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"We are all one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future." Eph. 4:3,4 (NLT)

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Duluth's national treasure

On the heels of being selected by the Jr. NBA as one of six outstanding youth basketball programs in the nation for the 2017-2018 season, the Duluth, Minn., Corps Rookie Basketball Association (RBA) has received the Jr. NBA's Program of the Year award.

The only basketball program for elementary students in Duluth, RBA reaches hundreds of children and their families each year through its 33-team league, three-on-three tournament and summer clinics. The program, which is run entirely on volunteer power, maintains a standard of positive sportsmanship through

coaching good character along with basketball skills.

"I was floored when they announced RBA as the national winner," said Kris Mallett, RBA coordinator. "It was a really big honor to be selected."

The \$5,000 received for this award will be used to fund scholarships for families who can't afford the registration fee and to purchase equipment



Kris hopes to improve the award-winning program by providing additional training for coaches to help them recognize and work with youth who may be at risk. She also

plans to increase opportunities for community involvement on behalf of The Salvation Army.

"We have the chance to tell our story and reach our community on a different field than many corps get to," concluded Kris. "It's a unique opportunity for us to show God's love through sports."

to ensure every coach has enough basketballs and other items needed for team practices.

As this new season begins, Kris plans to build on the strong foundation that's already in place.

"Receiving this award comes with a huge responsibility to hold to the standard we've set and to get even better," Kris explained.



Pathway of Hope shared at global conference

Maribeth Swanson, Ph.D., and Linda Brinker, of the territorial social services department, along with Philip Hong, Ph.D., of Loyola University Chicago, were invited to deliver a presentation and participate in a poster session at the Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development held in Dublin, Ireland, this summer.

Their presentation, "Teams, Tools and Hope-Enhancement Strategies: A Multifaceted Approach to Impacting Poverty," focused on the findings from the research studies conducted by Dr. Swanson and Dr. Hong on the tools, processes and outcomes of Pathway of Hope (POH), including the impact of increased hope and integration of spiritual care on positive movement toward increased stability and sufficiency. Their presentations generated rich discussion with Salvation Army personnel from Norway to Hong Kong who were interested in learning about POH.

Data from both studies found increased hope, as measured by the Herth Hope Index (Herth, 1991), was positively associated with increased stability as measured by the Self Sufficiency Matrix, as well as increased earned income and successful program completion. Learning objectives include understanding of the

- Evidence-based practices, tools and community-based collaboration that support effective case management;
- Organizational mindset, culture and practices that are vital for supporting case managers in attaining optimum results;
- Integral role of hope as a construct for supporting participants in overcoming barriers and achieving increased sufficiency and strategies for cross-cultural implementation.

The international conference drew over 1,000 social workers and academics and offered hundreds of presen-



Dr. Maribeth Swanson, Linda Brinker and Dr. Philip Hong

tations across a wide range of social service concerns. The International Headquarters program resources department hosted a kindred session for Salvation Army attendees which afforded an opportunity for sharing best practices and unique programs

related to education, refugee crisis, and homelessness, as well as a time to reflect on the joy of serving Jesus through The Salvation Army.

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You are valued and valuable

by Lt. Colonel Renea Smith
Territorial Secretary for Personnel

When we were little my sister had a doll with no hair and one eyelash. One eye would stay open, the other closed. The doll was marked up and not very attractive, but my sister still loved her. I don't remember the doll's name, but I'm certain my sister does. In fact, she might still have it stashed away. Somehow, the doll's appearance didn't deter my sister's devotion. Her love remained constant.

Not everything about us is beauti-

ful either. Our lives often are characterized by imperfections, mistakes, limitations and weaknesses.

Although we might be unlovely, we are not unlovable or unloved! No matter how we look, what we do or how well we function, God loves us. Our flaws and brokenness don't stop God from loving us unconditionally, deeply and eternally.

In *Life of the Beloved* theologian and author Henri Nouwen penned words God would say to us: "All I want to say to you is 'You are the



Beloved,' and all I hope is that you can hear these words as spoken to you with all the tenderness and force that love can hold. My only desire is to make these words reverberate in every corner of your being—'You are the Beloved.'"

Unfortunately, the message most of us hear is we aren't good enough, pretty enough or accomplished enough. As a result, we believe we are worthless and unlovable. But it's a lie! God loves us! We *are* valued and valuable.

As Christ-followers we have the awesome opportunity to reflect Christ and His love to the world. We are His ambassadors. Jesus said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35, NIV)

Love made my sister see her doll as beautiful. God's love allows us to see ourselves and others as He does: created in His image, beautiful, filled with potential. Only God enables us to see beyond the surface and extend grace, mercy and love. God's love is life-changing! Through it we find healing, hope, reconciliation and new life.

Sacred sharing takes wing

"Sacred Conversations on Race, Culture and Reconciliation" is a guide designed to assist people in having honest and gracious dialogues in a safe environment which can deepen participants' understanding of others' experiences and points of view.

Developed by the territorial multicultural ministries department, the guide has been used in territorial, divisional and corps settings. Its flexibility and clear instructions for facilitators make it adaptable.

Discussions and workshops using Sacred Conversations and other thought-provoking approaches such as "Building Bridges" are ongoing in divisions, reported Karen Young, territorial multicultural ministries specialist.

Major Valerie Carr has been a big proponent of such endeavors in the Midland Division which began using Sacred Conversations at divisional headquarters (DHQ) during the lunch hour from January to mid-February a couple of years ago. DHQ employees, as well as officers and soldiers in the area, were invited. After the first year, they surveyed participants, made adjustments and asked the Urban Mission Center to facilitate sessions for 11 consecutive weeks the following winter before concluding its use. They found people's experiences naturally varied. For many it was positive, but for others it proved painful.

"The conversations can be difficult, and after a series of sessions sometimes a break is necessary to assess what is most helpful to people," said Karen. "Always, people need to enter into the dialogue with an openness to learn, a willingness to listen deeply and a commitment to mutual respect and sharing. And we pray for understanding and hope for healing."

"We learned from each other and shared ways we could unite to show the love of Jesus to people of different races, religions and economic backgrounds," said Major Ron Key, St. Charles, Mo., corps officer about the training for St. Charles County. A county-wide coalition of more than 30 churches and numerous agencies, school districts, hospitals, police and fire departments were involved in monthly discussions for a year.



Captain Katie Harris-Smith

Hundreds of individuals took part.

This June at the commissioning weekend more than 60 people gathered on Saturday afternoon to experience Sacred Conversations and be encouraged to use the guide.

Captain Katie Harris-Smith, chaplain for mission integration at the Chicago North Side, Ill., Adult Rehabilitation Center, who attended the session concluded, "I realized I needed to better understand the anger of others, especially in my ministry with women in recovery. I now know there are some things I can't overlook, but I can help people channel their anger by being part of the solution rather than just expressing rage."

For more information or to download a copy of the resource guide visit multiculturalministriescentral.org



Captain Xavier Montenegro shared his perspective on the Army's international positional statement on racism, as did Lt. Colonel Lonnel Richardson and Major Valerie Carr.

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Karen Young, territorial multicultural ministries specialist, explains how Sacred Conversations works.



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An equitable lens

by Major Phil Aho

Late last year The Salvation Army announced a new International Positional Statement to address racism. This timely statement confirmed the Midland Division's decision to adopt a racial equity lens for The Salvation Army in the St. Louis region. This lens was introduced at *The Whole Region Redeeming: Race, Reconciliation and Equity Conference* held at the Ferguson Community Empowerment Center.

