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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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Leading teens to amplify Christ

A new program called Amplify is being pioneered in the Western Division for youth in seventh through tenth grades.

"The program is about amplifying Christ in the lives of our middle teens...cultivating an understanding

of The Salvation Army and its mission as much more than their corps but worldwide, too," said Captain Jolinda Shelbourn, Western divisional youth secretary, who created the program. "This program was developed as a way to build youth corps leadership in the middle teens and is designed to amplify Christ through education, service and worship."

The captain noted she is seeing this age group dwindle as they get old enough to work or drive a car, and it's been challenging to engage them.

Amplify consists of standout youth from around the division. The application process is extensive. Each applicant must complete a written testimony, an essay about why he or she should participate and list their extracurricular activities both in the corps and personally. They also must be willing to commit to the two-year program.

As part of year one,

members attend a Youth Specialties conference in Dallas, Texas, for leadership training. Additionally they'll have an opportunity to see a bigger picture of the Army by visiting a corps outside of their home territory. During the first year they'll also prepare and share their personal testimony at their home corps and choose an area of leadership in which to serve their corps through the summer and into the Christmas season.

After a year-end evaluation from their corps officer, they enter the second year of the program with a trip



to Chicago to visit the College for Officer Training (CFOT) and Central Territorial Headquarters. During this trip they worship at a Chicago-area corps and complete a service project. Next, the teens choose a corps within the Western Division to visit, complete a service project and lead Sunday worship.

The goal is for each participant to develop a personal ministry plan and discover God's plan for their future, which may include officer-ship.

The first group of Amplify participants is now in their second year and enthusiastic about it. Member Megan Hoskin, a soldier and teen Bible study leader at the Omaha Citadel, Neb., Corps, hopes to be an officer one day and was especially excited to visit the CFOT. She said, "I chose to join Amplify because it sounded like an awesome opportunity to grow in my walk with God."



Clockwise from the left: Megan Hoskin, Caleb Shelbourn, Alyson Clarke, Boomer Jock, Emily Hoskin, Alexis Haslett and Hannah McClintock.



In the good ol' summertime

For more than 80 summers, a tree-filled park on the scenic St. Clair River in Port Huron, Mich., has been the site of Sunday-evening brass band concerts hosted throughout July by the Port Huron, Mich., Corps. Lawn-chair tot-

ing crowds, some weeks totaling more than 600 people, attend these "Summer Praise" concerts which share the gospel message through words and music, reported Majors Mark and Sandra Turner, corps officers.

Since the U.S./Canadian border runs through the river, every concert begins with both national anthems (during which citizens within earshot stand proudly). The first concert features

patriotic music to celebrate the Fourth of July; subsequent concerts feature Army music. In addition to the Port Huron corps band, the concerts also often feature the bands of the Royal Oak, Flint Citadel and Dearborn Heights Citadel corps.



Refreshments follow each concert.

Every concert includes a devotional message, gospel presentation, scripture reading and sometimes a testimonial or guest speaker. Seekers are asked to speak with anyone in uniform after the concert, and many Salvationists in the audience are trained in outreach evangelism. A printed program each week contains information about that night's performance, The Salvation Army and the



Hundreds of people enjoy the Sunday-evening concert series each July.

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The boundless riches of Christ

by Colonel Dorothy Smith
Territorial Women's Ministries Secretary

This year we are celebrating 150 years of God's grace poured out on The Salvation Army. In 1865 William and Catherine Booth created a movement that emphasized boundless salvation including:

No limit to the number of people who can be saved

No restrictions as to the quantity of sin able to be forgiven

No rationing of the Holy Spirit's power to live a holy life

No conditions to the love expressed on the cross

No shortage of resources for the work God called them to do

No barrier to intimate relationship with Jesus Christ

The Booths took their message of boundless salvation to those who needed it most, but even they were surprised as the mission grew into a denomination characterized by military-like structure and which spread to the far reaches of the British Empire and North and South America. Their obedience to God and empowerment by the Holy Spirit unlocked officers' and soldiers' boundless creativity.



July 1-5, you will marvel at the variety of people, talents and ministries—and even the uniforms—that comprise the worldwide Salvation Army. You also will be encouraged by Salvationists' unity of commitment and sacrificial obedience.

Whether or not you attend the congress, as a Salvationist it's your privilege and responsibility to carry out the congress mandate found in Ephesians 3:8 (NIV): "This grace was given to me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ." May we pray, live and share our relationship with Jesus with our family, corps, community and world. May we prove William and Catherine Booth's passion for boundless salvation is still the passion of Salvationists in the Central Territory.

But could they ever imagine the variety and strength of ministries the Army would create to reach people in their cultural contexts? Did they envision the Army working together on a global scale? Yes, I think they expected "that and better would do" for they truly believed The Salvation Army could be so successful at evangelizing it would hasten Jesus' return. Now that's boundless faith!

