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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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Grants making a difference in Midwest

Earlier this year following a landmark Territorial Economic Summit, more than \$3.4 million was allocated in a "Faith Stimulus Package" for direct assistance to the newly poor. Of the 148 units which applied, 141 locations were awarded grants totaling more than \$2.3 million.

These units documented need and a local match of funds, aimed at mobilizing the faith community.

Grants of \$18,000 were available to high demand areas which showed significant increases in need due to particular economic stressors, while grants of \$12,000 were possible for locations demonstrating more moderate demand.

This proactive approach has been making a difference throughout the Midwest in many ways like helping people put food on their tables, keep their homes or pay their rent, get medical assistance and job training.

Rockford, Ill.

"You can tell when they're new," said volunteer Betsy McCoy about the newly poor who come to the food pantry. "They don't know exactly where to go to pick up the food. Sometimes they cry. One woman told me, 'A year ago I was doing what you're doing, volunteering, and now I receive the food.'"

The Salvation Army in Winnebago County, Ill., led

by Major Randy Hellstrom, serves 450 families a month—a 200 percent increase over last year! According to Connie Marquis, social services coordinator, they are people like Millie and Bill Watson.

The Watsons used to live in a four-bedroom house in a nice neighborhood. Bill made a good living as a truck driver, hauling heavy machinery in the Chicago area. One day he slipped on ice at work, hurt his shoulder and had to get an X-ray. It surprisingly revealed lung cancer, so he could no longer work. All of a sudden, no checks were coming in.

The Watsons moved to a two-room unit at a motel where Millie does housekeeping to help with expenses. Since disability was delayed, they applied for unemployment and food stamps. At the food stamp office, someone told her to go to The Salvation Army pantry.

"I was really scared to go. I was embarrassed and sad, but the nicest volunteer there helped me. He said, 'It happens, and we're here to help you.'" She relayed, "When I left the food pantry, I had my head held



Many corps, like Norridge Citadel, Ill., has seen more than a 50 percent increase use of their food pantry.

high and was smiling all the way back to the motel."

Dearborn Heights, Mich.

The Dearborn Heights Citadel, Mich., Corps received a faith stimulus grant. With the funds, Majors Steve and Christine Merritt, corps officers, formed a coalition with Garden City Hospital and two local pharmacies to help the unemployed pay medical bills, get additional treatment or purchase medication.

The efforts have afforded the corps the opportunity to team up with the community and have resulted in positive publicity. They plan to extend this same relationship to four other hospitals in their area.

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Gail Hendershott, caseworker in Goshen, Ind., helps someone receive funds from the Faith Stimulus plan.

General Clifton meets the secretary-general of United Nations

General Shaw Clifton attended the United Nations in New York for a meeting with Mr. Ban, Ki-moon, secretary-general. The General was accompanied by Commissioner Helen Clifton, world president of women's ministries; Commissioner Christine MacMillan, international social justice commission (ISJC) director; Lt. Colonel Geanette Seymour, ISJC deputy director; and Major Richard Gaudion, pri-



UN Photo by Paulo Filgueiras

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Going green at Three Trails

The Kansas and Western Missouri Division's Three Trails Camp has been working hard to reopen the camp after being closed since fall 2006 for a major facelift. An important part of the reopening has been the help of many volunteers. The camp has partnered with Boy Scout troops in the area and has helped six boys earn their eagle scout award.

One of the unique Eagle Scout projects has been the creation of a camp garden. An old sand volleyball court, which didn't get used because of overgrowth of weeds and thistles, has been converted into a garden. The garden is home to many different plants: tomatoes, zucchini, cucumber, red and yellow peppers, lettuce and herbs.



The campers are encouraged to work in the garden and when the vegetables are ready, they're shared with all in the salad bar at meal time. Three Trails Camp is doing its part in keeping a "greener" camp.

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Renewing a sense of urgency

by Major James Nauta
Territorial Secretary for Personnel

During a recent territorial executive council prayer time, members felt the Holy Spirit's clear leading for a renewed sense of urgency to reach the lost for Christ.

Wesley Campbell and Stephen Court, in their book *Be a Hero* observe, "Part of the success achieved in primitive Salvationism is attributable to a single passion—to win the world for Jesus." To illustrate the strong passion of Army pioneers—to win the world for Christ—Campbell and Court quote William and Catherine Booth:

"There is no record since the Apostles of a body that has so

encompassed the Divine idea, all its members being taught to make all other objects and aims of life subservient to the one grand purpose of preaching the Gospel to every creature and striving to win every soul with whom they come in contact to its salvation."

Catherine Booth

"The Army by its very success is ever in danger of drifting away from the great ungodly mass for whose Salvation it was expressly raised up, and to whom it is essentially sent. The only remedy is attack. The gulf must be crossed, and re-crossed, and crossed again. Aggression is the



key to the indispensable, nay, the only means of conquest. To overcome, there must be skilful, persevering, systematic, desperate aggression... We must go to the people. We must attack. New methods must be invented if the old ones do not bring us into contact with the godless crowds. For, no matter what the cost, we must get at them. We must attack."

