**Wonder Youth Conference: youth at forefront of revival**

**by Betsy Clark**

Holiness revival is coming, with youth of The Salvation Army at the forefront. It was Raised Up with more than 1,000 young Salvationists, representing 94 of the 121 countries where the Army operates, at the World Youth Convention in Stockholm, Sweden, where General Shaw Clifton renewed the charge to pursue the holiness of God.

Our 26 delegates from the Central Territory joined in this collage of cultures, engaged in dynamic, Spirit-fueled worship, and participated in intentional discussions regarding our personal walks with Christ, the deliberate call to seek and serve the lost, and the future of our Salvation Army. The convention was marked with fervor as our generation cried out to God in worship, prayer and the study of His Word. Vibrantly joyful multinational worship generated excitement which extended beyond plenary sessions and concerts. Indeed, delegates flooded the streets of Stockholm with the joy of the Lord as they traveled to and from the convention site, singing and dancing the praises of God in every language. We were called to grow as saints.

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This summer I received a new appointment: territorial secretary for personnel. Over the past seven years, I have worked closely with the several persons who have held this position. Through that association, I came to this appointment with some understanding of the duties and responsibilities and some goals for myself. Having been in the job a little while now, I’ve been able to test what I imagined I was responsible for against the reality. Here is what I think: I’m in charge of treating people well.

I suppose I should define who the “people” are. It’s primarily officers and employees in the Central Territory. The personnel department has many different functions, but, as I view it, everything we do can be reduced to this task of treating people fairly, kindly, upholding accountability and applying Christlike love—in short, treating people well. You might say that my job is Golden Rule definition and enforcement for our territory. Treat others as you wish to be treated (Do unto others as you would have them do unto you, for a more King James rendering), is a great standard, but much of the time my department is spent giving definition to how that rule should be applied to many different relationships and situations.

We have just rolled out a new employee handbook. It took hours and hours to write and months to consider, edit and approve. It defines fairness expectations for employees and gives our organization a standard against which we can determine what treating people well looks like in some common situations. What is consistent with “treating people well” in regard to the number of days of vacation an employee earns each year? The book defines it for us (a much more complicated thing than you might imagine).

That one small example gives just a small hint of how challenging and complex a fairly simple job can become once human beings get involved. After all, what could be simpler than looking every person you encounter in the eye and attempting to treat them well? And, what could possibly be more complex and challenging?

Our ultimate example for treating people well, of course, is Jesus himself. When I read the scripture and analyze Jesus’ relationships, it overwhelms me to realize that in every situation and with every person, Jesus did exactly the right thing. He could stand today before every person He ever met and look them in the eye and know He treated them well—in absolute consistency with godly love. Go ahead and test Him in this. He was never unkind, never self-serving and never more concerned with self-preservation or looking good than He was for the welfare of another person. Everyone got treated well even when He was confronting their bad behavior or challenging their faulty ideas. The fact He was able to accomplish this is for me, outside of the resurrection, the most profound evidence of His divinity. It is a standard I know I cannot meet but one I pursue with passion every day, and now it’s also my chief responsibility.

It would be nice if we all agreed on what being treated well looked like. And, it is sobering to realize that despite Jesus’ perfect track record in all his relationships, some people came away from encounters with Him ready to kill Him, which they eventually did. To a degree, this is what following Jesus involves for all of us: doing what He would do and then being willing to accept the consequences.

Being treated well is a reasonable expectation for Christians in relationship with Christians. It is the expectation of our organization. And, as simple as it sounds, I’m convinced it is one of our most challenging tasks despite the fact that we all agree that it is what we ought to do. This is what I will be praying every morning: that every officer and every employee of The Salvation Army will make it their goal every day to treat everyone they meet well. That God will give us all the guidance and strength that we will need to both see it and act on it. And, when others miss the mark as they relate to us, that He will give us grace to forgive.

Youth at forefront of revival

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and dedicate ourselves to the passionate pursuit of justice in the world by a compelling “Wake Up Call” from Commissioner Helen Clifton and later a recorded message by Commissioner Christine MacMillan, director, International Social Justice Commission. We were proud to learn examples of how The Salvation Army is working to eliminate poverty, the sex trade and human trafficking.

Further explorations of mercy, sacrifice, the spiritual disciplines and commitment urged us as delegates to explore our role in this God-ordained movement. We were encouraged to seek God’s will for our lives, from service in our corps to our vocations (whether secular employment or as officers). Indeed, as Salvationists, we are called to serve the Lord in all we do.

