**Bravo to a great festival!**

The music of our lives: the harmonies and dissonance, the rhythms and themes, the melodies unexplored. While this year’s Festival of Worship Arts promised a high standard of music, it delivered much more for the 1,828 people who attended. It prompted heartfelt praise and reflection. Deviating from the traditional format of featuring groups throughout the territory, the festival’s streamlined schedule and line-up of guests and participants seemed to hone this focus.

The weekend featured Commissioners Dick and Vibeke Krommenhoek, territorial leaders of the Norway, Iceland and the Faeroes Territory, who were introduced warmly by Territorial Commander Commissioner Paul R. Seiler.

Throughout the festival, meetings were anchored by the Chicago Staff Band (CSB), the Bill Booth Theater Company (BBTC) and The Singing Company, the territorial praise band.

The keynote session, *All God’s Children Sing*, debuted the new Territorial Youth Chorus with “I dare to be different,” led by the composer himself, Commissioner Dick Krommenhoek. A clever vignette by the BBTC revealed priorities that compete with our worship of the Lord. Breaking into song with references from pop culture to sports, the BBTC warmed up the audience for the genius of Ken Medema.

“We use the word ‘genius’ lightly. For instance, I’ve been called a genius before,” quipped Bandmaster William Himes, who planned the weekend with the music and gospel arts department. “I’m no genius. But my friend, Ken, is the real deal.”

Medema’s talent filled the room as he invited delegates’ involvement on each song, from the Caribbean allusions of “Amen” to the reflective “Time” to the victorious “Rise up.” His wit and depth were matched by Commissioner Dick Krommenhoek whose masterful music imagery showed how just as the invisible C note line links the treble and bass staffs to create harmony, Jesus is the image of the invisible God in whom all things are held together.

“God, the Creator, is there in the music of our lives, trying to bring us back into harmony with Him,” said the commissioner.

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A happy reaction from Lt. Samantha Nolan as she’s appointed to Beloit, Wis.
Unexpected blessings
by Lt. Colonel Vicki Amick
Territorial Retired Officers’ Department Secretary

As an officer I’ve spent many hours visiting people in hospitals and nursing homes. This ministry, community care (previously known as league of mercy) is not a favorite pastime for many. It can be uncomfortable emotionally and physically. You come face-to-face with your mortality; you see others in great pain and those who are lonely—not to mention the smells! Yet, every time I make the effort to stop by to say, “Hello, you’re not forgotten,” I end up being blessed.

I was about 10 when I started visiting shut-ins with my father. I am grateful for a father who loves the Lord and the people around him. I remember many Saturday mornings I would accompany him on home visits.

Before we made our first visit of the day, we would stop to pick up a dozen roses. Dad would always give each person we visited a rose and then bring the rest of them home to my mom, his sweetheart.

He would sit and visit with whomever and offer my services washing dishes, folding laundry or sweeping the floor. Each visit would last about 20 minutes and always end the same way.

Dad would ask me to sing a chorus, like “Jesus loves me,” and then he would pray.

I was blessed to learn by example how to love and serve others.

Matthew 25:35-40 (NIV 1984) has this to say about serving others: “I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you looked after me. I was in prison and you came to visit me.

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

May God bless us as we serve Him vigorously.

Bravo! first-place solo winners

Caterpillar CEO and Chairman Doug Oberhelman

Following Mr. Fites’s speech, Tom McIntyre, local news anchor, made this powerful and humorous observation, “Caterpillar moves earth, the Salvation Army moves heaven and earth!”

The event theme was enhanced by a video presentation highlighting the response to tornados last November and other Peoria programs. Several awards were presented to community members who helped in the aftermath of the tornados and others who support the Army’s 24/7 work in the community. Of special note was the presentation of the Spirit of the Army award to Crossroads United Methodist Church of Washington, Ill., which has been a beacon of hope since the tornado touched down in that community. “We are pleased to celebrate this church and other Partners for Good in our community,” said Major Evie Diaz, Heartland divisional commander.

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St. Louis Gateway Citadel, Mo.
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The meeting also featured a World Services Ingathering revealing a record of more than $8.3 million and the dedication of young adult Summer Mission Teams and Captains Andrew and Melissa Shields and their children who are going to serve in Latvia. World Services was also the impetus for 105 delegates joining the territorial commander for a 5K Walk/Run early the next morning.

