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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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New Heritage Place strategic for service

by Michelle DeRusha

After nearly seven years of planning, fundraising, design and construction, The Salvation Army's Heritage Place at Renaissance Village in Omaha, Neb., recently was dedicated. Central territorial leaders Commissioners Brad and Heidi Bailey joined Western divisional leaders Majors Greg and Lee Ann



Omaha, Neb., Mayor Jean Stothert

Thompson and Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert, along with other city officials and more than 130 guests, to celebrate the opening of the new facility.

"This is a celebration of this strategically placed campus of miracles here in the heart of beautiful Omaha," said Commissioner Brad Bailey. "Much more than a dedication, today is a testament that we cannot and will not remain in the



Daniel Grimes

shadows when confronted with the brokenness, isolation, injustice and loss suffered by our neighbors."

The new 70,000-square-foot building houses The Salvation Army's Mental Health Respite (MHR) program, a 28-day residential program that offers psychiatric stabilization, counseling, resources and independent living skills training to men and women, age 19 and older. Other programs at Heritage Place include the Early Head Start program for children up to age three; Wellspring, which helps people escape and overcome prostitution and sex trafficking; community support programs; and Veterans Affairs programs. Additional buildings in the Renaissance Village campus include the Omaha Citadel Corps, Dora Bingel Senior Center,

Durham Booth Manor and Lyle Apartments.

Daniel Grimes was one of the first people to move into the new residential apartments at Heritage Place. Addicted to crack cocaine, suicidal, unemployed and homeless, he had lost all hope when he sought help at The Salvation Army. Today Daniel is in recovery and appreciates he can maintain independence while still benefitting from the support of the

MHR staff.

"If I hadn't come to The Salvation Army, I'd be either in my grave or in prison," Daniel said. "I thank God I met the staff at MHR."

"This space is all about people," said Major Lee Ann Thompson, officer in charge of the Heritage Place project. "People touching the lives of other people."

She continued, "We are so grateful to all of our community partners whose generous donations helped to make this building a reality." More than \$25 million was raised through the Army's Building Hope Capital Campaign.

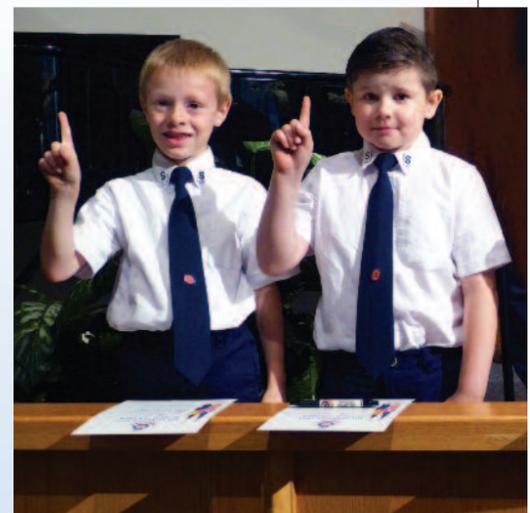
"This dedication ceremony is the beginning of the future for the many people who come to The Salvation Army for help," said Mayor Stothert. "'Doing the Most Good' is more than a slogan," she added. "It is the mission of The Salvation Army, and the city of Omaha is proud to support that mission."

Promising new junior soldier curriculum

A dynamic new curriculum is now available for corps to use in developing the knowledge and faith of junior soldiers. Two of the most strategic advancements are a dedicated and comprehensive website and a mobile app.

Registering at juniorsoldiers.com, corps officers, junior soldier sergeants and teachers can access a wide range of materials in both English and Spanish to engage junior soldiers in learning God's Word and Salvation Army doctrine, history and distinctives. It also encourages youth to have an active faith and engage in the mission even as children.

Lessons have an easy-to-follow structure for the leader, providing not only information but hands-on activities like projects and crafts with carefully thought-out supply lists, instructions and tips. Each les-



Best friends Samuel Martinez and Marchello Proccichiani were enrolled as junior soldiers at the Des Plaines, Ill., Corps.

son also is "unpacked" through a kid-friendly video featuring a multicultural cast of junior soldier and leader cartoon characters who discover the lesson right alongside the class. Take-home work-

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Majors Greg and Lee Ann Thompson and Commissioners Heidi and Brad Bailey

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It's all in the timing

by Lt. Colonel Renea Smith
Territorial Secretary for Personnel

I remember going to the circus as a child. I was mesmerized by the trapeze artists swinging back and forth across the sky, flying from one trapeze to the other. Poised on a platform atop a pole, the aerialist would grasp the bar at just the right moment and swing closer and closer to another bar in the middle of the tent, suddenly jumping and spinning toward it, catching it just in the nick of time. Then, a second performer would begin swinging across, and at just the right moment, jump into the hands of the first performer, swinging upside down.

Without timing, the trapeze artists couldn't perform these physical feats. They wouldn't be in the right place at the right time. They would miss

the flying bar or the outstretched hands and would land in the net below.

God has perfect timing. He never misses, and He doesn't move out of sync. He sees far beyond the finite confines of our concept of time. God sees the big picture, and He knows how all the pieces fit together.

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Now you are no longer a slave but God's



own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir. Galatians 4:4-7 (NLT)

From the very beginning, God had a plan for our redemption. That plan included sending Jesus at just the right time.

We are a part of God's perfect timing. In Psalm 139 we read God knew us before we were born; all our days were planned before we even took one breath. We exist at the right time in history.

From our vantage point, hindsight is a gift. It allows us to see God's faithfulness to His people throughout the Old and New Testaments. It

teaches us God loves us and has provided a plan to bring us into a right relationship with Himself. Christ's sacrifice gave us intimate access to the Father.

The celebration of this new year is an opportunity for us to reflect on the past while looking forward to possibilities. In this exercise, hindsight is a gift. It allows us to look back and mark God's faithfulness in our lives while focusing our attention on the future God is calling us to fulfill.

Once again, God's timing is perfect, and it was designed with you in mind.

New junior soldier curriculum

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sheets outline a daily scripture and question to reinforce the lesson during the week.

The app (junior soldiers) features three distinct sections. Signing in, teachers have all the materials right at their fingertips. Parents



St. Paul Citadel, Minn., junior soldiers, local leaders and corps officer Captain Leticia Crowell at a Northern Division rally.



Having fun at junior soldier camp at Northwoods Camp.



and junior soldiers can download the app for free and do not need a password. The section for parents updates them on what their children are learning and features a Bible reading plan which coordinates with the children's take-home worksheet. Kids can use the app to watch the videos or to play games which apply to the lessons.

"Media is the context in which junior soldiers live their lives, so we're now meeting kids where they are," said Major Jason Poff, Western Michigan and Northern Indiana (WMNI) divisional youth secretary. "Instead of fighting technology, we're leveraging it so we can more effectively disciple them." By explaining and emphasizing the new program at officers' councils, WMNI has been able to roll it out effectively, with nearly 70 teachers already registered.

