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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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Echelon helping to revitalize Detroit

by Danielle Grecco

Detroit, Mich., could be one of the largest comeback stories in United States history. The city filed for Chapter 9 bankruptcy in 2013, which devastated Detroit communities. However, with amazing tenacity and vigor Detroit has begun to revitalize.

The Salvation Army in Detroit does not take lightly the time and effort needed to rebuild communities and continues to provide hope to the



families and neighborhoods that remain underserved. To connect Millennials in Detroit with The Salvation Army so they can give back, interact and make an impactful difference, Echelon Detroit was born.

With the help of Echelon chapters around the United States and an extremely supportive Metro Detroit Advisory Board, the Army was able to begin sharing the mission of Echelon and capture the hearts and minds of several young professionals who became the founding Echelon Detroit board.

"Young adults throughout Metro Detroit have so much to offer this community, and I cannot wait to see how our Echelon chapter will aid our neighbors in need," said Metro Detroit Advisory Board Chairman and National Advisory Board member John Latella.

By extending existing partnerships with Quicken Loans, Bank of America and Ford, to name a few, Echelon Detroit became a group that joined powerful business forces to "mobilize the next generation" in giving back.

Simultaneously, Ford happened to be launching a program called "Thirty under 30," where groups of Millennials took time to help shape an approach to reach the young professional crowd, therefore

taking great strides to strengthening Echelon Detroit. To get others invested, Echelon focuses on three areas: meaningful social networking, donations and fundraising, and service and volunteering.

"Our chapter comes at a critical time in our community, and our future footprint will be shaped on how we approach this opportunity," shared Amil Kapoor, first Echelon Detroit president and market sales manager at Bank of America/Merrill Lynch.

The first few events incorporated volunteer and social events to engage Echelon members in giving back while raising awareness of various Salvation Army programs that run all year. There Echelon has been able to raise awareness and engage with other Millennials and business partners while providing various in-kind donations that support Salvation Army programs.

Echelon Detroit continues to gain momentum and with continued support and recruitment will impact Metro Detroit for years to come.

Firm foundation going up in Omaha

by Jennifer Bull

At The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Omaha, Neb., another milestone was reached in the construction enhancement project as officers, employees, volunteers, members and guests signed one of the beams that will be used in the project.

The purpose behind the Omaha Kroc Center is to provide a firm foundation for growth, a safe structure for activities and new opportunities. The beam signing provided a moment to reflect on how this structure is being designed and built: to be strong



enough to hold potential and opportunities, yet porous enough to let creativity and spirit flow through.

The Omaha Kroc Center's construction enhancement project includes a much needed 18,000-square-foot addition which brings the center to 140,000 square feet total. The new addition will house a walking track, a roomy fitness deck and a larger fitness studio (all requested by members). The new addition will also allow other existing areas of the center to be revitalized and repurposed as fun areas for kids to play in and families to be together and socialize.

The Kroc centers exist for a diversity of people and to foster great minds, provide opportunities and expand horizons. They provide children and adults with an

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Major Greg Thompson, Western divisional commander, Majors Todd and Catherine Thielke who lead the Omaha, Neb., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center, and Mike Procopio of MCL Construction.



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Uplifting moments for challenging days

by Lt. Colonel Ralph Bukiewicz
Territorial Secretary for Personnel

If you're hoping to fill your February days with uplifting activities, you're not alone. Psychologists tell us February is one of the most depressing months and for several reasons. Snow just isn't exciting anymore. You're tired of being sick (or being surrounded by those who are). Days are gray and short. And tradition tells us that our future (short-range) happiness is supposed to be based on a timid rodent.

Once we survive Groundhog Day (February 2), Valentine's Day (February 14) and President's Day (February 20) give us something to look forward to. If that isn't enough, there's a "National something-or-other" every single day of this month ranging from National Homemade Soup Day to National Toothache Day

to National Sticky Bun Day and National Public Sleeping Day. We'll do just about anything to survive this month, won't we?

Tucked between useless and forgettable observations are reminders to make a difference in someone else's life. You'll find National Make a Friend Day, National Shut-In Visitation Day and even National Do a Grouch a Favor Day followed by National Random Acts of Kindness Day this month.

Maybe none of these will be a part of your schedule, but then again it shouldn't take a special national observation to get us to look up, look around and invest in someone else's wellbeing.

We risk diluting the effects of our service and diffusing the impact of our ministry if all we do is focus on the daily demands of our busy sched-



ules and expectations from others. We are people of Grace—and compassion must be the language we use to reach those who are immune to any other method.

Thoughtfulness is contagious. Once we catch someone off-guard with a gesture of grace or an unexpected kindness, they're more conscious of doing it for someone else. So, infect someone else's cold February with the truth of 2 Corinthians 1:4-7, *The Message*:

He [God] comes alongside us

when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us. We have plenty of hard times that come from following the Messiah, but no more so than the good times of his healing comfort—we get a full measure of that, too.

When we suffer for Jesus, it works out for your healing and salvation. If we are treated well, given a helping hand and encouraging word, that also works to your benefit, spurring you on, face forward, unflinching. Your hard times are also our hard times. When we see that you're just as willing to endure the hard times as to enjoy the good times, we know you're going to make it, no doubt about it.

A bridge not too far

Salvation Army emergency disaster services (EDS) in the Midland Division made possible the rebuilding of a creek crossing and steep road to free three elderly people with health problems who were trapped in their hill-top homes after massive flooding

occurred in Franklin County, Mo., last year.

The flood waters were strong enough to sweep away the 2,000-pound concrete blocks supporting the creek crossing, and heavy rains caused a landslide of mud that obliterated the hillside road to the crossing, reported Alicia Justice, Salvation Army disaster case manager for Franklin County.

Alicia continues to be responsible for meeting the needs of flood survivors in the county, which lies in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains; more than half of the 142 cases she received are still current. As a member of the long-term recovery committee assembled for the region by various aid agencies and churches, Alicia received referrals of people in the greatest need.

