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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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Chicago Kroc Center honored

The Chicago Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center has been awarded the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Award for Outstanding Non-Profit Neighborhood Real Estate Project. The award was presented at the 22nd Annual Chicago Neighborhood Development Awards Ceremony which was attended by 1,500 people. Majors David and Darlene Harvey, Chicago Kroc Center officers, and



Metropolitan divisional leaders Lt. Colonels Charles and Sharon Smith, along with several others, accepted the award on behalf of the center.

"The Kroc Center has received several awards in the last few years, but this one is the first from the City of Chicago showing their appreciation and respect for this great investment that The Salvation Army has made. Programs continue to grow, crime continues to drop in our community and people, young and old, continue to find the miracle of salvation at the mercy seat, camps and in the classrooms. Our faith continues to grow as we see God bring change to a community that others had given up hope," said Major David Harvey, senior Chicago Kroc Center officer.

As an example of the Kroc Center's life-changing ministry, Reno Miller shared how he began attending Kroc activities as a sixth grader and eventually became a staff member. Reno

is currently a fitness center attendant helping young people improve their health while inviting them to other programs that will enhance their spiritual life.

"The Kroc Center is not just a real estate project, but people who are making a difference through this fantastic facility. It is a safe place to hang out and be listened to while

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Receiving the award are (l to r): Leonard Johnson, Metropolitan divisional director of foundation relations; Lt. Colonels Charles and Sharon Smith, Metropolitan divisional leaders; Reno Miller, Chicago Kroc Center employee; Cedric Banks, Chicago Kroc Center director of operations; Jeanette Ruby, Metropolitan Division assistant director of development, and Majors Darlene and David Harvey, Chicago Kroc Center officer for program and youth development and senior Chicago Kroc Center officer.

Recovery in Japan continues

Helping communities rebuild and individuals regain livelihoods, The Salvation Army is continuing its long-term recovery efforts more than five years after Japan was struck by one of the most powerful earthquakes on record.

Within minutes of the March 2011 earthquake, a tsunami swept away entire towns along Japan's eastern coast, killing more than 15,000 people and leaving over 500,000 homeless. Salvation Army corps throughout the region opened their doors to provide food and shelter to survivors. Within days international Salvation Army emergency responders were on the ground to provide relief. Food, blankets, mattresses and heaters were distributed, while hot meals and words of comfort were shared with survivors from mobile canteens.

Among the responders was Central Territory officer Captain Christopher Marques who had arrived in Japan

just weeks before to serve as assistant to the territorial youth secretary. Over the course of the relief effort, Kevin Ellers, Central territorial disaster services coordinator, visited Japan twice to teach Emotional and Spiritual Care (ESC) courses to those who would then train others. Subsequently, ESC courses were adapted and translated into Japanese and have been taught many times over the proceeding years.

Known in Japan as *Kyuu-Sei-Gun* ("Save World Army"), The Salvation Army has impacted numerous communities through its construction and economic recovery efforts funded by SAWSO (Salvation Army World Service Office). Along with efforts to rebuild communities, The Salvation Army has been ensuring the needs of the most vulnerable, including children, the intellectually disabled and the elderly, are being met.

Onagawa, a fishing village swept away by the tsunami, received boats,

machinery, forklifts and other equipment to revive its primary industry and the livelihoods of its fishermen. The Salvation Army also constructed a shopping center called *Kibou-no-kane* ("Bell of Hope") to encourage business owners to stay in the com-

munity and to provide a central gathering place for residents struggling to resume a normal way of life.

In Minamisanriku, The Salvation Army funded the building of 50

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At one time lines of survivors seeking food parcels stretched for blocks outside this corps.

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Where's your heart?

by Lt. Colonel Paul Smith
Territorial Secretary for Program

I have a confession to make. I like to check out what people place in their bookcases. The books and knick-knacks we place on our shelves say a lot about what we find important.

If you look at my bookcases, you'll see most of my books fall

into two categories. In the first group are books which I find helpful in my Bible study and sermon preparation. I also have gathered a significant number of books on leadership. My knick-knacks? A number of coffee mugs which represent where I've lived, my travels and most of all my love of a good cup of coffee! Together, these objects show I value God's Word, learning, coffee and the fellowship which surrounds it.



As much as I appreciate a good book and a great cup of coffee, I realize these items will not last. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told those listening not to invest in what will wear out or can be stolen but that which lasts forever. Actually He said, "not to gather treasure on earth...but treasure in heaven" (Matt 6:19-20). Jesus followed with (vs. 21) "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." So, what we choose to invest in reveals our values and priorities—our heart.

What is the Central Territory intentionally investing in? Let me share three things which reveal what is important to us.

We provided Bibles to those who committed to the *Boundless...the*

Whole World Reading challenge last year. This shows we value God's Word and how it changes us as we study it.

We continue to implement the Pathway of Hope initiative. I've been blessed to see families transformed as we work with them to break free from intergenerational poverty. We value healthy families and believe change is possible.

We invest in developing people spiritually and as leaders through high quality events such as Central Bible Leadership Institute (CBLI), Central Music Institute (CMI), Refuel and Regeneration and ongoing programs such as the Good Soil Initiative and Ministry Discovery internship program. We want to help people grow in their love for the Lord and then share that transforming love through service.

Looking at your life, where are you investing your time, gifts and talents? What does it say about what you value?



PATHWAY OF HOPE

Recognizing excellence

The Flint Citadel, Mich., Corps is the first recipient of the Pathway of Hope (POH) Outstanding Corps Award, which is offered annually to five corps that earned POH achievement awards in the fiscal year.

The outstanding corps award requires at least one sustainable service addressing POH families' needs and receive divisional recognition for excellence in team and community work. Captains Caleb and Stephanie Senn, Flint Citadel corps officers, are proud to report they have such a team!

"Our key players include POH case worker Gloria Watson, lead case worker Yvonne Davis and William Goodwill, our business manager who oversees social services," said Captain Caleb.

Officers and staff diligently work together to make POH a priority. In addition to its wide array of community and agency partnerships, the corps added a new transportation element with free passes from the Flint mass transit authority and a small fund for incidental costs.

Since March 2013 the corps has served 27 POH families and is currently working with six families.

In her efforts to instill the necessary hope for change in her POH clients, Gloria Watson often shares her own story.

"I reiterate the importance and power of faith in solving difficult problems," she said. "I feel clients are motivated by the constant reminder I take a personal interest in their lives,



(L-r) Captain Caleb Senn, Flint Citadel corps officer; Gloria Watson, POH caseworker, Lt. Colonel John Turner, Eastern Michigan divisional commander

and they're important to me."

Linda Brinker, territorial POH project manager, said, "Flint Citadel has demonstrated a strong team approach in addressing the needs of their clients. They meet weekly to discuss the status of their families and support each other in the effort to address their emergent and long-term goals. Ultimately, this has led to strong individual family outcomes including positive movement toward stability and sufficiency. I applaud their focus on Pathway of Hope and look forward to offering this opportunity to other sites across the territory over the next year!"