"I love it! The kids love it—especially the videos!" exclaimed Charol McDonald, Royal Oak Citadel, Mich.,

junior soldier sergeant. She leads six teacher teams that alternate throughout the year and says already half of them are teaching from the app. She believes children are learning more because the lessons are interactive.

Her sentiments were echoed at the Detroit Conner Creek, Mich., Corps which enrolled 11 junior soldiers this past programming year. Captain Kelsie Moreno, corps officer, loves the new materials, too, and says her kids are responding well. "I think this material has definitely engaged them in a new way," she said. Her corps holds junior soldiers on Wednesday evenings while adults participate in Bible studies and teens are in corps cadets.

St. Paul Citadel, Minn., Corps Young People's Sergeant-Major Carrie Mergens says it's especially handy to have the curriculum on mobile devices versus carrying around a huge binder every week. Carrie and Corps Officer Captain Leticia Crowell held training for two young adult corps cadets (formerly junior soldiers) so they can help teach it and pay the investment in themselves forward. "We look forward to every opportunity in our corps to help nurture and grow future leaders."

In Kalamazoo, Mich., where the program is held year-round, 22 junior soldiers are

responding well, according to Major Sherrie Welch, corps officer. The reaction of soldiers who teach it on a rotating basis has been so positive they've requested more class time to cover lessons comprehensively.

"We're learning *and* having fun!" exclaimed one girl while watching a video from the new junior soldier curriculum at the Bay City, Mich., Corps. Her corps officer, Major Kim Ray, is pleased because she believes in the program's importance. She concluded, "The lessons offer so much more than Bible stories; they explain why the story matters and what difference it can make in their own lives by obeying God's Word."

The preparatory and honor junior soldier courses are slated to be updated and added to the new website in the future.



Congratulations to the Royal Oak Citadel, Mich., Corps' most recent honor junior soldiers! Pictured are Levi Mowers, Ella Yerke, Nathaniel Coppin, Emmanuel Coppin, Eastern Michigan divisional youth secretaries Captains Erin and Jeff Eddy, and junior soldier sergeant Charol McDonald.

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A fresh interpretation of the prodigal son told in the context of the Midwest during the Great Depression is brought to life through more than a dozen original musical numbers. Co-written by Joe Caddy and Phil Laeger, this production will feature a cast comprised of some of the territory's finest performing artists including current and former members of the Bill Booth Theater Company and the Creative Arts Service Team (CAST).

Commissioning of the *Messengers of the Gospel*

Celebrating the completion of their training, the 20 members of the "Messengers of the Gospel" session will be ordained and commissioned as officers. Come support our territory's newest lieutenants as they receive their first appointments and are sent out to begin their ministry as officers sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.



The blessing of kindness

by Colonel Dennis Phillips

"Miriam, we don't need any water. I'm weary, and I need to go home," Abraham Leka said.

"Trust me, we do. It will only take a few minutes," his wife, Miriam, insisted.

Little did they know God was directing them, but moments later in the grocery store checkout line they witnessed something that would impact their lives. The line had stalled as several newly arrived African refugees struggled to pay for purchases using their government-issued benefit card, the PIN number for which they'd forgotten. After several attempts, the card had cancelled. Though the clerk tried to help, she only spoke English; they spoke only French. Within reach, they were worlds apart.

Looking at her husband of 21 years, Miriam knew what was about to happen as she pondered—not for the first time—her husband's vision as a serious 11-year-old: "The day I stop helping people, God will remove His hand from my life."

Now outside, the six Africans faced the unfamiliar freeze of winter and felt the failure of returning to their barren apartments with no food for their families, no milk for their children. They were intercepted by Abraham's deep, gentle voice, "*Bonsoir, bonsoir, mes amis... Ne vous inquietez pas, je vais vous aider.*" (Good evening, my friends. Do not worry, I will help you.) Smiling, they approached Abraham as if greeting a lifelong friend. Conversation, now animated, continued in French as they followed him back into the store hoping he could activate the card, but, alas, the



The Leka family: standing (l to r) are sons Isaac and Emmanuel, Major Elizabeth Mpungi (Miriam's mother), Miriam, daughter Sarah Marguelisa and Abraham, sitting at drums is son Samuel Jacob.

card had been voided permanently.

Abraham triaged the situation and discovered they had just enough to get through the night. He and Miriam drove the men to the apartments provided through a local agency where their wives and children were waiting. The rooms were sparsely furnished: cots, chairs, refrigerator, stove. That was all. Abraham glanced at Miriam whose nod was so slight it went unnoticed by others but indicated they were in agreement and had been mobilized for action. Before leaving, Abraham and Miriam prayed with the families and invited them to the corps on Sunday.

"You must tell Major Martsolf [their corps officer at the Rockford Temple]," Miriam counseled her husband, "And now," she added with

urgency.

After receiving the major's wholehearted support, Abraham returned to his garage where for two years he had stored used furniture and abandoned TVs which had prompted Miriam more than once to ask, "Why?" Until that night he could only answer, "I do not know. God has laid this upon me, and when His time is right He will show me what to do."

In a matter of hours, the families had sofas, TVs, dressers, dishes, silverware and tables for their families to gather around for meals. The adults' "*Merci, merci, merci beaucoup*" and the children's expressions of wonder stirred Abraham to reflect, "What is the Lord saying to me? What more is there to do?" It was a moment Abraham had been

praying about for 10 years, all the way from the Congo to Rockford. It was God's moment, and Abraham was ready.

Transportation was arranged, and on that Sunday 12 African refugees sat among the 300 other people who'd come to worship at the Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps. Abraham's chair in the band was conspicuously empty as he sat in the congregation and translated for his new friends. The corps' soldiers welcomed them warmly, and by the following Sunday translation equipment was available for the 25 refugees who attended.

That New Year's Eve, 40 African refugees attended the Watchnight Service, and the congregation made up of Swedes, African-Americans, Hispanics and people of other ethnicities were treated to a brief concert by an African choir. The choir continues to perform at the corps and territorial events, such as the recent Congress, and its members take great joy in this ministry.

Over the last year the families' involvement in the corps has increased. They not only attend Sunday worship, but both adults and children participate in Bible studies. The children are involved in character-building programs, and eight of them play in the beginners' band. Two babies have been dedicated, and three children have been enrolled as junior soldiers and more are in preparatory classes. All of this is a tremendous blessing to Salvationists in Rockford, especially Abraham, who is humbled God would use the simple acts of kindness he and Miriam showed when prompted by the Holy Spirit. He concluded, "We must always do what the Lord is asking us."