"Volunteer crews from local churches dug out the steep road, the ledge for which had been completely eroded by the mud slide," said Alicia. A Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) appeal for assistance and funds from a community "pot" allowed Alicia to pay a contractor hired by the affected hill-top resi-

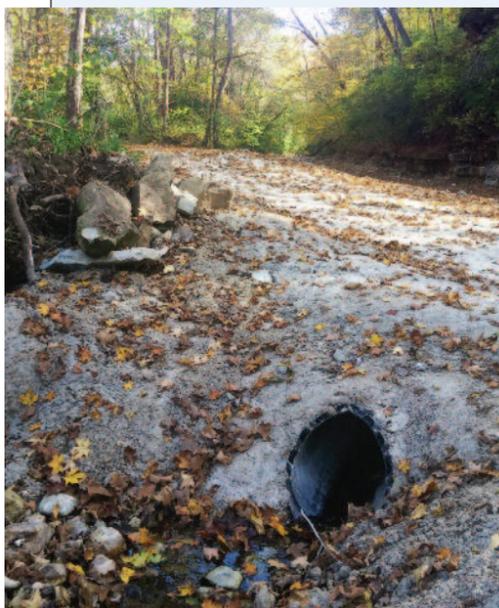


Pictured (l-r) are Thomas Reed, Alicia Justice and Jim and Sue Reed.

dents, Jim and Sue Reed and Jim's brother, Thomas, to rebuild the simple bridge. In addition, Alicia was able to pay for the installation of five-ton cement blocks along the side of the road going down to the crossing to stabilize it from future mud slides.

The Reeds were relieved and grateful for the efforts of Alicia, on behalf of The Salvation Army, and their

community to restore their mobility before the start of the region's next rainy season. Jim Reed said, "Mere words do not express how grateful we are...you are truly God's special angels."



The Salvation Army brought mobility back to three older adults by rebuilding a bridge and hillside road.

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And God stepped in

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. (Matthew 25:35, NIV)

These words of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew speak straight to the heart of Salvationists at the Decatur, Ill., Corps. Filled with a passion to reach their community for Christ, corps officers Majors Wesley and Susan Dalberg and their leaders look for ways to grow God's Kingdom. Last year, many were discouraged by small returns from outreach efforts. Instead of giving up, they came together and used the STEPs (Strategic Tool to Engage Potential) process to focus on what could make a significant differ-



ence. They developed a goal to increase their outreach to the community and the Breakfast Club was formed.

Shelter director Jeff Mueller oversees the Breakfast Club, which serves a hot and hearty breakfast every Sunday morning. When the doors to the corps' community hall open, all are welcome to come in and enjoy the warmth and fellowship of a good meal around the table. The greatest population served is the homeless. On the first



Sunday, six meals were served. As word has spread, some Sundays have seen upwards of 160 visitors!

The Breakfast Club serves a dual purpose. In addition to providing a much-needed meal, it is an opportunity to reach a greater number of people with the gospel. Every Breakfast Club meeting includes a devotional along with an invitation to join the worship service. While not many stay for church, Major Wes says the message of God's life-changing love and power is still being shared. He calls the Breakfast Club "a breakfast version of church...just without the singing!"

What makes the Breakfast Club distinctive is its organic roots. It grew out of the desire of the corps leaders to participate in ministry to the homeless. True to their word, one

Sunday a month each of the teen and adult Sunday school classes help serve the meal and fellowship with and minister to those who attend.

According to Major Wes, God has provided the means to feed the homeless through a community food drive which brings in both food items and funds that are earmarked for food purchases. The community enthusiastically supports the program. Volunteers are plentiful as members of other churches, the advisory board, the United Way and the corps give their time to make sure breakfast is served and the message of Jesus is heard.

"We decided to try something different," said Major Wes, "and God stepped in."

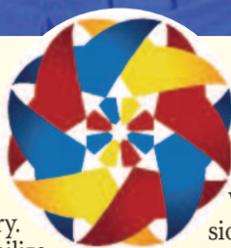


Mobilizing for outreach



Salvationists across the globe are being called to action by General André Cox with *The Whole World Mobilizing* campaign that began in January. General Cox's vision is to mobilize the Army to go forward in mission, where every officer, soldier, adherent, employee, youth and child is actively spreading the good news of the gospel, reaching out in practical ways, ministering to the needs of their community and daily putting their faith into action.

One of the campaign's many components is a mobilizing march whereby Salvationists collectively will march around the world with Salvation Army flags in one year. Each territory has been given a flag and GPS device to attach to a flagpole which allows their flags to be tracked and miles marched recorded. In preparation for this initiative, territorial leaders Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seiler personally received from the General and Commissioner



Silvia Cox the Salvation Army flag for the Central Territory.

According to Major Carol Wurtz, territorial corps mission and adult ministries secretary and coordinator for *The Whole World Mobilizing* campaign in the Central Territory, the mobilizing march serves as one catalyst to get Salvationists into their communities to show the love of Jesus. "Each unit is being encouraged to be present in their communities by marching, outreach efforts or events and even random acts of kindness," she said.

A dedicated interactive and user friendly website and app are being launched this month. "It's amazing!" the major said. "A corps or an individual Salvationist can use it to find a wide range of resources or to share a prayer request."

Salvationists also are encouraged to visit *The Whole World Mobilizing* Facebook page and our website.



• ALL ABOUT JESUS • DOWN TO EARTH • STRAIGHT TO THE HEART

This latest installment in the *One Army* series of teaching materials examines the essentials of The Salvation Army's Christian faith and practice. Ideal for group or personal study, "In the Master's Hands" takes a look at:

- What being a Salvationist means
- How the Army places the highest value on a person's relationship with Jesus
- Why Christians should be a reflection of Christ himself
- The ceremonies, observances or sacraments used in the Church as a whole that have caused both unity and division through the centuries.

This book and DVD set is available from Trade Central at saratradecentral.org

The right time for us

by Auxiliary Captain Doug Winters

"No...I'm serious this time," I said as I looked across the front seat of the car at Kim, my wife of 30 years. We were making our annual Labor Day trip to see my aunt in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Each year we would drive north six hours to visit her and, with our extended family, share our brass band talents at the corps on Sunday—going back almost since we were married. For the last few years Kim and I joked we should just become officers and do this full-time.

But this year was different. God had spoken to me. Rather than a casual discussion, we had a decision to make. After graduating with a masters degree in analytical chemistry, I had spent my life managing laboratories analyzing food, drugs, packaging materials, and even garbage. My comfort zone was in the expanding testing industry, and I was working for a global company as the chief science officer for their food testing business. We were just getting our fourth and final kid through college. We were involved in our corps' band and songsters. We were part of the welcome team and taught corps cadets, and I had just accepted a three-year term as corps sergeant-



major. But God had other plans.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus made the call very clear to his disciples: "And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him." (Matthew 4:19-20, ESV). I was already a follower of Jesus and had a call to bring people to Him. But this was different. As I heard Him call me to become an officer, I knew my response also had to happen immediately.

When I read Jeremiah 29:11, I knew God had a plan for me—plans to give me a future and a hope. I was living that every day. I was sharing my faith at work and even teaching the teen Sunday school class. But little did I know all the plans He had for me yesterday were in preparation for the plans He had for me for today!