If you attend the Boundless International Congress in London,

Hallmark receives Others Award



During National Advisory Board meetings in the Kansas City metropolitan area this spring the Others Award was presented to Don Hall, Jr., president and chief executive officer of Hallmark.

The Hallmark Corporate Foundation provides millions of dollars in financial support to programs and agencies, including The Salvation Army, not only in Kansas City but

around the country. In addition, they make generous in-kind donations annually, and their employees donate their time, last year giving nearly 49,000 hours of volunteer service.

The award was presented by Commissioner David Jeffrey, national commander. He is pictured above with Major Evie Diaz, Kansas and Western Missouri divisional commander, and Don Hall.

Response to Nepal earthquake

A magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck Nepal early morning on April 25, devastating the capital region of Kathmandu and killing over 7,200 people. In response to the tragedy, General André Cox called on territories, commands and regions, as well as individual Salvationists and friends of the Army, to support the organization's #Nepal Earthquake appeal by making financial contributions to the relief effort.

"On April 29, 2009, the work officially opened in Nepal. The Salvation Army is present, we are known, and we have a responsibility to step up and support the relief and rebuilding efforts, and I am inviting Salvation Army leaders around the world to support this appeal," said General Cox. The General also called on the Army world to pray.

Experienced emergency workers went to Kathmandu to support and direct The Salvation Army's response. They included Damaris Frick of the International Emergency Services team, Colonel Carol Telfer and Major MacDonald Chandi, both based in Pakistan, and Captain Kathy Crombe, a Nepali-speaker on the staff of The Salvation Army's International Social Justice Commission.

As often happens in major disaster responses, the United Nations set up a program which becomes the hub for all relief agencies and non-governmental organizations, ensuring the various groups work together as part of a relevant "cluster" to cover

as much ground as possible and avoid repetition. An initial sum of \$20,000 was released by International Headquarters to provide 40 tents and a large supply of essentials such as food, water and blankets. The India Eastern Territory, which oversees the Army's work in Nepal, was sourcing food, water and other essentials, which they hoped to transport by road although the damage to major routes made it difficult.

From International News Releases

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International Congress to be streamed live



Since all Salvationists won't be able to attend the Boundless International Congress, July 1-5, 2015, arrangements have been made to live-stream the seven main sessions. Corps are encouraged to hold events where the live-stream can be shown. There will be many ways for corps around the world to interact with the live sessions, making everyone part of the event.

The link will be available on the Boundless website (boundless2015.org), and sessions will be archived for Salvationists to view at a later date.



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Winning strategies in the race against poverty

by Sue Spreiter and Maribeth V. Swanson

Welcoming delegates to the Territorial Social Services Conference in Indianapolis, Ind., Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, territorial commander, shared his vision for social service ministries in his keynote address, "Reflections on 'Helping the Poor' and avoiding 'Toxic Charity.'" He also presented the first five Pathway of Hope corps achievement awards at the opening banquet.

The conference theme, *Winning Strategies in the Race Against Poverty*, played off the city's renowned Indianapolis 500 and charted a course for delegates to gain a deeper understanding of the multifaceted factors of poverty and its implications for the broad range of social services provided in the Central Territory. The event fea-



tured four pre-conference sessions, 25 workshops and three plenary sessions.

Lt. Colonels Dean and Eirwen Pallant, director and deputy director of the International Social Justice Commission, were special guests. Dr. David R. Hodge of Arizona State University and Dr. Philip P. Hong of Loyola University both clearly articu-

lated their rich academic research in the fields of spiritual assessment, hope and structural poverty through workshops and a panel discussion. A workshop by Dr. David Cecil of Asbury University focused on outcome measurement and provided readily applicable hands-on tools. Captains Enrique and Nancy Azuaje of the territorial multicultural ministries department served as conference chaplains and provided encouragement and spiritual refreshment.

Delegates were challenged to consider their connection to the Army's international work as they carried conference bags produced by an Others program in Bangladesh, and more than \$1,600 was raised to purchase a bus for a Salvation Army high school in Nagercoil, India.

Lt. Colonel Dean Pallant's international experience served as the back-



Lt. Colonel Dean Pallant, International Social Justice Commission director; Don Czaplicki, Eastern Michigan divisional social services director; Philip Young Hong, associate professor, Loyola University; David Hodge, associate professor, Arizona State University; and Maribeth Swanson, territorial social services secretary.

drop for his closing plenary address, "Valuing our Purpose and Sustaining our Passion." He reminded delegates that building deeper relationships is an essential strategy for real transformation for the people and communities we serve and that the race against poverty will not be quick or short. He encouraged delegates to reflect on the purpose for their work and take actions that will provide them energy, passion and focus to stay well on the journey and finish strong!