William Booth

It can't be overemphasized that our Lord has uniquely positioned our Army of salvation to reach thousands of folk who can't be reached by anyone else: those served by our community services. Sadly, though,

these important services are too often devoid of any spiritual influence.

The current economic crisis offers extraordinary opportunities for evangelism. George Barna suggests that helping the unchurched to solve some of their problems or address pressing needs through social services is an effective method of outreach evangelism. In his book *Evangelism that Works*, Barna says, "Like it or not, the non-churched population is perhaps most open to religion if it can help solve some of their problems or address some of their most pressing needs."

May our Lord renew in each of us a passion for the lost and a renewed sense of urgency to reach them—one at a time.

Grants making a difference

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"We're discovering that the newly unemployed do not know who to turn to for help. The stimulus gets them into the office so that we can share all of the other services and ministries that The Salvation Army has to offer. We view it as one more opportunity to reach out to the community and share the gospel," explained Christine.

Montgomery County, Kan.

Service extension units in Atchison, Barton, Ellis and Montgomery counties are using the extra assistance provided by the grant to help hurting residents pay their rents, utility and medical bills. Atchison, Barton and Ellis counties were each allocated \$12,000, while Montgomery received \$18,000 for assistance. Oil fields, businesses, fac-

ories and packing plants are downsizing or closing in the area.

Fighting both the faltering economy and chronic poverty in some parts of these counties, The Salvation Army in Montgomery County has the added burden of helping residents still reeling from devastating floods in 2007, reported Mary Scott of the Kansas and Western Missouri Division's service extension department.

One of those receiving help is a single father of two daughters. His oilfield coworkers were laid off and his hours were cut to just a few. Not knowing where to turn or who to ask for help, he finally came to The Salvation Army.

"He came back to thank us after picking up a few more work hours," said Mary. "He added he now knows how important it is to donate to the red kettle!"

Alpena, Mich.

Serving an area of Michigan already on shaky economic ground before the current financial crisis, Alpena Corps Officers Majors Craig and Joan Stoker are well versed in providing assistance year-round. The territorial faith stimulus grant, however, has provided opportunities to work with service extensions and other agencies in surrounding counties. Unemployment in some areas of northeastern Michigan exceeds 20 percent, reported Joan.

The faith stimulus grant facilitated receipt of the lion's share of additional grant monies from the federal Recovery and Reinvestment Act through FEMA's Emergency Food and Shelter Program. The Salvation Army was awarded half of the \$15,000 designated for the region! The extra money allows an increased assistance level per family.

Goshen, Ind.

The Goshen, Ind., Corps, led by Captains Jason and Carrie Pollom, received a \$18,000 faith stimulus grant. Not only did they successfully acquire the 50 percent community match but exceeded it by nearly \$5,000! They have primarily aided those in need of mortgage and rent

assistance but plan to stretch the money as far as it will go in an area that hasn't seen unemployment out of the double digits since 2008.

Gail Hendershott, case worker, recalls a 50-year-old woman named "Barb" who sought help in February with food after having been laid off from a job in the RV industry in January. She'd just bought a home last year, was recovering from a divorce and trying to reestablish her credit. "Barb" was drawing unemployment and back in school thanks to educational dollars available to a sector of laid-off RV workers. When she came again to the Army in May for food assistance, the faith stimulus funds were available and she was ecstatic to receive help with her mortgage.

Norfolk, Neb.

Lieutenants Xavier and Heather Montenegro, corps officers of the Norfolk, Neb., Corps have stretched their grant of \$12,000 to the max. The Montenegros hit the air waves



and local papers advertising their plan to pay \$150 toward a bill for anyone who has been unemployed since October 2008.

Heather noted, "People who typically wouldn't ever need assistance, who've worked their entire lives and never dreamed that they would have to ask for help came in to have us pay a bill. It has taken a lot of pride swallowing but ultimately made huge impact for those in need."



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Camp prayer takes creative approach

Following the Power Point Prayer Summit in June camps jumped right into the year long effort, many promoting prayer in creative and expressive ways. Campers, staff and employees alike gained meaningful time with the Lord in prayer, perhaps broadening their perspective and understanding of how prayer can be expressed throughout the day.

Western Division's Gene Eppley Camp hit the ground running by



commencing camp with a Sunday morning prayer walk service. Campers were guided by cabin to each of six prayer stations with different themes such as world missions, self-reflection and forgiveness. A staff member directing each station provided creative props which encouraged participants to delve into prayer. The service concluded with a time of worship and an altar call in which more than 30 seekers made commitments to Christ!



Just south at Midland Division's Camp Mihaska, leadership strove to meet their goal of 24/7 prayer in many unique ways. "Prayer at our camp didn't look like holing yourself up in a cabin for quiet time," said Major Vicki Steinsland, Midland Division's camp prayer point person. Prayers were expressed on the massive pillars that dominate the dining hall by post-it notes, they were written on stones and tossed into the nearby trout-run and stapled to wood sticks which covered the ground creating a "path of prayer."