Hundreds of life-changing decisions were made during the World Youth Convention. On the final evening more than 200 delegates indicated a calling to officership, and when the crowded altars were cleared, the General made an appeal for officers present to be renewed by God’s Spirit. More than 100 officers knelt in prayer.

In his final message to delegates, General Clifton urged us to “stay awake and alert to see what God will do beyond our wildest imaginings.” Praise the Lord for His mighty works through the youth of The Salvation Army!
A dynamite duo

Even in casual conversation it’s apparent that Majors Joseph and Lois Wheeler make a great pair. They build each other up, complement one another and even finish each other’s sentences.

“We are a team,” said Joseph. “Her characteristics complete me; we function well individually, but we function best together.”

Such teamwork will bless them greatly as they embark on a new journey as the territorial evangelists and spiritual formation secretaries. Together they’ll offer three-day, five-day or weekend seminars on subjects like spiritual gifts, budgeting, evangelism, marriage enrichment and holiness or preach a series on topics such as spiritual giants, healing hearts, and Revelation. They’ll also participate in other ministries like divisional pilgrimages, officers’ councils, Sunday worship services, annual meetings, visitation and Christmas kick-offs. They are already well known in the territory for excellent preachings, dramatic presentations and vocals.

“Part of our ministry will be cheerleading, too,” said Joseph. “There is so much good happening in the territory, and sometimes those on the frontlines are so close to the war they don’t realize they’re winning!”

Coming from separate appointments at territorial headquarters, Joseph is looking forward to working directly with Lois again. “We are accustomed to working side-by-side,” he says.

Lois agreed, “I’m so full of ideas and he’s so good at implementing them. We also observe different things in people which helps to edify and build them up. It’s so exciting to think that our job will be fulltime fieldwork. I love seeing God work in personal ways with the corps people we encounter.”

Their excitement and humility in this appointment is evident. “We’re just ordinary people, but it’s the extraordinary gifts that God shares through us that will make our ministry work,” said Joseph. “We love the Lord and love people and it’s amazing that He can use us.”

**Flat friends**

Territorial leaders Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seller received an unexpected and delightful letter from junior soldier Genna Pendleton in Janesville, Wis., this summer. With the help of a little friend, “Flat junior soldier,” she inquired about the ministry of her Central territorial leaders.

The creative concept was adapted by Captain Carolyn Schuett, Janesville corps officer, and Michele De La Paz, Janesville junior soldier leader from the Flat Stanley book craze. They transformed the Stanley material into an exploration activity suitable for junior soldiers who’ve recently been enrolled.

In Janesville on enrollment day, and it also gave the enrollment of five junior soldiers.

Territorial leaders Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seller gladly participated in the Janesville junior soldier recruitment activity by posing with “Flat junior soldier.”

Sunday, each junior soldier receives the name of an officer or Salvation Army leader. They write them a letter asking questions about Army ministry and include a hand-crafted “Flat junior soldier,” who kindly requests a Kodak moment with its “flat junior soldier,” who kindly requests a Kodak moment with its “flat junior soldier,” who kindly requests a Kodak moment with its “flat junior soldier.”

**Family program skyrockets**

Just over three years ago Captains Terry and Cheryl Selvage, Jefferson City, Mo., corps officers, implemented a program called “Mommy and Me,” designed to encourage family bonding. Three adults and 10 children showed up for the first meeting; today attendance ranges from 100 to 140 people!

During each meeting participants enjoy a time of prayer, devotion, entertainment and a craft; the children absolutely love it. “At first it was a program geared for single mothers,” said Cheryl. “But then we started to open it up to any family.”

Doug, a single dad of three young girls, saw a flyer advertising the program and stopped by. “The girls were so excited that they couldn’t stop talking about it,” he said. While his daughters were happy to be entertained, he was overjoyed to find an activity they could all do together. Not only has Doug’s relationship with his daughters blossomed, but his relationship with the Lord has grown as well!

The captains attribute the success to God’s guidance, careful research and thorough promotion. Inspiration came when Cheryl returned from a territorial women’s retreat on fire to reach the community. She and Terry set to work creating a survey, which they distributed to soldiers, beneficaries and neighbors seeking feedback on which programs their community needed most. “Mommy and Me” emerged from the results, and Cheryl promoted it from day-care centers to the thrift store.

