Territory takes aim with archery clubs

by Jerrie Miller

As part of The Salvation Army Outdoor (TSAO) initiative, the Central Territory has been partnering with the Safari Club International Foundation (SCIF) and the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP®) for several years to provide archery equipment for camps throughout the territory. A concentrated effort has been made to make this sport available to young people coming to our camps by offering support, equipment and staff training.

To ensure safety and proper instruction, leaders are trained and certified to present NASP® lessons that are safe for children, instructors, bystanders and facilities. Leaders learn to set up and operate a safe archery range in their gymnasiums. Currently, there are 160 trained leaders at 11 camps and six corps.

This summer thousands of young people have taken aim with many finding they enjoy the sport and want to learn more. Beginning this fall, young people who want to take it to the next level may have that opportunity.

Community-based archery clubs are being formed in corps throughout several divisions. These clubs provide opportunities for members of a local group to compete against other clubs in their area.

Archery also helps to create a framework for building assets in areas such as support, empowerment, boundaries and expectations, and constructive use of time. It is very empowering for a young person when they hit the target. Participation requires careful attention to the rules and focus on the mechanics of success.

By working together, team members develop a strong sense of community. This makes the clubs an effective means of outreach for attracting new members to other corps programs. Clubs can be used as a means to expand and enhance day camp, after-school and youth programs.

The opportunity for spiritual existence...The goal is to create employment and the core concept is that each item purchased contributes to the creation of fairly compensated work."

Not only has the branding changed, but there have been new steps taken to optimize sales including an effort to produce products that meet the needs of the marketplace. Items new to the enterprise include wooden kitchen utensils, cloth grocery bags and stylish shoulder bags.

Review of the economic model also revealed a need for greater sensitivity to shipping costs. For example, in the past nativity scenes would have been sent assembled, now they’re being shipped flat.

Products are produced in Bangladesh, Pakistan, Kenya and Moldova and sold in Norway, Denmark and the United States.

Jan Storksen, general manager out of Norway, said, “Others is The Salvation Army’s initiative for trade that promotes hope. We’re running it, not for our own sake but to benefit others.”

The main sales channel for products in the United States is in the Central Territory. Robert (Bob) Jones, territorial resource connection secretary, coordinates sales and distribution of the products through the store at territorial headquarters in Des Plaines, Ill.

“We’re about transforming lives in The Salvation Army,” Bob said. “There are a lot of ways to accomplish this—donations, grants and counseling to name a few—but in struggling economies one effective way is to teach someone a skill.” A full day’s work for fair compensation.

Continued on page 10
Tragedy
by Colonel Jeffrey Smith
Chief Secretary

Ev"er once in a while tragedy hits close to home.

Several hundred people left Amsterdam on a
Malaysian Airlines flight for business or vacation, but none of them ever arrived. Tragedy struck causing
credible sadness and throwing fam-
ilies all over the world into mourn-
ing.

Not long ago I sat in the funeral for Auxiliary Captain Steve Diaz. I thought of the impact Steve made and the overwhelming response of people whom he had touched.

Though we had been hop-
ing and fervently for healing, he
died.

How many times do we read in Psalms the lament of the writer over the prevalence of injustice and
tragedy? Why does it strike? Why
does God stand by and do nothing?

Wait. Is it nothing that He left His
curch in the world with orders to
feed His Sheep and to offer grace in
His name? Is it nothing that He has
provided a way to escape the one
ting that humanly speaking is
inescapable, the sting and hopeless-
ness of death?

Of course, it isn’t. But at times
when tragedy strikes, I need to
remind myself that God is not silent. He is not uncaring. He is not unin-
volved. He loves people and cares,

even more than we care for our clos-
est family members, about what hap-
pens to us. He has given me a job: to
do what I can to mitigate crisis and
tragedy where and when I can.

As Salvationists, we gather close to
one another when one of us is griev-
ing. As Salvationists, we work in our
communities to make safety a priority. We preach, teach and
model a life of salvation from
enslaving sin which lies behind so
much tragedy and pain in our
world.
The desire to relieve tragedy brings
focus to my mission and pro-
duces energy for my ministry. I
don’t know that I will ever actually
thank God for tragedy, but despite
the pain I am grateful for the
opportunity to bring a measure of
relief and to speak a word of faith.

Tradeing in Hope for Others

Continued from page 1

...tion builds morale, satisfaction
and gives meaning to life.

Take Rokeya, for example, who has
been working for Others in Old
Dhaka, Bangladesh, for the last two
years. “I had no hope in my life as a
married woman since my husband
abused me,” she said. “I decided
the best thing for me to do was get a
divorce.” Without a husband or a
home, Rokeya was left in a bad situa-
tion, and survived by living with and
working for an aunt.

Then she heard about The
Salvation Army and came to Old
Dhaka for a job. “The Army has
given me a new chance and work I
can be proud of, and I have been
taught about women’s rights,” said
Rokeya. Rokeya attended an educa-
tional program and because of her
good scores was given the opportu-
nity to teach and train new staff.

“My husband and I are
back together again since he
has admitted he was wrong and
women have rights,” said
Rokeya. “I am really grateful
The Salvation Army gave me
this possibility. Now I have
new hope.”

Others programs are well-
crafted, beautiful and a great
way to support the mission of
the Army. Consider purchasing
them as gifts for
Christmas or programming
activities.

“Hearts for Others” are sorted and packed
at The Salvation Army headquarters in
Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Monira is responsible for training and production in
Jesore, Bangladesh.

Could You Help?

The Salvation Army cares for
thousands of women and girls in
Bangladesh and worldwide.

Please give a gift in her honor.

To give online
 salarmycentral.org/waystogo
totheiremailaddress@TheSalva-
tionArmy.org/waystogo

totheirwebsite
totheirfacebookpage

totheirtwitterpage

totheirinstagrampage

totheiryoutubechannel

totheirpinterestboard

totheirblog

If you prefer to give by check or
credit card, please do so.

We will send you a tax receipt.

Thank you for your generosity.

For late breaking news, visit our website! Log on to salarmycentral.org

Get Connected!

Check out our complimentary material on the website
salam ycentral.org

Resources/Links

- Officer Candidate website
- World Mission website
- Online updates on TSA recovery work in Haiti
- Planned giving website
- ARCIC website
- Others’ website
- Booth University website
- Media
- CMI meetings
- April Wilson video bio on basketball
- Web exclusives
- Complete CMI and CBRI award winners lists
- From Cows to Construction: New livelihoods in Haiti
- Field practitioners benefits new officers
- Wellbeing success story
- Booth University President’s update newsletter
- Antonio Higgins’ full testimony

If you would like to support
others to give:

Check out the Salvation Army’s
website
salarmycentral.org

...
Practicums prepare cadets

In a move to provide second-year cadets with more targeted opportunities for hands-on field training, the College for Officer Training (CFOT) transitioned to a cadet field practicum approach in the 2012 academic year. This has become an important component of the cadet preparation process, reported Major David Moffitt, director of field training. The field practicum approach is in addition to spring campaigns, now held between the winter and spring quarters so cadets can focus entirely on their outreach ministry opportunities.

During the fall, winter and spring quarters, second-year cadets serve a minimum of four hours each Tuesday at their assignments. As in their first year of training, the cadets are organized into brigades for the academic year under the supervision of a CFOT staff officer.

In the fall quarter, each brigade is subdivided into 'corps units' of two or three cadets. Each week the corps unit performs field practicum work at the location assigned to it. The cadets work under the direction of corps officers in a mentoring and tutorial setting where they can observe, participate in and lead program and service elements.

