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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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"Refueling" youth ministry leaders

by Lt. Jamie Curry

ReFuel: "To take on a fresh supply of fuel—an apt theme for the recent territorial youth leadership conference held at Camp Wonderland. The conference, produced by the territorial youth department led by Major Gail Aho, was geared toward corps leaders who work directly with children's, youth and young adult ministries—an impressive 369 officers, soldiers and non-Salvationists. They converged on camp to be fed spiritually and to gain new information related to their ministry area.



A smaller group of leaders came to pre-conference sessions which provided extra time for networking and fellowship. Amidst very loud clamoring of a giant Jenga falling to the floor, staff made a 30-foot banana split in under two minutes, proving you don't need a kid in the room to have fun. The pre-conference offered in-depth tracks on various topics. Many delegates commented how helpful and enlightening this extra time with instructors was.

The conference focused on "ReFueling" leaders with new resources and programming ideas. One delegate said the session on

behavioral and emotional issues by Shari Luhn, a social worker and soldier from the Oak Creek Centennial, Wis., Corps, was one of the most informative classes he'd been to since college!

Guests Majors Kelly and Donna Igleheart, Southern territorial youth secretaries, brought more than just their southern drawl. The Lord spoke through them and the words of Isaiah



during the weekend. On Friday Kelly shared the importance of thirsting for the Lord, illustrating his point with bottles of water for the delegation. On Saturday Donna drove home that the greatest example we can give our youth is our own holiness.

Each meeting was dotted with officers and lay leaders sharing the joy of the Lord. Friday night Lemard Fields

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Photos by Majors Collette Webster and Kjell Steinsland

The first day of the week

by General Shaw Clifton

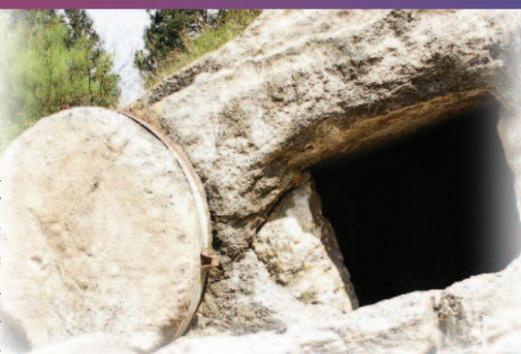
The events of the first Easter are recorded forever in our Bibles. The four gospel writers devote ample space to it all. Matthew's account (please look it up in your Bible and read it for yourself) climaxes in his 28th chapter where he describes what took place on the day after the Sabbath. We call that day Sunday. Every Sunday is a celebration of resurrection. The Sunday after Good Friday, Easter Day, is a great day of rejoicing for Christian believers.

It was dawn when the two Marys went to look at the tomb where others



had laid Jesus. There they encountered a Heavenly messenger who, because the huge stone covering the mouth of the grave had been rolled back and because the Roman military guards were paralyzed with fear, anticipated their shocked reaction. "Do not be afraid," they were told.

Announcing to the women that the Lord was risen, the angel invited them to enter the tomb and see for themselves. They did so and at once returned to the other disciples to report their extraordinary encounter. What a wonderful privilege for these two women! They



were the first to see and enter the empty tomb of Jesus and the first to go and tell of it.

More was to come. As they hurried to find and tell the others, suddenly the Risen Lord appeared to them. We note again the privileged role of women early on that Resurrection Morning. This reminds us to thank God for all women believers and for women who are called to sacred ministry roles in the Body of Christ today. These include thousands of women in The

Salvation Army who have been called, commissioned and ordained to spiritual leadership. This Easter they will proclaim again faithfully the Resurrection story and many will be blessed.

The two Marys fell at the feet of the Lord on that first day of the week. Will you? Gladly they heard his Resurrection greeting: "Do not be afraid." Do you hear it too? Is not your heart reassured? "Go and tell," he commanded them, and they obeyed. Will you?

I enfold in my prayers all who read this short Easter message. May the crucified agony of Jesus, endured for you and me, move us to the depths of our being, and may the matchless joy of that first Easter day and of our Lord's Resurrection fill us all through and through!

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

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Cause for celebration!

by Lt. Colonel Richard Vander Weele
Territorial Secretary for Program

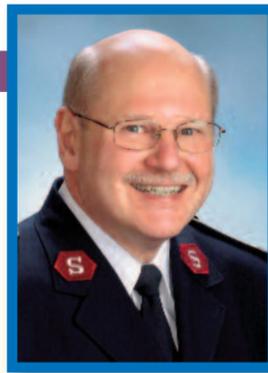
I was searching *YouTube* the other evening looking for postings related to The Salvation Army and came across a clip of the Amsterdam Staff Band playing Bandmaster William Himes' piece "Cause for Celebration." In addition to the original themes Himes creatively weaves together, phrases of the tune *Old Hundredth* ("Praise God, from whom all blessings flow") can be heard forming a foundation for the overture. As I listened to the music, I began thinking about what I could celebrate and praise God for this time of the year.

The first thought that came to mind—spring. It arrives precisely at



12:32 p.m. (CST) March 20. Tired of winter, need something to celebrate? CELEBRATE Spring. It's literally days away.

A day or two later, I read an update on the "Come Join Our Army" campaign which began in the fall of 2007. Want something else to celebrate? Well, here it is. Through November 2009, 3,293 soldiers have been enrolled in the Central Territory. CELEBRATE 1,424 new junior soldiers who are worshipping, being discipled and growing in their faith at our corps. CELEBRATE



1,869 new senior soldiers who are coming together in Christian community at

corps and adult rehabilitation centers to worship, encourage each other, grow in their faith and serve the Lord together. CELEBRATE our cadre of 20,453 junior and senior soldiers in the Central Territory who are part of our movement of faith called The Salvation Army!

Need something else to celebrate? In just three months people from every corner of the territory will gather in Schaumburg, Ill., for *Congress 2010 Saved and Called*. Officers and soldiers, adults and children, whole families, people

who call The Salvation Army their church home will come together at an exciting new venue. They will be inspired in their faith, grow in the Lord and experience the thrill of being part of the larger Salvation Army community. Officers and soldiers, new and not so new, will be encouraged by the opportunity to see and experience the ministry of our international leaders General Shaw and Commissioner Helen Clifton and our national leaders Commissioners Israel L. and Eva D. Gaither. CELEBRATE a territorial holiness congress designed to remind us it is "God who has **saved** us and **called** us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done, but because of his own purpose and grace," (II Timothy 1:9, NIV).

Cause for celebration? I think so!

