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Major Emmanuel Michaud, a native Haitian serving at the Chicago Midwest Corps, prayed for God’s blessing.

Led by Karl Strand, the chorus

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Every morning is new
by Commissioner Carol Seiler
Territorial President of Women’s Ministries

Recently a colleague from India shared a simple reminder. In Lamentations, the writer says of his troubles, “I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me” but quickly goes on “Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” (Lam. 3:20-23, NIV)

It was intriguing because of the challenges my friend faces in her appointment, so different from the abundances of my North American experience. The verses were jarring in juxtaposition of downcast and hope. The circumstances had not necessarily changed, but the reminder of the Lord’s great love and compassion gave a new face to trouble.

There is also a sense of abrupt change of position, moving from telling someone else about the Lord’s love “his compassions never fail” to praising God Himself—great is your faithfulness! It’s almost that the overwhelming remembrance caused a spontaneous prayer of praise. We can picture the person turning and thanking God as though He was literally a part the conversation between a small group of friends. One was telling another about difficult times, then describing the intervention of the third friend, and naturally turning and thanking them.

Since that testimony by my colleague, I have thought about this verse when I begin any litany of troubles. Without diminishing any painful experiences, I’ve found it significant to picture this conversation and practice the words, “My soul is downcast. Yet, I call this to mind and therefore I have hope.”

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Leadership changes in Central Territory

Effective July 1, Majors Jeffrey and Dorothy Smith, Kansas and Western Missouri divisional leaders, will be serving as territorial secretary for personnel and officer resource and development secretary; plus territorial ambassador for prayer, respectively. Both majors will be promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Majors Ralph and Susan Bukiewicz, Western Michigan and Northern Indiana divisional leaders, will become divisional commander and director of women’s ministries in the Metropolitan Division with promotions to Lt. Colonel.

Majors Charles and Sharon Smith, Heartland divisional leaders, will become divisional commander and director of women’s ministries in the Kansas and Western Missouri Division.

Majors Thomas and Jacalyn Bowers, Chicago city coordinator and Metropolitan divisional general secretary and women’s ministries secretary, respectively, will become divisional commander and director of women’s ministries in the Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Division.

Major Evelyn Diaz, College for Officer Training assistant principal, will become Heartland divisional commander and director of women’s ministries.

High Council to include more women

General Shaw Clifton has announced that the membership of the High Council, the body which elects the Army’s worldwide leader, has been expanded to include women, with the number of women members holding the appointment of territorial president of women’s ministries.

“This is an important moment for The Salvation Army,” said General Clifton. “Although the number of members that will be added to the High Council is relatively small, this decision is a strong affirmation of the equal role that women leaders play in the Army’s worldwide ministry. The inclusion of these leaders in future deliberations of the High Council is consistent with both our theology and our history, and I am simply delighted.”

As a result, the next meeting of the High Council will see a male/female ratio of nearly 50 percent. In fact, it is likely that the number of female members will, for the first time in the Army’s history, actually exceed that of men present.

Consistent with the Salvation Army Act 1980, the change was approved in an electronic vote by more than two-thirds of the Army’s active commissioned officers, and was verified by The Salvation Army’s solicitors, Slaughter and May. A formal amendment to the Act was made through the General’s signing of a Deed of Variation.
sang Howard Davies’ beautiful melody, “Here am I, my Lord, send me,” posing the audience to receive God’s Word which was dynamically preached by Commissioner Israel Gaither.

More than 2,000 people returning in the afternoon for ‘The Great Salvation Experience’ were greeted with music that stirred the soul by the Chicago Staff Band (CSB), led by Bandmaster William Himes. The debut of Himes’ band and chorale arrangement of Phil Laeger’s and Marty Mikle’s ‘Soldier’s Hymn,’ was a stunning start.

Hands were raised and flags waved while Salvationists sang, ‘At the trumpet’s call, lift your voice. It’s the year of jubilee.’ The song ended with applause as the CSB segued into a sensitive introduction to ‘The Lord’s Prayer,’ which the congregation joined. It was a spiritual moment to be remembered.