"Over the past two years, we’ve utilized several English and Spanish-speaking corps in the Metropolitan Division, including the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center, to provide varied settings and programs," said Major David.

On each off-campus "Out Sunday" throughout the academic year, cadets continue to attend worship at the corps to which they were assigned in the fall. Cadet children accompany their parents for family worship. During the winter and spring, however, the weekly emphasis changes as individual cadets are assigned to different locations, supervisors and program components.

"This approach affords a broader range of exposure for cadets with two more distinct assignments to experience," Major David continued. Once again the Kroc Center is utilized along with the Chicago Central Adult Rehabilitation Center, the Chicago Harbor Light Center’s outreach, youth and soldier development programs, the Divisional Pathway Forward (correctional services) program, public relations, emergency disaster services and family and community services.

"These situations, programs and service opportunities provide invaluable hands-on experiences for the cadets while they learn from top people in each field," the major added. Major Darlene Harvey, Kroc Center officer for program development, said, "We’ve tried to offer cadets exposure to different aspects...human resources, sports, volunteers...after school programs and traditional character-building activities...to provide enriching training experiences that can be transferred to their future." And, Major Edward Tutewiler, chaplain for Pathway Forward, said, "Cadets were a tremendous blessing...through one-on-one interviews with residents...and a ministry of presence with staff sharing in lively discussions and devotional thoughts."

The perfect blend of fitness, family and faith

by Elana D. Anthony

Thanks to the Chicago, Ill., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center, my life will never be the same. For the first time I have found the perfect blend of fitness, family and faith.

When I initially saw the yellow building standing in stark contrast to its Southside community, I knew it was no ordinary place. Its bright shining walls and friendly people immediately drew me in. There was a special feeling I couldn’t describe, but I knew while on the tour that I just had to work there! I remember the excitement and imagined it must have been like seeing the Promised Land. To me, the Kroc Center was brimming with "milk and honey."

Since then I have been blessed by the Kroc Center in more ways than I ever hoped or imagined. My first blessing came in the fitness department, where the expectation is that we pray at the end of every class. I boast every time I teach that the Kroc Center is not your typical health club. What makes it unique is that we have the privilege of lifting up the name of Jesus! Add to that the heartfelt prayers, and it becomes an experience like no other. Members openly acknowledge that they leave renewed and rejuvenated from the inside out.

What’s so interesting about my experience is that when I first came to the center I had no idea of the mission of The Salvation Army. Like most, I merely thought of ringing Christmas bells. Then one day I was standing in the Kroc Center, and it was as if God removed a veil from my eyes. For the first time I saw the words “The Salvation Army” clearly. And it hit me! God led me to the center! I had yet another spiritual awakening. Like Moses, I felt I was standing on holy ground.

From then until now, my family has continued to flourish from the love we have received at the Kroc Center through the church. We left a prestigious church to join the Chicago Kroc Corps Community Center and become soldiers, and we continue to hear God’s calling, much so that we are now interested in becoming officers.

This experience has helped me to see firsthand how God works through any number of creative ways to reach His children. In my case, after having taught fitness classes all over Chicago, and even in the Caribbean, He called me to a completely elevated level of holiness through the Kroc Center where now I’m not simply saved, but “saved to serve.”

SA offers support in Ferguson, Mo.

The Salvation Army in St. Louis, Mo., provided practical assistance and spiritual support in nearby Ferguson, where there was significant public unrest following the shooting of unarmed 18-year-old Michael Brown by a local police officer on August 9th.

The Salvation Army was part of a multi-agency task force which provided a community resource drop-in center to allow residents impacted by the events in Ferguson to find respite and receive a hot meal, personal care products and—for young people—the opportunity to participate in children’s activities. During the first day of operation, The Salvation Army served 230 hot meals, 414 drinks and 420 healthy snacks.

Major Lonneal Richardson, Midland divisional commander, said, “The tragic events unfolding in Ferguson, Missouri, have impacted us all deeply. As we move forward, we are asking God to give us wisdom to heal our community.”

When I initially saw the yellow building standing in stark contrast to its Southside community, I knew it was no ordinary place. Its bright shining walls and friendly people immediately drew me in. There was a special feeling I couldn’t describe, but I knew while on the tour that I just had to work there! I remember the excitement and imagined it must have been like seeing the Promised Land. To me, the Kroc Center was brimming with “milk and honey.”

Since then I have been blessed by the Kroc Center in more ways than I ever hoped or imagined. My first blessing came in the fitness department, where the expectation is that we pray at the end of every class. I boast every time I teach that the Kroc Center is not your typical health club. What makes it unique is that we have the privilege of lifting up the name of Jesus! Add to that the heartfelt prayers, and it becomes an experience like no other. Members openly acknowledge that they leave renewed and rejuvenated from the inside out.

What’s so interesting about my experience is that when I first came to the center I had no idea of the mission of The Salvation Army. Like most, I merely thought of ringing Christmas bells. Then one day I was standing in the Kroc Center, and it was as if God removed a veil from my eyes. For the first time I saw the words “The Salvation Army” clearly. And it hit me! God led me to the center! I had yet another spiritual awakening. Like Moses, I felt I was standing on holy ground.

From then until now, my family has continued to flourish from the love we have received at the Kroc Center through the church. We left a prestigious church to join the Chicago Kroc Corps Community Center and become soldiers, and we continue to hear God’s calling, much so that we are now interested in becoming officers.

This experience has helped me to see firsthand how God works through any number of creative ways to reach His children. In my case, after having taught fitness classes all over Chicago, and even in the Caribbean, He called me to a completely elevated level of holiness through the Kroc Center where now I’m not simply saved, but “saved to serve.”

The Salvation Army provided emergency financial assistance and food service to residents of Ferguson, Mo.
James McSpaddenen, director of spiritual development at the Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) in Detroit, Mich., takes great delight in sharing his testimony with the beneficiaries he counsels and the people who worship each week at the ARC. A soldier for more than 15 years and the center’s sergeant-major since 2011, his battles in life were many, but they were conquered through his strong faith in Christ.

Many men and women have been recruited and prepared for enrollment by James McSpadden.

Honored earlier this year as the Territorial Man of the Year, James has come a long way since entering the ARC as a beneficiary in 1993.

Addicted to heroin, he described his life as unmanageable with no one to turn to for help. After completing the program, James worked as a thrift store security guard, then as housing manager at the ARC. But, two years later he was “back on the streets with my old way of thinking and lifestyle,” said James, now 63.

He returned to the center in 2002 and fought hard to win back his abstinence with the support of Envelope Merle Miller, ARC administrator, who hired him as warehouse supervisor. Along the way James met Danielle, now his wife of seven years, at the Detroit Harding Corps. Danielle works faithfully alongside James in ministry at the ARC, where she teaches women’s Bible studies and provides youth with spiritual guidance and direction.

In fact, James’ whole family worships at the ARC. His 17-year-old daughter, Bionca, teaches the preschool Sunday school class, which is attended by his 3-year-old sister, Madison. With a 3.8 grade point average, Bionca looks forward to attending the University of Michigan.

In James’ daily duties, he meets one-on-one with beneficiaries for spiritual counseling and follows up with programming initiatives to provide continued spiritual guidance, reminding them they’re more than conquerors. James also has become a role model for married men, often counseling couples and offering sound advice for strengthening their marriages.

James’ skills in building personal relationships and teaching Bible studies, discipleship and soldier classes have increased worship attendance and soldier enrollment at the ARC, where he also coordinates Sunday and Wednesday chapel services for both the Detroit and Romulus campuses. He invites guest speakers for special and seasonal events and arranges and sponsors social, sports, community and conference and community care activities and outings. James delights in every opportunity he gets to help turn a life from destruction and provide others the opportunities given to him by the ARC.

