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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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Bold changes for corps cadets

New incentive, new curriculum

Corps cadets and counselors will be thrilled to learn of a new incentive being introduced across the territory and a new national curriculum called BOLD.

Graduate corps cadets interested in pursuing higher education will be eligible for the Graduate Corps Cadet Post High School Education Scholarship, which can be applied toward a four-year college, junior college, technical school, trade school, etc. Each graduate can receive \$1,000 per year for a maximum of \$4,000 over a four year period.

"This scholarship is designed to be an incentive for students to engage in and complete the corps cadet program, as well as an encouragement for students to remain active senior soldiers," said Barb Higgins, territorial youth development specialist. "Leaders will have additional time for discipling and equipping our young people for leadership."

To be eligible for the scholarship, a corps cadet must be a graduate of the program in the Central Territory and a senior soldier in good stand-

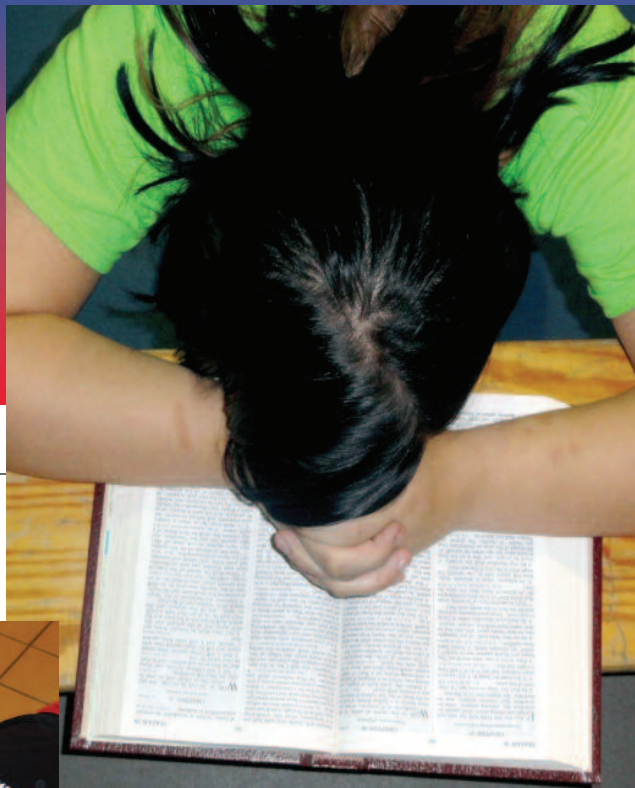


Warren, Mich., Corps cadets love The Salvation Army.

ing. To learn more about the scholarship and how to apply visit the Central Youth Network website (<http://centralyouthnetwork.com>) or contact your corps officer.

Also the new national corps cadet curriculum, BOLD, is rolling out. BOLD stands for the four main ele-

ments of the program: Bible study, Our heritage, Leadership and Discipleship. Instead of covering only one of the four elements per month, this new eight-month model covers one aspect of BOLD each week on a monthly theme, such as mercy.



The student booklet has been revamped with more contemporary graphics and relevant presentation, while the corresponding leader's manual will be available online only as a PDF and downloadable to a tablet or computer.

"We want to equip our young people to be confident and courageous, unafraid of difficult situations," said Carolyn Bailey, national curriculum development director. "We want them to have the audacity to be transformed by God's Holy Spirit."

Salvationists also will want to note a change in the minimum age for corps cadets. A young person now must be at least in the 6th grade. According to Carolyn, the primary motivation for this change is to give graduate corps cadets a year or two to practice what they've learned before graduating from high school.

See your corps officer for more information.

Double the summer fun

by Kent Embree

Imagine almost 100 kids marching through the middle of a Kroc Center on their way to swim in the pool or play in the gym. Combine that vision with the added traffic of 100 more student musicians participating in the Quincy, Ill.,

Public School System's Joe Bonansinga Summer Music Program. You would have a pretty good idea of what summer weekdays looked like at the Quincy, Ill., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center.

Camp Kroc Day Camp was organized this year by Timothy Souther, youth development and outreach specialist, and Brittany Daly, day camp coordinator. It was marketed to the region by television, newspaper and radio, as well as social media and the Kroc Center's website. With a maximum capacity of 125 kids (kindergarten through sixth grade) each week, the pro-

gram has been filled with 90 to 100 youth.

Quincy's Camp Kroc is in its third summer of operation and has expanded from four weeks to eight! Each day participants are treated to an exciting array of activities including swimming and climbing, Bible study, organized gymnasium games, and a literacy component taught by three teachers who are Illinois state-certified. Campers are challenged to stay active both physically and mentally, which helps keep them from losing ground while they are on summer break from school.

Breakfast and lunch are provided. Breakfast is served at the center, while the campers take a "field trip" each day to a local grade school to take part in a free lunch program there. Since the Quincy Kroc Center does not have "green space," campers get some outdoor time at recess at the school after lunch and occasionally go to historic downtown



Washington Park, site of the sixth Lincoln-Douglas debate, which is only a block away.

As an added incentive for parents to register for multiple weeks of camp, some weeks feature special events like a field trip to the St. Louis Science Center, and a musical is put on at the end of the program.

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Central a hidden gem

by Colonel Dawn Heatwole
Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries

As you read this article, my husband and I will be preparing to move to National Headquarters in Alexandria, Va. As I have been packing, I've been praying through the territory as I recall people who I've served with for the past 30 years. I

remember special opportunities to pray together at the altar, to weep together over a heartache, or to laugh together at something we've seen or heard. But mostly I am reminded of how blessed I am to serve with such incredible officers, employees, sol-



diers, volunteers, friends and family. While I've been serving alongside each of you, I've come to learn the following things:

The USA Central Territory is a hidden gem in the Army world.

The people of this territory love to support missions. If you could see what your money has done throughout the world, you'd be amazed at how God has multiplied it to achieve more than we could ever imagine.

The people of this territory want an outpouring of God's Spirit. You have prayed for it earnestly. You have aligned yourself with God's purpose and mission: to love people unconditionally and without discrimination. God continues to work in the hearts of individuals who seek Him. Don't give up seeking His will and His direction.

The people of this territory have a

strong work ethic. We know what it's like to work hard, to come alongside others and provide a helping hand. We are willing to get dirty in the process of helping others. We live across a vast amount of land, yet we are united in working hard for the Kingdom.

The people of this territory want to be loved and appreciated. We need to consistently remember we are in the battle together. This isn't a time for friendly fire or second guessing, but for loving one another and serving together to move the Army forward.

I am a better person for having served with you for 30 years and for being a soldier in this Army for more than 40 years. I am blessed to call this territory home and will always be a USA Central Territory officer. As we leave, be assured of our prayers for you. And if you're ever in the Washington, D.C. area be sure to look us up! We'd love to see you!

A tradition of trading

Official delegates to the *Boundless: The Whole World Redeeming Congress* next year in London, England, will be happy to learn that as part of registration they'll receive 10 specially designed territorial pins for trading with other delegates from around the world.