The undoubted highlight was the recognition of 12 Salvationists who were honored for courageous initiatives that shaped the Metropolitan Division into what we know it as today. These heroes included Brigadier and Mrs. Gunnar Erickson, Colonel Sallie Chesham, Corps Sergeant-Major Raul Guerrero, Colonels Paul and Anna Kim, Majors Steve and Diane Harper, Captains Boulonouea and Champuthong Kebyoubnon, and Captain and Mrs. William Evans. (see page 10).

Commissioner Swanson introduced the song ‘It is well with my soul.’ The proclamation, led by Taylor Lee, grew exponentially in volume and intensity. The national commander seized the moment to challenge Salvationists to make a difference.

Commissioner Gaither drew on Enkeli’s vision of dry bones and called for a revival of the spirit.

He said, ‘I hear the sound of a revived Army rising, and the noise is deafening—a revived and renewed and ready Salvation Army—a vast Army in Metro Chicago is rising once again. They speak to dry bones, and life comes back. These Salvationists are miracles. They are doing miracles.’

Immediately following Commissioner Eva Gaither’s prayer, the CSB’s bold introduction to ‘O boundless salvation’ brought everyone to their feet and, as if in response to the challenge, they robustly sang the Founder’s song, Salvation Army spirit was ignited when Rockford Temple Bandmaster Steve DeLacy spontaneously seized the ‘Blood and Fire,’ waving the flag victorious to the last verse. Jubilee was not over. It had just begun.

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Elizabeth Wright
Mt. Clemens, Mich., Corps Eastern Michigan Division

Elizabeth has grown up as an officers’ child. She has had the blessing of living in South Africa, as well as many locations throughout the Midwest. She has been on summer missions, worked at camps and is attending Greenville College where she is a resident assistant in her dorm.

“I went to my first youth council when I was in 7th grade,” said Elizabeth. “At the Saturday evening program, a group performed. Following that the divisional youth secretary gave a call to officership, and I knew that I was supposed to do that for the rest of my life.

Elizabeth will be a member of the Friends of Christ session. She will enter the College for Officer Training from the Mt. Clemens, Mich., Corps. Her corps officers are Major Lori Wright and Captain Connie Shaw.

Brian Bump
Arkansas City, Kan., Corps Kansas and Western Missouri Division

Brian accepted Christ at a very young age. He also is an officers’ child and has lived in several locations in the Midwest. He was blessed to work at camp for a few summers and currently works at a grocery store in the deli department.

In regard to his calling, Brian said, “At first I ignored it because I thought God just wanted me because my parents were officers. So I kept putting it off, but finally at age 16 I accepted God’s call for me to become an officer. When I was working at camp that summer God definitely made this calling apparent to me.”

Brian will enter training from the Arkansas City, Kan., Corps which is led by Captains David and Randi Bump.

John and Judith Fetzer
Minneapolis Central, Minn., Corps Northern Division

John and Judith came to the Lord through very different avenues. John came to know Christ at a church outreach event in Rockford, Ill., at age 18, whereas Judith came to the Lord as a child. Judith also knew from a young age that she should be an officer. However, she made rebellious choices as a teenager and young adult. God used Lt. Colonel Brad Bailey to bring her back to a corps. In a meeting, Judith again heard God’s call to fulltime ministry as an officer. John was actually living an ungodly lifestyle in 2008 when God got hold of him and showed him what He wanted to do with his life.

John and Judith come to training with their two sons, John and Samuel, from the Minneapolis Central, Minn., Corps where their corps officers are Captains Vong and Ting Luangkhamdeng.

Spring Campaigns—just the facts

7 brigades, 57 cadets and officers
11 corps visited
120 sermons and devotionals given
245 Hallelujah choruses sung
268 spiritual decisions made
76 stops at Starbucks
3,938 people attended meetings
234 people visited
2,842 people reached through fellowship and outreach events

My heart, Christ’s home
by Cadet Mary Kim

It may have started out like a typical Friday at the College for Officer Training (CFOT), but it did not stay that way for long as nine women of the soon-to-be commissioned Prayer Warriors session were enrolled as new members of women’s ministries.