Saturday's first meeting, All God's Children Seek, again featured the brilliance of Ken Medema who extemporaneously brought delegates' stories to life in music which featured the themes of relinquishment and renewal. "He brought me to tears. So inspiring and encouraging," wrote Major Kelly Collins on Goodstitch.com, a new app that instantly gave positive feedback throughout the weekend.

Throughout the festival delegates congregated at Resource Connection which naturally had an emphasis on instruments, including representation by three music distributors and sonic instrument cleanings. In addition to perusing popular offerings like the latest Hallelujah Choruses release and casual wear, delegates bought out a new line of uniform blouses and outer uniform jackets! Many stopped by the historical museum display as well.

Saturday mid-morning and afternoon featured the Bravo! solo events where young people, ages 9-25 in four levels, competed in piano, vocal, brass, guitar and percussion. Surrounded by family and friends from their corps and divisions, the musicians gave their best.

Bravo! winners in the open category, as well as the new Territorial Youth Band and Chorus, were featured throughout Saturday evening's All God's Children Praise—a "wow" of a session kicking off with the exhilarating "Call of the Gospel" (Cordeiro) by the youth band and chorus and CSB. Incorporating a stunning range of styles and idioms, the meeting was woven together with the three movements of the major work Quest (Sharman) presented by the youth band, thought-provoking vignettes on prayer by the BBTC, praise led by The Singing Company, and vocal selections by the youth chorus.

The chorus' contributions ranged from the strident echoes of "Lamentations of Jeremiah," in Latin to the soothing tones of "Your God will come" to the gospel "Music down in my soul." In addition to Quest, standouts for the youth band included Concertante for Cornets and Band featuring 21 cornets from the CSB and youth band, more than a dozen trombones on From that Sacred Hill, composed and conducted by Commissioner Dick Krommenhoek, and the classical transcription Big Little Fugue in G Minor (Bach/Himes) led by Bandmaster William Himes. A light-hearted, original jazz/funk song, "Without You," by Commissioner Krommenhoek contrasted to his earlier piano/vocal of Isaiah 53 after his wife's recitation of the poem, "Someone Else's Son."

But some of the most impressive works of the evening were by the Bravo! winners: Moriah Hellstrom’s lightning fast piano solo, Sonatine, Movement #3 (Ravel), the challenging fingering of Carnival of Venice (Arban) on tuba by Jon Heather, the virtuoso technique of Baden Jazz Suite, Movements #1 and 3 (Jirmal) by classical guitarist Sean Jeon, and the range and control of self-taught vocalist Delaney Evans in her performance of O Mio Babbino Caro (Puccini). Standing ovations abounded.

"They're your kids, and we're proud of them!" said Bandmaster Himes of the winners and youth band and chorus who had provided such a glorious weekend of God-honoring music. He reminded delegates of the vital role Army music camps play in music literacy, which is the foundation for such success, and asked for their continued support and encouragement of young Salvationist musicians.

"What fantastic talent there is in this territory!" exclaimed Commissioner Dick Krommenhoek. "We're so proud to be part of the Central Territory this weekend."
The Salvation Army’s Pathway of Hope initiative first developed in the Central Territory has been voted by Bridgespan Group employees as the “Best of Bridgespan.” The Bridgespan Group is a non-profit advisor “think tank” to mission-driven organizations and philanthropists to strengthen the ability to achieve breakthrough results in addressing society’s most important challenges and opportunities.

It partnered with the Central Territory in 2010 to create the Pathway of Hope to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty with the hope of “doubling the impact” of basic emergency social service assistance. Targeting families with children under 18 who express an interest in moving from crisis and vulnerability to increasing stability, the Pathway of Hope approach has been expanding across the Central Territory since 2011.

The company instigated “Best of Bridgespan” this year to recognize the high impact and important work of their consultations since 2008. Forty projects were nominated from partner groups and case team/client survey data and narrowed to a pool of 10 from which employees voted for the three that best represented what Bridgespan was founded to do, considering things like the organization’s potential to affect an issue and the magnitude of change that has resulted.

“I heard the founder of The Bridgespan Group, Tom Tierney, speak at NAB in April of 2010. His specific challenge to The Salvation Army was that we were fantastic at serving, but what about solving?”, said Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, territorial commander. “That comment stuck with me in a powerful way, and I felt we had to begin to look at some method of changing how we resourced and approached the basic need assistance so that we could actually impact the future of at least the people who came to us month after month in the same circumstances.”