The pin features the Boundless Congress logo's interwoven dove shapes representing the Holy Spirit, with the addition of the U.S. flag, the words USA Central Territory and the dates of the Army's founding and the congress. The colorful pin is enamel and ¼ inch in diameter.

"There's nothing more foundational to a true Salvationist than internationalism. What a fun way to remember this important milestone moment in our history and also to remember



that we belong to a family that spans the globe!" said Major Steve Yoder, who is planning one of the main meetings of the congress.

For more about the International Congress, July 1-5, 2015, visit boundless2015.org

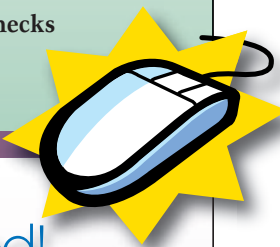


Share the joy of Christmas with children around the world

Donate to the Share Your Christmas Joy campaign. The goal is to raise \$100 each for 120 Salvation Army overseas children's homes, schools and centers to enable the children to celebrate Christmas with a party or special meal.

Please give by October 31 to ensure donations reach the children by Christmas!

Donate online www.christmasjoy.centralmissions.org or send checks to 10 W. Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines, IL, 60016.



Correction/Clarification

The Long Service recognition list in the July issue inadvertently omitted the following officers celebrating 30 years of service: Major Gary Felton, Major Faye Flanagan, Major John Flanagan and Major Beverly Gates. We apologize.

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New disaster spiritual care guidelines published

New guidelines for providing appropriate and respectful spiritual care during disasters have been released by the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (NVOAD) of which The Salvation Army is a member.

Developed by NVOAD's Emotional and Spiritual Care Committee, the guidelines were written over the course of four years, an arduous task that relied on the overreaching question, "How can NVOAD member organizations partner with local spiritual care providers and communities of faith in providing appropriate and respectful disaster spiritual care?"

Kevin Ellers, Central territorial emergency disaster services coordinator, was a member of this focused writing team. "Throughout the

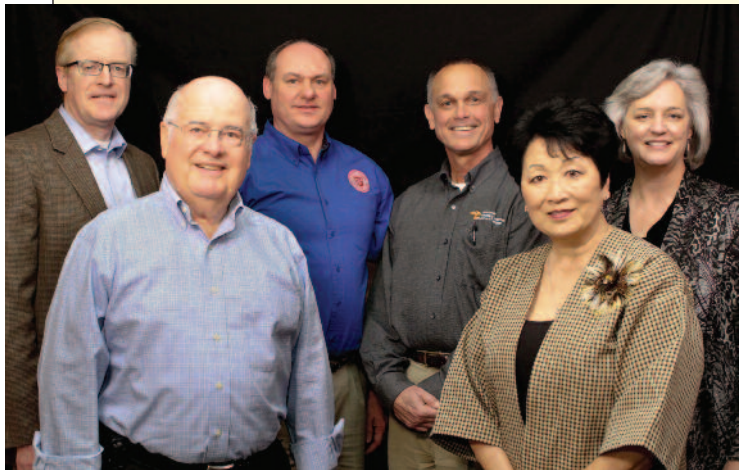
process we were guided by the spirit of the NVOAD four Cs: cooperation, communication, coordination and collaboration," said Kevin.

In order to provide disaster spiritual care, many NVOAD member organizations, like The Salvation Army, have developed training to prepare their deployed personnel. The new guidelines do not endorse one organization's training over another but rather speak to essential core competencies with the goal that member organizations' training leads to these competencies.

In recent years municipalities, counties and states intentionally have integrated spiritual care into their disaster response and recovery plans. The guidelines reflect many of the practices that already exist and bring greater inter-operability, commonality and consistency

with the service delivery of disaster spiritual care.

According to Kevin, state VOADs will be crucial in introducing the guidelines. It is imperative for each state and regional VOAD to have an active and engaged Emotional and Spiritual Care Committee (ESCC). It will be through the ESCC



The guidelines writing group, including Kevin Ellers (third from left)



the guidelines will become operational within each municipality, county and state.

"For The Salvation Army to fulfill its mission, it is critical that spiritual care is strategically and visibly integrated into all disaster operations and that governmental and partner organizations are aware of this," said Kevin.

The Salvation Army was one of the original organizations instrumental in

launching NVOAD in 1970. It began as a gathering of faith-based and non-profit organizations which responded to disasters and were committed to improving their work to benefit those they served.

To view and download the guidelines and other resources, visit

<http://www.nvoad.org/>

Click the Resource Center tab, then Click Emotional and Spiritual Care



New center, new life

by Major Collette Webster

Raiquan lived in a government housing apartment with his mom and five sisters when the sign went up across the street saying The Salvation Army was going to open a Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center. It was hard to believe this was going to happen in his forgotten and dilapidated part of South Bend, Ind.

So, when construction began, Raiquan, then 10, watched every day. He was expecting a place where he could play basketball and swim, but he found so much more. On opening weekend he walked into the 110,000-square-foot center and said, "Wow. This is a big ole place. Where do I begin?"

During one of his first visits, a staff member invited him to church. He came that next Sunday with his sisters and a few friends. Soon he became a junior soldier. Now at 14, he is ready to be enrolled as a senior soldier. He participates in teen group, singing company, Mission: Literacy, character-building programs, corps cadets and community care.

Raiquan says before the Kroc Center opened he was getting into some bad things in his neighborhood. He wasn't doing well in school, and his mother was reluctant to let him out of the house. Since joining the center he's turned his back on those bad things



and is graduating from eighth grade with a 4.0 grade point average!

"My grandma used to take us to church, but I never understood it and didn't get it. Here I have learned that God is amazing and full of grace. He is good. He is a healer. I pray every day, and everything is better after I pray." Raiquan says he makes better choices now and his relationships with his family and others have changed.

Raiquan is always looking for ways to help others. Though young, he serves in many center programs and tells people in his community, "Just come to church—just try it!" He is in a leadership camp at the center to help him grow into the man God wants him to be. He wants to be a Salvation Army officer someday.

We thank God for Raiquan—his smile, great attitude, love for God and passion to share with others. He is changing our lives and the lives of others.



Fergus Falls' guardian angel

by Susan Berkson

This year's Life Service Volunteer of the Year Glorias Shepherd could be considered the guardian angel of the Fergus Falls, Minn., Corps—always appearing when help is needed. Arriving at the corps over 34 years ago through women's ministries, she has served the corps and community tirelessly ever since.

On a regular basis she stocks and organizes the corps' food pantry; prepares, serves and cleans for the community lunch program; and coordi-

nates visits to nine area nursing homes, spending an average of 25 hours a month praying and talking with the residents. During the Christmas season she can be counted on to organize toys, set up the toy shop and shop with parents, as well as ring bells at kettles whenever there is a need.

Glorias spontaneously serves in countless other ways. When a fire broke out at an apartment complex at 3:00 a.m., Glorias was on the scene with the emergency disaster services team serving food and beverages to first responders until the sun came up. She also can be counted on during flood deployments, going for 10 days at a time to help clean up. Once when the corps was unexpectedly without their receptionist, Glorias filled in eight hours a day, five days a week for two months until the position was filled.