The conference gave delegates the opportunity to wear their Salvation Army social justice and theological hats. It was a meaningful and historic event which began with the first Salvation Army worship service to take place at the Ferguson Community Empowerment Center. Officers, employees and advisory board and council members focused

on their commitment to pursue racial equity within the Army. Attendance exceeded expectations with an especially strong presence of advisory board and council members.

Officers and employees presented how this lens—adopted for use with the permission of Portland, Oregon, Public Schools—can "provide a common vocabulary and protocol" in corps, institutions and advisory organizations and for "evaluating policies, programs, practices and decisions for racial equity." The day ended with a dedicatory prayer for Major Charlotte Hall, who will champion the Army's movement forward in racial equity in St. Louis.

The Army's International Social Justice Commission will visit St. Louis on November 8, 2018, to help the Army see more powerfully through this lens.

St. Louis Gateway Citadel, Mo., Corps

by Danielle Moushey
Corps Welcome Sergeant

Not long ago while studying Acts 2, the teens at the St. Louis Gateway Citadel, Mo., Corps were discussing in Sunday school how the Church began. It was a great way for us to talk about what this would look like today. One of our teens, Emily Huitt, expressed it best: "It means we would have each other's backs."



Majors William and Cassandra DeJesus, St. Louis Gateway Citadel, Mo., corps officers

If we should be looking out for each other as if we were family, the next question becomes, "How do we do that?" Earlier this year, our corps made hospitality its number one priority for mission advancement based on the STEPs (Strategic Tool to Engage Potential) process. Having this as a corps-wide goal has been unifying for us as members.

"We want to become a covenanted community of hospitality," said Major William DeJesus, St. Louis Gateway Citadel corps officer.

As we've been working toward this goal, it has completely changed the way we've been treating everyone we interact with, including each other.

The Meriam-Webster Dictionary defines hospitality as the "friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors or strangers." Is *this* what God wants from His Church? In the New Testament, the word hospitality is used several times, but translated from the Greek *philoxenos* or *philoxenia*, it's defined as "the act of loving strangers as if they were family."



A constant reminder of the corps' mission



Food, fun and fellowship

Our corps formed a hospitality committee comprised of members with different ages, backgrounds and experiences. It has been a good lens for examining, evaluating and improving existing programs, policies and events corps-wide.

Our congregation is learning to see ourselves in each other. We've all been called to expand our comfort zones and embrace each other and visitors. By searching to relate to everyone we encounter, we recognize our shared humanity. We see each other as God sees us, right where we are, with all our imperfections.

"Family and hospitality go hand-in-hand for us," said Alicia Mingo, a soldier at our corps who lives out this love daily—and others feel it. "In our home there are no guests; you are family when you cross the threshold. We come together to worship God and fellowship as believers. We should be welcoming to the stranger and the friend alike."



Youth start on right path to unity through fellowship with each other and corps officers



Major Cassandra DeJesus (r), St. Louis Gateway Citadel, Mo., corps officer, and Danielle Moushey, corps welcome sergeant

You may be thinking, "People at *my* corps or church are too different to be really united. It's a nice thought, but it's just not realistic." Unity doesn't mean we become the same or even that we want to be the same. It means having each other's backs; it means working together instead of against each other and combining our gifts and talents to build God's Kingdom.

It's like a colorful quilt or mosaic with each person representing a piece of material or tile. It's through our differences that something beautiful can be created, but only after we're connected. That's when the beauty can be revealed and the bigger picture seen.



Hospitality teams warmly welcome and bid farewell to visitors and members alike.

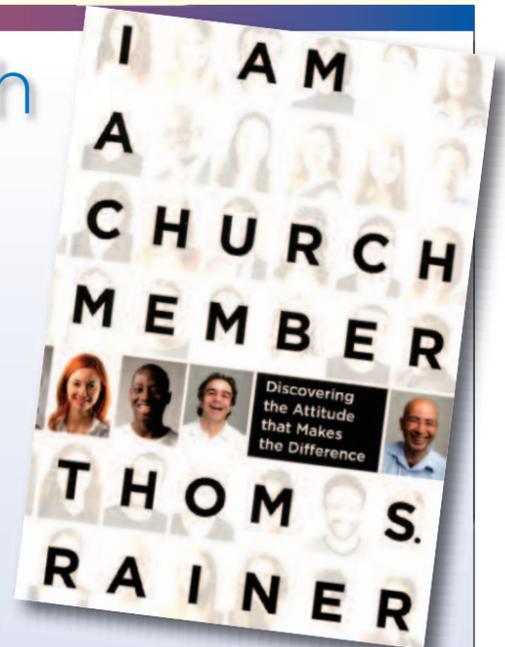
United in faith and mission

by Major Carol Wurtz

Chapter One of the book *I am a Church Member* by Thom S. Rainer encouraged us to change our view about the Body of Christ, the Church, from "what's in it for me" to "how can I serve others." With this viewpoint and acts of service, we become functioning church members.

In Chapter Two the focus is on unity. We have a responsibility as church members to each be a source of unity. We do this by loving one another unconditionally. We value the lives of others in our corps and seek to work with them to build the Kingdom of God.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 1:15-16 (NIV), "For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." Paul is giving thanks for the visible love they showed to one another. He emphasizes this again in Ephesians 4:3 when he urges mem-



bers to "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit."

Will you be a source of unity in your corps? Will you love unconditionally? As members of the Body of Christ when we work together in unity, we are a powerful force for God in the world fueled by the Holy Spirit.

Our prayer is that Christ would make all of us unifying members of His Church.

The book *I am a Church Member* can be purchased from Trade Central, Amazon or Christianbooks.com

A yen for youth ministry

Tall and lanky, Captain Chris Marques greets you with a slight deferential bow. It's second nature now since he's served nearly eight years in Japan. "It will take a while to assimilate back," he quipped. But he's happy to be home again in the Central Territory and believes God's timing is right, just as when he went to

Japan in 2011.

He was there barely four weeks before a 9.0 magnitude earthquake and tsunami devastated the country. When most foreigners evacuated and friends and family begged him to come home, Chris fleetingly wondered if he should. But the needs were immense, and people were relying on him. As the only fluent

English speaker, he was thrust into answering all inquiries and offers of assistance in English that poured into territorial headquarters. His coworkers didn't doubt

Chris' presence was God's providence. For nearly a year disaster relief swallowed up his appointment in youth work, but eventually he got back to it—and found it quite challenging as well.

During his first three-year term, Chris was part of a department of two: himself and the territorial youth secretary. The workload was immense, but daunting as well was finding a way to reach youth with the love of Christ in a formal society with little free time. He also searched for a way to support young Salvationists in their faith. "In Japan young Christians can feel very alone," said the captain, explaining only one half of one percent of the population is Christian.

Chris himself felt lonely at times, being a young, white Christian who didn't fluently speak Japanese. He was perhaps most keenly aware of being "odd man out" on his daily commute when packed into the train like a sardine. (More than 8 million people take the subway each day in Tokyo!) "It has really given me empathy for minorities," said Chris. "I've been in their shoes."

He came to see relationships as a key to reaching people in Japan with the gospel. "There are not huge physical needs," Chris explained. "But many people are hungry for authentic friendships and people who care."

At the beginning of his second term when perhaps he needed support most, an Australian officer couple was appointed to the youth department, delightfully doubling the staff with English speakers! Chris spotted God's provision. He also recognized how much God used English in his ministry. He often taught English at corps which offered classes to attract many Japanese who wouldn't otherwise walk through

their doors.

In 2016 Chris was given the additional appointment of assistant corps officer at the Sugunami Corps where he especially enjoyed getting to know older adults and was encouraged by their faith, joy and peace.

