Building on change

Kroc Center opens in Green Bay
by Meghan Diemel

Seven years of hard work and perseverance came to fruition as The Salvation Army in Green Bay, Wis., dedicated a Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center to the glory of God and honored the Kroc family, local donors and community members who made it possible.

The weekend began with a 1950s-themed “Kroc and Roll Ball” gala for donors and community members, raising funds for scholarships for the underprivileged. About 300 guests enjoyed a wonderful meal and entertainment by local dinner theater performers. An oral auction, with items like an autographed Aaron Rodgers football and Ryan Braun baseball and tickets to Wisconsin Badger and Green Bay Packers games, raised additional scholarship funds.

Commemorative pins, representing specific areas of programming like arts, aquatics and the computer lab, were also a big hit.

Saturday’s festivities began outdoors with a flag raising ceremony. Wisconsin and Upper Michigan divisional leaders Majors Robert and Nancy Thomson, and representatives of the Green Bay Chamber of Commerce participated in a ribbon cutting. The crowd of more than 350 people moved inside to the auditorium, where the corps flag was accepted after a presentation about The Salvation Army flag’s history. During the program Central territorial leaders Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seiler officially dedicated the building, and words were spoken by Joan Kroc’s granddaughter, Amanda Latimer.

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by Lt. Colonel Vicki Amick
Assistant Territorial Secretary for Program

This year we moved back to the Chicago area; thus, we are in transition.

Change comes to all our lives. Sometimes we’re excited about it, other times not so much. It often involves learning or growing emotionally or spiritually; our hearts and minds go through a paradigm shift.

Years ago we lost our first born son, Joshua, at 31 days. It caused a paradigm shift in our faith. During the grieving process, we went through a period of questioning life and God. "Why Lord? Why me?" But we found through the fog of change that God was standing with open arms in our new reality waiting to embrace and to love us. John 15:16: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last..." Our faith was stronger than before.

Today, I find myself traveling the road of transition in health. Dealing with cancer can be overwhelming and has challenged me physically and emotionally. It can interfere with my spiritual life if I’m not careful. 1 Peter 5:8-9a: "...Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith..."

I’ve learned when change comes—whether good or bad—I need to lead from my paradigm of faith. I know God is for me. I know He is in control. All things that come to me come through Him first. John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid."

When the transitions of life come—and they will—we, as children of God, need to call on our Father. He will engulph us with His love and presence. He may lead us along a path that may not make sense to us, but we can trust Him. We can rest in His guiding hand. He will neither lead us astray nor leave us alone. Hebrews 13:5b: "...Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you."

Although we cannot see around the corner or know what tomorrow brings, we need not worry. We know, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) Scripture from NIV, 1984.

Pure Salvationism

by Ken Wyatt

Majors Gene and Joyce Anderson hosted an event in the Army’s grand tradition of spectacular outreach: a mid-summer hymn sing, featuring a 30-piece band, followed by a watermelon feast in a Michigan barn!

It began in a family brainstorming session. Gene’s 75th birthday was coming up. Why not celebrate in a big way with a brass band, showcasing the hymns of Wesley?!

Invite anyone and offer free watermelon as incentive. And the setting? The Andersons’ Rocky Comfort Farm in the village of Dimondale, just outside of Lansing.

Three years ago the property, which had once been in Joyce’s family, came up for sale. The Andersons spontaneously sold their retirement home in Florida and took up life as hard-working farmers.

But long years of Salvation Army ministry in the Midwest and on two foreign fields (Barbados and Sri Lanka) were not easily laid aside. Rocky Comfort was no mere lark. It proved to be a new ministry setting.

The Andersons have hosted hundreds of visitors—Salvationists, family, friends, neighbors. But the hymn sing was something unusual, even for them.

Temperatures near 90 prompted a bit of Gene’s puckish humor in his welcome: "This is an air-conditioned barn!" he declared courtesy of the many cracks between the timbers.

The turnout, especially for such a hot day, was encouraging. Major John Aren, the Andersons’ son-in-law, had recruited a band of 30 musicians. Mostly from Michigan, they were a mix of Salvationists and others. About 150 people joined the band in the barn and sat outside under a nearby black walnut tree.

After Gene’s welcome, the hymn sing began. Eleven hymns of Charles Wesley had been chosen, ranging from the little-known “And are we yet alive?” to the grand Easter proclamation, “Christ, the Lord, is risen today.”

Local pastor Gene Harris gave a brief exhortation on the word, “Maranatha!” Then the hymn sing ended with the peppy William Himes arrangement of “And can it be?”