With the theme “My Heart, Christ’s Home,” 40 women cadets, CFOT officers and territorial headquarters guests enjoyed a day of worship, education, fellowship and service through informative morning sessions and an afternoon session where resources and ideas for women’s ministries were shared. A highlight was the luncheon where the CFOT men joyfully and expertly, with bow ties and all, served the ladies a delectable meal.

Major Lois Wheeler, assistant territorial secretary for women’s ministries, spoke about how our spiritual homes (hearts) need spring cleaning too. We must evaluate our hearts and ask, “Would God feel comfortable here?” With the Word of God, our all-purpose cleaning agent, we can determine to keep our hearts clean and “become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit” (Eph. 2:22).

Captain Nancy Anuaje, Templo Laramie, Ill., corps officer, explained the importance of having intentional and purposeful women’s ministries programs that go beyond recreation and lead people to the feet of Jesus.

Commissioner E. Sue Swanson, then territorial president of women’s ministries, poignantly challenged us as officers to “move into every home, every appointment as deeply and rooted as you can so that every move breaks your heart.”

With our hearts clean, resolute and rooted in Christ, the women of CFOT are ready to take this message of hope and peace throughout the Central Territory.
On the way to WYC!

World Youth Convention, Stockholm, Sweden

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**Life changing**

“Being at the CFOT has been life changing,” said Cadet Roberto Davila. “It’s been a walk of obedience, learning and falling more in love with God.”

The transition was sometimes difficult at first; Roberto’s wife found leaving relatives and studying in another language hard. Roberto viewed coming to the CFOT as “touching holy ground,” while their children saw it as an adventure.

Captain John Pook, session advisor and CFOT director of fine arts, said, “Roberto is quiet yet passionate for God. He leads by example, giving his best at every opportunity, including improving his guitar skills upon realizing he might be the only corps musician!”

Roberto added, “In hard times during training, God would whisper in my ear, ‘You can do it, you belong to Me. I’ll always provide.’ Our session suffered many ups and downs, but we’ve seen God’s hand working to prepare us for a great task.”

Captain Rob DeGeorge, Roberto’s brigade officer, said, “He lives up to his session name. Roberto is passionate for the lost and connects with people.”

**Surprising**

“Cadetship has been eye-opening. I thought I knew what it would be like, but it’s been pleasantly surprising,” said Cadet Mary Kim.

After years of ignoring God’s call to officership because she was “comfortable,” Mary felt His peace at the CFOT. “I’ve been stretched and pruned—painful but necessary for future growth, strength and fruit,” she added.

As a sessionmate, Mary will be identified with the Prayer Warriors for all of her officership. “But as session chaplain, I’ve chosen to be entwined with them the rest of my life,” said Mary.

She’s made lifelong friends who’ll help and keep her accountable. She said she’s learned to be more patient, less of a perfectionist and to put her and sessionmates’ burdens on Jesus’ wider, stronger shoulders.

“God cares more about who I am than what I know,” said Mary. She also learned ministry can be fun without the need to be so intense all the time.

Major Kathy Hovelman, assistant director of personnel, said, “Mary is a ‘daughter of the regiment.’ Her Korean Salvation Army heritage influenced her prayer life—she’s a real prayer warrior.” Captain John Pook added Mary has taken her chaplain role very seriously, calling for prayer meetings during tough times.

**Surrounded**

Cadet Amy McMahan dealt with her father’s illness and death during training. “I wasn’t able to visit as much as I liked, but the built-in support system here was unmatched. When I went home for the funeral, I could feel the prayer surrounding me,” said Amy.

College life kept her busy, so the full impact of her father’s death didn’t hit Amy until Christmas break. But she’s moving forward with God’s help and prayer support.

Amy has learned some unexpected lessons about herself; people who knew her before training have commented on the changes.