"The very things we crave—grace, compassion and encouragement—are often what we need to give first," said Chris. "It's not as much about being plugged into devices as each other."

Drawing on his experience and spiritual growth in Japan, his current ministry as assistant territorial youth secretary for the Central Territory is enriched.

"I've been thinking a lot lately about 'going deeper' in our relationships with each other and in God's Word. 'Thinking higher'—not only purer thoughts but thinking more of each other and giving encouragement. And 'reaching wider,' shattering walls and reaching more youth with the gospel," said Chris. "If people know who they are and Whose they are, then they understand their value. And isn't that the heart of youth work?"



Army now in 131 countries!

With the official opening of the work in the South Pacific nation of Samoa and in the West African country of Burkina Faso in August, The Salvation Army is now in 131 countries. In July the Army officially opened in the Central African country of Gabon.

The Salvation Army first contacted authorities in the Independent State of Samoa in 1984. In Spring 2017 Samoa's prime minister wrote to express keen interest in having the Army begin its work there, citing drug and alcohol dependency as key issues he felt could be addressed. "I like to think you were divinely guided...to bring the good news of your work to Samoa," he wrote. Violence against women and children was another area identified for focused ministry. Under the auspices of The Salvation Army in New Zealand, a corps was opened in May and an addiction treatment center in June. To reflect the new opening, the name of the territory has been changed to the New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa Territory.

Burkina Faso is a West Africa country in which the Army first expressed interest in 2005. A



Burkina Faso

"national receipt" in 2011 allowed the Army to preach anywhere in the country but gaining official status took many years. Under the auspices of the Mali Region (due to French being the common language), the Army has been growing at an encouraging pace. Three centers have been established, including a corps in the capital city of Ouagadougou.

With a population of nearly two million people, Gabon is located on the Atlantic coast of Central Africa. Army ministry in the country dates back to 2005 with oversight of the Congo (Brazzaville) Territory; it took many more years, however, for the Army to obtain legal status in the country. Two senior and six junior soldiers were enrolled at the celebration for the opening in the capital city of Libreville; the outpost's

songsters, home league singers and timbrel brigade performed and the Congo (Brazzaville) territorial band played. The Army also is established in the towns of Latoursville, Moanda, Franceville and Port-Gentil.



Gabon



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Summer mission teams span the globe!

This year's summer mission teams (SMT) enjoyed productive ministries in the Central Territory and in countries spanning the globe. Here are a few of their highlights.



CAST

The Creative Arts Service Team (CAST) created an original show called "Just the Way You Are" that incorporated elements of music, drama, dance and timbrels. The team performed and assisted at three divisional music camps in the Midwest and one in Buenos Aires, Argentina. They also visited four corps where they helped with day camp min-



Central

Although the seven-member Central team were from diverse backgrounds and cultures with two team members from the Denmark and Greenland Territory, they were united in purpose and love, dubbing themselves the "Central Vibes." Their

ministry included vacation Bible school, painting projects, Bible studies, testimonies, preaching, sacred dance and more in Janesville, Wis.; Mason City, Iowa; St. Paul, Minn.; Black Hills Camp in South Dakota and Eleuthera in the Bahamas.

Costa Rica

The seven-member Costa Rica team spent a week in Esparza (a 20 New Corps location) conducting evangelism outreach and performing manual labor to help prepare the new corps to reach its ministry potential. They spent the remaining five weeks on another corps compound where they partnered in ministry with corps members to prepare the property as a future retreat and Congress location. The team saw the compounded effect of World Service giving through a soccer field that provides rental income! Team members marveled at the vibrant work of the Holy Spirit they experienced in both locations.



istries. While in Argentina, they taught their Jesus Theater show, "El Camino (The Way)" to a group of young adults.

Spain and Portugal

Ministering through painting projects, vacation Bible schools, music, dance, timbrels, preaching, testimonies and showing God's love to others, this team appreciated the community they had together. Among their highlights was meeting and working alongside local young adults; even though language was sometimes a barrier, they found ways to bond through group games and dance! The team also was grateful for the fellowship they had with Central officers Lt. Colonels Philip and Sheila Davisson who lead the Spain and Portugal Command.



Japan

This team of five members from the Central and two from Japan ministered to people by building relationships, participating in community fellowship opportunities and leading programs for older adult clubs. The team was able to come alongside the Army in Japan which is working to address social issues such as loneliness. "Before Japan I thought being a Salvation Army soldier meant belonging to a corps and doing some things," said one team member. "In Japan I learned that being a soldier means sacrifice for the sake of the gospel and who God calls us to be."



Big world, huge opportunity

This fall Central Salvationist Stephanie Marinelli, 22, embarks on a year-long internship with The Salvation Army's International Social Justice Commission (ISJC) in New York City. It's an amazing opportunity to work closely with the small tight-knit international team which is "The Salvation Army's strategic voice to advocate for human dignity and social justice with the world's poor and oppressed." One or two positions are offered each year and are filled only if candidates are qualified and the right fit; they receive room and board and a stipend.

After graduating from Loyola University with a degree in International Business, Stephanie has been working in the fast-paced sales department of a global corporation in the aviation industry. While grateful to gain solid business experience and sharpen her skills, she hasn't allowed herself to get too comfortable in her job. Instead, she's been on the lookout for new opportunities that meld with her Christian calling to make the world a more just place. "When I saw the internship posted, I felt like that was my cue from God," she said.

Growing up in a family deeply rooted in The Salvation Army, Stephanie has been blessed to travel and experience the world and has been encouraged to serve others from a young age. A plethora of Army experiences have informed her faith, most notably a summer mission trip to Haiti in 2016. The poverty, hunger and disease moved her and, though still in college, Stephanie found herself brainstorming how to create a business model that could help.

"I have become passionate about using my business mind for ethical



purposes," she explained. "I believe that we can further God's Kingdom by contributing our talents for the greater good."

In January her passion for social justice was honed as Stephanie renovated the Bacolod Corps and officers' quarters in the Philippines as part of a territorial global mission team. During this time a simple but serendipitous conversation with a young woman caused her to reevaluate her personal spending. "What if I lived off what I needed and gave the rest to God?" she pondered, thinking more seriously about the Soldier's Covenant to support her corps and the Army's worldwide ministry with her finances as much as possible. She surmised, "Even to make little changes in our habits, it is possible to have a profound impact."

This year while at the ISJC, whether conducting research to tackle a large issue or sampling the variety of food NYC has to offer, Stephanie expects God to take her faith—and mind—to a new level. It's a huge opportunity and the next step in the right direction.

CBLI: prayer-saturated, power-filled

by Major Donna Leedom

Be on the lookout Central Territory! Central Bible Leadership Institute (CBLI) campers have returned home from a prayer-saturated, power-filled week of biblical teaching and leadership training. Ask them about the new friends they made with Dr. Captain Marion Platt, Captains Heather and Robert Dolby, Fulton Hawk and Michael Hulett. Each of these guests added to friendship the gifts of grace in teaching, preaching and encouraging God's people to deeper relationship and faith in Christ.

The youngest campers were cared for with the loving supervision of Major Jo Langham and her team. Their support to parents and grandparents went beyond the classroom by helping parents and engaging with these precious ones around the campground. Major Jo also led two "Walk through the Bible" sessions which were popular with both children and adults.

Captain Norman Polusca introduced Jr. CBLI team members through their specific spiritual gifts. It was a great way to begin as they led children in understanding they belong to the body of Christ and have a special set of gifts to share with God's people. Make room for them. Encourage and celebrate who they are and what God wants to do through them.

