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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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Global prayer takes flight

In response to the General's global prayer initiative, the people of the Central Territory are rising to the challenge with their usual drive and creativity.

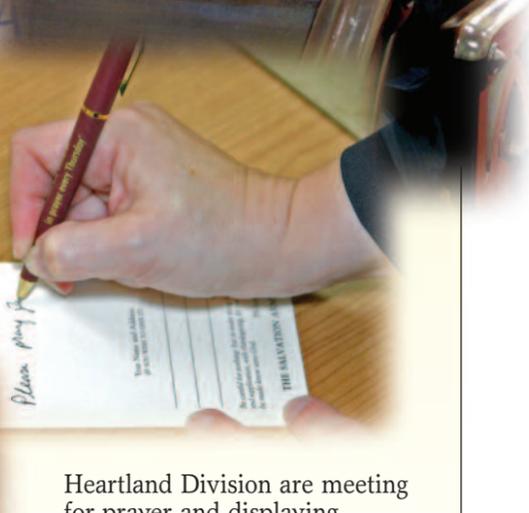
Sherrie Trucker, Northern Division, said almost 50 people have signed commitment cards; each received a prayer journal and lapel pin in return. Global prayer topics are emailed and posted on Facebook so people can pray at home, with chat groups or at corps.

When Major Debra Richardson ran a PowerPoint "commercial" on the initiative before each meeting at pilgrimage, Salvationists in the Midland Division responded strongly. And, in the Kansas and Western Missouri Division, more than 100 people joined the "Mokan Mighty Prayer Team," including inmates ministered to by the Pittsburgh, Kan., Corps, reported Major Cheryl Miller.

Major Yaneth Fuqua, Eastern Michigan Division, said the Dearborn Heights Citadel Corps began a year-long prayer emphasis, "Pray for Reign." A five-week sermon series on

prayer will include messages by Lt. Colonels Jeffrey and Dorothy Smith, territorial personnel secretary and territorial ambassador for prayer, respectively.

Major Judy McPherson reported adult rehabilitation centers have opened their chapels for early-morning prayer, and Captain Yvette DeGeorge said two prayer groups at the training college are meeting.



Heartland Division are meeting for prayer and displaying requests, reported Major Miriam Gorton.

Major Barbara MacLean, Indiana Division, encouraged corps officers to designate prayer coordinators to present weekly requests, recruit prayer partners and report prayer victories. Corps in the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division were quick to join the global prayer meetings, reported Major Kim Hellstrom, as were corps in the Metropolitan Division, according to Major Sandy Turner, who posts requests on the divisional webpage.

The Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Division imprinted pens ("Join the General for Prayer Every Thursday") for corps distribution, reported Major Debra Pascoe. She said, "It's an honor to approach His throne with Salvationists worldwide. Exciting days are ahead!"

Weekly topics may be found at www.salvationarmy.org/thegeneral

Quincy Kroc center opens See page 6



Major Florence Moffit supports global prayer through the retired officers' newsletter. "Some of us have been prayer warriors for 60 years or more," she said. "Imagine what could happen by harnessing the prayer power of retired officers worldwide!"

Major Vicki Steinsland, Western Division, said corps are holding home-based prayer circles, assigning prayer slots and incorporating global prayer into ministries.

Corps and shelters in the

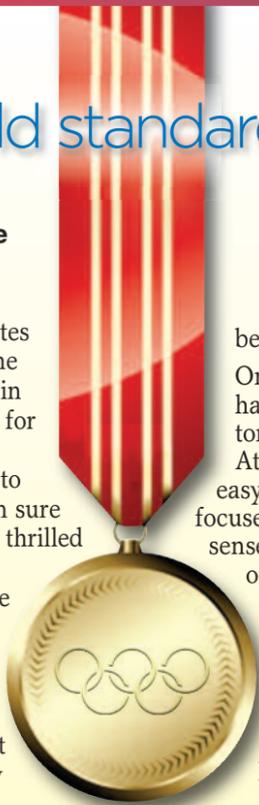
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Living a gold standard life

by Colonel Merle Heatwole
Chief Secretary

Next summer, athletes from all around the world will gather in London, England, for the Olympics. Each of them will have one goal in mind: to win a gold medal. While I'm sure that most of them would be thrilled to win any type of medal, I have never heard any athlete say their ambition is to win a bronze medal. They always aim for the top prize. Even if they don't win, they want to know that they have given it their very



best effort.

One of the core principles we have identified for our territory is to "uplift consistently." At first glance, it would be easy to think that this principle focuses only on promoting a sense of encouragement within our corps. While encouragement is definitely needed and should be a vital part of our corps ministry, we also need to recognize that this principle encourages us to lift up a high standard of ministry



and service, a gold standard.

Over the past several weeks, I have been studying the account of King Solomon building the temple as recorded in the books of 1 Kings and 1 and 2 Chronicles. As you read these accounts, it becomes evident that Solomon and his father, David, only wanted to use the very best materials in the construction of the temple. Nothing less would be acceptable for building God's temple. Based upon today's gold prices, the gold David provided for Solomon to use in the construction of the temple would be worth bil-

lions of dollars and yet there was never any consideration given to using lesser-quality materials. God's temple deserved the best.

This caused me to ask myself, "Am I always giving God my very best service?" Am I living a gold standard life or am I content to give God a mediocre effort, just going through the motions but not really giving it my best effort?

If we are to "uplift consistently" throughout our territory, it will require us to strive for the gold standard in our prayer lives, our worship, our conversation and behavior. Colossians 3:23 (NIV, 1984) reminds us, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Let's give God our very best and go for the gold.

Lincoln logs new growth

Exciting things have been happening at the Lincoln, Neb., Corps over the past year since its members have become "contagious Christians!" Last year Captains James and Angie Pennington, corps officers, invited Majors Joseph and Lois Wheeler, territorial evangelism and spiritual formation secretaries, to conduct evangelism training.

The Penningtons, who've led the corps since 2009, felt the time for such training was right. "We needed to think outside of the box. We had most of the leadership in place for the corps to grow and thought our people were ready," said James, who reports attendance has grown in just about every area of corps life as members have become more comfortable with inviting people.

"I believe the Wheelers planted the foundation for our members to become more friendly and inviting. We had a great turnout for training, including teens who wanted to invite their peers," he continued.

The corps does outreach through events and programming. "But to be truthful, we've had minimal, long-term results in corps growth. Now when I look at our growth and number of seekers, I see it all

boils down to developing intentional relationships with un-churched friends, volunteers, clients and family," said James. "Basically, someone isn't going to come unless we ask them. And, if the person is greeted and gen-



uinely made to feel welcome and comfortable, they might even come back! One teen invited her friend, and the friend invited her grandmother. That's how it works!"

Growth also is occurring with enrollments which stretch across the age spectrum. "Some enrollments came simply from us asking regular attendees if they wanted to become soldiers. Some people had been coming to the corps for years

without ever being asked personally if they wanted to become soldiers," James continued. "We even have a few prospective candidates for officer training."