“I’ve learned I’m a survivor and have beaten the odds to get to where I am today,” she said.
She is amazed that in spite of their differences, her sessionmates have become dependable friends. “We’re ethnically diverse, range in age from our 20s to 50s and our life experiences are as different as night and day. But we’ve learned to love, appreciate, disagree and bond with each other.”

For the last two years, Amy worked on an outreach event to thousands of spectators who attend a Halloween parade in the gay community near the CFOT. Meaningful conversations were held and prayer requests collected while refreshments were distributed through a canteen. Amy reported one man’s anger at ‘church people’ began to melt as they talked after he saw Salvationists’ service.

Captain Yvette DeGeorge, director of campus spiritual life, said, “The session name implies battle, and this session has been fully engaged in very real spiritual warfare. Their road has been strewn with the loss of loved ones, family issues and emotional challenges. This is more than a place where one gains skills; it’s where God breaks self, renews minds, fills with His Spirit and equips for battle.”

**Awesome**

Cadet Alan Sladek, session president, said, “It’s been awesome to be a Prayer Warrior and an honor to serve as president. The gifts and talents God’s given each of us have uniquely formed us as a whole.”

Alan was nervous at first about being one of the older cadets and being back in college after almost 30 years!

“arrested by my parents last year; I’m glad we were here during those times,” he continued.

Major Glen Caddy, director of business, said, “This session has learned the battle is won or lost in the quiet times. They’ve intentional-ly sought to bring God glory through their combined gifts, not highlighting individual talents, gifts or accomplishments. Many of them persevered through life challenges that didn’t end when they entered our gates. They’ve learned to trust more in God and less in themselves as they’ve seen Him work in big and small ways. I’m confident they’ll continue the fight on their knees.”

**Supportive**

“I’ve had a great experience with supportive officers and friends,” said Cadet Julie Trupp, who found it sometimes hard as a single parent. “But, her sessionmates were very helpful. She was also nervous about being back in college after more than a decade, but she entered training determined to apply herself and did well.”

Captain Johanna Pook, family care director, observed, “Julie has a wonderful testimony of God’s grace. She’s focused, organized and kept a high academic standard. She developed a passion for cross-cultural ministries and learned Spanish to communicate better with her friends, all while keeping a strong relationship with her son.”

Julie feels blessed to have forged lasting friendships with sessionmates she can count on. She concluded, “We’ve laughed and cried together and seen each other grow spiritually while developing leadership skills.”
This spring’s Sunday school campaign corresponded with the Lenten resources, The Purpose of Easter: Grace while materials included posters, program helps and prayer connections, perhaps the most exciting component was the addition of grace activities, or weekly outreach opportunities.

CrossGenerations Corps Administrators
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Blue Island Mayor Donald Peloquin called the center “a shining star to bring people together.” His words were echoed by Commissioner Swanson who said the CrossGenerations will stand as the story of families, cultures, generations and faith.

A unique feature is a prayer chapel available 24 hours a day to area residents who can find assistance at the “church that never sleeps.” Corps administrators are Envoys Josh and Jennifer Polanco.

Commissioner E. Sue Swanson reminded the crowd that more than mor tar was being dedicated. “We are dedicating the hearts that will rise in the facility in His praise,” she said.

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Children from the Kalamazoo, Mich., Corps make cards for the veterans’ hospital.

Grace notes

The building is a 35,000-square-foot facility specifically designed for cross-generational programs to serve Blue Island youth and seniors. Programs will reflect the community’s racial, cultural and ethnic diversity. It houses a library, high school-size gym, climbing wall, pool tables, table games and a computer center with free Wi-Fi. Additionally, the center has mentoring programs for youth, a food pantry and a senior drop-in center that serves lunch.