“We’ve seen it all be open by God’s grace,” said Cheryl. “From mothers getting on the phone to invite friends, to neighbors making surprise donations, to seeing participants visit the corps for Sunday morning worship.”

Weekly sessions held in the corps parking lot are part of the year-round program.

New Janesville, Wis., junior soldiers proudly display their junior soldier promise.
by Susan Eustice

Some people were very surprised when the United Football League (UFL) Omaha Nighthawks announced that it would establish its football training camp at The Salvation Army Kroc Center in south Omaha, Neb. There’s nothing like the partnership anywhere else in the nation.

The UFL team signed a two-year rental agreement for the facilities. The Nighthawks also became the first of the five UFL franchise teams to conduct practices in its host city, according to UFL spokesperson Kel Welch. Team training began in mid-August.

The Kroc Center’s sports field complex is used for the team’s practice field. A 5,000-square-foot locker room is being built within the Kroc Center. The Education Center is used for team meetings; the Fellowship Hall is the training table with the Kroc Center’s executive chef preparing the food.

Among those present at the news conference was the first player to sign with the Nighthawks, former University of Nebraska Cornhusker and Green Bay Packer star Alman Green. Green signed the t-shirts of children who were attending “Kroc Camp” that day.

“From the moment we first visited the Kroec Center, we wanted to house our team there and not only make the most of top-class facilities, but also become integrated within the local Omaha community,” said Nighthawks General Manager Rick Mueller. “Everyone from the Nighthawks organization is excited to be here.”

New component designed to reduce abuse risks for older and vulnerable adults who participate in Salvation Army programs has been added to Safe from Harm, the Central Territory’s comprehensive safety and abuse prevention policy. This standardized safety policy helps us safeguard the most vulnerable in our care and honor our God-given responsibility. It is vital in this age when states are indicating an increase in elder abuse reporting as the adult population ages.

The new Safe from Harm for Vulnerable Adults component is a natural extension to the existing child-focused safety program. Through education, awareness and planning, Safe from Harm enables all kinds of units—corps, camps, social service programs and services, day care and residential programs—to develop a safety program tailored to their specific needs.

The six key objectives of the vulnerable-adult component include: educating staff and volunteers about the prevention of abuse and accidental injury; enabling leaders and workers to develop procedures and practices that reduce these risks; protecting The Salvation Army from unfounded allegations; reducing the organization’s liability; building family and community confidence in Army programs; and preparing Army representatives to respond appropriately to any alleged incident.

Safe from Harm for Vulnerable Adults is available in two versions: a shorter format for corps and smaller adult programs and a more comprehensive one for larger adult day and residential services. Officers, program directors and workers serving vulnerable adults across the territory will be trained in this new component, which was introduced recently at a trainer workshop at territorial headquarters.

The Safe from Harm policy is the territory’s standard of care for all work with children and vulnerable adults. The program for vulnerable adults, along with related resources, is available for corps/programs to review and use on the Lotus Notes Safe from Harm resources database.
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November 5-7, 2010
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Newest candidates
Tomas and Martha Valladares
Topeka, Kan., Corps
Kansas and Western Missouri Division

Tomas and Martha have worked for the last two years as Hispanic ministry directors for the Topeka, Kan., Corps. Their calling to officer-ship came in two different settings. Tomas heard the call at a youth council in the spring of 2007, but he was concerned about answering the call because he knew his wife didn’t feel called. God simply told him, “Trust in Me.” Martha’s calling came at the Candidates’ Seminar weekend in 2006. God confirmed to her that she was to leave behind her minim-istry and move forward. Tomas and Martha have entered the College for Officer Training with their three children, Rebecca (12), Andres (9) and Samuel (6). Their corps officers are Captains Chuck and Betty Yockey.

Generally speaking
I t was a simple goal, really. After meeting newly installed General Wilfred Kitching at the College for Officer Training in 1954, then-Cadet Eugene Harris decided he would meet all of the generals throughout his lifetime. Now a retired major, Eugene recently added the latest “acquisition” to his collection: meeting General Shaw Clifton at this year’s Congress in June.

“Now I can die a happy man,” said Eugene, 76, of the 12th general he’s met. Eugene only bothered to get autographs twice; the first was General Frederick Coutts on a book he had written, and the second from General Clifton at the book signing at Congress. For Eugene, the trophy was just meeting the generals.