"Her love for the Lord pours out in everything she does," said Lynne Verhaagh, Fergus Falls community relations, program and youth director and Glorias' nominator. "She passionately serves The Salvation Army day in and day out, not just working but as a prayer warrior and great representative of the Army."



4 good soil initiative

Army in his blood

"I was born and the next Sunday I was at the corps," quipped Nate Woodard, Wausau, Wis., Good Soil Initiative (GSI) youth development coordinator. "Growing up I was always at church [Battle Creek, Mich., Corps]. Some members of my family actually founded the corps, so I had a great support system there."

For a while Nate felt he piggy-backed on his family's faith until a message by Michael Collins at Regeneration changed his perspective. "When he talked about being salt and light, I realized everyone thought I was being a person that I wasn't. I learned to confess and be accountable. That was my true point of transformation."

Although on a fast track to a business degree, Nate felt God leading him toward ministry. He moved back to Battle Creek, Mich., to assist at the corps part-time while running a start-up business on the side. But he soon found part-time ministry wasn't enough; God was leading him to minister fulltime, which landed him in Wausau.

Hired in August 2013 as the GSI youth development coordinator, Nate helped to jumpstart the corps' after-school program which has a focus on reaching at-risk youth. Area schools are making recommendations for children to attend the program, and Nate, along with other staff, have the



opportunity to change the kids' lives through character-building programs and team work.

Since Nate started working as the GSI coordinator, Sunday morning worship service attendance by youth has quadrupled.

Every other Sunday he runs a tween (ages 8 to 12) program and each week helps organize a young adult small group, all while he's been working hard to collaborate with other Christian community groups, like Youth for Christ, to reach out to more kids.

"The most rewarding thing for me is seeing youth from all around come to the Army and 'getting it'—that light bulb moment where kids start to make changes in their lives because of Christ's love for them."



Live Coals

by Lt. Colonel Daniel Sjögren
Territorial Ambassador for Holiness

We have just enjoyed a season of cookouts.

Any grillers out there will know that coals need to be hot. However, I have a tendency to put the meat on the grill before coals reach their prime. In fact, many times they're just ready as I'm taking the meat off the grill. I can tell you that hot coals make all the difference!

In Isaiah 6:7 when Isaiah confesses his uncleanness, the Seraph takes a live coal from the altar and places it to Isaiah's lips. Scripture tells us the Seraph said, "Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." The sin Isaiah had committed could have been a "lip sin." I'm sure we'd all agree no part of the body sins more, or is in need of more purifying, than the tongue.

We are engaged in a war against the tongue of hasty speech and the



proud tongue which boasts all too often. We also must battle the tongue of gossip, the tongue of suggestive allusion and the angry tongue of unbridled temper.

I pray the coal would touch my lips to purify me. I want the Spirit of God to cauterize my tongue and cleanse any unholiness from my lips. Some years ago a lady confessed to being guilty of gossiping. She wanted the Lord to forgive her. In my counsel to her I felt led to say God would forgive but a cleansing of the tongue also was needed.

Our hearts must be right with the Lord for this is where our speech emanates. Join with me in asking the Holy Spirit to purge any impurity from our hearts so He can be seen in our lives, including in what we say.



Saluting the McPhersons

Members of the "Undaunted" session, Majors Laurence and Judy McPherson lived up to the name providing nearly four and a half decades of faithful service. Many fellow officers, family members and friends attended their retirement celebration and voiced tributes to the McPhersons. Conducting the service of retirement was Major Graham Allan, Adult Rehabilitation Centers (ARC) commander.

After their 1970 commissioning, the McPhersons served in corps in the Indiana, Kansas and Western Missouri, Midland and Western divisions until 1988, when they began serving in the ARC Command. After a brief period as

trainees at the Chicago Central, Ill., ARC, they administered the Wichita, Kan., and St. Louis, Mo., ARCs until joining the command staff in 2001.

Major Larry served as assistant commander and Major Judy as general secretary and candidate liaison officer at the command until they were appointed administrators of the Omaha, Neb., ARC in 2010, the positions from which they retired.

During his time in St. Louis and at command headquarters, Major Larry also served as the command's multicultural ministries coordinator from 1995 until 2006, and Major Judy served as a territorial officers' counselor from 2006 until her retirement.

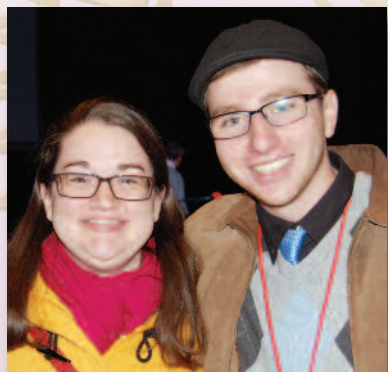


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Jonathan and Ceamona Taube

Des Plaines, Ill., Corps
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Jonathan and I were both blessed, from a young age, to find a real experience of Jesus in our families and The Salvation Army communities in which we grew up. We each had significant spiritual experiences at summer camps and chose to give our lives to Christ as young people. We even met as teenagers at Camp Wonderland!

While Jonathan felt called to ministry in high school, I graduated from college still planning to pursue my dream of being an elementary school teacher. However, God changed my plans by opening opportunities for us to partner in ministry. Leading small groups alongside one another, working at the corps together and eventually moving to help open the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Grand Rapids, Mich., helped us to discern our call to serve the Lord together.

Looking back, we see through our struggles and victories that God was beginning to reveal His will by allowing us to work together in ministry, grounding us in prayer and solidifying our commitment to The



Salvation Army. We are thrilled to submit ourselves to serving the Lord and His people in this unique way as officers.

Jon and Ceamona's corps officers are Captains David and Shannon Martinez.

Chelsea Barnes

Oak Creek Centennial, Wis., Corps
Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division



The Salvation Army has played a huge role in my life from the time I was born. My parents had started attending the Oak Creek Centennial

Corps a few years before I was born, which is where they raised me to know God's love and what it means to know Him as my Lord and Savior.

I came to know Christ at a young age and responded to His call of officership when I was 12. Since then everything I have gone through has been a constant reminder of God's calling on my life. The Lord has given me a passion for youth and music ministries, as well as practical ministry.

I believe every experience I've had in my life, from various leadership positions to family events, has prepared me for officership.

Chelsea's corps officers are Majors Cornell and Candace Voeller.

Sharing knowledge, culture

Halfway through a two-year appointment in the Central Territory, Majors Bong-kyu Lee and Eun-sill Seo of the Korea Territory and their two children are having the experience of a lifetime!

With a doctorate in theology and having taught at the Officer Training College (OTC) in the Korea Territory for almost eight years, Major Bong-kyu was tasked to launch a master's program at the OTC. To broaden his academic experience for this endeavor, he has been pursuing further studies at Trinity International University and teaching at the College for Officer Training (CFOT).

Major Eun-sill was appointed as associate corps officer at the Chicago Mayfair Community Church, Ill., Corps, where she's been working in women's ministries emphasizing prayer and discipleship. The family is living on the CFOT campus.

"Our children [son Sun-jong Lee, 16, and daughter Ye-won Lee, 10] are enjoying their lives in the U.S.," said Major Bong-kyu. "They're learning English—their favorite subject—in school and much about the American



Majors Bong-kyu Lee and Eun-sill Seo

culture and lifestyle. The many people who live here help them in spite of the language barrier!" he added.