Sounds of the Seasons

by Dr. Jonathan Corry

The tradition continues! A good audience gathered at the Edman Chapel on the campus of Wheaton College for a concert combining the Chicago Staff Band (CSB) with the newly reformed and highly anticipated Canadian Staff Songsters, led by Major Len Ballantine.

A warm welcome greeted Dr. Harold Burgmayer and the CSB as they took to the stage to perform Kevin Norbury's festival march *The Proclaimers*. This exciting work features Meredith Wilson's song "Banners and bonnets" and set the tone for an evening of fine music-making.

Commissioner Brad Bailey, territorial commander, greeted the audience, offered a prayer and welcomed our neighbors from north of the border. Later in the evening, the band's executive officer, Lt. Colonel Paul Smith, shared scripture and the benediction.



Cornet duet by Peggy Thomas and Beth Malovance

Wilfred Heaton is synonymous with brass band literature both within and outside The Salvation Army. Heaton's challenging cornet duet *Wonderful Words* proved to be a great number, featuring Peggy Thomas and principal cornet Beth Malovance. Heaton's humor, whimsical writing and masterful scoring were evident for the listener to enjoy. In stark contrast, the CSB then took the audience to Kevin Larsson's *Shout Aloud* featuring a collision of Hollywood with a melody from the 1880s, "I'll shout aloud throughout the land the praises of our God."

In their first trip outside of the Canada and Bermuda Territory, the Canadian Staff Songsters captivated the audience throughout the evening. Their phrasing, musical shape and program, coupled with their message, inspired and spiritually uplifted the audience. Their first musical offerings were well varied, including "Make His praise glorious" (Wolaver), "For the beauty of the earth" (Rutter) and "Go down, Moses" (arr. Ballantine). Each was delivered with panache, energy and an excellent sense of musical line. Like an artisan

craftsman, Major Ballantine molds this group of individual singers into a high caliber, cohesive choir.

The CSB next performed a work from Tom Davoren. A non-



Salvationist composer, Tom dedicated this exciting setting, *Living Power*, based on the hymn "Lord, for the years," to this reviewer and the Enfield Citadel Band [England] in 2016. Fresh sounds are drawn from the concert band and symphonic world to deliver Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith's words:

*Lord for ourselves; in living power
remake us—
self on the cross and Christ upon
the throne,
past put behind us, for the future
take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ
alone.*

A change of mood followed with Olaf Ritman's haunting setting of "When I survey" performed with consummate ease by principal trombonist Brett Tolcher, who delivered a moment of reflection to the evening.

The Canadian Staff Songsters then shared two items of contrast, the first showcasing the tenor voice of Steve Cooper in *Take Me Back Medley* (songs of Andraé Crouch, arr. Ballantine), followed by the exciting Richard Phillips setting, "Sing for Joy," based on Psalm 96.



Major Len Ballantine and Dr. Harold Burgmayer

Ballantine).

The Canadian Staff Songsters presented a section of Christmas music which was particularly enjoyable including Harold Darke's setting of "In the bleak midwinter" (sensitively accompanied by the CSB), John Rutter's "Star Carol" (featuring the



excellent accompanist Rachael Ewing) and two compelling arrangements by Major Len Ballantine: "I wonder as I wander" and "Good King Wenceslas."

Dr. Burgmayer's large scale tone poem *Kurios* is a real tour de force, retelling the narrative of the crucifixion and the ultimate victory in the resurrection of Jesus through the impressions of those who witnessed these events. This work is academic in nature, based on Philippians 2:10-11, and requires the listener to stay engaged to the theme, greatly aided on this night by visuals. Various fragmented ideas and sudden shifts of moods and time signatures carried through to a grand finale, uniting the combined forces of the Canadian Staff Songsters, Chicago Staff Band and the congregation in singing "Crown Him with many crowns."

In a fitting conclusion, the two groups combined with Ballantine's uplifting arrangement of "More than wonderful," and then an enjoyable "New York, New York" style sing-along to "He's got the whole world in His hands."



A professional CD recording of this concert is available for \$15 each, plus \$5 shipping and handling for orders of any quantity to the same address. Specify quantity, address and payment information (Visa and MasterCard accepted) to: Chicago Staff Band, The Salvation Army, 5550 Prairie Stone Pkwy., Hoffman Estates, IL 60192. If paying by credit card, order online at www.chicagostaffband.org, or by phone: 847-294-2133 or fax: 847-227-5033.



Breakfast with Baby ...a blessing



On the second Saturday of each month, the Des Plaines, Ill., Corps is hopping. Families enter the fellowship hall to the delicious smells of breakfast—hot egg casseroles, bread, fruit, cereal and milk. Volunteers weave through the crowd greeting visitors with genuine smiles and warmth, refilling coffee carafes and cleaning up. Friends gather around the tables eating, laughing and cooing over the newest additions to the group.

The innovative Breakfast with Baby (BWB) program began six years ago when soldier Cheryl Hagedorn recognized the struggle many families face in providing what their



Fernando with daughter Maria

babies need. While some are able to register for assistance through WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) and SNAP (food stamps) to

purchase formula and other food for their infants and young children, neither of these government programs provides for one of the most basic and essential baby needs—diapers.



as leaders see the results of God's hand on their ministry efforts. "It's a wonderful ministry. It's run on faith, donations and volunteers," said Cheryl, adding that BWB doesn't use any corps funds and only spends money donated to the program on diapers.

BWB invites families with an expectant mother or child under one year of age to enjoy a hot meal, receive spiritual and emotional support and gather diapers and other items needed for their children—all free of charge.

To help accommodate the growing program, several area churches have come on board in recent years to serve as secondary locations. Cheryl anticipates further expansion in the future as word is spread by attendees and BWB is promoted at community events.

For more information, visit www.salarmydesplaines.org

Since its inception, BWB has helped hundreds of families diaper their babies—to the tune of more than 36,000 diapers a year! In addition, community partners donate gently-used clothing, strollers, toys and other items for distribution to families in need. While moms share a devotional time, shop in the BWB store and collect diapers, fathers are encouraged to attend a men's discussion group. Toddlers are supervised in a play area, and older children enjoy a Bible story, music and crafts. The goal is to provide free diapers to babies in need, but also to offer spiritual support to their parents.

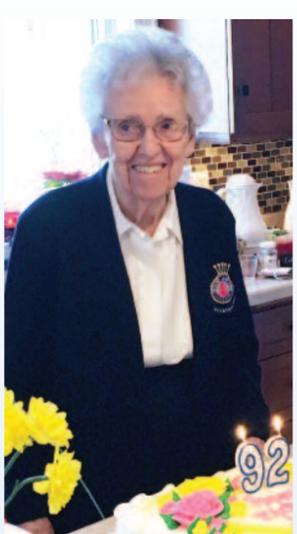


Kathie attended BWB with daughter, Jezlene, while pregnant with son, Aiden. She is now a member of the corps' Hispanic congregation and volunteers at BWB.