The territory debuted the awards last year to recognize excellence in POH services and enhance POH operations with financial awards (\$1,500 for achievement, \$5,000 for outstanding). The Flint Corps plans to use its award to assist clients and has applied for grants from other sources to hopefully expand its capacity to address the great need in its community for POH.

Chicago Kroc

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giving so many experiences that we couldn't imagine doing on the south side of Chicago," said Reno.

He continued, "At my school and the Kroc Center, they taught me to golf, play a cornet and drums, swim, archery, all while teaching me to be a teenager with character and faith in a violent neighborhood. I have never known people who were willing to be a father to me and others like The Salvation Army does. The Salvation Army Kroc Center has changed my life, kept me out of harm's way and helped me in school. This year I became a staff member at the Kroc Center so I could help other kids like me needing hope for a future."

Opened in June 2012, the Chicago Kroc Center is used by approximately 1,500 people daily. The 160,000-square-foot facility sits on a 33-acre campus and offers 150 different programs and services.

The LEED-certified building has four gyms, a competition pool and indoor water park, a 600-seat theater, computer labs, banquet halls, a fitness center and indoor running track.

Outside there are baseball, softball and football/soccer fields, a 400-



meter/eight lane track and a traditional playground.

The center employs 300 full and part-time employees, making a tremendous economic impact in the West Pullman neighborhood and has provided what's termed a "halo effect" on nearby residential and commercial investments.



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Mission: Literacy just the tool for summer

As summer approaches consider using Mission: Literacy, a Bible-based reading curriculum, during your summer day camps or other youth activities. Currently implemented in all 10 divisions, it's a wonderful way to share the love of God and help youth in your corps improve their reading skills!

At the Green Bay, Wis., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center, they're incorporating the curriculum in their 10-week summer day camp after trying it last summer and loving it.

"Not only do they learn, but it hits those developmental assets we're trying to reach—both building relationships and fostering communication," said Jenna Gerlach, Green Bay, Wis., Kroc youth development supervisor.

Not only is the curriculum easy to use, but it's effective.

"Mission: Literacy has an 86 percent success rate," said Major Jan Hendrickson, Mission: Literacy coordinator for the Central Territory. "I believe the materials are effective because they are written so a volunteer tutor or staff person does not have to have a teaching degree to help a student learn to read, speak, write and listen to the English language."

Major Angie Pennington, Lincoln, Neb., Corps officer can attest to the impact. When she initiated the program five years ago, the corps was

on the brink of losing additional youth funding from the United Way if it couldn't show increased comprehension from children in the corps' after-school program. The initial pre-test assessment in Mission: Literacy was eye-opening. Most of the students scored far below their age-appropriate reading level.



Echo displays her latest book in Fergus Falls.

"After our post assessment, every child had a huge jump in reading comprehension," said the major. Not only were the children more confident, their teachers noticed a difference, and the next year the school district showed a dramatic improvement in literacy scores.

Perhaps the greatest benefit to using Mission: Literacy is the opportunity to share the gospel through reading. In the last year 115 children have accepted Christ.

One brother



Mission: Literacy pupils participate in a group activity in Lincoln, Neb.



Day camper Austin makes a clay animal as part of his lesson in Green Bay.

and sister who came to the Fergus Falls, Minn., Corps' afterschool program weren't allowed to bring home Bibles. However, seeing improvement in their children's reading ability, the parents allowed them to continue to attend.

"I started praying for this family," said Lynne Verhaagh, Fergus Falls corps community relations and youth director. "The children kept learning

about God and Jesus, and I reached out regularly to their mom."

Three years later the children are attending additional corps activities, Bibles are allowed in the house and their mother has shared with Lynne that she's started praying.

In addition to summer camps and afterschool programs, some corps have incorporated Mission: Literacy into weekly character-building activities.

Seeing how some teenagers struggle with reading and writing, Major Christie Van Zee, Warren, Mich., Corps officer, wanted to try to address needs earlier for the youth in her corps. She now coordinates one-on-one tutoring for 10 students with volunteers using the Mission: Literacy curriculum on Tuesday night before youth activities.

"It's such a great program," said Major Christie. "There is so little investment for what you get out of it."

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Major Kevin Van Zee helps a student.

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temporary stores after the town's commercial center was destroyed, creating 150 jobs for construction workers, shop owners and their employees as well as providing a place for community socialization and relaxation.

In the isolated city of Kesennuma, where commercial fishing and related industries accounted for 85 per-



During the initial relief, survivors picked up prepackaged meals and drank hot miso soup.

cent of its jobs, The Salvation Army provided trucks and equipment. Similar efforts were made in other hard-hit coastal towns.

More recent SAWSO-funded projects include a *Megumi* ("Restoring Beauty") program offering education, employment skills and emotional health support for women; after-school English-language classes; growth and learning opportunities for intellectually disabled children, as well as emotional support and learning opportunities for older adults.

And in Onagawa, where few extracurricular activities are provided for school children, funds are supporting the renovation of classrooms, administrative costs, after-school programs and transportation to provide students with safe places to study and play and to improve their school performance and emotional outlooks.



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Supporting missions royally

With an eye not only on the needs of its community but the world, the Royal Oak Citadel, Mich., Corps has a long tradition of supporting World Services/Self-Denial.

"We have an enthusiastic World Services committee that makes it a priority to support fundraising events as well as to promote awareness about the Army's work around the world," said Captain Catherine Mount, corps officer with her husband, Captain Peter.

Annual fundraising events backed by the more than 200 members of the corps include sales of homemade

meat pasties, a silent and live auction hosted by a guest celebrity, and self-denial campaigns that focus awareness with monthly updates during the holiness meeting. Last year the sale of more than 2,200 pasties raised \$11,409, while the auction of more than 100 items donated from local businesses, craftsmen and professionals drew bids totaling \$8,496 from the crowd of nearly 250.

Other fundraising events for World Services have included a "Kids Worship" campaign in which young people raise funds, sales of athletic shirts, and volunteers ringing bells on "World Hunger Day." For several years members also supported short-



Back row (l-r): Melanie Mowers, Devin Gallop, Alex Paguibitan, Captain Peter Mount, Larson and Todd Miesch; front row (l-r), Harper and Greyson Miesch, Jacob Mount



term mission trips from the corps to the Bahamas, but fundraising for the corps trip on top of the annual World Services goal became a challenge.

"With that in mind, we always

encourage our soldiers to pursue territorial global mission team opportunities when they arise so our congregation can have a connection to service around the world," said Captain Catherine.

The corps has several veterans of territorial summer mission teams and global mission teams, as well as longer terms of service overseas. In fact, six corps members—some of whom have sports ministry experience—will be part of the global mission team that will be conducting outreach ministries at corps around Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, during the 2016 Summer Olympics this August!

