



# Central Connection

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"We are all one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future." Eph. 4:3,4 (NLT)

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## Safe from Harm online

This spring Safe from Harm (SFH) training will be available from the comfort and convenience of your corps, home or any place with internet

access. In response to feedback from the field, the territorial social services department has implemented an internet-based abuse risk management training program, called Armatus to assist those working with children, youth and vulnerable adults to remain in compliance with Safe from Harm standards.

This extensive and economical online training is available for officers and employees as a refresher course—which is required every four years—and to volunteers as their initial and refresher training.

Of utmost impor-

tance to the social services department was to find training that was both high quality and easily accessible to every officer, employee and volunteer in the territory. Armatus, which is also used by the Southern and Western territories, meets those requirements and more. The courses are interactive with compelling graphics, video-clips and sound effects to engage participants.

"Through this training program even our volunteers in the most remote locations will have good-quality training readily available to them," said Helen Campbell, territorial early childhood program consultant and child/adult safety coordinator. "The training is completely



self-paced, available at any time and covers the same content as our traditional Safe from Harm training."

Enrolling in the online training course is as simple as logging onto the website and answering a few questions. After enrollment the trainee will identify which training modules to take based on their responsibilities and divisional requirements. Each module takes only 30 to 45 minutes to complete and includes a brief quiz over key elements. Once trainees successfully complete the quiz, they'll receive a congratulatory Certificate of Completion, and their participation will be recorded in the system.

Please visit the USC Safe from Harm resources database on Lotus Notes or see your corps officer for a link to the online training.



## Were you there?

by General Linda Bond

It was my first Sunday at my new corps appointment. When the meeting came to an end, I was told that one family in attendance was facing the impending death of their 14-year-old daughter. She had been present with her parents that morning. This family undoubtedly had to be my priority for pastoral visitation. And so a journey lasting a few weeks began, with daily visits and the privilege of walking alongside a family in their darkest hour.

On a very hot, sticky Sunday afternoon in August, I was to visit Sherry for the last time. She lay on her bed agonizing with the heat, the discomfort, the thirst and the pain. Her mother could only look on helplessly. Her dad sat beside her, raising her in his arms every few minutes to give her more ice to crunch, her only relief from the raging thirst. She was dying. We knew we were sharing her final hours. The window of her bedroom

was open in the hope of getting some air. But what was coming through the window was the sound of children playing. The joyful shouts and laughter were in stark contrast to the moaning of a dying child. Somehow the sadness was all consuming and anything other than grief seemed so inappropriate. But beyond those bedroom walls life went on as usual.

It strikes me that we are so often unaware of the suffering of others. We hear of a trial and the news reports give the particular date of when a child went missing. We hear about the anguish of the parents, the details of the horrible crime, the months that went by before the perpetrator was caught. Being reminded of the date the crime happened may trigger a reflection: Where was I on that day? So often we have a happy memory. But then we realize that while life went on for us—that



same day had ended tragically for others.

And so it did many years before when Jesus faced the most agonizing

crucifixion experience. A familiar song asks the probing question, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" More than 2,000 years later, we have to answer "no" if we are thinking in terms of time. But let's go there in our imagination.

In his prayer in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus confesses, "my soul is deeply grieved to the point of death" (Mark 14:34 *New American Standard Bible*). He sweats drops of blood. His soul is in agony. He is tormented, but life goes on. The disciples fall asleep. During his arrest, his trial, his whipping, there is a suffering beyond the physical. The grief of aloneness is real. Where are his companions? Are they there? Yes, they are, at least they are in the

vicinity. But Judas has orchestrated a betrayal, Peter is denying any knowledge of him and the other friends can't be seen for dust.

And for others in Jerusalem, life went on, business as usual. There was no awareness that beyond their patch, outside the city, the Son of God was to be crucified. It is the most important day in history but they are not "there." Even Simon of Cyrene had other plans. He "was passing by on his way in from the country" when he was stopped and forced to carry the Cross and "be there" (Mark 15:21-22 *New International Version*).

To be honest, even if time or geography were not factors, few of us want to enter into the suffering of others. We certainly shrink from suffering ourselves. Yet once we have experienced it, we are never the same again. In some ways, we share in the fellowship of his sufferings (Philippians 3:10) and enter into a knowledge of Christ we

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## Invest Intentionally

by Lt. Colonel Richard Amick  
Territorial Secretary for Business Administration

*"...walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." (Colossians 1:10, NKJV)*

One of the five guiding principles of the "Creating a Shared Future" initiative is Invest Intentionally. Our Territorial Commander, Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, states within this principle that "we will be as intentional about stopping as starting, when it appears that we are putting time, money or people in a bottomless pit at the expense of more credible mission outcomes."

A story is told about a vendor who sold bagels for 50 cents each at a street corner food stand. A jogger

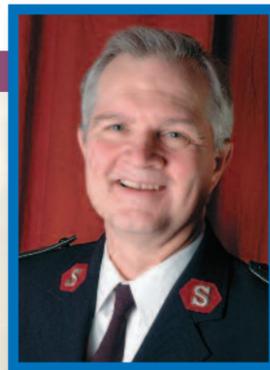
ran past and threw a couple of quarters into the bucket but didn't take a bagel. He did the same thing for months. One day, as the jogger was passing by, the vendor stopped him. The jogger asked, "You probably want to know why I always put money in but never take a bagel, don't you?" "No," said the vendor. "I just wanted to tell you that the bagels have gone up to 60 cents."

Too often we treat God with that same kind of attitude. Not only are we ungrateful for what He's given us, but we want more. Somehow we feel God owes us good health, a good appointment, a corps with no

debt, a comfortable life, material blessings or whatever the itch for the day might be. Of course, God doesn't owe us anything, yet He gives us everything.

I believe when it comes to investing intentionally, nothing else matters other than what we do for Christ. There is absolute abundance in the Kingdom of God.

In December 2011 we celebrated the promotion to Glory of my dad, Major Carl Amick. My dad would be the first to say he should have applied himself further in education, but while he may not have possessed a college degree he had his PhD in leading others to the Lord.



My son Andy shared, "Saying 'see you later' to my Grandpa Amick was the hardest thing I have ever done. It was simply amazing to see how many people's lives my grandpa was able to influence. He truly was a man of God and an amazing example of what a Christian man should be."

As the famous missionary Charles Thomas (C.T.) Studd aptly penned in a poem, "Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last."

No cause, no work is greater than being a part of what God wants to accomplish on earth: that someone acknowledges Jesus as his or her Lord. For this, we are to gloriously expend our time, our money, our very lives.