Pathway of Hope is now in all divisions in the Central Territory, and the Commissioners’ Conference’s support and commitment to moving past “just serving to also solving” has resulted in training and informational sessions presented by Central Pathway of Hope staff and leaders in the three other territories. As of April the Pathway of Hope approach was being utilized in 140 corps in the Central Territory and more than 455 families had participated, with a goal of scaling out through the entire territory within five years.

Three longtime Salvation Army supporters were recognized at the event. Jenny McCoy received the William Booth Award, one of the organization’s highest honors. Ms. McCoy has been an active member of The Salvation Army Advisory Board in Kansas City since 2001; serving on numerous committees and providing valuable support and counsel. She is currently an emeritus member of the board.

Black & Veatch was given the Others Award, which honors an individual or company exemplifying an extraordinary spirit of service to others. As a global company, Black & Veatch, headquartered in Kansas City, provides support to more than 150 organizations and programs worldwide, including The Salvation Army.

Anita Gorman was formally inducted as a lifetime member of the advisory board. Ms. Gorman is one of The Salvation Army’s biggest champions, providing invaluable vision, leadership and service throughout her 35-year tenure with the organization. She has been a member of the organization’s Kansas City Metro Advisory Board since 1979 and was the first woman to serve as its chair in 1990.
Officials break ground on the new Freedom Center campus in Chicago's West Humboldt Park neighborhood. Pictured (l to r) are Allan E. Bulley, Jr., Alderman Walter Burnett, Jr., Metropolitan divisional leaders Lt. Colonels Ralph and Susan Bukiewicz, Illinois DCEO Director Adam Pollet, Territorial Commander Commissioner Paul R. Seller and Chicago Advisory Board Chairman Mike Karpeles.

by Jacqueline Rachev

The atmosphere was celebratory as more than 200 people gathered for the official groundbreaking for the Freedom Center campus in Chicago's West Humboldt Park neighborhood. The event unveiled detailed plans for the new campus and services and featured inspirational stories and well wishes from city and state officials.

The new campus will offer a wide range of programs and services to address some of the community's greatest issues including crime, violence, addiction, unemployment and a lack of safe havens for children and teens.

Adam Pollet, director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), noted The Salvation Army's impact on Illinois as the state's largest social service agency. He said, "Governor Quinn knows better than most how important it is to serve the most vulnerable communities among us. And he knows that The Salvation Army has lifted up, empowered and improved literally thousands and thousands and thousands of lives in this state and in this community."

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

The D.J.'s Heroes award recipients with leaders and guests: (back row) Gabie Fisher, Amanda Dyas, Western Divisional Commander Major Paul Fleeman, guest speaker Dr. Ben Carson, luncheon co-chairs Lori and David Scott, Mishala Lewis, Luke Grossnicklaus, (front row) Ryan Kile, Rachel Pavelka, Kate Donovan, McKenzie Martin

D.J.'s Hero $10,000 college scholarship, each is greeted with a standing ovation. Outside of their hometowns, their names aren't known. They are unsung heroes who have overcome adversity to move forward to college and a rewarding career.

The overwhelmed teenagers were greeted by some of Omaha's leading citizens. Omaha and Bellevue Mayors Jean Stothert and Rita Sanders were there; so was U.S. Congressman Lee Terry.

The luncheon, chaired by David and Lori Scott, drew the largest crowd in its 15-year history and raised a record $478,000 to support Salvation Army programs for children in Omaha.

Advisory Board Member Gene Spence remembers the first D.J.'s Hero Awards in 2000. "We wanted to work with kids who, after being knocked down, got up and fought harder to be strong and to be the people they could be," he said. High school counselor Amy Johnson of Schuyler, Neb., said the D.J.'s Hero scholarship is different from others. "It's a big moment in students' lives," she said.

The first hero was D.J. Sokol, whom the awards are named. The son of David and Peggy Sokol, he fought a courageous battle with cancer before dying at age 18.

The D.J.'s Hero awards selection committee is challenged to narrow down over 160 worthy nominations from across Nebraska to only seven winners. Suzanne Caruso, who traveled from Dallas as a member of the selection committee, found winnowing the list of deserving candidates so frustrating that she offered to fund an eighth scholarship. Caruso has been a longtime supporter through her late brother's foundation, The Fred Arkosh Jr. Foundation.