Sometimes this new approach hasn't been natural and easy for everyone at the corps. "In fact we lost some people because they were unwilling to adjust to some of the changes," said James. "This has been difficult for us, but we've been able to move beyond it. I can't always explain how God works, but I know He's working!"

General Larsson plays *Jesus Folk and Spirit!*

Second volume in series released

The second in the series of CDs featuring General John Larsson (Rtd) playing piano arrangements of songs from the Gowans and Larsson musicals has been released. The CD highlights music from two of their most influential works: *Jesus Folk* and *Spirit!*

Many of the 32 songs featured are well-known; 10 of them made it into the current edition of *The Salvation Army Song Book*. "The lyrics of these songs," writes General Larsson, "have become part of the mental furniture of thousands of Salvationists, often without them knowing that they originated in one of these two musicals."

Favorites include "He came to give us life in all its fullness," "You know I love you," "Ask, ask, ask and it shall be given," "Burning, burning" and "To be like Jesus." The CD comes with a booklet con-



taining the song words written by General John Gowans (Rtd).

The first CD in the series, featuring music from *Take-over Bid* and *Hosea*, was released last year by SP&S in England and has been one of its best-selling recordings since.

John Larsson plays Jesus Folk and Spirit! is available from Resource Connection at 1-800-937-8896 or shop.salvationarmy.org—as is also the first CD in the series. Visit www.johnlarsson.com for further information and sample tracks.

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Army on the advance

Last year the Army's international leadership asked each territory to create a new appointment, secretary for spiritual life development, to promote spiritual maturity through the practice of certain disciplines. This position in the Central Territory is currently held by Captain Carol Lewis, who also serves as the territorial evangelism and corps growth secretary.

Spiritual life development in the Central Territory has seven primary emphases meant not only for the personal spiritual growth of

Salvationists but for holiness as a body of believers in corps communities. The emphases are: the study and application of God's Word, the pursuit of personal and corporate holiness, relevant worship, mutual accountability through small groups (Bible studies, prayer cells, Sunday school, mentor relationships), personal disciplines (prayer, Bible study), the cultivation of faith (recruitment and training the spiritually mature) and missional fellowship.

"Missional fellowship calls for Salvationists to be fully engaged in

corps life, accompanied by a sense of ownership and belonging," said Carol. "The inward part is our commitment to be engaged through our relationship with Christ; the outward part is to take our unique Army 'salvation' fellowship into our communities, get its pulse, and bring others to Christ for engagement in spiritual life."

She continued, "My predecessor in this position, Major Dan Jennings, referred to this international call to spiritual life development as a multi-dimensional thought. Holiness is relational; we are a holiness denomination. Our interactions among ourselves and others, and even our administra-

tion, goals and outcomes, should reflect our attitude toward holiness. It should be invasive in all that we do. We should be known in our communities as a holiness movement."

To support this international Army initiative, which will also be the emphasis at the 2012 commissioning weekend, a territorial committee has been formed with representation from the 10 divisions, the College for Officer Training, the Adult Rehabilitation Centers Command and Central Territorial Headquarters (see box). Each representative will advance these seven emphases and serve as a resource for corps and centers.



Captain Carol Lewis (l), spiritual life development secretary, reviews new resources with Majors Joseph and Lois Wheeler, territorial evangelists and spiritual formation secretaries.

spiritual life DEVELOPMENT

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Captain Beth McComb

Going the distance

Locations: 44. Miles: 25,000. Ministry: priceless.

This pretty much encapsulates Majors Joseph and Lois Wheeler's past year as territorial evangelists and spiritual formation secretaries. Just 10 years from retirement, they seem to have hit the accelerator—and they're loving it! It is, perhaps, the pinnacle of their more than 35 years of officership.

They believe their current appointment benefits from a well rounded set of life and ministry experiences which help them identify with others and meet their

needs. It also draws on a deep, long held passion about spiritual formation: as much as evangelism is vital, spiritual growth is essential.

Where many might find driving long distances (say from Boone, Iowa, to Detroit, Mich. in one fell swoop), having just two to three days home at a time, living out of motels or being billeted in officers' homes exhausting, the Wheelers seem to thrive.

It's places like Lincoln, Neb., where they held a very successful "Contagious Christian" seminar that keep them going.

"The spiritual depth and richness that the Wheelers brought to our corps was genuine and heartfelt," said Captain James Pennington. "You could tell that they really care for and about the people they minister to. Their presentation style was relaxed and open. The Spirit moved as we had in excess of 25 soldiers each night come out



with a desire to share their faith with those they have come in contact with. The end result has been growth, spiritual and numerical, in

the corps with more seekers at the altar and more visitors at the corps." (See story on page 2)

While they offer a bevy of meetings and seminars, the Wheelers are willing to do whatever is needed: assist with vacation Bible school,

after-school or senior programs, provide devotions at shelters, visit soldiers in the hospital, wash dishes after a corps meal. "We see ourselves as servants," they explained.

They even involve their miniature schnauzer, Gracie; this sturdy, affectionate 21-lb. girl packs big impact, providing a point of connection with people and even performing sometimes.

Since taking up this appointment in July 2010, the Wheelers have visited 35 primarily small to mid-sized corps, two camps, and nearly half of the territory's adult rehabilitation centers.

They rarely say no. They insist: "We just wouldn't want to miss out on what the Lord's doing."

To book a campaign, visit the Wheelers' website. We'll link you through Get Connected.



Encouraging ownership

Ever since Lts. Ronald and Bridgette Amick arrived as corps officers at the Moline Heritage Temple, Ill., Corps three and a half years ago, they've encouraged their people to regard the corps as their own.

"We wanted everyone to have a role in corps growth. What better way than to give everyone a position and allow them to run with it so God can use their gifts for the corps and community," said Ronnie.

The Amicks recently enrolled and gave ministry assignments to eight, enthusiastic senior soldiers. (Two junior soldiers were also enrolled.)

Ronnie attributes the increased interest in soldiership to people wanting to be a part of a ministry that changes lives in the community and worldwide. People report they feel loved and accepted at the corps.

"We have a laid-back, family style of worship," Ronnie continued. "Our chapel has flexible seating, coffee tables and note pads. The service is fun yet worshipful. People feel welcome to come dressed casually and are comfortable inviting others."

Ronnie and Bridgette determine ministry assignments by meeting with individuals, discovering their gifts and watching them in action. Ronnie said, "One of our new senior soldiers, Joe Maddelein, has become a new creature in Christ from being an alcohol abuser."

Said Joe, "It's hard to put into words what God has done for me. It's just weird—I love the new me!" His son, Dalton, another new senior soldier, said, "The Bible is becoming real to me because of my dad." Joe serves as the men's ministry leader, while Dalton helps with warehouse organization and youth program publicity.