Do you want to see your investment multiply exponentially? Invest Intentionally.

## Philippines a perfect fit

Centralite Matthew Beatty recently completed his first year of an internship in the Philippines.

Matthew's duties at the training college primarily revolve around keeping the property in good working order. "The facility here is about 15 years old, which I've discovered is just about the right time to replace everything! I've done rewiring, plumbing, landscaping and even attempted to care for our goats (not as easy as it sounds!)," Matthew continued.

Matthew is one of three drivers at the college who can drive vans of cadets into downtown Manila, the capital city of 22 million people. The 20 mile trip takes two to four hours depending on traffic. "I think I could now drive safely with both eyes closed in New York City," added Matthew, who's also a licensed pilot.

He not only enjoys ministering alongside the cadets when driving them on field training trips, but

Matthew often goes off alone with his backpack on personal ministry trips to remote parts of the country. (See "Get Connected" to read about his adventures!)

"Being 10,000 miles from home, one could seem very alone. But there hasn't been a single day that I've felt that way," Matthew continued. "With God in your life you're never alone. My relationship with Him has grown stronger, and



A cadet with children of the Batac Outpost.

I'm just astonished at the blessings He provides. God continuously provides ministry opportunities, and I jump at each and every one."

Matthew has many reasons to stay longer in the Philippines like new friendships, ministry opportunities, caring for the property and providing disaster assistance.

"It's like being at game seven of the World Series and leaving after the first inning! I feel like I'm just getting started here and have a long way to go. I know, as in Jeremiah 29:11, God has more plans for me here. He's hand-tailored this position for me, and it couldn't fit more perfectly!" he concluded.



Matthew Beatty



Cadets conduct a meeting on one of their many field training opportunities.

"To use the phrase 'tremendous blessing' would be an understatement," he said of his experiences. "From working at the training college and going on mission trips to remote parts of the Philippines, to working with the local government to start an early typhoon warning system, the blessings continue each and every day!"

## Love In Action— Combating Malaria

April 25 has been named World Malaria Day in an effort to join together to prevent a disease that kills a child every 45 seconds. In the Central Territory you can help through the Love In Action campaign, part of the sponsorship program in the world missions bureau, by purchasing supplies to help children avoid this life-threatening disease which is mosquito-borne.

Your \$15 donation to Love In Action can purchase up to three mosquito nets, potentially saving the life of three vulnerable children. In 2011, 89 students under the care of the sponsorship program in Zambia each received their own



mosquito nets. How much more of a difference can your help make this year?

Please join us on April 25 to increase awareness and help prevent malaria by visiting: [Loveinaction.centralmissions.org](http://Loveinaction.centralmissions.org), where you can donate online or download materials on the campaign.

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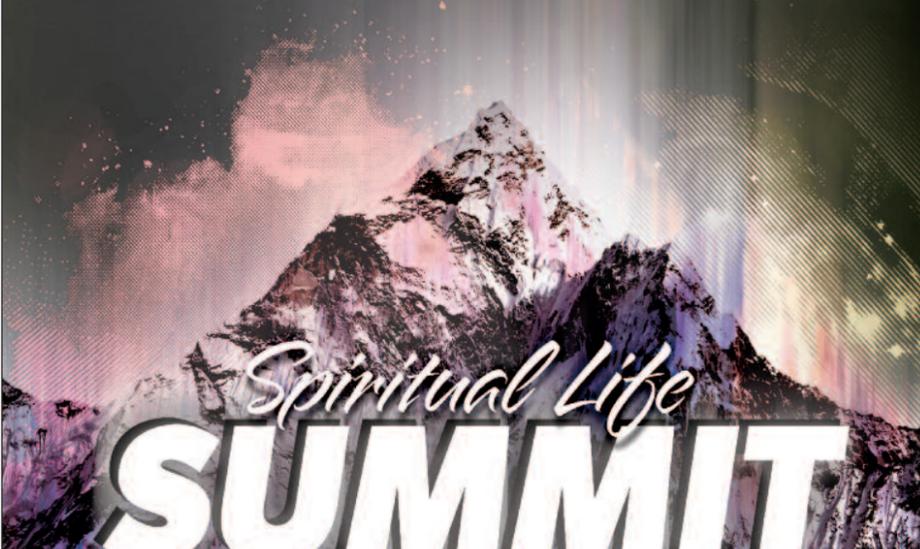
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What you need for a Thrift Store Ministry  
How to stage a movie-night outreach  
Safe from Harm course descriptions  
Older Adult VBS curriculum example from Lt. Jodi Sladek  
More Matthew Beatty Philippines adventures  
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# Spiritual Life SUMMIT

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## Newly accepted candidates



**John and Faith Woodard**  
 Rapid City, S.D., Corps  
 Western Division



John and Faith Woodard are both lifelong, devoted Salvationists. Faith was born in Battle Creek, Mich., in 1973 and has been a junior and senior soldier at the Battle Creek, Mich., Corps. John was born in La

Porte, Ind., in 1968; he was a junior soldier at the La Porte Corps and then a senior soldier at the Indianapolis Central, Ind., Corps and the Battle Creek Corps. As a couple, they have been soldiers for 20 years and have served as leaders in many Salvation Army programs and ministries.

Since the Woodards possess a love for people and a passion for saving souls through the love and grace of Jesus Christ, they are excited God has called them to serve Him as officers. They have five wonderful children Nate, A'Dora, Alex, Zach and Collin Joel (CJ).

The Woodards will enter the College for Officer Training from the Rapid City, S.D., Corps where their corps officers are Majors James I. and Elizabeth Beardsley.

## ISB 120 celebration benefits Africa



General Linda Bond receives the check for £50,000 from Commissioner John Matear as (from left) International Staff Bandmaster Dr. Stephen Cobb, Malcolm Quinn and Trevor Caffull look on.

General Linda Bond was delighted to accept £50,000 (approximately \$78,000) from the United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland to support the continuing expansion of Salvation Army ministry in Africa. The money was raised through ISB120, a successful series of meetings held in London in 2011 to mark the 120th anniversary of the International Staff Band. The unprecedented event featured all the staff bands in the world, including our very own Chicago Staff Band.

In a letter to the General, Territorial Commander Commissioner John Matear asked that the donation be used specifically to fund mission development in Africa. Commissioner Matear, accompanied by International Staff Bandmaster Dr. Stephen Cobb, for-

mer Staff Bandsman Malcolm Quinn (project director, ISB120) and Trevor Caffull (managing director, Salvation Army Trading Company), presented the check to the General at International Headquarters earlier this year. Details of how the funds will be used to expand the Army's work in Africa will be announced later in the year.