Not only did prayer this summer touch the lives of campers, but it reached the lives of staff members as well. Camp Wonderland in the Metropolitan Division maintained a prayer room that was manned by their large staff. Staff members appreciated their time so much that they requested the prayer emphasis be extended beyond their specified week and for prayer intervals to be increased from one to two hour shifts. Camp prayer point person, Major Marc Johnson remarked, "Ministry to the summer staff is as much a part of our ministry as it is to the campers. It has been an amazing time of growth."

Heartland's Eagle Crest Camp impacted staff members as well. Camp staff volunteered to walk the entire camp and dedicate every building in prayer. The only hitch? Camp Eagle Crest was too big to walk in one morning so staffers



improvised. They quickly went from a "prayer walk" to a "prayer golf-cart."

Up north, Northwoods Camp in Minnesota spent time praying over their seniors daily and in Michigan at Little Pine Island Camp one cabin porch overlooking the lake was dedicated as an outdoor prayer room.

"The most important thing was that the campers were taking prayer seriously. It became more than a routine occurrence before dinner or bedtime," said James Beardsley about Hidden Falls Camp in the Indiana Division.



Girlfriends Unlimited

by Major Darlene Harvey

Officers and lay leaders who attended the Metropolitan Division's Women's Bible Study Camp earlier this year had the first opportunity in the territory to be introduced to the new, fun resource that the territorial women's ministries department is promoting called *Girlfriends Unlimited* offered through *Group Publishing*. This online resource provides members with all they need to develop and promote women's ministries.

Experience guides outline everything a leader needs to know to provide a girls' night out such as a spa night, fitness night, or creative expressions. **Large themed event guides** give instruction to pull off large scale community events. Leaders can receive **monthly leadership resource guides** to help sustain their ministry, and a **members-only community** acts as a forum to exchange ideas.

This program reaches out to women who might never darken the doors of a church. It is centered in relationship building. The ministry

is based on 4 B's which come alongside the four-fold emphasis of women's ministries. The first is "**Befriend**." The ministry is based on developing outreach events and programs which help to create connections. Outreach is easy with welcoming get-togethers, inspiring small groups and vivacious parties. Women are provided ways to develop new friendships.

"**Belong**" provides women community—where everyone knows their name. Interesting ideas provided by *Girlfriends Unlimited* motivate women to revisit, giving them a place where friendships will deepen as women enjoy a true sense of belonging.

"**Believe**" emphasizes a personal relationship with Jesus and gives women the opportunity to be disciplined through worship, Bible study, and experiencing and exploring faith together.

Lastly, "**Become**" gives women an opportunity for growth, encouraging them to reach their full potential and to join the Army if they don't already have a church home.

Major Jackie Bowers, Metropolitan women's ministries secretary, believes this program is especially helpful to those just starting a women's ministry or those who want to draw in younger women because it gives new, innovative ideas.



Major Carol Wilkins and Major Jackie Bowers with women from the Metropolitan Division who received training from Kimberly Price in *Girlfriends Unlimited*.

Expanding horizons

by Kara Langford

Partnership, collaboration and community involvement are key for Major K.K. Mathews, Columbia-Jefferson City, Mo., regional coordinator.

"We're doing a lot of things in the community, and it centers on collaboration," he said. "We can't do it alone."

The latest endeavor includes the launch of The Salvation Army Human Services Certificate program. K.K. teamed up with the continuing education department at Lincoln University to offer this educational tool for staff and volunteers. In the program's pilot, nine participants explored theory and practical application of faith and social work, learned first-aid and CPR skills, and discussed topics in interpersonal communication and ethics, among other things.

"This type of arrangement and curricula are just what we need to continue our lifelong learning



process," said Major John Flanagan, Columbia, Mo., corps officer and pilot program participant.

As the two-week intensive course is prepared to roll out to a larger population, the Army has a unique opportunity to be a model for other social service organizations to follow for employee and volunteer training, according to Kathy Pabst, university director of continuing education.

"It has been a vision of mine to offer people without degrees a credible education component," said K.K.

Youth spark corps growth

The Madison, Ind., Corps recently enrolled six junior and two senior soldiers. The service resulted in record attendance, including some first-timers whose children were enrolled that morning.

When Majors David and Jeanette Biggs started their appointment at the corps in June of 2008, children's programs were practically nonexistent. That fall they implemented junior soldiers and Sunday school. To Jeanette's surprise 14 children attended the first day of junior soldiers, double what she anticipated!

Six were the grandchildren of a corps volunteer, Wanda Finney, who surprised her family on enrollment day by becoming a senior soldier

along with three of her grandchildren, who were enrolled as junior soldiers the very same day. Although a friend had been encouraging Wanda to become a soldier for years, it wasn't until her grandchildren became interested in junior soldier classes that she began to consider enrollment herself.

The corps council decided that the successful enrollment called for a time of celebration. Two brave souls offered themselves as "pie-in-the-face" sacrifices for a party if attendance reached more than 60 people. Since the goal was met



Newly enrolled senior soldier Wanda Finney poses with her grandchildren who also were enrolled.