Spirited growth

Captains Harold and Lisa Frost took the helm of the Independence, Mo., Corps on the brink of growth.

"On our installation Sunday [in July 2009] we were challenged by the divisional commander to uphold the Word of God in every decision," said Lisa.

This wisdom has guided them to cover every program, outreach and decision in prayer. It's the driving force behind corps initiatives.

The corps revved its spiritual engine with a two-hour meeting during the first week of the Frosts' appointment. Corps members voiced their desire to reach out to children, young adults, others outside the corps and beneficiaries of the neighboring community shelter.

Many changes and initiatives came about as a result of that meeting, one of which was the friends Sunday service. This worship service and brunch brought in more than 141 people and concluded with an altar call. Seven people came to know the Lord, and many expressed an interest in visiting the corps again.

Another outreach, Parking Lot Praise and Prayer, brings in over 100 people from the community the first Sunday of every month. Corps members gather for an outdoor (indoor during winter) worship

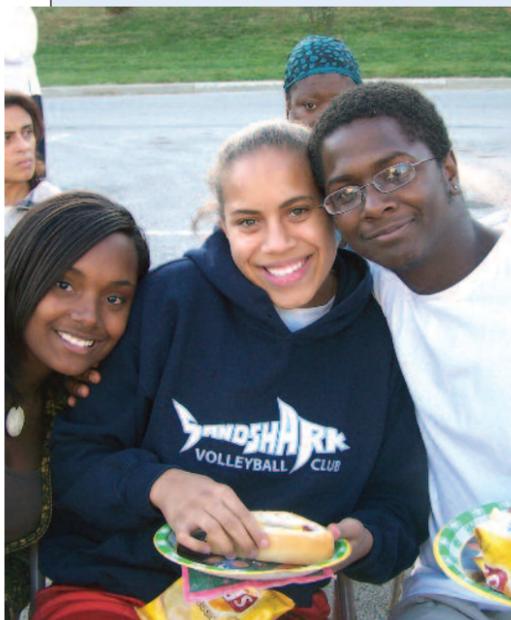


service and invite neighbors and nearby churches to join.

Other initiatives include the "Take Five" men's prayer before Sunday services, harbor house café pre-service fellowship, and men's fellowship on Saturday mornings.

These initiatives have grown the corps more than the Frosts would have dreamed! Most of all, Lisa is encouraged to see the soldiers' passion.

"They don't want to sit on the sideline and watch," said Lisa. "They want to jump on board and enjoy the ride!"



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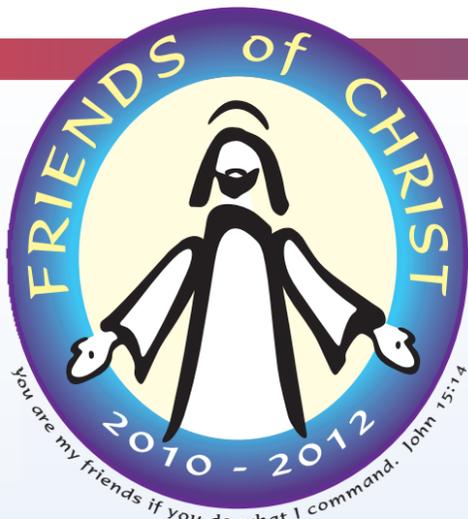
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First accepted candidates



Melissa Heatwole

Omaha, Neb., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Western Division

Melissa will be the first cadet in the Central Territory from a Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center.

Melissa came to the Lord at a very young age. Her calling to officership has been confirmed through many events. She has had the wonderful opportunity to serve on the summer staff at the Eagle Crest Camp in the Heartland Division for several years, as well as serve on a summer mission team for the past two summers. She loved the opportunity to minister in the Philippines last summer and see the servant leadership of the officers who hosted the team.

Melissa has had the opportunity to help in many areas of the corps and works with children in the childcare area of the Kroc Center.

Melissa said, "Officership is something that God has completely



planned out for me, and I know He is going to provide for me in good and bad times."

Melissa joins the Friends of Christ session. Her corps officers are Lts. David and Shannon Martinez.

Michael and Kelly Hanton

Oak Creek Centennial, Wis., Corps Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division

Michael and Kelly Hanton love to use their gifts and abilities to glorify God. Michael has been in the Chicago Staff Band (CSB) for six years; Kelly has been in the Bill Booth Theatre Company for four years.

Michael and Kelly each came to a saving knowledge of Christ at a young age. They then made individual decisions of recommitment at Central Music Institute.

Michael said, "Kelly and I talked about officership when we were first married, but it was pushed to the background. Last year on our CSB trip to Sweden I very clearly heard God



say to me that now is the time to fulfill that calling." Returning home, he spoke with Kelly, and she agreed—now is the time.

Michael and Kelly join the Friends of Christ session and bring their two sons, Keegan, 7, and Cole, 4, to training. Their corps

officers are Majors Greg and Lee Ann Thompson.



United in Prayer



by Karen Young

Enter the dining room at territorial headquarters (THQ) and you might think you'd entered a "Great Hall" where court is being held. Banners hang from the ceiling in artful design, each a unique perspective on "United in Prayer for Reconciliation." It is Cultural Awareness Week. The banners are contributions of the 11 departments which responded to the invitation to design a banner based on this theme.

This year the multicultural ministries department hosted a variety of activities: a workshop, worship, and Latino-themed employee luncheon.

Special guest Matthew Soerens, author of *Welcoming the Stranger* and immigration counselor at World Relief, began the week with a presentation on immigration. Matthew addressed often-asked questions about immigration, provided a biblical perspective on immigrants, and offered a compassionate response to immigration reform.

During chapel "Voices of Reconciliation" (stories of individuals who had faced and overcome difficult and often harsh circumstances) were heard. Major Mary Hammerly, multicultural ministries department secretary, shared a childhood tragedy and her journey toward reconciliation.

"I've always thought that one person can make a difference," one employee responded.

In addition to the testimonies of God's amazing work of forgiveness and reconciliation, officers and employees were blessed with a beautiful rendition of "Come thou fount of every blessing" on violin and piano, experienced an interpretive dance of the same song, and enjoyed singing "The first song of Isaiah," a song of promise and hope, with the THQ choir. The chapel ended with prayers for Haiti.

Each year the multicultural ministries department sends resources to corps to assist in preparing programs and events for cultural awareness week.



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What does it mean to be a soldier?

by Major Phil Davisson
Port Huron, Mich., corps officer

Returning to corps work with my wife after six years of different appointments, I have been thinking about soldiership. What does it really mean? This is how I see it.

