall for EDS

Polaris Industries has made another generous donation of all-terrain vehicles (ATV) and training resources to The Salvation Army, this time benefiting Central Territory emergency disaster services (EDS) for use by divisions as needed for disaster relief work.

Headquartered in suburban Minneapolis, Minn., Polaris donated 11 military-grade Ranger ATVs outfitted with non-pneumatic tires capable of maneuvering through all types of debris. "The tires are practically indestructible," said Denise Overstake, Northern divisional corporate and foundation relations director.

Kevin Ellers, territorial EDS coordinator, said, "Getting these Polaris units is a huge benefit to our disaster operations. They'll allow us to get into tighter spaces and expedite delivery within emergency response

situations. And with the non-pneumatic tires, we won't have to worry about flat tires anymore! These ATVs are extremely versatile and can be used for many things, like food, hydration and flood kit delivery; cleanup crews; search and rescue operations, and transporting staff around the sites."

The Army's relationship with Polaris began in 2011, when the company donated 19 recreational ATVs and safety training classes benefiting the hundreds of youth attending the Northern Division's Northwoods Camp. The relationship developed into a partnership as the company built a "Polaris/Salvation Army Relief and Rescue Fleet" to provide fast and effective disaster assistance to communities.

In 2012, Polaris donated 10 military-grade ATVs to support The Salvation Army's Superstorm Sandy



relief efforts in the Eastern Territory. An additional 10 vehicles were given to support Oklahoma tornado relief efforts in 2013 in the Southern Territory. After each disaster, the ATVs were distributed for EDS work throughout the territories. With this latest donation benefiting the Central Territory, three-quarters of the nation now has been strategically outfitted with Polaris ATVs for EDS usage. A

donation of ATVs for the Western Territory is in the works.

"These unprecedented gifts have greatly enhanced the Army's ability to transport critical supplies to the hardest-hit areas and assist emergency responders, such as law enforcement, government entities and other disaster agencies," said Lt. Colonel Robert Thompson, Northern divisional commander. 

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Heart Health

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A quick search of heart facts pulls up information that every day our hearts beat about 100,000 times and send about 2,000 gallons of blood surging through our bodies. About 60,000 miles of blood vessels take key nutrients to our organs. Blockages in the vessels or loss of elasticity are like construction zones in the summer; all roads slow down or back up, and no one gets where they need to go easily. Keeping heart vessels clear is related to keeping bad cholesterol levels down, eating



healthy and exercising. The "clutter" that can build up in a blood vessel can do more than just slow down a heart, it can block a major vessel completely. Sometimes these can't be repaired. Interestingly, the elasticity of the vessels actually can be helped by laughter, so sincere hearty laughter is therapeutic.

There are also some spiritual lessons for heart health this February. If we think about the "body as a living sacrifice" from Romans 12, we see some prescriptions for heart health of the body

that belongs to Christ. "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love... rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer," vs. 9-12, NKJV. "If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men" is the exhortation of verse 18. As we make choices about what goes into our bodies, we also make choices about how we feed our spirits.

This prescriptive chapter is like broccoli, Lipitor and low-fat foods for the soul! If we clutter our hearts and the vessels, we prevent nourishment of our spiritual lives by things that can cause significant damage, such as grudges, deceptive relationships, overbearing spirits or jealousy of the gifts of others. It's similar to feeding our physical bodies 30 days of greasy burgers and fries—supersized. When consciously addressed, changed habits lead to healing, decreasing the blockages that can actually kill the heart and soul.

My prayer for all of us in this heart awareness month is to pay as much attention to our spiritual heart health as our physical.

Being a good snitch

There's a new, fast and simple way to encourage others! It's called Goodsnitch. Working with technology partner Goodsnitch, a custom app has been created for the Central Territory. It's one more way to achieve the key principle "Uplift intentionally" in *Creating a Shared Future*.

To provide positive feedback to other Salvationists and volunteers, organizations and businesses in your community, simply download the Goodsnitch app from the Apple App Store or Google Play and complete your profile, including your Salvation Army email address. Then, whenever you wish to recognize a colleague or volunteer simply type "Salvation Army" in the Goodsnitch name search and select "Salvation Army Internal." From there, you will be prompted to leave your feedback organized by division in the Central Territory. The entire digital thank you note process can be accomplished in 30 seconds.

Also consider using the Goodsnitch app to reassure great people you encounter outside of The Salvation Army such as waiters, bell hops, janitors, nurses, etc. Goodsnitch delivers every piece of feedback. Their vision is to use technology for good by recognizing the unsung everyday heroes who make the world a better place. Every time you recognize someone, his or her name will appear on the Hall of Heroes on the Goodsnitch website and you will be recognized

as a Hero Maker.

There is also a Salvation Army Central Territory entity for use by "external" volunteers, donors, etc...

who interact with the Army.

Goodsnitch was founded by former National Advisory Board Chairman Rob Pace, who was inspired by The Salvation Army's service and is partnering with us for free.



Harbor Light

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this neighborhood."

The Rubschlagers chose to provide funding for the Freedom Center's kitchen and dining areas because they have been involved in the food industry nearly all their lives. "The kitchen will be a key component and center of activity for this new facility," they said.

Speaking at an event where the Rubschlagers received an award for their philanthropic efforts, Joan stressed the importance of the project. "The neighborhood needs this. I'm certain it's going to transform the neighborhood."

The Freedom Center is slated to open this fall.

Hearts not frozen up North

At the Rochester, Minn., Corps attendance is not just a number. It's a reflection of a growing community of faith. This is what drove Majors Jim and Paulette Frye, corps officers, to introduce a friendly competition. If the corps reached 100 people in Sunday school, three leaders would be showered with ice water.

The corps rallied. Men, women, parents and children invited friends, family and neighbors to attend Sunday school, and numbers soared! Major Jim said it was all based in a desire to see growth in studying God's Word. In order to help it happen, a little bit of fun competition had been encouraged.

So on a Sunday late last year, everyone gathered outside in the chilly air. The goal had been achieved, and the reward for onlookers was a freezing one for Doug Coop (Sunday school leader) and Rande Kruger (youth leader). Doug and Rande had been drafted to the task, as was a third corps member—who was conveniently out sick that morning.

"I was happy to participate in the challenge if it meant bringing more people to Sunday school," said Doug. "It has been great to see the growth of our Sunday school and morning worship service and the lives that have been changed by the grace of God."

The ice water may have been cold, but the kids all had fun as they eagerly



awaited that chilling moment, warmed by the impact of a strong, growing community at the corps.

"This event has excited members about growth and the importance of biblical studies. The members have vowed to have over 150 in 2015 and pour ice water on their corps officers!" exclaimed Major Jim.

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Men on the move

Thanks in large part to its STEPs (Strategic Tool to Engage Potential) goal last year, the Peoria Citadel, Ill., Corps has a thriving men's ministry.

"Now these men walk into the corps with a sense of pride, like they belong," commented Major Donna Miller, corps officer.