Joyously cutting the ribbon opening the CrossGenerations Worship and Community Center in Blue Island, Ill., are: Lt. Colonel David E. Grindle, Metropolitan divisional commander; Chris Kolber, Chicago Advisory Board chair; Donald Peloquin, mayor of Blue Island; Commissioner Barry C. Swanson, then territorial commander; State Representative Monique Davis; Commissioner E. Sue Swanson, then territorial president of women’s ministries.
Serving the saints

by Major Claire Grainger

It was the first day of kettles last year—not too hot, not too cold—when an email arrived asking if my husband and I would be on a territorial global mission team to the Philippines in 2010. Would we? Absolutely! Seemingly in no time we were on our way to the other side of the world. Our seven-person team would provide support to the Dagupan Corps where damage had been sustained during the October 2009 typhoon season. After a brief stay in Manila, we were off to the Northern Luzon Division to meet Majors Alex and Joy Genaibe, divisional leaders. Alex put our trip into perspective—we had come to serve the saints.

The Genaibes modeled this servant leadership, working alongside us and corps members almost every day. Captains Danny and Marc Sampilo, corps officers, hospitably met our needs and encouraged our soldiers who spent hours painting, sanding and staining.

The Central Territory funded the repairs we were making, and with the exchange rate the money went much further. They were thrilled with a brand new file cabinet for music storage, though the battered and rusty one will probably be recycled somewhere. The chapel and outside walls were painted, pews stripped and re-stained, and water damaged ceilings replaced. We were able to supply materials for further repairs to bathrooms.

The home league prepared our food which was paid for through fundraising so the corps didn’t have to assume the cost. What a proud and passionate people. That’s the strongest memory I hold—their passion for life, family and faith. Their worship is an exciting, vibrant offering to the Lord. It’s hard to understand when you visit the homes around the corps. Some are mere lean-to’s against the wall of a sturdier house with no running water and bathrooms. Yet when Salvationists gather to worship, their uniforms are spotless, and they praise God for His presence and provision.

I have much to learn about contentment but my passion for supporting World Services/Self-Denial has been renewed. After all, we are supporting our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Kingdom living

by Lt. Colonel Heidi Bailey

In spite of changes in our world, or maybe because of them, it’s crucial to keep in mind unchanging Kingdom living principles that form and ground us as Salvationists.

As officers, changes of appointments give us an opportunity to step back and remember Kingdom living includes leaving. Although painful, the aspect of leaving one place in the Kingdom for another is an inevitable part of God’s plan and can be a good thing.

It reminds us we represent only the smallest fraction of an impressive plan known as God’s Kingdom on earth, in which every new prospect of ministry is an opportunity to allow God’s grace to work.

All our lives are based on simple Kingdom principles.

• We water seeds already planted, growing.
• We water seeds already planted, knowing that in them is the promise of a future.
• We lay foundations upon which others will build.

In all our places of ministry, it’s good to remember we cannot do everything, but we can do something—and do it well. As we accept the challenges that come with new ministries, we desire to remember the following:

1. Begin with passion and an open heart
2. Build significant relationships along the way
3. Live in the moment
4. Move on with no regrets
5. Look forward with anticipation

We were definitely enjoying living in the moment when we received word of our transfer from territorial headquarters in Santiago, Chile, to International Headquarters in London. Point #3 actually has several sub-points (as we learned in Homiletics 101!), so getting to point #4 takes time and prayer.

After the devastating 8.8 earthquake in Chile on February 27, and the delight of our grandson Micah’s birth in Chicago on March 1, we embraced point #4. We look back on our 17 months in the South America West Territory with grateful hearts for God’s faithfulness and goodness to us and His people there.

And now, we are living somewhere near point #5, preparing to go full circle again as we arrive in London, anticipating the new thing that God wants to do in us.

Who is Sally Ann?

by Sarah Kincaid

Sally Ann is the Salvation Army’s response to alleviating poverty through Fair Trade standards, the program aims to be economically viable and self-sustaining.

While there are two Sally Ann brick-and-mortar stores (one in Oslo, Norway, and the other in Stockholm, Sweden) the program is hoping to expand by opening more retail locations worldwide.