More than a member

Membership isn't a bad thing, neither is it to be discounted. Yet, I've noted a tendency in Salvation Army circles to speak of "attending members" as distinct from enrolled soldiers. It's become a way of saying someone attends worship and perhaps other activities.

But a soldier is more than just someone who attends. A soldier is one who makes a commitment not simply to show up, wear the uniform, or sign your name on the *Soldier's Covenant*. It is finding that Salvationist ideals and purposes are becoming part of your identity.

Discipleship

As important as corps involvement is, discipleship is even more central. The enrollment of a soldier is not the terminal point of spiritual growth. Active involvement is not sustainable over the long run without continued maturity and the deepening of a relationship with God.



Fundamentally as a soldier you desire to know God, to know yourself as one known by God, to find your identity as God's person. It is to become more like Christ: to think like Him, to speak His words, to extend grace and mercy.

Corps as community

Soldiership is exhibited in relationships. A soldier is essential to community within the corps: finding true communion with God, reflected in communing with others. It is fellowship, mutual support and accountability, intercessory care for physical, as well as spiritual, needs. Quite simply, it is "family." For a soldier, enrollment is a launching point to service through the corps, using whatever gifts God has given you for His Kingdom, as part of a body of believers.

Port Huron's lifeblood

Port Huron boasts a congregation of many exemplary soldiers. A few of them share their stories with us!

Darla Bowen

The corps is like Darla's second home; it always has been. Darla is an excellent soldier as she leads sunbeams, directs the singing company, teaches junior soldiers and maintains a seat on the corps council.

She said, "I love working with kids and teaching them about The Salvation Army and the Bible."

Darla also witnesses outside the corps by living a God-honoring lifestyle; everyone knows she's a Christian.



and a corps cadet counselor."

During her 25 years leading corps cadets Louise influenced numerous lives, and many of her pupils went on to officership. Louise thanks her husband, Leroy, for his support.

She said, "I couldn't have done everything I did if it weren't for him."

Sandy Louks

A Sunday school bus came and picked Sandy and her friends up for Bible school at the Port Huron, Mich., Corps when she was a girl. As soon as she could, she enrolled in junior soldiers and beginners band. She became a senior soldier in time and joined the senior band.

She has taught Sunday school at the Port Huron Corps for over 40 years, has held several local officer positions and is a member of the emergency disaster services team, bringing her to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita relief and recovery efforts. As a good soldier Sandy strives to faithfully serve God in her community.



Louise Washburn

Louise became a senior soldier in 1939. Fellow corps member, Peggy Payton, said, "She is a stellar soldier." She was the corps sergeant-major, a Sunday school teacher



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From Army to Army to Iraq and back

by Jason M. Hale

I was deployed to Iraq in 2008 with the Army National Guard. Each patrol we conducted of the streets and villages of Ramadi, about 70 miles west of Baghdad, brought its own intensity and anxiety. But even in this combat zone I always had a deep sense of peace and felt protected. I didn't feel protected because I've lived a great and moral life or because I deserve it. I don't. In fact, peace came when I stopped trying to earn God's grace for this mission and just accepted it.

Another aspect that brought me peace was the assurance of just how many people back home were praying for me. From our maintenance staff to the divisional commander, I knew those I worked with at The Salvation Army were praying for me. Groups, churches and even people I'd never met sent me letters saying they were praying for us soldiers daily. Family and friends would send emails and notes on Facebook letting me know that they had just prayed for me.

I remember one letter from my friend Cody Olson, who was 10 years old at the time. He wrote, "Jesus is very proud of you and so are we. I pray really hard for you to be really safe.....know that I and my family are praying for you." After reading a note like that, there wasn't a single patrol I was scared to go on, even when the seriousness of the patrol dictated other emotions.

I was fortunate to return home in one piece and that my battalion did



not lose a single soldier during our deployment.

Not everyone has the physical ability or opportunity to serve in the armed forces, but everyone has the opportunity to do their part to be a defender of freedom.

Maybe your part is to say a prayer or send a note of encouragement to a soldier. Maybe you can send a care package or tell someone in uniform "thanks." Maybe your part is cooking a meal, mowing the lawn or shoveling snow for the mother of two, whose husband is serving on the frontlines. It doesn't take much, but the opportunity to do something presents itself in our everyday lives. The question we have to ask ourselves is when the call to action rings in our heart will we report for duty?

A corps home

Six years ago a group of Hispanic families in Rockford were looking for a place to worship in Spanish; they found the Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps. The corps welcomed them, and the Hispanic ministry began under the leadership of two families, the Carrions and Villatoros.

Around the same time, Esteban Pommier was working as a kettle campaign coordinator in East Chicago, Ind., to help pay for his graduate work in nonprofit administration at North Park University. In January of 2009 Esteban was given the opportunity to direct Hispanic ministries at



Esteban and Karen Pommier met at Moody Bible Institute and are now using their education and talent to serve the Hispanic congregation at the Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps.



Rockford Temple. He agreed and found a group of believers who were strong, committed and united in Christ.

Esteban's transition into leadership was smooth and he has seen growth as a group has united. Once a month and on special occasions the English and Spanish-speaking congregations worship together. According to Corps Officer Major Randy Hellstrom, there is a lot of crossover and unity between the English and Spanish speaking people.

The Hispanic ministry currently has about 80 members, and leadership is on the rise. Six couples meet monthly to discuss challenges and opportunities, and congregation members are learning to minister to each other. Leaders are starting a recruits class and hopes are high for new soldiers.

Randy noted that the Hispanic population in Rockford continues to grow. That bodes well for the Hispanic ministry as they continue to provide a spiritually-sound, well-run venue for Spanish-speaking people to meet and grow in faith.



Looking fashion forward

by Major Darlene Harvey

Twenty-five women and teenagers from the Chicago Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center and the Chicago Central Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) new women's program united for a fun-filled day learning about fashion and self-image.

Marsha Dowd, William Booth Society donor from the Metropolitan Division led the workshop. Participants learned about choosing colors, essentials in establishing a wardrobe, how to dress in the business setting, body shapes, hairstyles, dressing modestly and elements of a job interview. Ms. Dowd has authored the book, *Appearances: in the Mirror's and in the Mind's Eye* which shares women's stories relating to self-esteem. Each workshop participant received a copy of her book.

