



# Central Connection

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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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## Prayer to be focus for Commissioning weekend

by Major Richard Vander Weele

Lord, teach us to pray," an earnest plea from a disciple to Jesus (Luke 11: 1b), has been selected as the theme for this year's commissioning weekend, June 12-14, 2009, at the Star Plaza Theatre in Merrillville, Ind. A committee is hard at work designing programs and events for an exciting Holy Spirit powered gathering called Power Point, an interactive weekend for Salvationists focused on prayer, praise and purpose. It will emphasize topics such as how to pray, the power of prayer and its effective pairing with evangelism.

Pastor Jim Cymbala of the Brooklyn Tabernacle will be the guest for Friday and Saturday. Jim and his wife, Carol, came to The Brooklyn Tabernacle more than 30 years ago. They started in a run-down building with a handful of people as the congregation. Although



Pastor Jim Cymbala

neither was formally trained for the ministry, God blessed their efforts. The Brooklyn Tabernacle is now in its fourth location, a huge, former

theater with adjoining office buildings built in 1917. More than 10,000 persons enter the facility weekly as the church presents the gospel of Jesus Christ to people of every race and nationality.

Cymbala's passion for prayer and his intentional, successful plan for using prayer to direct the church's ministry and engage his congregation in intercessory prayer makes him well-suited to guide our weekend. He has authored several books, including *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire, Breakthrough Prayer*, and *The Promise of Answered Prayer*. We believe Pastor Cymbala has a message which will bless and inspire Salvationists toward a fervent, effective prayer life.

Programming will include new elements designed to engage delegates in interaction with each other: a prayer walk, opportunities to pray with leaders and others from their division or command, and a 24-hour prayer chain

which will commence a yearlong, unending cycle of prayer leading up to the 2010 General's Congress.

In addition, children's programming will focus on age-appropriate teaching on prayer. A first-time reunion luncheon for soldiers who have attended the National Seminar on Evangelism is being planned, along with the usual session and retired officer events.

And, of course, there will be some of the program components which make this June event so popular with Salvationists: the commissioning and ordination of cadets and their appointment service as new lieutenants; the announcement of our Self-Denial/World Services fundraising; and the dedication of summer mission teams.

Delegates should come expecting the Holy Spirit will bless, encourage and equip them for ministry as soldiers in the great salvation war.

## Grand Rapids Kroc Center breaks ground

by Roger Snider

Hearing the phrase "out of the mouth of babes...thou hast perfected praise," from Matthew 21:16, you might anticipate being in the pres-



Kroc Leadership Academy student Dakya Chapman delivers her testimony during groundbreaking ceremonies.

ence of a child with innate wisdom or understanding beyond their years. Such was the case with fourth grader Dakya Chapman, a Grand Rapids Kroc Leadership Academy student who shared her appreciation at the Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center groundbreaking.

"With the help of the Kroc Leadership Academy, I am truly becoming the person that God wants me to be," Dakya emphatically proclaimed to a captivated audience of over 200 who assembled under a cold, slate grey October sky on the south side of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Inspirational highlights were plentiful during the morning's festivities, including a rousing vocal performance by the youth choir from the nearby New Branches Community School and 25 eager Kroc Leadership Academy students performing their own version of an official groundbreaking by digging in sand to uncover gold coins. One lucky stu-

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## Territorial Economic Summit

The Salvation Army is being called upon more than ever to help meet basic and vital physical needs during these tough economic times, but it also is giving us a wonderful opportunity to address the spiritual needs of those we serve.

In an effort to respond appropriately, Territorial Commander Commissioner Barry C. Swanson has scheduled a Territorial Economic Summit for January 20-21, 2009.

Three areas to be discussed include cost containment, fundraising and service delivery. Representatives from each command will gather to make recommendations to the Territorial Executive Council meeting later that same week which will ultimately lead to an implementation plan for the territory to address the impact of economic concerns on our operations and support of the field.

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## Restoration in Rwanda

by Lt. Colonel Mickey McLaren  
Territorial Secretary for Business  
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The Salvation Army always has provided assistance to countries devastated by calamity, whether manmade or a natural disaster. Our mission is to serve God by serving people. In order to do this efficiently, we must have well-trained personnel with credentials that are recognized throughout the world by governments and other disaster non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Toward this end, the Salvation Army International Emergency Services Office convened an International Emergency Services Leaders Conference in Kigali, Rwanda. Twenty-four Salvation Army delegates from around the world gathered in Rwanda to hone their skills in leading international disaster teams. Given my international service, I was asked to help at this conference and represented our territory.

The conference began by review-



ing updates to the Sphere Project which was launched by NGOs in 1997 to improve the quality and accountability of the humanitarian response. Its handbook provides minimum standards for relief in which international Salvation Army emergency services leaders are trained.

Rwanda was chosen as the conference venue because Salvation Army work began there as a result of genocide in 1994 between the Hutus and Tutsis which is estimated to have killed up to one million people. This crime was portrayed in a movie called, "Hotel Rwanda."

Major Patricia Kiddoo, a Central Territory officer serving with the Salvation Army World Service



of refugees back to Rwanda, causing great stress on Rwanda's

Organization, was one of the first to arrive after the devastation. She encountered gruesome scenes as she began the work of reconciliation and restoration.

From that initial effort there are now eight corps, two outposts, 1,125 senior soldiers, 900 junior soldiers and 1,000 recruits. The Salvation Army has three main goals in addition to corps work. We have an extensive HIV/AIDS program, a basic nutrition program and an ongoing peace and reconciliation program. A small but significant program of reconciliation is the weaving of "peace baskets" by Rwandan women. Women from both tribes sit together and weave baskets with intricate designs and sell them to raise funds to support their families. The Salvation Army is deeply involved in making these peace baskets in our home leagues and women's ministries.

The country of Tanzania recently deported thousands

resources to provide adequate living conditions for them. The Salvation Army has built 70 houses on land donated by the Rwandan government that now house approximately 190 people. A water bore hole also was drilled, giving life-saving access to clean, fresh water. A run-off area near the bore hole is provided so local cattle and goat owners can bring their animals to drink. Water is very precious in Africa. This village can share its water source with surrounding villages, providing another avenue of reconciliation. A corps community center was built for this village, giving a wonderful place for education and social interaction. The Salvation Army in Rwanda is underfunded, understaffed and overworked, yet Salvationists worship the Lord enthusiastically and joyfully.



Rwanda Territorial Headquarters



## Sharing in the joy!

With your support the 2008 Share Your Christmas Joy campaign surpassed its goal and raised \$11,100! The Central Territory was able to give \$100 to 111 homes and schools overseas.

Thanks to everyone who prayerfully and financially supported this endeavor to make a happy Christmas for children throughout the world. Every donation, whether big or small, glorified God through your faithfulness.

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## Salvation Army expands work to 117 countries

The Salvation Army is now officially at work in 117 countries, with the most recent openings taking place in Kuwait and Mongolia.

Kuwait became the 116th country to fly the Salvation Army flag when Majors Michael and Teresa Hawley from the USA Southern Territory took up their appointments in the Arabic gulf state last August. They were joined in September by Lieutenants Robert and Glenis Viera, also from the Southern Territory, who were appointed to Kuwait directly from being commissioned as officers.