"While we're sending a handful of representatives from our corps to serve, the entire congregation will have the opportunity to participate by ministering through prayer," the captain concluded.



Summer Mission Teams announced

This summer there will be five young adult teams. The Central and Creative Arts Service Team (CAST) will minister throughout our territory, and three teams will serve abroad in Hungary, Kenya and Mexico.

The 31 team members represent nine divisions and the territory's great diversity. In addition, the CAST team will include a Salvationist teammate from the Philippines. A fourth of the members bring previous summer mission team experience to this year's endeavors. Interestingly, it will be the third time a Central SMT has served in Kenya and the fifth time one has served in Hungary which fosters the partnerships between our

territories.

Michelle Winters, who will lead the Hungary team this summer, said, "On the 2012 mission trip to Hungary, I really fell in love with the people, culture and, of course, the food! It will be exciting, and yet humbling, to be able to see old friends, meet new friends and see how God has moved in and through his people over the years. How exciting it is to be able to take another team back to experience this country!"

Pray the teams will be effective in ministry and the members will grow deeper in their own faith this summer.

Mexico

Greg Hurula*	Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps
Makayla Broer	Indianapolis Eagle Creek, Ind., Corps
Shannon Cabrera	Wichita Citadel, Kan., Corps
Kimberly DeSantiago	East Chicago, Ind., Corps
Jose Lopez Morales	Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps
Johanna Sveden	Crystal Lake, Ill., Corps

Hungary

Michelle Winters*	Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps
Caitlin Balliet	Oak Creek Centennial, Wis., Corps
Kayla Bohannon	Warren, Mich., Corps
Summer Koehler	Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps
Andrew Mahone	Sterling Rock Falls, Ill., Corps
Stephen Richardson	St. Louis Temple, Mo., Corps

CAST (Creative Arts Service Team)

Sandra Cabrera*	Wichita Citadel, Kan., Corps
Brianna Kruse	Duluth, Minn., Corps
Mikal Mathews	Arnold, Mo., Corps
Keziah Selma	Tacloban, Philippines
Edward Vere	Des Plaines, Ill., Corps
Jacob Wise	Holland, Mich., Corps

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Sara Ruthberg*	Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps
Jessica Butler	Bloomington, Ill., Corps
DJ Crosby	Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps
Corrina DeLacy	Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps
Victoria O'Neil	St. Louis Gateway Citadel, Mo., Corps
Kaleigh Wise	Holland, Mich., Corps

Kenya

Amanda Tregellas*	Oak Creek Centennial, Wis., Corps
Keyarah Banks	Port Huron, Mich., Corps
Heidi Hurula	Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps
Rachel Minter	Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps
Briana Staggers	Chicago Temple, Ill., Corps
Geron Williams	Evanston, Ill., Corps
Matthew Winters	Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps

* = Team Leader

Reflections on Lativa

by Captain Melissa Shiels

There are many things my family is reflecting on and praising God for these days. Our ministry as a family within The Salvation Army continues to be unpredictable, challenging and life-changing.

If I would have known, getting on a plane 18 months ago that our ministry in Latvia would be cut short, I don't think we would have gone. But we would have missed out on blessings and spiritual growth. In these moments I'm thankful God doesn't share all that lies ahead of us or what will be involved in our ministry.

Our ministry in Latvia was challenging, just like any other appointment. Our ministry in Latvia was amazing and God-filled, just like any other appointment. Living in another culture, even for just a year and a half, changes you. So, we return to the U.S. with a broadened worldview, a broadened sense of how other people view God, and a broadened sense of what we are capable of accomplish-



ing with the help of the Holy Spirit.

We return to the U.S. to a culture of big appliances, big stores, many more choices and opportunities. We return to await a new appointment, a new ministry, a new set of challenges and many joys. The people of Latvia showed us grace and mercy, love and acceptance, challenging situations and opportunities to grow in our own spiritual walks. We can't wait to share all of these things and more with the people we will encounter in our next ministry here in the U.S.



Corps spans the world

"It's amazing how many cultures we have represented in our corps," said Captain Nivia Paredes, Waukegan, Ill., corps officer with her husband, Captain Daniel.

Starting with the captains, who are natives of Venezuela, the diversity extends to a myriad of ethnicities and cultures that swirl not only within this outreach-driven corps but in the community surrounding it.

"A variety of countries are represented in our wonderful people who are very interested in proclaiming the salvation Jesus brings," Captain Nivia continued. Citing Psalm 133 on how good it is when God's people live together in unity, she added, "For that reason, God gave this corps many different cultures so we can display His unity to others!"

In a recent celebration of their diversity, corps members—from long-time soldiers to new attendees—brought in tasty dishes to share as well as cultural artifacts and native clothing to display. Among the treats were Haitian pasties, Israeli noodle kugel, Mexican tacos, German bratwurst and sour kraut, Venezuelan arepas, Irish stew, Belize garnaches, Italian flan, Columbian rice and African-American soul food.

In the year since the Paredeses have been at the corps, which averages 50 people on a Sunday morning, they've launched several ministry groups for Spanish-speakers, including a Bible



study, prayer group, women's ministries and a Sunday school class for this fast-growing population within the city. During the English-language worship meetings, Captain Nivia prays in Spanish while Captain Daniel translates, and sometimes a song verse or chorus is sung in Spanish.

"Our people are very open minded about our cultures and interact very well together," said Captain Nivia, adding that English-as-a-second-language classes also have been added to the corps' program roster.

Additionally, the Paredeses are in the process of forming a band for the corps, as well as making plans to celebrate the corps' 125th anniversary this October among other annual outreach events.

Tour brings Bible into focus

by Captain Mary Kim

On our first night of the Biblical Education Tour in Tel Aviv, our fantastic guide Hana said the Holy Land tour would be unlike any other vacation we'd ever had. She was right! We hit the ground running—literally—to keep up with her!

But one of her phrases really brought our experiential Bible learning into focus: the topography of the land determines the roads that dictate the battles which decide its history. We now have a clearer understanding of the Bible because we walked, saw, heard, smelled, felt and tasted what is written in it. As with genealogies in the Bible, I used to glance over phrases like "Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi" (Matthew 16:13) or "Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee" (John 6:1). I can never do that again.

We had our vacation moments, too. We enjoyed a lazy boat ride listening to testimonies on the Sea of

Galilee, strolled in beautiful Tel Dan where we had a vivid lesson on the fig tree, and experienced our own *mikvah* (personal cleansing ritual) at the Jordan River. We had adventures in Hezekiah's Tunnels both dry and wet and a calm cable car ride—or intense Snake Path hike—at Masada. We relaxed by the fresh-water spring and waterfalls at En Gedi, made mud masks and floated in the Dead Sea, and dug in the dirt and found pottery and bones at the Maresha archaeological site.