Through BWB several families have become regular participants in other corps programs and/or have started attending Sunday worship. Recently a family requested to have their baby dedicated to the Lord at the corps. It's a momentous occasion

She never looked back

Catherine Lilyquist found Christ as her Savior on her very first visit to the Sheboygan, Wis., Corps when the woman officer knelt with her at the altar in prayer. After that, Catherine, a highly independent 13-year-old, didn't think twice about making the long walk into town, sometimes with her sister but mostly alone, to attend the corps. She became a soldier and never looked back. Eventually, she met and married the love of her life, Gerald, and had five boys—Russell, Earl, Brian, Rendell and Joel—before their daughter Lynelle!



Catherine celebrating her 92nd birthday in January 2017

as the home league chaplain. The entire family was active in league of mercy (now community care ministries). After Jerry retired, the couple spent countless hours volunteering not only for the Sheboygan Corps but also for the Plymouth, Wis., Service Unit thrift store.

Raising six kids, making ends meet, serving at the corps and helping others could hardly have been easy, yet in all this they lived out their faith. But the most telling moment of reliance on God came when the Lilyquists' son Joel, a social worker at the St. Paul Temple, Minn., Corps, and his wife of two years, Joan, were murdered.

"My parents never questioned why or turned their backs on God," Lynelle recalled. "They just stayed faithful and continued to do His work." As the family heard how Joel's life and ministry had influenced others for God's Kingdom, it brought Katy and Jerry solace.

Jerry was promoted to Glory in late 2014. Katy, who'll turn 93 in mid-January, still lives independently—although her kids live close by and check on her daily—and has been serving at the corps for 75 years! In that time, she's served with 22 corps officers and seen many changes in Army ministries and programs; even the corps building has gone through numerous renovations.



Catherine "Katy" Lilyquist (center) was recently honored at the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division Soldiers' Rally for 75 years of service. She's pictured with (l to r) Colonels Steve and Janice Howard, chief secretary and territorial secretary for women's ministries; Captains Daryl and Cherie Mangeri, and divisional leaders Majors Christine and Steven Merritt.

Today, Katy continues ministering for the corps as a prayer warrior. "I've often walked into my mother's house," said Lynelle, "to find her sitting in her chair, with eyes closed and lips moving in prayer."

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The countdown is on!

In 2011 the Central Territory embarked on an ambitious goal of having Live Music in Worship in Every Corps by 2020 (LM2020). Much progress has been made over the last six years with 204 corps currently benefitting from live music. However, a large percentage of corps are dependent on talented corps officers. In order for live music to grow and be sustained in corps, the territorial music and gospel arts department is strengthening music ministries by emphasizing the training and equipping of local leaders. With just two years to go with LM2020, here's how they hope to "bring it home."

EVENTS

Central Music Institute

If you're a young Salvationist musician in this territory, CMI is still *the place to be* in summer! This beloved 10-day encampment provides the opportunity for young musicians to develop their skills and discover ways to use their talents to glorify God and support their corps. In addition to the core schedule of band and vocal classes and rehearsals, the curriculum has expanded to include five elective tracks to help address the needs and interests of today's emerging young Salvationist musicians: music leadership, praise band, drama, dance and media production.



Youth Band and Chorus Retreat

The Territorial Youth Band and Territorial Youth Chorus debuted in 2014 to challenge and encourage the development of young Salvationist musicians and to help them experience the fulfillment that comes from using their talents for the Lord. Representing the territory's best, these young musicians gather annually for a retreat of concentrated study, rehearsals and mentoring by members of the territorial music and gospel arts department, the Chicago Staff Band and the Bill Booth Theater Company.



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Chicago Staff Band, Singing Company and Bill Booth Theater Company

The Chicago Staff Band, the Singing Company and the Bill Booth Theater Company are well known and loved in the Midwest. The territory's three premier music and gospel arts groups not only share their talents through performing con-

certs and supporting worship services and events on a monthly basis but by conducting corps and divisional music schools with the goal of enriching worship at the local level. A concerted effort has been made to enlarge their audience as they travel the territory and to incorporate young participants with a view toward strengthening the future.





INITIATIVES

Guitar and Ukulele

LM2020 efforts have been bolstered by a guitar initiative that began in 2014 with a plan where territorial headquarters matched the purchase of up to 10 guitars by each division. More corps benefitted from a huge donation of guitars and other equipment by the Guitar Center which was divided among the divisions. In 2016, guitar and praise band leadership instruction was integrated into Central Music Institute (CMI). In 2017, the ukulele initiative allowed corps to engage a wider audience in music making and serves as a foundation for future guitarists.



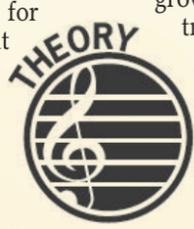
Operation Piano Player

As part of the long-range objectives for LM2020, this initiative promotes the development of emerging pianists in corps, with the territorial music and gospel arts department supporting up to 100 budding pianists across all 10 divisions with a one-third subsidy for piano lessons over the next five years.



Music Arts Proficiency (MAP)

Created by Dr. Harold Burgmayer, the MAP curriculum is a carefully structured, six-level scheme for the progressive development and tracking of students in voice, brass, piano, guitar, ukulele, theory and percussion. The program aims to enhance the quality of weekly worship by helping individuals improve their skills. Designed especially for use in corps, MAP uses Salvation Army tunes and songs. Periodic evaluations take place during regular rehearsals. Materials, resources and tutorial videos will be posted on the music and gospel arts department's website, and a database for recording each student's individual progress soon will be available.



So, it's no wonder on the heels of introducing LM2020, the territory set its sights on helping corps form, grow and strengthen them. Leader training has been implemented and opportunities have been given for singing companies to perform divisionally and territorially, most recently as a united singing company of more than 250 at last year's Congress.



Singing Companies

Perhaps the most basic way to involve children in music at the corps is through singing companies.



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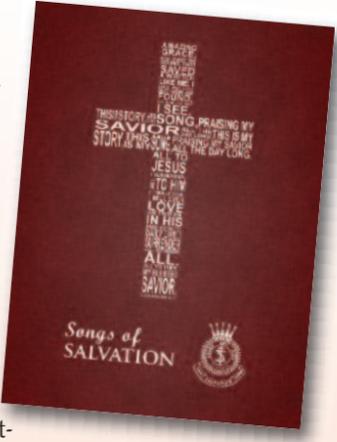
With One Accord: A Team Approach to Worship Planning

Every corps has the opportunity to create a worship experience that can touch people's lives each Sunday. This curriculum introduced last year helps corps team up individuals into a fully functioning worship committee that creatively plans and participates in relevant, vibrant worship. This new resource can be particularly helpful for corps that have set STEPs (Strategic Tool to Engage Potential) goals focused on improving the quality of their weekly worship.