As the singing ended, a spread of watermelon slices was ready. “All you can eat!” Gene promised the crowd. Indeed, 36 chilled ‘melons were on hand.

Recounting the results, one incident stood out. During the singing of one hymn to the tune “Dennis,” a passing motorist stopped to investigate. The tune stirred memories of her mother’s favorite hymn. “Blessed be the tie that binds.” Captivated, she interviewed the Andersons for a promo as part of the Pure Michigan ad campaign.

It was not only pure Michigan. It was pure Salvationism—an unabashed, joyous proclamation of the Gospel.
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Officers, corps leaders, soldiers and friends of the Army throughout the territory gathered to welcome the Proclaimers of the Resurrection in a service that not only celebrated the cadets, but the session’s namesake, the resurrected Christ. The Chicago Mayfair Community Church buzzed with anticipation as the Chicago Staff Band, under the direction of Bandmaster William Himes, played preliminary music.

Colonel Merle Heatwole, chief secretary, welcomed the crowd including second-year Friends of Christ and the entire executive council some of whom traveled hundreds of miles. After introducing Major Monty Wandling, Royal Oak, Mich., corps officer and the evening’s speaker, Colonel Heatwole invited the congregation to sing “Raise up an army.”

Colonel Dawn Heatwole, territorial candidates’ secretary, introduced the ecstatic session who entered the sanctuary amid huddles, high fives, hugs, and even timbrels, accompanied by their corps officers and divisional candidates’ secretaries. The entrance of the 35 new cadets from 22 corps in nine divisions was met with booming applause and cheers. Seventeen of them are first-generation Salvationists.

“God is really blessing this territory,” said Commissioner Paul R. Seller, territorial commander. “Thanks to our corps for giving us these cadets who will go and be proclaimers of the resurrection!”

College for Officer Training Principal Major Paul Fleeman and his wife, Paula, director of campus services, conducted the presentation of the session flag. Cadet Denesia Pullusca, session flag bearer, glowed with warm eyes and a bright smile as she conducted her duties for the first time on stage.

After the cadet chorus sang, “Alive, Forever, Amen,” an offering was taken and praise and worship began which concluded with the fitting, “Christ is risen from the dead.”

Major Monty Wandling, the first corps officer in more than 10 years to give the Cadets’ Welcome message spoke on 1 Corinthians 15, emphasizing the redemptive and reconciliatory power of salvation and aptly sharing a poignant paraphrase of Christ’s death and resurrection.

Before an extended altar call and closing song, Monty challenged the congregation and new cadets, “If we are to die, let it be to sell. If we are to live, let it be by God’s grace.”

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Salvation Army facilities in the county with nearly 70 programs and services. The Army has been serving Green Bay since 1891, whether through its pantry or feeding programs, Christmas assistance distribution or programs designed to provide spiritual growth and worship opportunities. “That will not change,” said Captain Shiels.

“We see every day the great need while encouraging self-sufficiency, building self-esteem and providing new opportunities for growth and development.”

On a 15-acre site, the new Kroc Center in Green Bay is a 95,000-square-foot facility and includes a gymnasium/jogging track, an aquatic center, recreation fields, fitness area, outdoor gathering space, life enhancement and family support programs, worship center/auditorium, performing and visual arts space, resource and computer lab, extensive meeting and event space, and catering services. Of course, none of this would be possible without the generosity of others—whether Joan Kroc or local donors who helped ensure Green Bay would have a facility of this nature.

“Thank you once again for the amazing gifts we receive throughout the year that help us continue serving the people of Brown County,” said Captain Shiels. “The Salvation Army is truly blessed to have found a home and purpose in Green Bay.”

Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seller, Majors Kelly and Jesse Collins, Majors Nancy and Robert Thomson, and Major Robin and Captain Ken Shiels.

**Global prayer meetings begin**

The Central Territory has embraced General Linda Bond’s Global Prayer Meeting initiative with Salvation Army corps, adult rehabilitation centers, headquarters and the College for Officer Training holding the first Thursday morning prayer meeting on September 1.

At territorial headquarters 13 employees and officers met together, focusing on the General’s prayer guide which included the need to deepen our spiritual lives personally and as a people of God, the economic climate and financial resources for the worldwide mission, renewed passion to bring people to Jesus and lead them to maturity in Him, and the courage and compassion to stand for and serve the marginalized.