Wellspring breathes life

The Wellspring program in Omaha, Neb., has been helping people involved in prostitution or victimized by human trafficking since 1994. The majority of patients are adult women.

“What we’re trying to do from point of entry is treat people with dignity and in a Christ-like manner,” said Mary Raynovich, director of Wellspring. “We don’t care who you are or where you’ve been; you are greeted joyfully and with compassion. Wellspring serves many women who have terrible life stories, horrible life events or traumas.”

They’re currently working with a woman who came to them after she was nearly beaten to death. The incident was a turning point. She was ready to turn her life of prostitution and substance abuse around. Now she has an apartment and is in the process of completing her associate’s degree. Thanks in part to the Wellspring program she has learned how to deal with stress and overcome obstacles, and eventually hopes to earn her bachelor’s degree and work in the field of social services.

In addition to providing counseling, drug treatment and follow-up care, Wellspring counselors regularly visit the Douglas Department of Corrections jail to screen for individuals who are at risk or already involved in the sex industry. Nearly 50 percent of the women they serve are incarcerated.

Those identified as sex industry survivors or involved in prostitution not only receive counseling services but are transitioned into a shelter where they are safe, can find a job and continue with a treatment program. Wellspring also holds regular group meetings for the women to support one another.

“We hope our patients reunite with their families and join churches,” said Mary. “Many of them realize they need Jesus in order to get through it.

Going forward Wellspring would like to start regularly visiting homeless shelters to screen for victims of human trafficking.
Simple gifts, happy hearts

by Samantha Hyde

Most of us take the basic necessities of life for granted: nutritious food, a safe shelter, clean water, warm clothing and comfortable footwear. At 98 years old, Laura Lewis doesn’t, even though an early investment in Eli Lilly and Company stock decades ago allowed her and husband, Albert, to live quite comfortably.

Orphaned by age 12, Laura grew up in a Catholic boarding school in a small Indiana town. As an adult she moved to Indianapolis, where she met Albert and began working at Eli Lilly. As their stock dividends accrued, the couple began looking for charitable causes that could benefit from their windfall.

“I thought I’d like to do something for which our names can be remembered,” Laura recalled. “So I just said to God, ‘Tell me what to do.’” Although she didn’t know anything about The Salvation Army, she felt compelled to call. The Indiana Division helped set up an endowment in their name which funded the construction of a new community center for the Indianapolis Fountain Square Corps.

After Albert passed away, Laura felt there was more she could do. Recalling those difficult years as an orphan, she found the answer: new shoes to start the school year for disadvantaged children and winter shoes and boots for senior citizens with limited incomes. Seven years later, shoe shopping each July has expanded from 120 students to almost 400 from Salvation Army programs and schools in the neighborhoods surrounding Fountain Square, in addition to winter footwear purchases for seniors from the area.

“When I was young, shoes were the hardest thing to come by,” Laura said. “People could give you hand-me-down clothing, but shoes were harder.”

In giving, Laura has received great joy. She sees the smiling faces of children she serves each day in photos that fill her kitchen.

“I’m thankful. I think that may be a reason I’m living so long. God says, ‘Now do this and do that,’ you know. Just do a little bit more. And, so we do,” said Laura. To make that possible, she has established two endowments to help provide for the general needs of the Fountain Square Corps and to specifically fund in perpetuity the future purchase of food.

Laura also made plans through her will to augment her endowment funds and several charitable gift annuities she established over the past two years.

“I’m awfully glad I have the money to do it with,” Laura concluded. “That’s the reason I have it, I’m sure… to help people. Because what else is there, you know?”

Disaster work gone to the dogs

by Major James Pennington

I could hear the wailing two blocks away. Walking through the devastation of Pilger, Neb., after a tornado leveled the town, I found Mary in the midst of the ruins of her home and began to try and console her. Between sobs she said her dog, Izzy, was missing. She’d left for work with him locked in his kennel and had finally returned to find everything was gone, including her dog.

Our disaster team immediately began searching for Izzy. Lifting up drywall and removing bricks, we uncovered the kennel in minutes. It was crushed, and we were convinced the dog must be dead. But suddenly, it began to move. We pried the kennel open, and Izzy squeezed out—a bit dazed and scared but OK after being buried alive for 16 hours. We gave him a couple of drinks and let him get his breath back. We asked if we could take him someplace safe while we worked. Mary said yes, because she didn’t want to miss work for the two blocks away. Walking through the rubble, we could hear the wailing of Izzy as he searched for his owner.

As Mary held him, Izzy began to lick her face and her tears began to dry. She began to smile and even weep. The looks of joy on children’s faces says it all.

The planned gifts of Laura Lewis and her late husband, Albert, will continue to bless others.

The planned gifts of Laura Lewis and her late husband, Albert, will continue to bless others.

The planned gifts of Laura Lewis and her late husband, Albert, will continue to bless others.

The planned gifts of Laura Lewis and her late husband, Albert, will continue to bless others.

Pizza for Pilger

A fter twin EF4 tornadoes destroyed 75 percent of Pilger, Neb., on June 16, 2014, people in Omaha and across the country wanted to help this small community recover. One of these individuals was Jeff Daley, a local pizza shop owner who contacted The Salvation Army. He brought 26 pizza restaurants on board for a one-day event, Pizza for Pilger. On June 23, proceeds from special menu items were collected for The Salvation Army’s long-term recovery operation.

During a news conference, attended by Major James Pennington, Lincoln, Neb., Corps officer who spearheaded the relief effort, it was announced that more than $80,000 was donated in one day. By early evening, shops ran out of pizza ingredients, phone lines were clogged, and long lines of people formed outside restaurants. Two-hour wait times were common.

“I couldn’t be more proud of my colleagues in the pizza community, as well as the folks in Omaha whose generous contributions of their time and resources would go a long way in paving the road to recovery,” said Daley.

Jeff Daley, owner of Ragazzi’s Pizza, radio personality Tom Boeck of 1290 KOLR, and Major Todd Thielke, Omaha, Neb., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center senior officer
by Andrew Wainwright

For 80 summers Central Music Institute (CMI) has been, as its theme song declares, "the place to be." During that time thousands of students have entered Camp Wonderland’s gates and returned home spiritually and musically enriched from the experience. This year was no exception as 220 students and staff, including overseas visitors from Australia, South America and the United Kingdom, joined together for 10 days of music-making, Bible study, fellowship and fun.

From the arrival of the first students on the opening Thursday, a buzz of excitement and anticipation was in the air, and out of the hustle and bustle of auditions six bands and two choruses, as well as “Glee-M-I” show choir, were produced. In addition to performing groups, students could select from a wide range of electives which included Bible, brass instrument repair, composition and arranging, conducting, drama, keyboard, music leadership, percussion and the ever popular CMtv.

The details of the registration and audition process, like the courses that would follow, were organized to the finest detail by Territorial Music and Gospel Arts Secretary William Himes, now in his 36th year as CMI director, along with his excellent team from the department and volunteer faculty from around the territory.

The camp’s internationalism was enhanced by special guests Ken Waterworth, territorial music director for the Australia Southern Territory, and Omar Perez, who holds the same position in the South America East Territory. They shared a wealth of experience from opposite ends of the globe. It was a privilege for the faculty and students of CMI to get to know these exceptional music leaders as they shared something of their Christian and musical experience in their down-to-earth, unassuming styles. Ken was handed the baton for the top band, Wonderland, as well as the Faculty Band, which provided music at various times during the camp, while Omar led the Boots Chorale and Faculty Chorus.