Much of their ministry, based in the government-approved Protestant Compound, is expected to be with the 300-plus Salvationist immigrant workers who are originally from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, The Philippines and Sri Lanka. Contact with the ex-pat Salvationists was originally made when International Emergency Services ran its Iraq

relief program from Kuwait. This was followed by intensive research and visits to the country by Colonel Dick Krommenhoek, the General's representative for global evangelization and Commissioner Lalkiamlova, international secretary for South Asia, in 2007.

The work in Kuwait, which is in the "10/40 window," is overseen by the South Asia Zone at International Headquarters.

In October Mongolia became the most recent addition to countries where the Army is at work. The ministry will be overseen by the Korea Territory, which has arranged a special fundraising and prayer appeal for this missionary endeavor. Captain Lee, Min-ho and Captain Chang, Mi-hyun, having already been to Mongolia for research and preparation, were charged to open fire for The Salvation Army by General Shaw Clifton during the Korea Centenary Congress last fall.

\*From an International News Release.

## Get Connected!

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Learn more about ICO  
More about the SA in Rwanda

## Midland readies for battle

The Midland Division has embarked upon a series of battle strategy retreats in relation to the national "Come Join Our Army" initiative introduced last year. The retreats bring leaders from different corps together to assess their situations and devise strategies to more effectively "serve souls, grow saints and serve suffering humanity."

The intensive two-day retreats include workshops and assessments adapted from a model used by the Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Division.

"We felt a strong emphasis on outreach was needed as well as attaching the corps assimilation plan to this process," said Captain Debra Richardson, divisional corps growth secretary. "We also added SWOT



(strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analyses to take an honest look at the corps, see what is standing in the way of growth and what opportunities to reach out are readily available."

The first retreat included corps from Jacksonville and Mattoon, Ill., and Columbia, Arnold and St. Louis Maplewood, Mo. All five corps left with plans to reach out to their communities.

## Youth ministry designated top priority

Signaling effective youth ministry as "mission critical" and his top priority for the Central Territory, Commissioner Barry C. Swanson, territorial commander, has appointed Majors Robert and Collette Webster, territorial youth secretaries, as at-large members of the Territorial Executive Council (TEC) for 2009.

He has taken this unprecedented step in hopes of infusing TEC, the territory's senior leadership who act in an advisory capacity, with a sense of the significance and urgency in reaching this demographic. He believes this measure will cause a shift in thinking to help the territory be more intentional and bridge the gap between programming and effective evangelism and discipleship.

While several ministry areas have been identified as "mission critical," youth ministry is being addressed first since it affects the Army's future and so many other ministry areas, which could see positive spin-off.

"We're honored yet humbled that we would be asked to carry this responsibility forward," said Major Collette Webster. "We are excited about sharing our perspective and hearing what's on the leaders' hearts. We stand ready to resource them to carry out youth ministry at the local level."

"For a long time everyone has heard about the importance of youth work in our territory but actually



figuring out a way to bring the reality of that into our ministry at the local level has been challenging," said Major Robert Webster.

While leading the territorial youth department for the past five years, the Websters have been guided by a single focus, a mission statement that reads: "To develop young people into lifelong followers of Jesus Christ as soldiers of The Salvation Army."

Major Robert Webster concluded, "I would like for people to be able to look at a young person and know they're a Salvationist because of what they stand for, what they believe and the way they live." He continued, "We need young adults to take the mantle of responsibility, to recognize their place in our Army and feel that its mission is their mandate."

## Promotions announced

General Shaw Clifton has announced the promotion of Lt. Colonels Paul R. and Carol R. Seiler, chief secretary and territorial secretary for women's ministries and coordinator for strategic mission planning, respectively, to the rank of colonel. This will take effect February 1, 2009.

Following extensive consultation with territories and in-depth discussion with the International Management Council, the General has decided that certain reserved appointments in some territories will be known as senior reserved appointments.

Officers appointed to these positions, along with their

spouses, will be promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel if they have completed 20 years of active service. In the Central Territory, these senior appointments include: territorial sec-



Lt. Colonels Paul R. and Carol R. Seiler



Majors Norman S. and Diane Marshall

retary for personnel, territorial secretary for business administration, territorial secretary for program, and divisional commanders for the Eastern Michigan, Metropolitan and Northern divisions.

As of February 1, 2009, the following individuals will be promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel: Major Richard E. Vander Weele, Majors Norman S. and Diane Marshall, and Majors Daniel and Rebecca Sjögren.



Major Richard E. Vander Weele



Majors Daniel and Rebecca Sjögren



# OTHERS

## Re:Generation 2009

February 13 - 15 - Camp Mihaska - Bourbon, MO

Re:Generation is an experience created for young adults, 18-29, in the Central Territory.

Majors Geoff and Sandra Ryan, from the 614 Regent Park Corps in Toronto, are the special guests for the weekend. They are phenomenal speakers and teachers and are sure to inspire, convict and share the Word of God in a powerful way.

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## Newest accepted candidates

### Ginnifer Strode

Manitowoc, Wis.

Wisconsin and Upper Michigan  
Division

Ginnifer knew she was called to officership at a youth councils in 1996 but decided to run from that calling. She ran until 2004 when she experienced personal holiness. "Holiness of heart matured and changed me into a completely different woman," she said.

"My call to officership is, simply put, the destiny which my King has specifically designed for me," she explained. "His Word burns in my heart like a



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fire, and The Salvation Army is where God has chosen to allow me the privilege to learn, laugh, love and fight."

Ginnifer will join the Ambassadors of Holiness from the Manitowoc, Wis., Corps where her officers are Captains Trevor and



Rochelle McClintock. She will come to training with her son, Bowen, who will be seven.

### Julie Tamayo

Stevens Point, Wis.

Wisconsin and Upper Michigan  
Division

Julie grew up as an officers' child and was saved at an early age. While at college she abandoned her faith. Accidentally "getting lost" with her dad, Major Jose Tamayo, while driving home from a movie, they talked for hours and she recommitted her life to Christ. Since then she's found, "God surprises me each and every day through my time with Him and ordinary interactions with others."

"I knew God had called me, once at 16, then at congress where God blew all my excuses away." During an extensive prayer and Bible study at the Central Bible and Leadership Institute young adult track this past summer, God affirmed her calling to officership.

Julie will come to the CFOT with her daughter, Ani, who will be six. They will enter from the Stevens Point, Wis., Corps where her corps officer is Captain Leanna Tuttle.

### Richard and Linnea Forney

Menasha (Fox Cities), Wis.

Wisconsin and Upper Michigan  
Division

Rich and Linnea, who met at



Army Lake Camp, were happy, content parents of two children involved in ministry in Appleton, Wis. Rich had been the corps youth pastor since 2000, and

Linnea ran her own home childcare center. While they each experienced the call to fulltime ministry, they felt they had fulfilled this and would not consider anything more until their children left home.

That was until their daughter, Chalissee, said, "I think we should move to Chicago. You both would be good officers, and we can have a family ministry together." Shocked, Rich and Linnea sat down with their kids, prayed about it and felt assurance from God this was the "next chapter" for their family.