Another new soldier, Sara Hurry (sunbeam leader and transportation sergeant) said, "I love how God takes things and makes them new, then allows me to serve Him."

Other new soldiers are Michelle Lamaster (pamphlet sergeant), Joe Lamaster (quartermaster), Caleb Krakliow (coffee shop helper, warehouse, youth), Phiamo Krakliow (girl guards, youth), and Sierra Hurry (nursery assistant).

Ronnie tells soldiers not to see



Lts. Ronald and Bridgette Amick, Moline Heritage Temple, Ill., corps officers, flank their eight newest senior soldiers.

their positions as authority roles but as ministries to people. "Joe has a heart for men, particularly those in the adult rehabilitation center in nearby Davenport, Iowa. This fall we kicked off a new men's pro-

gram, 'Band of Brothers.' And, Michelle loves talking about our corps in the neighborhood, while Sara enjoys chatting and laughing with people as she picks them up for programs," Ronnie concluded.



New soldiers Joe and Dalton Maddelein.

Marinette celebrates 120



"When I got here last year the previous officer had done a lot of research on Marinette Corps' history," said Captain Leanna Tuttle, Marinette, Wis., corps officer. "I did the math and figured out we'd been active 120 years. We decided we needed to do something big!"

With the help of the advisory board, soldiers and corps ministry intern, Megan Hartley, the 120-year celebration kicked off with a 5K walk/run called "The Celebration Fun Run," which raised money for Marinette's food pantry and social service programs. The fundraiser was such a success, they're already planning to host another one next year.

Following the run, the corps held festivities in a nearby park with everything from bounce houses to live music. Door prizes were distributed to collect information on unchurched people in the area. Out of 166 in attendance that day, the corps will follow up with 25 people who showed interest in learning more about Army programs.

Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Divisional Commander Major Robert Thomson spoke on Sunday morning about what it means to be a Salvationist, and Major Joe Wheeler, territorial evangelist and spiritual formation secretary, led worship.

Also during the service, retired officer Major Pearl Palomaki gave a tribute to Kurt Berge, who has been a soldier at Marinette for 66 years! His wife, Arlene, a soldier for 69 years, was promoted to Glory earlier this spring.



Major Robert Thomson honors Kurt Berge for 66 years of service.

"Kurt is a quiet, steady gentleman," said Leanna. "After his wife passed he missed one Sunday, but after that he got up and told his daughter he'd better get back to the corps!"

Leanna was not only thrilled to honor Kurt and the corps for landmark anniversaries but also to successfully get into the community and remind them that The Salvation Army is in Marinette to help, to heal—to stay for good.



Marinette's kick-off run raised nearly \$1,000.

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New Perspectives CD

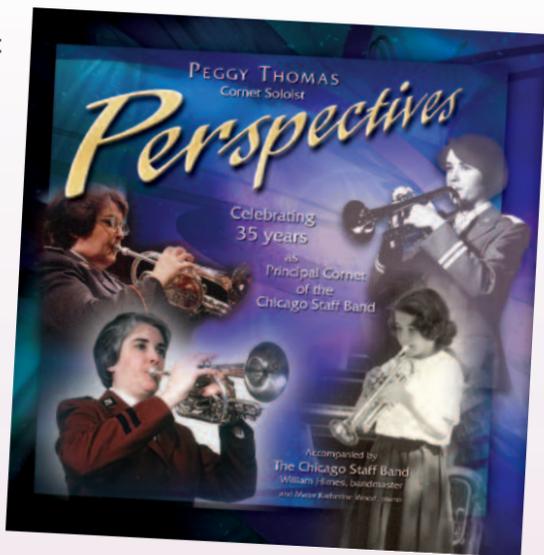
Reviewed by William Scarlett

This lifetime CD gives us a rare opportunity to hear a whole career of music-making by an outstanding artist, Peggy Thomas. Her talent was evident from the very beginning, whether weaving a beautiful melody like "Share My Yoke" or showing her extraordinary technique on demanding solos like "Jubilance" or "Joyous Song." Young brass players can learn to play better just by listening to this CD.

"Listen and copy" has been a wonderful way to acquire good habits of making music probably ever since David played on his harp.

When Peggy came to me for some lessons on orchestral trumpet playing some years ago, it was obvious she had superior talent. Her goal at the time was to prepare for a career in a symphony orchestra. It was my opinion that she "had what it takes" to reach her goal. In fact, the technique she developed by playing cornet solos was more than is needed to play orchestral music. But God had other plans for these gifts, and certainly He has blessed her talents for His work as we hear on this CD.

The *Perspectives* liner notes are



unique, too, in another way. Peggy gives a short biography on her career preparation, her family, on worship, reaching for her eternal goal and an interesting account of her attempt to break the barrier of "No women are permitted in Salvation Army staff bands." No real reason existed except, "This is the way it's always been ever since William Booth." To her credit, Peggy refused to accept "No," and today she is the hero of women staff band members all over the world.

Peggy's musicianship extends beyond the cornet in her hand. Give her a baton and she becomes a very talented bandmaster as well. Having observed her working with the best students at Central Music Institute for the last 17 camps, I've seen how she is able to inspire them to play above their current level. Her leading gets results that rival some of the best brass bands anywhere.

More than displaying artistry, this CD shows Peggy's dedication to honoring God with her gifts. Bravo, Peggy. Your example is Psalm 150 in action, "Praise Him with the trumpet"—and cornet, too!



Let the music play!

by A/Captain Dana Cook

As I sat in my chair during the Festival of Worship Arts and heard Bandmaster William Himes challenge the Central Territory to have live music in every corps' worship music by 2020, my heart was stirred. Listening to this challenge and seeing the bands that have been established with young people throughout the territory, I knew the St. Joseph, Mo., Corps was up to the challenge.

For the last two years we have prayed for live worship music either with a praise and worship band, a piano player or a brass band. Returning from the festival, we felt the Lord wanted us to set up band chairs on the platform and pray for the empty chairs to be filled.

The Lord gave us the opportunity

to send 16 students to our divisional music camp this summer; 13 of those registered for the instrumental track. After our young people returned from music camp, the band members sat in their places on the platform. Our band is small, but we are able to hear four parts as they provide preliminary music, accompany congregational songs, and play the offertory.

Our congregation is so proud of our band that after every song they applaud. They simply love hearing and seeing the instruments being used for God's glory. We know that God answers prayer for He has blessed our corps by filling the empty chairs on the platform with musicians and instruments that provide beautiful music. We pray that our band continues to grow and play music that honors God and that He is pleased with our music offering.



Members of the new St. Joseph, Mo., Band: Izaya Wittler, Joey Wittler, Kaitlyn Lewis, Bobbi McDowell, Jason Dick, Carol Hall, A/Captain. Dana Cook

Bridged by the band

When Major Carol Lemirand, Waukesha, Wis., corps officer and Dr. Martin

Rowden, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan divisional music director, made plans to start their first band class outreach for local elementary school children, they had no idea how perfect God's timing would be.