Benjamin Carson, M.D., was the speaker. Based on his book America the Beautiful: Rediscovering What Made This Nation Great, the speech by Carson, who received the 2008 Presidential Medal of Freedom, drew enthusiastic applause. Carson urged D.J.'s Heroes and the audience to esteem and thecorps community center itself is expected to serve an estimated 22,500 individuals every year. The corps community center, the Pathway Forward community-based corrections program, and the mobile feeding and outreach program, are currently offered at a century-old building on Chicago's Near West Side.

"This groundbreaking is about so much more than buildings," said Lt. Colonel Ralph Bukiewicz, Metropolitan divisional commander. "We are breaking new ground in the fight against violence in our community. We are breaking new ground against crime, homelessness and addiction. We are breaking new ground on hope. We are breaking new ground for the future."

The campus will consist of several interconnected, masonry clad structures with beautifully landscaped courtyards and will be in keeping with the aesthetic of the mixed residential and retail neighborhood surrounding it.
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"I am an officers’ kid who said ‘I will never be an officer,’” proclaimed Cadet Erin Metzler of the “Disciples of the Cross” session which was being ordained and commissioned during the All God’s Children Worship Sunday morning service. After rattling off her list of excuses why she couldn’t enter training, she witnessed how God changed her heart and the blessing of living in His will and then encouraged others to follow God’s call.

Territorial Youth Secretary Major Monty Wandel led this unique call to officership by answering the question “How do I know if I’m called?” and then inviting accepted and prospective future candidates forward. The congregation stood in affirmation.

Later cadets affirmed their faith, led by Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, territorial commander. Then family, friends and role models for each cadet stood as he or she was called forward to be ordained and commissioned as an officer. Commissioner Carol Seiler closed with prayer.

After Commissioner Vibeke Krommenhoek’s compelling recitation of Colossians 1:12-23 with choreography, Commissioner Dick Krommenhoek followed with a message which included a humorous story, yet serious reminder that Christianity is not “feel good” theology. It’s the opportunity to take up the cross and follow Jesus.

“The real courage the Army needs is for people to stand up and be within listening distance to the Holy Spirit by bringing down the walls, going into the world, reaching those in need and allowing Jesus to shape our lives,” he said.

Many delegates—young adults, families, soldiers and officers of all ranks—steadily came to the altar to pray as the congregation sang, “My all is on the altar.”

On Sunday afternoon Chief Secretary Colonel Merle Heatwole opened the service of appointments, All God’s Children Serve, amid cheers and applause. Then the Central Territory’s own Colonels William and Susan Harwood “on loan” from National Headquarters announced the retirement of the “Enthusiasts” and “Crusaders” sessions. During the parade of flags, many officers stood to salute their session flag. In keeping with tradition, Lt. Colonel Richard Vander Weele, Chicago Staff Band (CSB) executive officer, lifelong CSB enthusiast and former member, took a turn conducting the band before he retired.

Session flagbearer Lt. Jonathan Tamayo led the way as the “Disciples of the Cross” session entered the auditorium to a rousing welcome. “Let’s let loose and praise God,” said Major Cherri Hobbs, College for Officer Training principal. She shared about the intense and intentional spiritual growth she has seen them undergo during training and expressed her pleasure in introducing them as officers for the first time. She presented the 2014 Servant Leadership Award to Lt. Amanda Keene, and the 2014 Mission and Ministry Award to Lt. Cristian Lopez, whose eyes welled up at the honor.

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Lieutenant Amanda Keene
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Lieutenants Curtis and Laura Lunnam
Corps Officers—Vincennes, Ind.

Lieutenants Michael and Erin Metzler
Corps Officers—Princeton, Ind.

Lieutenant Samantha Nolan
Corps Officer—Beloit, Wis.

Lieutenant Crystal Sherack
Associate Corps Officer—Council Bluffs, Iowa

Lieutenant Jonathan Tamayo
Assistant Corps Officer—Pontiac, Mich.

Lieutenants Christopher and Rachel White
Corps Officers—Jefferson City, Mo.

Lieutenants John and Faith Woodard
Corps Officers—Danville, Ill.
A weekend to remember

Niney-seven people gathered at Camp Wonderland for a weekend to commemorate Majors Herb and Yaneth Fuqua’s retirement. Friday and Saturday fellowship was followed by an inspiring service and a beautiful dinner. On Sunday 40 family members and friends enjoyed an intimate worship service.