"An event of this magnitude rarely breaks even," observed William Himes, Chicago Staff Bandmaster. "But this incredible surplus demonstrates the power of Army brass bands to continue to attract an audience and then put the proceeds to good use to advance mission and ministry internationally."

To order your copy of ISB Celebration DVDs or CD, contact Resource Connection at 1-800-937-8896 or visit [shop.salvationarmy.org](http://shop.salvationarmy.org) (You'll find them under new releases.)

### Friday, June 8

- Noon Retired Officers' Luncheon+
- 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. Resource Connection and Museum Exhibits open
- 5:00 p.m. Active Officers' Recognition Dinner+
- 7:00 p.m. Childcare for children ages 5 and under
- 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Life Summit Keynote Session\*
- 9:30 p.m. Teen and Young Adult Afterglow

### Saturday, June 9

- 7:00 a.m. 5K Run/Walk for the World with the Territorial Commander
- 9:00 a.m. Spiritual Life Summit Plenary Session featuring World Services Ingathering and Summer Mission Teams dedication
- 10:30 a.m. Spiritual Life Summit Plenary Session
- 12:30 p.m. Fellowship of Silver Star and Cadet Recognition Luncheon+
- 5:00 p.m. Life Service Gathering+
- 6:30 p.m. Childcare for children ages 5 and under
- 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Life Summit Plenary Session\*

### Sunday, June 10

- 8:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Childcare for children ages 5 and under  
Children's meeting, ages 6 - 11
- 9:30 a.m. Holiness meeting and Commissioning/Ordination of the "Friends of Christ" Session
- 2:15 p.m. Service of Appointments for the "Friends of Christ" Session\*

+ By invitation only \* Ticket needed



## Rich in volunteers

The Kankakee, Ill., Corps is reaping blessings from a gold mine of volunteers. According to Majors Gerald and Evangeline O'Neil, corps officers, not only does the corps have a regular roster of volunteers from local schools, colleges and churches in addition to their own dedicated soldiers, but many other groups call seeking volunteer opportunities. And, boy, does this corps have opportunities—from a feeding program to youth activities, from working with shelter residents to operating a thrift store.

Evangeline reports the corps has a great relationship with Olivet Nazarene University in Kankakee. Several students not only attend the corps (some are Salvationists), but they also run its youth programs. Most recently, student volunteers were able to add music lessons to the lineup of activities with instruc-



tion available in brass, guitar, piano, drum and vocal.

"Our kids are from poor families with few opportunities. Introducing them to music is a way to show they can do something and be someone," said Evangeline. "We provide additional exposure to new experiences through field trips run by the Olivet students."

After several years of large, raucous community youth programs, the O'Neils decided to concentrate on community youth who'd made the corps their church home, allowing for greater focus on discipleship and mentoring.

"Our youth program may be smaller, but it offers increased quality and potential," said Evangeline.

The corps' lunch program (averaging 150 diners six days a week) is also volunteer run; the corps has a fulltime kitchen manager to oversee operations. Occasionally outside church groups come in to



provide noon-time meals on Sundays. Volunteers are also intrinsic to seasonal dinners and food basket distributions.



"We have phenomenal soldier volunteers who are heavily invested in this corps and its ministries, and the finest advisory board I've ever worked with," said Gerald of the corps' bounty.

Kankakee Community College also has been a rich source of student volunteers.

The corps' shelters for men and women and children are also volunteer dependent. Desk personnel interact with residents and invite them to corps activities, and volunteers provide adult mentoring. Volunteers also help run the corps' thrift store; the corps only had to hire four people.

"In fact, our always-busy volunteer director is a volunteer!" Evangeline concluded.



## Decatur expands horizons

While serving as the Decatur, Ill., corps officers over the last six years, Majors Robert and Joyce Gauthier have been blessed with many ministry advancements, such as building a men's shelter near the corps and expanding space for social services

offices in 2008. Earlier this year, the corps dedicated a new, 13,000-square-foot addition to its main corps building along with extended parking space. The corps now takes up the majority of a city block in downtown Decatur on Main Street, much to the city's delight, amidst revitalizing businesses and housing. The timing and community support couldn't be better.

"The number of people attending programs created the need for extra space," said Bob. "The women's ministries home league group alone numbered 100, and our seniors group was approaching 250 people. Now we can host special programs, such as Sunday morning 'breakfast theaters' for families of children involved in pageants or programs, among other unique events, including holiday worship services."

Special guests for the Sunday afternoon dedication service were Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seiler, territorial leaders. It was held in the new addition's large, central room designed to accommodate multiple purposes. In her remarks, Commissioner Carol Seiler praised the atmosphere of the spacious meeting area for its beauty,



including a striking chandelier. She noted that increasing expectations and dignity, instead of just four plain walls, increases respect., Bob reported.

The central room can seat 350 at tables or auditorium style, offers high-tech audio/visual equipment and is attached to a large, new kitchen. The addition, which can be accessed through the main building or through a parking lot entrance, also features extra classrooms and a lower level for storage.

Outside groups have shown interest in using the facility, including the police, fire and sheriff departments for training.



Commissioner Carol Seiler gives the dedication address.



Major Bob Gauthier, corps officer, speaks at the dedication of the addition.

# Growth spurt!

The Lansing Citadel, Mich., Corps is on the upswing! After several years of decline there have been seven soldiers and one adherent enrolled in the past two years, and another three to five recruits are scheduled for enrollment this Easter, report Corps Officers Captain Brian and Major Lesa Davis.

Lesla said the corps had its "hey-day" decades ago when several strong soldiers held local leadership positions, and there was a large music program. But over the years many of those leaders answered calls to offi-

cership, and corps membership gradually fell off. Lesa said it took about a year after they arrived for things to really take off again at the corps.

"Several years ago Brian and I heard Commissioner Ken Baillie say if you earnestly pray for that first convert, the rest would come," said Lesa. So that's what the Davises and their soldiers did—and things began to happen!



Jennifer Prichard writes a prayer request.



The proud members of the Lansing Citadel Junior Band.

"It was the Holy Spirit, not anything we did differently," Lesa continued. When that first person, then others, discovered Christ, they'd invite family, friends and neighbors. "People come into the corps off the streets on Wednesday nights and join our Bible study—not because they knew about it beforehand," Lisa added. "It's been

fun to watch and see what happens next!" The aging congregation has gladly taken new people under their wings. "A widow whose wife had been blind befriended and began assisting a blind Ethiopian refugee who found our corps through an amazing set of circumstances," added Lesa. (See "Get Connected" for the story!)