Leadership Changes

Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, Territorial Commander, has announced the following changes of leadership appointments:

Majors Thomas and Jacalyn Bowers are appointed to the Chief Secretary's office as Assistants to the Chief Secretary, pro tem, effective June 24, 2015. Thereafter, they will be appointed to National Headquarters with Major Thomas Bowers as National Secretary for the World Service Office and Major



Majors Thomas and Jacalyn Bowers



Majors E. Randall and Charlene Polsley

Jacalyn Bowers as Assistant National Secretary for the World Service Office/ National Secretary for International Anti-Human Trafficking, effective August 1, 2015, with promotions to the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Majors E. Randall and Charlene Polsley are appointed to the Adult Rehabilitation Centers (ARC) Command with Major Randall Polsley as ARC Commander and Major Charlene Polsley as Director of Special Services, with the

additional appointment as Officer Development Secretary, effective June 24, 2015.

Majors Glen and Carole Caddy are appointed to the Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Division with Major Glen Caddy as Divisional Commander and Major Carole Caddy as Divisional Director of Women's Ministries, with the additional appointment of Officer Development Secretary, effective June 24, 2015.



Majors Glen and Carole Caddy



PATHWAY of HOPE New Awards



To recognize corps for excellence in providing services to Pathway of Hope (POH) families, the territory has introduced financial awards. The monetary awards are tiered in two categories, corps achievement and outstanding corps, and are intended to further enhance corps POH operations.

The first five locations to receive corps achievement awards were recognized this spring at the territorial social services conference. They include:

Flint Citadel, Mich.
Keokuk, Iowa
Independence, Mo.
Grand Haven, Mich.
Janesville, Wis.

To be eligible for the achievement award, corps must demonstrate evidence of team efforts, including pastoral care, to address identified needs of POH families; show success in enhancing community partnerships and/or establishing new collaborative relationships with other agencies; have at least 10 enrolled families who have completed one or more of their goals during the fiscal year;

show congregational involvement with POH families; and have had a basic social services program evaluation completed within the past two years with action plans successfully addressed.

For outstanding corps awards, corps must first have received the corps achievement award, have created at least one additional replicable and sustainable service to corps operations to address needs of POH families, and have been recognized by their division for particular excellence in team and community work.

The corps achievement awards (\$1,500) will be offered every six months to one corps per division. So it is possible for 20 corps (two per division) to receive this additional funding annually. Outstanding corps awards (\$5,000 per corps) will be offered annually to five of the 20 corps.

"Monetary awards are one way of investing intentionally and offering an unbudgeted opportunity that could enhance the efforts being made locally," said Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, territorial commander.

What do you find at

by Major Monty Wandling
Territorial Youth Secretary

At The Salvation Army Outdoors field training last October I placed a couple of "game cameras" up in the woods to show participants this fun activity they could do with their kids at summer camps. A game camera is an ingenious, rugged outdoor camera with an infrared, motion-activated lens that takes pictures 24 hours a day and time stamps each photo so you know exactly when it was taken. After just two nights I had pictures of deer (including a beautiful 10-point buck), a coyote, a fox, and an opossum! I was very excited to share what I'd found in the woods at camp! But it's not only wildlife we find at camp. Friends have been quick to point out where and with whom they shared a first kiss! Some have fond memories of lifelong friendships forged during camps. Countless have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior, and many have been called to be officers. These life-changing events make us a little like game cameras who have time-stamped memories of precious moments at camp. I wonder...what did you find at camp?



Skills

by Ashley Kuenstler

After three summers at the Midland Division's Camp Mihaska, 8-year-old Brandon said he was able to conquer two of his biggest fears: swimming and the zip-line.

"I was really scared of drowning in the lake and of falling off the zip-line," he said. "I prayed about it, and God told the counselors to teach me how to swim and to be confident, and now both of them are really fun."



In addition, he said he's learned other important lessons:

"I learned how to fish, and that will help me feed my family if I don't have money."

"It is good to have lots of friends because if you don't have sunscreen then they probably do."

"If you are nice to people, they're going to be nice to you."

"Even if I'm poor when I get older, there will be people at camp that will love me anyway."

Brandon joins hundreds of other children every year at Camp Mihaska where they grow spiritually, build self-confidence and develop skills for everyday life.

Brandon said the only thing he doesn't like about camp is the day he has to leave. "I think camp makes me a better kid, one that God would be proud of," he said. "I think about Camp Mihaska all year, even when I'm at church on Sunday. I get worried God might be upset with me for doing that, but since I learn about Him and praise Him at camp, I think He might forgive me."

Friends

by Jackie Rachev

Summer camp days are full of sunshine, swimming, arts and crafts and blossoming friendships for campers of all ages. Every June the Metropolitan Division's Camp Wonderland welcomes more than 260 older adults for four days of fun. With a variety of activities, they can be as busy or relaxed as they choose.