With all of the recent growth and honor, Jeanette couldn't help but gush. She said, "We are really excited to be here and be a part of everything that is going on. This is a great community of people and rewarding work and we give God the glory for the increase."



Junior soldiers, (l to r): Angelina Graham, Hannah Sanders, Kiara Parker, Katie Stackhouse, Jacob Cope and Tony Espinosa, were enrolled at the Madison, Ind., Corps.

on enrollment Sunday, Indiana Divisional Commander Major Richard Amick was asked to do the honor the following week.

Madison's celebration wasn't merely sweet entertainment; it also served as an opportunity to recognize newly appointed Sunday school teacher Richard Ashby and Bob Schulz as the corps sergeant-major. Bob was additionally honored for recently receiving the Volunteer of the Year award in the Indiana Division. Bob is the director of Celebrate Recovery, a religious substance abuse program in the area.



Indiana Divisional Commander Major Richard Amick has, perhaps, too much fun "pieing" a Madison corps member as part of their enrollment celebration.

Beatrice character-building programs thrive

Creative juices were flowing when Captains Josh and Rhegan Stansbury of the Beatrice, Neb., Corps wrote their own vacation Bible school (VBS) material. The Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium themed VBS drew 35 kids into the corps that summer. The boost in attendance carried through the fall, and character-building programs at the corps tripled in size!

The Stanburys not only attribute increased participation in character-building programs to the successful VBS but to the fact that their Wednesday nights now consist of a meal and Bible story prior to programs.

"A few of the children come from pretty tough homes and deal with a lot, so Wednesday nights may be the only time they get to hear a Bible story," said Rhegan. The kids love it and are becoming involved in the corps in other ways, such as the 13 kids who attended camp this summer.

Western Divisional Youth Secretaries Captains Fred and Nancy



Mead were encouraged to see the increased participation. Together they distributed badges and certificates to the children on divine service Sunday. The boys, who got new character-building uniforms, were so excited to wear them to the divine service that they asked Rhegan about them every Sunday for a month prior.

Bridging between character-building programs and Sunday morning worship has just begun. Rhegan was encouraged to see parents and siblings for each child at the divine service meeting, as well as a few at the corps for Christmas programs and other special events.

The Beatrice Corps worships in a new building that was dedicated in February 2008. Perfect timing for the increase in attendance!



KIDSpeak for junior soldiers

Junior soldiers, ages 7-13, participate in a weekly discipleship training course called *Training Junior Soldiers*. What you may not know is that within the pages of this curriculum there is a monthly entry called *KIDSpeak*, which gives young soldiers a voice. The four USA territories rotate entries, and *Volume 3, Standing Firm, September 2009 - January 2010*, will feature four wonderful junior soldiers hand-picked from our territory! Here are excerpts:

Unit #1 The Trials of Jesus and Stephen

Erik Voeller,
Kansas City
Northland

Q: If we are persecuted for being a Christian, what good can come out of it?



A: When you are being persecuted even the people attacking you know that you believe in God. You have the chance to tell others about Jesus and the other people can make a decision to believe in Christ.

Unit #2 Standing Firm under Fire

Charlisse Forney,
Menasha Fox
Cities

Q: What can a junior soldier do to show we care about Christians in other parts of the world who are being persecuted?



A: As a Christian and as a junior soldier of The Salvation Army, I'm going to do my part in helping Christians in other parts of the

world being persecuted for their beliefs. I will write letters, if the opportunity arises visit them, raise money and send supplies, pray for them, and, most importantly, spread this message to everyone I can.

Unit #3 Making Good Choices

Kylee Abwavo,
Grand Rapids
Fulton Heights
Citadel

Q: What are some of the things we need to say "no" to if we are going to show other people that we love Jesus?

A: If we are going to show other people that we love Jesus we need to say "no" to being a bully. Being a bully can hurt other people's feelings... God wants us to be nice and treat other people how we want to be treated.



Unit #4 Jesus Stood Firm

Bridgette James,
Chicago Harbor
Light

Q: Can we, as junior soldiers, have the same power Jesus had to stand firm as a Christian? What might it cost us to stand firm?

A: We can have power for whatever we believe through God. If we stand firm to being a Christian, we might lose friendships with people who don't believe or people who want to turn their backs on God. Even though that might be hard, we have to stand firm...



Flint Citadel sees potential

Most people have heard of Flint, Mich. Home of General Motors, it's now known for unemployment, crime and appearances in Michael Moore documentaries. What better place for The Salvation Army to be at work?

These factors sparked a renewed focus of the Flint Citadel on their neighborhood, the Grand Traverse District Neighborhood. This area is undergoing a facelift with old buildings getting new facades, new restaurants opening and student housing being built. Special events are starting to occur such as art walks, craft fairs, car shows and the Crim Festival of Races, which

attracts runners from around the world.

The corps, led by Captains Jon and Kris Augenstein, knew they had a role to play in the revitalization. They hired community ministry coordinators, Tom and Rachel Wyatt and launched new efforts with the foundation of prayer. Prayer walks became a weekly—sometimes daily—event as they explored the area. Surprisingly, they discovered about 1,000 people still live in the



70-square-block area. The corps began attending neighborhood association meetings and joined improvement projects.