Sealed Orders, a daily 15-minute period where the whole camp falls silent, gave campers an opportunity to reflect on the chosen passage of scripture and to be equipped for daily life away from the comfort zone of CMI. This year’s theme “Buckle up!” examined Ephesians 6:10-18, helping campers understand what it means to put on the full armor of God. This devotional time was led by chaplain Matt Walter, whose choice of humorous anecdotes effectively connected the focus of the day. Evening devotions, led by cabin counselors, often tied to this focus with the opportunity for students to consider the point in greater detail.

Programs included guest artist performances by Chicago A Cappella, an ensemble of nine professional singers who presented a whole concert of songs from The Great American Song Book, and a one-man dramatic presentation by Alan Atwood titled, “The Heart of God.”

However, it was the opportunity to hear what the students had achieved in their evening concerts which was a highlight for many. Ample opportunity was given for bands, elective choruses and solo contest winners to display their talents.

Evening programs could be viewed online via nightly webcasts by the Territorial Community Relations Department’s Visual Communications Section—just one of the ways in which CMI has embraced technology to enhance its mission in recent years. A light-hearted mainstay for 20 years born out of the production elective of the same name, CMtv claimed an entire evening program called “CMtv Flashback” providing the opportunity to relive zany videos dating back to 1994.

CMI’s marching band and flag unit, which comprised all instrumental and vocal students, were featured in a parade and standing performance at Six Flags Great America—the first time since 2008. Having refined their performance to perfection in the preceding days by practicing each evening after dinner, they marched midday through the park proclaiming the gospel to hundreds of spectators. The remainder of the day was spent in fun and fellowship as students were afforded the chance to let their hair down—and likely scream their lungs out on some high-velocity rides!

CMI at 80: still the place to be

CMI’s Marching Band and Flag Unit, which comprised all instrumental and vocal students, were featured in a parade and standing performance at Six Flags Great America—the first time since 2008. Having refined their performance to perfection in the preceding days by practicing each evening after dinner, they marched midday through the park proclaiming the gospel to hundreds of spectators. The remainder of the day was spent in fun and fellowship as students were afforded the chance to let their hair down—and likely scream their lungs out on some high-velocity rides!

CMI establishes “The Janey” Scholarship

The territorial music and gospel arts department was dealt a heavy blow this April with the loss of Janey Hult, beloved administrative assistant and CMI office manager for more than 35 years. To preserve the memory of her legacy of servanthood known throughout the Army world, friends and family established the Janey Hult Scholarship Fund to provide partial scholarships to assist young people who might not otherwise be able to attend the territorial music camp. On opening night it was announced that DJ Crosby of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Katrina Shiel of Oak Creek, Wis., were the first two recipients of “The Janey” scholarship. Robert Hult, devoted husband, congratulated the young ladies. It is hoped this fund will provide years of encouragement to future young Salvationist musicians. Contributions can still be made by sending checks, made out to The Salvation Army, to: The Salvation Army, Music and Gospel Arts Department, 10 W. Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016.

The territorial music and gospel arts department was dealt a heavy blow this April with the loss of Janey Hult, beloved administrative assistant and CMI office manager for more than 35 years. To preserve the memory of her legacy of servanthood known throughout the Army world, friends and family established the Janey Hult Scholarship Fund to provide partial scholarships to assist young people who might not otherwise be able to attend the territorial music camp. On opening night it was announced that DJ Crosby of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Katrina Shiel of Oak Creek, Wis., were the first two recipients of “The Janey” scholarship. Robert Hult, devoted husband, congratulated the young ladies. It is hoped this fund will provide years of encouragement to future young Salvationist musicians. Contributions can still be made by sending checks, made out to The Salvation Army, to: The Salvation Army, Music and Gospel Arts Department, 10 W. Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016.
On the final Saturday, the much-anticipated Awards Festival featured all the bands and choruses. It was amazing to hear how much progress students had made in such a short time. As Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seiler, territorial leaders, presented a plethora of awards (see box) the near-capacity audience responded with enthusiastic acclaim.

Bill Scarlett, who is retiring from the faculty after a connection to CMI that stretches as long as the institution has been in existence, was recognized. (Bill was present as a one-year-old when his father served on the founding faculty in 1935!) Bandmaster Himes paid tribute to his faithful ministry in which countless students have benefited from cornet instruction and the instrument repair course. The audience responded with an extended standing ovation.

This year was marked by two great losses to CMI: Janey Hult, administrative assistant and CMI office manager for 35 years, who lost her battle to cancer earlier this year; and Steve Diaz, who served as counselor, conductor and chaplain for several years. A memorial service was added to the final Sunday to honor these two who served the Lord so uniquely and effectively. Led by Colonel Dennis Phillips and supported by Eric Himes with a time of praise, this service included meaningful remembrances from alumni and staff and an inspiring message by Major Debbie Stiggen on the beatitude, “blessed are they that mourn” which brought comfort and strength to those still processing these losses to the CMI family.

In the worship service that followed, Commissioner Paul Seiler took a final look at the armor of God, noting that such protection is worthless without constant and genuine prayer. Supported by the Faculty Band, Drama Track, Massed Chorus and student testimonies, the meeting concluded with many prayerful connections at the altar. Students, staff and alumni then said their goodbyes for another year with a real assurance they were returning to the world effectively armed for Christian service.

Camp Lake Band
Jillian Pratt (Quincy Kro Center, Ill.)
Rachel Grindle-Phelps Scholarship

Shagbank Band
DJ Crosby (Fort Wayne, Ind.)
Fischer Scholarship

Temple Band
Ashlee Morris (Royal Oak, Mich.)
Ruth Hatfield Scholarship

Hilltop Chorus
Rabih Lakkis (Dearborn Heights Citadel, Mich.)
Victor Danielson Scholarship

Tabernacle Band
Marcarius Coakley (Royal Oak, Mich.)
Paton Family Scholarship

Citadel Band
Thomas Jobson (Royal Oak, Mich.)
Don Hatton Scholarship

Boodh Chorale
Ryan Rodriguez (Rockford Temple, Ill.)
Douglas Norris Scholarship

Wonderland Band
Mark Wolozow (Norwich Citadel, U.K.)
William and Katherine Scarlett Scholarship

Emest and Mary Miller Vocal Soloist Award
Jamie Dwyer (Midland, Mich.)

Marjorie Marshall Piano Award
Bret Hayhurst (Warren, Mich.)

Flint Citadel Uden-McDougall Percussion Award
Stephen Jordan (Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.)

Ray Wright Tuba Award
Mark Woodrow (Norwich Citadel, U.K.)

Earle Hanton Euphonium Award
Christopher Clarke (Omaha Citadel, Neb.)

John R. Cheyne Trombone Award
Caleb Carter (Flint Citadel, Mich.)

Howard Cheesam Horn Award
Abigail Merritt (Rockford Temple, Ill.)

Ron Rowland Cornet Award
Andrew Herndon (Oak Creek Centennial, Wis.)

Harry Shusel Most Improved Musician Award
Casey Becker (St. Cloud, Minn.)

Ramsey-Jaudes-Boyer Rookie Award
Noah Roberts (Royal Oak, Mich.)

Fischer Awards
Josie Himes — Composition (Flint Citadel, Mich.)

David Havens — Songwriting (Dearborn Heights Citadel, Mich.)

David Chang — Leadership (Chicago Mayfair Comm. Church, Ill.)