Rich and Linnea will come to the College for Officer Training with Chalissee, who will be 13, and their son, Cody, who will be 11, from the Menasha (Fox Cities), Wis., Corps. Their corps officers are Majors Jose and Annette Tamayo.



## Rooted and grounded!

by Captain Rob DeGeorge

Delegates to the Territorial Candidates' Weekend gathered in Chicago recently to "rejoice in the gospel of Christ" and consider what it means to "become its servant by the commission of God." (Col 1:24-25)

As the weekend began, an exciting and humbling truth was observed by Major Andy Miller, territorial candidates' secretary: the cadets and delegates present represented the next five sessions of commissioned Salvation Army officers.

Majors Paul and Paula Fleeman, College for Officer Training principal and director of campus services, challenged delegates with their first homework assignment as they prepare for the call of God for the sake of the gospel. Are delegates rooted in Christ; being built up in the faith? Are they relying on the strength of the Lord and living lives of thankfulness?

Saturday was spent on the college grounds where delegates got a glimpse of campus life. Insight from college staff on the 22-month curriculum, plus the ins and outs of living life on a cadet budget, provided focus and much needed answers. Cadets shared how God called them to officer training, as well as practi-



cal advice on balancing college with family life; some are parenting infants up to teens.

Another significant element of campus life is the privilege of community. Delegates, cadets and officers fellowshiped over an evening of table games, volleyball in the gym or discussing books purchased at the campus book sale over a cup of coffee, Italian soda or a home-baked goodie, all to benefit World Services. Delegates also got a glimpse of the exciting experiences available to them in the college's neighborhood on the north side of Chicago, two blocks from Wrigley Field and Lake Michigan.

"The privilege of being a servant of the gospel at this time in history is both difficult and exciting," said Commissioner Barry C. Swanson. He challenged delegates to consider their response to the grace of God in their lives. They responded with overflowing thankfulness poured out at the altar.

At the sight of such a time of commitment and confirmation, one delegate reflected, "To follow in the footsteps of our Lord is such a great and awesome privilege. It was made clear to me through this weekend that my calling to follow Christ is sure if I remain rooted and grounded in Him!"



## International College for Officers

### Central Territory Delegates for 2009



#### Major Russell Sjogren

Session 200  
January 14-March 9



#### Major Michael Gates

Session 201  
April 15-June 8



#### Major Steven Merritt

Session 202  
July 15-September 7



#### Major Toni Dorrell

Session 203  
October 14-December 7



# Lincoln's diverse caring

Community care ministries is a corps-wide affair in Lincoln, Neb., reports Corps Officers Majors Robert and Elaine Boone.

## HUNKS on call

Who ya gonna call if you can no longer clean your gutters, replace that too-high light bulb, shovel snow or check your car's oil, tire pressure or antifreeze? If you live around the Lincoln, Neb., Corps, you can call

the HUNKS (Happy United men Need your help to Keep providing Service to our community).

Last fall the corps men banded together to provide minor household repairs and services one Saturday morning each month. Local residents needing assistance can call the corps to schedule an appointment.

Corps Officer Major Robert Boone recalled one of the team's first jobs: winterizing the home of an ailing, elderly woman. "It was very rewarding for us all," he said. "LeRoy Thiel, the only HUNK brave enough to climb the tall ladder, plastic sealed the upper-story windows; the rest of us sealed the more accessible windows and did other chores."



## Cancer support

People dealing with cancer—whether just diagnosed, undergoing treatment or a cancer survivor—plus their families and friends can find a safe place to talk and gather information about cancer and treatments at the Lincoln Corps. Meeting twice a month, the group is open to anyone who has an interest in or concern about cancer.

## Parents and tots club

Parents can bring their babies and preschoolers to the corps' fellowship hall twice a month for the Preschool Kids and Parents Club where parents can share their concerns and exchange ideas. The club provides an opportunity for preschoolers to interact and play (under parental supervision) while parents can talk. The corps provides refreshments.

## Kids learn to care



The color-splashed helping hands say it all in the logo for Junior Community Care Ministries (Jr. CCM). The ministry designed for youth, ages 6-14, promotes good citizenship and compassionate service to individuals, the corps and community.

Youth learn how to show community care in creative ways every day through single acts of kindness or

group efforts in practical service in the spirit of Christ.

The success of Jr. CCM in corps utilizing this ministry has demonstrated it's important to provide meaningful ways of expressing servanthood.

## In Jesus' name

Last year, young adults of the DeKalb, Ill., Corps not only learned how to do exterior house scraping and painting through community care ministries, they learned the economic importance of keeping properties up to local standards.

DeKalb is a big college town for Northern Illinois University. Naturally, many of the young people attending the corps are undergraduate or graduate students at the university. Though busy with studies and jobs, they've proved themselves never too busy for corps fellowship, worship, Bible study and evangelical or service outreach in the name of Christ, reported Corps Officers Captains Alex and Aimee Norton.

The first Saturday night of each month, students travel two hours into downtown Chicago to feed the homeless living on Lower Wacker Drive. The students distribute sandwiches and kind words in this almost subterranean, unworldly landscape of



pillars lining busy traffic lanes with box and crate "homes" wedged in throughout.

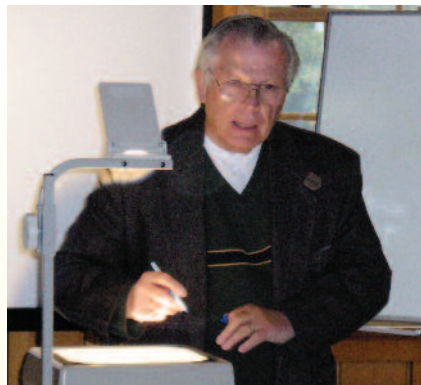
## Back to basics

by Envoy Tricia Taube

It started with a vision. Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Divisional Commander Major Robert Thomson saw a need to develop current and future leaders. He envisioned a training opportunity to address leadership development and discipleship. That vision became a reality.

Named for the historic days of the Army, the "War College" held its first session in October 2007. The group meets three times a year at Army Lake Camp for weekend retreats that include instruction in core beliefs, evangelism, bridging ministries and preaching, as well as practical experience, worship, a night of prayer and an emphasis on spiritual disciplines.

In Spring 2008 delegates successfully completed their first year of the three-year program. This past fall a



new group joined returning students. This group, now numbering 23, looks forward to maturing in their faith, developing their gifts and being an encouragement to each other.

For some delegates this is a time to prepare for the call to officership the Lord has placed on their hearts. For others it is a time to develop their leadership skills and God's plan for them in their corps. One thing is certain: each has determined that knowing the Lord and seeking His will will not be accidental.



## CCM on web!

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- CCM's "Top 10" reasons why
- The Junior CCM track for ages 6-14

# All the world's a stage

Seeing the Bill Booth Theater Company (BBTC) in the lineup for a Salvation Army event brings a chill of delighted anticipation up and down the spine. "What will the BBTC do this time? Will I laugh? Shed a tear? Both?"

Founded just eight years ago in 2001, the BBTC has made a tremendous impact. It's become a benchmark for hard-hitting Christian drama and comedy communicating deep biblical truths to believers and non-believers alike.