Another relationship builder has been a soup lunch and devotional after each Sunday's worship. "It's not a potluck so newcomers feel comfortable accepting invitations to stay," said Lesa. "This year we're going to try an Easter breakfast with those who attend our community meals during the week."

When a Salvationist family with three girls moved into the area they helped get the ball rolling to form a junior band. Lesa said, "When they played for the first time—a very recognizable version of 'Jesus Loves Me!'—it was a great boost for our



Women's ministries members enjoy an outing.

aging soldiers; that little band of six represents hope for the future!"

Women's ministries also have taken off with a dozen women in home league, a half-dozen "Knit Wits" and a monthly "Chick Flicks" movie night. Several of the women are unchurched—a brand-new mission field! Lesa was particularly touched by her seven girl guards, most of whom don't attend Sunday services: after earning their Bible badges they asked why they couldn't just study the Bible all the time!

"There's been a growing air of excitement among our people because we all have a sense that greater things are just about to happen at the Lansing Citadel!" Lesa concluded.



## Prayer builds faith

One of the simplest yet most effective aspects of Sunday worship at the Lansing Citadel, Mich., Corps involves a wooden prayer box on the holiness table.

"Each week we invite people to record a prayer request on a card and slip it into the box," said Major Lesa Davis, corps officer with her husband Captain Brian Davis. "This simple act of



While praising God for the victories, the prior year's prayer box requests are ceremoniously burned on New Year's Eve.

faith has become a concrete symbol that prayer is a real thing."

People have responded in ways the Davises didn't anticipate. Those who'd never participated in any tangible way in worship services felt free to come forward, kneel, record a prayer and leave it in the box. Best of all, the Davises are hearing spontaneous testimonies during worship of answered prayers. One Sunday a woman said she was there because of her mother-in-law's prayer request!

"God has always been at work answering people's prayers, but I think the act of writing them on cards has made people aware of the reality of it. Prayer is substance, not just vapory thoughts," Lesa continued. "To celebrate the victories, we burned all the cards on New Year's Eve and started over again!"



A prayer request card is added to the prayer box on the holiness table.



Alissa Bell face-paints children at a Fourth of July outreach event.

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72 Senior Soldiers

27 Adherents

44 Junior Soldiers

# St. Joseph County Kroc

by Meg Sauer

It was more than five years in the making. Today, the dream has become a reality.

The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in St. Joseph County, Ind., has opened its arms to introduce the people to *their* community center—the one they raised \$10 million dollars for, and, in return, received five times that amount from the Kroc gift.

It encompasses 110 thousand square feet complete with gymnasium and rock climbing wall, fitness and weight area, kitchen and café, fine arts and recording studios, Kid's Watch and Teen Zone, and it's very own indoor water-park. A lot of "blood and fire" and sweat and tears went into this project. Hundreds of laborers,



Salvation Army employees and officers poured themselves into this endeavor.

The transformation was nothing short of a miracle. It is no longer just a building. It is the people who come: staff, volunteers, donors, and now members. Yes, members. We had been waiting for the bucket to tip and pour God's love over St. Joseph County. And on the opening weekend, it was more than we had hoped. It was a flood.

More than 4,400 men, women and children came out of the cold and into our sun-drenched lobby in the first five hours we were open. The hand-blown glass chandelier gleamed bright. You could feel the warmth and excitement. You could hear the children's happy shrills when

they saw our mascot, R.J. the Krocodile. You could smell the 14,000 desserts prepared by the kitchen for our guests. You could see the smiles on shining faces, young and old. You could sense our community coming together.

## Saturday evening

The gymnasium was transformed by our phenomenal staff. Elegant table settings graced the court where just hours earlier basketballs had been dribbled. Chandeliers hung from the rafters that volleyballs would soon be smacking. A string quartet played Mozart where bleachers recently had outlined the shiny gym floor. The money raised from the banquet and auction will go to the Kroc Scholarship Fund to help those who cannot afford memberships.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Karen Moyer, chairman of The Moyer Foundation, a philanthropic work that focuses on aiding children in distress and making a positive and lasting difference in their lives. She began the foundation in 2000 with her husband, major league baseball player Jamie



Former South Bend, Ind., Mayor Stephen Luecke graciously accepted one of The Salvation Army's highest honors, the "Others" Award. He thanked The Salvation Army and all of the "others" who made the Kroc Center possible. Focusing on the building's purpose, he said, "It is the spirit of the building and how it will change many lives and touch many hearts." As mayor for 15 years, recently retired, he had been vital in supporting the Kroc Center in South Bend.

The auction was the work of one of our community donors and supporters, Deb Cafiero. She rounded up everything from a Chicago Cubs Fantasy Camp Experience to autographed electric guitars. People's generosity was

touching, especially at the end of the evening when the auctioneer asked if anyone would bid and receive nothing in return. White paddles were raised, and shouts of

Moyer. An alumnus of Notre Dame and the daughter of former Notre Dame men's basketball coach and current ESPN analyst Digger Phelps, Karen is especially well known in this community.

"This place rocks!" said Karen. "It is no doubt the Lord had a hand in creating this beautiful center."

Patti Phillips, strategic planning and development director who had led the charge for the Kroc Center throughout the application and fundraising process, was recognized for her "exceptional leadership and faithful service." Amidst a standing ovation, she was speechless and blew a kiss to the crowd.



# Center opens its doors



"\$1,000!" and "2,500!" echoed from all sides of the room.

By the time the Chicago Staff Band (CSB) and the Notre Dame Symphonic Winds took the stage for a free community concert in the auditorium, nearly \$30,000 had been raised!

But you couldn't put a dollar amount on the concert's spirit of praise which seemed to permeate every note. From the CSB's opening "Kroc Fanfare," written especially for the occasion by Matt Merton, Notre Dame Band assistant conductor, to the massed band finale, "Stars and Stripes Forever" with piccolos aplenty, the celebratory adrenaline just kept coming as the audience rose to

their feet to give the 120 musicians on stage a standing ovation.

### Sunday morning

*This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24 (NIV)*

Majors Robert and Collette Webster, senior Kroc Center officer and Kroc Center officer for

program development, led the Sunday worship service with confidence, grace and love, just as they had led the team who had created the Kroc Center.

Bob beamed when he spoke about the Kroc Center being a place where all people can meet and a place where we will serve the community and the Lord. Collette, who planned and coordinated the grand opening weekend, read a letter shared by the Kroc family from Joan Kroc to her granddaughter Amanda that said, "Serve others joyously and your reward will be great; carry with you the message of charity and brotherly love." After this, Majors Tim and Beverly Best, Kroc Center officers for congregational life and youth development, respectively, led the audience of 400 in prayer and song.

Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, territorial commander, presented the St. Joseph County Kroc Center flag to Majors Webster and Majors

Best. Then the Notre Dame ROTC raised the American and Salvation Army flags just outside the center doors. Watching a simulcast on the auditorium's big screen, every step choreographed to the Chicago Staff Band playing, "America the Beautiful," many in the audience were moved to tears as the American flag unfurled.

In her message, Commissioner Carol Seiler, territorial coordinator for strategic mission planning, linked the mission of The Salvation Army, Joan Kroc's faith and God's blessing and purpose for the Army through the Kroc Center. She encouraged those present to let the Kroc Center be "salt and light," referencing Matthew 5:13-16. Even as a "pinch of salt," Christians will become part of the community at the Kroc Center, and transformation will take place in lives and communities. Joan Kroc often used the concept of a "beacon of light, a beacon of hope." From this same portion in Matthew, Jesus said, "I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine." (*The Message*)

With the Lord's help, we plan to do just that for generations to come.



Photos by Heather Gollatz-Dukeman



## Romulus gets women's touch

Envoys Merle and Cheryl Miller, long-time administrators of the Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) in Detroit, Mich., shared a vision, particularly with Major Julie Aren, for a facility dedicated to women.

Last June those hopes were fast-tracked and plans were set in motion to convert the Romulus, Mich., ARC into an 80-bed, women-only facility by August 1. The men were eased into nearby ARCs in Flint and Detroit. Only minor renovations were required to prepare the facility for women. "We were ready to go with not a lot of money spent," said Cheryl.

Captains David and Peggy Hudgens also serve at the ARC as director and associate director of spiritual development.

According to Cheryl, it's been exciting to see the changes in the women's lives, attitudes, thoughts and goals. "They're looking at life differently through the perspective of having Christ central in their lives," said Cheryl.

The initial goal of 50 beneficiaries was reached in three and a half months. "We're now into our second-phase target moving toward a full house," she added. The women residents follow the same rehabilitation program as men, including



Captain Peggy Hudgens, associate director of spiritual development, counsels Heather Youngert.

12-step meetings, Bible studies and work therapy, but there are enhancements to meet the unique needs of women.

"In addition to ARC workbooks and materials, we purchased outside resources geared to women," said Cheryl. "Women have distinctly different needs than men in the rehabilitation process. They're often dealing with much deeper levels of guilt regarding families, especially children. Our counselors and teachers are mostly women who are equipped to help our beneficiaries realize they can be forgiven and become new in Christ."

The Romulus program is six months long, with another six months for transitioning into employment and developing exit and continued-care plans. A reunification program helps families find healing.

"The women are particularly good with store merchandising because they have better eyes for appraising clothes than men!" added Cheryl. Other training options include culinary arts certification and catering training, along with classes on self-esteem, anger management, parenting, relapse prevention, and domestic violence.



Classes, support groups and 12-step meetings help the women regain self-respect leading to responsible behavior.

## Women's Ministries events you won't want to miss!

Get a blessing and catch the hope this year by attending the women's ministries rally or camp in your division.

Metropolitan	May 4-5
Indiana	May 12
Heartland	May 18-20
Kansas and Western Missouri	May 18-20
Midland	May 18-20
Western	May 18-20
WMNI	May 18-20
WUM	June 1-3
Eastern Michigan	September 21-23
Northern	September 28-30

## In God's timing

"Without God, I wouldn't be here," said Heather

Youngert, a beneficiary at the Romulus, Mich., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC), which transitioned into a women-only center last summer. Self-described as having been in the revolving door of substance abuse for years, Heather began using again last spring and stopped reporting to her parole officer.

By the grace of God the authorities didn't send Heather back to prison, but they mandated she enter a 30-day rehabilitation program, the maximum time that would be paid for by the state. She continued abusing for the next three weeks until there was an opening.

"I knew I'd go right back to using after I got out," said Heather recalling her earlier, short-term treatment attempts. "I didn't know what to do."

While she was in the 30-day program, a guest came to introduce a new women's treatment center. Heather heard a voice saying, "That's where I want you to go." It was an answer to her long-time prayers.

"I've been asked what makes this



Heather Youngert (c) and friends.

time different," said Heather. "I answer that my spiritual foundation has been made stronger by the daily renewing of my mind."

Heather graduated from the rehabilitation program in January. "I didn't have to worry about where to go after I graduated. Because I can stay here and work (through the center's "Step Up" program), I'm able to focus on myself and my issues," she added. Heather has learned much about her social and spiritual handicaps in regards to substance abuse and how to fit support meetings into her life when she re-enters the work force.

She concluded, "Now I know why I didn't get into the other treatment program right away; I wouldn't have learned about the new women's ARC. God's timing is always perfect!"

## Faith, fun and fellowship

Women's ministries camps and rallies offer exciting opportunities. Here are two examples of what you can expect.

### A Sister Circle

Last year nearly 300 women from Minnesota and North Dakota gathered for a "Sister Circle" weekend at the Northern Division's beautiful Northwoods Camp. They came looking forward to a weekend of rest, relaxation, renewal, fellowship, good food and fun and were not disappointed!

The camp held something for everyone from a fabulous designer purse auction to creative workshops like card and jewelry making, 3D archery, swimming, pontoon and hay wagon rides, and a royal banquet where women were treated like princesses. The weekend was filled with inspiring meetings featuring storyteller Pati Kachel and culminated on Sunday with 70 women seeking the Lord.



### Removing Masks

Lovely Camp Mihaska was the setting for the Midland women's camp that brought nearly 200 women together to learn through Esther's example about being real before God. Friday night's program set the stage with a skit written by Cadet Melissa Richardson, "Taking off our Masks" which resonated with delegates. So did Bible study conducted each morning by Captain Deannie Moore, using author Beth Moore's *Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman*.

A bevy of elective classes were educational, while late-night activities like karaoke, Wii and movies kept the women engaged in fun and fellowship. A silent auction, a coffeehouse and fireside room raised funds for World Services/Self-Denial. Through authentic worship, led by Major Patty Richardson on piano with a band, the women drew closer to the Lord and knew they'd come together "for such a time as this."



## Denby enrolls first junior soldiers



Major Herb Fuqua enrolls the junior soldiers.

It was a historic Sunday morning late last year at the Denby Campus of the Detroit, Mich., Harbor Light system when five young girls were enrolled as junior soldiers in its chapel for the first time ever! Four of the girls had once stayed with their mothers at Denby's shelter for homeless women and children and now live in the neighborhood.