As we overlooked the Sea of Galilee from the gentle slope of the Mount of Beatitudes, Major Bob Fay talked about purity and single focus. This was Jesus' heart at the Garden of Gethsemane where we had our Sunday worship service, and it was indeed His pure heart at the Garden Tomb where He arose as our triumphant Savior. It says so on the empty tomb: "He is not here—for He is risen!" May we also daily follow the Father's will.



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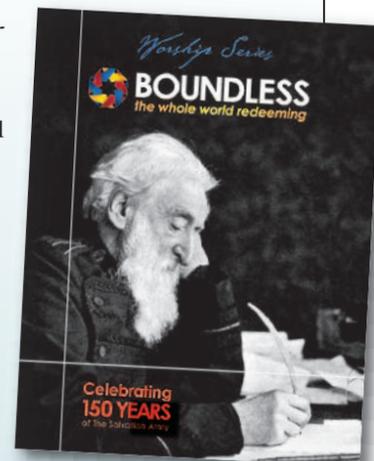
New worship series released

Corps throughout the territory will be interested in the latest worship series by the territorial music and gospel arts department that is being released this month. The new series builds on the momentum generated by the Army's 150th anniversary, celebrated last year at the International Congress, Boundless...the Whole World Redeeming.

Using this theme and based on Commissioner John D. Waldron's book that explores the Founder's song, "O Boundless Salvation," the seven-week series prominently incorporates the new Salvation Army Song Book. Each week represents a deeper dive into a verse of the song, giving fresh insight into the Founder's mission and our faith today.

Utilizing components like responsive readings, video clips, drama, sermon resources and a wide range of song choices, the worship series easily can be customized for corps of any size and location.

The department hopes that by releasing the series this spring, corps will have ample time to prepare for its use in the fall with the beginning of the new programming year.



Mayfair's music is on a

by Jackie Rachev

Music has always been a part of The Salvation Army, but for few corps does it play so central a role as it does at the Chicago Mayfair Community Church (Corps), led by Majors Ho Yoon and Kehyoung Chang. With hundreds of children and adults attending classes every week, a traveling music troupe, senior and junior bands, songsters and five praise teams and a vision that extends far beyond their corps and community, Mayfair's music ministry is on a mission to change lives and glorify God.

For a decade Mayfair has provided numerous options for those interested in learning music, and today more than 300 students, ranging in age from 4 to 87, attend classes each week.

"We have over time developed classes and programs for all age groups and their needs," said Peter Kim, Mayfair corps music director. "Music is definitely for all ages."

During the week, adults can take guitar, harmonica, piano, drum, brass and woodwind lessons. Yun Ae Jang, 66, and Seong Yon Yim, 67, are first-time students in Mayfair's beginner harmonica class. In addition to developing

their abilities and enjoying each other's company, Yun and Seong cite health benefits to playing the harmonica. "The controlled breathing helps me increase my lung function and keeps me healthy," said Seong.

With more experience they can join the Seraphim Harmonica Ensemble, formed by Joyce P. Lee, 83, and Sok Eun Yu, 85, which practices at the corps weekly and then performs throughout the community. For the past 10 years they've played each month for children and young adults with disabilities.

"I enjoy our visits with the children and other groups because in a small way, I'm helping. We're bringing joy and love," said Lee. "I may be old, but I can still do things and help someone."

Joyce and Sok are also part of the Evergreen Ensemble, a guitar-centered performance group. All Mayfair senior music ensembles perform in the community and frequently visit hospitals, long-term care facilities and senior residences.



Peter Kim works with young trombonists.

After school and on the weekends, Mayfair turns its attention to bringing music to the community, especially those who may not be able to afford a quality music education. The Saturday Music School is the most popular program for children. For three hours children learn basic music theories and then apply them while exploring different types of instruments and music.

Robert Faican, 9, takes lessons at Mayfair's Music School. "Robert has done really well with the music program," said his father, Edison. "He enjoys the classes and music keeps him calm and helps him remember important things." Robert is excelling, taking piano and brass lessons not only at the Saturday Music School but also through The Salvation Army's music program at his school.

Building on the unbridled success of the Saturday music program, Mayfair launched a partnership in 2012 with the Allesandro Volta Elementary School. Students in the program meet several days a week after school and on Saturday mornings for instruction in brass, woodwinds, keyboard and drums. All instruments and instruction are provided by The Salvation Army. The program has been well received by parents and Principal Ted Johnson, who believes it has contributed to the school's improved test scores.

"There is plenty of research showing that music contributes to intellectual development and academic achievement," said Johnson. "I looked into offering a music pro-



Sok Eun Yu and Joyce P. Lee

gram here several years ago, and I know what it takes to accomplish it. Without the Army, these children would never have this type of access or opportunity."

On Sundays the Mayfair Corps is filled with music as the senior brass band (led by Peter Kim), songsters (led by Tylor Lee) and praise teams (led by John Kim) rehearse and then participate in the Korean-language worship services.

Hae Yoon first attended the corps with a friend and became a soldier after she and her son were warmly welcomed. Five years ago, she joined the band which she says has brought her closer to God. "We start each rehearsal with a prayer, and we all encourage each other in our journeys." She hopes the band's music has a similar effect on others. "We're not just playing music," she said. "We're bringing people closer to Jesus. It's a ministry."

In addition to the Korean-language services, Mayfair incorporates one of five praise teams during its English-language worship service. Esther Hong, who has played the keyboards for a praise team since 2000, said, "When we started there was nobody. It was just [English ministry] Pastor John [Kim] playing the guitar." The praise teams now include guitar, bass guitar, keyboards, drums and vocals.



Cornetist Hae Yoon



Seon Jeon, first place guitar winner in *Bravo!* at the 2014 Territorial Festival of Worship Arts.



The songsters at the 2014 Cadets' Welcome with General André and Commissioner Silvia Cox.

mission



Paul Kim works with students on xylophone.

Since 2007 the corps' senior band has been holding music schools at the Windsor Lodge Children's Home in Jamaica. It began as a tithing on their musical talents before embarking on a tour of Korea in 2008 that coincided with the Korea Territory's Centennial. Nearly every year 10 to 12 bandmen participate, donating not only their time and talent but the instruments they take. Windsor Lodge now has a small ensemble that plays at the home and functions in the area. While music is the main focus, depending on the season of the mission trip, bandmen also hold a vacation Bible school (summer) or take on a construction project (winter) like building the lodge's chapel. Each year they take items, such as screens and projectors, to enhance worship in the chapel and have donated drums, guitars and music for a praise team.

Closer to home the Mayfair band shares its resources with nearly a dozen members joining the faculty each summer of the Metropolitan Divisional Music Camp, which is attended by 30-40 of the corps youth. At the territorial level, the current Chicago Staff Band roster counts four of its members—Jeffery Kim, Rachel Kim, Sang Kim and David Yim—from Mayfair.