Music funding in the nearby schools had recently been cut, and principal Dr. Janice Kirkel was elated to encourage her students to study music at the corps.

Classes, which started in March 2011, last from 4:00 p.m. to about 5:30 p.m. every Monday and continue year round. Many students actually enrolled in day camp so

they'd be able to stay afterward for Monday night practice. Students range between the ages of four and 12 and play mainly brass instruments, with a couple on piano and keyboard.

"It's a good learning experience and it will shape them [students] for school later," said Lisa Williams, parent of four-year-old Payton who plays the keyboard. "It's a wonderful

program."

Behind the scenes students and parents don't realize how much God's hand of provision made band classes possible. Initially horns were bought with Fighting Forces Funds, but the student count kept rising and the program borrowed instruments from divisional headquarters. Wanting to ensure each child had an instrument, Major Carol wrote a news release for local papers and an advertisement for Craigslist. Within a couple of months instrument donations and musical equipment came pouring in. It was nothing short of a miracle.

"One area judge's wife marched her husband's trumpet over to the corps saying he hadn't played it in years!" said Carol.

The band program bolstered attendance in summer day camp, but ultimately, the Lemirands would like to see bridging from



Israel Hernandez and Dr. Rowden practice in the corps sanctuary.

band classes into the corps, starting with solid character-building troops.

"Our hope is to connect with families and see some growth in our corps," said Carol. "It may take a couple of years, but this is the vision shared by the corps; we are praying for leaders and know we are praying in God's will, so it will happen."



Day camp students and spring music students receive individualized teaching from Dr. Martin Rowden.

Inspire. Instruct. Involve.

Salvation Army opens Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Quincy

by Patty Douglas

The long-awaited grand opening of the Quincy, Ill., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center is now just a memory. On September 18, 2011, hundreds of people joined with The Salvation Army in celebrating not only the opening of a beautiful new building but an anchor for our community.

The Sunday morning worship and dedication service and afternoon grand opening celebration concluded a week of soft-opening events that included many groups, individuals and families visiting and trying out the facilities.

As the crowds began to fill the worship theater Sunday morning, their faces showed awe and amazement. The brass band, praise team and youth chorus provided wonderful music to set the tone for a message on being "salt and light" in our community and world by Commissioner Carol Seiler, territorial coordinator for strategic mission planning. She then presented the Kroc Center flag to Senior Kroc Officer Major Dan Jennings and Midland Divisional

Commander Major Lonneal Richardson.

At 2:00 p.m. more than 2,000 people gathered in the Kroc Center Galleria for the grand opening. Following welcome comments by Major Jennings, Mayor John Spring presented a proclamation recognizing the day as "Salvation Army Quincy Kroc Center Day." Eighteenth District Congressman Aaron Schock read a congratulatory letter from former First Lady and National Salvation Army Advisory Board member Laura Bush. Quincy Advisory Board Chairman Gerry Kettler added words of support and congratulations prior to the ribbon cutting.

The doors are now open for individuals and families to experience all the center has to offer. Whether worship, a spinning class or the aquatics center, there is

something for everyone. Many of the programs are designed to strengthen families. With music, art, fitness or recreation, there are programs for individuals, youth, seniors and families.

The Quincy Kroc Center was designed utilizing the Mississippi River as inspiration. Elements of the river are seen throughout the center. The Kroc Center will be a LEED-certified facility (Leadership in Energy Efficient Design) with numerous "green" applications throughout—sky lights, recycled materials, recycling receptacles,

lots of glass and innovations from technology. The building is 98,000-square-foot and encompasses an entire city block.

The building consists of a 500-seat worship theater; Huck's Hideout child-watch area; The Meadows conference space with state-of-the-art audio/visual systems; The Ledge, a cutting-edge game room; a 63,000-plus gallon aquatics center featuring a 157-foot slide and outdoor splash pad; Kroc Café; party rooms, classrooms, a rock climbing and bouldering wall; a cardio fitness area with the latest high tech exercise equipment; a weight room; two group fitness rooms; a two-court basketball court with volleyball nets that lower from





the ceiling; a three-lane walking/ running track; cabanas (family changing rooms); and general locker rooms.

Joan Kroc's vision was for each Kroc Center to be a beacon of hope and an agent of change. She envisioned each center providing character and confidence-building opportunities for individuals, children and families, and that educational and recreational programs, as well as music and art, would be available.

All of these are offered and more. Adding to Joan Kroc's vision, the Quincy Kroc Center believes three "I's" are important to our success: in all that we do, we must inspire, instruct and involve.

The beauty of the building, the "wow" factors built into each area, the helpful and friendly staff and the scripture verses pertinent to each venue provide **inspiration**.

People of all ages can find **instruction** through Bible studies, music and art classes, fitness classes and more. And the Quincy Kroc Center is a place where everyone can find **involvement**. Through membership, scholarships and free activities, there are classes, recreation and opportunities for everyone. Our Kroc Center is a place of inclusion and diversity, a place where lives can be changed for the better.



Refuge from the cold

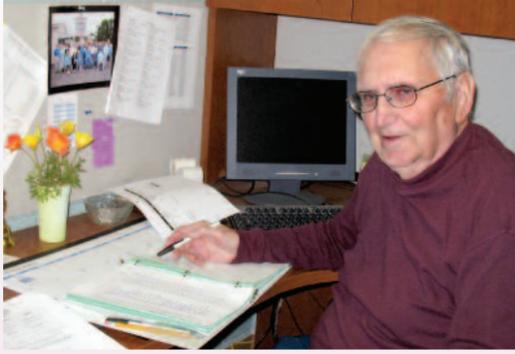
by Calleen E. Austin

Today I had lunch with 47 warming center guests and volunteers. The conversation was surprisingly light and happy. I asked, "Why do you come here? You could choose another shelter." Nate's response was echoed by others: "The people here care, and the showers are clean and hot; the bed mats are comfortable, and the food is good."

The Royal Oak Citadel, Mich., Corps Warming Center is a Godsend to the homeless in the winter when the daily temperature averages 24 degrees and nights are even colder. In the evenings, the corps vans visit participating host churches to transport men to the shelter.

They are greeted by volunteers who show them the love of God through welcoming smiles, conversation, a gentle hand on a shoulder. On Sundays the men are welcome to attend a Bible study and the holiness meeting. Many stay and enjoy the fellowship and a great lunch afterward.

Last January alone, 45 volunteers gave 697 hours driving vans, cooking, cleaning, picking up supplies and just being a friend. We served more than 400 guests. While the



shelter's use is heaviest in winter, it runs year-round.

In 1988 when Colonels William and Sue Harfoot, then Royal Oak Citadel corps officers, asked Don Bowman to oversee the corps' new warming center, he had no idea how it would change his life—or the lives of others. He couldn't have realized that this simple request would lead to a "calling" to help the homeless.