While they've been applauded for their creativity, company members seek first to impart the divine inspiration they've received, which is masterfully woven throughout BBTC performances in drama, music, comedy and scripture to evoke thoughtful reflections.

The company's varied repertoire appeals to all ages. Thirteen people have been BBTC members over its eight seasons; two current performers are from the original cast.

**Joe Caddy**, an original cast member, has served as the group's leader since 2002. Joe is uniquely gifted to be able to manage this troupe of highly creative actors with strong personalities. The clue



to Joe's success might be that he was a former middle-school choir director! Now he's assistant director of music and gospel arts for the Metropolitan Division.

Joe is passionate about the BBTC. Highly organized and blessed with a great memory, he manages the group's performance schedule and serves as the onstage prompter.

"I was one of those annoying kids who always knew everyone's lines," recalled Joe of his high school and college performance years.



What keeps Joe in the BBTC is "it's new all the time—new situations, new people, new material, new audiences." He believes God has gifted him with the ability to discern what to do and when to meet audience needs, which can palpably change throughout a show. Joe recalled one West coast performance that became so gut-wrenchingly emotional for the audience, company members came off stage shaking as well.

Joe and his wife, Kristin, are soldiers of the Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps.

## Mark Lewis

is the other original member of the BBTC. "Bill Himes [territorial music and gospel arts secretary] had approached me about a theatre group of talented Salvation-

ists who not only could write and perform good Christian drama,

but who could also teach it," recalled Mark. He immediately felt this is what God had been planning for him.

"I'd had a strong passion for wanting to see good church theater for years," Mark continued. "I knew this was my opportunity to be part of that movement, to use my acting talents to praise God and reach people."

Mark's acting career began as a child playing Han Solo and Indiana Jones in the basement. A youth councils skit led to college dramas, then community theatre. Interestingly, this accomplished actor was saved as a kid after seeing the Gowans and Larsson musical, "Glory."

"I couldn't stop crying when I got home," said Mark. "Standing there in the driveway, my [officer] dad talked to me about why I was so profoundly affected by the musical. I saw God working in the lives of the characters on stage; it was real to me. God also became real to me that night."

Mark, his wife, Debbie, and son, Brady, reside in Oak Creek, Wis.,



# for the BBTC

where they attend the Oak Creek Centennial Corps. Mark is employed as the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan divisional kettle coordinator.

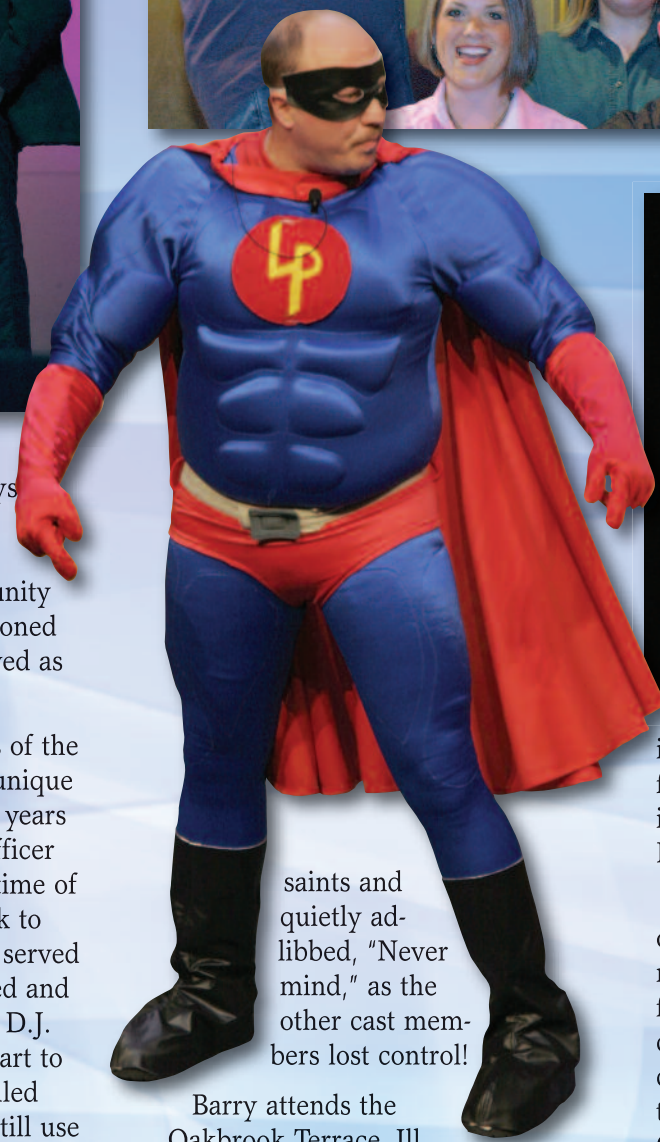
**Courtney Smith** joined the BBTC in November 2002 after the group performed at her corps, Norridge Citadel, Ill.

"I was looking for a creative outlet at the time and thought, 'I could do that,'" Courtney recalled. "But, I wasn't sure if I was confident enough to ask for an audition. In the end, Joe called me, and here I am, seven years later!"

Courtney enjoys being part of the BBTC family. "We pray for each other and have been through a lot together."

Courtney's favorite BBTC sketch is *The Old Testament in 20 Minutes*. "It's the longest piece we do. It was hard to memorize, but it changed my life," said Courtney. "I didn't understand a lot of the jokes, so at first I hated it, then I was embarrassed because I didn't get it. It made me want to read the Old Testament. Now I love it because God used this sketch to get me into His awesome Word!"

Courtney is in the Norridge Citadel Band and Songsters and leads the singing company. She and her husband, Zac, live at Camp Wonderland, where they are fulltime employees.



**Brian James** has always loved acting; he was involved in high school and college dramas, then community theatre. He just never envisioned being able to do what he loved as a Christian performer.

One of the older members of the group, Brian has brought a unique perspective to his first three years with the BBTC. Raised by officer parents, he went through a time of rebellion before coming back to the Lord. Along the way, he served a stint in the Navy, bartended and was a radio broadcaster and D.J. "God had to wake up my heart to what was in my head," recalled Brian. "I realized He could still use the cracked, dusty clay pot that was me."

Brian draws on his experiences and deep sense of compassion to bring a realistic depth to his acting. He is passionate about relaying the message, "You don't have to live that way. If God can use someone as flawed as me, God can use you, too."

Brian works as the business administrator for the Waukegan, Ill., Corps.

**Barry Shoults**, a member of the BBTC since 2005, is a fourth-year student at the University of Illinois in Chicago with a double major in biological sciences and psychology. He plans on being an emergency room physician.

"I was involved in drama throughout high school," said Barry. "The BBTC gives me a way to offer the talents God's given me back to Him for His glory and the advancement of His kingdom."

One of Barry's funniest memories from a BBTC performance came from a dinner for retired officers in Canada. During a sketch composed of Song Book titles, Barry bounded onstage, belted, "Rise up, O youth," looked at the roomful of silver-haired

saints and quietly ad-libbed, "Never mind," as the other cast members lost control!