Captains Peter and Catherine Mount and company found creative ways to encourage tweens to seek wisdom with a treasure hunt as well as letters from a mystery writer who shared clues to his identity and encouraged students to find him. Ava Shiels and Naomi Mowers summed up what they learned: "Our Bible verse for the week was Proverbs 3:5-6, and we learned about getting wise by trusting God and leaning on Him, not our own understanding. We can trust Him to avoid temptation because He knows what's what."

The Sharp Center was covered in prayer as the intentionality of Barb Higgins (who celebrated 50 years at CBLI!) and her ministry team demonstrated the week was about Jesus' power and love. Teaching from the book of Acts inspired teens to both know the gospel and be able to share that wonderful gift with others. Nelly Nuhgirwa and Will Lawson



say they've gained better Bible study skills and are more open now to talking about God with others.

Peace was the word for the young adults as they discovered how to live at peace by studying prohibitors and promoters such as entitlement versus gratitude, greed versus generosity, fear versus faith, anger versus forgiveness, and laziness versus discipline. Delegate Dylan LaCanne said he realized greed was keeping him from living at

peace, and he's taking home the truth of 1 John 3:17 to help him remember to depend more on God and His perfect provision.

Captain Marion Platt opened the Word of God from Isaiah each day to invite adults to dig deeply into the immutable, holy, sovereign, faithful, just, merciful and loving character of God that knows no limit in space or time. Moving from Isaiah to the Gospels, the captain spoke of the truth that the character of God the Father is the same found in Jesus and shared with each believer through the Holy Spirit when we depend fully on Him. Rebecca Lynn of Big Rapids, Mich., said she was struck by the teaching on faithfulness and will depend on God to allow that part of His character to grow in her.

Look for the changes in the delegates you may know and expect those changes to impact your corps and community as the Spirit of God moves through them to impact the world He loves.

Growth on every front at CMI 2018

by Joe Caddy

While Central Music Institute (CMI) is a time-honored tradition, the objective of each CMI encampment always has been oriented more to the future of music ministry than its past. This summer's CMI—the 84th—was no exception with 10 days marked by dynamic growth.

More Students

The 217 combined registrations of the instrumental and vocal schools represent the highest CMI enrollment in nearly 10 years and more than a 30 percent increase over last year. Much of the growth could be seen in the

expressions. Making its debut this year, the newly established woodwind elective track enabled students who play non-brass wind instruments to join in music ministry on their primary instrument. This track joins dance, drama,

leadership, media production and praise team as expanded courses of study aimed at encouraging students to develop skills in these areas for use in their corps and divisions.

Greater Artistic Expression

Expertly guided by guest instructor Kellyn Thornburg, a professional dancer and Salvationist from New York City, the dance elective track made great strides toward artistic and technical excellence. Instrumental and vocal technique classes were enriched by the integration of the newly revamped music and arts proficiency (MAP) curriculum combined with the skillful coaching of seasoned CMI faculty. In ensemble rehearsals, students and faculty were spurred on to greater heights of music ministry by guest instructors Majors Martin and Leanne Cordner (United Kingdom and Ireland Territory) and Eric and Becki Dina (USA East Territory).

Big Spiritual Strides

While the schedule was filled with classes aimed at stimulating musical growth, CMI 2018 also sparked spiritual growth as students and staff studied the life of Moses in Sealed Orders, small groups and devotionals by CMI Chaplain Captain Betsy Clark. On the first weekend territorial leaders Commissioners Brad and Heidi Bailey encouraged campers in their faith. Major Martin Cordner, an accomplished composer and

the award will be given each year to a student who through humor, joy and grace encourages others. The inaugural award was presented to Edrance (KI) Emmanuel, who was mentored by Steve Diaz when he was the St. Louis Temple, Mo., corps officer. It is clear God continues to use Steve's life to multiply the ministry through the lives he influenced.

The growth doesn't end at CMI but continues as students and faculty return to their corps. Like Moses, they are equipped and invigorated for service after a "mountaintop" encounter with the Lord and assured that God's Spirit will be their constant guide.

arranger, created a new brass band setting of "If your presence" (Major Yvonne Field) specifically for CMI. With text from Exodus 33, the song perfectly tied together CMI's musical and spiritual components as it was sung throughout the week.

A New Generation

CMI was honored to have Chief Secretary Colonel Steve Howard present awards to campers this year during the Awards Festival. One of the emotional highlights not only of the evening but of all CMI was the presentation of the new Steve Diaz Chaplain's Award. Created to honor the legacy of Steve Diaz, beloved CMI student and faculty member who passed away in 2014,

Awards

- Shagbark Band**
Timothy Kepple (Boone, Iowa)
Frank and Gladys Botu Award
- Temple Band**
Kevin Herrera (La Paz Central, Bolivia)
Rachel Grindle-Phelps Award
- Hilltop Chorus**
Reggie Brooks (Rockford Temple, Ill.)
Victor Danielson Scholarship
- Tabernacle Band**
Levi Mowers (Royal Oak, Mich.)
Paton Family Scholarship
- Citadel Band**
Annabel Allan (Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.)
Donald Hanton Scholarship
- Booth Chorale**
Marisa Riley (Carlisle, Pa.)
Douglas Norris Scholarship
- Wonderland Band**
Anthony Barrington (Oklahoma City, Okla.)
William and Katherine Scarlett Scholarship
- Ernest and Mary Miller Vocal Soloist Award**
Elizabeth Hyme (Council Bluffs, Iowa.)
Jeffrey Steele (Blue Island, Ill.)
- Marjorie Marshall Piano Award**
Emily Cattani (Manitowoc, Wis.)
- Flint Citadel Uden-McDougall Percussion Award**
Emilio Ramos (East Chicago, Ind.)
- Ray Wright Tuba Award**
Scott Rodriguez (Rockford Temple, Ill.)
- Earle Hanton Euphonium Award**
Randal Smith II (Flint Citadel, Mich.)
- John R. Cheyne Trombone Award**
Rachel Dina (Cleveland Temple, Ohio)
- Howard Chesham Horn Award**
Josie Himes (Flint Citadel, Mich.)
- Ron Rowland Cornet Award**
Delaney West (St. Louis Gateway Citadel, Mo.)
- Winters Instrument Repair Award**
Kevin Herrera (La Paz Central, Bolivia)
- Steve Diaz Chaplain's Award**
Edrance Emmanuel (St. Louis Temple, Mo.)
- Harry Strissel Most Improved Musician Award**
Ryan Coakley (Royal Oak, Mich.)
- Ramsdale-Jaudes-Boyer Rookie Award**
Emily Cho (Lakewood Temple, Minn.)
- Fischer Awards**
Composition—**Anna Tooley** (Norridge Citadel, Ill.)
Theory—**Nathaniel Coppin** (Royal Oak, Mich.)
Leadership—**Aaron Frish** (Des Plaines, Ill.)
- Bernard A. and Bessie H. Smith Conducting Award**
J.J. Pook (Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.)
- Majors William and Jean Stuart Scholarship**
Allison Jordan (Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.)
- Lois and Len Duguay Spirit of CMI Award**
Samuel Leka (Rockford Temple, Ill.)
- Ben Merritt Award**
Isaac Leka (Rockford Temple, Ill.)
Arthur Shoults Scholarship
- Crosby-O'Neil Cornet**
Fulton Heights, Mich., Corps
- Elective Track Scholarships**
Dance—**Jimyah Steele** (Blue Island, Ill.)
Drama—**Sara Dina** (Cleveland Temple, Ohio)
Praise Band—**Joshua Kistan** (Tustin Ranch, Calif.)
Media Production—**William Lawson** (Des Plaines, Ill.)
Woodwinds—**Kristen Holness** (St. Louis Euclid, Mo.)
- Janey Hult Memorial Scholarship**
Katlyn Priestner (Wichita Citadel, Kan.)
- Dwight F. Wood Tuba Scholarship**
Cody Long (Indianapolis Fountain Square, Ind.)
- Captain Fred Wakefield Memorial Scholarship**
Alexis Yacobucci (Des Plaines, Ill.)