According to the major, the corps hadn't had a men's ministry in years. STEPs was just the push they needed. They set a goal of starting a monthly meeting by March 2014. David Shaw, men's ministry leader, and Major Donna targeted three groups: the men's shelter beneficiaries, male bell-ringers, and men who attend the corps.

To jump-start attendance they sent out flyers, provided transportation from the shelter and offered a meal during the meeting. The first gathering was last February; they have met at least once a month since.

Jared had stood at kettles for years but had never gotten involved in the



Bible study leader Carlos teaches on pride.

corps. This new ministry gave him a sense of belonging and motivation to get involved. He recently got certified to be an instructor for the corps' archery club to start in the spring.

In this tight-knit group, guys rarely miss a meeting. They also have attended the divisional and territorial men's conferences gaining even more vision for their group.

"Putting it in writing, breaking down the steps and being held accountable is what brought this initiative to fruition," Major Donna said.



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Fresh focus with character-building

by **Jerrie Miller**
Territorial Youth Development
Specialist

When I was 11 my friend, Kathy, invited me to girl guards at the Springfield, Ill., Corps. She told me about the fun activities, emblems and awards. It sounded so exciting I could hardly wait to see it for myself. While the fun attracted me, the welcoming corps officer and sense of belonging kept me coming back.

Eventually my four siblings came to the corps, and our family was added to the ranks of the junior soldiers, corps cadets, young people's legion, and anything else we could join! If Kathy had first invited me to Sunday school or church, the story might have turned out differently.

Given my experience, I'm convinced character-building programs offer a great way to connect young people to our corps, and ultimately our Savior.

The territorial youth department is giving our character-building programs a fresh, more contemporary focus. We want to give leaders new ideas and help them to think about character-building differently. One way we're doing this is by providing relevant, one-stop and easily accessi-



ble resources online.

Each month we highlight program ideas on the character-building page of our website, centrallyouthnetwork.com. In November, for example, we featured ideas for crafts, service projects and devotionals leaders

could use for Thanksgiving. Each resource explains how to tie the lesson to an emblem.

A Pinterest page with boards (files) for each emblem has been created. This allows leaders access to hundreds of games, crafts, activities and

devotionals for their troop's corresponding emblems, as well as providing a place for leaders to learn about an emblem before teaching it.

The youth department also is hosting social media like Facebook and Instagram.



A united force

In the 20 years since the Des Plaines, Ill., Corps was planted, remarkable growth has occurred. Today attendance at this vibrant corps averages 250 with 158 senior and 43 junior soldiers. "It serves as a reminder that it's not about us but the Holy Spirit doing His marvelous work," said Ken Romin, the first and only Des Plaines corps sergeant-major.

People within this community of faith are growing spiritually and



actively seeking ways to serve God both within the corps and in the Army at-large. "Over the years corps members have participated in numerous divisional and territorial events and outreaches, including the National Seminar on Evangelism, summer mission teams [youth] and global mission teams [adults]," said Captain David Martinez, corps officer. "The corps even organized its own short-term mission trip to Jamaica, an effort repaid-in-kind the following year by a Jamaican team! And, it raised funds beyond its World Services/Self-Denial commitment to help build two corps in India."

The corps has sent more than a dozen people to the

College for Officer Training. Cadets Jonathan and Mona Taube are part of the 2016 "Messengers of Light" session, and David Meyers is in the territorial ministry internship program.

Fresh avenues of ministry continue to blossom, such as a twice-weekly homeless outreach program. A school of music with 80 youth is now in its third year, as is a monthly ministry to mothers called "Breakfast with Baby." A redeveloped teen ministry offers a stronger adjunct to character-building programs; in fact, four teens lead a Bible study for a dozen students in their high school!

Prudent scheduling puts youth activities on the same night as women's ministries and English-language classes, through which members have bridged people into the corps. Men's ministries was spurred by last year's territorial men's conference, as was the corps' new motorcycle ministry!

The corps is unique in that it's multi-congregational; a ministry to Spanish speakers started in 2001 and a ministry to Russian speakers began in 2003 with Saturday worship services for Messianic Jews. Today Alberto and Florinelvi Giraldo lead

the ministry started by Dan Faundez (now a captain) and then built on by long-time Hispanic leaders Pedro and Mirca Arias (also now captains), while Glen Tagansky, Russian-ministry director, focuses on outreach.

"Even though the corps has three distinct language groups, it strives to be welcoming and pursue unity in all its forms. The corps has worked hard to ensure it functions as a united force as symbolized in the corps' logo of intertwined colors," Captain David concluded. 



The Spanish speaking ministry has flourished.



The Russian ministry holds Saturday worship for Messianic Jews.

Fanfare for Fleemans



Commissioner William Francis congratulates Majors Paul and Paulette Fleeman.

Streamers flew during the crescendo of a celebration for Majors Paul and Paula Fleeman's combined 77 years of service. The retirement ceremony, led by Commissioners William and Marilyn Francis and Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seiler, was filled with music composed by the Fleemans and memories shared by friends and family members.

Musical highlights included a medley of choruses played by the band, under the leadership of Major Randy Hellstrom; a "be-bop" style trio sung by Major Nancy Moffitt, Lt. Jamie Curry and Shana Stubblefield; a duet by Commissioners William and Marilyn Francis; and congregational songs led by Majors Vicki Steinsland, Jim Garrington and Miriam Gorton.

Laughter and tears mingled as stories from the past were recalled. Thoughts were shared by Lt. Colonels Harry and Barbara Brocksieck, Majors Bob and Lisa Mueller, Tim and Lori Meyer, and Vicki Steinsland. Recollections by the Fleeman's son, Brandon, and their grandsons, Micheal and William, brought smiles. Major Paul Fleeman's mother, Marjorie, offered the benediction.

In preparation for ministry, Paul

earned degrees from Asbury University and Asbury Theological Seminary and a doctorate from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Paula attended Olivet Nazarene University and North Park Theological Seminary and received continuing education credits from Asbury Theological Seminary. They were commissioned from the College for Officer Training (CFOT) as officers in 1976. The Fleemans also were privileged to attend the International College for Officers.

During their officership they led four corps and held four divisional headquarters appointments and multiple appointments at the CFOT. They were instrumental in training 627 cadets over the years. Their final two appointments included Paul as principal and Paula as director of campus services at the CFOT, and Paul as Western divisional commander and Paula as city commander in Omaha, Neb.

When asked, "What is the key to servant leadership?" They replied, "Do all you can to help others be successful. When they are successful the Army will be successful. When the Army is successful there will be a building of God's Kingdom."

Boundless or bust!

Ten soldiers from the Farmington Hills, Mich., Corps are registered to attend the Boundless 2015 International Congress in London. With a congregation of around 80, that's more than 10 percent of the corps! The group, which includes corps officer Major Marlys Anderson, is working together to help one another offset the cost of the trip through fundraising projects.

"Our soldiers are just so excited to learn more about the Army," said the major. "All but one has been enrolled within the last four years, and they're interested in seeing the bigger Salvation Army and learning more about our heritage."

With so many new soldiers, it's no wonder folks from this corps are eager to learn. In the last two years there have been 20 enrollments; 12

at the 2013 Family Congress in St. Louis and eight this fall when General André Cox visited the Eastern Michigan Division. Major Marlys is starting another recruits class this month.