"I teach classes on the global church and the Pentateuch at the CFOT and study English at City Colleges of Chicago and theology at Trinity. With the cadets I share international knowledge and views as an Asian scholar, and together we're realizing we're one Army." He reports learning much from the cadets and CFOT staff about the Army in the Central Territory, along with fundraising, administration and Christian culture.

At the Mayfair Corps, Major Eun-sill helps women grow in their faith and learn how to share it at home. "There are many women in the corps with many different lifestyles. I am meeting God through this diversity, which is a challenge to me, especially immigrant ministries. I am growing in knowledge alongside them." She also enjoys leading nursing home fellowship programs. "I can see the people's love for God even though they're weak and sick," she added.



Photo by David Moore

Major Bong-kyu teaches at CFOT while attending Trinity International University.

One Army resource materials available

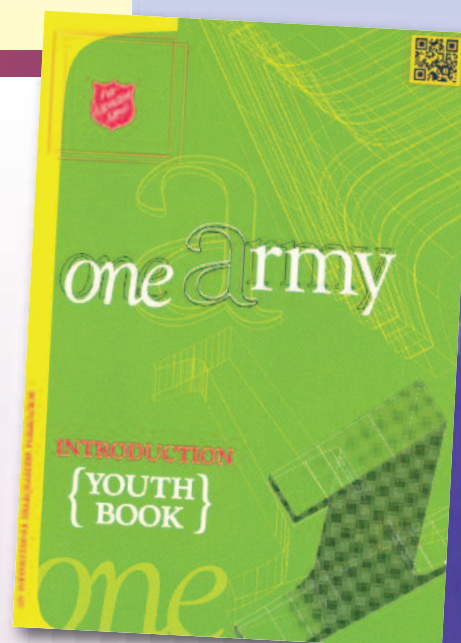
The Salvation Army's International Vision of *One Army, One Mission, One Message*, launched in October 2011, continues to inspire Salvationists around the world. Now, thanks to a new multi-format teaching resource produced through International Headquarters (IHQ), the unity of the International Vision can be worked toward in a practical way, bringing Salvationists a better understanding of what it means to be part of "One Army."

The *One Army* website (www.salvationarmy.org/onearmy) opens with an introduction from General André Cox, who writes: "For those who want to know more about The Salvation Army, this is the most up-to-date, informative and concise guide available. For Salvationists who want to confirm their own faith and mission, this is as reliable and authentic guide you will find anywhere. For those who want to broaden their horizons, support and

encourage others around the world and learn about other cultures, this will achieve all those aims."

Commissioner Robert Street, chair of the International Doctrine Council, was given the task of devising and producing a teaching resource that can be used around the world. He told *All the World* magazine that a shared understanding is vital in an ever-expanding Army which now ministers in 126 countries. "It is crucial that it stays united, grows authentically and continues to be what it was always meant to be...an expression of the one Church Universal, showing the heart and love of God," he said.

The resource is provided across a variety of formats, through booklets, videos and other online material. The initial teaching units include the Introduction One Army—One Life,



One Army—in Calling, One Army—in Covenant, and One Army—in Christ.

"Each of the booklets has its own corresponding film," explained the commissioner. "We produce them as DVDs and the films are also on the website [along with subtitles]. We are currently working towards 20 subtitle languages on the web."

He added: "It is inspiring to be aware of the energy and expertise

being applied to this," revealing that the General calls the *One Army* teaching resource "IHQ's gift to the world."

Commissioner Street explained, "There is no set timeline for the use of *One Army*. It can and should be used at whatever time best suits the program and ministry of the territory, command and each corps. It is for ongoing use and will be added to and updated regularly, keeping it fresh and relevant.

Discussion and participation through the website will be encouraged, further adding to the international impact of this initiative." Participants can contribute to the discussions on the website, using their Twitter, Facebook or email accounts.

For updates, follow @TSAOneArmy on Twitter

SMT takes a walk on

by Major Curtiss Hartley

When four young Central Territory Salvationists arrived in Papua New Guinea (PNG), they may not have known what to expect, but by the end of six weeks each expressed a similar thought—the experience was beyond their wildest imagination.

Summer Koehler, a nursing student and life-long Salvationist, said, "I didn't really have expectations, I just knew it was going to be a wild summer, and that's what it was."

The team was led by Justin Johnson, a teacher in the Chicago area and previous summer mission team (SMT) member. The other two team members were Macy Theriot, an education student from Minnesota and relatively new Salvationist, and Christopher Irvine, a theology student from Indiana, a rookie SMT member. What surprised the team was how much they received as opposed to how much they gave.

"We prepared to teach people about God's love," Macy said, "and I feel like we were taught about God's love. Everything about the people and the culture is about showing God's love."

Summer said the people of PNG taught her about living in the moment. "All my life I've been very hesitant with things. Things will be going on, and later I'll be like, 'Oh I should have done this,' or 'I wish I could have done that.' Here, I've seen so many people just

act in the moment and do everything to show hospitality or to show God's love."

She realized the change when departing a division they visited mid-way through the summer. "In Lae when we were saying our goodbye speeches I forgot to say something, and at home I would have just let it go," she said. "But here I felt like no, I need to say this, so I went and said it."

Chris agreed. "A lot of what I've been going through in my relationship with Christ is that there are so many opportunities—not just here but back at home—where I

could have done something, been involved or acted and have been a part of what God was doing, and instead I didn't step forward. I didn't step up to the plate," he said. "Here the people are just so humble and so willing to step in and not just to act but to do what God is calling them to do."

Justin said he was humbled by the selfless spirit of the officers, like Lt. Gini at Kimbe. "We spent the week with him going around to the settlements. He had visited there and served the people but had never really invited them to attend," Justin said. "We went in and did our program, and then I had the privilege of giving him the stuff we were leaving behind."

The lieutenant seemed to disregard the gifts. "He was like, 'That's just stuff.' You could tell that his heart was in a different place because he understood it was about the relationships. Really, it's the heart that makes the difference."

Team members said learning about the way people of PNG live is one of the most powerful memories.

Chris learned not to take simple things for granted. "At home I can just go to the fridge and grab a bottle of water and down it anytime," he said. "Here, they can't do that. They have to walk sometimes 30 or 40 minutes to a well to draw water and carry it back for cooking and drinking, and I can guarantee you they have to make it last all day."



SMT members (l to r): Christopher Irvine, Justin Johnson, Macy Theriot and Summer Koehler

the wild side



They can't just down it any time they want. I want to challenge myself to not waste things and not take things for granted."

Summer said she felt like she was living in a dream. "All my favorite memories are the really extreme situations we've been in, all those things that maybe I've dreamt of doing. Now, seeing how people live in all the remote places, I love that," she said. "Going through the mud in Meii one day was one of my favorite things—to get to the village and have them be so happy to see us. They didn't care how we looked, that we were all muddy, just that we came to be with them," she said.