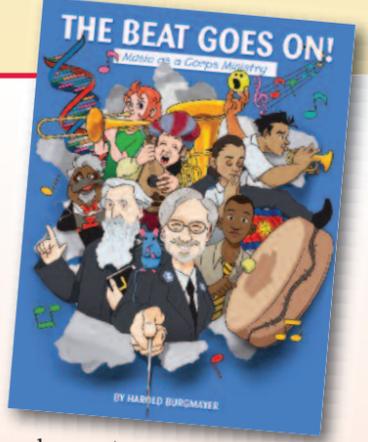
Songs of Salvation

Originally created for adult rehabilitation centers, this versatile songbook (with both words and music) is a treasure trove of 200 hymns, songs and choruses that should not be overlooked by corps. From classics like "Amazing Grace" to more recent songs like "In Christ Alone," the songbook's simplified piano accompaniments, chord symbols and a comfortable range for singing makes it accessible in the corps worship setting. In addition, a recently designed song leader-guitarist edition follows a lead sheet format and comes complete with notated melody line and lyrics, chord symbols with guitar-friendly capo chords, introduction brackets and tempo markings.



The Beat Goes On!

Hot off the press from Crest Books, *The Beat Goes On! Music as a Corps Ministry* by Dr. Harold Burgmayer, territorial music and gospel arts secretary, gives a comprehensive overview of music ministries within the corps setting. Its 25 chapters incorporate piano, guitar, instrumental, praise band, singing companies and songsters, junior and senior bands, corps music schools and worship planning. Online resources and audio examples complement the book.



Hallelujah Choruses

With the release of the 24th set of *Hallelujah Choruses*, corps have access to 260 choruses in English and Spanish to enhance worship. *Hallelujah Choruses* are designed to be versatile, through use of the PraisePak (for praise band and vocalists), instrumental (brass ensemble) and spiral-bound piano accompaniment and lead sheet collections.



Website

The territorial music and gospel arts department website, samusiccentral.org, has undergone a transformation. It now provides more information about territorial performing groups, upcoming events and resources for music and gospel arts in a user-friendly format.

Restoring fatherhood

A course on the importance of being a committed father, and how to become one, is making a big impact on beneficiaries at the Chicago, Ill., North Side and Chicago Central Adult Rehabilitation Centers (ARCs), which are led by Majors John and Julie Aren.

Introduced in a workshop at the 2016 territorial ARC alumni retreat, the Fatherhood in Action program is being conducted by Julie Scott and Derrick White of Metropolitan Division Family Services. In addition to attending an intense eight-week course, fathers meet one-on-one with case managers for counseling and help in reestablishing communications with children and custodial parents or guardians. The program has led to healthier relationships for those involved.

"The men at the centers are soaking it up and actively using what they're learning," said Julie Scott. She reported one man was thrilled when he could finally see his five daugh-



Two participants in the Fatherhood in Action classes



Major Julie Aren with a happy beneficiary family member

ters and maintain polite interactions with their mothers. Another father reconnected so well with his son and wife they now regularly attend worship at the ARC as a family.

Participants also learn budgeting and other life skills as part of their quest to become better fathers. In fact, they willingly work with case managers to start or resume child support payments, often with smiles knowing they're doing the right thing.

"The program has been a major influence on the success of beneficiaries at our centers," said Phillip Burgess, rehabilitative services manager. "They have a better understanding of what it takes to be a good father and better man, and they've expanded their knowledge of how to mend broken relationships in their lives. The program has been a positive addition to the curriculum beneficiaries participate in throughout their stay at the ARC. I'm glad to have been a part of this project from the very beginning and will continue to offer my full support."

730... AND BEYOND



8,896 days and counting

by Major Julie Aren

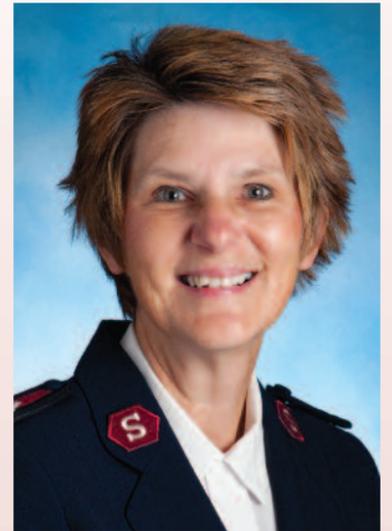
William Booth's final speech, "I'll fight," is meaningful to me in my officership. However, if I could add a phrase it would be....*while there is sickness or disease*, I'll fight.

As an officer serving in an adult rehabilitation center (ARC), I'm privileged to fight sickness and disease every day. Our program includes a six-month to year-long residential stay which gives us an opportunity to really get to know individuals and plan holistic rehabilitation goals.

In the context of my calling, "fighting" translates to advocacy, teaching, providing a listening and trusting ear, searching out knowledgeable, appropriate and collaborative opportunities with other agencies, and a personal and corporate voice in the continued efforts to understand addiction—a disease often characterized as "cunning, powerful and baffling."

If I had my way, those in recovery would wear a ribbon of hope without the shame or discrimination that is so prevalent. Those in long-term recovery have been taught so much about living on life's terms one day at a time and surrendering to and depending on God.

Seeing a beneficiary complete the program, find employment and hous-



ing and develop a network of support is the fuel that sustains me in daily ministry. Helping men and women experience the love of Christ and His forgiveness wakes me up each morning.

I am grateful the training provided at the College for Officer Training prepared me for the appointments I've had and that my calling as an officer allows me to use my God-given gifts, skills and talents. Author and former U.S. Senate Chaplain Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie wrote, "The Lord prepares us for what He's prepared for us." I've found this true. God has prepared me for my current appointment—every single detail.

So, William Booth, while there is sickness or disease out there, I'll fight! I'll fight to the very end!

Great expectations

Waking up in the hospital 30 miles from his home, Jeff Jones had no idea how he got there or how long he'd been unconscious. In his late 50s, he'd had a complete alcoholic blackout—something he never would have imagined possible earlier in his life.

When he was younger, his expectations were no different than the middle-class culture in which he grew up. "Get a good job, get nice things, get a better job, get nicer things, get promotions, bigger houses, accumu-

late more things," he commented.

And he did have it all for several decades: a beautiful house and wife, senior management positions in Fortune 100 companies and all the trappings of a successful life. No one guessed he was a highly functioning alcoholic who had started drinking at age 9. His intake and tolerance escalated for years until it finally caught up to him.

While in the hospital, Jeff lost it all practically overnight. Upon being discharged, he literally had no place to go. He still regrets the look in his elderly parents' eyes as they asked, "How in the world did our only son end up in a homeless shelter as an alcoholic?"