In order to meet their fundraising goal the enthusiastic team of delegates has been organizing everything from bake sales to hot dog roasts and hosting a concession stand during corps basketball games. In March they will hold their biggest fundraiser: a ladies tea and luncheon featuring a fashion show of women from the Bible.

"I'm really looking forward to showing my soldiers the big Army," said Major Marlys. "It's rewarding helping them to see what we're really all about, and what they're a part of." 



A gateway to hope

by Ashley Kuenstler

They're huddled together at a pint-sized table, one 6-years-old and the other in her mid-twenties, examining the animal Bingo card, almost giddy at how close they are to victory. And when the caller draws the last animal they need, the two jump up and yell in unison, high-five each other and celebrate with a small victory dance. It might seem like they're goofing around, but for Bethany and the other young adults who volunteer

with inner-city youth, these interactions mean much more.

"It's important for these children to have the opportunity to just be kids and have fun—despite what is going on in their home life," she said. "I strive to bring laughter and compassion to them. I want them to know young adults care about them and their future."

Bethany and several other of St. Louis' promising young professionals have joined forces to form the Salvation Army Young Professionals

Group (YPG), an initiative that aims to generate greater volunteer involvement and awareness of community issues among a younger demographic. Recently, the group has been volunteering with the youth at the St. Louis Temple, Mo., Corps.

"Volunteering with The Salvation Army kids is the highlight of my week," Bethany said. "It's so invigorating to be in the presence of their creative imaginations and compassionate personalities. Their perspective of the world is something that I find refreshing."

"At this stage in our lives, we become so engulfed with pesky, trivial matters. Volunteering brings you back to the important things in life. It calms your mind from the everyday troubles of work, traffic and bills, and for two hours, these kids bring a genuine sense of joy to my day."

Fellow YPG member Tarah agreed. "As young adults, we are just starting out in our careers and it can be an extremely overwhelming and diffi-

cult time. I think this gives us the chance to see the big picture, keep us grounded and help us see what matters most."

As the group continues to gain momentum, it will offer educational programming, networking events, fundraisers and volunteer opportunities to help further the Army's mission.

"I fell in love with The Salvation Army and the work it provides for our community," Bethany said. "I feel grateful to have found an organization that is rooted in a mission to serve others and look forward to continuing to make it stronger and have a positive impact on the St. Louis community."



Learning at any age!



Nearly seven decades stretch between the youngest and oldest members of the beginners' band at the Topeka Citadel, Kan., Corps, according to Majors Brian and Lee Ann Burkett, corps officers.

"We have six kids and eight adults, ages 7 to 75, learning how to play an array of brass band instruments," said Major Lee Ann. "Our oldest student, Patricia Raikes, uses a walker and is learning how to play the baritone. She loves coming to practice each week and even hurried up her soldiership so she could wear her uniform when the band performs!"

The bandmaster is retired officer Major James Birney, who said, "Since retiring I dreamed of starting a band program at the corps. We finally launched the all-ages beginners' band in September 2013!"

The band practices every Saturday morning for an hour and a half. After realizing students were learning at different speeds, Major Jim and Charles Railsback decided to provide instruction at times other than Saturday mornings.

"Although some of the adults had played instruments years ago in school, it was like starting over for them," Major Jim continued. "But, they're all excited about learning, and everyone is doing really well. Charles has been a God-send in getting the band off the ground. He grew up in the corps and has been able to take on a lot of the leadership needed to make the program a success."

Major Lee Ann added, "We were excited when the territorial goal of 'music in every corps by 2020' was announced. My husband, Brian, and I don't see ourselves as musicians but we believe everyone can make a joyful noise that sounds good to God! Regardless of talent, we tell our people you can still love God through music, and we encourage them to join senior or junior songsters as well as the band."

The band plays in Sunday morning worship meetings at least three times each quarter, the major continued. Normally, a small praise band and CDs are used to provide music during worship.

"In the coming year we're hoping the beginners' band can play at corps outreaches, such as nursing home visits, the neighborhood block party and kettle kickoff," she concluded. "The band has progressed very nicely. The adults as well as the kids seem very committed. Most of the youth have attended divisional music camp and two attended Central Music Institute (CMI). In fact, Lexie Sutter won a vocal scholarship from the division to attend CMI!"



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Though the earth tremble,

by Carol Shoults

"I opened my eyes to the darkest of dark I had ever known. My chest was flat against my knees, my feet splayed out from under me, flat and sideways against the tile floor. I could wiggle my toes but could not raise my head. My left arm and head were in a pocket of protection created by concrete and wood, and mercifully I did not immediately feel any pain. Then the realization hit—I was buried alive."

Just moments earlier Katie Zook had been working late with her boss, Jeanne, on the top floor of the Free Methodist Mission Housing Facility in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. They'd been finishing up for the day when a horrifying sound pierced the air. A violent jolt followed. Having grown up in Washington with earthquake drills, Katie instinctively dove under a table. Jeanne, standing just five feet away, perished.

Would God let Katie, 23, die too when her whole life had seemed to lead to serving Him here?

Growing up in a loving Christian home near Seattle, Katie lived close to her grandparents, aunts and uncles. Her childhood was grounded in love, filled with adventure and rooted in service. With their church, her grandfather, who was a doctor, made yearly medical mission trips to Haiti. Even at a young age Katie heard the passion when he recounted this ministry. At 17, it seemed a rite of passage for her to travel to Haiti on a two-week mission trip.

On that first trip she helped dig the foundation for a church, grueling and backbreaking work—but rewarding. She found Haiti a beautiful country with even more beautiful people. She vowed she'd come back. That opportunity came during Christmas break in her senior year of college. Returning home to finish her studies, her heartstrings were pulled again. So, it was no surprise when Katie moved to Haiti in September 2009. She was hired as an accountant but taught English at the Free Methodist Bible Institute, where Haitians train to be pastors. Four months later on January 12, 2010, a 7.0 earthquake devastated the country.



The four-story building where Katie worked accommodated offices and temporary housing for up to 80 mission trip visitors and natives, but mercifully it was only occupied by eight people, including Katie, Jeanne and Jeanne's husband, Jack, when the quake hit.

It reduced the building to a 15-ft. pile of concrete, rebar and razor wire, compressed into the basement. Feeling the six-by-six office floor tiles beneath her, Katie assumed the building still stood and she was simply being crushed by the ceiling. She kept trying to get up, thinking how ironic it would be if she were just lightly covered with debris but died because she assumed she couldn't get out. Eventually, her left side began to hurt.

"In high school I had to 'ice' after track practice to dull the pain from running, and the discomfort I was feeling was familiar to that," Katie recalled. "So I imagined I was in an ice bath and numbness would soon take over the tingling."

She could hear Jack's agonizing cries for help—terrifying yet comforting because it meant she wasn't alone. Having difficulty breathing, she couldn't cry out and found an



The January 2010 earthquake left much of Port-au-Prince in ruins.