Macy's experience seemed as significant. "I'm not always about the extremes," she said. "When people are doing that stuff I'm the one just watching like, 'What are you doing? You want to die young?' But I've loved being here and being able to do it, and not just be the one watching."

Her favorite memory was the day she got kicked off the volleyball court in Meii. "I was just sitting there while everyone else was playing volleyball and all of a sudden this girl named Hilda just came over and sat down. She just started shar-

ing with me and wanted to get to know about who I was. I was like, 'No, tell me about you.' If I came to Papua New Guinea for one thing, that was it. That would have made my whole summer, just sitting there talking to this 13-year-old girl whose dream is to travel and go to America. That will stay with me forever." 🗣️

Paradigm shift strengthens corps

Strengthening social services has bridged more people into the Warsaw, Ind., Corps, reported Lts. Esteban and Karen Pommier, corps officers. They studied along with their staff the book *Toxic Charity* by Robert Lupton on the negative effects modern charity can have upon the people meant to benefit from it.

"Changing our paradigm for helping others wasn't easy, but we're seeing a refreshed desire to 'do the most good' in our staff and volunteers. Through Pathway of Hope, seven families are increasing their level of sufficiency with the support of Ken Locke, community ministries director, Bryte Cleveland, administrative assistant, and volunteers, including advisory board members," said Lt. Esteban.



Lts. Esteban and Karen Pommier with Gabriel, 6, Adrian, 4, and David, 2

who've been blessed by the corps' ministry. Traffic to the sites continues to grow, as does online giving.

The Pommiers' children love the corps and are beginning to demonstrate service alongside their parents—not because they have to but because they want to. When 6-year-old Gabriel recently asked if he could teach the weekly adult Bible study, Lt. Karen gave him five minutes at the beginning of the class.

"Gabriel came up with his own material, opened the Bible and led us on a very good study of Genesis 1," she said.

After having advanced the Army's mission, creating new systems and improving the quality of worship, the Pommiers feel they're at a crucial stage in the corps' ministry and have sought much prayer from the corps council.

"Our biggest fear is people growing stagnant in their relationship with God. [They're] engaged, but we don't want just engagement—we desire transformation," said Lt. Esteban. "We can create and sustain all the programs and systems in the world, but only God can change hearts."



Lt. Esteban Pommier mans the grill for a cookout.



PATHWAY of HOPE

Building a better life

by Kimberly Bloss and Tamara Brandes

Amanda's history included selling and using drugs and a felony conviction. A few years ago she became homeless and stayed, with her four children, at The Salvation Army Crossroads Homeless Shelter in Independence, Mo. During this time they began attending worship at the corps. They became members and continued to attend faithfully after moving out of the shelter.

Two years after leaving the shelter, Amanda was living in her own place but continued to struggle. She was unemployed, living on government assistance and child support. Her corps officer referred her to Pathway of Hope. Amanda met with the case manager and started working on goals right away. Though she completed the ninth grade, she had never finished high school, so they got her signed up for GED classes at the corps. Amanda also had never had a job. After starting in Pathway, she took a part-time job as a bellringer at Christmas and shortly thereafter was hired as the corps' part-time janitor. Amanda is a hard worker and has a strong faith. Though she has many barriers to overcome, she is committed to building a better life for her family.

Amanda continues to be involved in the corps. She has become a Sunday school teacher for the teen girls. She also has helped co-lead the Celebrate Recovery Class at the corps. At 30, she has been clean and



Amanda and case manager Kimberly Bloss

sober for five years. Recently she helped start a Wednesday night corps activity called All Fight, where corps members go out into the community to perform acts of kindness and share their faith in Jesus. Her children are involved in all the corps youth activities, including junior soldiers and youth camps. Amanda says she wants to make a difference for others who've been in her situation and need God in their lives. While in Pathway of Hope, Amanda married the father of her youngest child. He is in and out of work. She hopes he will be involved in church one day.

Amanda completed her GED this spring and obtained fulltime employment, earning a good salary and health benefits. Now she's enrolled in community college. She continues to work toward goals to build a stable life for her family and a better future for her children.



Horton honored

Earlier this summer Major Vicky Horton entered retirement after 20 years of service, most recently as chaplain for the Booth Manor and the Evangeline Booth Lodge in Chicago, Ill.

Her retirement celebration service was held during the Sunday morning worship service at the Chicago Temple, Ill., Corps; a luncheon followed. Her daughter, Major Donna Leedom, presented the retirement certificate and granddaughter, Allison Leedom and Laura Haas, served as flagbearers.

As a teenager Vicky felt called to officership, but life circumstances led her in another direction. After raising her family, she was asked to lead the Huron, S.D., Corps. Demonstrating capable leadership and compassionate care, Vicky was appointed as an envoy in charge of the Beatrice, Neb., Corps in 1994. Two years later she became the corps officer with the rank of auxiliary captain.

She served in the same capacity at the Ottumwa, Iowa, Corps from 1999 to 2005, then received the rank of captain and was appointed director of the Metropolitan Division's Tri County Golden Diners Nutrition Program. Five years later, she was appointed divisional ministries chaplain. In 2013, she was promoted to the rank of major and appointed Booth chaplain.



Major Vicky Horton and her grandson Geoffry

Photo by Patrick Simmons

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2015 Territorial Social Services Conference

April 28-30, 2015

Marriott East Hotel

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Women connect online



The territorial women's ministries department has launched an online video Bible study to connect women in prayer, study and fellowship across the territory. It's meant to provide opportunities for those in isolated areas and to supplement traditional women's small group Bible studies.

On the first and third Tuesday of the month, women log in online at 7:00 p.m. to participate in a Bible study facilitated by Sarah Micula, territorial women's ministries pro-


gram specialist. Complete with chat capabilities, the site allows participants to simultaneously learn and share ideas.

"We're the first in the nation to use the Western Territory's SAVN.tv technology for women's groups," said Sarah, who worked with staff in the West to pioneer this initiative when she discovered their Skype-like technology.

"We're hoping this will give women across the territory an opportunity to find a sense of community," said Colonel Dawn Heatwole, territorial secretary for women's ministries.

In Fort Wayne, Ind., Corps Officer Major Lynnetta Poff has found it a respite from her duties. "I wanted to be involved in a Bible study where I could participate but didn't have to be the leader," she said. "After a busy day I can sit at home in a comfortable chair and participate in this Bible study, sharing with women all over the territory!"

Marcie Gothard, Sioux Falls, S.D., soldier and development director, appreciates the opportunity to connect with and learn from new people.

"When you work for and attend a corps, sometimes you seek ways to connect with others outside your sphere of influence." 

Sign up at uscwomensministries.com



Keep calm and pray on

Sometimes God answers prayer in unexpected ways. This was certainly the case for Ruthie Lockett and her son, Brandon, in finding the Des Plaines, Ill., Corps.

Two years ago Ruthie and Brandon lived next to a highway. They desperately needed a safer, nicer place to live; even worse Ruthie suffered from debilitating asthma, which was aggravated by the environment. At one point it was so bad, she actually passed out on her front doorstep. She was on high doses of medicine and feeling discouraged.

Ruthie asked God to heal her or move them away from the highway. God did both. Their new home ended up in Des Plaines only one mile from the corps. Not only did Ruthie's breathing issue clear, she didn't even need medicine anymore.