The warming center is now only a part of Don's work with the homeless. He meets with folks on the streets year-round, helping them find food and shelter and sharing fellowship with them. As a member of the South Oakland Warming Center Coalition, Don is active in organizing South Oakland County to make sure people in need aren't left out in the cold. It's because of the prayers and hard work of Don and his family of volunteers that the warming center opens its doors year after year.

KEMinistry

Detroit-raised R&B artist, KEM, held a food drive concert in downtown Detroit to benefit the Salvation Army as well as eight other non-profit organizations.

Years ago KEM was struggling with addiction, unable to keep a steady income or afford housing. He was in and out of shelters and rehabilitation programs, including both the Army's harbor light and adult rehabilitation center (ARC). At one point he even worked for the ARC. With the help of God, KEM turned his life around.

Today a successful recording artist with hit singles and a record deal with Universal Motown Records, he gives back to the community. Not only did all the proceeds and canned goods collected from his free concert benefit organizations

like the Army, but KEM went the extra mile by hosting a barbecue lunch for homeless people.

"During the lunch KEM gave a hope inspiring speech," reported John Hale, Eastern Michigan divisional director of development. "He talked to them specifically about how God changes lives and how He can change theirs."

The Salvation Army was asked to provide additional lunches for those unable to make the barbecue. Chuck McDougall, Eastern Michigan divisional director of disaster services, started handing out coffee and water at 9:00 a.m., and at noon Joe Berger brought a Bed and Bread truck to the concert site.

"Captain Jamie Winkler and I were asked to be prepared with 300 to 400 lunches that day, but we ended up serving 1,000 meals!" said John.



Salvation Army food pantries received donated goods from concert.

Rebuilding lives with respect

Extra doses of love and respect

for the beneficiaries, along with a passion for recovery ministries, have been key factors behind the ministry of Captains Alex and Jennifer Velasquez, first as administrators of the Fort Wayne, Ind., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) for the past three years and now at the Davenport (River Valley), Iowa, ARC.

"We show them love every step of way," said Alex who always stops to greet each beneficiary with a "sir" and spend a few minutes in conversation.

The men have the opportunity to participate in vocational training which helps them gain new skills



Getting to know beneficiaries is a priority for Captain Alex Velasquez.

and relieves anxiety about the future as they prepare for transition; these are big factors in preventing relapses. There's hands-on training in carpentry, welding, food service and certification in safe food handling, and classes will soon be available for high school GED degrees. Vocational training is also obtained through thrift store and warehouse operations, such as retail sales and merchandising, shipping and receiving, warehouse dock work and forklift certification.

Spiritual growth, recruits classes, enrollments and family involvement are also going strong at the ARC as Alex and Jennifer conduct worship services at the center and work with local corps to channel program graduates and their families into lasting church homes.



Captains Alex and Jennifer Velasquez assist in lunch preparation.

Cleaned, changed, committed

by Gavin Whitmore

The last decade has been very hard on me and my loved ones due to my abuse of drugs and alcohol. I did a lot of hurtful things to my family and others. I came to the ARC in October 2009 to please them, not myself. I didn't want to be there, but rode it out for a year. I had an understanding of God, but didn't want to know more about Him. I was just fooling myself again.

I left the center the following September and relapsed; I spent two weeks in a haze. But later that month I decided to come back to the program for good. I asked God to guide my life to a place that would give me hope and a future. I worked the program so I'd be ready for whatever God put in front of me. He started to bless me with good things.

God gives me the strength to obey Him each day. I thank Him for giving me the willpower to come back to the ARC, and I ask Him daily to lead me in the right direction and let me be a good example to others.



I'm now an adherent and am employed as a truck driver at the ARC. I still live here because it keeps me focused on what I need to do today; it took a long time to get my life back on track. And, I have my family back; I had left them for drugs, but they never left me.

Note: Gavin came to the Davenport (River Valley) ARC when Majors Russ and Jan Sjogren were administrators. Captain Alex Velasquez, current administrator, says Gavin is a tremendous mentor to other beneficiaries.

Love beyond language

When Brook Borland met Cristian Lopez, he didn't speak English well, and she didn't speak a lick of Spanish. "We did a lot of drawing pictures and hand motions for the first few months," said Brook. "We slowly taught each other our own language."

A year later Brook and Cristian got married and settled into the Albert Lea, Minn., area. It wasn't long before their two beautiful children, Gracelynn, 6, and Cristian, 2, came along. Although the Lopezes seemed happy, God was missing.

Brook's faith took a turn after a 16-hour, round-trip drive to her grandmother's funeral with Captains Jim and Lee Brickson, Albert Lea corps officers, who were officiating the funeral. During the trip, Brook asked the Bricksons burning questions about Christianity. She felt surprisingly comfortable pouring out her heart to them. The Bricksons invited Brook to the corps; shortly thereafter she started to attend.

Cristian's belief in Christ would soon follow but independently of Brook. He found an evangelical Baptist church with a thriving Hispanic ministry. The comfort of his language drew him in. He might have stayed if it weren't for the devastating tornados that hit Minnesota in the summer of 2010.

"When Cristian saw how we [the Army] ministered to those in need, and how our congregation put action behind our words, he started attending Sunday worship," said Brook.



The Lopez family with corps officer Captain Lee Brickson (middle).

The Lopezes have blossomed as soldiers at the Albert Lea Corps. Cristian has built a Hispanic ministry from the ground up, knocking on doors and inviting people to join.

"Cristian pretty much lives and breathes Hispanic ministries. He's formed a soccer team with 20 guys from the group," said Brook. "He prays, shares Christ and invites them to the corps."

Another result of the Lopezes' faithfulness is that Cristian's brother, Mario, has started attending the corps regularly. He used to struggle with alcoholism but hasn't had a drink in over a year. He's also started to volunteer at corps activities and reads his Bible consistently.

With a strong faith, love for each other and hearts to serve, it's no wonder the Lopezes feel called to officership. They hope to become officers.

Cultural competency at Kroc Center

by Stephanie Denton

A year after opening, the Grand Rapids, Mich., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center employs more than 200 full and part-time team members. The staff continually goes through training and department in-service to give better customer service to its 5,000 members and 37,000 day pass users.

In September, a new area of training on cultural sensitivity was added. "Cultural Competence for the 21st Century" was presented by Alfredo Martinez and Karen Young of the territorial multicultural ministries department.

"This training is important to the Kroc Center because our members and staff are culturally diverse, and understanding the cultural differences in our community will give our crew members a better opportunity to provide radical hospitality to our members and guests," said Major Marc Johnson, senior Kroc officer.

During the training, staff learned different cultural styles while exploring the "Iceberg Theory of Culture," which states that only 10 percent of culture can be seen, heard, tasted and touched; the remaining 90 percent is below the surface and includes beliefs, values, patterns and myths.

Team members shared personal experiences to show how each person has many levels that make up his or her own personal culture. Additionally, components of cultural makeup were explored to make the team aware of how that can shape people's core values.