Photos by Laura Allan and Carol Shoults



Excellence in Boone



Six explorers at the Boone, Iowa, Corps received their Divisional Commander's award this summer. They'd been working diligently toward achieving this goal since September 2017, earning 10 emblems and conducting two service projects. For the service projects, they rang bells at kettles for two hours on one day to help raise more than \$1,400 at one location and at Easter they delivered community care gifts to local nursing homes. This fall two of the explorers are continuing to work toward the Territorial Commander's award while the other four are being promoted to rangers and beginning to work toward the National Commander's award. Captain Pam Kasten, who until recently was the corps officer, said Chris Williams and Thomas Fogle were indispensable in helping the boys achieve the award. Pictured are (back row l to r) Jesse Fogle, Anthony Kepple, Andrew Kepple and (front row l to r) DJ Brown, Johnathon Fogle and Bryon Tilley. The corps is now led by Lt. James Beardsley.

Restorative justice redirects youth in Omaha

Helping youth understand how their behavior affects others is just one of the aims of an innovative restorative justice program being used to help guide at-risk youth at the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Omaha, Neb.

"The goal of restorative justice is to help kids own their behaviors and realize the effects their decisions have on others. It then helps them learn how to repair any harm done because of their behaviors and decisions," said Jill Harmon, Kroc Center youth engagement manager. "This allows youth to learn from their poor decision making without a punitive approach, which only sends kids down the pipeline to prison."

According to Jill, the program also destigmatizes and reverses the fear of decision making by teaching youth how to apply critical thinking skills to visualize the effects, both



A/Captains John and Tracy Gantner see first-hand the many successes of the Omaha, Neb., Kroc Center's restorative justice program.

positive and negative, of their decisions and behaviors.

Jill implemented the program at the Kroc Center a year ago. Since then it's been used with more than 70 youth. Participation requires an agreement signed by the young person and a parent or guardian. A form is used to track and record the results of each step of the process, including specifics about the initial breach of conduct and an agreed-upon deadline to resolve the situation.

Senior Kroc Center Officer A/Captain John Gantner said, "Young people are more likely to prosper in growth when attainable expectations and boundaries are set before them. The restorative



Jill Harmon administers the Omaha, Neb., Kroc Center's restorative justice program.

730... AND BEYOND



477 days and counting

by Lt. Anil Kumar

Growing up as an officers' kid was not easy, especially in India where standards and expectations are so high. Fortunately, I had godly parents, family and leaders who helped me to grow in Christ. As a young man I tried to live out my calling in my way. I wanted to do research and development in the healthcare industry. I wanted to do ministry without becoming an officer.

In the summer of 2012 I worked at Camp Echo Grove in the Eastern Michigan Division as a camp counselor. I had a great time being with the kids, and they really enjoyed my accent. I was the counselor for one young boy over three different camps. On the last day of music camp, he approached me with tears and asked me to pray with him. Afterward, he gave me a big hug and said, "Mr. O'Neal, I accepted Jesus as my Savior. Thank you so much for being a good friend and sharing cool stories about Jesus every night." That moment was affirmation from God that I should be an officer.

Affirmation of my calling to be an officer continued during my internship and then during my two years at the College for Officer Training. Today, I am enjoying being an officer by being a good friend to children at



the Freedom Center and Chicago Harbor Light. Monday through Thursday from 4:00-5:00 p.m., I sit in the lobby waiting for the children. The moment they come into the facility, I hear them say, "Mr. O'Neal, do you want to know about my day? Mr. O'Neal, you funny! Mr. O'Neal, thanks for being a friend." They don't hesitate to call me if they don't see me during the programs. I get to know them and their stories, and I get to pray with them. Affirmation after affirmation, I cannot ask for anything better than this.

I don't care what they call me. They see a good friend in me, and the good friend in me is Christ. "...it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me..." (Galatians 2:20, ASV). The beauty of being an officer is to be an instrument for God's work and to see His work through me for the extension of His Kingdom.

justice framework sets clear limits to help children stay on track. And, the glue for the framework is warm encouragement, belief, respect and empowerment."

The genesis of the restorative justice program came from research and experience in the public education system which showed growing numbers of youth entering the school-to-prison pipeline. Jill, a former teacher, said, "Too often I saw the unavailing results of suspension and the dismal future of repeat offenders."

As she began researching the issue, Jill found a version of the restorative justice program implemented at a high school in Colorado. After speaking at length with the coordinator about their program and its successes, she modified it to fit the Kroc Center.

Jill and the Kroc Center's mentoring staff follow up not only with the youth but also their schools and families on a consistent basis to gauge



The restorative justice approach is effective for youth of all ages.

success. Teachers and school administrators have experienced an increase in positive behavior in the classroom as well as greater participation in extracurricular activities from youth who've participated.

Parents have expressed appreciation for the program. One mother credited it as a catalyst for positive change in attitude, work ethic and self-esteem for her 14-year-old son.

A/Captain Tracy Gantner, Kroc Center officer for program development, concluded, "When children are valued and taught to value each other, human needs are met in the name of Jesus."

Connecting through music

Music is in the air at the Elgin, Ill., Corps, where through the Metropolitan Division's *Let the Music Begin* (LTMB) program, more than 50 children receive lessons in brass, rhythm, theory and guitar each week. The program has made such an impression that it recently was awarded a \$5,000 grant by the Chicago Bulls Foundation, which allowed the corps to purchase several brass instruments.

"It's Kingdom work," said Captain Heather Montenegro, corps officer, who along with her husband, Captain Xavier, and their leadership team created a STEPs (Strength Tool to Engage



Potential) goal to grow the existing music program and connect families from it to other corps activities.

They began advertising the music program in two schools whose principals sit on the advisory board and instituted a quarterly registration process requiring parents to sign their children up in person in the fall, winter and spring. Each youth night a parent or guardian

much they enjoy having the children participate in LTMB.

must enter the building with their child to sign them in and return at the end of the evening to sign them out.

"We didn't realize the scope of the impact these direct points of contact could have on our corps people and the community," said the captain. "We're building relationships with the whole family."

As the program grew, more volunteers were needed to accommodate the large number of students. To the captains' delight, soldiers began to step up and out of their comfort zones to assist even if they're not musically inclined. Fifteen volunteers from the corps and community teach three brass bands, rhythm and theory, prepare supper, run the sign-in table and manage crowd control.

Fall, winter and spring concerts bring everyone together to celebrate the accomplishments of the young musicians. Soldiers attend in uniform to greet families and make them feel welcome, inviting them to corps programs and worship services. Inspired by the developing relationships, volunteers last spring spent the Saturday between Good Friday and Easter delivering ministry bags inviting program participants and their families to church for Easter service. Each bag was filled with English and Spanish Bibles, an Easter devotional, candy, a family game, and a note saying how



much they enjoy having the children participate in LTMB.

Through their efforts, the captain reports an increasing number of LTMB students have joined the youth Bible time which takes place after music lessons end. At least one family has started attending the corps semi-regularly, and several students also attended music camp this summer.