Bernard Smith Conducting Award

Sam Park (Chicago Mayfair Comm. Church, Ill.)

Majors William and Jean Stuart Ministry Award

Kally Prentiss (Janesville, Wis.)

Lois and Len Duguay Spirit of CMI Award

Marcarius Coakley (Royal Oak, Mich.)

Walt Winters Instrument Repair Resources

Gonzalo Juarez (Tucuman, Argentina)

Diego Flores Machado (Montevideo, Uruguay)

Ben Merritt Award

Marc Smith (Aurora, Ill.)

Arthur Shoults Scholarship

Crosby-O’Neil Cornet

Flint Citadel

CMI awards

Photos by Emily Aris, Erin Wyatt, Laura Allen and Rick Vogeney
The Davissons with colleague Neshia Hope, admissions assistant, at Booth University College.

On a visit home last fall Majors Bob and Rae Doliber delighted in seeing granddaughters Ana, Alaina and Lauren (l-r).

Major Phil Davisson and his wife, Sheila, who hail from the Central Territory, are the last non-native members of the Salvation Army's Haiti Division. The couple arrived in Haiti in September 2010. Progress continues on the 30 schools the team is rebuilding or repairing, including the 1,600-student College Verena campus.

After the school in Balan was remodeled and a new rain-catching reservoir was built, a Central territorial global mission team arrived to remodel the corps. That Sunday more than 80 Salvationists marched singing into their "new temple" bearing flags and new instruments and offering plates, each of which were dedicated to great applause and reminding "Hallelujah!"

On another visit the Dolibers arrived in time for the school's 8:00 a.m. flag raising and student-led praise chorus and prayer. Major Bob observed, "Every day is 'See You at the Flag Pole' day in Haiti!"

"Booth University College is becoming the central training school for Salvation Army employees, soldiers and officers in this territory," said the major. "This will mean building a lot of new programs both in formal education and continuing education in a variety of platforms." In her role as spiritual life coordinator, Major Sheila provides spiritual guidance and is responsible to coordinate two chapels per week. This past year kept her busy as she helped connect a larger than ever number of Salvationists on campus with a corps home. Blessings are flowing for the Davissons in general. This May their son, James, got married, and their oldest daughter, Lt. Jaclyn Davison serving in Minneapolis, Minn., got engaged. Their youngest child, Julia, is finishing her bachelor's degree in social work from Booth University College.

An expansion, eh?

"It's a good thing we have warm parkas and an attached garage," quipped Major Philip Davison who is serving at Booth University College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, in the Canada and Bermuda Territory. But record low temperatures this year didn't stymie Major Phil and his wife, Sheila, who hail from the Central Territory. They report, "This past year has been very productive for us—learning our roles even better and fitting into the culture."

The productivity promises to increase as Booth University College undergoes a $2.6 million expansion to establish a new school for continuing studies and a business/learning center. Construction for the liberal arts school with degrees in social work, behavioral science, religion, general studies and business is slated to be completed by the end of the year.

Major Phil's appointment is associate dean for extended learning. He helps professors get their classes online, assists in creation of extended learning curriculum and connects with instructors from around the world. Although the major's role will not change with the expansion, he will find himself part of an extended department and some exciting new projects.

"Booth University College is becoming the central training school for Salvation Army employees, soldiers and officers in this territory," said the major. "This will mean building a lot of new programs both in formal education and continuing education in a variety of platforms."

In her role as spiritual life coordinator, Major Sheila provides spiritual guidance and is responsible to coordinate two chapels per week. This past year kept her busy as she helped connect a larger than ever number of Salvationists on campus with a corps home. Blessings are flowing for the Davissons in general. This May their son, James, got married, and their oldest daughter, Lt. Jaclyn Davison serving in Minneapolis, Minn., got engaged. Their youngest child, Julia, is finishing her bachelor's degree in social work from Booth University College.

The HRD team was tasked with rebuilding the Port-au-Prince region after the horrific earthquake in January 2010. With Major Bob as team director and Major Rae as special projects manager, the Dolibers are the last non-native members of the original international team. At the end of next summer, they're scheduled to leave the team in the Haiti Division's hands and tackle their next adventure.

To date, almost 400 young adults have graduated from the Army's building trade vocational training program. The Dolibers addressed—in Creole, no less—one of the recent graduating classes. "Seeing 100 young adults in caps, gowns and colorful sashes marching down the national highway and into the corps was a thrill beyond description," said Major Rae. "Sash colors represented the graduates' trades: red for construction, green for plumbing, yellow for electrical, light blue for tiling and deep blue for auto mechanics."

After a rough, muddy trip to Couyou, a remote mountain town, Major Bob said it was "thrilling to see our new school standing as a beacon for Christ-centered education for children who otherwise may never attend school." When a new school in Vieux Bourg was completed for 600 students, visiting donor representatives encouraged facility maintenance for long-term sustainability. To that end, 25 quartermasters received training in identifying and making repairs to Army schools and churches.

A team highlight was the completion of the new, 500-seat corps building in Pond-des-Negres. "The contractor didn’t finish the mercy seat in time for the dedication, but that didn’t stop the Holy Spirit; the empty spot was lined with seekers," the major said, adding the corps employed a unique fundraiser at the standing-room-only dedication: the building’s 26 windows were only opened, one at a time, as people made contributions for fresh air!

The dedication for the new Fond-des-Negres Corps building drew a standing-room only crowd.

The 2015 short-term mission opportunities.

The Salvation Army in Haiti Recovery and Development (HRD) team of which they have been a part since September 2010. Progress continues on the 30 schools the team is rebuilding or repairing, including the 1,600-student College Verena campus.

After the school in Balan was remodeled and a new rain-catching reservoir was built, a Central territorial global mission team arrived to remodel the corps. That Sunday more than 80 Salvationists marched singing into their "new temple" bearing flags and new instruments and offering plates, each of which were dedicated to great applause and reminding "Hallelujah!"

On another visit the Dolibers arrived in time for the school's 8:00 a.m. flag raising and student-led praise chorus and prayer. Major Bob observed, "Every day is 'See You at the Flag Pole' day in Haiti!"

"Booth University College is becoming the central training school for Salvation Army employees, soldiers and officers in this territory," said the major. "This will mean building a lot of new programs both in formal education and continuing education in a variety of platforms."

In her role as spiritual life coordinator, Major Sheila provides spiritual guidance and is responsible to coordinate two chapels per week. This past year kept her busy as she helped connect a larger than ever number of Salvationists on campus with a corps home. Blessings are flowing for the Davissons in general. This May their son, James, got married, and their oldest daughter, Lt. Jaclyn Davison serving in Minneapolis, Minn., got engaged. Their youngest child, Julia, is finishing her bachelor's degree in social work from Booth University College.

The Dedication for the new Fond-des-Negres Corps building drew a standing-room only crowd.

The HRD team was tasked with rebuilding the Port-au-Prince region after the horrific earthquake in January 2010. With Major Bob as team director and Major Rae as special projects manager, the Dolibers are the last non-native members of the original international team. At the end of next summer, they're scheduled to leave the team in the Haiti Division's hands and tackle their next adventure.

To date, almost 400 young adults have graduated from the Army's building trade vocational training program. The Dolibers addressed—in Creole, no less—one of the recent graduating classes. "Seeing 100 young adults in caps, gowns and colorful sashes marching down the national highway and into the corps was a thrill beyond description," said Major Rae. "Sash colors represented the graduates' trades: red for construction, green for plumbing, yellow for electrical, light blue for tiling and deep blue for auto mechanics."