Providing water to people living at a soccer arena

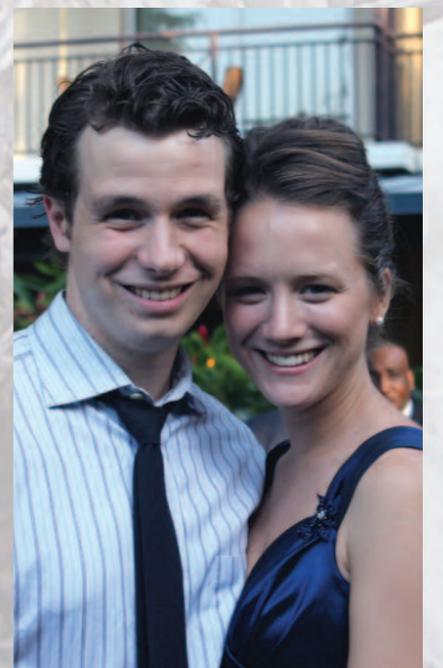
empty plastic bottle to smack against the table, but its sound seemed swallowed up by her concrete prison. During frequent aftershocks, Katie closed her eyes and waited for the building to come crashing down.

"I heard pieces of concrete fall and hit the file cabinets, making frightening, deafening sounds, followed by the terrified screams of people in the streets," she said. "I wondered how long my life would be spared."

Katie tried to sing to ward off fear, but her voice came out small and raspy. Later she would learn she had a collapsed lung. Eventually Jack heard her rhythmic tapping and began asking questions. She tried to tap out answers, except to the question: "Are you Jeanne?"

She became aware of a mixture of Creole and English. Jack was talking to Haitians, who she assumed had trekked up 49 stairs to the fourth floor to rescue them. When they retreated, Katie was confused and angry. She didn't understand they couldn't get past a locked gate.

"In December I had finished reading the book of Job and was impressed by how God had spoken to Job in words he could understand. And in my cocoon of con-



crete, I heard God speak to me: 'I have taken care of you your entire life. What makes you think I won't now? You will get out. It might be a few days, but you will be found, so trust Me.'

Shortly, an employee who'd been spared injury heard Katie's tapping and began digging. "God, give me a picture; show me where to dig," he cried. Katie echoed his prayer, thanking God her rescuers were close. They found a small hole,



Captain Jean Laurore Clenat translates as a doctor examines a patient at a Salvation Army clinic in Port-au-Prince.

I'm in His hands



Salvation Army scouts help unload food for distribution in Petit Goave as UN troops stand guard.

tunneling in a cave about three feet in diameter, risking their lives as debris resettled with each aftershock. It took three hours for Katie to be pulled from the rubble. In lieu of a stretcher, they carried her out on a suitcase.

After being examined by a doctor on the hood of a car, she was transported to the Argentinian UN Hospital. Not able to understand the nurses' language, she was unsure of her condition but knew she couldn't move her left arm, still had trouble breathing, and her body was swelling.

The next day Katie was flown by Coast Guard helicopter to Guantanamo Bay. Doctors determined that in addition to a collapsed lung, she was dehydrated and had sustained internal injuries which were causing her kidneys to shut down. The ligaments between the last two vertebrae in her spine were torn, putting her in danger of a severed spinal cord. As an alternative to amputating her left leg, doctors performed a fasciotomy which left a gaping wound in her thigh.

From Cuba she was flown to Miami where she remained in ICU for a week. Katie's parents came to be with her, and three weeks later she was medevac'd to Washington



Damon and Katie's wedding in 2013

where she underwent back surgery.

"Following my rescue, the doctors found two interesting bruises on my back which were shaped like hands," Katie said. "In the hospital in Florida, my mother realized she could put her hands on the bruises—and they fit perfectly. To me, it was evidence God had been holding

me up during that awful ordeal."

It wasn't until February 16 that the bodies of the four people who'd died in the building were found. They had been killed instantly. "I was comforted by the assurance they are in Heaven with the Lord," said Katie.

Back in Washington Katie spent eight months in rehabilitation, wearing a back brace and learning to walk again. Equally daunting was learning to deal with anxiety.

"Loud noises made my heart race, and any kind of jarring sensation caused me to panic," she said. "I kept asking the 'what if?' and 'why me?' questions as I tried to handle survivor's guilt."

As part of her healing from post-traumatic stress disorder, Katie's doctor suggested she return to Haiti. The faith and courage she showed in returning to Haiti not only closed a dark chapter but opened a bright one. She met her future husband, Damon Winters, who was working with The Salvation Army World Service Office in Port-au-Prince for two

years after college graduation. They found each other in the most unexpected of places. Simple lunches, long talks and worshipping together played a part in Katie's healing but also led to romance.

"I was impressed with his kindness and gentleness," said Katie. "Damon's love for the Lord was evident in all he said, and I knew this guy was different from others I had dated."

When Damon's contract was completed, he returned to the States, but their relationship continued through phone conversations and Skype dates. Later when Katie came home from Haiti, they became engaged and were married in August 2013 on an idyllic farm near Katie's home in Washington.

Today, Katie and Damon live in the Chicago area with their puppy, Staley. They actively participate at the Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps. Katie is currently working for Adventist Health Partners as an office coordinator.

"My wounds have healed and the scars have faded, but my faith has grown stronger," said Katie. "Believers and non-believers perished on that horrific day. But countless miracles also occurred."

Newly accepted candidate

Robyn Shanahan
Cape Girardeau, Mo., Corps
Midland Division

Since age 10 I have known God has a calling for my life. I attended a divisional music camp where God used a presentation on Haiti by Steve Diaz to call me to be a missionary as an officer.

However, I wasn't ready to give up control of my life and fought God every step of the way. After my summer in



Zimbabwe with a summer mission team, I heard God telling me my life was more than what I wanted; it was about serving Him with my heart and teaching others about who He is.

After my freshman year in college, I felt God telling me to switch my major to social work and to trust that He knows what is best for me. God constantly reminds me of this and reassures me that He will be with me wherever I go.

I have learned ministry is about building relationships by showing people the love and hope of the Lord, and until everyone in the world knows this, just as William Booth said, "I'll fight to the very end."

Robyn's corps officers are Captains Ronnie and Bridgette Amick.



Crazy enough to say yes

by Major Lesa Davis

Friends and family members gathered at Central Territorial Headquarters to honor Majors John and Jo-ann Price upon their retirement. Lt. Colonel David Grindle conducted the service which celebrated the Prices' service. Commissioned in 1986, the Prices have served in corps, harbor light, adult rehabilitation centers, and most recently at the Central Territorial Historical Museum. In his remarks, Colonel Grindle commended them for their kind and compassionate leadership in a wide variety of settings.

Representative speakers shared memories of their experience working alongside the Prices in ministries ranging from serving the homeless in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood to providing emergency assistance during the 2011 "Snowmageddon."

Kevin Ellers, territorial disaster ser-

vices coordinator, thanked Major John for his service at major national disasters, including being at Ground Zero after 9/11 and working at the morgue during Hurricane Katrina. Kevin noted the Prices' capacity to serve was not limited to disasters but was lived out in small acts of ministry to people in need.