The interactive training gave staff an opportunity to share and discover how the world has changed and why cultural competency can change the way they see and interact with those around them.



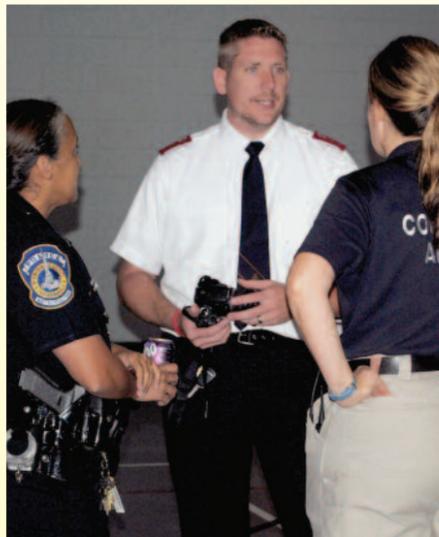
KNOT your average program

by Michael Rowland

The Indianapolis Eagle Creek, Ind., Corps, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and Marion University hosted a block party to kick off a new partnership which will create a safe place for neighborhood kids to receive help with homework, hang out, participate in group activities and use a computer lab. The same week, 17 new youth joined the



A member of the Marion County Sheriff's Department shares about 911 in emergencies.



Captain Amos Shiels with members of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

corps' after-school programs.

Families in the community were invited to enjoy food, games, prizes and a giant red kettle bounce house. Area businesses shared information, and families could sign up their children for activities and programs at the Eagle Creek Corps, which is led by Captains Amos and Cynthia Shiels.

The partnership, Project KNOT (Kids and Neighborhoods Outreach and Teaching), ties residents, businesses, educators and community organizations together to keep kids out of trouble.

Creative programs engage children

At the Pekin, Ill., Corps, youth programs are booming. The scouting program alone maintains attendances between 80 and 90 young men! Corps activities run the gamut from junior band to moonbeams to singing company and girl guards. The corps has them all, and it's still growing. This year during vacation Bible school 35 unchurched children asked Jesus into their hearts.

"We're really starting to see the fruit of our labor," said Captain Shannon Thies, Pekin corps officer. "The families of our new children are starting to call us when they need pastoral help and are transitioning into the corps!"

One of the reasons children keep coming back to Pekin is the creative programming. For instance, to prepare the children for the Jamboree, the corps planned a girl guard sleepover and invited girls



from the entire division! During the course of the evening, the girls earned all three badges required to attend the Jamboree and PJ-partied it up in a night complete with a leader-endorsed pillow fight.

During another exciting activity the children participated in a "top-secret" mission to drop gift packages with an encouraging message on the front doorstep of unsuspecting neighbors. "There was so much laughter on the bus," reported Barb Higgins, territorial youth ministries director, who was the special guest for the weekend. "The kids absolutely loved it!"

Although programs pull the children into the corps, it's the love and acceptance the young people receive from adult leadership and staff that keeps them there. "It's about opening your hearts up to the kids," said Shannon. "We expect the best out of them and hope the best for them; that's what really matters."



Salvation Army flag flies in Togo, Africa



From left: Captain Naty Dorcas Ahouanganga, Lt. Colonels Philomina and Samuel Oklah, Major Rockson Oduro, Colonels Denise and Charles Swansbury, and Captain Hervé Michel Ahouanganga, with the captains' children Dan, Freda and Méchak.

by Colonel Charles Swansbury

The first Salvation Army officers appointed to the west African country of Togo have arrived, bringing with them their three children and the new Togolese Salvation Army flag. Captains Hervé Michel and Naty Dorcas Ahouanganga, originally from the Congo (Brazzaville) Territory, travelled by road to their new appointment from Accra, Ghana, where they had been preparing for their pioneering ministry. The work in Togo, officially known as the Togolese Republic, is overseen by the Ghana Territory.

The Salvation Army began work in Togo in April, initially under the oversight of Major Rockson Oduro, Volta divisional commander. While in Accra, Captains Ahouanganga had opportunity to spend time with Major Oduro as well as staff from Ghana Territorial Headquarters.

A quarters in the town of Atakpamé has been renovated and prepared for the incoming officers. Their main task will be to coordinate and assimilate several current expressions of Salvation Army worship. These comprise some existing independent congregations with no previous denominational affiliation, and some which have been established by Salvationists who became soldiers while living in Ghana before returning to their home in Togo. There are also outposts established through initiatives from the neighboring Volta Division in Ghana. Other opportunities to expand the Army's mission are emerging in Lomé, the capital of Togo.

Currently these various expressions are widely spread across the country—north, south, east and west—with Atakpamé in the center. One of the initial challenges facing the captains is to bring cohesion and unity between these diverse groups.

*From an International News Release



Voellers connect with Sweden

The four Voeller boys have been happy residents of Sweden for more than a year now thanks to their parents' appointments to the Vasa Corps in Stockholm as corps officers. Majors Cornell and Candace Voeller have been amazed at how quickly Ryan, 16, Alex, 15, Erik, 13, and Sean, 11, made friends and learned how to traverse the city on public transport. They attend Swedish schools (with English instruction) yet quickly picked up the native language—and eagerly correct their parents' pronunciations!



Pictured (l-r) is the Voeller family: Alex, Major Cornell, Erik, Major Candace, Sean and Ryan.

The Voellers' ministries at the Vasa Corps are going just as well as their adaptations.

"Our theme this year has been, 'With God all things are possible,' focusing on Bible and prayer, small groups and World Services," Cornell reported. "Currently the corps is praying for five conversions, enrollments of four adherents, three junior and three senior soldiers, two new local officers, and one accepted candidate." In the past year, six adherents were enrolled and eight babies dedicated.

"This year in addition to our regular World Services giving, the corps sponsored a water project in the India East Territory. We appointed two international development sergeants, and 10 soldiers took a missions trip to India this fall," Cornell continued. "Our corps-sponsored Partners in Mission project and mission trip are firsts for the territory."

The Voellers reported another big change for their family: they've all lost weight! They eat less processed food and walk more because they don't have a car. Before leaving the States, Candace bought one-size-larger jeans for the boys because she heard they were more expensive in Sweden. She ended up having to buy smaller-sized jeans there after all!

"It's been a great experience to be part of *Frälsningsarmén* (The Salvation Army) in another country," said Candace. "We've long appreciated the internationalism of the Army, but it puts things in a new light to see it at work in a different country."



Majors Cornell and Candace Voeller dedicated eight babies over the last 12 months!

Worlds of Christmas potential



Struggling this season over what to give your friends and family for Christmas? Give the gift of hope for children overseas through our territory's sponsorship program!

For less than \$1 a day, or \$25 a month, you can support a children's

home, school or Army center overseas. You'll make a friend or family member happy and the supported children overjoyed.