"I look forward to coming here," said Pattie Wynder, 79. "I love going for walks along the pathways and seeing the beautiful flowers. And I feel safe here."

A typical senior camp day includes a worship service along with opportunities for boat rides, archery, nature hikes, bingo and more.

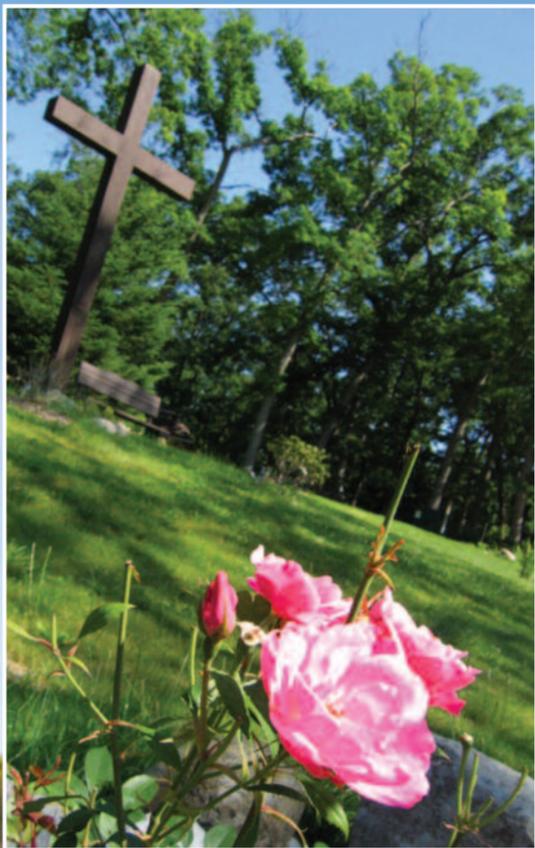
"There's always so much to do here," said Willie Mae Brown, 87, as she headed to rehearsal for the evening's talent show. "I've been coming for 10 years, and I've never been disappointed."

No matter the activity, friendships are always in full bloom. Bonnie McKirnan, 71, and Pattie Wynder spent time sharing stories while in the dining room with promises to stay in touch after camp. "I enjoy connecting with people," said Bonnie. "There are so many people with different backgrounds to talk with."

Carrie Combs, 81, has been involved with the Army since she was a girl. "Our house burned down, and The Salvation Army was the first group there to help us," she said. "They sent my siblings and me to camp here one summer, and I've been coming up ever since." She has made Wonderland a family destination, taking her children to camp and visiting for summer picnics. She concluded, "And, here I am enjoying being a camper again."



camp?



Calling

Camp is ministry—not only to campers but to staff, says Captain Scott Shelbourn, Western Division Gene Eppley Camp administrator.

"In order to run camp smoothly we must have quality staff, but in order to have a quality staff we must be focused on each staff member as a person of importance in God's eyes," he said. "We offer love, respect, discipline, high expectations and a Bible-based instruction for each staff member."

It's no wonder the lives of staff, like Mary Flogstad, can be deeply



Mary Flogstad (left) and Brittany VanWormer

affected. Mary was a counselor at camp for two summers. She found out about the opportunity at The Salvation Army's booth at the Wayne State College career fair. According to Captain Jolinda Shelbourn, in charge of camp programming, she is a strong young woman who loves children and is a very hard worker.

"I was impressed with how things were run and how staff were cared for as much as campers," said Mary. This influenced her to attend the Omaha Citadel, Neb., Corps where she soon became a soldier. It wasn't long before Mary felt God was calling her to become an officer. So, she took up leadership with moonbeams at her corps.

To prepare for officership, this spring Mary accepted a two-year ministry position at the Huron, S.D., Corps. Though it's been hard for her to leave Omaha since she's been caring for her mom who has terminal cancer, Mary is resolute in her calling and has her mom's support.

As she moves forward Mary holds a tender place in her heart for Gene Eppley Camp and says she will always see summer camp as a life-changing ministry.

Salvation

God took a kid looking for a place to belong and gave her life. Even more importantly, He gave me hope," said Cadet Sarah Eddy, who was saved during her second year at an Army camp (this time her first music camp in the Heartland Division).

"Even as an 8-year-old, I remember feeling as though a weight had been lifted from my shoulders. For the first time I knew I wasn't alone and could trust Jesus no matter what was happening around me," continued the cadet who'll be ordained and commissioned this month with the "Heralds of Grace" session.

"I couldn't get enough time at camp. God used it for me to get to know Him in a very real way," said Sarah. "I never dreamed those moments I spent at the altar would take me on this great adventure. Knowing I'll get to spend my life sharing this hope with others is so exciting! I pray I can give the chil-



dren I encounter the same opportunities I had to attend camp and come into a relationship with Christ."