In their response, the Prices thanked their family, sessionmates and leaders who helped prepare them for ministry and worked alongside them throughout their officership. Although their retirement was necessitated by health concerns, the Prices look forward to finding new avenues of service in Terre Haute, Ind.

Major John summed up their ministry by saying, "We were just crazy enough to say yes to God. He has been gracious and kind in the past, and we know He will be in the days ahead, too."

Jefferson City soars

Lt. Christopher and Rachel White have hit the ground running at their first appointment as a married couple in Missouri's state capital, Jefferson City. Arriving at the corps last June after Lt. Rachel's commissioning, they, with the help of corps leaders and soldiers, are making connections with community groups, increasing youth programming and bringing new families into the corps.

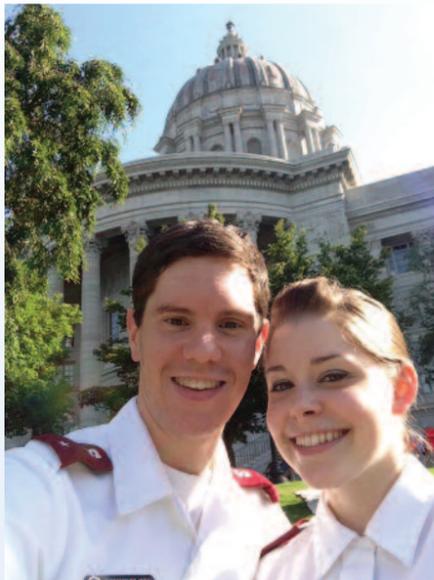
"We're so happy to be here," said Lt. Rachel. "Officership has its challenges, but it's such a blessing when you start to see the fruit of your labor."

Last summer the corps held its first vacation Bible school in several years. It kicked off with 18 kids, but by the end there were 30! Rachel reported how important it was to build rapport with the youth right away, and five brothers have started attending the corps as a result.

On Halloween the corps hosted a party as a fun alternative, and it was a hit. Although 35 people were anticipated, nearly 100 showed up!

"It was incredible to see how God stretched our resources. We didn't run out of anything—hotdogs, candy, prizes or pumpkins—and I guarantee we didn't have 100 of any of those," she said.

Corps leaders also have stepped up



to help. One dedicated leader, Mary Lou Campbell, serves by driving folks to and from the corps every Wednesday and Sunday and runs the kitchen for big events; her daughter-in-law, Kiyomi, teaches junior soldiers and is the home league secretary.

Soldiers are welcoming newcomers. Since The Salvation Army's homeless shelter is across the street, some visitors may be transient, but the soldiers never treat anyone differently, said Lt. Rachel.

The Whites already have ensconced themselves in community groups including a new homelessness task force as well as the Unmet Needs Group, an agency of leaders who gather to collaborate and exchange services.

All the hard work is paying off with increased attendance of nearly 30 percent at Sunday morning meetings.



A Jefferson City Corps volunteer assists children with a party craft.



Lt. Colonels David and Sherry Grindle with Majors John and Jo-ann Price upon the occasion of their retirement

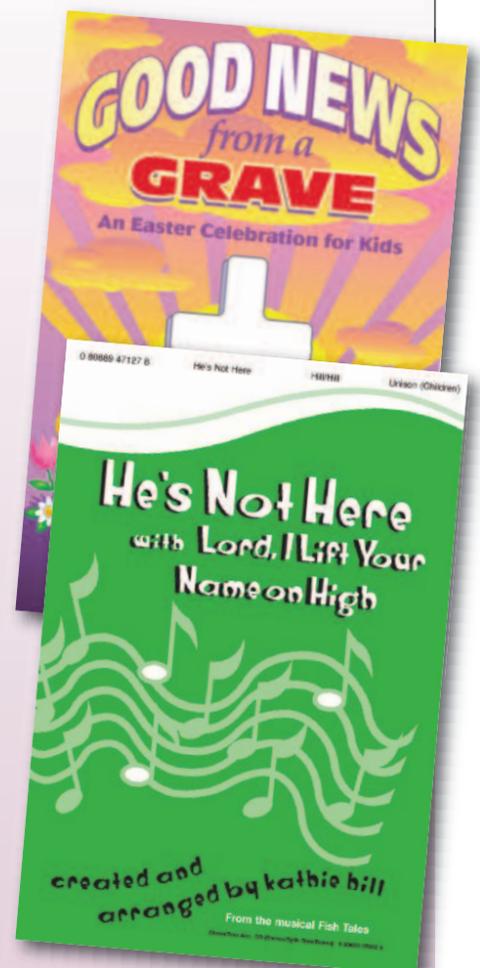
Celebrate Easter with your singing company

by Meghan Pierson

Got eight weeks? Need an Easter musical for your singing company? You can do it and do it well with *Good News from a Grave* from Kathie Hill Music. Re-teaming with Melody Morris, co-writer of *Fish Tales* and *Promise U*, Kathie relates the events from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday in the very setting of the resurrection—a graveyard! Kids helping a caretaker prepare for the Easter sunrise service recall highlights of the Passion Week with joyous, high-energy songs with styles ranging from Broadway to hip hop to salsa. This evangelistic musical of Jesus' last days helps children appreciate the Gospel.

Don't have a lot of time to prepare for a singing company Easter musical? That's OK. Celebrate Easter with a joyous resurrection anthem, "He's not here." Written for unison or two-part choir, "He's not here" has been skillfully paired with the chorus, "Lord I lift Your name on high." This blended song arrangement offers children the opportunity to take a leading role in presenting the Easter message.

Learn more at: www.wordmusic.com, click on "Kids" in banner, then on "Easter"



The ripple effect

by Robert Ferrantelli

We often don't know how our lives affect others or take time to consider how we have been affected by others. But it's worth thinking about.

Fifty years ago I met a man who dramatically changed my vision of what it means to be a Christian by the way he drove his truck! His concept of living and serving the Lord has given me a focused life of what it means to be a Christ-follower. Let me explain.

While in college, I drove a truck during the summer months for the adult rehabilitation center to earn money for tuition. To me, it was just a job to help get me to the next step in my life. Little did I know what I learned driving that truck would be more valuable to me than all the years of study at college.

The man I met was a Salvation Army soldier truck driver, Willie Davis. His productivity was double the rest of us. His smile and joy were infectious. His positive Christian influence on those assigned to help on his truck was dramatic.

One day I asked Willie about his productivity. His explanation changed my life. "I drive my truck as unto my Lord: the first load is to help pay the bills at the center, the second load is praise to my Lord. I don't work for The Salvation Army, I work for the Lord," he said.

Willie taught me that day all hon-



Willie Davis, Chicago Temple soldier

Photo by Patrick Simmons

est work is honorable and of the Lord. He demonstrated what Brother Lawrence did years before when he washed dishes in a spirit of service "unto The Lord."

So, be it Sunday school teacher, middle school teacher, on the clean-up crew after a potluck, high school counselor or administrator, bandsman, young people's sergeant-major, corps sergeant-major, discipleship director or truck driver, it's all been the same for me: serving my Lord and being part of His Kingdom work on earth. I thank the Lord for speaking to me through Willie and enriching my life in His service. And I thank Willie for being faithful to his calling.