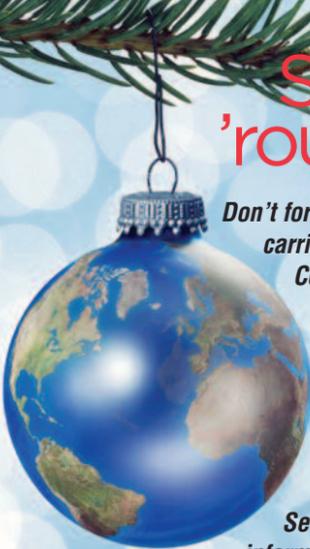
Sign up online at: www.sponsorship.centralmissions.org or write the sponsorship office at 10 W. Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016.



East Africa drought response



The Salvation Army has been responding to a serious drought across much of the Horn of Africa, Kenya and Uganda. People, particularly children, are dying due to lack of food and water. Thousands of families have had poor harvests for the past five years and livestock have died. Salvation Army assessment teams have been digging regional boreholes and distributing water in tanks to surrounding villages along with food, sanitation products and other necessities. In some places the Army is the only non-governmental organization providing aid. Drought conditions are projected to last for some time. Donations to The Salvation Army Africa Disaster Fund will allow teams to continue providing vital assistance.



Send greetings 'round the world!

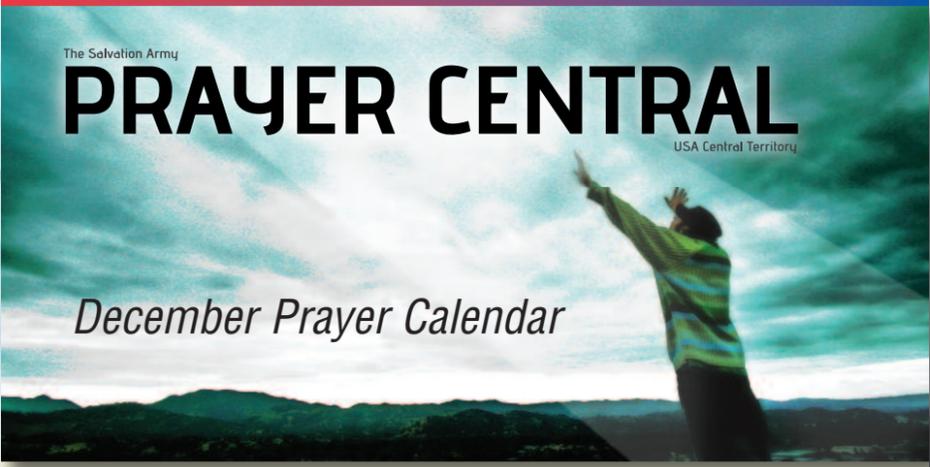
Don't forget to mail, email, Twitter, Facebook or carrier pigeon...your Christmas greetings to Centralite officers and lay people serving in overseas appointments around the world!

Doesn't matter if you don't know them—send cards and encouraging emails anyway, not only at Christmas but throughout the year!

See "Get Connected" for contact information.



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December Prayer Calendar

Spreading hope in Haiti



Each day on their way to work in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Majors Robert and Rae Doliber see a large, tattered billboard with the words "Gen espwa!" ("There is hope" in Creole) amidst fading presidential campaign posters.

"Espwa, hope, for this land is seen in many ways," said Bob who embarked with his wife, Rae, last fall on a three-year term of duty in



The Dolibers live on the second floor (two bedrooms, washer, refrigerator and propane stove) of a house with a beautiful, fenced-in yard. Haitian officer friends live on the first floor. Water is delivered by truck to a cistern, then it's pumped to a roof-top tank. Electricity is intermittent, available about 25 percent of the time. An inverter charges batteries to power the fridge, lights and fans; a back-up generator is used when needed.




Haiti. They serve on a team dedicated to rebuilding Port-au-Prince after the horrific January 2010 earthquake. Bob is the recovery and development finance administrator, and Rae is special projects manager.

Hope is seen in making child education a priority (most corps have schools). "We're improving the quality of instruction, increasing teacher salaries (some as low as \$10 a month), starting or improving school feeding programs and renovating or constructing modern facilities," Bob said. Hope also is seen in the recent completion of a water filtration system at the Army's camp and school in Luly, plus a Rotary International donation of 1,000 individual portable filters for all classrooms.

My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Thursday	Acts 19-20	Kansas City (Westport Temple), Mo., Corps
	2 Friday	1 John 3-4	DeKalb, Ill., Corps
	3 Saturday	Deuteronomy 13-15	"I'll Fight" Day
	4 Sunday	Nehemiah 5-9	Jefferson City, Mo., Corps
	5 Monday	Psalms 140-142	Jamestown, N.D., Corps
	6 Tuesday	Song of Songs 1-2	Marshalltown, Iowa, Corps
	7 Wednesday	Revelation 1-6	Lansing (Citadel), Mich., Corps
	8 Thursday	Acts 21-22	Marquette, Wis., Corps
	9 Friday	1 John 5	Omaha, Neb., ARC*
	10 Saturday	Deuteronomy 16-18	Midland, Mich., Corps
	11 Sunday	Nehemiah 10-13	Keokuk, Iowa, Corps
	12 Monday	Psalms 143-145	Kokomo, Ind., Corps
	13 Tuesday	Song of Songs 3-4	Midland DHQ**
	14 Wednesday	Revelation 7-11	Lawrence, Kan., Corps
	15 Thursday	Acts 23-24	Des Plaines, Ill., Corps
	16 Friday	2 John	Joplin, Mo., Corps
	17 Saturday	Deuteronomy 19-21	South America West Territory PIM
	18 Sunday	Esther 1-5	Lakewood (Temple), Minn., Corps
	19 Monday	Psalms 146-148	Mason City, Iowa, Corps
	20 Tuesday	Song of Songs 5-6	Lansing (South), Mich., Corps
	21 Wednesday	Revelation 12-17	Captain George Katchanov (Canada)
	22 Thursday	Acts 25-26	Marquette, Mich., Corps
	23 Friday	3 John	Chicago (Kroc Center), Ill.
	24 Saturday	Deuteronomy 22-24	Rockford, Ill., ARC
	25 Sunday	Esther 6-10	Thank God for Jesus—the greatest gift of all!
	26 Monday	Psalms 149-150	Monroe, Mich., Corps
	27 Tuesday	Song of Songs 7-8	Macomb, Ill., Corps
	28 Wednesday	Revelation 18-20	Lafayette, Ind., Corps
	29 Thursday	Acts 27-28	Leavenworth, Kan., Corps
	30 Friday	Jude	East Chicago, Ind., Corps
	31 Saturday	Revelation 21-22	Kirkville, Mo., Corps