After the interactive workshop, they had an opportunity to put into practice what they'd just learned by shopping for an outfit at the thrift store. The workshop culminated with everyone gathering in the



Participants Amani Frye, Renay Alexander, Carrian Bell and Breanna Alexander shopping.

chapel to remember that we are each made in God's image, which gives us worth. Participants displayed their outfits as well as shared what they learned from the day. One woman relayed that even though her business allows casual attire, she was reminded of the importance of looking professional. Another realized that she doesn't have to dress to attract men's attention but instead dress for her own dignity.

Plans are underway for participants to take part as models in the ARC's annual fashion show.



Marsha Dowd presenting fashion workshop.

Salt of the earth

by Julian Good

I met Marco on a dreary day as I fought off sleep on an early morning trip to O'Hare International Airport. I was about to embark on yet another business trip. Although the trip was routine, the cab driver was anything but. He was eager to engage in conversation about a book he was reading written by a guru who lived in a cave on the top of a mountain somewhere in Asia. Marco said he was searching for truth.

I asked if he had read the Bible. He said he hadn't been able to understand it. His native language is Farsi and, although his English is as good as his first language, he struggled through the idioms of the King James Version. On the return trip a couple of days later I gave him a modern translation of the Bible.

After a number of discussions while traveling back and forth to O'Hare in which we discussed what he was reading in the Bible he could now understand, Marco announced he had accepted Jesus as his Savior and was now a Christian. The Word of God with the prompting of the Holy Spirit had led him to find the truth. Marco says, without a shadow of a doubt, he knows God exists and through the blood of Jesus he is a child of God.

This happened nearly two years ago. We still hold rigorous theological discussions on our regular trips to and from O'Hare. More importantly, Marco has become the salt of the earth for many people who step inside his cab. We joke that people



have no idea what they are stepping into when they get a ride with him. His ears (natural and spiritual) are open to hearing people's spiritual and physical needs. Recently, he has been helping a woman with two young children in Aurora and has enlisted the Aurora Corps to minister to them. He regularly attends the Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps, as well as a church that is reaching out to people of his own culture.

Marco is a wonderful example of how God uses His Word through the prompting of the Holy Spirit to bring people to Himself and of how once we've been reconciled to God our mission is to reach out to others with the Good News and a helping hand.

Congress 2010:

General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton

This is a golden opportunity to hear from our international leaders. Known for their emphasis on holiness, the Cliftons' ministry will bless and affirm your faith and inspire and challenge you to claim the Holy Spirit's power to live dynamically as a Salvationist, claiming the world for Christ.



Book Signing with General

Popular titles by our present General will be available for purchase at Resource Connection and you'll even get a "John Hancock" by the author himself. Sure to be a popular event Saturday afternoon, you'll want to come early for your brush with history.

Spirit

Don't miss one of the Army's best loved musicals reinterpreted for this present age—*Spirit!* A cast of 90 Salvationists from the Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan and Northern Indiana divisions will bring this classic Gowans and Larsson musical alive Saturday

night. With its storyline of the Holy Spirit's coming and the electrifying results in the early Church, *Spirit* is the perfect musical for our Congress on holiness. With favorite songs like "Ask, seek and knock," "Burning, burning," and "For Jesus' sake," you're sure to be inspired.



Prayer Room

Anyone who experienced the blessing of the prayer labyrinth at last year's Power Point Summit will tell you this is something not to be

missed! Come. Center your thoughts. Enrich your Spirit. Go to the next meeting and get even more from it after this meaningful personal time with the Lord.

Prayer Warriors Session

Ready to embark on a life of service as officers, the Prayer Warriors session will be commissioned and ordained on Sunday morning during a moving and sacred worship service that will speak to your own heart.

Then join in the lively dynamic of the afternoon meeting—where cheering, flag-waving and even kazoos rule—as the new lieutenants receive their first appointments. Who knows? They might be your new corps officers!



World Services Ingathering

The Central has a heart as big as the world. It proves it time and again, especially in the amount of funds given to enable the Army's work around the globe and in the commitment of its people to minister overseas, both short and long-term. The popular World Services Ingathering and dedication of summer mission teams will take place Saturday morning of the Congress. It's worth getting up for.