Barry attends the Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps, where he's in the songsters.

**Kelly Hanton** is in her third year with the BBTC. In addition to monthly performance and rehearsal duties with the group, Kelly keeps busy juggling her responsibilities as mom to two little boys, Keegan, 6, and Cole, 3; being a wife to husband Mike, plus holding down a fulltime job in the territorial youth department.

She and her family attend the Oak Creek Centennial, Wis., Corps where she belongs to the corps' band and songsters and leads the singing company.

Kelly loves her involvement with the BBTC because she classifies it as "her own thing." She enjoys the creative outlet, Christian fellowship, prayer support and teamwork the group provides. What she finds even more

incredible is, "I often walk away from a performance weekend having gained more than I've given," Kelly reports.

**Matt Erickson** is in his second season with the BBTC as its media technician. He ran sound for high school plays and musicals, divisional events and music camps and is the media tech director at the Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps. Matt is a sophomore studying computer networking at Rock Valley College and works at territorial headquarters where he runs the copy center for the information technology department.

"They dragged me on stage once," Matt admits, "But, I'm more of a behind-the-scenes guy."



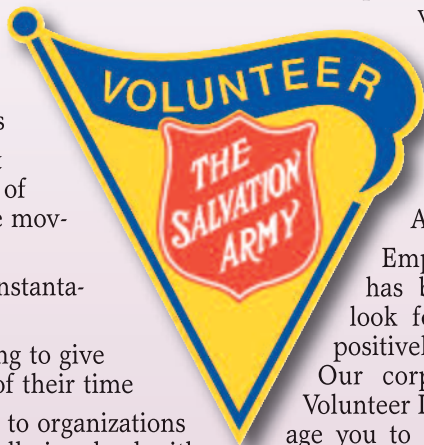
## Reaching out to a new world

by Robert Bonesteel

It is a new year. We are in a new world. We live in a time where:

- Children begin using computers before they can talk
- People prefer to shop, bank, donate and live online
- Cards are used more often than cash
- People expect communication in moments rather than days
- Individuals wait seconds instead of moments before moving on
- Information is instantaneous
- People are willing to give money instead of their time
- Individuals give to organizations they are personally involved with
- Someone on the other side of the world can volunteer in our communities without ever traveling
- One person can impact millions with just a few keystrokes

This is the world in which God has called us to serve, and we must learn how to effectively reach those



who help us serve the less fortunate.

In 2008 the Central Territory took steps toward engaging our community of supporters when we implemented a web-based volunteer management database, Volunteer Impact. We wanted to make it easier for our 640,000-plus volunteers to get involved. We also wanted to help our corps more effectively manage volunteers and reach more people who could volunteer. This program was designed to empower everyone who serves in The Salvation Army.

Employing this program has been exciting, and we look forward to how it will positively improve our efforts. Our corps have begun using Volunteer Impact. I would encourage you to see how your corps is using Volunteer Impact in managing its programs from social services to traditional corps programming like Sunday school. This database is an easy and effective way to connect with our new world.

Contact your corps officer for more information about your corps' Volunteer Impact database.

## Minnesota companies tour Army



by Craig Dirkes

Minnesota's largest corporations are finding out The Salvation Army is about more than red kettles and ringing bells. Employee groups from some of the state's largest companies—Best Buy, Cub Foods, 3M, Target and others—have been attending tours called Beyond the Red Kettle to discover the real Salvation Army.

Beyond the Red Kettle events are free, one-hour tours held three times a month at four Twin Cities facilities. Staff and clients offer testimonials about how the Army and its countless services have touched them. Nearly 800 people have attended the tours since they began in January 2007.

"These tours are not about fundraising," said Joel Vaughn, Beyond the Red Kettle coordinator. "They are meant to raise awareness about the critical work The Salvation Army does."

The tours also are meant to get people involved. So far, it's been working. For instance, consider Kathy Ayers, a real estate specialist with Minnetonka, Minn.-based UnitedHealth Group. A year ago she toured the Minneapolis Harbor



Kathy Ayers sorts shampoo during a toiletry drive she spearheaded for Harbor Light residents.

Light Shelter. She was so smitten with the tour that she started—and has not stopped—volunteering twice a month in the Harbor Light kitchen.

And that's just the half of it. Last spring she started a toiletry drive that yielded a truckload of soap, shampoo, toothpaste and deodorant. Ayers collected the items from hotels, dental offices and her fellow

employees at 15 UnitedHealth Group facilities. In late June, a dozen UnitedHealth volunteers sorted and bagged the items for distribution to Harbor Light residents.

"The packets of toiletries were vital to our overnight shelter," said Harbor Light Administrator Envoy Bill Miller, who presented Ayers with a Volunteer of the Year Award in November. "What a treat to have a volunteer so committed to Harbor Light."

Vaughn is pleased with the impact the tours are having.

"It is so fulfilling to have people from the community walk through a Salvation Army facility on a tour, hear of a need and say, 'That's something I can do. I can meet that need,'" he said. "We are honored and encouraged to have such wonderful friends and partners in the work we do."

## Salvation Army teams up with Thomas Kinkade



by Elena Macdissi

Thomas Kinkade's painting, "The Christmas Cottage," brings new meaning to the lyrics of "I'll be Home for Christmas." In fact, the cottage in the painting is similar to Kinkade's own childhood home. As part of The Salvation Army's Tree of Lights Campaign in the Western Division, the painting was displayed in several Omaha Banks and was to be auctioned off with a goal of raising \$5,000 to benefit the Salvation Army Toyland, a program designed to give toys to children during the Christmas season.

The painting is also the inspiration behind the new movie, "The Christmas Cottage." The film, loosely based on Kinkade's life, portrays his decision to become an artist

when his mother was in danger of losing her home. Jared Padlaeck stars as Thomas Kinkade with Marcia Gay Harden as his mother and Peter O'Toole as his mentor. The Salvation Army, AMC Oakview Theater and other community partners held "The Christmas Cottage" movie premiere on November 22nd. The price of admission was a new toy for the toyland. In his personal blog, Kinkade wrote he is proud of the film.

"As a young artist searching for purpose and meaning, I experimented with many different styles of painting as a student," Kinkade wrote. "A bit of this journey is chronicled in the film, 'The Christmas Cottage.' The film is entirely based on actual events, and if I may say so, is an excellent representation of reality."

## Fashion and fun with purpose!



The Lancer Dancers varsity dance and drill team at Shawnee Mission East High School in Prairie Village, Kan., a suburb of Kansas City, made more than 100 scarves and gave them to The Salvation Army to distribute to children in need this winter. A few of the 18 members are pictured modeling scarves.



# A cornucopia of music, celebration and worship

CSB and Lakeside Singers awe with versatility

by Colonel Dennis Phillips

Whatever one's preference in music, there was something for everyone to enjoy at the Chicago Staff Band's (CSB) Sounds of the Seasons concert. Be it old or new, brass or vocal, jazz or classical, rhapsody—or even country—this year's program had it all.

Wheaton College's Edman Chapel was abuzz with anticipation as the crowd began building as early as 6:00 p.m. Promptly at 7:00 the din of 2,000 voices quickly hushed as 34 men and women marched into the CSB's second century to begin this much-anticipated Thanksgiving weekend classic.