Several of Eugene’s meetings occurred after the generals had retired at congresses, commissioning weekends, officers’ councils and other events. His meeting with General Arnold Brown took place on a visit to Brown’s native Canada. Eugene was surprised to discover just how short General Brown was— but long on personality as they chatted about men’s social work and mutual acquaintances.

Eugene had glowing reports on all of his meetings with generals, noting most were personable and down to earth; formality had definitely decreased over the years since his initial meeting with stiffly British General Kitching!

Eugene discovered a mutual kinship with General John Gowans (Ret.)—both were members of the Soul Winners session. And, history-buff General John Larsson (Ret.) was interested in Eugene’s nationality (English) as an American of European descent. Eugene was particularly impressed by General Clifton’s speaking skills at Congress, describing him as smart and direct without being long-winded.

Eugene spent the majority of his officership at adult rehabilitation centers until heart problems required an early retirement. He still keeps his hand in ministry when he can at the Brainerd Lakes, Minn., Corps.

Fan the flame
by Major Christine Poff
E ach day I could hardly wait to get up and see what God had in store for me,” said Major Patricia Brooks. Her words echo the feelings of the offic-ers from across the country, as well as from Guyana and the Philippines, who gathered at the College for Officer Training for the 62nd annual National Brengle Holiness Institute.

At the opening meeting National Commander Commissioner Israel L. Gaither challenged delegates to be sensitive to the work of the Holy Spirit. And that first night the Spirit began to fan the flame of renewal.

The aim of the Brengle Institute is that officers will become stronger and more dedicated to working completely under the direction of the Holy Spirit. The curriculum is designed to meet this aim as the dele-gates attended classes in which they explored the scriptural basis for the doctrine of entire sanctification; the personality, power and presence of the Holy Spirit; practical application of the doctrine of holiness in everyday life; the need for holiness preaching; the necessity of prayer; how to help others seeking holiness. Though classes filled the schedule, there was time to relax, make new friends, see Chicago and even take in a Cubs game.

One of the most significant features of the institute was “God’s Way With Me,” when each delegate shared their testimony. Hearing the testimonies was so encouraging to delegates who realized they were not alone in their own struggles and experiences.

Brengle concluded with a sacred service in which delegates gathered to sign a personal covenant with God. It was a moving and meaningful time. One officer concluded, “That perfect peace which washed over me when I accepted God’s calling in my life, came again.”

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Salvationists across the territory are geared up, ready to engage the world around them. It’s the result of more than a week of Bible study and worship at Central Bible and Leadership Institute (CBLI) 2010.

Delegates who attended were “geared up” in two ways: 1) anxious to step up and face the challenges and pressing needs of those around them, and 2) outfitted and equipped to accomplish the task.

The theme “Engage” was based on Titus 3:14 (NASB): “Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet the pressing needs, so that they will not be unfaithful.”

Major Dan Jennings cleverly portrayed this idea during the camp’s opening when he brought volunteers to the platform to put on golf shoes, motorcycle boots, black-and-white polka dotted stilettos, swim fins, roller blades and fuzzy winter boots.

“You wouldn’t wear these shoes just anywhere,” he said. “Each pair was made for a purpose—a special purpose.”

He went on to say the holiness God gives His people is like that; we are made for a special purpose, and we are to fulfill that purpose.

Guests for the camp were Commissioners William and Nancy Roberts, territorial leaders in Kenya West (adult track); Captains Peter and Catherine Mount, Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center officers in Omaha, Neb. (teen track); and Lts. Peter and Alison Lublink, corps officers in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (young adult track).

Commissioner William Roberts engaged adults right away with his wit and charm, but even more with his sincere desire to help them dig deep into God’s Word. In the first Sunday’s sermon, Roberts encouraged participation. “Where I come from, people talk back to the preacher. We say, ‘okay, ’ or ‘all right, ’ or ‘You’re right, preacher!’”


The challenge is to use that power correctly, he said. He told of Simon the sorcerer who wanted to purchase the power to heal and perform other miracles. “Perhaps there are those who seek the power of the Holy Spirit before they seek the presence of the Spirit,” he said.

“Where I come from … ” became a common refrain throughout the week as the commissioner shared funny stories, spiritual insights and life challenges from their recent experiences leading the Kenya West Territory. Delegates quickly learned to respond with a fervent ‘Amen’ when he said, “Where I come from, we say, ‘bwaana asafie’ (praise the Lord).”