Denby has been holding Sunday school and worship services since moving into its new building in 2010 when it was determined transportation to the Detroit Harbor Light Corps was too difficult. Several families from the community attend Denby, which offers women's ministries, character-building groups, junior soldiers, Bible studies and community care ministries. The sunbeams and girl guards have already earned several badges!

"When I talked to the girls about junior soldierhood and what it means, they decided on the Army as their home church," said Captain Barbara McCauley, Denby pastoral

care administrator. "One of the girls is already talking about becoming a senior soldier. She takes great pride in her membership and will probably be a future officer. She believes someday she'll 'run this mug!' My hope is to teach them a different way of living so they can understand God has more in mind for them than what they see around them; I want them to have hope of a future."

Barbara and her associate, Envoy Clara Green, went all out in making the enrollment ceremony memorable. Each uniformed girl marched down the chapel's aisle to "Onward Christian Soldiers" and passed under an arch of 10 Salvation Army flags. Special guests were Majors Herb and Yaneth Fuqua, Eastern Michigan divisional secretary for program and associate secretary for program, and Captains Jamie and Deborah Winkler, director and pastoral care director, of the Detroit Harbor Light system. According to Major Herb Fuqua, Denby is in the process of becoming an outpost then a corps.

## Beloit goes to the movies!

Lts. Rodney and Kristina Morin, the Beloit, Wis., corps officers for not quite a year yet, have been highly encouraged from their experiences there so far.

After their first service last July, Rodney rushed to the door to thank each individual in the small congregation for coming. Curiosity from those who used to attend regularly and people from the community increased. As Rodney and Kris continued their practice of warm words at the door after each service, the number of people—and the warmth of their responses—grew.

"I was beginning to hear they 'loved the service,' or that I was 'preaching the right things,'" said Rodney. Attendance went from 17 that first Sunday to an average of 43 with a high of 52. "It certainly wasn't us," he continued. "God was doing it all!"

Last fall, the Morins began holding movie nights, which have made a big impact on community families, Kris reported.

"We show a free movie the first



Lts. Rodney and Kris Morin are enjoying their first appointment.

Friday of every month in the corps gym; it attracts up to 50 people, many in family groups. We provide free popcorn and juice, plus snacks such as 'walking tacos' and hot dogs for purchase," Kris said. "Volunteers from our youth group assist by setting up the gym, making and serving snacks and helping with the clean up." Family-friendly movies have included "Rio," "Bolt," "A Dolphin's Tale" and "The Smurfs." As a result of this outreach, one new family and two neighborhood children have begun attending the corps.

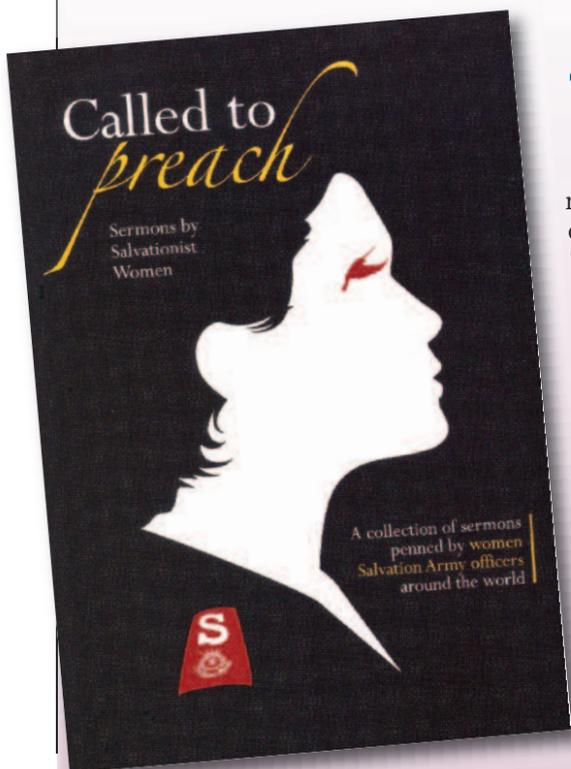
The Morins also hope for an increase in corps attendance as a result of their first holiday outreaches in Beloit, which impacted more than 1,000 people with food and 1,300 children with toys and warm clothing.

"It's been such a blessing to see the way God is at work in this community," said Rodney. "We feel it's all about giving God the glory and allowing Him to lead the way!"



The "snack shop" is popular on movie nights.

## Called to Preach



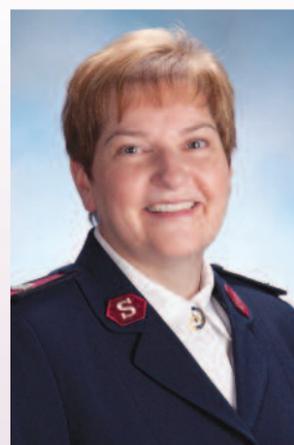
The recently released book, *Called to Preach*, features a collection of sermons penned by women officers around the world. The 35 writers represent Salvation Army work on six continents, and the subjects include faith, holiness, prayer and salvation.

Three of the authors are from the Central Territory: Lt. Colonel Susan Bukiewicz, Major Morag Yoder, and Major Lesa Davis.

"I feel very privileged to be a part of this book project and, even more so, to be part of the global voice God has given Salvation Army women," said Major Lesa Davis, Lansing Citadel, Mich., corps officer.



Lt. Colonel Susan Bukiewicz



Major Morag Yoder



Major Lesa Davis

The project to gather the thoughts and words of Salvationist women was proposed by former World President of Women's Ministries Commissioner Helen Clifton, who was promoted to Glory last June. The book is dedicated to her.

In the forward, General Linda Bond writes the book "reflects our

strong heritage and shows us that what Catherine Booth won for us in the Army's earliest days is carried on with quality and clarity. Women have a right to speak and preach."

The book costs \$6.95 and is available through Resource Connection at 1-800-937-8896 or [shop.salvationarmy.org](http://shop.salvationarmy.org)

## Running, not walking!

Last summer the St. Louis Euclid, Mo., Corps sent what turned out to be the largest contingent of delegates that year from a Central Territory corps to the National Seminar on Evangelism (NSE) held annually in Colorado.

"More than half of our delegates were new soldiers and relatively new to the Army," said Major Janice Love, corps officer. "Attending NSE gave them a greater awareness of the Army as an evangelical church and showed just how big the Army is in the U.S. and the world!"