Colonels Dennis and Noella Phillips conducted the retirement ceremony, sharing heartfelt stories of appreciation. Major Robin Hu, Major Pat McPherson, Elvira Valtier, Yvette DeGeorge and Colonel Dennis Strisell brought additional blessings to the occasion. Music rang through a brass ensemble and songs, “Sound the battle cry.” “And can it be,” “Great is Thy faithfulness,” and “In Christ alone.” Special numbers included Major Herb on guitar, interpretive movement by Major Jennifer Woodard, a family song and a surprise solo by Colonel Dennis Phillips! Gratitude for God’s great faithfulness marked the evening.

The Fquas served 19 years as corps officers and 18 years on divisional and territorial headquarters. Commissioned in 1973 with the “Blood and Fire” session, they served in Hancock, Houghton, Mich., and Beloit and Green Bay, Wis., followed by appointments at Heartland and Metropolitan divisional headquarters (DHQ), then youth and candidates’ work at territorial headquarters (THQ). Major Herb then organized a new THQ department for cross-cultural ministries and corps growth, while Major Yaneth gave oversight to cross-cultural ministries at Metropolitan DHQ.

Subsequent appointments led them to Quincy, Ill., Lakewood Temple, Minn., and to develop the Bay and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Omaha, Neb. The Fuqua retired from the Eastern Michigan DHQ, where Major Yaneth served as multi-cultural advancement ministries director, moral and ethical issues secret- ary and associate secretary for planning, and Major Herb served as men’s ministries secretary, Detroit city commander and divisional secre- tary for program.

Major Yaneth’s father, Raul Guerrero, founded the Hispanic work in Chicago. Major Herb was born to Salvation Army officer-par- ents. He is a decorated, U.S. Army Vietnam veteran. The Fuquas have two children, Captains Amos Shiels (Steve) Woodard and Yvette (Rob) DeGeorge and five grandchildren.

A song in her heart

Through the years, Barbara Shiels has been a music minister, entered music ministry training, and served in the army and territory. She has been a dedicated member of the Army and a hardworking worker with a heart of love for the Lord and his people.

The Fuqua’s service to the Army has left a lasting impression on those who have been privy to their ministry. Major Herb and Major Yaneth have been a constant presence in the Army, serving in various positions throughout their careers. Their dedication and commitment to the corps and the kingdom of God is evident in their service and in their personal lives.

The Fuqua’s impact on the Army will be remembered for years to come. Their legacy will continue to inspire and challenge others to serve the Lord with the same dedication and love for the people they serve.

Prayer and Bible reading initiatives announced

With The Salvation Army’s 150th anniversary getting closer, two initiatives have been announced by the International Congress office. Both use the “Boundless” Congress as the focal point while providing opportunities for the 1.5 million Salvationists of the world to join together in prayer and study.

Boundless... the Whole World Praying is a year-long prayer initiative beginning July 1, 2014, and concluding on the last day of the congress (Sunday, July 5, 2015). In a message from General André Cox to Salvation Army leaders, Boundless... the Whole World Praying was described as “a wave of prayer that will roll over from one territory to another,” intentionally focusing Salvationists in continued intercession for the Army, the world and in preparation for the congress. The initiative is a working out of the International Vision Plan mission points “We will unite in prayer” and “We will deep- en our spiritual life,” and the General’s message says the 2015 International Congress “is a timely opportunity to continue forward in these mission priorities.”

The prayer initiative will be facilitated by the congress office with the Centre for Spiritual Life Development (CSLD). Salvation Army territories have been assigned specific days of prayer throughout the year to ensure that the anniver- sary preparations and celebrations are bathed in constant prayer. Our territory has been asked to pray on Thursday, July 3. Visit myboundlessprayerformore information.

Boundless... the Whole World Reading is a Bible-reading chal- lenge starting January 5, 2015, and running for the whole year. Salvationists and friends around the world will be challenged to read through the New Testament in one year—together. Each week, everyone taking part in the challenge will read five chapters of scripture and take time to consider discussion questions relating to the text.

Quality resources also will be provided for children, who will consider one reading each week and undertake a simple activity based on the same chapters being read by adults.