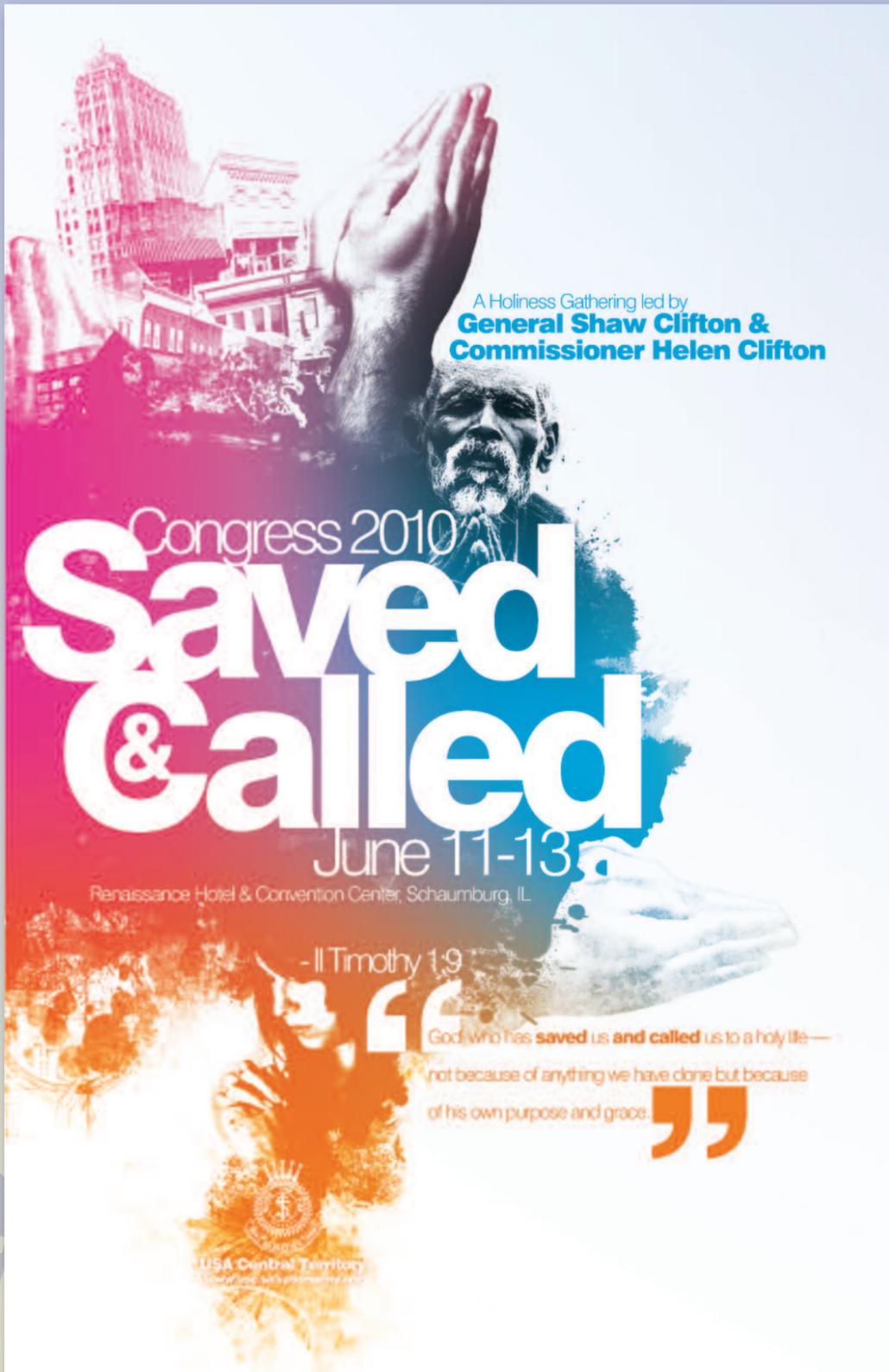


Officers' Councils

As exemplified by our Lord while He was here on earth, it's good for those who minister to sometimes draw apart from the crowds and

daily distractions to commune with the Father. Active and retired officers will receive a choice blessing on Friday as General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton share God's Word.





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Concert in the Park

Saturday afternoon awaits you with the humming excitement of a state fair. It's a concert in the park! A mini-concert by the Chicago Staff Band will headline the event. Other highlights will include musical performances by select divisional groups, inflatable games for children, and a picnic. Be sure and bring the whole family for fun and fellowship.



Coffee with the Cliftons

Young adults will want to take note of this one-of-a-kind venue designed especially for them. With a coffeehouse vibe, this late Saturday morning event will bring General Shaw and Commissioner Helen Clifton front and center, answering questions from the Army's future leaders—you! Sip a latte or cappuccino while hearing their thoughts on topics like holiness, officership, lay leadership and discerning God's will.

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CSB and Notre Dame prove a dynamic music duo

If you were on the Notre Dame University campus in South Bend, Ind., on January 23rd you would have had a hard time finding a parking place. The community turned out in droves, not for a football or basketball game but for a joint concert by the Chicago Staff Band (CSB) and the Notre Dame Symphonic Winds, with a special appearance by the Notre Dame New Orleans Brass Band.

With a capacity of nearly 1,000, Leighton Concert Hall was filled with volunteers, donors and friends of The Salvation Army and Notre Dame. Majors Robert and Collette Webster, St. Joseph County Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center administrators, welcomed everyone to the event.

The program was structured in thirds, with the Notre Dame Symphonic

Winds leading off under the leadership of Dr. Kenneth Dye. The band demonstrated its high caliber musicianship in a range of repertoire including an exciting gospel feature based on "I'll fly away" and "What a friend we have in Jesus," arranged by Matt Merten, assistant conductor.

The Notre Dame New Orleans Brass Band entertained the audience with



high-energy spirituals, while the Chicago Staff Band took the stage for the program's middle. Variety was the byword as Bandmaster William Himes led the CSB in a fiery Latin opener, "El es el Señor," followed by Stephen Bulla's virtuoso three-movement "Symphonette."

Himes paid tribute to a remarkable collaboration between the Notre Dame Band Department and the South Bend Salvation Army known as BandLINK. For the past year university band staff and students have volunteered brass and percussion instruction for 30 students at the corps. Performing "American Celebration" accompanied by the CSB, the kids received an extended standing ovation.

After intermission the two bands joined forces for the concert's final third which featured the massed bands in five works including "Cause for Celebration" (Himes) and the grand finale, "The Stars and Stripes Forever" (Sousa).

But perhaps the highlight of the

evening was the appearance of Notre Dame's President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, who led the bands in a rousing rendition of "Onward Christian Soldiers." Colonel Paul R. Seiler, chief secretary, and Major Ralph Bukiewicz, Western Michigan and Northern Indiana divisional commander, presented an award to Father Hesburgh (see box.)

As the bands concluded by singing the CSB's traditional "Choral Benediction," it was apparent the evening was a complete success.

"It was a distinct pleasure to be on the same stage as the CSB and share the gift of music," said Dr. Dye. "It was an historic evening of music and partnership as we debuted the Salvation Army BandLINK program to the South Bend community. The impact of these efforts will have a lasting impact on both the young new musicians and our students at Notre Dame."

Sunday morning the CSB joined in worship at the South Bend First Presbyterian Church. Again, the Army's message and mission were well-represented, leaving more than one church member asking, "Can you come back next week?"

Photos by Allison Thigpen and Major Collette Webster

Metro Youth Band storms California

by Captain Thomas McComb

The Metropolitan Divisional Youth Band (MYB) took Southern California by storm this winter. Fifty strong and representing eight corps, the MYB performed nine times in as many days and squeezed in four rehearsals. Led by Bandmaster Vernon Lawson, the band thrived under the very busy schedule—a good thing their average age is 16!

A highlight of the trip was marching with other Salvationist musicians from across the United States and Canada in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day. In addition, the band marched in the San Diego Holiday Bowl Parade and performed concerts in Hollywood, Pasadena, Tustin and Disneyland. The trip also included participation in two church services at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove.

Each point in the schedule provided opportunities to develop friendships within the band and also to meet new friends. Along with concerts at corps and marching rehearsals at Biola University in La Mirada, there were times of fellowship with Salvationists and friends.



Between some rehearsals the group could go shopping, and they spent their last afternoon in California enjoying the attractions at Disneyland.

While keeping the blistering pace, the band presented a positive and authentic witness to God's love with lively music and dedicated teamwork. The band's concerts were well received, both in corps and open-air concerts.

The young people were accompanied by Metropolitan divisional leaders Lt. Colonels David and Sherry Grindle, who encouraged the group and followed each engagement with camera in hand like proud grandparents.

Much of the success of the MYB's California Trip was because of the careful planning of Kevin and Jacqui Larsson, divisional music directors for the Southern California Division. They accompanied the band throughout the week, hosting, guiding and encouraging the group through each meal, bus ride and instrument loading. This was the first band trip for many MYB members, and it proved to be an event to remember.



Hesburgh honored

Father Theodore Martin Hesburgh, C.S.C., President Emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, was honored with the Friend of the Poor award.