For Kim and me, this was the exact right time for us to follow the next step God had planned for us. We just had to say "yes." Our first appointment is in Marquette and Ishpeming, Mich., where we are living out God's plan for our lives. Our future and our hope remain the same, but the journey is more exciting than ever! My advice to those of you in a similar situation as us is don't ever stop listening to God's voice. He may have a new journey for you, too.



Auxiliary Captains Doug and Kim Winters (right) with their family (from left): son Matthew, future daughter-in-law Haylee Voeller, son Michael, daughter Michelle, daughter-in-law Juliane and son Marcus.

Newly accepted candidates

Karen Miller

Chicago Ray and Joan Kroc
Corps Community Center
Metropolitan Division

I was blessed to be born into a wonderful family whose blood runs "red, yellow and blue." I'm a sixth generation Salvationist which is an example of God's faithfulness.

I attended Asbury University where I received a degree in physical education and health. During college I had the wonderful opportunity to lead a mission trip to China. My heart broke and grew for the work to be done there. So, upon graduation I returned to China and served as a teacher and missionary for six years. It was evident God had called me to fulltime ministry, with or without the Army.

Eventually, I felt God calling me back to America; however, I was unsure of what He wanted me to do. For the past two years I have taught at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools where I again felt His calling to fulltime ministry, this time through the avenue of officer-ship. I am blessed to be a blessing.

Karen's corps officers are Majors Marc and Karen Johnson.



Joshua Hubbard

Wayne/Westland, Mich., Corps
Eastern Michigan Division

As a child I was drawn to The Salvation Army because of the outlets it provided me as a youth in the neighborhood. I occupied my time with the programs and the friends I made at the corps. As my home life became more unstable and chaotic, the corps provided me with a refuge. The officers and corps people showed me so much compassion and love that I didn't want to be anywhere else. Their dedication brought me out of a terrible situation onto a path of hope and life.

The love of Christ shown by so many corps leaders throughout my childhood now motivates me. As an officer I want to share Christ's love and bring others onto a path of hope and life as was done for me over and over again.

Joshua's corps administrator is Envoy James Hulett.



Becoming an auxiliary captain

by Major Tricia Taube
Territorial Candidates' Secretary

Perhaps you've enjoyed a successful career and have found fulfillment as a local leader in your corps. Maybe now you're feeling called to fulltime ministry and are wondering if serving as an officer might be possible. Becoming an auxiliary captain could be the path you should take.

The auxiliary captain program combines practical experience with tailored distance learning education. When a candidate qualifies, based on a specific set of core competencies, he or she may be accepted and receive an appointment with the rank of auxiliary captain. The auxiliary captain ministers full-time while working with the College for Officer Training (CFOT) distance learning department toward the completion of their training and promotion to the rank of captain.

The nature of core competencies makes this program most suited to the spiritual-

ly mature applicant with education and/or experience that lends itself to the pastoral and administrative duties of a corps officer.

The application and acceptance process is consistent with a candidate seeking to enter the CFOT. It includes working with the divisional candidates' secretary, psychological testing, background and credit checks, a review of educational transcripts, health information and a two-stage application process. Upon acceptance, the candidate participates in further testing with the CFOT to determine the best focus for their distance education.

Those seeking to explore ministry as an auxiliary captain are encouraged to meet with their divisional candidates' secretary.



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I love being an officer because I experience the transforming power of the Holy Spirit through opportunities of service and loving others on a daily basis. Long before I received a "call" to officership I committed my life in full obedience to the Lord. So when He called me into full-time ministry, I continued to trust His plan for my life.
-Lieutenant Kelly Hanton

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Perilous journey to joy

Growing up in communist Cuba, Ramon Cebrian says he learned more about native voodoo practices than he ever did about God; he was raised by his grandparents from the age of 5 after Ramon's parents got divorced. After high school, he began an apprenticeship in refrigeration and landed a good job in his field with the government. He did refrigeration work on the side using the equipment from his job, a common practice in Cuba. He married Elisaine (Ely), a registered nurse, in 2004 and settled down with her and Lily, Ely's young daughter. Life was good.

In 2009, however, the government cracked down on side jobs at the same time Ramon's equipment was stolen. Threatened with jail, Ramon fled Cuba leaving his beloved wife

and daughter behind. He legally entered Haiti then crossed into the Dominican Republic, where he lived for three and a half years to obtain legal status for travel to Guatemala. While there Ramon slowly came to believe God was real. He promised God that if he made it to Dodge City, Kan., where his brother had been living for the past 10 years, he'd start going to church.

From Guatemala Ramon walked to the Mexican border where he was arrested and jailed for a month. Afterward he was given three days to leave Mexico, so he hopped on a bus for the U.S., entered legally and claimed asylum status. Ramon's brother helped him find work in a cattle feed yard so he could begin to save money and start the process for legal residency so he could bring his family to the U.S.

At one point when Ramon needed assistance, someone suggested he visit The Salvation Army where he met Captain Joaquin Rangel, then the Dodge City corps officer. The captain invited him to church that Sunday. From then on, Ramon began to grow in his relationship with God. He was enrolled as a soldier at the 2013 congress in St. Louis, Mo.

When Ramon shared what had happened in his many email and text communications with Ely, she sought out The Salvation Army in Cuba, accepted



The reunited Cebrian family: Ramon, Lily and Ely (l-r)

travel. Ramon worked hard to secure the correct visas and purchase their airfare. They were finally set to meet after six years apart when a delay that required a rebooking of Ramon's

journey led to a visa problem.

Ramon never made it to London, but the Dodge City delegation adopted Ely as their own during the congress. After the initial sadness and disappointment, everyone had a great time together. Ely recalled, "I never lost faith; only God knew the reason. Everything is in God's hands; He has His plans, and I trust Him."

On May 27, 2016—seven years after they had last seen Ramon—Ely and Lily finally arrived in Dodge City. The Cebrians wanted to renew their marriage vows in their uniforms. God hadn't been part of their lives when they got married, so they wanted to recommit their lives to each other and to Him. The corps held a beautiful renewal celebration a week later. Lts. Enrique and Chrissie invited Captains Joaquin and Gabriela Rangel to officiate the ceremony.

And now after having attended the territorial candidates' weekend, Ramon and Ely, both 43, are contemplating officership. "Out of all the different events I've been to, this one impacted me the most," said Ramon. "It definitely confirmed that God is leading us to become officers with The Salvation Army."



Ramon and Ely Cebrian (center) celebrate their vow renewal with Lts. Enrique and Chrissie Coreano.