Lt. Peter Lublink spoke to the delegates on Monday night using Romans 15. His topic was on engaging our neighbors. “That’s what Jesus did, isn’t it?” he asked and challenged especially the younger delegates to pursue that goal through corps involvement and officership.

As the week progressed, Bible studies, preaching and singing, fellowship and even recreation all built on the theme of learning to engage our neighbors in order to share the gospel and build up the Church.

Envoy Scott Hurula, Hispanic ministries director at the Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps, who attended with his wife and children, said that CBLI has been an important part of his spiritual development.

“I had a couple of guys who were friends of mine in high school, and we were all in Youth for Christ together and active in our churches. Then they ended up drifting away from the Lord,” said Scott. “I thought to myself, ‘What made the difference?’ And I think a big difference was that every summer I came to CBLI.”
“I want my own kids to have that same experience,” he said, “the Christian fellowship, the great teaching, the Bible classes and just the relaxed atmosphere.”

Teen track delegate Rachel Moe, 18, from the Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps, said she has been attending CBLI for about four years with her family. “It’s just a great place to come and learn about God,” she said. “This year we’ve really talked a lot about the characteristics of a Christian. We’ve learned about the fruit of the Spirit, and how to apply them to my life in better ways.”

Justin Johnson, 20, from the Chicago Mayfair Community Church, said the young adult track has been helpful to him. “It’s been a time of renewal, of discovery and of reinvigorating spiritual passion,” he said. “God’s helped me to process this whirlwind of a summer.” He hoped the experience at CBLI would have far-reaching affects.

Colonel Néstor Nuech, chief secretary, gave a fitting wrap-up to the week with a sermon from John 15:1-11. “We become one with the body of Christ by remaining one with Him,” he said. “We’re productive, we’re satisfied and we’re joyful.” He said in order to do that, “We need to be clean.”

The chief told of traveling to a small village in Paraguay to enroll senior and junior soldiers. They walked a dirt road to the corps building, a tiny structure of four walls, a partial roof taken from an old building that had been torn down, with only a cement slab for a platform. While waiting to enroll the new soldiers, he began to worry about his dusty shoes. “I have dirty shoes, and they’re going to take pictures. I’m going to look bad,” he thought. “What am I going to do? Then I looked up…and most of the children did not have shoes. He concluded, “Sometimes we’re so concerned about our own needs, that we don’t see the needs of others.”

The worship song “Soldier’s Hymn” by Phil Laeger, used by three separate bands throughout the week, constantly reinforced the theme. Some of the lyrics say:

Let our uniform be holiness and mercy/Justice clothed with grace and truth/Those who speak be fearless, those who serve be blameless/Dreams old and visioned youth…/Faith to make our dreams new, hope as we await You/Love to serve with joy and might.
Territorial Volunteer of the Year
Karen Wolford

Karen mirrored “Doing the most good” the last eight years of her life after meeting the Army through the Royal Oak, Mich., Corps; women’s ministries. She began volunteering for social service projects at the corps and at the disaster services office and warehouse. She spent many nights in canteens serving refreshments and comfort with her kind spirit and wonderful smile to emergency workers. She did odd jobs at the divisional camp, assisted in an annual radiothon, made apple pies for the corps’ girl guards bake sale, pasties for the corps’ World Services/Self Denial fundraiser and stocked its temporary warming shelter with food and blankets. Karen also volunteered for schools’ anti-drug DARE programs, the Spalding Children’s Center and even found time for animal shelters. Sadly, Karen died soon after she was nominated for the award. Her son, Rodney, accepted it on her behalf.

Territorial Family Volunteers of the Year
Gerold and Betty Garding

Central Minnesota has been blessed with two outstanding service extension volunteers. Parents of six children and busy grandparents of many more, Gerold and Betty always found a way to reach others in need. For the past 37 years they’ve devoted much effort to bringing smiles to children at Christmas by collecting toys during the year to ensure each child receives at least three gifts; about 400 children are served each year. The program became a model for rural Minnesota, as did the Garding’s “Cloths for the Community” project which collects winter wear and snow pants for disadvantaged children to play outside. Volunteer seamstresses make additional snow pants with donated material at the Gardings’ home. Teen girls and young women benefit through the “Her Special Day” program which collects used prom and wedding dresses with alterations provided by volunteers. The Gardings also collect school supplies and make weekly food pantry pickups from Wal-Mart and local farms.