In a unique formation, the cornet section stood bordering the left and right flanks of the band, while the trombone section stretched across the rear riser. As Bandmaster William Himes brought down the baton on Robert Redhead's *Fanfare of Praise* the audience knew they were in for an evening of spectacular music.

With an economy of words and a volume of thought, Territorial Commander Commissioner Barry C. Swanson proclaimed an evening of "music, celebration and worship," and that was exactly what unfolded for the next two hours.

Cornet soloist Ben Kinzie evoked memories of Louis Armstrong and Doc Severinsen with his rendition of the jazzy *Joshua Swings the Battle* and later, young Brett Tolcher wowed the audience with his capable handling of the classic, *Concert Piece for Trombone*.

The Lakeside Singers made an impressive entrance bedecked in smart tuxedos and sequined evening gowns to the accompaniment of generous applause. Under the baton of conductor Robert Bowker, this superbly talented 24-voice choir amazed the audience with their artistry.

Among their diverse repertoire was a haunting arrangement of "Silent Night." With purity of voice, male and female soloists sang the familiar verses of this revered carol, but the harmonic progressions of the vocal accompaniment were anything but

familiar; they were extraordinary. Truly, the sensitive singing of this lullaby was fit for the birth of a King.

The Lakeside Singers concluded their first set accompanied by the Chicago Staff Band in a dramatic presentation of Aaron Copland's *The Promise of Living*. Transcribed for band by Bandmaster Himes, this setting included a willowy affect contributed by flute soloist Jon Negus.

The two major band works of the evening were *Journey into Freedom* by the legendary British composer, Eric Ball, and *Renaissance*, by the contemporary composer, Peter Graham. Ball's demanding test piece included an Eb bass solo which emulated the mellow tones of a euphonium while the euphoniums themselves filled the air with the smoothness of cellos. The brilliance of one soprano cornet easily filled the role of an entire woodwind section.

Later *Renaissance* was performed in sync to a multimedia presentation produced by David Minter, territorial visual communi-

cations, which dramatically portrayed the message of Christ's promised return. In both compositions, the Chicago Staff Band showcased its talent and ability to provide a wide range of musical expressions.

The entire audience was quite happily engaged in the season-appropriate singing of "Bringing in the sheaves" to the accompaniment of a "down-home country" arrangement by William Himes. While singing along, this writer had to pause and ponder the irony that this toe-tappin', hand-clappin', back-slappin' arrangement came from the pen of the same man who gave us *To the Chief Musician*, *Aspects of Praise* and *Procession to Covenant*.

Just before Lt. Colonel Mickey McLaren presented a meaningful devotional thought, Bandmaster Himes paid tribute for the colonel's 10 years of exceptional service as the band's executive officer.

Then the Lakeside Singers continued to demon-

strate their versatility with more Christmas music with highlights from *A Christmas Carol*. Singers and the CSB joined forces for a rousing finale, a high-energy gospel arrangement of "Go tell it on the mountain," to which the audience responded with prolonged applause.

Seemingly all too soon, the evening concluded as band and singers combined to sing a benediction, "The Lord bless you and keep you." Yes, it all happened on the Saturday night after Thanksgiving: "music, celebration and worship."



Photos by Rick Vogeneity



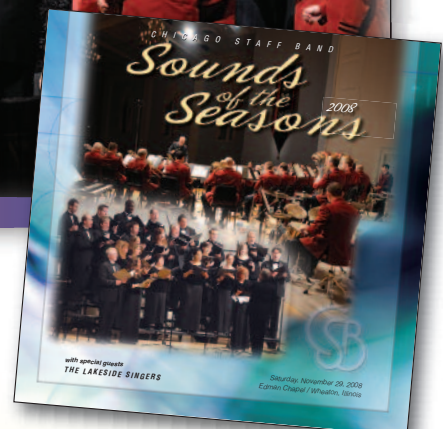
## 2008 Sounds of the Seasons CD

A professional CD recording of the 2008 Sounds of the Seasons, featuring the CSB and guests The Lakeside Singers, is available for \$15 each, plus \$5 shipping and handling for orders of any quantity to the same address.

Orders with quantity, address information and payment (Visa and MasterCard accepted) should be sent to:

**Chicago Staff Band, The Salvation Army,  
10 W. Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016**

If paying by credit card, fax (847) 227-5033.



## Lieurances' service saluted



by Major Laurence McPherson

If you were walking past the College for Officer Training on that day, you might've heard through the open windows of nearby apartment buildings, "It's the third of June, another dirty, dusty, delta day." Those same windows would soon slam shut as five and a half inches of rain drenched Chicago. If you'd gone inside to watch TV, you might've witnessed news reports of Israel's Six Day War, China's first hydrogen bomb or runner Jim Ryun setting a new world record for the mile: three minutes, 51 seconds.

Oh, I'm sure many events might've been witnessed that day, now lost in our memories. But, some witnessed and remembered the commissioning of the Witnesses of the Faith session—a profound occasion that, over the next 42 years, potentially impacted many more lives than any of the above-mentioned events.

Majors Charles and Lila Lieurance were among those commissioned on

that day, June 3, 1967. Seven corps and nine adult rehabilitation centers later, Chuck and Lila's consistent Christian witness has impacted countless lives. Many individuals and families who've experienced profound changes because of these faithful officers can confidently declare, "My eternity is secure with God," because Chuck and Lila answered their calls to officership.

Both were born in North Platte, Neb., and began attending the corps as children. Each time Lila boarded the corps bus, she'd encounter a mischievous boy named Chuck. As young adults they individually received God's call to officership. They married in 1964, entered training the next year and were commissioned as lieutenants two years later. Their sons, Damon and Darin, were born during the following two years.

The Lieurances, now living near Fayetteville, Ark., entered retirement out of the Fort Wayne, Ind., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC), where they served as administrators since 2002.

## Corps, ARC join forces

In a double-headed effort to disciple beneficiaries and widen a corps' outreach, the Romulus, Mich., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) and the Plymouth, Mich., Corps have successfully joined forces and supported "Come Join Our Army" along the way.

Corps Officers Majors James and Patricia Irvine and ARC Administrators Captains Troy and Linda Barker began working together more than a year ago. When the Irvines arrived at Plymouth, average Sunday attendance was less than 25 with most attendees well into their senior years.

"At our welcome, our people asked us to help them grow in numbers and younger in age," recalled Jim. "They've lived up to that challenge by giving us the freedom to implement fresh worship styles and by warmly welcoming new people. And, the Barkers have been tremendous supporters in our outreach to the ARC men and their families."

Troy said, "Seeing the interactions of corps people and beneficiaries has been a blessing." He attributes the success to the Irvines' compassion and the corps' acceptance without bias.

"The men have a higher sense of self-worth through this corps' ministry," continued Troy. "Many have been deemed outcasts by society—to feel a sense of belonging here can't be undervalued."

Extending the hand of fellowship is a highlight of Sunday worship. It's not just shaking hands; folks leave



Plymouth Corps Sergeant-Major Ross Myers extends a hearty greeting to Romulus ARC beneficiary Rodney Bondy.

their pews and roam the sanctuary to greet and give each other hugs. "What took just a moment or two at first can now take five to seven minutes!" exclaimed Jim.