This summer soldiers and community members participated in a program called "Clean and Green," through which vacant lots are cleaned up and maintained for the year. Community gardens have been planted. In addition, the corps is partnering with a local school to adopt a corridor of the highway, which often is littered with garbage and weeds. Next year the Citadel will adopt an official gateway gar-



den, turning a dreary vacant lot into a green greeting—a symbol of the renewal taking place.

Another effort spearheaded by the Citadel is "Picnics in the Park." In partnership with the local food bank, they provided free summer lunches to neighborhood children in a nearby park which just got a new playground built by 260 AmeriCorps volunteers in May. The playground was part of the Russ Mawby Signature Service Project which also included building three Habitat for Humanity homes (including one for a Citadel family), cleaning vacant lots and restoring local wetland which had been cemented. The Citadel found several ways to get involved. Jim Fearon, soldier and master gardener, led the landscaping efforts. Another soldier, Erin Wyatt, was official event photographer, and several others helped build the playground or served refreshments from the canteen.

Most recently, the corps ran a vacation Bible school for area children, which was a great success, and aided the community by setting up a water station at a 5K run.

Where others see a hopeless city, Flint Citadel sees potential for a fresh start. They see opportunities to meet their neighbors and to share the love of Jesus.



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Rachel and Tom Wyatt are nothing if not resourceful. That, along with creativity, initiative, drive and a love for the lost, enables them to be the Flint Citadel, Mich., Corps community ministry coordinators.

"Our focus is external," said Tom. "We do things to revitalize and better the area, and even sit on a board with several other outreach organizations to bring about community growth."

From highway cleanup to food and water distribution to crafts with children, the Wyatts' ministry is intense, yet rewarding.

"It doesn't feel like work to me. Someone will see the Salvation Army T-shirt I am wearing while we're serving, and I'll get the chance to talk with them about God. It's a lifestyle." Rachel continued, "The Bible says that we are supposed to love and serve others. It feels good because it is what God would like us to do."

Tom grew up in The Salvation Army while Rachel went to the Vineyard church. They met at a Salvation Army event when Rachel was a student and Tom was in the band. They have been married six years.

Feeling called into ministry, Tom and Rachel started working at the Flint, Mich., Corps after college.

Tom likens it to the story of Jonah—though they didn't want to go, the blessings were abundant once they obeyed the Lord.

Not only are Tom and Rachel investing spiritually in the community, they are investing financially as well with the recent purchase of a home in the city. They plan to rent out the spare rooms, hold Bible studies and encourage the neighborhood with their godly lifestyle.



Igniting the fire!

by Sarah DiMaso

With so much activity at this year's Central Bible and Leadership Institute (CBLI), it's hard to know where to begin! The overall focus was, "God will ignite the kingdom life within you, a fire within you, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out." (*Matthew 3:11b, MSG*) Evidence of God at work was clearly seen as seekers knelt in prayer after each of the united meetings.

As usual, learning tracks at CBLI, held annually at Camp Wonderland, were split by age. Adults sat under the ministry of special guests Commissioners Alex and Ingeborg Hughes, who've served in appointments throughout the international Salvation Army.

Their Bible studies covered the Holy Spirit's igniting moments as recorded in Acts.



Both commissioners spoke on the first Sunday of CBLI, leaving deep spiritual impressions on hearts and minds. The Hughes interacted with youth and families throughout the week, joining them for meals and recreation, including square dancing at the camp's western hoedown!

CBLI Kids accommodated children up to five years old. The smallest ones watched Elmo DVDs, blew bubbles and finger painted, while the two and three year olds focused on Noah's ark and enjoyed a nature center visit, carnival, crafts, tractor ride and songs to reinforce their Bible lessons. Treasure Island (God's Word!) captivated the four and five year olds as they memorized Bible verses.

Junior CBLI for six to nine year olds featured a beach theme with Bible lessons centered on water. This large, active group was eager to learn about God, have fun and raise money for world services/self-denial. With a water carnival, creative activities and occasional episodes of "Gilligan's Island," this was the place to be!

Tweens (10-12 year olds) focused on God's extraordinary love: unexpected, transforming and eternal. They memorized all of 1 Corinthians 13 (the "Love" chapter) and impressively recited it during the Saturday evening awards meeting. Mission Impossible reinforced Bible lessons and special activities included go-