“What a great way to begin the work day, knowing that we’re joining with thousands of Salvationists around the globe in prayer!” said Lt. Colonel Dorothy Smith, Central territorial ambassador for prayer.

You’re encouraged to join this wonderful worldwide fellowship of prayer. Weekly prayer topics can be found on the General’s web page at www.salvationarmy.org/egeneral. Watch for more on the Global Prayer Meeting in the next issue!
Exciting things happened this summer at The Salvation Army Black Hills Camp just outside Rapid City, S.D., close to Thunderhead Falls. Amidst the rustic panorama, Majors Jim and Elizabeth Beardsley, Rapid City corps officers, led a life-changing experience for 39 children from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

During the last year, the Beardsleys and ministry interns

John and Faith Woodard have been reaching out to the reservation which is about 100 miles south of Rapid City. They helped families at Christmas and Easter and provided gifts for a nursing home on the reservation. These ministries opened the door for The Salvation Army to host two camps for kids, ages 9-12.

Major Elizabeth Beardsley, the Woodards, a few female staff from Gene Eppley Camp and I welcomed 15 girls from the reservation for a week at camp. For many, it was their first time to attend a camp and sleep in tents. The girls participated in daily Bible and craft classes with the theme "God’s Great Outdoors," introducing the One who made everything that surrounded them.

The next week 14 boys and two leaders, Ruth Dreamer and Darby Steele, came from the reservation to camp out. Captain Scott Shelbourn, Western divisional youth secretary, brought with him a group of counselors and kitchen staff to participate in the camp. In addition to Bible and craft classes, the boys enjoyed fishing in the creek during each camp the kids went on field trips to an amusement park, water park and bowling alley. A water carnival, led by Faith, was a big hit with both groups, as was the evening program around the campfire. The campers sang, played games and devoured s’mores.

The most meaningful event was the time of decision each week led by John who shared with campers that Jesus loves them, laid down His life for them and could be their personal Savior. How exciting to be able to see all 15 girls ask Jesus into their hearts! The next week 11 boys and a leader made this decision as well. Each decision time was incredibly humbling and joyful for us, the staff.

"These moments are what we do it for," said Major Elizabeth Beardsley. "This is what makes all the hard work worth it."

Even if the campers forget the crafts they made, the field trips they went on, or names of the staff, they left knowing Jesus loves them. Nothing is more valuable than that.

During each camp the kids went on after the WYC. The division excitedly shared what they’d learned about holiness and its practical applications for individuals, families, corps and communities. A contagion for understanding holiness and spending more time in fellowship spread among their peers.

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Connecting for success

The Springfield, Ill., Corps and its homeless shelter—house in the basement of the corps building—have worked in tandem since 1991. The shelter occupies the 10,000-square-foot basement; located upstairs is the chapel and a small medical clinic where beneficiaries are given a free physical assessment within a week of arrival.

"Another group comes in to teach beneficiaries how to read, if needed," said Major Paul Logan, corps officer. "We partner with a lot of local agencies to give these men and women the best possible chance of getting back on their feet."

Majors Paul and Barbara Logan also involve beneficiaries in the corps as much as possible. Within a few days Paul, Barbara or one of the corps’ interns get acquainted with each new person, their situation and where they are spiritually.

"We encourage them in their relationship with God and ask for prayer requests," said Paul. "This way they can come to us for advice, and when we see someone new in the hallway, at worship or other programs, we can address them by name."

BY AMANDA WATERS

Barbara greets Mike Hawkey, a former shelter resident who attends the corps regularly.

The women’s ministry group is open to everyone. Once Barbara took the women shopping at the thrift store to pick out appropriate interview attire and then rented a runway for an educational post-shopping fashion show. A few board members remarked on the noticeable increase in confidence of the women in their new, professional interview attire.

Often shelter beneficiaries transition into the corps by attending Sunday morning worship. One man, who landed a trucking job thanks to the help of the shelter, brings his semi to the service on Sunday mornings. Everyone knows when Lee comes to church because his vehicle occupies half of the parking spots in front of the corps!

Paul attributes the great connection between the corps and the shelter to his welcoming and encouraging soldiers, who see the shelter as an opportunity to minister to others. "After all," Paul said, "We’re all just hurting people helping other hurting people; sinners saved by grace."

HONORING “SECRET SANTA”

The Salvation Army and 610 Sports Radio have teamed up again to help kids in need in Kansas City, Mo. The annual Larry Stewart Memorial Radiothon raised more than $175,000 to benefit The Salvation Army Children’s Shelter, which cares for children born to age 17 who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, abandonment or neglect. Since opening in 1981, the children’s shelter has cared for nearly 6,200 children in crisis.