"Our students are learning music and the Bible, and we're connecting with the entire family unit," concluded Captain Heather. "It's an incredible ministry."



A step of faith

It's a tough job, but someone has to do it.

When Linda Harrer was asked by the Western Division to manage Safe From Harm (SFH), the territory's policy and program designed to protect children and vulnerable adults, she hesitated. She'd spent more than 25 years as executive assistant to the divisional commander and had worked with Safe From Harm as a component of that position, but she wasn't sure about managing it full-time.

"I prayed and prayed about it," she said. "Eventually my husband reminded me that sometimes God just asks us to take a step of faith." So Linda accepted the position. She's not regretted it.

Linda is passionate about educating employees and volunteers to ensure safe interaction when they work with vulnerable individuals, which includes children, older adults and those with physical or mental disabilities. Although it's a tough subject to broach, according to Linda, the importance of SFH cannot be overstated. She believes SFH safeguards against abuse as well as false accusations of abuse, protecting everyone by setting a standard for program leadership and contact with participants.

"Safe from Harm brings awareness to our need to protect everyone in our sphere of influence. It prevents incidents," she said.

With the support of the SFH office at territorial headquarters and the Western Division, Linda has found ways to make SFH training interesting and, though still serious, lighten



the atmosphere and keep it upbeat. The combination of education and entertainment keeps people engaged and helps ensure they're equipped and empowered. One tactic she uses is to teach songs penned by Megan Olson, territorial Safe From Harm director, outlining SFH guidelines to familiar tunes. Another is to use stuffed animals as props to represent potentially dangerous situations, such as an out-of-place adult with candy hanging around a group of children.

Linda travels to observe programs and conduct audits at each of the division's corps once every two years and each institution once a year, which gives her the opportunity to get to know officers and local leaders.

"It really is a ministry," she said. "Visiting allows us to bring each corps and institution a custom consult based upon their specific needs and challenges, and I think people are more comfortable asking questions now because we have a relationship."

Art with heart

After raising more than \$1,000 last year to benefit Salvation Army hurricane relief through sales of his paintings, Daniel Schaal has expanded his fundraising efforts to support other Army ministries in addition to emergency disaster services. The son of Captains Jason and Ilona Schaal, Daniel has enjoyed painting since he was 5 years old; he'll turn 11 later this month.

"As our middle child, Daniel found his voice in art," said Captain Ilona, who described him as a very smart and serious child who can carry on intellectual conversations with adults. Most importantly, Daniel loves Jesus, a fact he likes to share with others not only verbally but through acts of service.

When Daniel saw news footage of people in the U.S. and Caribbean dealing with the devastation caused by last fall's hurricanes, he immediately said he wanted to help. After his parents dissuaded him from sell-



ing all of his possessions, Daniel came up with the idea of selling his paintings.

"Parting with his existing paintings was hard for Daniel, but he said it was worth it," said his mom. Daniel set to work creating more paintings and, with help from his parents' Facebook contacts which literally span the globe, the paintings began to sell. Buyers were generous with their donations, purchasing paintings for \$20 to \$100 each. Daniel was featured on local television and radio shows in Terre Haute, Ind., where his parents were the corps officers, and he even received requests for commissioned works.

Captain Ilona wondered if the family's trip to her homeland, the Republic of Georgia, in 2016 had influenced Daniel's desire to help others after hearing his mom's stories about surviving the war there. In fact, he's now writing a book about her life!



Reflections of a reluctant evangelist

by Dr. Maribeth V. Swanson

As a lifelong Salvationist, I've certainly been aware of the annual National Seminar on Evangelism (NSE) held at the Glen Eyrie Conference Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. Many people have encouraged me to attend it knowing I'd appreciate the excellent speakers, solid biblical teaching and warm fellowship—all just steps from picturesque Colorado landscapes.

NSE is all about training in evangelism. Real or fake news, I'd heard about "outreach day" on which delegates are dropped off at parks or go door-to-door sharing the gospel. Sure, I can easily sing "O tell the world" at the end of a Congress meeting, but please God, don't ask me to parachute into a neighborhood with a backpack full of gospel tracts and a memorized, three-point spiel that I'll surely mess up.

Nonetheless, I followed the advice of motivational writer Taylor Swift



Early-morning devotional hike

("...fearless is having fears but jumping anyway") and joined the Central Territory's other 24 delegates and five staff members headed to NSE. There I discovered a curriculum that reframes evangelism from a method to three-dimensional living. It's about sharing the gospel by developing friendships, discovering others' stories and discerning next steps supporting their journey toward Christ.

Delegates were assigned to small groups where *Just Walk Across the Room* principles were reviewed. As each person told their faith story, the beauty of Jesus was evident in each, and I grew more assured of God's love and the Holy Spirit's presence.

Every day started with an optional 6:00 a.m. ridge hike. We'd take in the splendor of the Rocky Mountains and welcome sunrise with a devotional and praise. Then after a hearty breakfast, hungry hearts and minds were filled with biblical truths from Dr. Bill and Diane Ury, national ambassadors for holiness.

As the week progressed, we prepared for the outreach day. Before embarking on our assignments, a united consecration service was held to pray for the teams and people we'd encounter. Referencing Psalm



Dr. Maribeth Swanson, Central territorial social services secretary, shared best practices of integrating evangelism with social services and community center activities.

24:2-4, our hands were washed by our team leader, who recited as he washed my hands, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." (2 Timothy 1:7, NKJV)

It melted away any remaining fears I had and reminded me our sole purpose was to bring glory to God. We spent the afternoon talking with people at a busy outdoor shopping district; a few even stopped to request prayer. Gratitude fills my heart for what I learned from NSE leaders and delegates who, just like me, really do want to tell others about Jesus.

The next NSE will be held August 3-10, 2019. For more information see your corps officer.



Elgin, Ill., Corps delegates included (l-r) Joy Hernandez, Captain Heather Montenegro, Mark Bender and Martin Hernandez.

All things through Christ

Captain Donna Rose retired in a ceremony led by Lt. Colonels Dan and Dorene Jennings, Midland divisional leaders. She was presented with her retirement certificate by Lt. Colonels John and Theresa Turner who sent her to training and affirmed her at the five-year mark of her officership.



A second-generation Salvationist, Donna grew up in the Eastern Territory attending the Dover, N.J., Corps. As a teenager she felt the call to officership, but it wasn't until many years later that she responded. Holding to her life verse, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," (Phil. 4:13 NKJV), she entered training in 2004 and was commissioned in 2006 with the "Visionaries" session.

A highlight of her officership occurred during her first appointment in Marquette, Mich., where she was part of a committee that collabo-

rated with area churches to provide safe, warm sleeping areas for the homeless during particularly frigid winters. The program proved valuable in many ways, including getting the word out about The Salvation Army as more than a charitable and social service organization. She carried the idea to Bedford, Ind., and with the support of the community a temporary winter shelter program for men was begun there.

She retired from the Granite City, Ill., Corps. In retirement, Donna plans to travel and spend time with family.

Masons made a lasting mark



Majors Tom and Kay Mason, Dubuque, Iowa, corps officers for the last 15 years, enjoyed a Sunday-morning retirement celebration at the corps. Of their 24 years of service, 21 were spent in the Heartland Division.

High school sweethearts in Grand Island, Neb., the majors married in 1972 and had a son in 1974. A few years later a daughter was born but died after just four days. It was during this time Kay surrendered to Christ; several months later Tom did the same. Eventually they were blessed with another son and daughter.