For the past four years Father Hesburgh has served as honorary chairman of the Kroc Campaign in St. Joseph County which has raised more than \$9 million toward its \$10 million goal. It is the first time Father Hesburgh has participated in a fundraising campaign outside the university.

"Throughout your life you have modeled Jesus' admonition to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for the sick and be a friend to the poor. Your lifelong response to our Lord's command has, at times, been expressed to a single soul in need, while at other times you have touched an entire nation as evident in your sterling leadership of the civil rights commission and throughout the world through your many peace initiatives," said Colonel Paul R. Seiler, chief secretary, who made the presentation.



Seiler continued, "Your one-time partner in peace, Joan Kroc, would be very pleased to know of your partnership with The Salvation Army to build a center that will serve the poor and will bear her name here in St. Joseph County."

Hesburgh, 92, was president of the University of Notre Dame for 35 years (1952-1987) during which time it underwent a huge transformation, more than doubling faculty and attendance, admitting women into the undergraduate program, with a budget which mushroomed from \$9.7 million to \$176.6 million and an endowment from \$9 million to \$350 million. He also has held 16 Presidential appointments on commissions from civil rights to Third World development to immigration reform.

Territorial triumph in women's ministries

Women around the territory share the exciting ways they are growing together in their faith and reaching out to their communities.

Sioux Falls, S.D.

A few years ago the Sioux Falls, S.D., Corps saw an opportunity to include teenage girls in women's ministries; the goal was to create camaraderie between generations.

According to Major Judy Mills, corps officer, "We have a lot of fun! The women bring maturity and life experience, and the girls share a contagious enthusiasm and zest for life. It ignites a spark in our group!"

The ladies have enjoyed everything together from talks about the Bible to a karaoke night in the corps gym to an afternoon at the nearby butterfly museum.

Minneapolis, Minn.

The Minneapolis Harbor Light Center women's ministries is geared toward crossing boundaries, labels

and backgrounds. According to the women's ministries leader, Clara Braddock, "Ultimately, we're all just women who want to know Christ."



Harbor Light Administrator Envoy Bill Miller reported that the ministry, nicknamed the "Ya-Ya Sisterhood" (after the 2002 movie) is gaining quite a rapport. They allegedly break into enthusiastic shouts of "yaya" anytime their group is mentioned, even during Sunday service!

Port Huron Citadel, Mich.

Major Sheila Davisson, corps officer with her husband, Philip, has restarted a women's ministries group called Salvation Army Soul Sisters. It's a fledgling program, but growth potential is great, especially since they have a new leader, Sandy Louks.



Sheila and Sandy created handouts, postcards and mailing lists to promote the women's group and new activities like a cookie design night and card crafting booth.

"Our ultimate desire is to revitalize the group and reach out to new women," said Sheila.

Bloomington, Ill.

"Originally our women's ministries group was an effort to reach women in the nearby shelter, but it's turned into so much more," said Corps Officer Captain Jolinda Shelbourn. Women are joining and spiritual growth is occurring.

One of the newest members is single mother Jennifer Lakadat. Jennifer rang bells at Christmas one year and has since become a soldier, corps receptionist and leader in the women's ministries group.

Muskegon Citadel, Mich.

The women of Muskegon have a heart-felt desire to reach out. They visit the women's rescue mission in town regularly, make gift bags for children at camp, collect canned goods during the holidays and make baked goods for emergency responders at Christmas.

They have grown under the excellent leadership of Corps Officer Captain Katie Pinkston and Roberta Priebe. Katie and Roberta specifically asked the Lord to bring about

growth in the group, and He was faithful.

"As soon as we started praying we had new women join us...It's been a miraculous turn of events!" said Katie.



Bonding over baking

If you give a parent a cookie mix, they just might want to bake cookies with their children! This was the concept behind a recent women's ministries service project at the Des Moines Temple, Iowa, Corps.

Led by Corps Officer Captain Tabitha Knuth, members of the group recently prepared jars of cookie mix for the corps' food pantry. The women contributed the ingredients and distributed the colorful jars to pantry beneficiaries who have children. It was Tabitha's idea.

"I was thinking about how much I

loved to make cookies with my mother growing up and thought it would be a great way for them [beneficiaries] to have a little family time," she said. The women's ministries group encouraged 24 families to bake cookies with their children.

This is just one of the creative ways the women's ministries group incorporates the four-fold program of service, worship, education and fellowship into their quarterly meetings. They focus on one of the components during each weekly meeting; this way all four are met by the end of the month!

They worship together *a cappella* with songs from the song book, while education has run the gamut from videos on foreign countries to credit card scam warnings. Their fellowship meetings always involve food, and for the last three years, the ladies have supported a Salvation Army children's home overseas through the "Share your Christmas Joy" campaign in place of exchanging gifts.

The ladies are tightknit and have met together for years. They love and support each other. Particularly during times of suffering group members have been there for each other with dinners, cards and words of encouragement.



A new soul

by Major Judy Mills

She was sitting at the table with other women's ministries ladies at the Sioux Falls, S.D., Corps, with rosy cheeks, twinkling eyes and a beautiful, serene smile. I thought she was a guest of one of our members by the way she calmly sat and enjoyed the conversation around the table. Later, I discovered Marliss Dykstra was drawn to our group from the announcement board outside our corps building.

Marliss mentioned she had wanted to be a part of the body of Christian believers but was unable to attend Sunday services due to her work schedule. She found out our Bible study was followed by the women's ministries meeting and decided to try us out.

What an introduction! The meeting this particular night in women's ministries happened to be a "cookies in a jar" fundraiser. With flour dust



billowing and cries of "Where are the chocolate chips?" Marliss joined us with busy hands and laughter as we worked together to complete the project.

We are truly blessed to have Marliss in our group and joyfully anticipate her sweet spirit to touch each of us as we serve Him together through women's ministries.

Join women in godly fellowship

Would you like an opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord, build godly character and fellowship with other Christian women?

Then get involved with your corps women's ministries group! The ministry includes the four fold programs of:

- Worship
- Service
- Education
- Fellowship

Join today!

Army activates for Haiti

Before word reached the outside world on January 12 of the immense casualties and damage caused by the massive 7.0 earthquake in Haiti, more than 700 surviving officers, soldiers and employees of Salvation Army schools, children's homes, clinics, centers and 60 corps and outposts began providing what aid they could to fellow survivors.