This year’s radiothon featured appearances from local sports and music celebrities, including signed sports memorabilia, tickets to sporting events, and much more!

 baseball Hall of Fame George Brett and Kaptain Kettle.

Paying it forward

by Amanda Waters

"I’ve been 22 years since she lived there as a child, but when Nicole Peitz walks into The Salvation Army Children’s Shelter in Kansas City, Mo., memories come flooding back.

"I remember my room, the toy closet, getting prizes for being good," said Nicole. "I remember it all. But it makes me stronger to come here. I need to do it."

Nicole, 31, regularly volunteers at the shelter, which cares for children up to age 17 who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. Nicole was just 9 when she was brought to the shelter as a victim of sexual abuse.

Her childhood story is sad but not unusual among children who come to the shelter. Her alcoholic mother often left Nicole and her four-year-old half-brother to fend for themselves.

"She would leave us alone for days at a time, and I was left to take care of myself and my little brother," said Nicole. "I can remember as a kid not ever knowing when or where or what we were going to do."

Nicole lived at the shelter for nearly a year with her brother and says it was the first time she felt safe. It was also the first time she could really be a kid.

"I remember swinging on a swing set for the first time in my life there and thinking if there was anything better than this, I didn’t want to know about it," said Nicole. "I look back on that time with positive memories, memories of actually getting to be a child."

The shelter has been a safe haven for more than 6,200 children since opening in 1981. Trained staff and volunteers work with the children on issues of grief, loss and separation, as well as the trauma of the abuse and neglect they have endured. Clinical social work services are provided by licensed staff and include family, group and individual counseling, working on building the child’s self-esteem, problem solving and coping skills, life skill development and social and emotional development. The shelter can accommodate up to 20 children at a time and is often full.

Nicole says the care she received at the shelter changed her life. She said, "The main focus at the shelter was to make kids feel safe. To let you know that nothing you did was your fault."

Nicole and her brother left the shelter after about a year to live with relatives in northern Missouri and begin living a normal, structured life. Nicole eventually went to college and graduated with a degree in education. She currently works as a financial analyst for Cigna Healthcare and lives in Overland Park with her husband and six-year-old daughter.

Nicole and her husband continue to volunteer at the shelter. "I feel like I have a responsibility to pay it forward. Going through something like that gives you a desire to make a difference. And I will always be thankful to The Salvation Army for saving us."

Gary and Debra Smiley (l) with shelter resident and corps regular Glenn Yates.
The majestic scenery of Colorado Springs, Colo., cordially welcomed delegates to the 42nd annual National Seminar on Evangelism (NSE). The surrounding mountains seemed to anticipate what would take place. The very presence of our Lord was embodied in 170 officers and soldiers from all four U.S. territories and Canada.

The event had been bathed in prayer, and we could feel the continued prayer of people all over the country for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as we gathered to be inspired and equipped to proclaim the Gospel through personal evangelism.

As we came together for worship, Commissioner William Roberts, national commander, spoke to us from the first chapter of Ephesians. Major Dean Hinson took us on a journey through different mountains. Our first stop was at Mount Moriah with Abraham and Isaac; we then went to Mount Sinai with Moses before witnessing the descending fire at Mount Carmel as Elijah prayed. We saw Jesus in His glory at Mount Tabor and then concluded with Mount Calvary.

Organized by word of mouth, a morning hike had about 30 delegates beginning their days between 5:00 a.m. - 6:00 a.m. to watch the sunrise on top of the mountain. It was an enriching and energizing experience.

The seminar used Just Walk Across the Room by Bill Hybels as its curriculum. Judging from the number of people using free time to catch up on their reading, you could conclude the book was engaging. The reading was complemented by a series of united sessions followed by small groups in which delegates exchanged opinions and personal stories. Small group members formed special connections and bonds; memories were made for a lifetime.

Unity as believers also was evident during free time as officers and soldiers shared marvelous fellowship. With no distinction in rank or age, delegates enjoyed many chats and long conversations on the castle terrace. Walks or drives back and forth to rooms were full of laughter and anticipation of what the next day would bring.

The seminar’s pinnacle was mission fields where we applied what we’d learned. Some went to area malls, some to parks, and others to Salvation Army ministries. On Friday as delegates shared their experiences, it became clear why God had brought us together. NSE concluded on Friday evening with delegates signing covenants to win the world for God.