Amazingly, God opened the door for Ely to also attend the congress as one of the very few delegates allowed by the Cuban government to



Ely is enrolled as a soldier in Cuba.

Beefing up the corps in Dodge City

Exciting things are happening at the Dodge City, Kan., Corps, report Lts. Enrique and Chrissie Coreano, corps officers. Since their appointment in 2013, the corps has grown in spiritual maturity, a commitment to evangelism, attendance and social services, including the introduction of Pathway of Hope.

According to Lt. Chrissie, the corps has become invested in the STEPs (Strategic Tool to Engage Potential) process.

"We review our goals in every corps council meeting. Our leaders and case manager know their input matters," she said.

The corps' modest 2014 goal of "leading two people to Christ" resulted in corps-wide evangelism training and several outreach events that have become annual activities eagerly anticipated by the community. Six people accepted Christ and others were willing to further explore faith in study groups. This approach successfully brought three new families into the corps and increased attendance for mid-week youth programs and Sunday school, clearly exceeding expectations.

"These big outreach events serve as springboards to forming relationships; our most success comes from one-on-one evangelism," Lt. Chrissie continued. The events occur at Halloween, Thanksgiving and Easter; the corps participates in the town's Main Street festival as well and holds a vacation Bible school. Contact information is collected meticulously at each event for follow-up calls and visits, particularly with the families of chil-

dren who attend corps activities.

Relationship evangelism has become a way of life for many corps members as they seek out new immigrant families who've arrived in town and share the love of Christ with them in practical ways, according to the lieutenant.

"One soldier connected a new family to the corps for Sunday worship and social services by simply sharing how Christ had changed his life. Our people are crossing cultural and language barriers every day through these interactions," Lt. Chrissie added.

Sunday worship is conducted in



both English and Spanish, and a lunch held each week after the service provides a way for visitors to connect immediately. Although Sunday morning attendance has doubled with more than 45 people now calling the multicultural corps their church home, it can waver based on work shifts at the beef processing plants (the town's main employers).

The corps' most recent STEPs goal is implementing Pathway of Hope (POH) and enrolling five families. So far four families have been enrolled. After the corps officers, case manager and an advisory board member received training, they shared enthusiastically with the soldiers. Another 20 people, including advisory board and women's auxiliary members, volunteers and representatives from other nonprofit agencies, attended a "lunch and learn" session. The advisory board was so taken with POH, they held a fundraising luncheon and hope to make it an annual event.



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"Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven...
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—PHILIPPIANS 1:27

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Approximately 4,000 Salvationists will gather June 9-11, 2017, for the Forward Together Congress with General André and Commissioner Silvia Cox. Here's a preview of what's in store.



General André and Commissioner Silvia Cox

You'll want to hear first-hand what's on the hearts of our world-wide leaders, General André and Commissioner Silvia Cox. Having visited our territory in 2014, they endeared themselves to Centralites with solid biblical messages and a bold vision for our Army but also with their down-to-earth, approachable style.

Territorial Youth Councils/ Rally with the General

Youth will unite for a Territorial Youth Councils during the Forward Together Congress. On Saturday afternoon at the Sears Centre General André and Commissioner Silvia Cox will lead a rally designed especially to celebrate our youth and leaders. Afterglows on Friday and Saturday nights will offer fun, food and fellowship.



Charlie Green

A highlight of the Congress is sure to be British singing sensation Salvationist Charlie Green, who will be featured throughout the event. Many of you will remember his amazing performance at the International Boundless Congress in London. Charlie came to the world's attention in 2008 at the young age of 10 on the popular TV show, "Britain's Got Talent," which garnered him more than 4.5 million hits on YouTube. Since then he's performed all over the world. In 2014 he recorded his first Salvation Army CD, *I will sing praise*, and this past Christmas he sang in the Army's Christmas Carol Concert at prestigious Royal Albert Hall in London.

Joyful Intercessors

This year's Commissioning and Ordination Service and Service of Appointments will have a new look, in part due to the meetings being held in a new venue but also because our international leaders will be with us for this wonderful occasion. With a diverse session of cadets, you'll notice the meetings incorporating a strong multicultural focus. Also, look for a little variation in the Parade of Session Flags this year. Be sure and note the times of the Sunday meetings as they have changed. The Commissioning and Ordination Service will begin at 9:00 a.m., with the Service of Appointments right on its heels at 11:30 a.m. Everyone should be headed home by 1:00 p.m.!

20 New Corps initiative

Saturday morning's meeting will be more dynamic than ever as we celebrate the progress of the 20 New Corps initiative with General André and Commissioner Silvia Cox. You'll be amazed at how your sacrificial giving and creative fundraisers are making an impact in the 12 territories and regions where corps are being built or renovated all to the glory of God.





Inspiring music and drama

Come ready to be blessed time and again by the territory's premier performing groups throughout the weekend, including the Chicago Staff Band (CSB), Bill Booth Theater Company (BBTC), The Singing Company and the newest groups the Territorial Youth Band and Chorus.

The world-renowned CSB will anchor the Congress. Led by Bandmaster Harold Burgmayer, this 33-member brass band represents the best of Salvation Army music ministry with pieces that entertain and inspire.

Using drama to drive home spiritual truths, the BBTC might move you to tears sometimes and at other times have you laughing out loud. For more than 13 years they've been delighting audiences with their quick wit and clever programming.

With well-known songwriter Phil Laeger, the territorial praise band The Singing Company will lead delegates in lifting their voices in heartfelt praise with contemporary, original and *Salvation Army Song Book* favorites.

Representing some of the most talented young musicians in the territory, the Territorial Youth Band and Chorus, which debuted in 2014, will demonstrate why the future of music in the territory shines bright!

Other special music will be provided by the Eastern Michigan Divisional Band which consists of bandmen and women from corps with outstanding musical heritages like Flint Citadel, Port Huron, Dearborn Heights and Royal Oak. The Royal Oak Corps Songsters, one of the premier songster brigades in the territory, also will be on duty, as well as the United Singing Company comprised of more than 200 youth, ages 7-16, from every division.