David Yim, Mayfair soldier and Chicago Staff Band trombonist, with children at Windsor Lodge in Jamaica.

the first compliment I remember," Allen said. "I think of that all the time."

He became consumed by music and each day rushed home from school to complete his homework and spend the evening practicing and writing music. "I would go to school tired because I wanted to work on my music all night." Allen's grades improved, and he made friends. By the time he entered sixth grade, he knew he would do something in music as an adult.

Allen said the Salvation Army music program saved his life. "I can confidently say that without music, I wouldn't be alive today." Dealing with an unstable home environment and bullying had left him feeling suicidal, but the support he received at Mayfair gave him confidence to complete high school and pursue a music education degree at

Northeastern Illinois University. Today, he is a dedicated faculty member of the Mayfair Music School and teaches the corps' pre-junior band (first and second grades). "I want kids who may be in similar situations to have courage. Music may be their way out." Allen is one of four people who either is pursuing a music education degree or has become a music teacher because of Mayfair's music program.

As the Mayfair Music School celebrates its 10th anniversary, Peter Kim reflects on its success and the number of lives touched through music. "It is only through the grace of God that this program has been sustained and reinforced," he said. "The heart and vision to touch those in need and take action on that vision has made the program what it is today."



Praise team member Esther Hong

Indeed, whether in its corps or community, the division, territory or around the world, the Mayfair music program has had a tremendous influence for God's Kingdom.

It has changed lives of many like senior soldier Allen Park, who was looking for acceptance when he came to the corps as a youth, joined Mayfair's Music School and started playing alto sax. His instructor told him he had a great sound. "I'll never forget that. It was



Allen Park found his calling through Mayfair's music program.



The Mayfair Band during their tour of Korea during that territory's centennial celebration.

Newly accepted candidates

Robert and Kristen Key
Olathe, Kan., Corps
Kansas and Western Missouri Division



I grew up the son of officers and was saved at an early age but wasn't called to ministry until college. Growing up, Kristen knew of Jesus but had never read the Bible or understood what being saved meant. She was saved in 2004 while we were dating and heard the call to officership about two years ago. We left The Salvation Army in 2006 and spent about seven years actively participating in another church but always felt as though something was missing.

In early 2014 we both started to feel God pull us back to the Army. While at a wedding I brought up the idea of going back, and Kristen agreed. Walking through the doors of the Olathe Corps felt like coming home, and we knew it was where we were supposed to be. We also knew God wanted us to



be officers. In August 2015 Kristen became an intern at the Independence, Mo., Corps, while I started teaching second grade in the Kansas City, Mo., area. Now we are excited to attend officer training and see where God takes us.

Robert and Kristen's corps officers are Majors Mark and Teri Martsolf.

Scott and Jennifer Ruse
Wichita Citadel, Kan., Corps
Kansas and Western Missouri Division

Jennifer is from a family who seldom attends church, while I come from the home of a Baptist preacher and received Christ when I was 5. I had to take a truck driving job about eight years into our marriage, and the separation was destroying us. Jennifer sought support and comfort in my parents, who shared the gospel with her and led her to Christ. The trucking job failed quickly, and I came back home to a local position.



Struggle becomes strength

It was at the height of the Polio epidemic in 1952 when Major Deborah Gugala was born.

Infected with the disease, she spent her first two years of life in an iron lung. Her mother, with two older children and another on the way, couldn't possibly spend every day at the hospital.

"An elderly black lady arrived at the hospital one day and told the nursing staff, 'I don't know why I'm here, but God told me there is a baby who needs me,'" Major

Deborah said. The staff thought of Deborah and asked the woman to sit with the eight pound infant enveloped in iron, which she did—rocking, singing, talking and nurturing her—every day for two years.

"One day my mother came by the hospital, and the iron lung was empty. I'd been weaned off, and my family never saw or heard from my caretaker again," the major said. "I've outlived many of my infected peers and attribute this to nurturing early on."

Deborah was completely paralyzed when she came home, so her father built toys that encouraged her to exercise and build strength. Little by little, her braces and crutches came off. By the time Deborah was 16, she had learned to walk. She also came to know the Lord as a teenager. Although life could be hard, her family's attitude and practical action built in her a strong will and determination.



Majors Gary and Deborah Gugala (right) with sons Simon and Jonathan, son-in-law John (Aho) and daughter Betsy

Being avid motorcyclists, we went to a motorcycle toy run where the Wichita Citadel, Kan., Corps Band was playing. I approached the tuba player, Major George Windham, who invited me to join their rehearsal that Wednesday. After about a year of regular attendance, we were enrolled as soldiers in November 2012. By the next commissioning weekend we had drawn close enough to God to hear Him calling us into Salvation Army officership. Our internship has confirmed our calling, and we know we are exactly where God wants us. We look forward to serving Him in whatever capacity He would have us for the rest of our lives.

Scott and Jennifer's corps officer are Major Robin and Captain Ken Shiels.

Kaylie Thomas
Flint Beecher, Mich., Corps
Eastern Michigan Division

I was raised in a loving, Christian family as an officers' child. I remember spending most of my summers at Camp Mihaska where I was saved at age 7. I loved going with my parents to work at the corps. People there used to joke, "Hey look, it's our next corps officer."

I heard my calling to officership in 2011 at a youth councils at Echo Grove Camp. Afterward, I became very active in the corps I was attending in Monroe, Mich., and started taking on leadership roles, including teaching Sunday school and junior soldiers.

God has given me a passion to serve

others and to preach the gospel. I am now an intern in the Ministry Discovery program at the Flint Beecher, Mich., Corps and am excited to attend the College for Officer Training.

Kaylie's corps officers are Majors Wayne and Tracy Ruston.

Christopher Nicolai
Racine, Wis., Corps
Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division

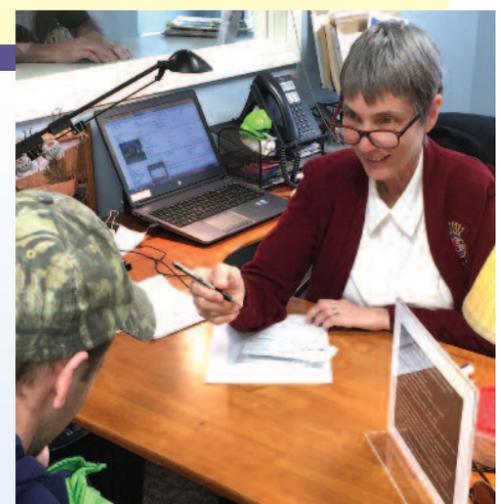
God called me to officership during Commissioning 2013. I was searching for a life I could treasure in my heart. I had always dreamed of being someone

who could serve people in need and encourage them to reach beyond their potential in Jesus Christ. However, I didn't believe I was capable of it.