For our corps’ delegates NSE was a journey which began many months ago and included prayer, fundraisers and much planning to leave families. We now know this was just the beginning of many good things to come.
His glory

NSE reinforces corps growth

The St. Louis Euclid Corps sent the territory's largest NSE delegation. Pictured (l-r) are Ossie Wallace, Armonia Wallace, Major Janice Love, Don Taylor, Kelvin Stewart, Barbara Stewart, Cynthia Williams and Debra Nicholson.

Debra had been working as the corps’ case worker since last year. Raised in the African Methodist Episcopal church, she began attending the corps to learn more about Salvationist beliefs. She soon became a regular. Debra saw that what she’d learn at NSE would be invaluable to her social work and outreach efforts. When she heard about the soldiership requirement for NSE, she simply told Janice, “It’s time for me to be enrolled.”

The Euclid NSE delegation hoped to learn not only how to better evangelize but how to better retain new believers. Janice is excited at this juncture in her corps’ growth; the leaders work great as a team, are of one mind and have a passion for outreach.

Linda Poe might not be an adult rehabilitation center (ARC) graduate or Salvation Army adherent but she had not been for the National Seminar on Evangelism (NSE). Major Darlene Harvey, Chicago Ray and Joan Krocorps Community Center program developmental officer and NSE staff member, has ensured that soldiers from her corps attend NSE whenever possible.

After NSE training in “3-D Living” by developing friendships, discovering stories and discerning the next steps, Darlene listened to the prompting of the Holy Spirit when Linda came to the corps and filled out a contact card. Linda hesitated when she came to the address line, and Darlene was prompted to ask if she struggled with addiction. As it turned out, she did. The next Sunday, Linda returned to the corps, and Darlene took Linda to the ARC.

Through letters and visits soldiers followed up with Linda. The singing company brought her encouragement cards. Majors Harvey called and others stopped by.

Sherry and Vincent Johnson were the Krocorps’ first delegates to NSE. Their experience strengthened their ministry, gave them a bigger picture of the Army and enabled them to put a greater emphasis on relationships during their outreach. “It taught me the importance of getting to know people and their stories better before I invite them to church,” said Vincent.

According to Darlene, since the Chicago Krocorps is still being built, they’ve enjoyed the benefit of going into the community. “This has given us the best opportunity to develop relationships,” Darlene said. “It’s much easier to share the love of God when you can literally meet people where they’re at.”

Traversing the city

Mary Vollink, Traverse City corps sergeant-major and volunteer coordinator, chats with volunteer Tina Hogarth about the food rescue program. Food is collected throughout the community and made available daily in the corps community center foyer as a ministry and outreach.

NSE delegate Lynn Alexander looks at a neighbor’s family photo album during the Krocorps’ annual health fair.

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Linda Poe receives cards from singing company members who went to the ARC to celebrate her sobriety.

Central Territory delegates and staff.

Cynthia Williams takes delight in Colorado Springs’ mountains.

Cross the Room

Just Walk

Traversing the city

3-D living in Chicago

Traverse the city. Just as easy as a walk across the room.

“There are just so many hurting people out there,” said Mary. “Even if we only get to hear their stories and ask people if we can pray with them, it would feel significant. Of course, our ultimate goal is to share Christ!”

Since her experience at NSE last year, Mildred started encouraging the Traverse City congregation to come to the corps weekdays to visit with people who benefit from the corps lunch program.

“This year Mildred’s husband, Major Bruce Jennings, attended NSE with their corps’ delegates.

“I’m back with an entirely new perspective on evangelism,” Bruce said. “I can’t wait to see how this perspective continues to change our corps!”
The sound of music once again descended upon Camp Wonderland as students arrived for the 77th edition of Central Music Institute (CMI). By day’s end all auditions had been completed, and the 193 students had all been placed into one of CMI’s six bands or two choirs which would become their primary ensemble for the entire 10 days. Students also enjoyed a wide range of theory, technique and elective classes—93 each day—which gave them instruction in gospel arts including drama, dance, praise band, timbre, keyboard, conducting and leadership.

While the instructional schedule was filled with classes aimed at refining the sounds of worship, the daily quiet time known as “Sealed Orders,” led by CMI Chaplain Steve Diaz, enabled students and staff to silently meditate on God’s Word in the quiet moments as well. Written by Captain Tom McComb, these daily devotions challenged students and staff to discover their identity as a child of God with the theme, “Who do you think you are?” which ended with the challenge, “When you know who you are, you will know what to do.”