Jeff marks September 22, 2009, as the start of his sobriety when he entered the Chicago Central, Ill., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC). "When sanity returned, I fully realized everything—my career, wife, bank accounts, house and car—were gone," he said.

At first Jeff could only focus on what he'd lost, recalling he had "absolutely no depth of character." He credits Major Israel Velazquez with getting him interested in studying the Bible.

"The major challenged me to really pay attention and learn; that's when disappointment in my life really kicked in!" Jeff said. He realized he'd never experienced love or recognized Jesus as his Savior. "I didn't even understand who Jesus is, much less what He'd done."

He had a breakthrough when Major Velazquez shared Psalm 3 with Jeff. "I finally realized all my foes were me. Every one of my life goals had resulted in envy, lust, greed, ego and self-will; they were standing in the way of my recovery," said Jeff. "Once I surrendered my life to Jesus, He allowed me not only to stay in the present but look to the future."



Today Jeff is the program director at the Chicago Central and Chicago North Side ARCs led by Majors John and Julie Aren. His expectations now are to live joyously and provide others the same opportunities he received.

"Things aren't perfect," Jeff concluded. "God doesn't eliminate the tough times, but He gives a foundation to make life's problems tolerable. Isaiah 43:18-19 [NIV] says, 'Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!' That's what drives me every day now."



Making the grade

Be inspired by five exceptional Central young adult Salvationists who are serious about their faith, education and service and this year received Paul and Kay Rader scholarships to help them reach their God-given potential.

AshLee Grant

A freshman at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind., AshLee is cognizant of God's leading in her life by the people He's placed in it.

"Corps officers have poured themselves into me and even directed me to Bethel College which has been just what I've needed," said AshLee, who plans on majoring in psychology and hopes to pursue a career in geriatric care management. "In the future I'd love to do some kind of work with The Salvation Army," she added.



AshLee Green with her corps officer, Lt. Amanda Keene

A soldier at the St. Louis Maplewood, Mo., Corps, AshLee has helped lead sunbeams and Sunday school and take care of children in the corps nursery. Her corps officer, Lt. Amanda Keene, said, "AshLee's sweet and loving spirit adds a special touch to our Maplewood family. We've only seen the surface of what Jesus wants to do in and through her."

Alberto Rapley

"I want to be prepared for whatever God calls me to do," said Alberto (Tito), a freshman at Wheaton College, who plans to major in communications. A third-generation Salvationist and soldier at the Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps, Tito plays in the corps band, helps lead the youth praise band and youth group, and is a member of the Metropolitan Divisional Youth Band and Chorus. "Music has always been a huge part of my life," said Tito, who plays euphonium, piano, violin and guitar.



Alberto (Tito) Rapley

Tito dedicated his life to Christ at age 12 during a prayer and praise night at which he also discovered Christian hip-hop, which became a big part of his life and which he now uses in evangelism. Being in Band of Survivors also proved a spiritual milestone.

"I've always tried to lead by example. Showing Christ in the way I live has been a way to minister to my peers and those younger than me," concluded Tito, who was a Central Bible Leadership Institute (CBLI) peer ambassador for four years.

Jervias Johnson

"My prayer is for God to provide me wisdom in using the opportunities He's given me not only to further my education but my spiritual life," said Jervias, a freshman at Olivet Nazarene University where he plans to major in communications. He eventually hopes to become an officer.



Jervias Johnson

A soldier at the Sterling Rock Falls, Ill., Corps, Jervias serves as welcome sergeant, supervises ushering and participates in community care ministries. A graduate corps cadet, he's also had opportunities to preach during Sunday morning worship services.

Jervias ministered last year in India as a member of a territorial summer mission team. He served as a peer leader at CBLI for three years and on a Heartland divisional youth councils committee.

Adrian Barron

Adrian, a soldier at the Chicago LaVillita, Ill., Corps, is a sophomore at Olivet Nazarene University where he's majoring in chemical engineering. A grandchild and nephew of officers, Adrian grew up in the Army.

"I feel like God has been guiding my entire life and preparing me for His use," said Adrian. His degree combines his loves of chemistry and building things. "I'm hoping to work for a pharmaceutical company to find cures for diseases and formulate new medicines, then use my engineering skills to mass produce those medicines and get them to those in need," he said.

An accomplished guitarist and singer, Adrian has led the worship



Adrian Barron with his corps administrator, Carlos Moran

team at his home corps and teaches music at the Kankakee, Ill., Corps when he's in school. Carlos Moran, Chicago LaVillita corps administrator, said, "Adrian has a lot of potential not only to become a good engineer but a great leader and servant."

Andrew Mahone

A recipient of the Rader scholarship all four years of college, Andrew is a senior majoring in business administration and obtaining a minor in accounting at Missouri Baptist University in Creve Coeur, Mo., where he's involved in business clubs and is captain of the men's wrestling team.

In St. Louis, Andrew soldiers at the Temple Corps, lives at the Temple Houses and serves the Benton Park West neighborhood, including helping to arrange for boys' haircuts by a barber before the beginning of this school year. Back at his home corps in Sterling Rock Falls, Ill., he's active in youth min-

istries and has formed mentoring relationships with young people in both the Heartland and Midland divisions.

Upon graduation, Andrew plans to embark on a career in marketing, management or sales and/or pursue a master's in business administration. "The Rader scholarship has helped me throughout my collegiate career, and the assistance made me able to attend this university," said Andrew. "I'm beyond thankful and I can't wait to serve and give back to the Army once I'm in my field."



Andrew Mahone

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Transformed in Moldova

by Sarah Micula

"Moldova? Where's that?" When members of the 2017 Central Territory women's ministries team shared with their family and friends where they were headed, that's the response they got. But what made this year's team unique, besides the location, was the average age of team members: 64. Though most were retired, they were energetic, willing, teachable and eager to serve and soak up each experience and moment serving God in Moldova.

Moldova divisional leaders Majors Don and Ronda Gilger (Western Territory officers) made the planning and onsite experience smooth, culturally rich, immersive, educational and

inspiring. Major Ronda planned two women's rallies, a women's prison visit, chapel services and children's ministries to introduce us to the people of Moldova and the ministry of The Salvation Army in this small country nestled between Romania and Ukraine. Our team members shared their testimonies, devotionals and a sermon; taught workshops and crafts; sang songs, performed a puppet show and laughed, smiled and embraced the women and children of Moldova—and they embraced us back.