In 1991, the family began attending the Grand Island Corps. Within a year Tom and Kay answered God's call to officership and were commissioned in 1994 with the "Crusaders for Christ" session.

"The Salvation Army saw gifts and talents in me when I didn't see

them," said Major Kay. "Discovering Christ's love for me was so awesome, and to have others see I could use my abilities to grow the Kingdom of Heaven was the beginning of a fabulous adventure!"

Major Tom said, "The Lord certainly has directed my path; Psalm 16:11 is one of my favorite scriptures. His presence in my life brings unspeakable joy. Fifteen years in one appointment has been a blessing in developing strong, lasting relationships with people God placed on our path."

The retirement service was led by Majors Ed and Marge Jarvis and the ceremony was conducted by Heartland divisional leaders Majors Jesse and Kelly Collins. Among the tributes, Lonnie Mason spoke on behalf of siblings Kevin and Kayla and numerous grandchildren.

Riding for God in Sturgis



Eleven members of The Salvation Army Motorcycle Ministry (TSAMM) spent a week planting gospel seeds and representing the Army at the 78th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota. International in scope, the rally was attended by more than a half-million bike enthusiasts. At the end of the week, the team led by Major Jo Langham, territorial community care ministries secretary, conducted a "bike blessing" and hot dog eating contest on Saturday in nearby Rapid City and on Sunday led the morning service at the corps before heading off to their respective locations across the Central Territory. Pictured in the TSAMM ministry tent at the Sturgis Rally are (l-r) Major Vangie O'Neil, Major Tim Parker, Major Chuck Yockey and Major Jo Langham. Other team members included Keith Ableiter, Major Brian Burkett, Karla Davis, Terry Davis, Ellen Lloyd, Major Jerry O'Neil and Mark Sundman.

Jesus still saves

Recovered drug addicts, transformed night club dancers, neighbors, family and friends all gathered at the Wichita West Orchard, Kan., Corps this summer to honor Majors Dan and Mary Burris as they retired in a service led by Kansas and Western Missouri (KWM) divisional leaders Major David and Darlene Harvey. The Burrises served for 23 years as officers with six of their eight corps appointments in KWM.



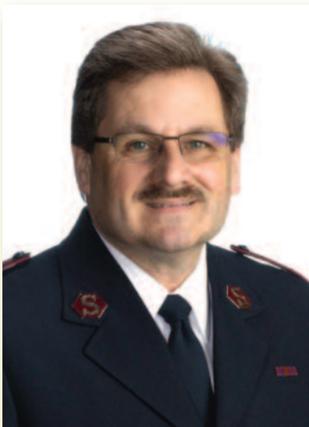
Dan was saved and called to minister at a later age when his kids were teens so entering the College for Officer Training was not easy for the family. But their sons spoke of

how their parents lived out the love of Jesus. Neighbors and friends said the Burrises sought to help the lost and those in need, even from their own pocket, and invited them to church.

Major Mary said her passion for children and their salvation came from how officers had loved her as a child, while Major Dan said he couldn't thank Jesus enough for saving him from addictions and giving him a chance to help others who need a Savior.

The Burrises have retired to Wichita, Kan., near family and friends and continue to serve as soldiers.

International College for Officers



Major Gerald O'Neil, Fargo, N.D., Corps Officer, has been selected to attend the 239th session of the International College for Officers in London, England, October 10-November 19, 2018.

PRAYER CENTRAL

The Salvation Army USA Central Territory

November Prayer Calendar

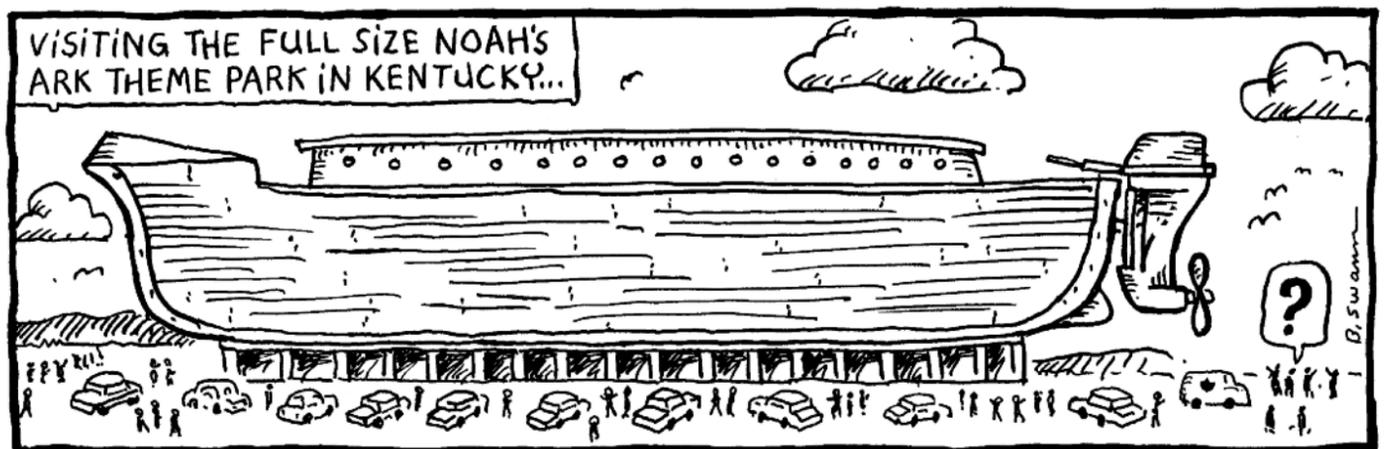
My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Thursday	Ecclesiastes 3-4	Milwaukee, Wis., ARC*
	2 Friday	Zephaniah	Flint Citadel, Mich., Corps
	3 Saturday	Acts 11-12	Madison Genesis, Wis., Corps
	4 Sunday	James 4-5	Youth in Corps Cadets
	5 Monday	Deuteronomy 1-3	Indianapolis Eagle Creek, Ind., Corps
	6 Tuesday	2 Chronicles 33-36	Kansas City Citadel, Kan., Corps
	7 Wednesday	Psalms 128-130	Cicero Templo Laramie, Ill., Corps
	8 Thursday	Ecclesiastes 5-6	Caribbean Territory ^{PIM}
	9 Friday	Haggai	Hibbing, Minn., Corps
	10 Saturday	Acts 13-14	Kearney, Neb., Corps
	11 Sunday	1 Peter 1-3	Jr. Soldier enrollments
	12 Monday	Deuteronomy 4-6	Metropolitan DHQ**
	13 Tuesday	Ezra 1-5	Jackson, Mich., Corps
	14 Wednesday	Psalms 131-133	Madison Temple, Wis., Corps
	15 Thursday	Ecclesiastes 7-8	Minneapolis, Minn., ARC*
	16 Friday	Zechariah 1-7	Hillsdale, Mich., Corps
	17 Saturday	Acts 15-16	Iowa City, Iowa, Corps
	18 Sunday	1 Peter 4-5	Indianapolis Fountain Square, Ind., Corps
	19 Monday	Deuteronomy 7-9	Kansas City Northland, Mo, Corps
	20 Tuesday	Ezra 6-10	Crystal Lake, Ill., Corps
	21 Wednesday	Psalms 134-136	Jacksonville, Ill., Corps
	22 Thursday	Ecclesiastes 9-10	Thank God for the blessings He gives!
	23 Friday	Zechariah 8-14	Christmas kettle campaigns
	24 Saturday	Acts 17-18	International Falls, Minn., Corps
	25 Sunday	1 John 1-2	Lincoln, Neb., Corps
	26 Monday	Deuteronomy 10-12	Kalamazoo, Mich., Corps
	27 Tuesday	Nehemiah 1-4	Commissioners Merle & Dawn Heatwole (IHQ)
	28 Wednesday	Psalms 137-139	Manitowoc, Wis., Corps
	29 Thursday	Ecclesiastes 11-12	Livingston County, Mich., Corps
	30 Friday	Malachi	Kankakee, Ill., Corps

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

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

--Mustard Seeds--



Offering a safe welcome

Creating a more serene environment while streamlining its admission process and increasing security, the Indianapolis, Ind., Harbor Light dedicated its new Welcome Center.