Without direction to my life, I felt lost and hopeless. At that moment God knocked on my heart's door and directed me to Mark 9:23 (NIV), "Everything is possible for the one who believes." God revealed to me that anything is possible through Him and that He had a plan for me: being a Salvation Army officer.

I have put aside my own plans and am following God. As I walk with Him daily, I am experiencing the abundant life He gives to those who ask for and receive it. I have found new joy since listening to God.

Christopher's corps officers are Majors Ken and Cynthia Nicolai.



Deborah met her husband, Gary, at church. Three children later, they found The Salvation Army. Although they had sensed a call to ministry earlier, it wasn't until discovering the Army that their passion to serve was realized as they took on local leadership roles.

Still, they couldn't shake the feeling they were called to something more. During Christmas 1996 they decided to apply to become officers. Everything quickly fell into place, including the sale of their home and Gary's successful piano tuning business.

Now approaching 17 years of officership, Deborah, who still relies on crutches or a wheelchair, sees how her struggles have informed her philosophy of ministry.

"I struggled constantly, but the struggle was part of the strength," she said. "I started with crutches and braces, but the more metal I got rid of, the stronger I became. Everyone has a disability, and as an officer I don't want to be there as a crutch but to help develop strength."

One way Major Deborah puts her

philosophy into action is through the Representative Payee Program she and Gary started at the Pittsburg, Kan., Corps. It offers those who receive social security checks better stability since checks are sent directly to The Salvation Army, and funds are distributed as needed. Through this people are learning how to budget. "People who couldn't pay their rent, utility bills or purchase groceries are now thriving," said the major.

Major Deborah has been honored this year as a Woman of Distinction in Pittsburg, Kan. The award is given by the Chamber of Commerce to women who use their time and talents to benefit the community.

Messengers of Light ready to shine as officers

Come celebrate the commissioning and ordination of the "Messengers of Light" session of cadets, June 12, 2016, at the Star Plaza, in Merrillville, Ind. Pray for them as they prepare to embark on a life of service as officers.

Cadets Ross and Patricia Anderson

Cadet Chelsea Barnes

Cadet James Beardsley

Cadets Matthew and Rona (Mutcha) Beatty

Cadet Blake Fewell

Cadet Joseph Hixenbaugh

Cadet Dennis Jolly

Cadet Leta Marin

Cadet Anthony Nordan

Cadet Gloria Pelayo

Cadets Kory and Heidi Strand

Cadet Kelly Summit

Cadets Jonathan and Ceamona Taube

One step at a time

Springfield, Ill., Corps intern Stephen Keasling and his wife, Hannah, hope to go to the College for Officer Training next year. The simple story is Stephen felt called to officership during the 730 and Beyond Conference in September 2015, but the foundation was laid much earlier.

"God used so many people in our journey," said Stephen. "From retired colonels in Mississippi to friends from college and our current Youth and Candidates

Secretary Captain Rachel Stouder—all these people played a huge role in our story of



Keasling family: Hannah holding youngest son, Choben, 1; Stephen with son, Gareth-Paul, 2; and daughters, Kayleigh, 5, and Jeanette, 4

being where we are today."

Stephen and Hannah met at camp and ended up reuniting at Vennard Bible College in Iowa. Stephen first encountered The Salvation Army there through a chapel service where a Salvationist spoke. After chapel, he realized his good friends Dana Hixenbaugh (now Lt. Dana Bigelow) and her brother, Joseph, were also Salvationists.



Stephen oversees the Springfield, Ill., Corps' youth programs.

730... AND BEYOND

3,967 days and counting

by Captain Enrique Azuaje

In 2002 my wife, Nancy, and I embarked on the most dynamic, committed and outstanding Christian ministry we never imagine existed: The Salvation Army. Our lives changed when we were engaged by Army leaders to be part of this remarkable Movement of grace, hope and restoration.

We were commissioned as officers in 2004. During our 12 years of officership, I have grown tremendously and have gained a better understanding of the Army's mission and an unrestrained commitment to it. Serving as a corps officer, divisional youth secretary and territorial multicultural ministries secretary has expanded my knowledge of the great ministry we have.

Some of the most remarkable moments of my officership have been the preparation and enrollment of new senior and junior soldiers. On these occasions I have been moved as I have witnessed people, who have been restored by God's grace, take the next step of commitment to serve the Lord in our Army. With a humble heart, I recall the faces of men, women, youth and children whose journeys of grace, reconciliation and transformation God has allowed me to be a part.

As my wife and I have challenged our comfort zone, we have experi-



enced God's marvelous work in the lives of those around us—and even those we thought beyond our circle of influence. Indeed, my passion is to engage people for God's Kingdom. I want to share the gospel of Jesus with everyone for it is the way to salvation, holiness and eternal life. As an officer I consider finding the lost and bringing them to Jesus the greatest call on my life.

I believe God is leading our Army to a new level of excellence, commitment, spiritual leadership and service. We have the resources and tools we need to fulfill our mission; the only demand of us is intentional, servant hearts. I have found as officers as we meet our people's needs, then together as officers, soldiers, employees and volunteers we are ready to serve our communities and will see God's grace and power.

Later, while attending seminary in Jackson, Miss., Stephen and Hannah started attending the corps with their young family. Stephen considered officership quickly after starting solidership classes but struggled with the idea of uprooting his family every few years.

"I lived in the same house until I was 20. I loved the stability. We had always planned on homeschooling our kids and living close to our families," said Stephen.

But God was working on Stephen's heart. Through various encounters, a seemingly random podcast on Samuel Logan Brengle and the encouragement of Dana, who kept in touch, Stephen applied for a position with the Good Soil Initiative. Although that door didn't open, a move back north to Iowa six months later coincided with an opportunity from Major Tricia Taube, territorial candidates' secretary. She contacted Stephen about a ministry internship. The timing was perfect, and Stephen accepted the job in Springfield, Ill.

Under the leadership of Majors Steven and Jennifer Woodard, Springfield, Ill., corps officers, the Keaslings are flourishing. Hannah teaches Sunday school and girl



guards and helps lead women's ministries. Stephen coordinates volunteers and youth work and preaches once a month. He even oversaw the kettle campaign last Christmas! Their four children attend corps activities.

"I'm enjoying my internship because I get to do what I have been created to do: serve others!" said Stephen.

Preaching it in Princeton

by Lt. Erin Metzler

The idea of small groups is not new. It dates back to Wesley's time. You can read about "class meetings" and what took place within these accountability groups. Under the leadership of Majors Harold and Lisa Frost, my husband and I were privileged to witness and learn a valuable lesson: create small groups based on what is asked for by the people.

We were surprised, however, when our people asked for homiletics—preaching techniques—as one of the small groups in our newly formed Wednesday night ministry opportunities. Our people were yearning for growth in ways we didn't know.