Although she got healthier physically, her spiritual life was waning, and she wanted Brandon involved in church. That's when a bus driver suggested they walk down to The Salvation Army corps.

"When Ruthie and Brandon came into the corps building we didn't have much programming going on, but I recommended summer camp," recalled Corps Officer Captain Shannon Martinez. Brandon mustered his courage to attend his first



Ruthie with Captain Shannon Martinez



Brandon at the Metro Music Camp

camp ever at Camp Wonderland. When he came home he wanted to know when he could go back! He also got involved with the corps' junior band and weekly youth Bible study.

Ruthie has found a family at the Des Plaines Corps, too. On Easter Sunday she was enrolled as a soldier

and is active at the corps volunteering with the Breakfast with Baby outreach. Recently she attended her first women's retreat, another answer to prayer, and was spiritually rejuvenated.

"This soldier definitely knows how to 'keep calm and pray on,'" said the captain. "God has shown Himself to be more than a great provider of her every need."

Women's Ministries Leadership Conference guests

Women from around our territory will be gathering for the Territorial Women's Ministries Leadership Conference, October 16-19, 2014, with a diverse and interesting line-up of guests.

Mindy Caliguire

Mindy Caliguire is the founder of Soul Care, a spiritual formation ministry that exists to increase "soul health" in the body of Christ. She is the Executive Director for Engage International and previously served for the Willow Creek Association. Mindy contributes to *Leadership* and *Conversations* journals and has authored numerous books on spiritual formation. Mindy will lead us in exploring simple yet profound ways to tend



our souls, essential to being who God created us to be and to having a transformational effect on our world.

Commissioner Carol Seiler

It's especially fitting that Commissioner Carol Seiler joins us for this conference—not only because she helps lead our territory as president of women's ministries

but because she's a huge proponent of women in leadership. She values higher education and hard work and has a practical approach to ministry, intent on making her days count for God's Kingdom. She has been instrumental in introducing exciting initiatives, like STEPs and Pathway of Hope, to the territory. During the Sunday morning worship service, you'll find her speaking marked by passion and straight talk.



Hālau Hula Ka Lei o ka Haku

Meaning "the lei of the Lord" this Hawaiian and Pacific Islands divisional group was initiated to share God's love and to worship Him through the art of hula. Led by Dasia Rodriguera, these 12 ladies

represent corps from Oahu, Maui and the big island of Hawaii. They have performed at Army events throughout the United States.

Bill Booth Theater Company

For over 10 years our territory's own Bill Booth Theater Company has brought a varied repertoire of drama, music and comedy to concerts, conferences, services and retreats throughout North America. This October they're sure to delight with another original production.





Sub-committees a game changer

by Matthew Sweeney

The Kansas City, Mo., metro area is blessed with an extensive and impressive Advisory Board (AB). Coupled with that, we have numerous working committees. With the divisional commander and divisional director of development, we have focused on cultivating a culture of active sub-committees. The sub-committees then, with officers and staff, act as a grass-roots planning committee for various activities.

The most recent example is one sub-committee's work on elevating our annual civic luncheon over the last four years. Through the work of this committee—officers and staff—the luncheon has evolved from a small staff appreciation affair to a significant annual fundraising and friend raising event. Our most recent luncheon in May drew more than 1,000 attendees and featured Former First Lady and current National Advisory Board member Mrs. Laura Bush. Not only was this event one of the most prominent in Kansas City, introducing The Salvation Army to many leaders, it was a significant fundraiser. In fact, over the last four years the luncheon has raised over \$1 million, and each year the bar moves higher.

The effort of the civic lunch sub-committee has made this possible. From initial formation by our current AB chair to subsequent committee chairs, each has developed a robust and active group to plan this event. By recruiting numerous committee members (this year over 25 individuals), it serves multiple purposes:

- A deep group of highly talented individuals bring their efforts to plan the event, freeing up the staff and officers for other activities.
- It is a community-led and planned event.
- A large group of individuals not



only attend the event with several guests, but many sponsor entire tables.

Additionally, having such a large group of volunteers supports long-term goals and advantages for the division:

- Introducing The Salvation Army to more prominent community members, who not only become aware of our mission and service but then actively support it both monetarily and with their time.
- Increasing the Army's network with prominent companies in the community through these individuals.
- Providing a platform for these individuals to volunteer with the Army and to bring their time and talent to aid our mission.
- Providing a "breeding ground" for future AB members, ensuring a robust "pipeline" of individuals to support officers and staff now and in the future.

Based on this approach, the division has created a model it is applying to other areas and sub-committees. It bodes well, not only for today's activities but for the future. Given our common mission, we are happy to discuss this concept with any division that would like to learn more.

Changing lives one dribble at a time

by Ashley Kuenstler

They live in a city renowned for its violence, but youth from East St. Louis are finding a safe, second home at The Salvation Army thanks to a basketball court and a 6 ft. 4 in. teammate.

"A lot of people have given up on them, thinking they just like to goof off and play basketball," said Lt. A.J. Zachery East St. Louis, Ill., corps officer. "The trick is to not condemn them for that but use it to reach them."

Since his arrival in July 2013, the lieutenant has used basketball as a tool to connect with and reach the young boys in East St. Louis. The number of youth who attend his corps' after-school program has grown substantially as a result. Playing basketball with him every day not only has taught the youth valuable character-building traits and provided them with a safe haven for their afternoons, but it has introduced many of them to their first reliable father figure.

"Most of these boys don't have a father figure, and that's something every young boy wants," Lt. A.J. said. "So I go to their basketball games at school with cardboard signs of encouragement that I hold up when they make baskets. It sounds silly, but it really means a lot to them."

This connection has led the boys to develop a strong trust in the lieutenant, which is positively affecting several areas of their lives.

"There's one boy who is having a difficult time learning to read," Lt. A.J. said. "Because he trusted me he was able to open up to me about it, and now we're taking steps to address it."

Because of Lt. A.J.'s time on the court, there are now more youth attending church regularly and even volunteering.

"When the kids didn't have school last winter, they offered to come to the corps and shovel snow with me," Lt. A.J. said. "I didn't have to ask them; they did it because they want-



ed to. Our time together is changing not only how they spend their afternoons, but it's also changing their hearts."

The youth also now spend time volunteering with the food pantry, cleaning the building and doing other tasks as needed.

Lt. A.J. knows firsthand how important it is to reach this group of boys and how basketball is the way to do it.

"It's how I was first introduced to the Army when I was a kid in Detroit," he said. "I remember my corps officer playing basketball with us, and it will always stick out in my mind. It's like, 'Wow, the pastor of a church has a million things to do and he still made time for me.' I want to do that for my kids here, too."

Even the youth's parents are thankful for The Salvation Army and Lt. A.J.'s devotion to their sons.

"A parent recently called and said, 'Have you seen my son? I can't find him.' I answered, 'Yeah, he's right here,'" Lt. A.J. said. "And she responded with, 'Good. That's exactly where I want him to be.'"