Territorial Youth Volunteer of the Year
Catherine Johnson

Catherine has many creative ideas for how a high school student can help The Salvation Army help others. For her 16th birthday, she asked family and friends to make donations to the Army instead of giving her presents. Her selfless decision raised $515.

Territorial Organizational Volunteer of the Year
BlueScope Buildings North America, Inc.

The Salvation Army in the Kansas City, Mo., metropolitan area has benefited greatly from its association with BlueScope Buildings North America, Inc. Its employees have helped the Angel Tree program for 20 years and, in the last five years, conducted a similar drive for school supplies by using cards shaped like school buses! An employee raffle for Kansas City Royals baseball tickets donated by the company’s president raised almost $700. Employees forfeited their holiday lunch the past year so funds could be used for those less fortunate; more than 2,000 people benefited. Employees also participated in the Million Meals for Haiti project and raised funds for disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and the southeast Asia tsunami.

Lowering your risks

The number of accidents occurring in Central Territory corps, institutions and administrative offices is significantly up this year, reports the territorial risk management department, as are the related costs of these accidents, whether vehicle related or day-to-day situations, to The Salvation Army.

To help combat this trend—and to ensure the people and resources of The Salvation Army are kept safe—the risk management department is offering free online training courses on accident prevention and safety maintenance through Summit Training Sources.

More than 100 online courses can be accessed by individuals and/or locations on topics ranging from health issues to motorized vehicles. The most popular online courses cover blood-borne pathogens, driving vans, operating forklifts, and slips, trips and falls.

Officers, employees, soldiers, volunteers and anyone else who participates in Salvation Army functions are highly encouraged to take advantage of this free training in how to be proactive in preventing accidents.

Supported by engaging interactions and graphics, each course contains a set of lesson topics and at the end of each lesson requires a passing grade of at least 70 percent before advancing to the next lesson. Upon completion of all lessons in the course, the user is awarded a printable certificate, which can also be kept for records. Each course takes approximately one to two hours to complete.

For more information contact simon_hsu@usc.salvationarmy.org

Make a difference: volunteer!

Join the fun with thousands of volunteers nationwide on Make a Difference Day, Saturday, October 23, 2010.

For almost 20 years Americans have helped make their communities better places to live through volunteering on October’s fourth Saturday. Individuals, organizations, churches and companies often contact The Salvation Army for volunteer opportunities.

Think of potential projects around your corps or center that would help you better serve others and make them volunteer opportunities! Empower your corps people by letting them organize and lead these projects. Then let your community know how they can make a difference at The Salvation Army!
**Manners the Midwestern Way**

by Susan Eustice

Omaha, Neb., has more than 10,000 Sudanese refugees. One of the greatest challenges to immigrant populations is the cultural divide between traditional life and contemporary American life. The Omaha Citadel Corps has developed a workshop to help Sudanese teenagers swiftly assimilate to dining manners in the U.S. "An Introduction to Manners—The Midwestern Way" teaches Sudanese teenagers American manners through discussion, questions and role playing.

“We are not saying that doing things differently is wrong, or that if you have had a different way of operating in the past that you or your culture is wrong," said Omaha Salvation Army Advisory Board Member Anne Baxter, who with her husband, Nick, and volunteer Kathy Olson, teaches a personal skills workshop. "What we are suggesting is that by following the ‘rules’ of the community in which you now find yourself, you increase your chances of being successful.”

The program is taught in a concise, two-part workshop. One lesson is about social situations and interactions; the other focuses on dining etiquette.

The workshop’s grand finale was the graduation when students, along with their mentors/facilitators, dined at the top of the First National Bank Building where participants used their new found skills through proper dress, good manners and polite conversation.

“For someone who is new to this country, the opportunities are immense but it is essential that you know the rules of the road," Nick Baxter, senior vice president of First National Bank, said. "What we tried to do was help them learn how ‘things work’ and what to do in order to allow them to fit in and take advantage of the opportunities that are out there.”

**Fargo youth “adopt” Salvation Army**

by Craig Dirkes

When it comes to "Adopt-a-Family" and similar Salvation Army programs for people in need, the Army is used to doing the helping. But in Fargo, N.D., the tables have been turned by a group of 10-year-olds who have "adopted" The Salvation Army.