Each evening the entire camp gathered in the chapel for a series of quality concerts and programs, including performances by student ensembles, a mixer titled “Friday Night Friendzy,” and a guest performance by Jerome and Vanessa Gamble of Theater for the Thirsty, who presented a one-act musical based on the life of Esther. For a second year the International Night program featured CMI’s 13 students from Denmark, Sweden, Spain, Argentina, Chile, Malawi and South Korea.

Also featured on International Night were CMI’s special guests: Cathie Koehnen, Toronto, Canada, who returned for the second year to lead the Booth Chorale and Faculty Chorus, and Dr. Stephen Cobb, bandmaster of the International Staff Band in London, England. Dr. Cobb, who also serves as United Kingdom territorial music director, skillfully led the Wonderland and faculty bands while relentlessly encouraging these groups to achieve musical excellence to the glory of God.

A musical highlight of the week was the Faculty Band’s presentation of “Fire in the Blood,” written by composer Paul Lovatt-Cooper for the International Staff Band’s 120th Anniversary celebration earlier this year. The triumphant conclusion of the piece features the song, “Lord You know that we love you” in which the text implores the Lord of Love to “fill our lives with your Spirit’s power.” The performance received a standing ovation from an appreciative and uplifted crowd.

Another highlight of the week came on a Wednesday evening when the CMI Band and Vocal School Flag Unit took to the field of Milwaukee’s Miller Park to accompany the traditional singing of “The Star Spangled Banner” before witnessing the Milwaukee Brewers defeat the Los Angeles Dodgers by a score of 3-1. After thrilling the crowd with a stirring new rendition of the National Anthem arranged by CMI Director William Himes, the students and staff (still clad in their bright yellow CMI t-shirts) then led the almost 43,000 spectators in “the wave” from their seats in left field.
For those who have ever attended CMI, the experience has come to represent both a mountain-top of spiritual development and the pinnacle of musical achievement, but the words of special guest Stephen Cobb put CMI’s mission into perspective.

In his personal testimony, Cobb admitted that it’s easy to get swept up in the excitement surrounding big occasions and live life from event to event so that soon enough, the occasion can seemingly overtake our lives. But, “Life is the occasion,” the bandmaster pointed out. Quoting selected passages from Galatians 5, Dr. Cobb reminded the crowd that, for Christians, “Life is to be enjoyed, not endured.” He challenged students and staff to make the most of each opportunity every day brings in their spiritual lives, as well as through their day-to-day, week-to-week music ministry at their corps.

Colonels Merle and Dawn Heatwole joined the festivities of the final weekend, chairing Saturday evening’s Awards Festival (see box). They led the closing Sunday worship service with sensitivity and creativity, connecting examples from Facebook and pop music stars to spiritual truth based on John 15:9–17. CMI 2011 drew to a close with dozens of students and staff in prayer for one another throughout the chapel. Soon to depart, they knew with certainty who they were and what they were supposed to do.
Iraq work continues

Representatives from International Head-quarters (IHQ) travelled to Erbil in Iraq earlier this year to formalize the ongoing relationship between The Salvation Army and the Iraqi Salvation Humanitarian Organization (ISHO). Commissioner Robin Forsyth, international secretary for program resources, and Muntabah Ibrahim, chairman, ISHO, signed a new Memorandum of Understanding, ensuring the continued close working relationship between the two organizations.

Between 2003 and 2006 The Salvation Army’s International Emergency Services operated an extensive community recovery program in Iraq. In delivery of this program it used a combination of international staff and Iraqi employees who worked alongside each other to ensure the achievement of common goals. Lt. Colonels Mickey and June McLaren, USA Central Territory officers, served on one of the initial teams in Iraq. From May 2004 until March 2006 the program was managed from Kuwait because of security concerns but implemented within Iraq by Iraqi personnel.

When The Salvation Army formally concluded its work in Iraq some of its Iraqi workers—building on the experience they had gained working with and for The Salvation Army—formed and subsequently managed ISHO as an independent humanitarian organization. Today ISHO is a flourishing non-governmental organization with offices in Baghdad, Basra and Babylon. It supports a number of important projects, working in local Iraqi communities and with internally displaced people who are returning home, providing housing, health education and school equipment.

The Memorandum of Understanding envisages that The Salvation Army will continue to provide organizational and project support to ISHO and, where necessary, training and publicity. Similarly, ISHO will assist The Salvation Army where it can within the region.