Model junior soldiers

The newest Grand Island, Neb., Corps' junior soldiers and their mothers (l to r) Taylin and Fawnda Little, Annabel and Leah Edwards and Chloe and Jennifer Mealy, are pictured with their Corps Officer Captain Ann Mealy on enrollment day. The girls, who came to the corps through character-building programs, are serious about soldiership.

"Since their enrollment, they want to know what they can do," said the captain. "I have them ushering, collecting offering and reading the call to worship or scripture. They're wearing their uniforms every week and are a good example to the other youth," said the captain. Two senior soldier enrollments are on the way.



General André Cox and Commissioner Silvia Cox Visit the Central Territory



Come be part of an event near you this fall as the General and Commissioner Cox visit our territory!

September 11 7:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Division
Cadets' Welcome/Soldiers' Rally

Life Changers Church
2500 Beverly Road
Hoffman Estates, Ill. 60192

September 12 7:30 p.m.

Northern Division
Soldiers' Rally

Wooddale Church
6630 Shady Oak Rd.
Eden Prairie, Minn. 55344

September 13 2:00 p.m.

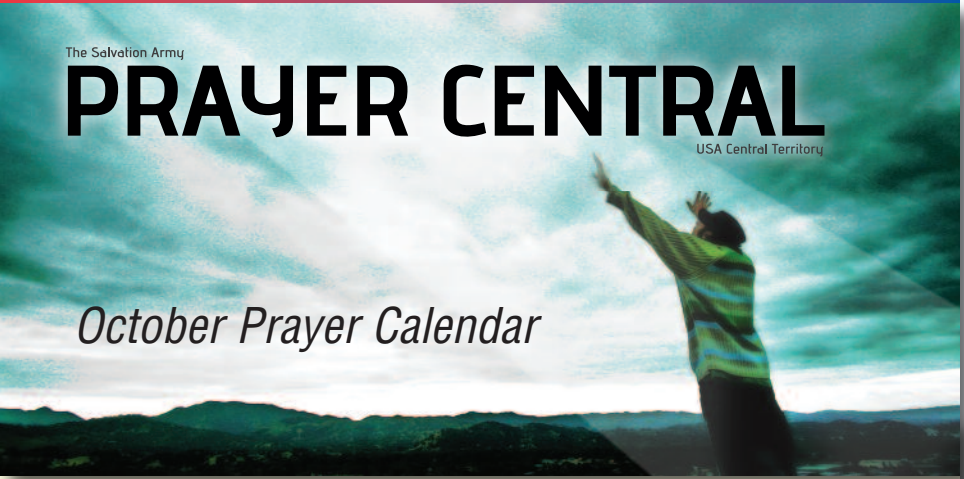
Kansas/Western Missouri Division
Soldiers' Rally

Municipal Auditorium Music Hall
301 W. 13th St.
Kansas City, Mo 64105

September 14

Eastern Michigan Division
Holiness Meeting

10:00 a.m.
Festival of Praise
2:00 p.m.
Cobo Center
1 Washington Blvd.
Detroit, Mich. 48226



My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Wednesday	Numbers 22-24	Janesville, Wis., Corps
	2 Thursday	2 Chronicles 11-15	Indianapolis, Ind., ARC*
	3 Friday	Psalms 117-118	Farmington Hills, Mich., Corps
	4 Saturday	Proverbs 28	Dubuque, Iowa, Corps
	5 Sunday	Jonah 1-4	New life in Christ on this Decision Sunday
	6 Monday	Acts 3-4	National Divisional Youth Leaders Conference
	7 Tuesday	Hebrews 5-7	Huntington, Ind., Corps
	8 Wednesday	Numbers 25-27	Kansas City Blue Valley, Mo., Corps
	9 Thursday	2 Chronicles 16-20	Blue Island, Ill., Corps
	10 Friday	Psalms 119	East St. Louis, Ill., Corps
	11 Saturday	Proverbs 29-30	Grand Forks, N.D., Corps
	12 Sunday	Micah 1-7	Harvest Festival Sunday
	13 Monday	Acts 5-6	Hastings, Neb., Corps
	14 Tuesday	Hebrews 8-10	Kansas & Western Missouri DHQ**
	15 Wednesday	Numbers 28-30	Grand Rapids Fulton Heights Citadel, Mich., Corps
	16 Thursday	2 Chronicles 21-24	Territorial Women's Leaders Conference
	17 Friday	Psalms 120-121	Kenosha, Wis., Corps
	18 Saturday	Proverbs 31	Kansas City, Mo., ARC*
	19 Sunday	Nahum 1-3	Youth character-building programs
	20 Monday	Acts 7-8	Flint Beecher, Mich., Corps
	21 Tuesday	Hebrews 11-13	Freeport, Ill., Corps
	22 Wednesday	Numbers 31-33	Kansas City, Kan., Harbor Light Village Recovery Center
	23 Thursday	2 Chronicles 25-28	Chicago Temple, Ill., Corps
	24 Friday	Psalms 122-124	Granite City, Ill., Corps
	25 Saturday	Ecclesiastes 1-2	Harvest Coon Rapids, Minn., Corps
	26 Sunday	Habakkuk 1-3	Women's ministries throughout the territory
	27 Monday	Acts 9-10	Austria, Hungary (Switzerland/Austria/Hungary Territory) ^{PIM}
	28 Tuesday	James 1-3	Huron, S.D., Corps
	29 Wednesday	Numbers 34-36	Holland, Mich., Corps
	30 Thursday	2 Chronicles 29-32	Majors Robert & Rae Doliber (Haiti) ^{PIM}
	31 Friday	Psalms 125-127	La Crosse, Wis., Corps

Go to www.salarmycentral.org
If you follow the prayer calendar in the next year, you will have read through the Bible!
* = Adult Rehabilitation Center
** = Divisional Headquarters
PIM = Partners in Mission



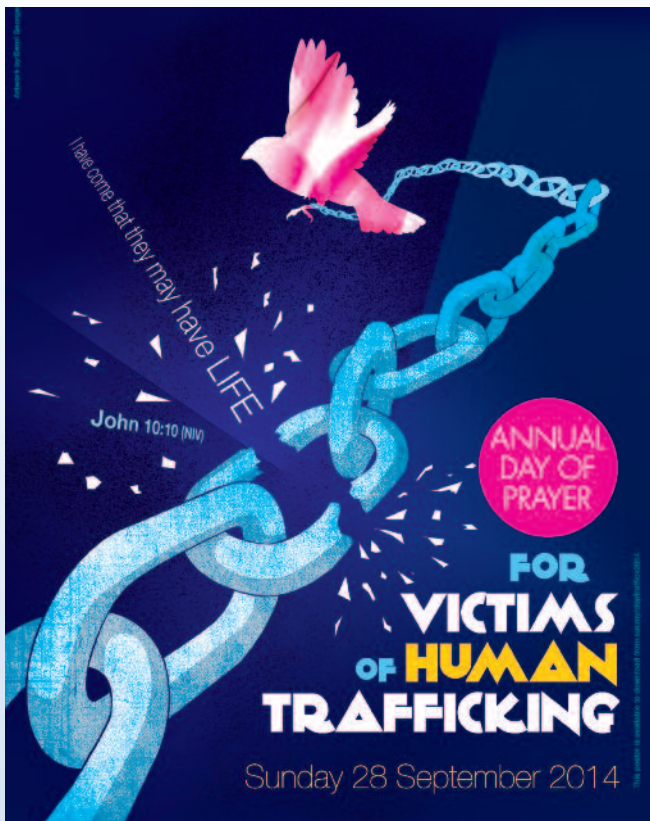
Prayers to thwart trafficking

Sunday, September 28, will be The Salvation Army's 8th annual international day of prayer for victims of human trafficking.