After a rough, muddy trip to Couyou, a remote mountain town, Major Bob said it was "thrilling to see our new school standing as a beacon for Christ-centered education for children who otherwise may never attend school." When a new school in Vieux Bourg was completed for 600 students, visiting donor representatives encouraged facility maintenance for long-term sustainability. To that end, 25 quartermasters received training in identifying and making repairs to Army schools and churches.

A team highlight was the completion of the new, 500-seat corps building in Pond-des-Negres. "The contractor didn’t finish the mercy seat in time for the dedication, but that didn’t stop the Holy Spirit; the empty spot was lined with seekers," the major said, adding the corps employed a unique fundraiser at the standing-room-only dedication: the building’s 26 windows were only opened, one at a time, as people made contributions for fresh air!

The dedication for the new Fond-des-Negres Corps building drew a standing-room only crowd.
by Major Herbert Fuqua

"It's in the sauce!" is a famous slogan for a company that brings zest to pasta. A super slogan for this year’s 70th zesty, spirit-filled Central Bible Leadership Institute would have been, “It’s in the tracks!” The six age-appropriate tracks ran simultaneously, creating a delicious smorgasbord of spiritual delicacies for the nearly 600 delegates. Special ingredients for this taste of Heaven included guest speakers, marvelous music, wonderful workshops, fantastic fun, competitive sporting events and evening programs that nourished the soul.

Each track had its own theme and well-prepared leaders. Walking through a parking lot of strollers, one could witness the 39 CBLI Kids (up to age 5) focusing on the theme “Growing Up God’s Kids.” Fifty-three junior CBLIers (ages 6-10) met in Cherokee Hall to pursue the theme “Inside Out,” while the 26 junior highs enjoyed their theme “Rebels.” The largest group gracing the institute was the 183 senior high students studying “Embracing a Biblical World View.” The 65 young adults (ages 18-30) dwelt on the theme “The Body of Christ,” and the adult track came under the banner of “Captured by Grace.” The eight cool nights and nine pleasantly warm days were an additional perfect ingredient!

Colonels Merle and Dawn Heatwole were perfect “bookends” as he preached the first Sunday on Romans 6 and the choice we all have to either be a slave to sin or a slave to God’s grace, and she spoke on the final Sunday about the love of Jesus being our strength as we returned home.

Adding spice to the week were eight relevant workshops and presentations by guest leaders like Cotton Presley who said, “Whoever holds your desires, holds you.” Adult Bible class presenter Major John Rhemick taught on holiness from Ephesians. Brent Phillips, founder of “Never Just Exist,” masterfully tattooed on our hearts the gospel truth, “We are never without hope in God’s sight,” while Jeremiah Gamble of “Theater for the Thirsty” received a standing ovation for his 45-minute solo drama presentation of gospel stories and characters hammering home the message of Jesus in a totally refreshing manner. Guest speakers Dr. Bill and Diane Ury were a knock-out combination, presenting back-to-back messages on Monday and Tuesday evenings. He challenged and humbled us by proclaiming, “No one today is in a better position to bring the unsaved into relationship with Jesus Christ than The Salvation Army” and pointing out Salvationists are people who have been “captured by God’s grace.”

Both spiritual food and physical food taste a lot better with beautiful music as a backdrop. “Randy Bonifield in Concert” comprised the opening night, while The Singing Company ministered throughout the rest of the camp.

Peppered the united meetings with victorious testimonies were the summer mission teams. Their joyous reports became the yeast for this year’s CBLI missions project to provide water tanks for the Kenya East Territory. Territorial headquarters matched up to $5,000 of the over $7,000 raised at CBLI, making it possible to install 24 water tanks at corps in Kenya.

Like an exquisite dessert after a fine dinner, delegates enjoyed a Wednesday afternoon and evening “Family Day” featuring the acrobatic performance of the Chicago Boyz gymnasts, eight Christian college/university table displays, a picnic and annual staff/camper softball game topped off with a cherry bomb, lake-front fireworks display that lit up the night sky for miles.

Delegates were saved, sanctified and satisfied with the Bread of Life. After all, “It’s in the sauce.”

"It’s in the sauce!" is a famous slogan for a company that brings zest to pasta. A super slogan for this year’s 70th zesty, spirit-filled Central Bible Leadership Institute would have been, “It’s in the tracks!” The six age-appropriate tracks ran simultaneously, creating a delicious smorgasbord of spiritual delicacies for the nearly 600 delegates. Special ingredients for this taste of Heaven included guest speakers, marvelous music, wonderful workshops, fantastic fun, competitive sporting events and evening programs that nourished the soul.

Each track had its own theme and well-prepared leaders. Walking through a parking lot of strollers, one could witness the 39 CBLI Kids (up to age 5) focusing on the theme “Growing Up God’s Kids.” Fifty-three junior CBLIers (ages 6-10) met in Cherokee Hall to pursue the theme “Inside Out,” while the 26 junior highs enjoyed their theme “Rebels.” The largest group gracing the institute was the 183 senior high students studying “Embracing a Biblical World View.” The 65 young adults (ages 18-30) dwelt on the theme “The Body of Christ,” and the adult track came under the banner of “Captured by Grace.” The eight cool nights and nine pleasantly warm days were an additional perfect ingredient!

Colonels Merle and Dawn Heatwole were perfect “bookends” as he preached the first Sunday on Romans 6 and the choice we all have to either be a slave to sin or a slave to God’s grace, and she spoke on the final Sunday about the love of Jesus being our strength as we returned home.

Adding spice to the week were eight relevant workshops and presentations by guest leaders like Cotton Presley who said, “Whoever holds your desires, holds you.” Adult Bible class presenter Major John Rhemick taught on holiness from Ephesians. Brent Phillips, founder of “Never Just Exist,” masterfully tattooed on our hearts the gospel truth, “We are never without hope in God’s sight,” while Jeremiah Gamble of “Theater for the Thirsty” received a standing ovation for his 45-minute solo drama presentation of gospel stories and characters hammering home the message of Jesus in a totally refreshing manner. Guest speakers Dr. Bill and Diane Ury were a knock-out combination, presenting back-to-back messages on Monday and Tuesday evenings. He challenged and humbled us by proclaiming, “No one today is in a better position to bring the unsaved into relationship with Jesus Christ than The Salvation Army” and pointing out Salvationists are people who have been “captured by God’s grace.”

Both spiritual food and physical food taste a lot better with beautiful music as a backdrop. “Randy Bonifield in Concert” comprised the opening night, while The Singing Company ministered throughout the rest of the camp.

Peppered the united meetings with victorious testimonies were the summer mission teams. Their joyous reports became the yeast for this year’s CBLI missions project to provide water tanks for the Kenya East Territory. Territorial headquarters matched up to $5,000 of the over $7,000 raised at CBLI, making it possible to install 24 water tanks at corps in Kenya.

Like an exquisite dessert after a fine dinner, delegates enjoyed a Wednesday afternoon and evening “Family Day” featuring the acrobatic performance of the Chicago Boyz gymnasts, eight Christian college/university table displays, a picnic and annual staff/camper softball game topped off with a cherry bomb, lake-front fireworks display that lit up the night sky for miles.

Delegates were saved, sanctified and satisfied with the Bread of Life. After all, “It’s in the sauce.”
Preparing for mission at NSE

The majestic mountains and stunning rock formations surrounding the Glen Eyrie Conference Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., only intensifies the spiritual impact on delegates attending the National Seminar on Evangelism (NSE). But this past summer, a recent development brought a renewed sense of mission and urgency to the annual week-long event, now in its 45th year.