A printed study booklet outlining the reading plan will be made available in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese. Additional com- mentaries and expanded resources will be available online when the dedicated Bible-reading challenge website goes live in 2015.

The message from the General concludes: “At this wave of Bible reading sweeps across the Salvation Army world throughout congress year, we pray that God will speak to us, both individually and corpo- rately, as we take time to reflect on his Word.”

International congress news—includ- ing updates about the prayer and Bible-reading initiatives—can be found at www.boundless2015.org.
A second opportunity to celebrate with a former Partner in Mission territory came for Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seiler this May as they traveled to Chennai, India, to dedicate the new India Central Territorial Headquarters (THQ) funded by the USA Central Territory. The process for this building started in 2009.

The new headquarters features a bottom open level that includes parking—a rare commodity—and space to hold large meetings such as the dedication. The first floor accommodates all the THQ department functions and offices, while the second and third floors will provide housing and generate income. The fourth floor will house five THQ officer families.

Particularly important on this return trip was the acknowledgement that USA Central Salvationists are more than mission partners, they are friends as represented by the Sellers’ visits. As the vision and plans were described at the dedication, the themes of dignity and self-respect came through as important components of moving toward self-support. It was also good for friends, not missionaries, to help them achieve goals. “Recognizing some individuals from our first visit was interesting, including some who shared that common friends Mick and Chris Shag had sent Facebook greetings on this occasion,” said the Sellers.

Commissioner Paul Seiler was invited by Commissioners M.Y. Emmanuel and Regina Chandra Bai to conduct their retirement on behalf of the General. After the THQ dedication, events moved to a school auditorium to recognize their 40-plus years of service. With only two weeks left before moving to their retirement home in India Southeast, the commissioners still planned and participated in a busy itinerary with an executive officers councils, a youth rally for more than 500, and a visit to a corps near property also purchased by the four USA territories. “We were assured that due to the difficulties of travel, people wanted to have at least three-hour meetings with time to fellowship and visit together,” said Commissioner Carol Seiler.

The youth rally was especially exciting. On scooters and waving Salvation Army flags, cadets led a convoy of cars transporting the leaders into the community. A block or two away from the large hall, the leaders got out and walked in the dusty morning heat through the singing crowd. The crowd pushed into rows inside or sat under tents outside to hear the meeting through the open windows. Notably, more young men than women were present. Since officers and youth had to travel by train or bus through the night, parents far away would not let their daughters come. Due to flooding on the tracks, one group of 60 arrived just 20 minutes before the end of the meeting. Undaunted, the program was adapted to include their singing and prepared participation.

In each meeting the messages centered on holiness, salvation and rededication. “It was humbling to see soldiers kneeling in silent prayer, row upon row, so grateful for God’s goodness,” said Commissioner Paul Seiler. “It made us proud to be friends, partners in ‘One Army, One Mission, One Message.’”

World Services/Self-Denial Giving

A record of over $8.3 million has been raised for World Services/Self-Denial.

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Grand Total: $8,374,131

New CD to raise World Services funds

Could you use a friendly, non-threatening evangelism tool that’s perfect for giving to social service clients, distributing at community outreach events or selling to corps members and associates to raise funds for World Services/Self-Denial? The Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps has produced a CD that fits the bill and more.

God So Loved the World features 13 traditional and contemporary songs performed by vocalist soloist Heidi Strand. Accompanists on the artfully arranged compositions include the Chicago Staff Band, the Norridge Citadel Band and pianist Peter McBride.

The recording project is the brainchild of Peggy Thomas, Norridge Citadel bandmaster, who strives for sensitive yet impactful approaches to evangelism. The CD’s inside cover features Heidi’s inspiring testimony about understanding the power of God’s love for her. As she realized this, she began to see people in a different light and particularly (led) to reach out to those who were experiencing earthly happiness but who had yet to experience the true fulfillment of heavenly joy. The testimony leads into the “ABCs of Salvation,” followed by a prayer to accept Christ. Salvation Army contact information is given.

Songs on the attractively packaged CD range from such beloved classics as “Savior like a shepherd” and “Amazing grace” to “Unshakable kingdom” and “He’s always been faithful,” wrapping up with “Irish Christmas blessing.”

“Individual sales of this CD not only will help our own World Services fundraising at Norridge, but it’s available for other corps to buy in bulk at a discount (minimum order 100 at $5 each). Corps can then either sell the CDs at $15 each for World Services or use them for social service or evangelistic outreaches,” said Peggy.