Sally Ann will be introduced to the Central Territory at this year’s Saved and Called Congress with a “pop-up” store within the Resource Connection venue. You can learn stories of individuals who produce the goods and have the opportunity to purchase merchandise to support them. Visit the “shop” and be part of this exciting and unique area of Salvation Army ministry!
Heroes of the Faith

These individuals were saluted at the Metropolitan Jubilee for their significant contributions. The awards were presented by divisional leaders Lt. Col. David and Sherry Grindle and territorial leaders Commissioners Barry C. and E. Sue Swanson.

Brigadier and Mrs. Gunnar (Esther) Erickson

The Ericksons are especially known for their noble leadership in 10 Scandinavian corps, winning countless souls to Christ and sending many young people to officer training. Once offered a headquarters appointment, they demurred, saying their calling was to preach the gospel and shepherd a flock. Taking to heart General Coult’s proclamation “there is no discharge in this war” they dedicated six months annually to conduct evangelistic campaigns across the U.S. and embarked on missionary excursions to Haiti after retirement.

Colonel Sallie Chesham

A gifted writer, poet and author, Sallie almost single-handedly—for she had limited support—and against great odds and amidst real danger led the Army back into the inner-city. During the tumultuous

Praying for the least of these

Community Care Ministries Sunday, June 6, 2010

Join with others on this special Sunday at your corps in prayer for those you serve and those who serve you.

Serving the most vulnerable

With the quiet humility William Booth must have intended, community care ministries in our territory continues to work with the “least of these” and to “serve the most vulnerable,” reflected Major Lorene Jennings, territorial community care ministries secretary.

“Working with this program doesn’t raise a lot of fanfare,” she said, “But I am excited about it and love the fact that it is expanding to serve people on a one-by-one basis.”

This is certainly the case in the Midlands Division, where Maj. Candy Curl, divisional community care ministries director, is overseeing a fledgling effort among four corps in the heart of inner-city St. Louis, Mo. With the help of a divisional grant, the Maplewood, Gateway Citadel, Temple and Euclid corps have begun an initiative to ensure children receive nutritious meals on the weekend. Aptly named the backpack food program, every week corps volunteers pack a sack full of ingredients for two solid evening meals with breakfast options and various snacks.

The program is designed to feed the children through the weekend and can develop into something the families and corps can do together—it creates unity.

“We are looking to connect the corps with community children and their parents,” said Candy. “We’re taking care of our kids and their families in the area, that’s community care.”

The Gateway Citadel’s program has been an answer to prayer. They are working closely with 30 families from three area grade schools. According to Corps Officer Major Ruth Fay, “Everyone is excited and relationships have begun. We believe we will see results as we create opportunities to be part of our programs and lead new beneficiaries to Christ.”

The Euclid Corps’ program is already receiving rave reviews. According to Major Janice Love, corps officer, the children love it and physical needs are being met. The Scott family, in particular, is incredibly grateful. Brain Scott said, “My mom cooked every weekend. We ate everything, and it was so good. Thank you.”

Buddhist families and accepted Christ while in a refugee camp in Thailand. Instinctive evangelists, their first converts were members of their own families. They have opened four Laotian corps, and under their ministry four other Laotian couples have become officers. They currently lead Rockford TABernacle.

Korean population on the city’s north side. For nearly 20 years the fast growing corps co-existed with the divisional headquarters, using its chapel for worship services. Finally, in 2007 a corps building was constructed, and today Mayfair is one of the largest corps in the U.S.—thanks to the Kims’ vision and leadership.

Brigadier and Mrs. William (Hannah) Evans

Captain and Mrs. William Evans bravely opened the Salvation Army’s work in Chicago in March 1885. In fact, the Evans opened over 100 corps in the U.S. Their early attempts were met with fierce resistance and violence, but they persevered. As a result, the Metropolitan Division is growing strong.
Guest

Philip Hannevik

John Philip Hannevik [better known as "Pip"] hails from Norway. A lifelong Salvationist, he has been working for the past 12 years as a full-time musician, conducting all types of ensembles at The Royal College of Music. He has written music for classical artists, brass bands, pop and contemporary singers and bands, as well as TV, and has served as bandmaster of the Norwegian Territorial Band and as producer for various Army concerts and recordings.