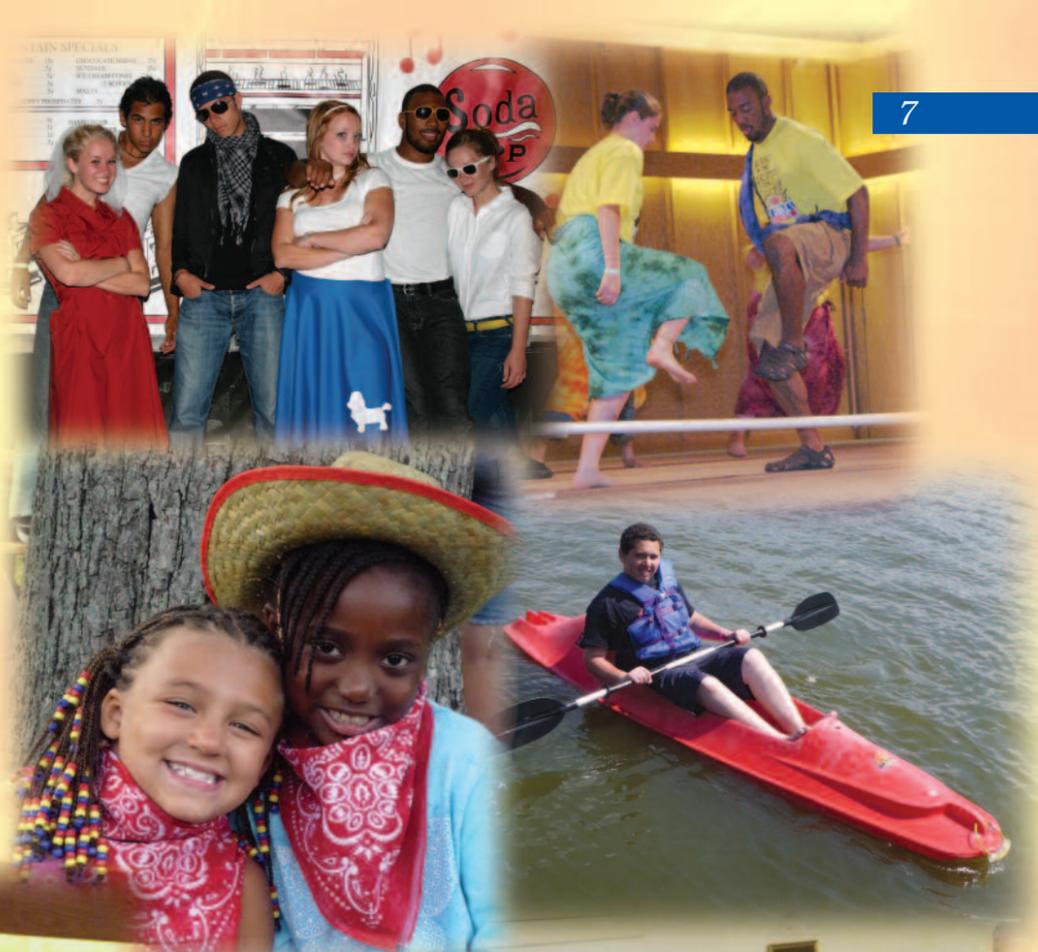
ed that the only problem was too little time for late-night prayer.

Young adults were challenged by the ministry of Captains Terry and Rutendo Massango of the Western Territory. The focus was on the Body of Christ to discover truth in God's Word, motivate effective biblical living, and sharpen peer leadership skills. Body-building activities included an interactive game night, dodge ball, bag-toss tournament and a no-talent show!

Evening programs were far from ordinary. Lt. Colonels Eddie and Kathy Hobgood of the Southern Territory kicked off the encampment with a

carting and attending the hoedown with the older campers.

Teens spent the week igniting their faith with Jim and Stephanie Sparks from the Western Territory. Whole-hearted worship, intense Bible studies, peer leadership, recreational sports and War on the Floor (a late-night prayer activity) set the stage. Numerous elective classes were offered on subjects including prayer, media, photography, making money work and scrapbooking. One teen comment-



humorous and powerful reenactment of David and Goliath during which Colonel Eddie portrayed five biblical characters. As Colonel Kathy sang, the mercy seats were lined with seekers. On another night Colonel Eddie was

Joe the Turk, a historical (and hysterical!) Army figure. Many knelt in prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to ignite a passion like Joe's within their hearts.

Other evening programs featured Captain Terry Masango of "Theater for the Thirsty" and the Central summer mission teams. When Lt. Colonel Dawn Heatwole, territorial candidates' secretary, encouraged sensitivity to God's calling to fulltime ministry as Salvation Army officers, 37 peo-

ple came to the platform.

The campwide world services/self-denial fundraising effort, Love in Action, raised \$4,218 for children's school uniforms overseas. Territorial Headquarters generously matched that donation, bringing the total to \$8,436! At \$30 a uniform, that's 281 uniforms—practically a school of children! (To learn more about Love in Action, please visit the world missions web pages.)

If you haven't attended CBLI as a family, you absolutely must! The kids are well cared for and loved, do many activities they wouldn't typically do over a summer and learn about God while you go off to learn about Him, too! CBLI is definitely NOT just for youth! Plan to attend next year to hear Commissioners William and Nancy Roberts as they return home from Kenya as special guests for the adult track!

From Haiti with love

After almost a decade of serving in the Caribbean Territory, Envoy Steve Diaz has accumulated many treasures: a beautiful wife, a healthy son and some incredible memories—most of them good, many funny, a few horrifying.