Individual CDs may be ordered from Resource Connection at shop.salvationarmy.org or 1-800-937-8896. Bulk orders (min. 100) may be ordered from peggy.thomas@usc.salvationarmy.org
Long Service Awards

We salute the following officers on their service milestones.

45 Years
Major Janice Carter
Major Judy McPherson
Major Laurence McPherson
Major David Mofitt

40 Years
Colonel Dennis Strissel
Colonel Sharon Strissel
Major Diane Harper
Major Donna Van Hoesen
Major Gary Van Hoesen

35 Years
Major Gail Ahl
Major Carole Caddy
Major Glen Caddy
Major Joyce Gauthier
Major Patty Richardson
Major Rebecca Sweams

30 Years
Colonel Dawn Heatwole
Colonel Merle Heatwole
Lt. Colonel Renea Smith
Major Susan Anderson
Major Carlos Bravo
Major Gayre Cole
Major Violet Ezeh
M—oads Herivel
Major Richard Herivel
Major Dale Hixenbaugh
Major JoAnn Hixenbaugh
Major Rachel Klammer
Major Mark Litherland
Major James McDowell
Major Valerie McDowell
Major Bethany Petrie
Major Keith Petrie
Major Ben Stillwell
Major Beth Stillwell
Major Judith Tekautz
Major Carla Voeller
Major Lela Wright
Major Alan Wurtz

25 Years
Major Barbara Carroll
Major Richard Carroll
Major Mary Duskin
Major Paul Duskin
Major Kathy Edmonds
Major Robert Edmonds
Major Claire Grainger
Major Norman Grainger
Major Darlene Harvey
Major David Harvey
Major William Highway
Major Darrel Leedom
Major Donna Leedom
Major Cynthia Nicolet
Major Kenneth Nicholas
Major Jason Polom
Major Abran Tamayo
Major Ronda Tamayo
Major Beth Trimell
Major Richard Trimell
Major David Womack
Major Marag Yoder

40 and 45 Years
Major William Hainfall
Major John Houston
Major Paul Hoveton
Major Jack Houston

Our calls were slowly affirmed over the last few years until we both listened and answered by returning to the United States in February 2013 to give complete obedience to Him. Everything we have done has been according to His plan. Completely trusting the Lord, we are reassured how great His love is for us by the way He has provided and cared for us. He has worked miracles for us, and we know without a doubt He will continue to do so. We are excited to continue our mission of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and meeting human needs in His name without discrimination.

Matthew and Rona (Mutcha) Beatty
Kansas City Northland, Mo., Corps
Kansas and Western Missouri Division

We came from two entirely different backgrounds. Rona is a lifelong Salvationist from the Northern Luzon Division, Philippines Territory, while I found God’s loving grace through the doors of the Salvation Army adult rehabilitation center in Kansas City, Mo., in 2008. God brought us together while I was in His service as a two-year lay missionary in the Philippines Territory. In His presence, we exchanged vows on April 29, 2012.

Leta Reppert
Kansas City Westport Temple, Mo., Corps
Kansas and Western Missouri Division

While I grew up in a Christian home and accepted Christ as my Savior at age 9, it wasn’t until my teenage years that my faith became real. Until that point, although I knew that Jesus died for my sins, I was really trusting in my own goodness, not God’s grace. With teen struggles I realized my own goodness was not good enough. I realized the depths of God’s grace and that His love extends to me even when I am an officer. I learned I can rest in His welcoming embrace.

Although my faith always has been important to me, I didn’t realize for many years ministry is God’s plan for my life. Rather than a sudden revelation, God spoke in a still, small voice. At times trying to listen was frustrating, but He gradually made His plan clear. I am excited to see what God has planned for me as an officer.

Let’s corps officers are Captains Joaquin and Gabriela Rangel.

Shiels embark for Latvia

This month Captains Andrew and Melissa Shiels with their children Evan, 9, and Ellie, 7, embark on a new adventure in Latvia in the Baltic region of northern Europe. The captains will serve in the capital city as the Riga 1 corps officers.

“We’re very excited to serve in a place we’d never think to visit,” said Captain Melissa. “I’m expecting a lot, but most importantly I expect we’ll rely more heavily on God than we’ve ever had to before.”