A highlight was witnessing Moldova Divisional Project Manager Anna Stasiuk lead and love a group of inmates in the Salvation Army-sponsored computer lab in the prison. According to Major Ronda, Anna is the "Mother Teresa" of Rusca Women's Prison. Anna introduced us to some of those she's been mentoring and shared how two have become like mother and daughter. As she told their story, they hugged and thanked Anna with tears in their eyes. Some



Team members include (l to r) Marian Gustafson, Western; leader Sarah Micula, territorial headquarters; Major Sandy Line, Wisconsin/Upper Michigan; Kathy Kincaid, Eastern Michigan (EMI); A/Capt. Milly Lopez, Metropolitan; Linda Larned, EMI; and Patty Palmer, Heartland.

women are imprisoned for serious crimes, yet others for situations out of their control. Many have found hope in Jesus, and Anna helps nurture their faith each week. In the young mothers and babies wing, we were able to play and share gifts with the children who are able to stay with their mothers until they are age 3. It was a truly special and emotional day.

For our eight days in Moldova, we adopted the international women's ministries theme "Transformed into God's Image," based on 2 Corinthians 3:18 NIV ("And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate



the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit") as well as Romans 12:2 ("Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will

be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.")

Our team has been transformed in our faith, our mission and our vision of a global God. Ask us about our time; we'd love to share what God is doing in Moldova.



Miracle in Maria's wake

by Major Scott Strissel

When Captain Alex Velasquez headed to Puerto Rico on emergency disaster services duty, he didn't know whether his family there was still alive. He hadn't been able to reach them since Hurricane Maria pummeled the island, destroying buildings and infrastructure and leaving thousands without water, food and power. Most of the island's cell phone towers had been decimated, cutting people off from the world. Though the captain had served in other relief efforts and was prepared to minister in crisis, this two-week deployment was different. This time it was personal.



After five intensive days of hard work distributing food and water to many communities on the island and comforting people in his role as emotional and spiritual care officer, Captain Alex finally was able to travel to the mountainous region of Las Piedras where his family lives. He found his stepfather, Mario, who looked painfully frail and dehydrated and who broke down in tears at the sight of Alex.

Alex listened as Mario related the trauma of huddling on the floor in the corner of his concrete house as the winds shook its very foundation, sheered doors in half and spun the ceiling fan so fast its blades peeled apart in layers. Windows blew out, and furniture smashed to pieces around him. As water flooded the house and rose to his chest, Mario feared for his life. When at last the hurricane was past, his home lay in ruins around him. It seemed a miracle he'd survived.

Next, Captain Alex found his aunt, Lydia, and cousin, Lucy, who also

live in Las Piedras. Before the storm, they'd primarily lived off fruits and vegetables from their garden and had some chickens and rabbits which they'd trade for other essential items of everyday life. All of it is gone now. Crops were ripped from the soil, and chickens and rabbits disappeared, blown away by the storm. Life as they knew it no longer exists, but they survived.

Since returning home, Captain Alex received news his stepfather had passed away. The captain concluded, "I was so blessed to be able to see him one last time."



Words of Life

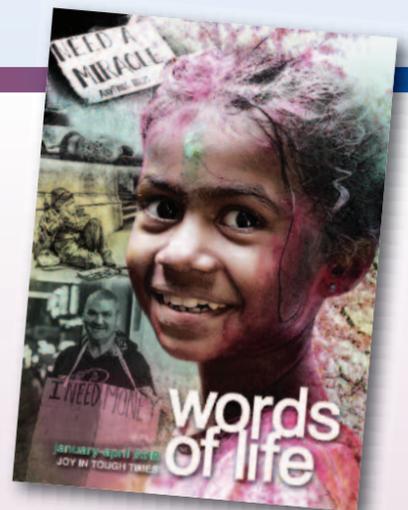
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Joy

This year's theme is *Joy*. In this edition, we focus on joy in tough times. In the Old Testament we look at the opening chapters of both Genesis and Deuteronomy, then consider the joy found as God brings liberation to the children of Israel in Exodus. In the New Testament, writings are based on Robert J. Morgan's book *The Red Sea Rules*—guidelines that can help us in our day-to-day living for Christ.

The Easter series is written by Major Dieudonné Louzolo from the Rwanda and Burundi Command. Each weekend we look at a psalm or proverb, as well as a hymn or worship song.

Words of Life, The Salvation Army's international devotional written by Major Beverly Ivany is available from Trade Central (satradecentral.org or 1-800-937-8896) or digitally from Amazon.



Women in Nature provides new focus

If learning about nature, conservation, survival and safety sounds appealing, along with looking for bugs under rocks, firing arrows at targets, dissecting owl pellets and mastering camp setups, then "Women in Nature" (WIN) might be an ideal ministry opportunity for you.

For the first time in the nation, an outdoor skills and leadership training event combining women's ministries with TSO (The Salvation Army Outdoors) was held at Camp Mihaska in the Midland Division. At the inaugural four-day camp, which was supported by and partially funded by Safari Club International, women learned skills and received leadership training in archery, conservation, animal and insect identification, basic survival and making spiritual applications through nature.

WIN was conceived by Major Charlotte Hall, Midland divisional women's ministries secretary, who was searching for a way to introduce a new kind of focus group to women who love the outdoors as much as she did.

"The materials taught at TSO field training events are mainly used



Jerrie Miller, territorial director of camping, community centers and outdoor ministries, helps a camper dissect owl pellets to find prey bones.

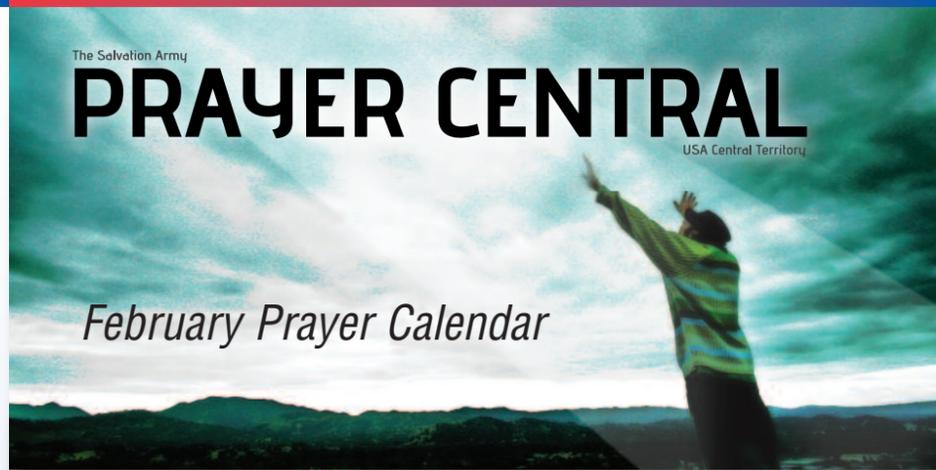
in camp and character-building programs, but they can be easily expanded into adult programming," said the major. She added that women often are the ones who teach character-building, as well as adult programs, in many corps.