How about you? Wherever God's placed you, is your service given "as unto the Lord?" To do so brings unspeakable daily joy.

God's surprises are always best

It's not uncommon for officers to be surprised upon learning their next appointments, but when Major Jo Langham heard she was going to the adult rehabilitation centers (ARC) command, she was thunderstruck!

"As a single-mom officer, I never saw myself having a ministry there," she said.

But God's plan became evident as she dove into her duties as command statistician and instruction specialist, as well as coordinating Safe from Harm for the centers and participating in ARC audits.

One of her first tasks was standardizing the statistics process, which required on-the-road training at the centers. "God really planned the timing of this appointment as I gradually became an empty nester," she said as her three children moved on to educational and career pursuits.

In fact, the major said visiting the centers is "the best part of my job. I particularly love hearing testimonies and attending graduations. It's so moving to watch their faces." Another highlight is the annual sobriety celebration in the Chicago, Ill.,



area which is attended by more than 400 program graduates.

Having been an officer earlier in her life, Jo began working as an employee in the territorial youth department as Christian education director in 2000 with the goal of reacceptance. She was reinstated in 2003 and served in corps officer appointments in Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. After earning a master's degree in education with an emphasis in curriculum development in 2011, the major received her ARC appointment the following year.

Jo loves to learn and teach. She particularly enjoys instilling love for God's Word as a certified "Walk Through the Bible" trainer for the Old and New Testaments!

Des Moines ARC: the telling's in the tale

Whether alumni sharing inspiring stories of change or staff who've overcome substance abuse, testimonies of regeneration are powerful contributing factors to success at the Des Moines, Iowa, Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC), which is led by Majors Timothy and Barbara Miller.

"Those who've completed the rehabilitation process and can maintain abstinence have a better understanding of what the men are going through when they struggle," said Leslie Manshack, ARC program director. "It's encouraging when they know someone's 'been there' and can understand what they're experiencing."

Self-described as a "functioning

alcoholic" for more than 20 years, Leslie never called in sick despite polishing off at least a fifth of bourbon every evening. When he finally hit bottom, Leslie wanted to quit his job. But instead of accepting his resignation, Leslie's boss took him to a hospital, from which he entered the ARC. Leslie now works hard to do the same for others. Observing his dedication, the Millers promoted him from file clerk to intake coordinator to his present position.

Major Timothy said, "We put Leslie in charge of our program because of the energy he puts into our men and how much he cares for them. There's more than one man here who can say his life was saved because of Leslie's determination." A

phone call from Leslie one night stopped a man in the midst of a suicide attempt, the major continued. The man entered the ARC, where he continues to do well. Through one-on-one case management, everyone is treated as an individual with unique needs and qualities.

Outreaches to area hospitals and detox centers have helped keep ARC occupancy at its highest level (65 beds), and relationships fostered with outside entities have resulted in additional services to the men. Three area colleges provide



Majors Timothy and Barbara Miller and program director Leslie Manshack (r) congratulate program graduate Tom Wills, now the ARC's intake coordinator.

counseling interns each week, a medical center conducts examinations and treatments, and a mental health center evaluates and treats men with "co-occurring" disorders, such as depression, anxiety, schizophrenia or bi-polar syndrome.

Even more assistance is available through an organization called Action to Recovery, which provides financial aid and services to those in rehabilitation programs. And, men who've been in the ARC for at least six months may participate in a course to help them reunite with their birth families, wives or partners and children. To help support these healing relationships, the ARC holds a big Sunday lunch open to the men's families each week.



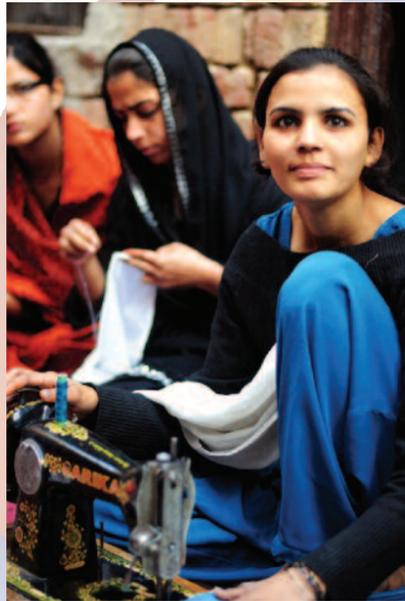
Beneficiaries learn a variety of new skills.

Boundless Congress helps Others

by Bo Christoffer Brekke with Kelly Zvobgo

The Salvation Army's 150th anniversary International Congress, *Boundless...The Whole World Redeeming*, is set to be a life-changing experience for those who attend and participate online, but it's already helping transform lives through its partnership with *Others* in Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Others—Trade for Hope by The Salvation Army is a social enterprise which aims to use commercial trading activities to create employment opportunities for producers recruited through Salvation Army development projects, community work or corps. The International Congress Office at International Headquarters in London is currently one of *Others'* biggest customers. *Others* will be supplying lanyards and bags for fully registered delegates who have a ticket for all five days of the congress.



One Army

The partnership is beneficial to both sides. For the producers who sell their products through *Others*, the Congress order translates into months of work and the pride that comes with having their products showcased at an international event of such historical significance. For the Congress Office, it

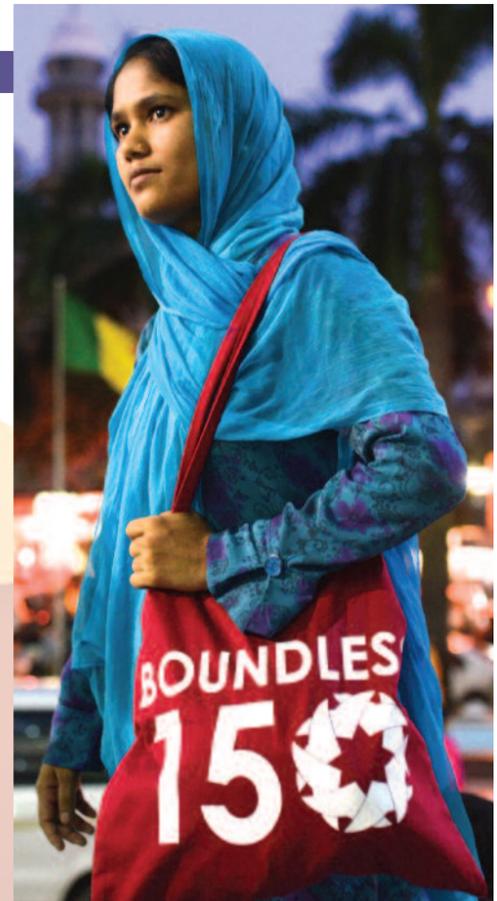
means receiving high-quality, customized products that will help take the Congress logo and Salvation Army shield onto the streets of London and beyond. The partnership embodies the goal of being "One Army," showing how a need in one part of the Army world can be met by a program in another.