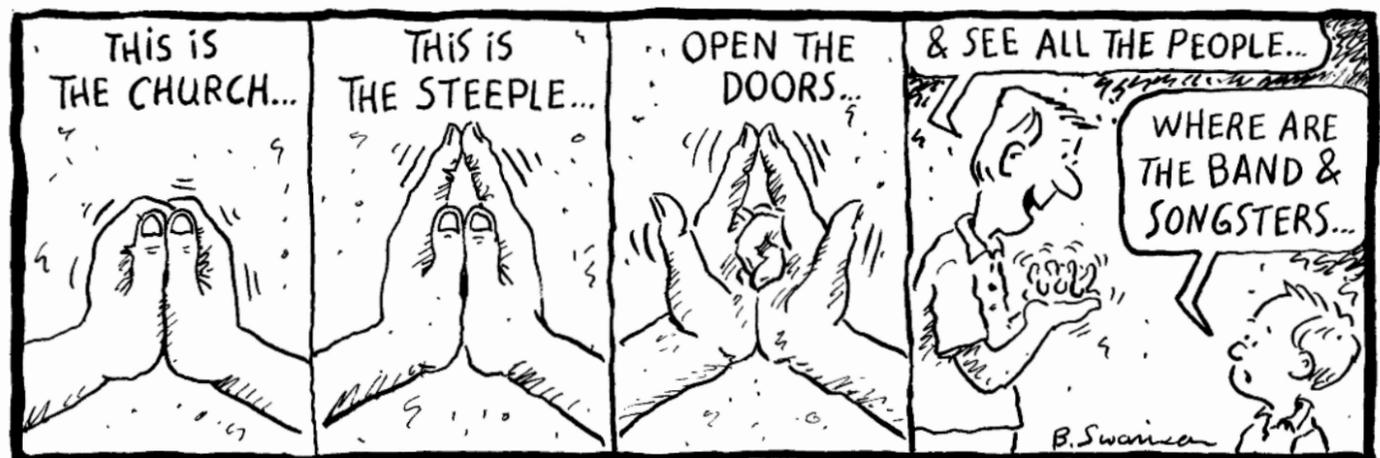
Go to www.prayercentralusa.org for prayer updates.

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

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



--Mustard Seeds--



A lasting influence

The amateur radio antenna tower in Major Patrick "WW9E" McPherson's backyard is so big it's clearly visible on internet satellite photos. Through it Pat continues to conduct 40 national and six international network meetings each week for SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network) even though he recently retired as its national director, a position he held since 2001.

Pat's work as SATERN national director was recently recognized by Commissioner William Roberts, national commander, at a reception held at territorial headquarters. The commissioner expressed how glad he was that scheduling allowed him to be there to personally recognize Pat's national service. After sharing a short history of SATERN and its



impact, he said, "What began as four operators in Central Illinois has grown into a global network. *This is a big deal!*"

After a standing ovation, Pat responded that his work with SATERN had been a personal blessing. "It's been God's program, not mine," he added. Pat also thanked his family for their sacrifice, having put up with the hours he's spent on SATERN operations over the years and for the antennas and wires that had crisscrossed quarters and backyards!

SATERN was Pat's brainchild; he realized its international potential from the start. In the '70s and '80s Pat



Major Pat McPherson and some of the many SATERN operators.

did divisional emergency disaster services (EDS) work as a corps officer. He started SATERN in June 1988; its first international response occurred two months later. Since then SATERN has continued to grow. Its membership of more than 4,500 trained amateur radio operators has had a remarkable impact on the world by saving lives, reuniting families and relaying vital information.

SATERN often is the only link, not only to the outside world but among disaster responders when landlines and fragile cell phone sys-

tems are down. In 1998 the FCC designated the SATERN radio frequency for official emergency use. During the 9/11 response, operators from as far away as Australia and Germany checked in to help.

When Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast in 2005, international SATERN ran full force for 20 days; for the first time, a federal emergency call sign frequency was assigned to it. Two years later the Department of Homeland Security assigned special call signs to Pat and two other SATERN operators.

Major Richard "VE3NUZ" Shirran of the Canada and Bermuda Territory has been appointed as the SATERN liaison and representative on the National Disaster Services Committee, fulfilling the responsibilities of national SATERN director. Pat heartily endorses Richard, who has the appropriate skills and passion first demonstrated when he relayed data from his Bermuda corps appointment during Hurricane Fabian in 2003!

Pat will assist in the transition and looks forward to being involved in the network from the field through his big, backyard tower. 📡



Major Richard Shirran



Major Pat McPherson is flanked by Commissioner William Roberts (l) and Colonel Merle Heatwole

Words to inspire and encourage

by Julia Hosking

Major Beverly Ivany woke up at midnight, strongly sensing God was speaking to her. She soon realized why: she needed to change her perspective on Priscilla and Aquila, a married couple involved in New Testament ministry (see Acts 18).

"That night, God reminded me that Priscilla is a married woman and the Apostle Paul often placed her name in front of Aquila's when writing about them," said Major Ivany, the new author of *Words of*

Life, a book of daily devotional readings produced by The Salvation Army internationally.

"I felt God telling me to adjust what I had written to emphasize the significance of the married team and the importance of women to Him. I don't think I would have noticed these aspects on my own. It is at times like this when I feel it's the Lord guiding me, and we're in this together."

A new issue of *Words of Life* is published every four months. Each daily reading includes a portion of

Scripture and a short devotional thought, such as the one on Priscilla and Aquila. Over the next three years, every book of the Bible will be covered under the overarching themes of faith, hope and love.

"The purpose of *Words of Life* is to inspire and encourage Christians through Scripture," said Major Ivany. "The readings are not cumbersome. They're simply an opportunity for people to get into the habit of starting their day with God."

Words of Life is available through Resource Connection, as well as certain Christian bookstores. Because of the international audience, Major Ivany needs to avoid North American terminology or anecdotes when writing her devotional messages.

"The books also have guest writers who represent a variety of countries as we try to relate to people around the world," Major Ivany noted. "The benefit of it being an international publication is that on any given day, you know that other Salvationists and Christians are reading the same words as you and sharing in that intimate way with God. That connects and unifies us."

Major Ivany comes to her appointment having written more than 100 articles for Salvation Army publications and three books: *Kid Talk*, *Teen Talk* and *Mentorship: A Guide for Developing Healthy Mentoring Relationships*.



"I've always enjoyed writing but have never done it as a fulltime appointment," Major Ivany shared. "It is an extension of my thought life and spiritual life—it's important for me to put down in words what is going on in my head and heart. I rely

on the Lord for my writing, which has deepened my relationship with Him."

As noted on the back cover, Major Ivany wants to encourage people to "take time with the *Father* daily as you meditate upon His Word. Ask *Jesus* to interpret His Word and speak to your heart. And open yourself to the *Spirit* as He brings inspiration."

To subscribe to *Words of Life* (\$26 annually), contact Resource Connection at 1-800-937-8896 or visit shopsalvationarmy.org

I'll Fight Day 2011



On Saturday, December 3, Salvation Army youth worldwide will minister to their communities through servant evangelism or simple, self-initiated acts of kindness.

Check out www.illfightday.com for more information and resources.