"My hope is that the women who attended this event will use the skills they learned to reach women, men and children for Christ," she continued. "I believe this could be a fantastic focus-group opportunity to reach women who might not come to a craft retreat but would love to shoot a crossbow, start a camp fire with nothing more than a 9-volt battery and some steel wool, and throw a tomahawk!"

A competition for the best s'mores recipe produced a winning strawberry cheesecake combination consisting of a Town House cracker lid and bottom, strawberry cream cheese and half a roasted marshmallow. Other entries included lemon meringue pie, pumpkin spice, peanut butter cup and even one with SPAM!



Women in Nature campers learn how to build a campfire.



My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Wednesday	Job 9-10	Norfolk, Neb., Corps
	2 Thursday	Isaiah 23-28	Milwaukee Cold Spring, Wis., Corps
	3 Friday	Matthew 11-13	Northwest Indiana, ARC*
	4 Saturday	Romans 9-10	Candidates for Officership and Corps Cadets
	5 Sunday	Genesis 20-23	Plymouth, Mich., Corps
	6 Monday	Judges 1-6	Ottawa, Ill., Corps
	7 Tuesday	Psalms 15-17	Marion, Ind., Corps
	8 Wednesday	Job 11-12	Western DHQ**
	9 Thursday	Isaiah 29-33	Pittsburg, Kan., Corps
	10 Friday	Matthew 14-16	Gary-Merrillville, Ind., Corps
	11 Saturday	Romans 11-12	Quincy, Ill., Kroc Center
	12 Sunday	Genesis 24-27	Minneapolis Temple, Minn., Corps
	13 Monday	Judges 7-11	Refuel: A Gathering for Youth Leaders
	14 Tuesday	Psalms 18-20	North Platte, Neb., Corps
	15 Wednesday	Job 13-14	Michigan City, Ind., Corps
	16 Thursday	Isaiah 34-39	Regeneration Young Adult Conference
	17 Friday	Matthew 17-19	Milwaukee West, Wis., Corps
	18 Saturday	Romans 13-14	Mali Region ^{PM}
	19 Sunday	Genesis 28-31	Pontiac, Mich., Corps
	20 Monday	Judges 12-16	Omaha, Neb., Kroc Center
	21 Tuesday	Psalms 21-23	Pekin, Ill., Corps
	22 Wednesday	Job 15-16	Muncie, Ind., Corps
	23 Thursday	Isaiah 40-44	Salina, Kan., Corps
	24 Friday	Matthew 20-22	Chicago Staff Band music ministry
	25 Saturday	Romans 15-16	Men's Ministries Sunday
	26 Sunday	Genesis 32-35	Hammond-Munster, Ind., Corps
	27 Monday	Judges 17-21	St. Charles, Mo., Corps
	28 Tuesday	Psalms 24-26	Minot, N.D., Corps

* = Adult Rehabilitation Center
 ** = Divisional Headquarters
 PIM = Partners in Mission

International College for Officers



Major Nancy Powers, program development director at the Freedom Center in Chicago, Ill., has been selected to attend the 236th session of the International College for Officers in London, England, this winter, January 10-February 19, 2018.



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Building bridges in Lincoln



The Lincoln Citadel, Neb., Corps, led by Majors Mark and Susan Anderson, was blessed to host the Ugandan Kids Choir for an extended weekend of ministry. Composed of 10 children from the poorest part of Uganda, the choir is an outreach of Childcare Worldwide. During their visit the children shared the power of God's love through traditional Ugandan music. In addition to performing, the choir attended a dance class at the corps' Shield Fine Arts Academy, played with corps kids in the gym, enjoyed a potluck with Salvationists after the Sunday morning holiness service and even visited the zoo in Omaha. "Those who met and interacted with the children were impressed not only by their performance but also their sweet, Christ-loving personalities," said Amy Kruger, corps music and Shield Fine Art Academy director. "Their departure was filled with pictures, hugs and a few tears, knowing that we will, most likely, not meet again this side of Heaven."

Promoted to Glory

Major William O. Brown

Surrounded by family, Major William Brown's final words were, "I am at peace," before he was promoted to Glory on October 25, 2017. The major spent several months of the past year in hospice care. He was 90 years old.



William was born to Oliver and Dorothy Brown on March 17, 1927, in Gary, Ind. He first felt the Lord call him to ministry at age 18 but was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in WWII and the Korean War before being honorably discharged.

On December 26, 1953, he married Alice Seitzinger. The Browns entered training from the Hammond, Ind.,

Corps and were commissioned in 1959 with the "Pioneer" session. They served at the Chicago Englewood, and Midwest, Ill., corps before ministering four years at the Panama Temple Corps in the Mexico and Central America Territory (now Latin America North Territory).

Upon returning to the Central Territory, they served in corps appointments in the Midland, Heartland and Wisconsin/Upper Michigan divisions until their retirement in 1992.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife; daughter Bonnie (Michael) Burgess; son Bradford (Lisa); foster daughter Carolyn Brown; and his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his children, Steven, Martin and Patrick, and his five siblings.

No place like home

by Major Darlene Harvey

Thanksgiving was a fitting backdrop to a welcome and homecoming of territorial leaders Commissioners Brad and Heidi Bailey to the Kansas and Western Missouri Division. During the weekend the Baileys observed the division's multicultural legacy and expressed their vision for the territory. Those present sensed their warmth as they took the time for one-on-one fellowship.

The whirlwind tour began in Wichita with a concert featuring corps in the division's western region and a message by Commissioner Heidi Bailey on gratitude. A touching moment occurred as Commissioner Brad Bailey perused photos in the hall of memory. Quickly grabbing a chair, he gently removed a photo, identifying his grandparents and mother, and reflected on his godly heritage and cherished memories. He, indeed, had come home.

Led by Wichita City Commander Major Joseph Wheeler, a united Sunday morning worship for the Wichita West Orchard and Wichita Citadel corps included a message by the territorial commander on rock solid faith which encouraged the congregations.

The weekend concluded with a divisional welcome, led by Divisional Commander Major Phil Maxwell at the Olathe, Kan., Corps. In his welcome, Westport Corps Sergeant-Major Rocindo Pina shared the Baileys had been married and entered training from his corps and that Captains Joaquin and Gabriela Rangel, current Westport corps officers, came to know The Salvation Army when then-Lieutenant Brad Bailey served in disaster relief in Mexico after the 1985 earthquake.

The territorial commander challenged those in attendance to embrace renewal as he preached from 2 Chronicles 29. Concluding the meeting, the congregation affirmed "Salvation is our song" as the territorial leaders spontaneously waived the Army flag. Participants left invigorated and inspired to fulfill the Army's mission through personal renewal and dedication.



Commissioners Brad and Heidi Bailey pray with members of the Kansas City Westport Temple, Mo., Corps.

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