Steve began his adventure in 1999 when he accepted the position of Caribbean territorial music director. He traveled for three and a half years among the territory's 16 island nations conducting workshops and music institutes.



violence, kidnapping fears and personal threats. Gunfights between opposing forces literally spilled onto La Maison's property and into its buildings.

U.S. and Salvation Army authorities encouraged evacuation; Steve agreed, but Ketsia refused to leave. Throughout the ordeal, Steve was amazed at the resiliency of Haitians in general and the children in particular.

"A half hour after lying flat while bullets whizzed overhead, the children would be up and running around collecting spent casings and arguing about whose turn it was to jump rope," he recalled.

"God doesn't keep us from experiencing the hard times, but He's there. He protects. Even in the worst times, He gave us only what we could handle," Steve added.

The envoys are now corps administrators at the St. Louis, Mo., Temple Corps.

When Steve's music commitment ended, he asked for an assignment in Haiti. The La Maison administrator would soon be retiring. Steve was named her assistant and became surrogate father and big brother to 42 children.

Steve and Ketsia's romance grew. They married the following spring in the midst of a coup d'etat marking the start of more than two years of incredible



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Changing of the guard

Salvationists Bob and Vicki Poff took the place of friends Steve and Ketsia Diaz this past spring at the La Maison du Bonheur Children's Home in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Bob had been Midland divisional development director and Vicki divisional director of emergency disaster services (EDS) when they were challenged in 2008 by Major



Girls from La Maison children's home model "pillowcase dresses" made by Vicki Poff's home corps, Orlando, Fla.

Evie Diaz, then Midland divisional secretary, to pray about replacing the envoys.

Bob admitted his and Vicki's first thoughts were "No!" But when Vicki visited Haiti for the first time that fall with a divisional short-term missions team, she called Bob to say, "This is where God wants us to be."

Vicki is in charge of La Maison,

while Bob performs divisional development and EDS work, an area in which he's had much experience.

"The Salvation Army is located in the poorest neighborhood of town in the poorest nation of the Western Hemisphere," explained Bob. "And yet there are successful banks, business and people in Haiti."

Bob takes his fathering role at La Maison seriously.

Evening prayer with the younger kids and devotions with the older ones are special times. He encourages the children to pursue excellence in all things—spiritually, academically, relationally.

"You can do this!" Bob tells the older children and teens, often using the division's chief accountant who grew up at La Maison as an example.



Pakistan: ordinary to extraordinary

Last year Auxiliary Captains Al and Darlene Simmert were asked to emerge from one of their several retirements to serve in Pakistan. Their prior overseas experiences, plus Al's career as a railroad executive and Darlene's as a nurse and administrator, presented skills needed by the Pakistan Territory, which recently celebrated 125 years of The Salvation Army's work there. To mark this historic milestone, two new corps and three new worship centers were opened.

"Al was brought in to oversee construction projects and ensure codes were being met," Darlene reported. When not on the road, his time at territorial headquarters (THQ) is spent handling property issues; keeping equipment operating, like "geysers" (hot water tanks!), and lining up drivers for THQ staff.

Darlene serves as child sponsorship coordinator. She works from home (THQ is tight on space) but comes in for daily devotions and tea



time. Darlene observed you can miss meetings but *never* tea time! It took several months for her to get plain, black tea instead of chai (spiced, sweet, half-milk tea), however!

Building dedications in Pakistan are very special events. Visitors are met at a distance from the corps by the officers and soldiers, who escort them the rest of the way in a parade of vehicles, bicycles and flags. Rose petals are tossed over their heads as they walk toward the building! At the Sheikhpura Corps opening, the word "Welcome" was charmingly spelled out in rose petals on the ground.

"There's always a ribbon-cutting ceremony with speeches, much pomp and circumstance and often a hired band," said Darlene. "Custom calls for entering the corps building shoeless and for men to sit apart from women and young children. Afterwards, there's usually a celebratory meal, often chicken in a spicy sauce, rice, *chapatti* (flat bread) and side dishes."

The Pakistan Territory is currently led by Colonels Robert and Marguerite Ward.



Tri-City scores "go-reach" success!



Pictured (l-r) are St. Charles Tri-City Corps Officer Major Steve Koehler, Briana Maier, Mariles Hood, Kayla Hedgren, Ruth Blakeslee, Jan Bryne and Tony Gundlach. The flag bearers are Matt Roe (l) and Rich Maier (r).

The word "outreach" is out of style at the St. Charles Tri-City, Ill., Corps, reports Majors Steve and Melody Koehler, corps officers. Instead, corps members have adopted "go-reach" for what they do so well: spreading the love of God and the good news of the gospel throughout the far-western suburbs of Chicago.

As a result, attendance at the corps and interest in The Salvation Army has been growing; the corps has been offering recruits classes year-round. The latest recruits class produced six new soldiers this summer.

One of the corps' newest soldiers, Tony Gundlach, was almost killed in a serious motorcycle accident during the 2008 Labor Day weekend. If he didn't have his helmet on, he would've died; as it was, he was left clinging to existence on life-support systems.

His wife and family already had been attending the corps. After Tony

made it through his ordeal, he began attending the corps with them. The accident gave Tony a whole new perspective on life. "Now he's always at the corps!" added Steve.