Already committed to community outreach before attending NSE, corps members returned home spurred to even greater action. The NSE training emphasis focused on developing relationships with people to broaden evangelism opportunities. Delegates studied Bill Hybels' book, *Just Walk Across the Room*, and received practical, hands-on training in sharing their faith.

This past fall male delegates started a fellowship for younger men to foster mentoring and peer relationships. And, a new boxing program has proved to be popular with youth. Other delegates helped train corps members on how to share their faith during corps ministries and seasonal community outreaches. A weekly Bible study averages more than a dozen people, and the corps hopes to hold a campaign weekend with guest speakers and performance groups.

Delegate Debra Nicholson, corps social worker, now confidently shares her faith with clients, and delegate Barbara Stewart took up the reins of missionary sergeant; the corps recently "adopted" the Tororo Children's Home in Uganda through the territorial sponsorship program.

Among Janice's goals for 2012 is to bring another contingent of delegates—this time comprised primarily of young adults—to NSE. She said, "Five of our young adults attended the Central Bible and Leadership Institute last summer and several attended the Mission and Purpose (MAP) conference. The NSE would be the next great experience for them!"



The delegation to the National Seminar on Evangelism in 2011 has helped energize their corps.



Major Janice Love, corps officer, is flanked by Barbara Stewart, missionary sergeant, and Debra Nicholson, corps social worker.



A boxing program has become very popular with youth and young men.

## NSE delegates soar

About six months after their amazing mountain top experience at the National Seminar on Evangelism (NSE), delegates from the Dodge City, Kan., Corps are still on top of the world. Corps Officers Captains Joaquin and Gabriela Rangel report two new initiatives and a prospective member have resulted from the seminar.

Not long after delegates returned from NSE the corps home league sponsored a baby shower for one of their ladies. During the shower a NSE delegate "walked across the room"—the theme of the book delegates



Flor Armenta, thrift store ministry volunteer, greets a customer.

study—to get to know a new person. They had a great conversation, and before long she was attending home league regularly. "We're praying there will be a transition into the corps soon," said Joaquin.

Also, with the help of divisional leadership, the Dodge City NSE delegates have started a new outreach called the "Thrift Store Ministry." Starting right after NSE, delegates committed to spending an hour a day at the store. They assist with operations and interact with clientele. Through this they've been encouraged to meet other Christians and engage in Christ-centered conversation.

Not only have delegates been inspired, but the entire corps congregation has grown in the understanding of the

importance of evangelism.

"I've seen growth in our corps and a desire in our congregation to reach others for Christ," said Joaquin with emotion in his voice. "The passion has grown in our hearts into desire to share the Good News."

This winter the corps is planning a worship and evangelism night as one of two outreach events based on what they learned at NSE. As they meet new people at the thrift store and through other events, their prayer is that they'll be able to link people into the corps by inviting them to this dynamic worship service.



NSE delegates are going the extra mile in Dodge City to get to know new people.

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# More Questions than Answers

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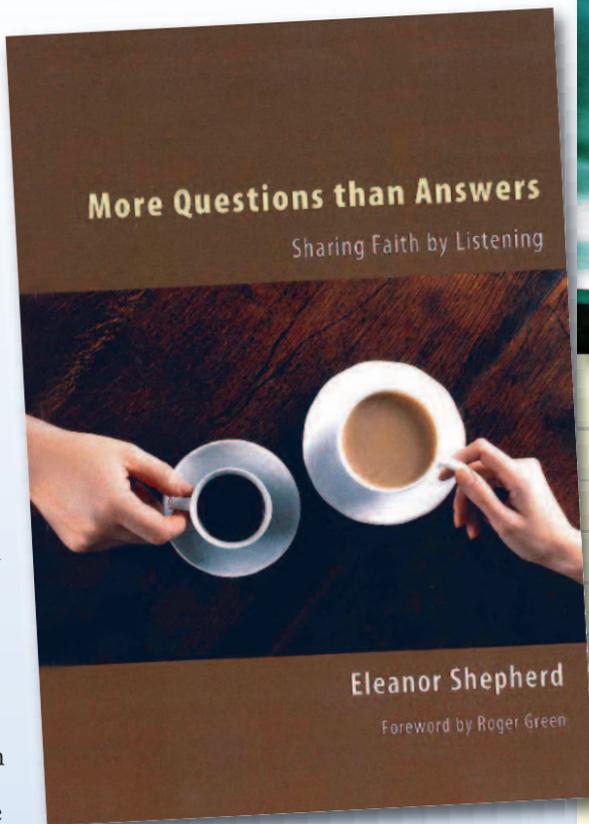
As people of energetic faith focused on a practical caring outreach, it is good and perhaps sometimes essential for us to consider the apparently passive activity of listening. After all, we are inclined to talk too much!

There is a discipline in truly listening, and the subtitle of Eleanor Shepherd's book presents the reader with such a challenge. The writer (a retired officer in Canada) describes this book, which has been 10 years in the making, as "a tool" which focuses on developing listening skills; and "a tool" for the faith journey.

While the suggestions and guidance are not unique, the testimonies and personal encounters breathe life and color into this study.

The book is divided into three sections: the listening process; discovery and faith sharing; and the source. It is suggested that the reader starts the section wherever it is considered most beneficial for personal development.

Learning to listen to those who have questions or need to share their story is a privilege which



requires a basis of trust and sensitivity. Really listening to the Holy Spirit is an ongoing adventure for all of us on the faith journey.

The book is obviously personal to the writer but is also a tool which should be shared. It is commended as an ideal basis for individual development and for fellowships and discussion groups—or should that be listening groups?

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

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

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



# Were you there?

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never had before. For Christians, the suffering of Jesus on every level—spiritual, emotional, social and physical, speaks to us in a deeper way. It tells us that he understands. He is not distant, remote, or unfeeling. He is "there with us." He knows pain. He knows rejection. He knows humiliation. He knows grief.

However, the Easter season calls us to the deepest level of reflection regarding his suffering. We have to understand the purpose for it. It means we must go beyond contemplating the pain endured. We have to face ourselves, our part in his suffering. No wonder the songwriter says, "Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble." Whether we realize it or not, we were there when they crucified our Lord. With all our sin, with all our shortcomings, with our rebellion, we were there. And he took our sin upon himself. He bore its awful penalty. He opened the way for us to come to the Father, reconciled, redeemed and restored. Now we share his life in a new way. Because of his atoning sacrifice, we are truly never the same again.

This is not a bad news story. This is the good news, the best news! This is a love story! This is the demonstration of the love of God, said the apostle Paul, "in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8 New

International Version). The Cross is not the end. It is the beginning and the Resurrection of Jesus announces it in most dramatic fashion. Jesus is alive! This is a story of *God with us* and *God for us*.