Within the first six weeks of

Group Life (Wednesday Night small groups) attendance doubled! I believe this is because instead of creating programs and then hoping people would come, we asked what best suited their need for spiritual growth and then created opportunities.

Homiletics has been an inspirational class for six local officers in our corps. I incorporate the investigation form I used in training. I also use other materials such as blueletter-bible.org and preceptaustin.org, as well as commentaries I've found helpful. I walk my leaders through the precept process step-by-step in order to observe scripture as some of them have never learned this technique either. Afterward, we talk about the different ways to format a sermon. All the while, they are working on their own sermons at home. I'm available if they have questions or become stalled. At the end of the six weeks, I look over their sermons and give them feedback and direction.

As a result, our corps people feel more comfortable behind the pulpit. The best part, however, is five of those who have taken the class have expressed an interest in officership. I believe this class may be inspiring them to look further into that calling. What an amazing way to bridge the gap from soldier to officer—all because of listening to our soldiers' desires.



My Pillow benefits the Army

by Craig Dirkes

Mike Lindell sleeps well at night. Not surprising, considering he invented what some say is the world's most comfortable pillow, My Pillow. Then again, Mike would probably sleep just as soundly without a My Pillow resting beneath his head. He's at peace with his life.

His most recent beneficiary is The Salvation Army. Mike has donated 1,000 pillows to people served by Salvation Army Twin Cities, Minn., housing programs. "That's enough to give one pillow to each of the 900 people we house every night," said Major Jeff Strickler, Twin Cities city commander. "This is an incredible blessing."

In addition, Mike donated a My Pillow to each KOOL 108 "Bell Ringer of the Day" last Christmas season, thanking them for their volunteer service.

Mike has a soft spot for The Salvation Army because it helps people fight addiction. He himself abused drugs much of his life, starting with cocaine in 1982. He switched to crack cocaine in the late 1990s.

By spring 2008 his drug use had gotten so bad even his three crack dealers attempted an intervention. "I knew that if I didn't quit, I wouldn't be able to make the most of what was happening in my life," Mike said. His fledgling invention was receiving notice. "I couldn't wait. Not even one more day."

With that, he prayed. "I asked God



Photo by Craig Dirkes

to take away my desire to do drugs. I said, 'Take it away, and I'm all yours'...The next morning, the desire was gone. Everything was gone. I woke up and felt the most peaceful I ever have." He's been clean since.

My Pillow began experiencing one success after another.

"There were so many miracles—one-in-a-million kinds of things," Mike said. Then, in late 2011, the game-changer: a My Pillow infomercial. To pay for it, Mike, his friends and his family pooled \$300,000.

Mike said, "In 40 days we went from five employees to 500." Today his company boasts 400 employees manufacturing 25,000 pillows a day.

Most importantly, Mike continues to make good on his "I'm all yours" promise to God. After beating his 25-year drug addiction and starting a multi-million dollar company from nothing, Mike can say only one thing:

"With God, all things are possible."

Simply relationship

Detroit Harbor Light System Pastoral Care Director Captain Deborah Winkler has a creative, fun and effective approach to discipleship within the three Harbor Light centers. By emphasizing relationship-building through recreational activities she is connecting clients to Bible study and hopefully a personal relationship with the Lord.

"The Harbor Light System is a unique animal in that we receive government funding, and so Bible study and church activities can't be mandated," said Captain Deborah. "As an officer you have to find other, unique ways to get people involved."

To help her connect with clients, the captain offers weekly knitting and cooking classes, which have taken off. She and her husband, Captain Jamie Winkler, Detroit Harbor Light System director, also take every opportunity to host additional recreational activities from hikes to coffee nights.

"Amazing things happen in our classes. You wouldn't believe the theological discussions or the deeper talks about spirituality," the captain said. "Looking beyond the addiction, these are wonderful people. People the evil one has tried to destroy."

The captain has found cooking and knitting leads people to talk about their families. From there they often share about reconnecting with their families, which opens the door to a



discussion about spirituality, God and a personal relationship with Him.

One U.S. Army veteran, Steve, came to the Harbor Light from prison. He was a Buddhist, lived an alternative lifestyle and was against the Church, but he wanted to learn to knit. Steve started attending optional weekly Bible studies for extra time to knit since it was a supervised activity. For eight months he sat in the back of the room quietly knitting. As the Winklers got to know him better, he moved toward the front and started participating in discussions, which led to attending men's camp and eventually church.

"Our approach may sound simplistic, and I think sometimes people miss it. But it makes a great impact," said Captain Deborah.

Thrifting 101 at ARCs

by Chris Dimaso

If you're like me you go into a Salvation Army Family Store to look for a particular item. We get in and get out and never consider what other treasures we might find. However, a new culture of shoppers are redefining what it means to shop at a thrift store. The Kansas City, Mo., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) birthed a blog written by volunteers who shop and chronicle their experiences and finds. One of them is taking her thrifting skills to a higher level.

Nikki Worstell, a pastor's wife and mother of four, began writing for the Kansas City ARC blog "Cents and Sensibility" in December 2013. Each month she would travel to ARC stores in the metro Kansas City area and look for clothing, furniture and household items. Nikki has several signature themes: finds of the month, revamping vintage clothing, one look five ways, and Do It Yourself (DIY) crafts. Digging deep and hunting for the best deals captivated many curious shoppers reading her thrifting escapades.

"I had shopped and donated loyally for years with The Salvation Army. Their good work and sharing the Good News through their ministries aligns with my own faith," said Nikki. "I was thrilled to partner with them through blogging to share my love of thrifting."

Nikki's ability to find a

great deal and craft a project from Family Store items grabbed the attention of Metro Community College which offered her the chance to teach a non-credit class on how to be a great thrift store shopper. The class, "Thrifting 101," met twice in February 2016. Just like in her articles, Nikki shared with the class what she looks for and how to get the most for their money. She taught the class how spray paint and ribbon can change the most common items into something special. The group even took a field trip to put their new found knowledge into practice.

Nikki hopes to continue to expand her influence by offering classes at ARC stores in the area. You can read more at www.fashionkc.com.



"I'm sorry" isn't enough

by Lt. Colonel Daniel Sjögren
Territorial Ambassador for Holiness

I would venture to say that each of us can remember a time when one of the hardest things to do was say, "I'm sorry."

When I was young there was a time when my parents told me I would say I was sorry to someone. I did, but in my heart I was not. In fact, I would most likely have done it again if given the opportunity! To be sorry is often mistaken as just an apology, but it isn't. It's an expression of regret for getting caught, being blamed or hurting someone.

It is hard to say "I'm sorry" because of our pride. Even when we finally say it, it's not enough. And saying it doesn't guarantee it won't



happen again. We find no check against our future behavior. What we need is not regret, but repentance.

Repentance is changing our direction. It is turning away from sin with the help of the Holy Spirit. Again, with the Spirit's enabling it is moving from our self-will to aligning with God's will and having the mind of Christ.