An impact

"*Others* isn't primarily about products, costs and colors. It's about people, people and people," said Jan Aasmann Størksen, general manager of *Others* Global. Production of the *Boundless* delegate bags provides seven months' work for producers linked with The Salvation Army's Counseling and Development Center in Dhaka, Bangladesh's capital. The center works with commercial sex workers, victims of human trafficking and other vulnerable women in the Old Dhaka neighborhood. For many, working with and making products for *Others* is a crucial step to reintegration into society.

Production of the *Boundless* lanyards secures two months' income for approximately 50 producers in production groups in Lahore, Pakistan. Producers come from various vulnerable backgrounds and are graduates from The Salvation Army's Sustainable Livelihood Development Program.

In both areas, the *Boundless* order is a great contribution toward the goals of *Others*: supporting hope, dignity and independence for producers who might otherwise struggle to get a job or to make ends meet.



Opportunities to support

The idea of using the Army's purchasing power to create employment can be traced back to William Booth. With The Salvation Army's global presence today, opportunities are greater than ever. Anyone who wants to discuss partnership ideas should look for the *Others* stand at the Congress. They also can get in touch by www.tradeforhope.com.

In July, knowing the story of hope behind every product, Congress delegates can wear their lanyards and carry their bags with a little extra pride. *Others* products also will be available for sale at the Congress, so leave a bit of extra space in your suitcase!



Who do you think you are?

by Major Wes Green

First impressions are sometimes lasting impressions. It would seem when you encounter a new job, country, home, neighborhood, mode of transportation, and even a new diet, you might ask yourself, "Who do you think you are?" I did as I arrived in London and found myself moving around the city by bus, train, tube (underground) and good old walking. The changes continued as I moved into three different homes and neighborhoods. A change of appointment to international auditor has contributed yet another first impression.

The message is always the same: find joy in the journey. It is not quite so significant to focus on where you are, or even what you are doing, as long as your travel and traveling companion direct you to the source of joy. "If Jesus goes with me I'll go anywhere" were such glib words to me as a youth. Even singing these words as a younger officer, I could not appreciate their magnitude. Now to be living with a world-view, I find it necessary to draw closer to my source of joy so the journey can be fulfilling. As I stood in Red Square in Moscow, I was awed God had chosen me, a boy from Flint, Mich., to serve Him at this time and in this place.

I find myself alone much of the time, yet realize I am not without companionship. This journey of joy is clearly by design. Taking me to Zimbabwe, Russia and the Philippines, God has retrained my vision to focus not so much on where I am but Whose I am. The journeys are often long, whether by train to the city, airplane to another continent or even a walk to High Street, so

there is plenty of time to review my purpose and mission and ministry opportunities. Reflective times of discovery about the Lord's leading are treasured moments.

Onward to the Netherlands, Sweden, Zambia, Kenya and the Caribbean this year, where I will sometimes travel with someone and sometimes on my own, but never really alone.



Major Wes Green in Red Square with Lt. Colonels Gary and Suzanne Haupt, stationed in the Eastern Europe Territory.



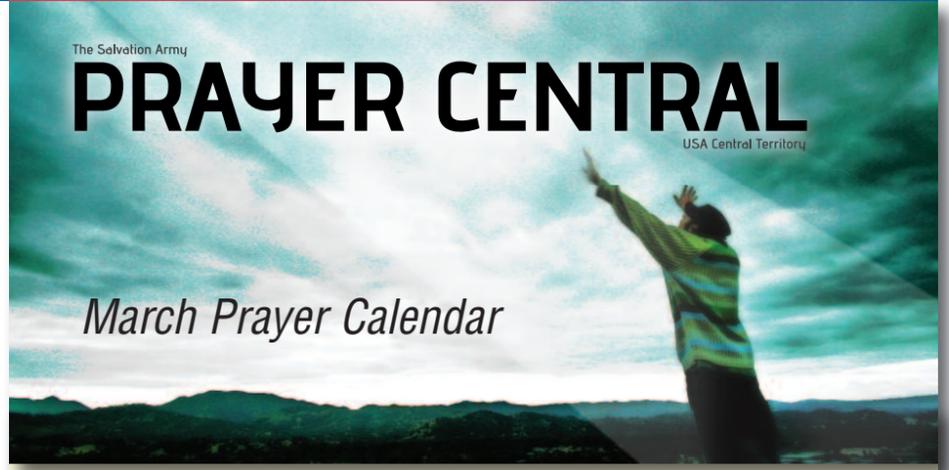
We're excited to report the international Bible reading challenge, *Boundless...The Whole World Reading*, has taken off in the Central Territory. Commitments have poured into Central Territorial Headquarters online and by mail.

As of mid-December more than 800 Salvationists, representing all divisions, the Adult Rehabilitation Center Command and the College for Officer Training, had signed up to

participate! The Heartland and Metropolitan divisions led the way with nearly 200 participants each. The entire College for Officer Training is participating, including the children!

Centralites are taking advantage of this great opportunity to read through the New Testament with fellow Salvationists around the world.

Watch *Central Connection* for updates in future editions.



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

Go to www.salarmycentral.org
 If you follow the prayer calendar during the year, you will have read through the Bible!
 * = Adult Rehabilitation Center
 ** = Divisional Headquarters

A promising second term

As Captain Chris Marques begins his second term in Japan as assistant to the territorial youth secretary, he anticipates continued growth in his faith, the youth programs he works with and his understanding of the Japanese culture.

part of a bigger Army," he said. Currently the youth department is planning a youth and young adult retreat for March to encourage spiritual growth and officership. They also are preparing for youth councils and brainstorming for the General's visit in October 2016.



Captain Chris Marques celebrating Christmas with the territorial youth secretary (I) and his coworkers, Daniel and Melissa, from Australia.

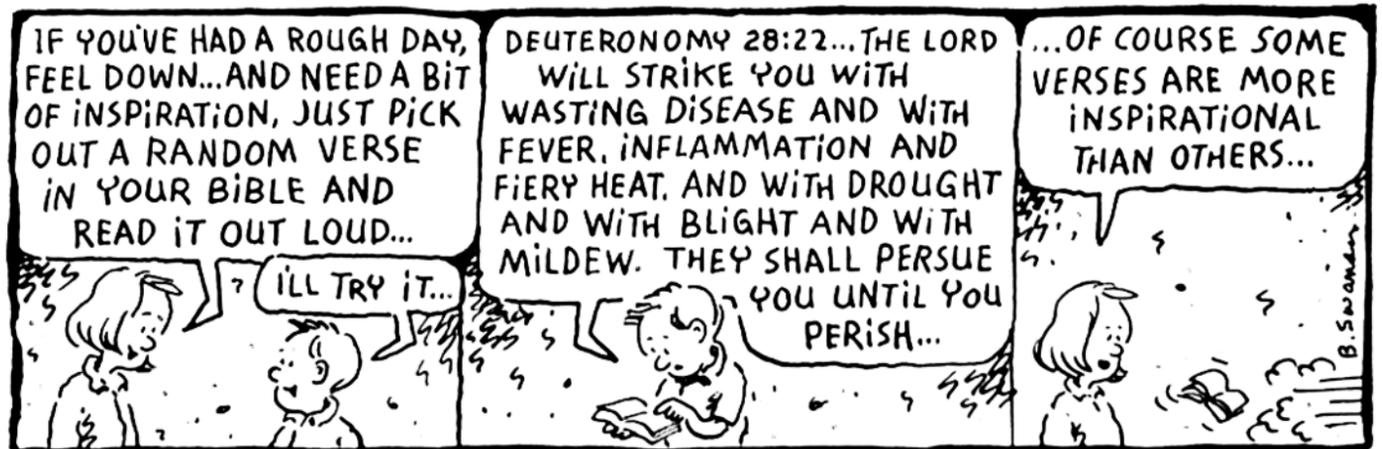
One of the most rewarding aspects is seeing spiritual growth in the youth. Three of them are now young adults and have become soldiers.