The recent legalization of marijuana in Colorado has brought a huge influx of homeless people and teenage runaways—also without shelter or employment—into the state. NSE delegates were afforded opportunities to reach out to this population during their forays into the Colorado Springs community to practice their newly acquired evangelism skills. These visits to parks, shopping districts and other public areas in the city have always been an intrinsic part of NSE training.

Since 2007, the seminar has effectively utilized Bill Hybels’ book, Just Walk Across the Room, as the basis for its evangelism training curriculum. Combined with daily unit-ed Bible studies, small discipleship/discussion group meetings, educational presentations, challenging devotions and inspiring testimonies, the 120 delegates from the four U.S. territories returned to their corps equipped and charged to fulfill Christ’s Great Commission.

Out of the blue

I don’t think the Dixons knew the kind of impact they had on me,” said Antonio Higgins about Three Trails Camp Director Mike Dixon and his wife, Carrie. “I was such a has-been. But their love was an early fashion of what I know now is God’s love. He continues to love you in spite of, not because of, what you’ve done.”

Mike and Carrie connected with Antonio this year when one day, out of the blue, he invited them to his college graduation. The Dixons were thrilled and honestly a little bit surprised. It had been seven years since they had seen or heard from him.

He came to Three Trails Camp to fulfill community service hours for theft. After he’d met his requirement, Mike and Carrie offered him a job for the summer; it wasn’t their usual way of recruitment, but something was stirred in Mike’s heart.

Antonio would do things all summer that almost crossed the line.

Mike said, “We had so many good conversations with him. We were constantly having mentoring moments but didn’t really know the outcome.”

Sometime before the following spring, Antonio’s family moved, and the Dixons lost touch. Afterward, unbeknownst to them, Antonio was led to Christ by a saved gang-member turned youth pastor. He then went on to the University of Missouri, Kansas City, Mo., to major in psychology to help other boys, who like him, had a difficult start.

On his college graduation day, Carrie found inconspicuous seats in the back-corner bleacher section. To her delight, many of his family members and friends were seated there, too. When Antonio walked across the stage to accept his diploma, his cheering section roared.

“In camp ministry you never know what God’s doing in the short time you have with your kids, or if you’re even doing things right. You’re just there to plant and water,” said Mike. “But every once in a while God gives you the opportunity to see someone through. To know this kid has blossomed into a flower and has become a man of God, to hear the impact he’s already making on other kids’ lives—what a blessing.”

The Central Territory sent 41 delegates from 14 corps. Several other Centralites held NSE staff positions as speakers or small-group facilitators. Delegates enjoyed rich fellowship and exchanges of knowledge, particularly within their eight-member small groups comprised of soldiers and officers from all four territories.

Although the daily schedule ran for 12 hours or more, free time could be found for early-morning trail hikes in addition to the two hours scheduled for late-afternoon recreation before dinner and the evening sessions. Wednesday afternoon was free for touring Pike’s Peak, Manitou Springs, the U.S. Air Force Academy or the Glen Eyrie Castle.

Mark Bender, program specialist in the territorial evangelism and corps growth department, served as a small group leader. “It was moving to hear stories of delegates as they testified to the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through them during outreach evangelism,” he said.

Preparing for mission at NSE

Dr. Francisco Carrion from the Rockland Temple, IL, Corps (β and Albert) and Flavio Biral of the De Plaines, IL, Corps attended the training held by TSAO Corps Officers Captains Brian and Heidi Reed and Community Center Director Liz Mullins agree the success is due in part to good timing.

“Archery has really grown in popularity due to movies and books like Brave and The Hunger Games,” said Liz. “Kids are reading about archery, and it’s become cool. Plus, we’re offering something at our corps you can’t get anywhere else; an eight-week archery program complete with equipment for only $15!”

Last year, Captain Heidi and Liz attended a training held by TMOSO (The Salvation Army Outdoors Program and Camp Consultant Bruce McAlister. Not only did he train them, he ensured archery equipment was supplied through a grant. “It’s so easy to get this ministry going,” Captain Heidi added. “For corps with the space, I could not recommend it enough! It’s a great program!”

Classes offered on Wednesday afternoons and evenings doubled and expanded to Tuesdays. Five additional instructors were trained including Captain Brian, who sees excitement in the corps growing and hopes to bridge new families into other corps programs, starting with character-building.

The ministry not only connects community folks to the corps but with each other. One widow brought her three daughters to participate. “She was having a tough time connecting with the girls and helping them relate to each other,” recalled Liz. “Now they are spending quality time together once a week and loving it!”

The ultimate goal of the ministry is to connect people with the Savior. “All of our programs have Jesus at the center,” said Liz, who opens every class with a prayer. “Captain Heidi leads a devotional before most practices, and in time the captains would like classes to be followed by a gospel message or Bible study.

Bull’s eye for Wyandotte

The Wyandotte Downriver, Mich., Corps has hit the mark with its wildly popular archery ministry, connecting 20 new families to the corps in the first six months alone! Corps Officers Captains Brian and Heidi Reed and Community Center Director Liz Mullins agree the success is due in part to good timing.

“Archery has really grown in popularity due to movies and books like Brave and The Hunger Games,” said Liz. “Kids are reading about archery, and it’s become cool. Plus, we’re offering something at our corps you can’t get anywhere else; an eight-week archery program complete with equipment for only $15!”

Last year, Captain Heidi and Liz attended a training held by TMOSO (The Salvation Army Outdoors Program and Camp Consultant Bruce McAlister. Not only did he train them, he ensured archery equipment was supplied through a grant. “It’s so easy to get this ministry going,” Captain Heidi added. “For corps with the space, I could not recommend it enough! It’s a great program!”

Classes offered on Wednesday afternoons and evenings doubled and expanded to Tuesdays. Five additional instructors were trained including Captain Brian, who sees excitement in the corps growing and hopes to bridge new families into other corps programs, starting with character-building.

The ministry not only connects community folks to the corps but with each other. One widow brought her three daughters to participate. “She was having a tough time connecting with the girls and helping them relate to each other,” recalled Liz. “Now they are spending quality time together once a week and loving it!”