Representing The Salvation Army at the meetings were Commissioners Forsyth along with Major Railet Gibbs and Major Drew Ruthven (both from International Emergency Services). The ISHO representation included Muntabah Ibrahim, Shaima’a Karim Sadoun (ISHO Deputy) and members of the ISHO board.

*Information from an International News Release

The simple joy of service

It’s been said that when you serve others, you’re often more blessed than those you serve. This certainly proved true for my Summer Mission Team trip to Zimbabwe. God used the people of Zimbabwe to remind us of some fundamental lessons of faith, and we, in turn, brought joy to the people of Zimbabwe in simple ways, not just by our work but by sharing life with them.

Our team—Astrid Carion, Jaclyn Davison, Robyn Shanahan, Ashley Tregallas, Ike Williams and I—spent the first three weeks in the village of Howard painting the community’s Salvation Army high school. Along with the school, a much-needed Salvation Army hospital is situated there. We spent one day assisting at this well-worn medical center and learned a new hospital was being built; after work we walked to the construction site.

As our team rounded the top of a large hill, a magnificent building complex tucked back within the mountains took us by surprise. We learned the buildings were not finished, and the inside was barren. Our team was blessed, nonetheless, by the joy of the Howard residents. Never once did we hear them complain; they only talked of how they appreciated what they’d been given.

Each Sunday morning our team had the opportunity of worshipping at a new corps in Zimbabwe. One Sunday we split up into teams of two and visited different corps.

Robyn Shanahan and I were invited to the Highfield Temple Corps. The corps sergeant-major told us Highfield Temple was a large and growing corps—with soldiership near a thousand—located in the heart of Zimbabwe’s capital, Bulawayo. As we pulled up, we discovered how very true this was!

Although the facility was under renovation, the service was filled to capacity. The meeting was held in a room, if you could call it that, with a ceiling or proper flooring. It felt more like an open air! A third of the new building was complete, but the community was still pursuing funds to finish the project. We saw their persistence in action. It’s customary in Zimbabwe to count tithes and offerings immediately, and everyone was informed before leaving that a grand total of $10,000 had been raised! We felt like we had witnessed a miracle.

The people of Highfield showed us how vital love and dedication is to the Body of Christ, and what can be done when we trust and diligently work for God’s greater purpose.

Editor’s note: For other team reports and photos please visit our Get Connected webpage.

If you’re an active Salvationist in the Central Territory and age 18-28 (by June 1, 2012), a Summer Mission Team might be for you!

View the requirements at www.smt.centralmissions.org
Request an application by emailing missions@usc.salvationarmy.org.
Don’t delay! Completed applications must be submitted by January 17, 2012.
Siouxland on the mend

by Captain Von R. Vandiver

The “Siouxland” area of the Western Division—where Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota meet at the confluence of the Missouri and Big Sioux Rivers—is familiar with weather extremes, such as temperatures well below zero each winter and beyond 100 each summer. But this year it experienced far more devastating extremes.

A strong EF3 tornado this spring destroyed more than 140 houses and a number of businesses in Iowa. The Salvation Army in Sioux City, Iowa, responded immediately and a number of businesses in Siouxland began constructing levees and filling sandbags. Again, The Salvation Army was there to serve and provide hope. Captains Von and Linda Vandiver, Sioux City, Iowa, corps officers, with volunteers from the Watertown, S.D., Corps, Dennis and Betty Beuthin (r) and Jim Stinson (l), were displaced residents and emergency workers.

Tons of food and beverages were served to displaced residents and emergency workers.

College and high school student volunteers worked long and hard.

We remained on-site over the next several weeks as clean up progressed by volunteers from across the Midwest who helped with demolition, hauling debris and restoring damaged homes.

Not long after the tornado, communities downstream of a South Dakota dam were alerted to an unprecedented release of water due to heavy rains and melting snow. Siouxland residents began constructing levees and filling sandbags. Again, The Salvation Army was there to serve and provide hope. Canteens traveled a circular route feeding residents and a spectrum of flood workers from South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard to hard-working college and high-school students, and work-release inmates.

As of last month, The Salvation Army has served more than 25,000 meals, distributed over 300,000 bottles of water, brewed over 200 pounds of coffee and passed out thousands of donuts, pieces of fruit and candy bars since Memorial Day.

The Salvation Army serves as the hub for a collaborative network of regional and local agencies, church groups and organizations dedicated to flood relief. When we get a call on our flood recovery line, we send out an assessment team, then partner volunteer groups with homeowners.