"I'm very proud of them and pray God will help their faith continue to grow so they can achieve their dreams and find their place in God's plan," Captain Chris said.

Last year was a busy time of transition while the captain maintained his youth department duties, studied to complete his undergraduate degree online and welcomed new Territorial Youth Secretary Major Shinji Ishizaka. A highlight included the youth congress in Korea, which consisted of delegates from all over the South Pacific and East Asia Zone.

"At the youth congress it was nice to see The Salvation Army in another country and experience different styles of worship and fellowship to remind us we are not alone, we are

--Mustard Seeds--



Radiothon milestone

The WIBC Radiothon celebrated its 20th anniversary to benefit the Bed & Bread Club in Central Indiana, with a goal of raising \$250,000. In the last two decades more than \$2.1 million has been raised.

The radiothon starts with Indianapolis Morning News at 6:00 a.m. During regularly scheduled programming, on-air personalities share interviews from Salvation Army heroes, feature corporate partners making a difference in Indianapolis, and update listeners on the number of meals and nights of shelter The Salvation Army is able to provide because of their generosity.

Special guests like Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, IndyCar Series driver Joseph Newgarden and national Salvation Army leadership have made appearances, helping to raise additional funds. Live musical acts are featured throughout the 36-hour broadcast, from the Indianapolis Children's Choir to popular local bands like Boogie Nights. Indiana

Divisional Commander Major Robert Webster welcomes and thanks special guests and new Bed & Bread Club members.

The campaign wouldn't be possible without generous support from corporate sponsors. Last year's event included title sponsor Financial Center, phone bank sponsor Kroger and score board sponsor The Mutual Fund Store.

"Last year, through the generosity of Hoosiers, The Salvation Army in central Indiana provided more than 509,000 meals and more than 107,000 safe nights of shelter to our neighbors in need," said Mike Rowland, director of marketing and communications. "The radiothon plays a tremendous role in making that possible."

Proceeds go toward The Salvation Army Bed & Bread Club, which helps to provide nutritious meals through feeding programs, shelter in times of need, and assistance with utilities or rent to prevent homelessness.



(L to r) Pat Sullivan, weekly co-host of a WIBC weekly program; Steve Klipsch, Advisory Board member; Mike Rowland, Indiana divisional director of marketing and communications; Denny Smith, co-host of the radio program Investing Sense, and Josef Newgarden, IndyCar Series driver

Golden Diners celebrates 40 years

by Jacqueline Rachev

For many frail older adults who live alone, shopping for and preparing meals is difficult, and those with low incomes are apt to skip meals. The Golden Diners program not only provides a daily home-delivered hot meal, but staff and volunteers conduct daily personal wellness checks on the seniors.

The program, which started in 1974, has grown from serving 225 meals a day to more than 800. With more than 4,000 seniors participating and up to 170,000 meals served annually, Golden Diners provides a critical service to the elderly in Illinois' McHenry and Kane counties.

In addition to delivering hot meals and daily wellness checks for homebound seniors, the program operates meal sites where seniors who can travel can socialize with others. In the past 40 years, the program has grown to 11 sites.

Lester Mueller, 89, and his wife, Mary Ann, are new to the program. "I look forward to the visits and, of course, the meals," Lester said. "My wife is ill, and I don't have the time or the money to make many meals anymore. This is a great help!"



Lester said all the volunteers who visit are gracious and friendly, but one particular volunteer brought a smile to his face. "She has this little dog she brings with her. The dog jumps out of the car and follows her up the door and sits right next to her. It is so adorable."

Meals are free for low-income seniors who qualify. Seniors may make a voluntary donation toward their meal cost based on their financial means. State and federal funding make up about 45 percent of the program's funding, and the remainder is provided by The Salvation Army, local townships, the United Way, private donations and seniors' contributions.

Make a Connection!

Resurrection Life

Philippians 3:10-11



This year's Lenten worship series "Resurrection Life" includes Sunday worship outlines, sermons and a children's event that can enrich your corps during this holy season.

Territorial headquarters also is sending ideas to help soldiers and adherents make connections with family, friends and people involved in corps activities, including those who come for assistance.

Lent is a perfect time to invite them to join your vibrant worship and help them feel part of your corps family.

See your corps officer for more information.

Promoted to Glory

Major Phyllis Vanosdall

Major Phyllis Vanosdall was promoted to Glory on October 26, 2014. She was 97.

Phyllis was one of 14 children born to George and Clara Vanosdall in Greeley, Neb.

Studious, hard-working and driven, Phyllis completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Omaha and master's degree from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Saved at age 26 during a holiness meeting, Phyllis had a drive to work hard that translated into bold evangelism. In her training application she wrote, "Since being saved I've had a great desire to lead souls to Christ and study God's Word."

During her 35 years of officership much of her ministry was focused in social services. She led the Family Service Department in Omaha, Neb., served with the Family Welfare Office in Chicago, and worked as director of the Family Service Department and Emergency Lodge in Indianapolis, Ind.

Her final appointment, from which she retired in 1982, was as Omaha, Neb., Booth Residence and Social Service program director and divisional social services consultant.

In 1971 she attended the International College of Officers.

The major worked passionately for her Savior, touched thousands of lives and will be dearly missed.



Mrs. Major Minnie Alfveby

Mrs. Major Minnie Alfveby was promoted to Glory on November 7, 2014. She was 86.

Minnie grew up in Iowa, where she gave her life to the Lord during a meeting at the Boone, Iowa, Corps as a teenager. She served in local officer positions as corps secretary and corps cadet guardian until she went to officer training.

Commissioned with "The Peacemakers" session in 1949, Minnie married Robert Alfveby in 1951. They served for 20 years as corps officers in the Central Scandinavian and Minnesota/Lake Superior Scandinavian divisions within the Scandinavian Department. Appointments at the Midland and then Kansas/Western Missouri divisional headquarters were followed by serving as territorial evangelists.

In 1984 Minnie was appointed to the evangelism, adult and correctional services department, from which she retired five years later.

Minnie shared a wonderful music ministry with Bob and is remembered for her kind hospitality, love for people and dedicated service.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Laurie Ann Brundige. She is survived by her husband and grandchildren Marissa, Elizabeth and Hayley.