Philip says, "The most inspiring thing I do is meeting young people who are ready to start their adult lives. I have been to more than 30 music camps the last 15 years...I have met young people who have taught me how I should live and how I should focus. But I also try to be for them what my former leaders were for me: a person who cares, a person who listens, a person who tries to guide people to do what the Lord’s voice tells them to do. "I hope that CMI 2010 will be a life-changing experience for many people, both students and staff. I know the Lord has plans for the camp; it is our responsibility to act on His call. I am certainly looking forward to it all."

Radiothoner’s big signoff

In the last two decades the Dick Purtan Radiothon has raised more than $23 million to help The Salvation Army provide food and shelter through the Bed & Bread program in Metro Detroit. This year’s 16-hour event—Dick’s last since he’s retiring—raised more than $2 million.

"The success of this year’s radiothon is truly a tribute to Dick Purtan’s legacy of commitment and compassion," said Major John Turner, Eastern Michigan general secretary.

Hourly guest callers included celebrities who encouraged listeners to donate. Actor Tim Allen pledged $15,000, and singer Bob Seger pledged $20,000.

One highlight came in the 6:00 p.m. hour when Ray Nicholson, a philanthropist from North Oakland County whose family is longtime friends with the Purtans, announced a $55,000 matching gift to fund a new Bed & Bread truck, as well as to staff and stock it for one year. Phones rang off the hook.

In the 8:00 p.m. hour, Dick and his wife, Gail, pledged a matching donation of $50,000 to purchase another Bed & Bread truck to be named for legends Doc Anderson and Gene Taylor. That hour raised more than $370,000.

Two other exciting donations capped off the final hour. Richard Genthe of Dick Genthe Chevrolet, who in the mid-’90s was the first businessman to issue a matching challenge during a Purtan Radiothon, issued a final $10,000 matching challenge. Matching funds were raised in just half an hour. Then Garden Fresh Gourmet Founder Jack Aronson presented a $100,000 donation, which included profits from the sale of the company’s Purtan’s Special Mango Peach Salsa. Jack and his wife, Annette, also pledged a personal $20,000 matching donation.

My Prayer List

Day | Bible Reading | Pray for The Salvation Army
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1 Tuesday | Jeremiah 47-52 | Adrian, Mich., Corps
2 Wednesday | Luke 7:8 | Chicago (Central), IL, ARC*
3 Thursday | Galatians 1-3 | Lt. Col. Stephen & Eileen (England)
4 Friday | Exodus 27-40 | Bloomington, IL, Corps
5 Saturday | 1 Kings 5-9 | Anderson, Ind., Corps
6 Sunday | Psalms 66-68 | Arkansas City, Kan., Corps
7 Monday | Proverbs 2-3 | Aurora, Ill., Corps
8 Tuesday | Lamentations | Austria (Switzerland and Hungary) Territory PIM
9 Wednesday | Luke 9-10 | Altus, N., Corps
10 Thursday | Galatians 4-6 | Albert Lea, Minn., Corps
11 Friday | Leviticus 1-3 | Abderdeen, S.D., Corps
12 Saturday | 1 Kings 10-13 | General Shaw & Commissioner Helen Clifton
13 Sunday | Psalms 69-71 | Prayer Warriors Session (New Lieutenants)
14 Monday | Proverbs 4 | Alma, Mich., Corps
15 Tuesday | Ezekiel 1-6 | Beloit, Wisc., Corps
16 Wednesday | Luke 11-12 | Eastern Michigan DHQ**
17 Thursday | Ephesians 1-3 | Alpena, Mich., Corps
18 Friday | Leviticus 4-6 | Burlington, Iowa, Corps
19 Saturday | 1 Kings 14-18 | Bedford, Ind., Corps
20 Sunday | Psalms 72-74 | Dodge City, Kan., Corps
21 Monday | Proverbs 9-6 | Beatrice, Neb., Corps
22 Tuesday | Ezekiel 7-12 | Arnold, Mo., Corps
23 Wednesday | Luke 13-14 | Austin, Minn., Corps
24 Thursday | Ephesians 4-6 | Beatrice, Neb., Corps
25 Friday | Leviticus 7-9 | Battle Creek, Mich., Corps
26 Saturday | 1 Kings 19-22 | Eau Claire, Wis., Corps
27 Sunday | Psalms 75-77 | Captains Jeffrey & Valerie Carr (Spain)
28 Monday | Proverbs 7 | Chicago (North Side), IL, ARC
29 Tuesday | Ezekiel 13-18 | Ann Arbor, Mich., Corps
30 Wednesday | Luke 15-16 | Canton, N., Corps