Andrew and Melissa grew up in Milwaukee, Wis., and were married in 2000. Before entering training in 2002, their first joint missionary experience was to Bolivia where they were struck by the beauty of a different culture and connection despite the language barrier.

Later on a summer assignment as cadets in Romania, the Shiels’ love for missions grew. “We fell in love with the people. I wanted to bring them all home with me,” recalled Captain Melissa.

After they were commissioned, on independent mission trips to the Turks and Caicos Islands, their call to serve overseas was confirmed.

Evan and Ellie will attend an international school, and Captain Melissa feels it’s a great opportunity and good timing for them to have exposure to another culture.

“I firmly believe all of our experiences leading up to this appointment have equipped us for what’s ahead,” said the captain. “It’s not just the mission experiences; the last five years we’ve spent as the Northern divisional youth secretaries have grown us spiritually and in maturity. God has His own perfect timing in answering our prayers and desires.”
August Prayer Calendar

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

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Promoted to Glory

Mrs. Major Irene Marjorie Jewett

Mrs. Major Irene Marjorie Jewett was promoted to Glory on April 24, 2014. She was born to Chester and Bella Jewett in Iowa City, Iowa. She accepted Christ as a child and was enrolled as a senior soldier at the Waukegan, Ill., Corps. Following her graduation she entered training and was commissioned in 1944.

In 1947 she married Cecil Vernon Jewett. He was commissioned in 1951, and Marge was reactivated as an officer. Together they served at several corps appointments, as well as a stint at territorial headquarters in the supplies and shipping departments before being transferred to men’s social services (adult rehabilitation centers) in 1962.

They held appointments in the men’s social for 25 years including centers in Illinois, Nebraska, Michigan, Missouri, Iowa and Wisconsin until their retirement in 1987.

Marge was a good musician and a fierce board game competitor. She was known for her kind spirit and vital presence in the men’s social centers.

She was preceded in death by her husband and is survived by her children, Larry, Colonel Vern [Marc] and Marge [Pat] Morton; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Promoted to Glory

Major Irene Rubin

At 78 Major Rubin was promoted to Glory on May 14, 2014.

Irene was born in Jackson, Ky., in 1936. Her family eventually settled in Bushville, Ind., about a block from the corps, where Irene spent many hours with friends. Many officers were role models for her and a great influence on her life such as Lt. Col. James jewett and Col. Davis. In 1957, Irene entered officer training with the “faithful” file and met her future husband, Cai Rubin.

Irene and Cai were married in 1961 and served together 42 years as officers, including corps appointments in Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois. In one of their most memorable appointments they helped to build the Mountain Brook, Ill., Corps. They also served at Midland Divisional Headquarters where they were divi-

Major Robert Hatfield

On April 23, 2014, Major Harold Hatfield was promoted to Glory.

Harold was born to Evert and Nellie Hatfield in 1924. Growing up in a small, Kansas farming commu-

The next year Harold married Ruth, and together they served at corps until 1963 when they were appointed to Indiana Divisional Headquarters with Harold as divisional youth secretary. His next appointment was as Peoria, III., city coordinator followed by appointments as district secretary for the Northern Illinois Division and general secretary for the Midwest Division. The last 12 years of the Hatfields’ ofﬁce were served at territorial headquarters as secretary for evangelism, adult services and correctional services.


Harold was a dedicated member of Kiwanis, and his ministry was marked by service for evangelism, adult services and youth ministry.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, and children Richard, Ronald (Sasa) and David (Betty); nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Major Robert Reasoner

Major Robert Reasoner was promoted to Glory on May 15, 2013.

Robert was one of seven children born to Clyde and Ruth Reasoner in Ellkart, Ind., where their family attended a Nazarene church. After his father passed away, Robert started attending The Salvation Army at the invitation of a friend. There he became a very active soldier holding several local ofﬁcer positions.

He entered training from Elkhart, Ind., and was commissioned with the “Servants of Christ” session in 1963. The following year he married Lt. Barbara Sustainability and their marriage was blessed with four children.

Together the Reasoners served at corps in Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and Missouri, with a stint at the Detroit Adult Rehabilitation Center. They retired back to their hometown in Elkhart from Mishawaka, Ind., in 2000.

Robert is remembered for his deep faith and passion to help the lost ﬁnd Christ.

He was succeeded in death by his son, Eric, and is survived by his wife, children Alan (Angela), Troy and Nancy [James] Grant and seven grandchildren.