The amazing consequence of this is our salvation. But it also calls us to seek the salvation of the world. We are a people who share his heart for others, their suffering, and even their apathy, and most certainly their need of a Savior. We serve. We intercede. We seek justice. We tell the Good News. We believe in transformation for we are also a resurrection people. We share his hope for the world.

## --Mustard Seeds--



## Breaking the VBS mold

Planning your VBS just now? You might want to expand your audience, like one clever corps officer in Indiana.



Older adults, volunteers and Corps Officers Lts. Alan and Jodi Sladek gather for a group photo during VBS.

For Lt. Jodi Sladek, Columbus, Ind., corps officer, working with older adults has always been a passion. So when an older gentleman corps volunteer asked if he could participate in their vacation Bible school (VBS), Jodi's creative mind started churning. She decided to hold a second VBS geared toward older adults.

"We wondered if the older adults would think it was too childish or silly," said Jodi. "But they loved it!"

Jodi simply adapted the same lessons and structure from the children's version into a more mature format. She made the lessons more interactive, immersing participants in each activity. For example, during the lesson about Jonah and the whale, she used a dark room to create the ambiance of being in the belly of a fish, complete with the smell of tuna fish from a few open containers!

Classes averaged 15 people a night, many of whom came from outside of the corps congregation. "Two ladies came from our supper club, a few are corps volunteers and many of them brought their



friends," said Jodi. "Once they got there, they kept coming back!"

As with a typical VBS, classes ran for five days and attendance and Bible verse memorization were encouraged through incentives. At the end of the week whoever had the most marks got a dinner for two at a local restaurant.

Ronnie attends the corps and is a new Christian. He's been praying for his mother, affectionately nicknamed "Momma Dora," to come to know the Lord. When she started to attend VBS with some friends from supper club, Ronnie told Jodi it was an answer to prayer, and that his mom even asked him to help her memorize scripture!

The last meeting was decision day, and two people accepted Christ.

"We give God all the glory," said Jodi. "We're big on prayer; it's what leads us in everything we do." 

## A cut above

For hundreds of Salvationists throughout the Central Territory, the name Sherman Cone is synonymous with uniforms. He's been the uniform representative in Resource Connection since 1995.

"I've worked with so many people when they've become soldiers, then cadets, then officers. It's hard to believe, but some who I met as soldiers are now majors!" exclaimed Sherman.

Having worked in banking for 25 years before coming to The Salvation Army, Sherman was thrilled for the opportunity to work for a Christian organization in 1989. His first job at Central Territorial Headquarters was in the finance department; then he had a stint in statistics before moving on to the then supplies and purchasing department, commonly referred to as "Trade," now Resource Connection. Though Sherman's job has evolved, the joy of it remains the same—people!

In recent years his work has been solely focused on customer service for uniforms. The options and details of modern material blends, intricate sizing and trims could make your head spin, but Sherman knows them all. For instance, there are now eight types of women's blouses with names from Mary to Dorcas; Sherman can explain how each is



unique. He observed there are more informal options now which bodes well for those in the everyday trenches of holy warfare.

"I've enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow Christians," he said of his Army tenure. "It's been good to know that the underlying purpose is to bring people to Christ and help them grow in their faith...The uniform is the symbol of that. It's an outward symbol of Christ working in your life."

People are, of course, what Sherman says he'll miss most, but he plans to fill that void in retirement with more involvement in his church.

"Sherman has always provided great customer service to all uniform wearers in the territory with his personalized attention," said Bob Jones, Resource Connection secretary. "His service to us will be greatly missed."

For other recent employee tributes, see **Get Connected!** 

## Promoted to Glory

### Major Anna Thomas

Major Anna Thomas was promoted to Glory on December 16, 2011. She was 76 years old.

Anna was born to Ralph and Ruth McCarty on April 5, 1935 in Hillsdale, Mich. From an early age she was active at the Hillsdale Corps, often taking on leadership roles including young people's sergeant-major.

When she felt God's call on her heart to become an officer, she obeyed "no questions asked." In 1955 Anna was commissioned with the "Soul Winners" session and served as a single officer in Muskegon and Alma, Mich.

Anna met Harold Thomas while he was at the College for Officer Training. They wed in 1957, and their marriage was blessed with three children.

Together they served at corps throughout the Central Territory, with a longer appointment in Waterloo, Iowa, where Anna was recognized by the mayor for her volunteerism in the community. They retired in 1996 from Moline, Ill.

Anna was remembered for her work ethic, kind heart and giving spirit.

Anna was preceded in death by her parents and beloved husband. She is survived by two daughters, Deborah (Ralph) Gates and Cheryl (Kelly) Guess; one son, Major Michael (Mary); 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

### Mrs. Major Ida MacNichol

Mrs. Major Ida MacNichol was promoted to Glory on January 10, 2012. She was 90 years old.

Ida Mae was born to Oliver and Gertie Green in Jonesboro, Ark. Growing up in The Salvation Army she was converted at age 15 during a week-long revival meeting.

In 1940 she married Bernard MacNichol, a fellow Salvationist and officers' child, and they were blessed with four children. Three years after marriage they entered officer training in Chicago, Ill., and were commissioned in 1944. Together they served at several corps and the Chicago Central Men's Social (now Adult Rehabilitation Center).

After two years serving at Midland Divisional Headquarters, the MacNichols became managers of the Railton Residence in St. Louis, Mo. They retired from Railton in 1975 and moved to Independence, Mo., before their final move to Waukesha, Wis.

Ida was a lovely woman known for being a very capable officer and having a pleasing personality. Her friends and family miss her deeply.

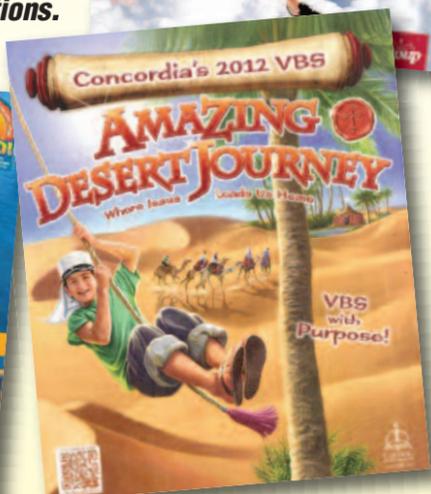
Ida was preceded in death by her parents and beloved husband. She is survived by her children, Bernie (Connie), Larry (Diane), Ron (Alla) and Vickie (David) Sundell; 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.



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