She said there were times when her walk with Christ wasn't what it should have been, "but God never gave up on me. He sent amazing people into my life—many of whom I met at camp—who helped me understand what it means to live for Him."



Newly accepted candidates

Andrew and Corey Wheeler

Indianapolis Eagle Creek, Ind., Corps
Indiana Division



Not being accepted earlier to the College for Officer Training was devastating. We felt we had misunderstood God's call. Recently, God used friends, family and people at our corps to remind us that His call for us to serve as officers was—and is—real. We come with loads of life experience, a passion to seek and save the lost, and a desire to challenge and equip others to do the same.

Andrew and Corey's corps officers are Captains Jonathan and Christina Cooper.

Jacob and Jessica Turner

Waukegan, Ill., Corps
Metropolitan Division

Jacob and I both grew up in the church but didn't develop a strong



We grew up in The Salvation Army. Our callings came at different ages, for Andy at 14, and for me at 12. But as teenagers we lived life how we wanted. Throughout Andy's life some wonderful people mentored him, and that's where his journey to officership really began.

Andy and I became friends and started dating in 2001. After much prayer we determined God was calling each of us to officership and felt it would be best to serve together. We got married in October 2001 and had some great opportunities to serve with The Salvation Army.

faith foundation. We met in college and could have been considered "lukewarm" believers. We knew the Word of God but chose to live in the world. This lifestyle brought us much emptiness; something major was missing.

In 2008 we discovered what we were really searching for: a true relationship with Jesus Christ. We allowed His Spirit to change our hearts and live within His purposes. During this time we found The Salvation Army, and it's become our church home.

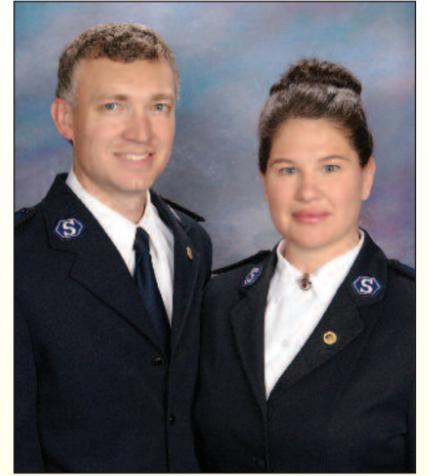
We both love working with young people. We hope they will grow in their relationship with Christ and be overcomers of the world. We don't want youth to make the wrong choices we did early in life. We are extremely thankful to our Lord Jesus Christ for His salvation and look forward to fulfilling this new calling in our lives as officers.

Jacob and Jessica's corps officers are Majors William and Heather Holman.

Scott and Amy Hiser

Lincoln, Neb., Corps
Western Division

Amy and I met and married in Great Falls, Mont., where we were stationed as United States Air Force officers. She was raised Catholic but never made a personal commitment to Christ until she heard the full gospel through a campus ministry. I



attended some church growing up, but it wasn't until high school when a friend shared the gospel that I was born again.

Since then, I completed eight years in the military and held civilian jobs in training, quality and safety, eventually becoming a manager. Amy chose to stay at home, raising and home-educating our five children. We attended non-denominational churches during that time but felt God was calling us to a specific mission. A friend invited us to The Salvation Army in Santa Maria, Calif., and immediately we both felt as if we were home. After six months in the corps, we were asked to consider whether officership might be in our future. We did, and the journey led us to move to Nebraska.

Since being at the Lincoln Corps, we have felt God confirm to us in many ways this is His calling for our lives, and we are happy to have found our mission and purpose.

Scott and Amy's corps officers are Majors James and Angie Pennington.



Peddles visit Chicago

You all are the evidence of God's blessing to the Army. God calls. He doesn't waste time, and He doesn't waste people's lives. Invest yourselves in God's Word and invest yourselves in God's mission for this world," exclaimed Commissioner Brian Peddle, international secretary for the Americas and Caribbean, to cadets during a visit this spring to the College for Officer Training.

During a lecture on Salvationism at the college, the commissioner gave a brief overview of day-to-day responsibilities and talked about collaboration with the other international secretaries to help the sal-

vation mission progress in the countries under his command. He also connected his appointment with his testimony—a constant drive is to see the world won for Christ. Commissioner Rosalie Peddle, Americas and Caribbean zonal secretary for women's ministries, also gave her testimony.

In addition to the college, the Peddles met with leaders at Central Territorial Headquarters (THQ), toured the new THQ which is under renovation and the Chicago Freedom Center which is under construction, visited the Chicago Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center and Chicago Northside Adult Rehabilitation

Center, and participated in services at the Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps and the Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps. At each place they were warmly received and people were taken by their warm and genuine interactions.