It started nine months ago when 22 fourth graders at Kennedy Elementary School decided to adopt The Salvation Army by volunteering once a month for the entire 2009/2010 school year. They began last September by packaging nearly 1,750 one-pound bags of beans for food distribution.

“We were dirty and dusty when we finished, but we all had smiles on our faces,” said teacher Barb Wittenman, who spearheaded the effort through her longstanding volunteer relationship with The Salvation Army. What followed was a barrage of good deeds performed month after triumphant month: serving food to the hungry; making blankets and collecting soup for the homeless; purchasing nearly 160 books for Salvation Army youth programs; cleaning and organizing the thrift store; and much more!

"Many of the students stated that this project has been the highlight of their school year," said Wittenman.

For instance, a girl named Krista said, "I learned that with a little grown-up power, you can make a huge difference in your community.”

Indeed, learning the value of helping others struck a chord with the children. But so did something else. During the Christmas season two of the children told the class that their own families would be receiving food and Christmas gifts from The Salvation Army.

“This was our connecting moment,” Wittenman said. "It really brought the project home to the entire class.”

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**Advisory board website big resource**

A new website especially designed for Salvation Army advisory board members has been established. Called MySABoard.org, the site is aimed at resourcing advisory organization members and keeping them up-to-date on news and events across the U.S., including the National Advisory Organizations Conference slated for next April.

Among the many resources on the site are the Advisory Organizations Training Manual, National Advisory Board profiles, and PDFs of brochures, ads and logos. A section called "Notes from the Field" gives advisory organization members the opportunity to network, share ideas and discuss issues for more effective service.

The site also has Facebook, Twitter and national website links, enabling members to stay informed and learn more about subjects like disaster services and fundraising.
**Called anywhere**

We were commissioned in 1984,” said Major Richard Herivel. “They asked who would be willing to serve overseas. Brenda and I just looked at each other. We knew we’d be willing to go anywhere; whatever the Lord wants, wherever He leads.”

Twenty-six years later Michigan natives Majors Richard and Brenda Herivel reside in Moscow, Russia. In the Eastern Europe Territory, he is the territorial mission resource secretary, and she is the Russia divisional secretary.

They arrived in former-communist Russia three years ago to discover a territory wrought with poverty, general distrust of authority and civil unrest between countries, but these obstacles didn’t stymie the Herivels. They put their administrative, pastoral and educational backgrounds to work.

So far they have seen open-air meetings become more prevalent. Nestlé Corporation supports their growing Angel Tree program, and soldiers from atheist upbringing become officers. They’ve made an impact at their corps, the Eastern Europe Territory’s Institute for Officer Training and the community-at-large. Brenda has an additional degree in social work, which she draws upon frequently, assisting with the many social service initiatives in Moscow.

“We have a really good senior services program called Blokhniki,” she said. “We also serve the homeless, orphanages and those who are HIV-positive, which unfortunately includes a lot of children.”

Richard oversees finances for the territory, which also includes Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia. “Our main goal right now is to move toward financial self-sufficiency,” said Richard. “We receive generous donations but need to plan for future independence.” Since his arrival, Richard has developed a tool to measure the territory’s financial self-sufficiency in eight different currencies.

Although passionate about their work at headquarters, the Herivels’ ministry in Russia extends beyond their administrative duties into their everyday lives. They are working to build relationships with other faith-based organizations in the community and make connections with people, hoping to draw them into the Army and ultimately, relationship with Christ.

“It’s always been our attitude, goal and aim that no matter where we serve, whether it be North Platte, Neb., or Moscow, Russia, we live each day for Christ, always available to serve Him in every aspect of our lives,” said Richard. Brenda nodded in agreement, tears in her eyes.

**Enchanting castle**

How many Salvation Army corps officers do you know get to work in a castle each day?

Centralite Major Cynthia Shellenberger still gets a thrill each time she enters her corps with the castle façade in Norwood, a suburb of Adelaide, on Australia’s western coast. Although the historic structure is 113 years old, the Norwood Corps has been in existence for 128 years! In the last 60 years alone, the corps has sent 45 people to officer training.

“It’s a great privilege to serve God in Australia,” said Cindy, who arrived in the Australia Southern Territory in 2004. “It’s a beautiful country and a joy to be here. The territory is very supportive, keeps us informed and shares their resources.” Before coming to Australia, Cindy was the corps officer in Racine, Wis., for four years after serving seven years overseas in Russia and the Ukraine.