Within hours an international Salvation Army response was mobilized and monetary donations from individuals for Haiti began pouring into the Salvation Army World Service Office through text messages, the internet, a toll-free phone number and the mail, along with corporate donations of money, goods and/or services. As of press time, nearly \$10 million had been raised.

An International Headquarters emergency assessment team arrived in Port-au-Prince as soon as air traffic control allowed entry three days later. After gaining flight clearances, highly trained Salvation Army disaster services personnel, medical teams, volunteers with specialized skills and tons of vital food, water and medical supplies began arriving the next day from the U.S.

The first Central Territory deployment included Major Mike McKee to National Headquarters to handle logistics using his international disaster experience, and Envoy Steve Diaz to Haiti where he'd spent six years running the Salvation Army children's home in Port-au-Prince (now run by Centralites Bob and Vicki Poff).

Following on their heels were teams from the Midland, Metropolitan, Indiana, and Kansas and Western Missouri divisions, as well as territorial headquarters. As of press time, Kevin Ellers, Central territorial disaster services coordinator, foresaw another 10 rounds of two-week deployments extending into summer. Some personnel are staying for extended terms.

So far The Salvation Army has distributed more than 280 tons of food. Logistical work continues at Incident Command and at the Miami warehouse to amass more supplies for shipment. Continued relief efforts in Haiti include registration and information gathering from survivors to better target aid for maximum effect. Team representatives continue to meet with



U.N. officials and other agencies to avoid duplication of efforts and advocate survivors' needs.

The Salvation Army compound in Port-au-Prince was designated lead agency for the care of 20,000 displaced persons housed in temporary shelters on the playing fields of a nearby soccer stadium (destroyed in the earthquake) and a neighboring plaza.

By mid-March it's anticipated that more than 3 million meals will have been distributed. 30,000 gallons of water are purified daily. A mobile canteen distributes food and water to outlying districts and villages; U.N. security forces assist.

Assessment teams have struggled to reach remote towns due to road damage; alternatives include access attempts through other port cities and the neighboring Dominican Republic. Major Emmanuel Michaud, a native Haitian deployed from the Metropolitan Division, led efforts to reach the corps and survivors in Petit Goave and establish a regional aid distribution center. Other centers are now located in Carrefour and Jacmel.

"It's amazing how well things were organized in such a short time," said Lt. Colonel Lindsay Rowe, Caribbean Territory chief secretary. "Immediately after the earthquake, our clinic began functioning as a triage station. A medical team from the U.S. was able to set up two surgical rooms for major injuries."

In the midst of the chaos that first week came rejoicing with the births of three babies. "In a place where there has been so much death and pain, it's wonderful to see evidence of new life," said International



Emergency Services Coordinator Lt. Colonel Mike Caffull.

As a small sign of returning normalcy, The Salvation Army began open-air preschool and kindergarten classes for hundreds of children 13 days after the quake struck. Before the quake, 1,500 children attended Salvation Army schools in Port-au-Prince.

According to Colonel Rowe, the neighborhood in which The Salvation Army compound is located is considered the city's poorest and most dangerous. Local authorities have warned the international press to stay clear, resulting in comparatively little media coverage. (See *Get Connected* for Bob Poff media interviews.)

Within the Central Territory, multiple Haiti fundraising efforts have been held. The Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Division raised more than \$20,000 when it dedicated its third annual, 12-hour radiothon in Grand Rapids, Mich., to the cause. And, in the Northern Division, Vikings football fans dropped over \$7,500 in eight red ket-tles before a play-off game.



Sojourners return

After two years at the South America East Territory Training College in Argentina, Majors John and Nancy Mowers are back on their home turf. Their stint as the principal and assistant principal was impactful.

Having previously served in the Latin America North Territory Training College in Costa Rica, the cultural adjustment was not as challenging as it might have been. John and Nancy feel that the benefits were far greater than any of the adjustments.

John said, "We're culturally more aware, and because of it we will be able to respond more appropriately for ministries involving cultural diversity."

Although much of their time was



dedicated to teaching classes and overseeing the college, the Mowers also were involved with a major building renovation, which reconfigured the college to accommodate married cadets with children. This seemingly small change was significant in increasing the size of cadet sessions. While there, the Mowers were blessed to see the largest session in years and were encouraged by the knowledge that the changes were made possible by support from the Central Territory.

South America was an incredible time of ministry for the Mowers, but they are looking forward to the day when their seven grandchildren—all under age five—understand that they are no longer "internet grandparents!"



Majors Mowers (front row on right) witnessed incredible growth at the Training College in the South America East Territory.

Salvation Army in 119 countries

The Salvation Army's work has been officially established in the west African country of Sierra Leone, bringing the total number of countries in which the Army operates to 119.

An inquiry was first made as to the possibility of The Salvation Army establishing a presence in Sierra Leone in 2003. That led to a long period of discussion, prayerful consideration, careful research and waiting upon the Lord to reveal His will. Further inquiries came in 2005 and then, in 2006 the Auburn Corps in the Australia Eastern Territory expressed a desire to support any project the Army might consider running in Sierra Leone.

In 2006 Major Robert Dixon, then serving as officer commanding of the Liberia Command, undertook a feasibility study. There was a positive response from the government. When serving at International Headquarters (IHQ) as the General's representative for world evangelization, Colonel (now Commissioner) Dick Krommenhoek visited Sierra Leone, met with government officials and other authorities, and submitted a positive report to the General.

The Salvation Army has been legally registered to operate in Sierra Leone and Captains John and Roseline Bundu from Liberia are ready to start work with a group of locals who had already expressed interest. Captain John Bundu originates from Sierra Leone.

The General approved the official opening of The Salvation Army's work in Sierra Leone, under the supervision of the Liberia Command, as of January 1, 2010.