To say to God, "I'm sorry," is not enough. God has provided us the Holy Spirit to help us repent and become like Christ. If you are sorry for what you have done, change direction and walk with God.

PRAYER CENTRAL

The Salvation Army

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June Prayer Calendar

My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Wednesday	Jeremiah 47-52	Adrian, Mich., Corps
	2 Thursday	Luke 7-8	Chicago Central, Ill., ARC*
	3 Friday	Galatians 1-3	Majors Philip & Sheila Davisson (Canada)
	4 Saturday	Exodus 37-40	Bloomington, Ill., Corps
	5 Sunday	1 Kings 5-9	Community Care Ministries
	6 Monday	Psalms 66-68	Anderson, Ind., Corps
	7 Tuesday	Proverbs 2-3	Aurora, Ill., Corps
	8 Wednesday	Lamentations	Alton, Ill., Corps
	9 Thursday	Luke 9-10	Albert Lea, Minn., Corps
	10 Friday	Galatians 4-6	Authentic Mission Engagement Weekend
	11 Saturday	Leviticus 1-3	Aberdeen, S.D., Corps
	12 Sunday	1 Kings 10-13	Commissioning of "Messengers of Light" session
	13 Monday	Psalms 69-71	Alma, Mich., Corps
	14 Tuesday	Proverbs 4	Summer Mission Teams
	15 Wednesday	Ezekiel 1-6	Beloit, Wis., Corps
	16 Thursday	Luke 11-12	Eastern Michigan DHQ**
	17 Friday	Ephesians 1-3	Alpena, Mich., Corps
	18 Saturday	Leviticus 4-6	Burlington, Iowa, Corps
	19 Sunday	1 Kings 14-18	Lawrence County, Ind., Corps
	20 Monday	Psalms 72-74	Brengle Holiness Institute
	21 Tuesday	Proverbs 5-6	Dodge City, Kan., Corps
	22 Wednesday	Ezekiel 7-12	Belvidere, Ill., Corps
	23 Thursday	Luke 13-14	Kenya East Territory ^{PM}
	24 Friday	Ephesians 4-6	Arnold, Mo., Corps
	25 Saturday	Leviticus 7-9	Austin, Minn., Corps
	26 Sunday	1 Kings 19-22	Beatrice, Neb., Corps
	27 Monday	Psalms 75-77	Battle Creek, Mich., Corps
	28 Tuesday	Proverbs 7	Chicago North Side, Ill., ARC*
	29 Wednesday	Ezekiel 13-18	Ann Arbor, Mich., Corps
	30 Thursday	Luke 15-16	Canton, Ill., Corps

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

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

Milwaukee Chaplaincy awarded



Christopher Boston, LISC Milwaukee director of sustainable communities; Faithe Colas, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan (WUM) divisional director of development; Major Dan Jennings, WUM divisional commander; Tom Thueks, WUM divisional service extension director

Less than a year into operation, the Salvation Army Milwaukee, Wis., Chaplaincy, a partnership with local law enforcement officials, was recognized with two awards at the 67th Annual Crime Prevention Awards Luncheon hosted by Safe & Sound and LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation) Milwaukee.

The Salvation Army in Milwaukee County was honored for Outstanding Greater Milwaukee Partnership, which recognizes its efforts to reduce crime, fear and disorder in the city of Milwaukee. An additional award was given to the chaplains assigned to Milwaukee Police District 7, under the leadership of Pastor Alexis Twito and Tom Thueks, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan (WUM) divisional service extension director, for Outstanding Faith Based Organization.

"We are humbled to be honored with awards that recognize a ministry motivated by the love of God," said Major Dan Jennings, WUM divisional commander. "Through our love for God, we will continue to serve and help others."

In 2015 the Milwaukee, Wis., Police Department enlisted The

Salvation Army to organize and lead a chaplaincy program in an effort to combat violence and bring encouragement to those affected by traumatic events in the area. With 75 volunteers from a plethora of churches and organizations in the community, this program is the first of its kind in the territory and continues to grow. Recently Pastor Alexis Twito, head chaplain, was hired to organize the chaplaincy's efforts even better.



--Mustard Seeds--



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PB&J packs a punch

Over 150 students, faculty and staff from Oakland University, Mich., packed 2,500 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to donate to the Eastern Michigan Division's (EMI) Bed and Bread program in Detroit. The event ran from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., and students showed up from a few minutes to the entire hour.



Members of Oakland University Golden Key International Honors Society promote their fundraiser.

"It seemed like everybody was a having a really good time talking, packing and listening to music," said Danielle Greco, EMI divisional volunteer and event coordinator, who coordinated the event with the Oakland University Golden Key International Honors Society. Danielle ensured sandwiches made it to Chef Michael Block at the Harbor Light for the Bed and Bread program. "I'm happy to see the millennials getting involved with giving back to their community," said Danielle. "You see people donating money, but

it's really awesome to see younger people giving up their time to help others." Golden Key has been holding this philanthropy event annually for the last 15 years. They've had the support of additional sponsors such as Meijer grocery stores, which this year donated over \$500 for supplies, as well as Kroger and Trader Joe's which donated groceries. The Bed and Bread program serves more than 4,200 meals each day to men, women and children in metro Detroit's most depressed areas. The program also shelters more than 500 people per night.

Promoted to Glory

Captain Vivian Rahenkamp

Captain Vivian "Ray" Rahenkamp was promoted to Glory on February 28, 2016.



Ray was born to William and Letha Rahenkamp on March 26, 1922, in Friendsville, Tenn. Brought up in a Christian home, she accepted Christ at age 6 and was very active at the Wilmington, N.C., Corps during high school. Ray received two undergraduate degrees as well as a nursing degree, and she worked as a nurse for many years before her keen interest in ministry led her to become an associate pastor of the Nazarene Church.

At age 45 she attended officer training in the Southern Territory. Commissioned in 1970 her first appointment was to the Catherine Booth Hospital in Tamil Nadu, India, and then the Evangeline Booth Hospital in Ahmednager, India, in 1973, thus fulfilling one of her lifelong desires—missionary work. She was transferred to the Central Territory and appointed to the Booth Memorial Hospital in St. Louis, Mo., in 1975. After several years without an appointment, in 1979 Ray returned to officership to assist at the St. Cloud, and then the Duluth, Minn., Two Harbors Outpost before her retirement in 1984. Ray remained faithful to serve in retirement and will be missed by friends and relations.

Memorial Service

In honor of those Salvationists who have gone before us, the Central Territory will hold its annual memorial service in The Salvation Army section of Glen Oak Cemetery. Please join us in remembrance.

**Sunday, May 22
 3:00 p.m.**

**Glen Oak Cemetery
 4301 W. Roosevelt Rd.
 Hillside, IL 60162**