The Barkers and Irvines were intentional in establishing soldiership classes for beneficiaries. "We look for maturity in Christ," explained Jim. "We're more interested in a person's relationship with God than in a relationship with The Salvation Army." The first soldiership class met this past fall at the ARC; the second soldiership class began meeting this month on Saturdays at the corps.

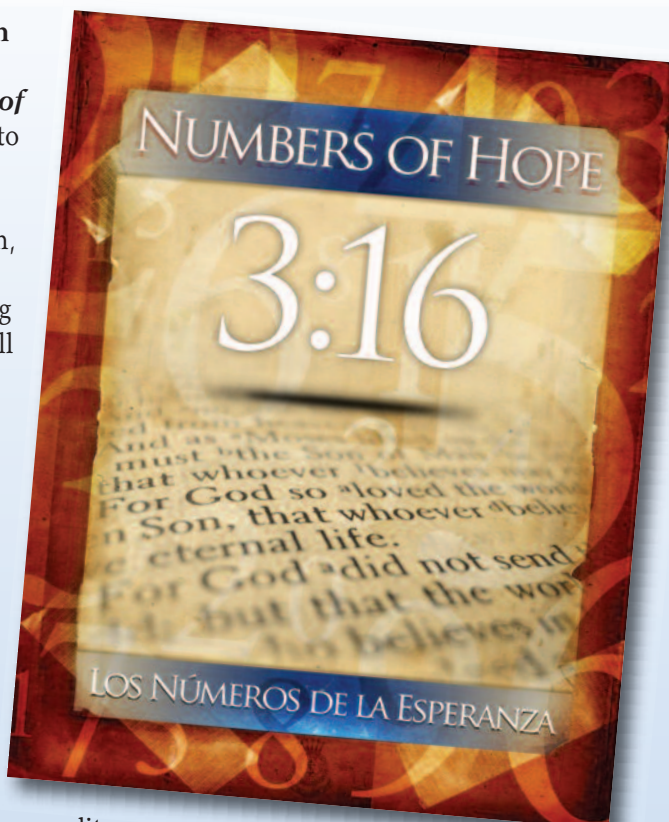
Last fall Jim took beneficiary Tom Witkowski to the Eastern Michigan Divisional Men's Retreat, led by Dr. Roger Green. "It was Tom's first exposure to in-depth, systematic Bible study. He couldn't wait to get deeper into God's Word when we got back!" exclaimed Jim.



Romulus ARC program graduates Mario Vasquez (r) and Tom Witkowski are led through soldiership classes by Major Jim Irvine, Plymouth corps officer, and Captain Linda Barker, Romulus ARC administrator.

## Numbers of Hope

The 2009 Lenten Resource Book, 3:16—*Numbers of Hope*, is designed to help enrich your corps' worship during this Holy season, plus an additional four weeks—starting February 1st! It will dissect John 3:16, referred to as "the Hope Diamond of the Bible" by Max Lucado. Using excerpts from his book, 3:16 *The Numbers of Hope*, the verse will come alive in the hearts of those who hear it. This resource contains ready-to-use, quality meetings for Sunday worship, women's and community care ministries. Discover anew this season how Jesus can bring hope to your life!



## Fresh cash transfusion



Thrift stores are the financial lifeblood of adult rehabilitation centers (ARC). Sales directly support a center's operations and its life-changing ministries. That's why the Romulus, Mich., ARC is excited about its 17,000-square-foot store in Lincoln Park, Mich. ARC Administrators Captains Troy and Linda Barker reported the goal was to create a more upscale environment. "People are amazed at the store's overall appearance," said Troy. "It's exceeded our expectations," added Linda.



## Grand Rapids Kroc Center Continued from page 1

dent immediately endeared herself to her classmates by unearthing the grand prize of a certificate for a classroom pizza party.

Speakers addressing the audience included Central territorial leaders Commissioners Barry C. and E. Sue



Swanson, Western Michigan Divisional Commander Major Ralph Bukiewicz, and Grand Rapids Kroc Administrators Majors Roger and Joy Ross. Numerous civic and business leaders from the area also participated in the event.

The groundbreaking officially began the process which has con-



sumed 50 months of intensive preparation and planning. When completed, the \$56.5 million LEED Certified project ("green" and sustainable) will maximize a 20-acre campus located at 2500 South Division Ave. The 94,000-square-foot center will include an aquatic center, full-size gymnasium, state-of-the-art fitness center, banquet hall, performing arts center, worship hall and host of other features. The projected completion date for the center is spring 2010.

As the investment in brick and mortar will soon begin to shape the physical development of the Grand Rapids Kroc Center, the support and prayers of God's people will continue to help shape the spiritual development of Dakya Chapman and hundreds of children like her, along with adults and families who will engage the center for many years to come.



## Kroc Leadership Academy graduates first class

by Major Joy Ross

Thirteen middle school students recently graduated as the inaugural class of the Kroc Leadership Academy in Grand Rapids, Mich. The youth were identified by school staff and administrators as capable of achieving great things but lacking the support to reach their full, God-given potential. With this new initiative, The Salvation Army, school and parents came together to provide this support.

Outcome-based objectives were developed, focusing on student

achievement. Students and families were guided to develop in the following areas: academic success, social skills, positive self-esteem, health awareness, family teamwork and volunteerism. Family participation was encouraged through parental workshops, family fun nights, incentives acknowledging family contributions, and steady communication between parents, staff and volunteers.

Students met twice weekly for eight weeks. During each three-hour session, they explored their leadership potential through individual tutoring, large and small group instruction using the Arise Life-Skills program, guest speakers, mentoring, participation in leadership groups and a volunteer project.

The overall grade point average of students rose, with over half showing marked improvement in academic performance. Only one youth did

not graduate the academy. Positive results are expected to be even more dramatic when the academy is instituted for a full academic year.

The graduation ceremony was incorporated into a Sunday service which had standing-room only.

### Employment Opportunity

**Creative Arts Director**— Music and Creative Arts Dept., Greater New York Divisional Headquarters, New York, N.Y. Give leadership to creative arts expressions at corps, special events. Develop divisional drama, dance, mime groups plus training curriculums; be resource, advisor to corps groups; organize resource library, maintain website; seek, develop potential leaders. Manage special-event technical operations; develop specific segments as requested; oversee creation, organization of props/scenery/costumes as needed; liaise with talent for divisional events. Participate in conservatory and summer camp programs; coordinate creative arts participation at Star Search; assist with other projects as assigned by associate program secretary. Bachelor's degree and/or significant experience in creative arts field required. Must be a Salvationist attending a corps in the division. Contact: Gordon Ward FAX (212) 337-7401.