PRAYER CENTRAL

The Salvation Army

USA Central Territory

April Prayer Calendar

My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Thursday	1 Corinthians 9-10	Springfield, Ill., ARC*
	2 Friday	Exodus 1-4	Saginaw, Mich., Corps
	3 Saturday	1 Samuel 16-20	Sterling-Rock Falls, Ill., Corps
	4 Sunday	Psalms 39-41	Jesus Christ gives hope today
	5 Monday	Job 27-28	Princeton, Ind., Corps
	6 Tuesday	Jeremiah 7-11	Wisconsin & Upper Michigan DHQ**
	7 Wednesday	Mark 7-8	Wichita (Citadel), Kan., Corps
	8 Thursday	1 Corinthians 11-12	Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps
	9 Friday	Exodus 5-8	Austria (Switzerland & Hungary) Territory PIM
	10 Saturday	1 Samuel 21-25	St. Louis (Maplewood), Mo., Corps
	11 Sunday	Psalms 42-44	St. Cloud, Minn., Corps
	12 Monday	Job 29-30	Ottumwa, Iowa, Corps
	13 Tuesday	Jeremiah 12-16	Petoskey, Mich., Corps
	14 Wednesday	Mark 9-10	Sheboygan, Wis., Corps
	15 Thursday	1 Corinthians 13-14	Commissioners William & Nancy Roberts (Kenya West)
	16 Friday	Exodus 9-12	Youth Councils being held this month
	17 Saturday	1 Samuel 26-31	Waukegan, Ill., ARC
	18 Sunday	Psalms 45-47	Warren, Mich., Corps
	19 Monday	Job 31-32	Waterloo-Cedar Falls, Iowa, Corps
	20 Tuesday	Jeremiah 17-21	Richmond, Ind., Corps
	21 Wednesday	Mark 11-12	Commissioners Barry C. & E. Sue Swanson
	22 Thursday	1 Corinthians 15-16	Wichita (West Orchard), Kan., Corps
	23 Friday	Exodus 13-16	National Advisory Board
	24 Saturday	2 Samuel 1-4	Rockford (Tabernacle), Ill., Corps
	25 Sunday	Psalms 48-50	St. Louis (Temple), Mo., Corps
	26 Monday	Job 33-34	St. Paul (Citadel), Minn., Corps
	27 Tuesday	Jeremiah 22-26	Rapid City, S.D., Corps
	28 Wednesday	Mark 13-14	Porter County, Ind., Corps
	29 Thursday	2 Corinthians 1-3	Stevens Point, Wis., Corps
	30 Friday	Exodus 17-20	Salvation Army employees & volunteers

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

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!



--Mustard Seeds--



Halting human trafficking

In preparation for commissioning weekend, regional hotels—this time in the O'Hare/Schaumburg, Ill., area—have received The Salvation Army's "STOP-IT" training for spotting signs of human trafficking. STOP-IT was recently selected for funding under the U.S. Department of Justice.

Marjorie Homer, special events coordinator for Central Territorial Headquarters (THQ), organized the education session for 20 representatives from area hotels with which THQ does business.

Maribeth Velazquez Swanson, Metropolitan divisional associate director of family and community services, and Elyse Dalberg, outreach worker, presented the training. Major Marian Allan, territorial moral and ethical issues secretary, opened the event with prayer. Attendees reported the session was an eye opener. One hotelier

expressed interest in holding on-site staff training.

STOP-IT provides services to help eliminate human trafficking through education and working directly with suspected trafficked persons. Training focuses on recognizing possible trafficked persons and how to effectively respond.

It's estimated that up to 17,500 people are trafficked into this country each year. Chicago was designated by the FBI as one of 13 locations of "high-intensity child prostitution," and Illinois generates the fifth highest volume of calls to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline.

While the legitimate hospitality industry doesn't promote human trafficking, their facilities are sometimes utilized by users and providers, putting the industry in a position to help combat the problem.

Refuel report

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from the Chicago Red Shield Center performed an original rap with Ebony backing him up. Saturday night featured ministries from various corps and divisions that would have blown anyone's socks off, starting with a performance by the Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Singing Company, led by Meghan Pierson. The Northern Divisional Creative Ministry Team used white gloves, black clothes and a simple black light to powerfully portray the song "I am yours" by Casting Crowns. The group proved less can be more.

During the holiness meeting, Major Phil Aho, territorial secretary for urban mission, shared from the book of



Matthew. "Is your heart ready for compassion and mission?" he asked. "Compassion keeps our hearts going, and really compassion is the fuel of mission."

The weekend showed delegates programmatically how to improve children's, youth and young adult programs, but more importantly it emphasized the need for holiness in everyday living. Did we get a fresh supply of fuel? You bet! Our tanks are full and ready to spur us to action.



Promoted to Glory

Major William Robert Wilkins

Major William Robert Wilkins was promoted to Glory on January 9, 2010. He was 89 years old and surrounded by family.



Bob was born in Chicago, Ill., to Army officers Leonard and Katherine Wilkins. He was the grandson of Eliza Shirley, the first lassie to bring the Army to the U.S. Bob accepted Christ by her side at age five.

Bob felt the call to officership at the Scandinavian divisional youth councils, but it wasn't until he married the love of his life, Rosamond Smith, that he entered training. Bob and Rosi were married and went to training in 1942.

After commissioning, their marriage was blessed with six children, and together they traveled to corps appointments throughout the territory. Later, they ministered at Midland Divisional Headquarters and Central Territorial Headquarters before retiring in 1986.

Bob is remembered for his musical talent and passion for Christ.

He was preceded in death by his wife, and two children, William Robert, Jr., and Kathleen. He is survived by his children, Debbi (John) Schlager, Barbara Wilkins, Judi Wilkins and Tim (Cheryl); six grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

A/Captain Mrs. Dorothea Prinzing

Auxiliary Captain Mrs. Dorothea Prinzing was promoted to Glory on December 27, 2009. She was 95 years old.



Dorothea was born to Noble and Ella Aurand in 1914, in Jackson, Mich. She was invited to attend the corps in Benton Harbor, Mich., and became a Christian at 16. It was there that she fell in love with Raymond Prinzing. They were married and blessed with two daughters.

Although the Prinzing felt a call to officership, Raymond exceeded the age limit for training at the time. Diligently they pursued their calling by attending the Moody Bible Institute to obtain ministry training.

In 1942 their calling was fulfilled when the Army appointed the Prinzing as envoys to the Chicago Settlement, Ill., Corps. This was followed by five more appointments before being promoted to the rank of auxiliary captain in 1960 and retiring in 1965.

Dorothea is remembered for her contagious work ethic and devotion to family.

She was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her daughters, Barbara (Edward) Schultz and Donna Granville, eight grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Employment Opportunity

Youth and Outreach Pastor—London Citadel, Ontario, Corps, Canada and Bermuda Territory. Corps seeking enthusiastic, energized team player with excellent relational and organizational skills to join pastoral team to grow a strong youth ministry through hands-on leadership, building healthy relationships, relevant and dynamic programming to contribute to spiritual development of London Citadel and community youth by mentoring, discipling, encouraging and modeling Christian behaviors and attitudes. Requires minimum two years college education and minimum one year of prior related, proven experience working with and providing programs for youth with a good understanding of youth culture and needs. Active corps membership expected (full position description at www.londoncitadel.ca). Submit resume immediately to Jamie_Braund@can.salvationarmy.org

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