The décor of the sleek, new reception center exudes a calm, home-like atmosphere with increased privacy for the client intake process. An extension of the harbor light's security department, the reception area also provides greater safety for staff, residents and family members visiting the center. Among the goals of the new design was to reduce the amount of contra-

band entering the harbor light and enhance the prevention of pest infestations. Staff members report improved outlooks on the intake process.

"We give thanks for the hard work and dedication of our staff, the construction crews and generous donors who made the renovation possible," said Major Kendall Mathews, executive director of the Indianapolis Harbor Light. Referencing the current opioid epidemic, he continued, "The work of The Salvation Army has always been about the needs of the people."



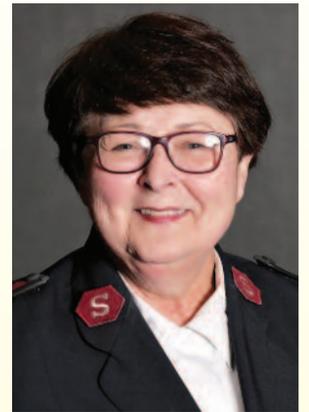
Major Katrina Mathews, Indianapolis Harbor Light corps officer, cuts the ribbon with assistance from Harbor Light Executive Director Major Kendall Mathews and Deputy Mayor Angela Smith-Jones. Also pictured (l-r) are Megan Sims (for Congressman Andre Carson), Andrew Kossack (for Senator Todd Young), Indiana Divisional Secretary Major Beth Petrie, Indiana Divisional Commander Major Robert Webster and Dana Randall.

Following God's lead

Majors James and Paulette Frye, commissioned in 1977 with the "Companions of Christ" session, recently retired after 41 years of service. A boy "from the wrong side of the tracks" and an officers' daughter, they met as young teenagers when Paulette's parents were stationed at the Topeka, Kan., Corps.

They married after high school and settled down, Jim taking a job at a grocery store. But God had other plans. "God has a way of changing things and working them out the way He wants them done," Major Jim said.

After attending the College for Officer Training, the Fries served in corps throughout the territory. "Every appointment was the best appointment God had for us," Major Paulette said. "I loved working with the women's ministries and seeing them grow in their love for one another and for Christ, becoming an



integral part of the corps."

They also enjoyed children's ministry. "Watching them grow and helping them understand they could be anything God wants them to be was a privilege," Major Jim said. He added that one of his main reasons for becoming an officer was to serve families and help them the way his family was helped when he was a child.

The Fries retired from their final appointment as corps officers of the Rochester, Minn., Corps and decided to remain in the area as it's close to two of their five children. They have remained active in the corps and community.



PATHWAY OF HOPE

As an unemployed single mother with three children still at home and 3-year-old twin grandchildren in her temporary custody, Dianne turned to The Salvation Army for help. She enrolled in Pathway of Hope (POH) at the Kansas City Citadel, Mo., Corps to improve her ability to get a job, guide her through family issues and provide a support system. Though Dianne worked hard, she was initially apprehensive to open up to Kimberly Thornton, the POH case manager. That changed with an unexpected turn of events—a good job opportunity.

Earlier that week Dianne had worked with Kimberly to develop her resume and complete a job application online. The final step was to obtain a new state identification card. So, on a hot summer day Dianne took a bus with her 11-year-old daughter and the 3-year-old twins to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). However, a worker refused to issue a new ID because of a spelling error on a document. Adding to the frustration, the process had taken so long they'd missed their bus back home; another wasn't due for an hour. Discouraged and overwhelmed, Dianne called Kimberly to share what had happened. To her surprise, Kimberly volunteered to pick them up.

When she arrived, Kimberly suggested they try another DMV location. She encouraged Dianne to go in, not discuss earlier problems and see what might happen. Dianne had her new ID in 10 minutes!



Major Tim Best, Dianne, Kimberly Thornton, Dianne's daughter, Manieah, and Major Beverly Best

Elated and grateful, she said no one had ever helped her solve problems like that and couldn't believe it since Kimberly had only known her a few weeks.

"That's why it's called the Pathway of Hope," said Kimberly. "We do our best to bring you hope."

In light of the difficulties, when Dianne got the job the celebration was even sweeter.

In addition to accomplishing important goals over the last year, Dianne has become part of the corps. She has continued to develop her relationship with the chaplain she met during her POH spiritual assessment. The chaplain and corps officers, Major Tim and Beverly Best, offer their support, along with transportation, which enables Dianne and her daughter to attend Sunday worship and participate in weekday programs and special events.

Dianne says she feels good about the progress she is making. Instead of focusing on her difficult circumstances, she is learning to leave them with the Lord so she can move on with a hopeful, positive attitude.

Promoted to Glory

Lt. Colonel Donald Arnold

Though he lived 86 years, it wasn't the length but the quality of a life well lived when surrendered to Christ that Lt. Colonel Don Arnold exemplified. He was promoted to Glory on July 28, 2018.



Humble and unassuming, Don was known for intentionally building relationships, encouraging and praying for others regularly. He set a godly example as he led with a servant's heart in his roles as a corps officer, in divisional appointments, as an instructor and principal of the training college and as a divisional commander.

Don accepted Christ when he was only four years old. As a young Salvationist, he had no ambitions to become an officer. Instead, he studied biology and hoped to become a surgeon. He felt God's call on his life during an International Youth Congress in 1950. Surrendering to God's will, he entered the College for Officer Training in 1956 and was commissioned in 1957 with the "Faithful" session. In 1959 he married Marilyn Tennyson and they commenced a lifetime of service together.

Retiring in 1997, Don remained faithful to his calling. He worked at territorial headquarters for 15 years, took an active role at the Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps, joined two mission teams to the Caribbean and responded to disasters in Bosnia, at Ground Zero after 9/11 and in New Orleans.

He is survived by his wife, daughter, Lisa (Ev) Jordan and son, Craig (Anne), six grandchildren, sister, Rae Ann, and many nieces and nephews.

Major Helen Marshall

Major Helen Marshall, 97, was promoted to Glory on July 11, 2018. She was born on April 23, 1921, in Cresco, Iowa.



A nurse by trade, Helen used her passion and gifts to serve God. She was saved at Booth Memorial Hospital on July 4, 1943, in Des Moines, Iowa, and became a soldier on March 3, 1944. Following the call of God on her life, she entered the College for Officer Training in 1947 and was commissioned in 1948 with the "Peacemakers" session.

For the next 45 years, Helen served in Home and Healthcare, Booth Memorial Hospitals and Women's Social Services throughout the territory. In 1954 she continued her nursing education with a post-graduate course at Margaret Hague Hospital in New Jersey before returning to Booth Memorial Hospital in Wichita, Kan. Future appointments included a stint at territorial headquarters in the women's social services department and as nurses' fellowship secretary in the Kansas and Western Missouri Division. She retired in 1983 from her final appointment as administrator of the Booth Memorial Residence in Wichita, Kan.

Helen is survived by her niece, Glenda Johnston.