The Peddles with Cadets Abraham Marin Hidalgo and Leta Reppert

Sunny days ahead

The family of Majors David and Mary Corliss gathered in Orlando, Fla., earlier this spring to celebrate the majors' retirement from more than four decades of service as officers. Their retirement certificates were presented by Major Mark Woodcock, Orlando metropolitan area commander, during the morning service at the Orlando Citadel Corps. Their oldest son, Chad, and youngest son, Justian, served as flagbearers, while middle son, Scott, gave a tribute and daughter Tiffany read scripture.

"We've thoroughly enjoyed living out our calling through The Salvation Army. As we think back, there have been many blessings and, of course, challenges to keep things in balance. Some of the greatest blessings came in corps appointments when altars were lined with seekers," said Major David.

Commissioned in 1973 with the "Blood and Fire" session, the majors spent their second year of training as cadet lieutenant corps officers in Mitchell, S.D., where they continued serving until 1975. A series of corps appointments followed in the Western and Midland divisions, followed by headquarters appointments in the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division and city command positions in Lansing, Mich.

In 2004 they were appointed to Territorial Headquarters. During their tenure, Major David was property secretary and Major Mary community care ministries secretary and conference center operations director. Five years later, they were appointed to Des Moines, Iowa, where Major David served as city coordinator and Major Mary as area program director and Des Moines Citadel corps officer until their retirement to sunny Orlando.



Majors David and Mary Corliss with sons Chad (a U.S. Air Force major) and Justian

New Members

October - December 2014

89 Senior Soldiers
44 Adherents
66 Junior Soldiers

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My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Wednesday	Philippians 1-2	Boundless 2015 International Congress
	2 Thursday	Leviticus 10-12	Bloomington, Ind., Corps
	3 Friday	2 Kings 1-5	El Dorado, Kan., Corps
	4 Saturday	Psalms 78-80	Thank God for our freedom in Christ
	5 Sunday	Proverbs 8-9	Chicago Englewood, Ill., Corps
	6 Monday	Ezekiel 19-24	Belleville, Ill., Corps
	7 Tuesday	Luke 17-18	Bismarck, N.D., Corps
	8 Wednesday	Philippians 3-4	Boone, Iowa, Corps
	9 Thursday	Leviticus 13-15	Benton Harbor, Mich., Corps
	10 Friday	2 Kings 6-10	Major Cindy Shellenberger (Australia)
	11 Saturday	Psalms 81-83	Escanaba, Mich., Corps
	12 Sunday	Proverbs 10	Davenport River Valley, Iowa, ARC*
	13 Monday	Ezekiel 25-30	Heartland DHQ**
	14 Tuesday	Luke 19-20	Bay City, Mich., Corps
	15 Wednesday	Colossians 1-2	Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Corps
	16 Thursday	Leviticus 16-18	Brown County, Ind., Corps
	17 Friday	2 Kings 11-15	Emporia, Kan., Corps
	18 Saturday	Psalms 84-86	Chicago Irving Park, Ill., Corps
	19 Sunday	Proverbs 11-12	Branson, Mo., Corps
	20 Monday	Ezekiel 31-36	Brainerd Lakes, Minn., Corps
	21 Tuesday	Luke 21-22	Council Bluffs, Iowa, Corps
	22 Wednesday	Colossians 3-4	Big Rapids, Mich., Corps
	23 Thursday	Leviticus 19-21	Fond du Lac, Wis., Corps
	24 Friday	2 Kings 16-20	Des Moines, Iowa, ARC*
	25 Saturday	Psalms 87-89	Central Bible Leadership Institute
	26 Sunday	Proverbs 13	Dearborn Heights Citadel, Mich., Corps
	27 Monday	Ezekiel 37-42	Champaign, Ill., Corps
	28 Tuesday	Luke 23-24	Columbus, Ind., Corps
	29 Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 1-3	Garden City, Kan., Corps
	30 Thursday	Leviticus 22-24	Chicago LaVillita, Ill., Corps
	31 Friday	2 Kings 21-25	Cape Girardeau, Mo., Corps

Introducing the CAST



CAST members (front row) Greg Hurula, Kayla Bohannon and Lauren Smith; (back row) Sandy Cabrera and leader Cadet Veronica Cintron

In an effort to encourage creative arts, especially drama, and share God's love in a creative way, the territorial world missions department has collaborated with the territorial music and gospel arts department to introduce a new summer mission team (SMT) this year. It's called CAST and stands for Creative Arts Service Team.

The five-person team will follow the traditional SMT structure but with a specialization in drama. Members span five divisions, and all have experience in drama and the creative arts. They will lead workshops at five divisional music camps and help with vacation Bible schools and day camps at corps.