“The Salvation Army in Australia is well respected and often interviewed by the media concerning public issues,” Cindy continued. “The corps has a very rich heritage and many blessings. But, it’s also a great challenge because it can be too easy to ‘look to the past and glory in it’ when the need of the day is for people to know Jesus. The corps has taken steps to see how we can best serve this era and present a clear message that Jesus loves all.”

One thing Cindy finds herself clinging to is using The Salvation Army Song Book! “It’s difficult to hear some Salvationists have no need for it. The blessing they miss will never be recovered!”

Much to Cindy’s delight, the Chicago Staff Band performed at her corps in 2006, giving her a chance to reconnect with familiar faces and tunes.

**Hand to man**

If you signed your name to your handprint at Congress this year, then you probably already know a little about the Micah 2010: Lead a HAND campaign. What you might not realize is that by participating you join with Christians and churches worldwide to serve the hungry.

The Micah Challenge (MC) is an effort to remind world leaders of their promise to lift half a billion people out of poverty by 2015. The campaign seeks to encourage Christians to pray for justice for the world’s poor, commit to remembering the poor and living a life that helps bring them justice, and press leaders to eradicate poverty.

“MC provides us a wonderful opportunity to show the world that we care for the poor as a response to the transformation God has done in our own lives,” said Lindsey Bailey from the Salvation Army World Service Office (SAWSO). Lindsey helped implement the campaign at Congress.

Our territory signed nearly 500 hands at Congress, which will be sent to United States officials. The Salvation Army has been in support of this initiative across the country and on a national level.

“The Salvation Army has set an incredible example already for other denominations on how the church interacts with the world,” said Jason Flieta, Micah Challenge USA national coordinator.

On Sunday, October 10, the campaign calls for a united day of prayer against poverty. SAWSO and Micah Challenge are partnering to develop materials that can be used at the corps level (i.e. songs, stories, media tools) which are being posted on the SAWSO website. As your corps you might have a time of prayer for poverty, involve soldiers to make hand prints and/or preach a message on Micah or a biblical perspective on poverty.

To learn more and download resources, visit www.micahchallenge.us
**My little brother**

by Cadet Jeremy Fingar

As I watched my little brother’s funeral and the response of his friends, family, the U.S. Army and The Salvation Army, I was amazed. My family received condolences from all over the world, from the President of the United States to congressmen and senators. Three territories were praying for us. We received flowers from Billy Graham, his sons and their families. The American flag was lowered out of respect for my brother, Jason. I would have no idea if I’d not been there to see it. To me he was just “little Jay.”

As Jason’s fellow soldiers reported on the kind of man he was, I wasn’t surprised when the soldiers told me Jason would fill in for their chaplain so they could have chapel on Sunday or that he would encourage the soldiers who didn’t want to go on. This was the kind of man my little brother was. His love for Christ was in everything, in every part of who he was. One of my fondest memories is of Jason telling my mom she was going to church one way or the other. If you’re alive you go to church; if you’re dead, you are allowed to be late. It’s something of a family motto.

Jason loved people. His friends were his priorities; his family was his life. When Jason’s personal effects were returned among them was a handwritten note spelling out his plans for his leave, the chief thing on the list was to come see me at the College for Officer Training. Jason and I were similar in a lot of ways, how we love others and the things we like to do. We were close. We were friends. We were brothers. I miss him every single day. So much of who Jason was has been cemented in the people he loved that I am blessed with seeing his lasting impact, every day.

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### Share Your Christmas Joy!

Enable children around the world to experience the special joy only Christmas brings. Your financial gift will be shared among the more than 100 Salvation Army institutions already sponsored by Centralities. Please mail a generous gift (checks payable to The Salvation Army) before October 31, 2010, to The Salvation Army, Sponsorship Office, 10 W. Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016.

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**My Prayer List**

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**KARLA...LISTEN TO ALL THESE NAMES OF GOD FOUND IN THE BIBLE...TRUTH, WONDERFUL JEHovah, Yahweh, Elohim, El-Shaddai, Judge, Shepherd, Father, Almighty, I AM, Master, WORD, ABin, the Alpha & Omega, Emmanuel, El-Gibbor, Teacher, True Light, Truth, Wonderful, Elohim and Adonai!**

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**I ALWAYS THOUGHT THE BIG DUDE UPSTAIRS WAS COOL...**

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