Trek on over to Trade

A trek over to Central Territorial Headquarters to visit Trade Central will be worth your while. You'll find lots of resources for personal spiritual growth and every facet of Salvation Army operations. Try on the newest uniform shirts, blouses and active wear, try out musical instruments in the Chicago Staff Band studio or thumb through the new *Salvation Army Song Book with New Testament*. Join the Territorial Historical Museum to participate in fun history "make and take" family projects then visit museum exhibits showcasing The Salvation Army's ministry in the Central Territory, with a special feature exhibit about the Army's work in World War I. Up to 30 exhibitors will complement Trade's offerings. Within walking distance of the Sears Centre, Trade Central will be open Friday, 8:15 a.m.-7:00 p.m. (exhibits open at 1:00 p.m.) and Saturday, noon-7:00 p.m. (same exhibit hours). Preceding Congress, Trade will have extended hours on Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Picnic, Concerts and Activities on the Green

The Village Green, a park space between the Sears Centre and Territorial Headquarters will be the gathering place Saturday afternoon. Food, music and ministry groups from around the territory and enriching activities for every age will create a fair-like atmosphere of joyful fellowship. Those who attend the public Saturday morning meeting will be provided lunch vouchers to pick up a hot meal from a food vendor on the Green. Food and snacks for purchase will be available from local vendors. During the early afternoon, you'll have the opportunity to meet and greet our international and territorial leaders. Activities will conclude at 4:30 p.m., with ample time to grab dinner at a near-by restaurant with the gift card provided every registered delegate!

Seilers' retirement

During the Saturday morning meeting celebrating 20 New Corps and the World Services/Self-Denial Ingathering, General André Cox will conduct the official retirement ceremony of our territorial leaders Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seiler. Having served in the Central Territory for the last 11 years, they've led us in moving the mission forward with great strides. This meeting is open to the public and doesn't require pre-registration. Everyone is invited to attend.



Run for the World

Lace up your shoes and join the 5K Run for the World on Saturday morning! It's estimated that up to 400 Salvationists will participate in this effort that raises funds for World Services/Self-Denial. Come power up with breakfast carbs, enjoy music and get your day started with a walk or run along the Prairie Stone Nature Trail and still be done in time for the morning meeting. Watch the commissioning website for details and be sure to pre-register.

Lincoln builds bridges through music

by Peter M. Haslett

The Lincoln, Neb., Corps helps its community express joy and faith through music. It reaches out to a broad spectrum of people through many traditional corps music programs but also through the Shield Fine Arts Academy and Shield Brass Band. Bridging participants into a fuller array of corps opportunities occurs from the music programs.



"Being able to teach fine arts at the Shield Fine Arts Academy allows me to use my talents in a fun way to further God's Kingdom," she said. In addition, she is part of the corps praise team, senior band and the newly formed Shield Brass Band, a community-based fellowship brass band.

Music instructor Stephan Laboy said, "Music can connect people and really serve to inspire them. I think it's so great to see students get excited about music to see their attitudes change, to see them grow, and it's amazing to see how God can work through them with music."

The Shield Brass Band reaches out to musicians in Lincoln. With weekly rehearsals and scheduled concerts, they perform Army music, other published and newly composed works. The band is composed of volunteers who are music majors at the University of Nebraska, corps senior bandmen and community members.

Corps music programs are vital to worship and growth. The praise team leads worship, and the Lincoln Citadel Band provides support through accompaniment of singing, and playing preludes and offertories. The singing company, songsters and junior band provide special music. Young adults are finding corps involvement by participating in band, praise team or at the sound board.

Giving an example of the music program's success, Major Angie Pennington, corps officer, points to a family from Sudan who wandered into Sunday school after an invitation through the food pantry more than seven years ago. Seven of the eight children now participate in every music class offered. Three have won awards at music camp, and one is a two-time Central

Music Institute scholarship winner. They are all junior and senior soldiers, corps cadets, sunbeams, girl guards, explorers and rangers and attend Sunday school and worship.

The major concluded, "This is why we provide the music lessons—not just to make music but to build lives."



Introduced in 2014, the Shield Fine Arts Academy has grown to more than 100 students ages 4-18 with a few additional adult learners. Outcomes are quantified and recorded as students make progress, thanks to Territorial Music and Gospel Arts Director Dr. Harold Burgmayer's Music Arts Proficiency initiative.

Students take an average of two to three types of classes, including brass, dance, early childhood classes, guitar, percussion, piano, theory, timbrels and singing company, which meet Monday through Thursday afternoons to early evenings. The demographic make-up is very diverse. A majority of the students' parents are immigrants or refugees

from Antigua and Barbuda, China, Congo (Brazzaville), Ethiopia, Peru, Southern Sudan and the Ukraine. Additional students' ethnicities include African-American, Caucasian and Latino. Several new families are from the home-schooled community.

Music instructors have a background in the arts. Some have a bachelor's of music, while others are obtaining a master's degree. In some cases, instructors have a minor in music like Abigail Hall. Abigail is a math major at the University of Nebraska and minors in dance. She also has a background in percussion and teaches both percussion and dance at the corps.



Advertisers for God

by Lt. Colonel Daniel Sjögren
Territorial Ambassador for Holiness

Recently I came across a wonderful truth in 1 Timothy 4:12 (KJV): "Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." My heart sprung to attention as these words penetrated my soul!

This is instruction to us about being examples, advertisers if you will, for Christ. We must be examples with our speech and charity. We also are called upon to be



examples in spirit. A good test of our spirit is to ask: "Am I kind? Is my spirit like Christ?" Next, Paul encourages us to be advertisers of Christ in faith and purity.

In essence, our witness is like light in the world for Him. The encouraging truth is that we can claim the Holy Spirit's help in letting our lights shine brightly, in being effective advertisers, for Christ.

Make me a channel

Meghan Pierson has a God-given passion for music. From a young age, she began developing her gift through piano, horn and voice at the Dearborn Heights, Mich., Corps. Today, Meghan, her husband, Mark, and their daughter, Morgan, are members of the Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps (OBT). Meghan serves as pianist, leads the singing company, sings in the songsters and plays alto horn in the senior band.

In collaboration with many members of the OBT congregation, Meghan recently released a piano album, *Make me a Channel*, to raise money for World Services/Self-Denial on behalf of her corps. The 10-track album includes familiar tunes such as "Be thou my vision" and "It is well with my soul." Meghan says the album is an expression of her love for the Savior.

"No matter what I go through in life, He is with me," Meghan said, "Playing His music gives me the opportunity to express my love and gratitude for all He has done."



Meghan's passion for ministering through music is what led her to take on this project. "I believe music can be as powerful as words in expressing the endless love of God," Meghan said. Her hope is that this album will bless those who purchase and listen to it, and

it will aid The Salvation Army's mission overseas with the funds raised through its distribution and sale.

Meghan works in the territorial music and gospel arts department as music education, ministry and curriculum specialist.



For more information, go to www.facebook.com/makemeachannel

730... AND BEYOND



3,517 days and counting

by Captain Catherine Mount

"Of course, we'll be there right away." "How can we help?" "What can we do?" Frequently, we say these words.