## --Mustard Seeds--



## Territorial Prayer Calendar

FEBRUARY 2009

### PRAY FOR:

- 1 People to decide for Christ on this Decision Sunday
- 2 Candidates answering God's call to officership
- 3 The territorial officers' forum meeting
- 4 Community care ministries
- 5 The Salvation Army in Kuwait and Mongolia
- 6 The North Dakota corps and youth retreat this weekend
- 7 The Kansas and Western Missouri divisional gospel music workshop
- 8 Youth disciplined through corps cadets
- 9 The Commissioners' Conference
- 10 The evangelistic efforts of the Kistler family in LaCrosse, Wis.
- 11 The Midland divisional youth leaders seminar in St. Louis, Mo.
- 12 The DeKalb, Ill., Corps
- 13 Young adults attending the territorial Re:Generation conference
- 14 The Northern Division's parenting retreat
- 15 Hard hearts to be softened by God's love
- 16 President Barack Obama and his family on this Presidents Day
- 17 The annual command consultation review teams
- 18 The Lincoln, Neb., Corps
- 19 The Romulus, Mich., Adult Rehabilitation Center
- 20 The College for Officer Training officers' retreat
- 21 The Chicago Staff Band's ministry in Jacksonville, Ill.
- 22 The Plymouth, Mich., Corps
- 23 Safe travel and new insight for those on the Biblical Education Tour of Israel
- 24 The National Personnel Conference
- 25 The territorial multicultural committee meeting
- 26 The Heartland divisional women's officers' retreat
- 27 The Dick Purtan Radiothon in Detroit, Mich.
- 28 The Midland divisional women's ministries' scrapbook weekend

## Around the Territory

DES PLAINES, ILL.—Ten men and women attended a territorial training class to earn an entry-level, amateur-radio technician license, which will enable them to assist with disaster communications through the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN). The 20 hours of instruction at territorial headquarters were followed by a licensing examination. SATERN was founded in 1988 by Major Pat McPherson (l), SATERN national director. Radio operator and SATERN member Bill Shillington (r) taught the class.

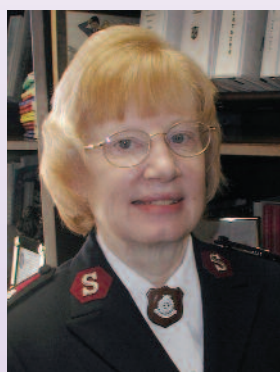
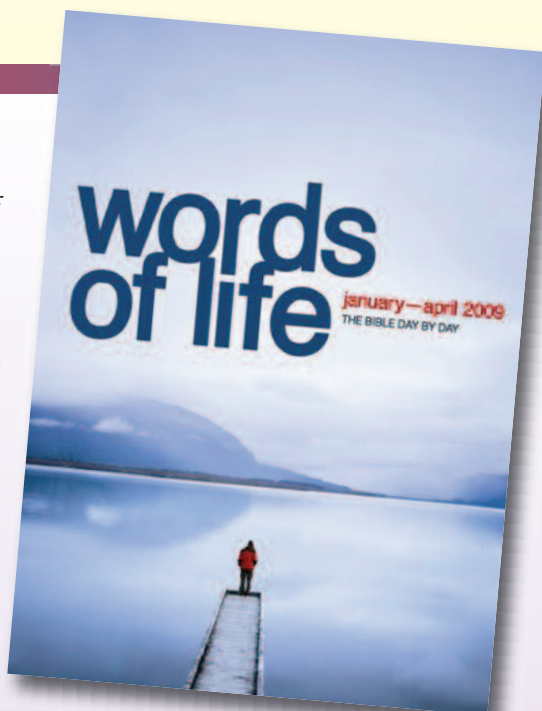


DES MOINES, IOWA—Christian comedian Bob Stromberg (r) was the guest speaker for the annual advisory board meeting of The Salvation Army in Des Moines, where he presented humor interwoven with a powerful message of God's love. Also at the civic dinner, Major Keith Petrie (l), city coordinator, presented the Doing the Most Good award to Advisory Board Member Begie Hefner (c) honoring her 20 years of service and red kettle fundraising efforts.

## Words of Life

This edition of *Words of Life* is the first volume to be written by Major Evelyn Merriam, who has succeeded General John Gowans as writer of the Army's book of daily Bible readings.

Major Merriam is an officer in the Eastern Territory. She received her bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Nazarene College and also has a master's degree in writing from Manhattanville College. Evelyn and her husband, Paul, have served as officers



for more than 35 years, five in Japan. Evelyn's most recent appointment was in the literary department in New York.

This edition of *Words of Life* runs through varied terrain. It begins in Genesis, continues with the letter from James, adds a special loop through "partners in ministry" (supplied by guest writers Lt. Colonels Richard and Janet Munn), carries on with Matthew's gospel (through Holy Week) and finishes with thoughts about windows in scripture.

## Promoted to Glory

### Major Ehlert R. Wallin

Major Ehlert R. Wallin was promoted to Glory on November 16, 2008, from the same Rockford, Ill., hospital in which he was born.



Ehlert Richard was born to Swedish immigrants, Alfrida and John Wallin, on August 16, 1924. His family attended the Rockford Temple Corps, where Ehlert never missed a Sunday for 13 years straight.

Ehlert worked as a machinist before he felt the call to officership.

He entered training in September 1943 and was commissioned as a probationary lieutenant the following year with the Liberty session.

In his first appointment, Ehlert met the sister of the corps officer he was assisting and romance blossomed. Ehlert married Alyce Samuelson on September 29, 1949. Together they served in Scandinavian and other corps across the territory.

In 1986 Ehlert was named to a new position in the Northern Division—correctional services secretary. He blazed a trail and laid an excellent foundation for the Army's credibility in prison work. The Wallins retired in 1989.

Major Wallin is survived by his wife, Alyce; daughter Laurie (Henry) Rivera, and two grandchildren.

DETROIT, MICH.—More than \$53,000 was raised during the 26th annual Coats for Kids radiothon hosted by WJLB-FM 98 for The Salvation Army of Detroit. "We couldn't be happier," said Major Todd Thielke, city commander and Eastern Michigan divisional secretary. "In these challenging economic times, these donations will keep children warm through the cold winter months." With three more weeks until the end of a coat collection campaign, more than 1,200 coats had been collected. The family pictured here with Major Thielke (c) brought 300 coats, 87 sweaters and sweatshirts, as well as three large boxes of hats, gloves and scarves to the radiothon location.



KALAMAZOO, MICH.—Rosetta Barber was recognized for 77 years of faithful service as a home league member by Captain Beth McComb, corps officer, in a Sunday morning worship service highlighting women's ministries. Lauretta Riddle also was thanked for her 20 years of leadership as the corps' home league secretary. Pictured (l-r) are Rosetta Barber, Captains Tom and Beth McComb, Lauretta Riddle and guest speaker Major Betty Grindle, Western Michigan and Northern Indiana divisional mission advancement secretary.

OAK CREEK, WIS.—The groundbreaking for its new chapel was a family affair for the Oak Creek Centennial Corps led by Majors Gregory and Lee Ann Thompson, corps officers. The long hoped-for expansion was 10 years in the making. When asked if they'd like an entirely new facility built elsewhere, the tight-knit corps family refused to leave the senior citizens living in the residence connected to the current corps building. Phase I includes a new, 400-seat chapel, offices and classrooms. Phase II will turn the old chapel into a secure, two-story educational facility to accommodate the corps' extensive youth work.



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