Salvation Army corps and centers around the world are encouraged to call on God to bring hope and freedom to those involved. The International Labor Organization estimates at least 44 percent of the 21 million people who are victims of forced labor worldwide have been trafficked.

International Headquarters has released a powerful array of resources to coincide with September 28, including a sermon, Bible study, poem, prayer ideas, PowerPoint presentation and promotional poster.

Everything can be downloaded from a new anti-trafficking section of the International Headquarters website: www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/antitrafficking.

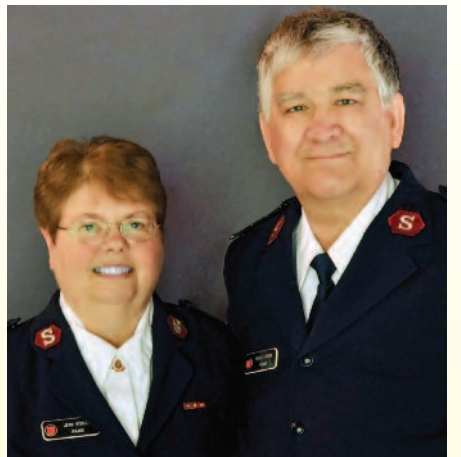


Stokers take a bow

The retirement of Majors Craig and Joan Stoker was cause for double celebration with services in Alpena and Grand Rapids, Mich. The retirement service at the Alpena Corps, from which the Stokers retired as corps officers, was held during Sunday morning worship with Colonels Dennis and Sharon Strissel, Eastern Michigan divisional leaders, officiating.

Five days later, an evening celebrating the Stokers' "partnership with God, nature and each other" was held in Grand Rapids at the Fulton Heights Citadel Corps, from which Major Craig entered training almost five decades earlier in 1966 with the "Messengers of the Faith" session and Major Joan in 1970 with the "Lightbringers" session. Colonel Dawn Heatwole officiated and presented the Stokers with their retirement certificates after salutes from family and friends.

Commissioned in 1972, the Stokers served in corps in Illinois, Missouri, Michigan and Indiana. In 1994 they were appointed to the Bahamas, a three-year adventure also enjoyed by their children, Chris and Amy. The majors then led the Marshalltown, Iowa, Corps for nine years.



After Major Craig served as the Omaha, Neb., disaster services coordinator and Major Joan as the Gene Eppley Camp administrator in the Western Division, they were appointed to Alpena in 2008 just after Major Joan earned a bachelor's degree in practical ministries from Olivet Nazarene University.

The Stokers love nature. They've taught classes in natural sciences and outdoor survival to generations of children during corps programs and divisional camps while advocating the start of nature centers and trails at camps across the territory.

Officership marked by love

Majors Alan and LaVonne Fones retired this summer from the Virginia, Minn., Corps.

Their retirement service was held at the St. Cloud, Minn., Corps, where they served 10 years and their children grew up. Longtime friend Lt. Colonel Dan Sjögren conducted the ceremony, and Lt. Colonel Becky Sjögren read scripture. The Fones' children, Wayne and Christine, spoke, and David Chase led a band that played favorite hymns.

Loving and caring for their congregations were of foremost importance to the Fones during their officership. "It was all about the people," said Major LaVonne.

Toward the beginning of their officership, which was in the Western Territory, one appointment made it clear. They had been sent to serve in central California. Major LaVonne said,

"This was the one area of the territory I hoped and prayed God would not send us." But they firmly believed God would use them no matter what. "It turned out to be our best appointment," the major recalled. "We loved the people, and they were filled with the Spirit of the Lord. The 100-person chapel was packed every Sunday shoulder-to-shoulder."

Alan was commissioned in the Western Territory, while LaVonne was commissioned in the Central with the "Evangelists" session. After serving together in the West, they requested a transfer back to the Central to be near their aging parents.

After returning to the Central Territory, the Fones served at four corps including Eau Claire, Wis., and St. Cloud, Duluth and Virginia, Minn.

They retire to Foley, Minn., and look forward to being near family.



Majors Alan and LaVonne Fones with Lt. Colonels Dan and Rebecca Sjögren, and Majors Lee and Melody Morrison as flagbearers.

Promoted to Glory

Auxiliary Captain Stephen Diaz

Auxiliary Captain Stephen Diaz was promoted to Glory on July 20, 2014. He was 47.

Steve was born in North Platte, Neb., to Captains Nelson and Agnes Diaz. His youth was marked by faith, sports (the Chicago Cubs in particular) and a love for music, which blossomed while his parents served as the Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., corps officers.

In 1999 Steve left the familiarity of the U.S. to become the territorial music director in the Caribbean, where he created a territorial band, led the annual music camp and traveled to support music programs. During a trip to Haiti, he met and fell in love with Ketsia Augustin.

Steve moved to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, in 2003 to be the assistant director of the La Maison du Bonheur Children's Home. In 2004 he married Ketsia, and eventually they became directors of the home.

The joy of Steve's life was his son, Kyle, who was born in 2008. The following year they moved to St. Louis, Mo., where Steve and Ketsia led the St. Louis Temple Corps as envoys. Steve's vision for impacting the community was powerful and magnetic. In 2012 they became auxiliary captains.

Steve is remembered for his humor, easy laugh and big smile. He was a humble, servant leader, devoted mentor, friend and father, and obedient son of God.

He is survived by his wife Ketsia and son Kyle; sisters, Major Evie Diaz and Major Christine (Steven) Merritt; nephews and nieces, Benjamin, Matthew and Abigail; and a host of friends and extended family.



Lt. Colonel William Hasney

Lt. Colonel William Hasney was promoted to Glory on June 6, 2014. He was 93.

William (Bill) Hasney was born to Chester and Beda in 1920. When Bill was about nine, his father attended a Salvation Army open-air meeting and returned with the whole family for the evening meeting.

Bill and his siblings were very involved at the Waukegan, Ill., Corps. In 1939 Bill married Signe Shoblal, who tragically died a year later when they were boating with friends from the corps.

In 1942 he joined the U.S. Coast Guard and served in WWII. In 1945, one year before returning to Waukegan on honorable discharge, Bill married Ruth Leise.

The Hasneys entered training in 1956 and were commissioned with the "Faithful" session in 1957. The majority of their officership was spent in the men's social (now adult rehabilitation centers command), where they served in various centers and eventually at territorial headquarters.

In 1969 the colonel attended the International College for Officers, and then returned to his appointment as territorial assistant administrator of the men's social. From 1976 to 1985 he served as the territorial administrator of the men's social, the appointment from which he retired.

He is survived by his wife Ruth, his children, Janine Deratany and Paul (Joyce); three grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