Officership is an adventure that makes every day of our lives different. It fills our time with a variety of tasks ranging from the mundane like setting up for events to the adventurous like riding roller coasters or zip lining at camp to the most intimate moments of people's lives.

My greatest privilege as an officer is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with anyone. For me, the next greatest privilege is the invitation people extend to me to enter into the most vulnerable moments of their lives. Pastoral care is a space in ministry where we *share life* with others. It is an opportunity to care for people in their greatest moments of need.

Here are just a few examples in my husband's and my short time as officers: sitting and praying with a bellringer who just learned of his daughter's suicide; sharing stories with a family who just lost their matriarch and saint of a mother and spouse; babysitting for a single mother who's desperate for a few hours to accomplish life; praying with families



as their loved one is ushered into heaven; having a cup of coffee with someone who needs a listening ear; being available to comfort those who are hurting and confused. What an honor it is to serve people through the ministry of presence!

I'll never forget when my son's first grade teacher asked me, "What is it that you and your husband do for a living? When I ask your son about your jobs he could only describe your occupation as 'helping people.'" I replied, "That is exactly what we do." It was a great opportunity to share the ministry of The Salvation Army with a public school teacher and a moment to recognize the simplicity—and complexity—of what it means to be an officer.

Everyday holiness

"It's important for our people not only to understand what holiness is but to know how to apply it to their everyday lives," said Lt. Elizabeth DeLacy, Shelbyville, Ind., corps officer with her husband, Stephen. Since the lieutenants arrived at the corps four years ago, they've held a holiness weekend every year so members can have a clear stance on what they believe and on The Salvation Army.

In the last year Chief Secretary Colonel Jeffrey Smith provided an in-depth examination of the differences between Calvinist and Wesleyian/Arminian theologies, the social aspects of the holiness movement, personal applications and the importance of evangelism. Terminology was clearly defined as were words, phrases and concepts common in the Christian vernacular that were unclear to corps people, Lt. Liz reported.



"Hoosier friendliness," the lieutenants have developed a number of supportive community partnerships and outreach programs. More than 20 youth attend weekly character-building groups and go on active-learning outings, such as geocaching, fishing or cooking, and the corps is excited about starting archery next year! Twice-weekly Zumba classes are offered while children participate in their activities, women's ministries meets weekly and a men's fellowship group meets each Saturday for a meal or outing.

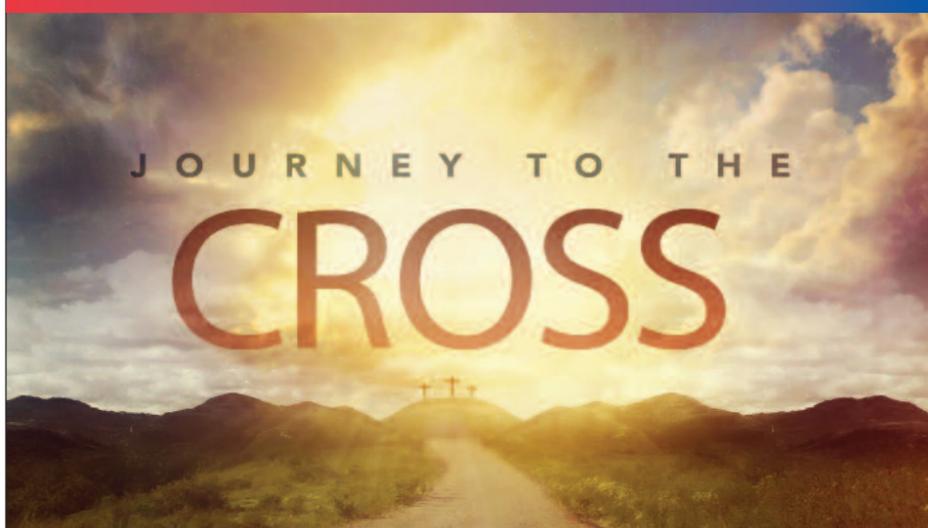
When Sunday attendance reached 80 percent occupancy in their current worship space, the lieutenants realized members were feeling "cramped" in the corps' chapel. "Having plenty of elbow room—and even empty seats between people—was an important factor in members' comfort," observed Lt. Liz. So the DeLacys relocated worship to the gym where artfully hung fabric provides a worshipful atmosphere and better acoustics for the corps' band, the youngest members of which love attending music camp each year!



"We knew Colonel Jeffrey Smith was a great teacher, and we liked his take on the topic," she continued. The corps also was blessed with the pastoral and musical gifts of Colonel Dorothy Smith, territorial secretary for women's ministries. About half of the corps' adults were able to attend the Friday and Saturday sessions with the rest of the congregation hearing a final message on holiness from the Chief Secretary on Sunday morning.

Since that weekend, members have told the DeLacys how they found it to be life changing in their response to everyday situations and other people.

Describing Shelbyville as the epitome of



Join the journey this Lenten season, remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating His resurrection!

See your corps officer for more information.



Omaha Kroc

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inspirational place to learn, an active place to improve their physical and mental fitness, a creative place to discover the arts and culture, a grace-filled place to nurture their spirits, and a safe place to discover their God-given talents.

As people of all ages from all walks of life gather at the Omaha Kroc Center to improve their physical,

mental and spiritual fitness, they are learning and growing, improving and discovering their talents and abilities.

The project demonstrates the continued commitment The Salvation Army is making, investing in the lives and dreams of the families and children in Omaha, and will be a beacon of hope for many years to come. It is anticipated that a grand opening of the new addition will take place next summer.



Heatwoles are in the zone

Monday morning, 5:00 a.m., the alarm goes off and Commissioners Merle and Dawn Heatwole get ready to join a sea of commuters as they catch the 6:30 a.m. train at the New Beckenham station. With computer case and backpack in tow, they are headed for International Headquarters (IHQ) in the heart of London. They've engaged in this daily routine for the last year since being appointed International Secretary and Zonal Secretary for Women's Ministries for the Americas and Caribbean Zone. Since their arrival at The Salvation Army's modern glass building on Queen Victoria Street, they have found another fulfilling chapter of their officership and camaraderie with officers from all over the world who've each left their home territory to serve the Lord at IHQ.

"The different perspectives and experiences are so valuable. We are able to serve stronger and resource better because of it," said Commissioner Merle, whose appreciation of the complexity of issues regarding Salvation Army service globally has deepened.

With all five zonal command offices on the same floor at IHQ, he equates it to walking around the



world in five minutes. But their actual travels take much longer.