In each location they also will perform "Bible Rewind," a lighthearted look at the Bible from beginning to end. As the creative director for the group, Joe Caddy, Bill Booth Theater Company director, will be directing the show.

"Our primary focus is to tell people how great God is using the creative arts to teach and communicate it," he said.

The team leader this year is Cadet Veronica Cintron, who has a bachelor's degree in drama and education and has worked on many dramatic

productions. She's also participated on SMTs twice, including leading a team last year.

"For a short time I taught in the classroom and was able to see how effective drama was for teaching, and I know it can be just as effective as a teaching tool in ministry," said Veronica. "I'm excited to see how God will use my team to impact others, but I am also extremely excited for my team to encounter God in ways that will transform their lives."



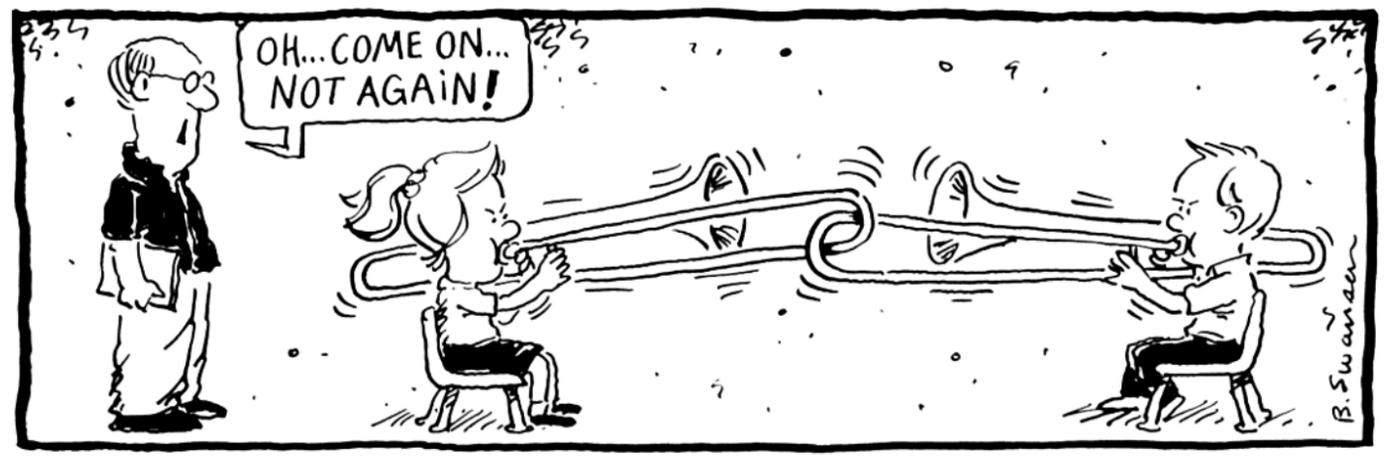
Go to www.prayercentralusa.org for prayer updates.

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

* = Adult Rehabilitation Center
 ** = Divisional Headquarters



--Mustard Seeds--



FAST forward

Funds raised through Project: FAST at the Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps resulted in 16 goats, 55 chickens and three cows to help fight hunger for people in Haiti. The 24-hour fasting event for youth and youth leaders, along with several fundraising opportunities, brought in \$3,708 which was used to purchase the animals.

"Haiti is close to my heart and many from our corps, so when world missions suggested this project, it seemed like the perfect fit," said Lisa Jordan, corps youth ministries coordinator.

Viki Payton, territorial sponsorship and mission support administrator and

Oakbrook Terrace soldier added, "We thought since it's about hunger, what better way to help than by sending Haitian people animals—a long lasting and income-generating solution."

Project: FAST illustrates hunger tangibly since participants are asked to fast the duration of the event. The fast started on a Friday at noon, and then the group gathered at the corps for activities in the evening including worship, games and learning more about Haiti from corps soldiers Damon and Katie Winters, who have ministered there.



Corps youth leaders suggested the teens brainstorm ways of raising money for Haiti themselves so they would take ownership. For the first fundraiser teens collected donations after Sunday worship and during a divisional event dressed up as farm animals. For another they held a dodgeball tournament with an entry fee (the cost of a chicken).

Perhaps the most unusual and successful fundraiser was the brainchild of Stephen Jordan who offered to build Baggo sets (beanbag-toss game). He nicknamed them "bag-goats" since one set for \$125 would purchase a goat. Thanks to word-of-mouth and social media, he sold 13 sets!



Girls from the Oakbrook Terrace Corps dress like chickens in hopes of raising funds for people in Haiti.

For more information on Project: FAST, contact the world missions department at <http://centralmissions.org/>.



After an overnight at the corps, the following morning the group gathered for a service project packing food boxes at the Feed My Starving Children warehouse in Aurora, Ill. Afterward the group broke their fast at lunch together.