Hundreds of families have not yet been able to return to their homes. Our goal is to get people back into their houses—restored to at least a livable state—by November. Some houses have been underwater for so long, they’re no longer livable. Restoration work will continue, weather permitting, during the harsh, plains winter.

At times we’ve been asked, “When are you leaving?” I’m proud to tell them, “We’re not!” We were here the first day and will continue to be here, providing hope, help and healing, just as The Salvation Army has done every day here since 1888.

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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
MILWAUKEE, WIS.—As part of his 11th annual Motorcycle Run, former Buffalo Bills and Chicago Bears NFL guard Ruben Brown made stops across the United States, including a “meet and greet” in Milwaukee, to support Army programs. Over the course of 7,000 miles Ruben visited nine cities to raise awareness and funds for Salvation Army social service programs for youth and others in need. “Growing up in Salvation Army programs as a kid, I saw first-hand how people can have little or nothing at all, yet still have the opportunity to achieve something great,” said Ruben. Major Robert Thomson, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan divisional commander, said, “We are thrilled and grateful to have Milwaukee selected as a ‘pit stop’ for Ruben’s Motorcycle Run. It was so important for him to share with the youth we serve how The Salvation Army positively impacted his life.” Ruben is pictured here with children from The Salvation Army Emergency Lodge on his motorcycle in front of the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee.

MINOT, N.D.—The Walmart Foundation gave The Salvation Army $75,000, a timely donation that is helping to ensure continued service to flood survivors. As of last month, the number of flood survivors coming to the Army for food, gas, clothing, building supplies and other direct assistance skyrocketed to hundreds a day. In addition, the cost of serving food to the community reached about $12,000 per day. “We praise God for this blessing from Walmart,” said Major Donald Kincaid.

Promoted to Glory

Mrs. Major Marion Stickley

Mrs. Major Marion Stickley was promoted to Glory on August 7, 2011. She was 80 years old.

Marion Garritty was born in 1922 in New Haven, Conn. She was introduced to The Salvation Army at a young age and grew up participating in corps activities. Marion met Rothwell Stickley in Ohio; they were married in December 1943. After Rothwell served in the U.S. Army and completed college, they entered training together.

Commissioned in 1950, the Stickleys were appointed to the Oshkosh, Wis., Corps; their third and fourth children were born while they lived there. Following Oshkosh the Stickleys served at corps and divisional headquarters across the Central Territory. In 1983 they retired from the Milwaukee Citadel, Wis., Corps. After retirement Rothwell continued to preach. He was promoted to glory in 2005.

Marion is remembered for her quiet, steady and gentle Christian presence. She was a dedicated Christian and strong Salvationist all her life. Marion was preceded in death by her husband and a son-in-law, Guy Schuelke. She is survived by her children Beth Schuelke, Kathy [Jon] Johnson, Rothwell and David [Marion]; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

DES MOINES, IOWA—The move of city administrative offices to 520 35th St. was completed this summer with the installation of a new monument sign and flag pole. The sign is lighted from the interior and an LED spotlight will be installed to illuminate the 4’x6’ American flag flown from the 20’ flag pole. The sign will be dedicated to the memories of former advisory board chair Rev. Duane Gibson, former advisory board member Randall Winters and Salvation Army supporter Gary Moritz. All three passed away within the past 12 months.

White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) Week is intended to educate the public about the extent of our culture’s pornography problem. WRAP week creates a useful opportunity to raise the issue of pornography within the Church, and to call all Christians to renewed lives of sexual purity and freedom.

Oct. 30 – Nov. 6 2011

10 Ways you can help raise awareness of the damaging influences of pornography during WRAP week and throughout the year:

2. Deliver a sermon about God’s call for Christians to be sexually pure.
3. Share a list of resources about sexual addiction treatment services available in your community.
4. Show the film Secretaries’ Daughter and have a discussion about pornography’s impact on individuals and society.
5. Organize brochures and women’s retreats on the subjects of pornography and sexuality.
6. Invite your community by organizing a public event focusing on an expert on pornography’s harms.
7. Ask your state legislators to pass a WRAP Proclamation (contact anti-pornography@salvationarmy.org).
8. Add links to your website of organizations and ministries providing resources to persons struggling with pornography.
9. Politely make complaints to businesses that distribute or advertise pornography and obscene material.
10. Join the movement to pray and fast that God would free those caught in the spiritual bondage of sexual addiction and sexual sin.