Approximately a third of each month has them zigzagging across the world, with flights averaging nine hours each to minister in one of the 40 countries, composing the 11 territories and USA National Headquarters in the Americas and Caribbean Zone—nearly a third of the countries in which the Army serves worldwide. "We get off a six-hour flight now and joke, 'That was short!'"

The emphasis on coming alongside Salvationists on the frontlines serving in Christ's name is nothing new for the Heatwoles, but their current roles require more of them—more stamina, more flexibility and some-

times perhaps more courage.

Commissioner Dawn confides, "I've always been a horrible traveler—suffering from migraines and having diet restrictions—so the fact I can keep up this pace is an answer to prayer." She continued lightheartedly, "And I've found that everywhere in the world serves chicken and rice, and Coca-Cola can be found anywhere!"

On a more serious note, they agree the last year has been reenergizing. "It's been exciting to see how God is using The Salvation Army to spread the message of Christ and His love," said Commissioner Merle.

It's places like Cubatão, just outside of São Paulo, Brazil, that build their faith. Here The Salvation Army ministers in the city's worst neighborhood, riddled with poverty and crime, where most people are afraid to venture. The corps is the result of one Salvationist's desire to make a difference in her neighborhood.

Moved with Christ's compassion for her neighbors, she began holding Bible studies in her home. Eventually, the Army built a basic structure on pylons over the water like the rest of the community; today it's the only outreach in this dangerous community where Salvationists are so respected they walk freely without fear.

"It is amazing to see how just one individual can make such a difference," enthused Commissioner Merle.

Another of the many inspiring ministries is by the Sagrada Familia Corps in San Jose, Costa Rica, which ministers to families of prisoners. While families wait in excruciatingly long lines for hours outside of the



prison to visit their loved ones twice a month, Salvationists talk with them about Jesus, serve water, coffee and sandwiches, hand out information about corps programs and take prayer requests. This simple support not only has brought comfort to countless people but several families have begun attending the corps and accepted Christ as their Savior. Whenever a prisoner is released, the corps holds a celebration dinner and the entire neighborhood joins together to celebrate.

From the Heatwoles' vantage point, they see firsthand how Salvationists' offerings are multiplied exponentially, encircling the globe with territories being a blessing to each other. They give an example close to home. For years students from the South America East Territory (SAE) have attended Central Music Institute (CMI) and Salvationists from the Central Territory have invested in holding similar camps in SAE to develop musicians and train leaders. Now leaders from SAE are helping to establish a music institute in the Mexico Territory.

Commissioner Dawn concluded, "The teams we send, the work we do and the money we give are all really an investment that goes further than we can imagine."



The sounds of Jamaica

by Captain Catherine Fitzgerald

Moving to another country with a different culture and climate brings new experiences for all of my five senses. I love the smell of Jamaican jerk chicken, the sights of the mountains that surround the city and the taste of the exotic fruits. But perhaps no sense has been more overwhelmed than my hearing. New sounds start early in the morning with crowing roosters (who do not only crow at sunrise!) and continue through the day with lots of honking, loud music and even new languages (despite the

official language being English). The day ends with one of the more unique sounds, the Jamaican croaking lizard (which is surprisingly loud!) if it can be heard above the loud dancehall music sometimes playing in nearby neighborhoods.

In my position at the Training College, my ears have had to get used to new and various accents. The Caribbean Territory includes 17 countries and officers I work with represent many of those countries. The cadets currently at the college are mostly from Haiti (15 out of 16) and all have a lovely French accent. Because all of the cadets are English-language learners, I have learned to listen more carefully in order to understand and also to speak more slowly in order to be understood. Jonathan and I both teach our classes with this in mind and seek to help cadets master various disciplines (theology, preaching, biblical studies, etc.) while



with a whole new beat, usually reggae. They sing short, repetitive choruses with inspiring messages accompanied with clapping, tambourine and always a little bit of dancing.

It is a joy to minister in the Caribbean with so many different peoples and nationalities. We are learning so much about others and also about ourselves. We are doing our best to adapt and accept and sometimes are more successful than other times. Few things in life make you lean on God more than leaving your comfort zone. I hope you are willing to hear, see, smell, touch and taste new things for God's glory!

also mastering English. This is a continual challenge, but it is also very rewarding to see cadets become more and more confident and comfortable in the new language as God faithfully equips them for their calling.

Perhaps my favorite sounds are those of worship. Though I love our American style of worship, I have come to love and appreciate the rhythms and styles of Caribbean worship. Sometimes they sing songs, even traditional hymns, I know well





TWENTY NEW CORPS AROUND THE WORLD IN 2017

A CENTRAL TERRITORY INITIATIVE

Miracle for Matamoros



As far as Salvationists at the Matamoros Corps in Mexico are concerned, the Central Territory's 20 New Corps initiative is the answer to the miracle for which they've been praying.

Last year the corps building had to be totally demolished due to problems with its foundation. The corps officers, soldiers and community were distressed and were fervently praying for God to intervene in some way, but there was no solution anywhere on the horizon, said Lt. Colonel Edgar Chagas, chief secretary of the Mexico Territory, until the letter announcing the 20 New Corps initiative arrived from the Central Territory.

For a relatively modest amount of money (again showing the purchas-



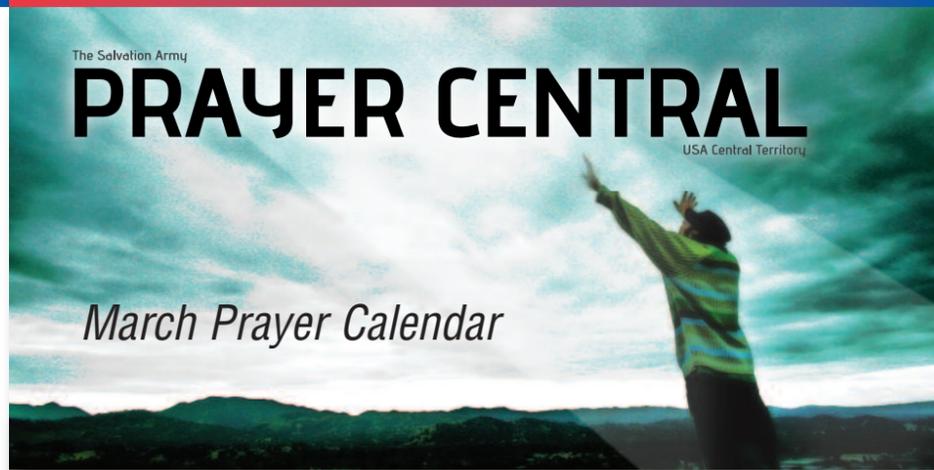
\$1,300 through a text-to-donate drive and a one-day opportunity to donate money during the lunch hour for a Mexican-themed dessert.