Cadet summer assignments

Members of the "Messengers of Light" session will serve in the following locations this summer:

Cadets	Corps
Patricia & Ross Anderson	South Bend, Ind., Kroc Center
Chelsea Barnes	Kalamazoo, Mich.
James Beardsley	Mattoon, Ill.
Matthew & Rona (Mutcha-) Beatty	Oak Creek Centennial, Wis.
Veronica Cintron	Chicago Irving Park, Ill.*
Blake Fewell	Bloomington, Ill.
Joseph Hixenbaugh	Lakewood Temple, Minn.
Dennis Jolly	Minneapolis, Minn., Adult Rehabilitation Center
Aaron & Sarah-anne Kruse	Omaha Citadel, Neb.
Tami McBryde	Champaign, Ill.
Anthony Nordan	Rockford Temple, Ill.
Gloria Pelayo	Midland, Mich.
Leta Reppert	To be announced
Heidi & Kory Strand	Springfield, Mo.
Kelly Summit	Boone, Iowa
Ceamona & Jonathan Taube	Cape Girardeau, Mo.

* After leading summer mission team

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Port Huron Corps in particular. Contact information is collected from anyone wanting notification of upcoming events. The festive atmosphere after each concert continues with free hot dogs, chips and sodas.

"After all these years, legend has it only once was a concert canceled due to severe weather!" said Major Sandra. "The exposure has benefited the corps not only through generous, free-will offerings but in year-round donations and volunteerism. People without church homes are invited to join us on Sundays; families have returned to

the corps through reconnections made at the park, and a man who resided in a shelter now is an active soldier and living independently."

A surprising measure of the concerts' impact was recently realized when Major Mark received a call from a funeral home. The family of a recently deceased father said the Army was their church home, but no one at the corps had heard of them. Amazingly, their connection with the Army was the July concerts at which their father had accepted Christ over 30 years ago.

Promoted to Glory

Major Harry Litherland

Major Harry Litherland was promoted to Glory on March 24, 2015. He was 83.

Born in March of 1932 to LeRoy and Hazel in Mokenca, Ill., Harry was homeschooled from kindergarten through high school graduation. In 1957, he married Shirley Malek from Chicago Heights, Ill.

The Litherlands were commissioned in 1967 and served 37 years at corps throughout the territory from Minnesota down to Missouri and over to Michigan. In 1997 they retired from the Manitowoc, Wis., Corps. After retirement, the couple continued to serve in Marquette, Mich., Racine, Wis., and Ishpeming, Mich.

Harry was an active member of the Kiwanis Club, enjoyed playing the harmonica and collected eagles, which were symbolic of his favorite scripture, Isaiah 40:31.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter and is survived by his wife, and children, Major Julie (Tom) McDowell, Major Cathy (Mike) Himes, Major Mark, Emilee, and Timothy (Wendy); eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Major Robert Eugene Harris

At 80 Major Robert Eugene (Gene) Harris was promoted to Glory on March 30, 2015.

He is remembered as a charismatic preacher who touched countless lives over four decades of dedicated service and was dearly loved by many.

Commissioned in 1957 with his wife, Carmon, whom he met at training, Gene made it a goal to meet every General during his officership, including General André Cox last year.

The Harris' first appointment was in Sterling, Ill., where they were blessed with three children. After



Sterling they served at three more corps in Kansas. Their final corps posting was in Cape Girardeau, Mo., before being appointed to Detroit for training in the work of adult rehabilitation centers (ARC). Major Harris was an ARC administrator at centers in Indiana, Missouri and Michigan.

Although he suffered a heart attack in 1986, he continued in the work until his health required his retirement in 1998.

He is survived by his wife, and children, Bruce, Rodney and Pamela; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Lt. Colonel Betty Weir

Lt. Colonel Betty Weir was promoted to Glory on April 8, 2015. She was 84.

Betty was 19 when she entered training with the "Ambassadors"

session. Commissioned in 1951 she served primarily as an assistant corps officer in the Eastern Michigan and Northern divisions.

In 1953 she married sessionmate Art Weir. They commanded eight corps before holding a series of divisional appointments, where she served as divisional corps cadets counselor, home league and league of mercy secretary. At territorial headquarters she served concurrently as assistant league of mercy secretary, assistant home league secretary and territorial medical fellowship and social concerns secretary.

The colonels retired from territorial headquarters to St. Louis, Mo., in 1995 to be near family. Colonel Betty was very active at the St. Louis Carondelet and Gateway corps.

Betty is remembered for her cheerful, positive personality. She loved people and was a faithful, hard-working officer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a daughter-in-law, Vivian, and three infant children, Michael, Kathleen and Richard. She is survived by her son, Donald (Linda), and three grandchildren.