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

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WHICH GROUP MEETING ARE YOU ATTENDING?

**SMALL GROUP**

**MEDIUM GROUP**

**FAIRLY BIG GROUP**

**REALLY LARGE, BUT NOT HUMONGOUS GROUP**

Central Music Institute

August 12 – 22, 2010

Camp Wonderland

Guest

Philip Hannevik
“Ah ha!” moments in Greece and Turkey

by Patricia Kukuc

As Commissioner E. Sue Swanson bid farewell to the 28 Salvationists who journeyed to Greece and Turkey on the 2010 Biblical Education Tour, she encouraged us to treasure the “ah ha!” moments—those special times God speaks to us through a place or a shared experience.

Throughout our travels God provided many special “ah ha!” moments. One occurred at Mars Hill in Athens. At the foot of the Acropolis, the remnants of temples dedicated to various gods still can be seen from atop Mars Hill, giving visual impact to Paul’s proclamation of the living God. (Acts 17:16-34)

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Promoted to Glory

Major Janet Endres

Major Janet Endres was promoted to Glory on February 16, 2010, from Onalaska, Wis. She was 82 years old.

Janet was born in 1928 in St. Petersburg, Fla., to James and Hazel Endres. A move up north to Wisconsin brought her in contact with the Army in La Crosse. A career in the restaurant industry left her unfilled, and feeling the call to officership, she entered training and was commissioned in 1959.

Janet served in many corps appointments in Michigan before an appointment to the College for Officer Training in 1973. A concerned daughter, in 1978 she received a temporary transfer to the Southern Territory to take care of her mother, ministering there as the director of a senior citizen’s program. A year later she was called back to the Central Territory.

She retired in 1988 from the Metropolitan Divisional Headquarters and moved back to La Crosse, Wis. She continued to nurture many beloved nieces and nephews as well as four special friends and caretakers.

Steven and Diane Cleveland and Majors Ed and Marge Jarvis.

Mrs. Major Alma Spencer

Mrs. Major Alma Spencer was promoted to Glory on February 11, 2010. She was 87 years old.

Alma Leola Berreth was born in June 1922 to Emma and Gustav Berreth in South Dakota, as one of six children. She was employed in the office at The Salvation Army in Sioux City, S.D., where she became a candidate. She was commissioned in 1948.

As a single officer Alma served in two corps appointments in Nebraska. After marriage Majors Alma and Harry Spencer served in various corps throughout the north-west. Later they ministered at Western Divisional Headquarters.

After their 1985 retirement, Alma served faithfully in community care ministries, receiving an award for over 50 years of service.

Alma is remembered for her effective office skills, love for older adults and her Christian witness.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Louis, and sister, Dorothy. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, her brother, Rudy and sisters, Frieda Menkins and La Verne Madock; and many nieces and nephews.

Inspiring youth!

Julianna Dobney (left) and Shelby Baker (left), soldiers at the Port Huron, Mich., Corps, have graduated from the corps cadet program, a five-year course of Christian education, leadership training and community volunteerism. Julianna attends Saint Clair County Community College and is a member of the college softball team. Shelby is a senior at Port Huron High School and is a member of the Big Red Marching Machine along with the varsity softball and golf teams. For their outstanding efforts both received a $500 college scholarship and were awarded a certificate signed by Commissioner Barry C. Swanson, then territorial commander.

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