Other THQ fundraiser ideas include a lunch-time "mystery gift" auction by the territorial evangelism and corps growth department and an authentic Mexican lunch hosted by the territorial multicultural ministries department. In the spring, a THQ-wide 5K walk/run will be held for which participants will acquire sponsors!



ing power of U.S. dollars in some countries), a new corps building will be constructed in Matamoros which also will accommodate enhancements to the social service programs offered for many years by the corps.

The employees and officers at Central Territorial Headquarters (THQ) are raising the money to make all this possible for the Matamoros Corps in a series of fundraisers held by various departments. A fundraiser by the territorial world missions department raised \$2,205 for the privilege of wearing jeans every Monday during one month, while another fundraiser held by the territorial women's ministries department garnered a total of almost



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

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

* = Adult Rehabilitation Center

** = Divisional Headquarters

--Mustard Seeds--



General's Consultative Council affirms progress

Leaders of every territory and command met recently for a General's Consultative Council (GCC) to look specifically at the Army's Accountability Movement. It continues work begun at the 2014 International Conference of Leaders in Singapore, which put forward key areas The Salvation Army needs to address. Since then, the General has made use of the GCC—sometimes including every leader, at other times a representative group—to consult senior leaders and other key stakeholders in moving the agenda forward.

The theology and thinking behind the Accountability Movement is

explained at accountability.salvationarmy.org, which includes links to download the booklet *Journey of Renewal*, which gives a full explanation.

The movement's governance, child protection and finance workstreams have made significant progress. The council celebrated accomplishments and enabled territories and commands to consider how they can implement new ways of working within their context and legal constitution.

Progress also continues to be made on the impact measurement workstream, which connects with the other streams as well as having its

own focus. All four workstreams are connected by three key principles: leadership development, capacity building, communication.

The finance workstream has led to implementation of the International Finance and Accounting Standard (IFAS), only the third edition of a manual of accounting practices in The Salvation Army's history. The introduction of IFAS will enable real-time information to territories and commands, providing cloud-based systems and storage. Technical support will be available to all 128 countries in which The Salvation Army works, bringing reporting systems up-to-date.

The team headed up by International Headquarters (IHQ) Head of Finance Dr. Matthew Carpenter demonstrated what can be achieved by bringing together a gifted group of people that transcends territorial, language and cultural boundaries to achieve a significant piece of work in a short timeframe.

The child protection workstream also is making good progress, and the appointment of an international director for child protection enables The Salvation Army to be strategic in developing robust safeguarding policies in each territory and command. Jane Dodds comes to the role with considerable experience and is making headway in connecting with the worldwide Army. Since daily there can be up to an estimated two million children in some form of Salvation Army program, this is an important focus.

In considering the governance workstream, it was recognized the world is changing, with many organizations coming under the spotlight and a greater level of accountability and transparency being called for. To this end, much work has been done on the differentiation between man-

agement and governance to enhance internal and external accountability and transparency. The New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory has pioneered this work, learning valuable lessons for how principles and standards can be translated into cultures and legal frameworks. IHQ has demonstrated its commitment to this area of work in the appointment of an international secretary for accountability and governance filled by Commissioner Robert Donaldson on January 1, 2017.

After dialogue and participatory workshops, the council agreed on the following statement:

- We affirm that governance which includes accountability and transparency is a desired outcome and that in our ongoing journey we must ensure that we do not separate mission and governance.
- We will proactively protect all vulnerable individuals in our congregations and programs.
- In accordance with the principle of good stewardship we will strengthen our financial and accounting processes.
- During the implementation process we must build capacity and empower leadership.
- There must be an intentional coordination of the streams of work so that we build an Army for the 21st century.

Delegates acknowledged work still remains to be done and much has to be thought through. "Having said that," concluded General André Cox, "we celebrate the unity within this group of international leaders as we grapple with significant cultural and organizational change, seeking to be fit for purpose in a new and changing world."

Youth star teams with SA

by Mary Healy Zaleski

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit teamed up with Detroit native, rising star and Salvation Army California Youth Ambassador Issac Ryan Brown for the movie premiere of *Believe*. The Salvation Army makes an appearance in the drama about a small-town business owner who tries to save the local Christmas pageant.

The movie premiere was released in 600 U.S. locations including both Detroit and Grand Rapids, Mich. The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit had

its brass band on hand for the premiere, and Captain Kelsie Moreno made a presentation on stage before the performance.

Issac has starred in television hits like "blackish," "America's Got Talent" and "How to Get Away With Murder" and appeared in movies including *Batman v. Superman, Dawn of Justice* (2016) and *The Land before Time XIV: Journey of the Brave* (2016). Look for this child star to continue to make an impression as a Salvation Army Youth Ambassador in California as well as on the big screen.



Pictured with Issac Ryan Brown are (l to r) Greg Payton, Russell Dobney, Captain Kelsie Moreno and Chuck McDougall.

Promoted to Glory

Mrs. Major Miriam Johnson

On November 20, 2016, Mrs. Major Miriam Johnson was promoted to Glory. She was 94.

Miriam was born on October 17, 1922, in Williamsburg, Iowa, to Daniel and Alice Evans. Her mother died when she was just 4, and she and her sister were raised by their father and "auntie." During the Depression the two Evans families lost their farms, so they pooled their resources and moved in together in a home in Newton, Iowa. After Miriam's dad died when she was 14, her aunt continued to raise her and her sister. They attended the Newton, Iowa, Corps, where Miriam played piano, sang in songsters and played euphonium in the band.

Though she planned on becoming a teacher, Miriam felt called to officership and entered the College for Officer Training in 1943. She was commissioned a year later with the "Liberty" session. In 1947 she was



appointed to the training college, where she fell in love with Captain Frank Johnson, who was also on staff. They were married on June 19, 1952.

In their five corps, divisional and several territorial headquarters appointments, Miriam and Frank served as a team, working and pastoring together and sharing a unique ministry combining Miriam's musical giftedness and Frank's talent relaying the gospel through unique means like Christian illusion. They retired in 1992.

Miriam's deep abiding love for the Lord was evidenced in her joyful spirit, care and encouragement to others, and devotion to her family.

Miriam is survived by her husband, daughter, Beth; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Karla.

Correction/Clarification

In the promotion to Glory for Major Daniel Uptegrove, his session was misidentified. He was commissioned in 1956 with the "Sword Bearers" session.

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