The ultimate goal of the ministry is to connect people with the Savior. “All of our programs have Jesus at the center,” said Liz, who opens every class with a prayer. “Captain Heidi leads a devotional before most practices, and in time the captains would like classes to be followed by a gospel message or Bible study.
**November Prayer Calendar**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>My Prayer List</th>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Bible Reading</th>
<th>Pray for The Salvation Army</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 Saturday</td>
<td>Ecclesiastes 3-4</td>
<td>Minneapolis, Minn., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 Sunday</td>
<td>Zephaniah 1-3</td>
<td>Flint, Mich., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Monday</td>
<td>Acts 11-12</td>
<td>Madison Genesis, Wis., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 Tuesday</td>
<td>James 4-5</td>
<td>Galesburg, Ill., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 Wednesday</td>
<td>Deuteronomy 1-3</td>
<td>Indianapolis Eagle Creek, Ind., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 Thursday</td>
<td>2 Chronicles 32-36</td>
<td>Kansas City Citadel, Kan., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7 Friday</td>
<td>Psalms 128-130</td>
<td>Cicero Temple Laramie, Wyo., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8 Saturday</td>
<td>Ecclesiastes 5-6</td>
<td>Caribbean Territory™</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9 Sunday</td>
<td>Haggai 1-2</td>
<td>Hibbing, Minn., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 Monday</td>
<td>Acts 13-14</td>
<td>Kaynema, Neb., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11 Tuesday</td>
<td>1 Peter 1-3</td>
<td>St. Louis, Mo., Veterans Residence</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12 Wednesday</td>
<td>Deuteronomy 4-6</td>
<td>Metropolitan DHS® **</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13 Thursday</td>
<td>Ezra 1-6</td>
<td>Jackson, Mich., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14 Friday</td>
<td>Psalms 131-132</td>
<td>Madison Temple, Wis., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15 Saturday</td>
<td>Ecclesiastes 7-8</td>
<td>Major Michelle &amp; Captain Dean Oliver (Australia)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16 Sunday</td>
<td>Zechariah 1-7</td>
<td>Minneapolis, Minn., ARC*</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17 Monday</td>
<td>Acts 15-16</td>
<td>Hibulde, Mich., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18 Tuesday</td>
<td>1 Peter 4-5</td>
<td>Iowa City, Iowa, Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19 Wednesday</td>
<td>Deuteronomy 7-9</td>
<td>Indianapolis Fountain Square, Ind., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20 Thursday</td>
<td>Ezra 8-10</td>
<td>Kansas City Northland, Mo., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21 Friday</td>
<td>Psalms 134-136</td>
<td>Crystal Lake, Wyo., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22 Saturday</td>
<td>Ecclesiastes 9-10</td>
<td>Jacksonville, Wyo., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23 Sunday</td>
<td>Zechariah 9-14</td>
<td>International Falls, Minn., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24 Monday</td>
<td>Acts 17-18</td>
<td>Lincoln, Neb., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25 Tuesday</td>
<td>1 John 1-2</td>
<td>Kalamaooce, Mich., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26 Wednesday</td>
<td>Deuteronomy 10-12</td>
<td>Montevideo, Wis., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27 Thursday</td>
<td>Nehemiah 1-4</td>
<td>Thank God for the blessings He gives!</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>28 Friday</td>
<td>Psalms 137-139</td>
<td>Livingston County, Mich., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>29 Saturday</td>
<td>Ecclesiastes 11-12</td>
<td>Kansas, Wyo., Corps</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30 Sunday</td>
<td>Malachi 1-4</td>
<td>Christmas Kettle Campaigns</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

---

**Not your typical teen**

by Susan Berkson

Sixteen-year-olds: a) hang out at the mall, b) play video games, c) start red kettle campaigns in their hometowns.

For Spencer Linn, 2014 Youth Volunteer of the Year, the answer is ‘c.’ When he saw flyers at his school in the tiny town of Albany, Minn., saying the Honor Society would be ringing bells at kettles in nearby St. Joseph, Minn., he wondered, ‘Why not here?’

In addition to doing homework Spencer runs track, participates in the Stearns County Youth Task Force and works seven days a week at Amby’s, the local grocery. The young go-getter brought his idea to people at work, whose “whatever” response, inspired him to call The Salvation Army’s Stearns County Service Unit. He spoke with social worker, Peggy Kill.

Peggy assumed she was talking with an adult; after all, he wanted to do the whole Christmas season and already had volunteers lined up. She suggested they meet to discuss policies and procedures. “Tomorrow at 11:17 a.m.,” Spencer responded. “At the grocery store?” asked Peggy. “At school,” he replied.

The bell ringing, which took place at Amby’s, was fun, thanks to Spencer who provided a basket of Santa hats and encouraged caroling. “It was amazing at how many people wanted to volunteer,” he recalled.

Spencer was inspired by his faith and his family. He also was motivated by the fact The Salvation Army gives back right in Albany with programs that provide temporary emergency assistance to people in need and school supplies to love-income students.

“We’ve had losses in our community—an apartment building burned down and people lost everything,” he said.

The 2013 campaign brought in just over $3,500, and Spencer is already hard at work planning this year’s, as is his 12-year-old sister, Kallie, who has suggested “maybe, eventually” she’ll take over.

---

**Broken rhythm**

The hum of the beach creates a certain harmony: crashing waves, boisterous children, bursts of laughter.

“As I try to think back on what made me realize there was an emergency, all I can remember was my ears detected there was a change in the rhythm,” said Scott Andrews, Quincy, Ill., thrift store manager. “I really do feel like it was a God thing. He was there the whole time.”

Scott immediately got off his raft to see a little girl struggling in deep water. He swam over and swooped her into his arms. “She was as light as a feather,” he recalled.

No sooner had he got her, than he felt someone brush up against his body. The dire emergency, which he couldn’t have known from scanning the horizon, was a man submerged below the murky lake waters.

By that time others had come to assist, and the girl was carried to safety. Acting fast, Scott managed to grab the swim trunks of the other person, pulling him up for one breath of air. The second survivor, who was aspirating and coughing up a mixture of blood and water, was pulled to the shore where paramedics took him by helicopter to the ER. He had come perilously close to drowning.

The following week the man thanked Scott in person at the Quincy thrift store. Trailing behind was his girlfriend and their baby.

“I thank God that man is still a father today,” said Scott. “It was His perfect timing. I was just at the right place at the right time.”

---

**The Salvation Army**

**PRAYER CENTRAL**

Go to www.salarmycentral.org

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

---

**---Mustard Seeds---**

The Captain is giving Segway Tours of the Corps to Visitors...
A life tuned to God's grace

"A ll I ever wanted to do when I was young was sing and praise God," recalled Marjorie East, Ann Arbor, Mich., Corps soldier about her childhood in Manchester, England.

Her father was the Openshaw Citadel young people’s bandmaster and her mother was the home league secretary and sang in the songsters. Marjorie played the piano and her sister, Ruth, the violin. Together with a friend who sang, Marjorie remembered spending many weekends visiting corps around England as a musical trio.

"I remember being very happy as a child," said Marjorie. "Our lives centered on the Army and music."

But the harmony ceased when she married the man she thought was her soulmate and left the Army. "He said he loved God, but he was taking me in another direction. One day he left me, and it all just fell apart," Marjorie said. For an 11-year interval she raised two children while working fulltime. She remembers no music in her life during those desert years, and although she blamed God for her difficult circumstances, He never abandoned her.

One weekend after her children were grown, Marjorie’s father came for a visit. He wanted to go to the Eccles Corps in her town for the holiness meeting. Marjorie had walked by the corps many times, but pride had kept her from going inside.

When they visited that Sunday, everything changed. "It spoke to my heart, and I just thanked God for bringing me home. I renewed my vows to God saying, ‘Wherever you want me, whatever you want me to do, I’m here.’"

Soon Marjorie was the Eccles Corps pianist and sang in a lovely little choir of seven people. But in 2009 tragedy struck again. Her daughter, Sarah, was diagnosed with melanoma, and the situation was grave. This time Marjorie ran to God.

Throughout the traumatic two years leading to Sarah’s death, Marjorie experienced many touches of God’s grace. One afternoon Marjorie started playing an old hymn her mom used to sing. "Keep on believing Jesus is near..." went the chorus. "I started playing, and I heard my mom singing. It was just as clear as day... I could hear her voice. It was wonderful."

When Sarah died, despite immense pain, Marjorie felt such comfort and strength. "It was like lying in His arms. I said to Him, ‘You’ve broken me completely now. You're going to have to rebuild me.’"

In the last year Marjorie moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., to live near her son, daughter-in-law and granddaughters, Lily and Pippa. "When I came over, I thought I’d need to do two things right away: learn to drive on the ‘right’ side of the street and find the nearest Salvation Army."

Now leading the corps’ new songster brigade, she’s building a life here. "It’s such a blessing to build these voices up and see them gain strength. I’m really enjoying it, and I know God’s got me here for a purpose."