The corps' "go-reach" committee is always coming up with fresh ideas, Steve continued, to contact the myriad of people who come through the corps building each week for social services and other activities and meetings. For example, on bread distribution day, corps volunteers serve coffee and donuts along with a word of encouragement and an invitation to attend Sunday worship or corps events and programs.

"I'd say our biggest corps strength is that people love and care for each other," reflected Steve. "Not a single one of our soldiers is afraid to welcome or offer hospitality to newcomers. Some have taken new people home for dinner, others deliver freshly baked pies. And, they work hard behind the scenes at the corps,

such as providing rides for people even though we don't have a transportation sergeant. When someone sees a job that needs to be done, they do it," said the grateful corps officer.



Periodic "go-reach" events attract the community.

A dedication to remember

The Wichita Citadel, Kan., Corps dedicated a new building this year for their thriving Hispanic ministry. The facility will hold their Sunday morning service, Bible study, women's ministries and will be available for general use by the corps.

The evening of the dedication was meaningful. The new building was at capacity as Major Jeffery Smith, Kansas and Western Missouri divisional commander, spoke on the importance and appreciation of Hispanic ministries, particularly in the corps. Major Carlos Bravo, Wichita Citadel's Hispanic ministry director, gratefully accepted the building. Captain Ralph Labbee, Wichita Citadel corps officer, offered up his congratulations, while Major Douglas Rowland, Wichita city commander, presided over the ceremony, and the Citadel band was on duty.

Comprising nearly 20 percent of the corps, the Hispanic ministry has grown consistently due to successful bridging from holiday and back-to-school programs. Due to quick growth, for quite some time the English and Spanish services were combined in the main



Major Carlos Bravo

corps chapel. Logistical issues of switching between services proved challenging during worship, as did the language barrier.

Since the completion of the new building, Majors Carlos and Mercedes Bravos, Wichita Citadel Hispanic ministries directors, have a goal of increasing attendance to 55 people on Sunday mornings. Successful programming should help with this effort. Sunday mornings consist of a time of coffee and fellowship before church, an after-service meal, following which they meet to discuss relevant family matters. On Wednesday nights they hold a time of Bible study and prayer, and on Friday evenings the women and children gather for a time of fellowship.



At dedication (l to r): Captain Ralph Labbee, corps officer; Ken Brown, Architect; Majors Carlos and Mercedes Bravo, Hispanic ministries directors; John Neely, contractor; Majors Douglas and Janet Rowland, city commander and special services officer; and Majors Jeffery and Dorothy Smith, divisional leaders.

Answering the call

If men, women and young people who feel called by God to fulltime ministry observe Salvation Army officers full of joy and passion for the work God has given them to do, then we'll have no problem keeping the College for Officer Training full," declared Lt. Colonel Dawn Heatwole, appointed territorial candidates' secretary earlier this summer. "They'll want to experience that same sense of mission."

Having just come from appointments at the divisional level (most recently wearing three hats for the Western Division as director of women's ministries, program secretary and moral and ethical issues secretary), Dawn brings insights into the importance of supporting divisional candidates' secretaries as they recruit and process the paperwork for prospective candidates. She understands the need to cheerlead their recruitment efforts and encourages them to get to know their candidates inside and out so the territorial candidates council (the selection committee for determining accepted candidates) can get fast, accurate answers when



needed.

Prospective candidates can get a foretaste of officer life through the ministry discovery program in which they'll work at a corps for two years (minimum requirement is one year to experience all four "seasons" of corps work). The program is also open to non-Salvationists. This commitment provides a wonderful opportunity for people to discover if they can find fulfillment in corps work and a deeper understanding of The Salvation Army.

Dawn is drawing deeply on her natural talents and areas of spiritual giftedness in this position. She is skilled at building relationships, providing support and understanding to those under her purview. And, she has a passion for undergirding all efforts in prayer.

To those who feel God's calling on their lives and who are considering officership, Dawn encourages them to be unafraid to take the first step.

"Be willing to step out in faith, trusting that God will open the door if that is His will for you. If He wants you to be an officer, you won't find complete peace and contentment doing anything else," she asserted.



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Envoy Bill Miller cuts the opening ribbon for the new, multipurpose Minneapolis Harbor Light chapel. Also pictured (l to r): Lt. Colonel Dan Sjogren, Northern divisional commander; Colonel Edgar Overstake; and Lt. Colonel David Grindle.

by Don LaMar

What would you do if you outgrew your chapel? The logical conclusion would be to build a new, bigger one; at the very least, plans should commence. That's where the Minneapolis Harbor Light Center found itself nearly 10 years ago. Earlier this summer, the dream became reality as a new, 282-seat "sanctinasion" (sanctuary and gymnasium) was dedicated.

On its very first day God used the space designed by architect Timothy O'Brien in a mighty way. Envoy Bill Miller jump-started the morning dedication service with a march of harbor light troops into the service; the more than 400 guests spilled out of the doors.

Northern divisional leaders Lt. Colonels Daniel and Rebecca Sjogren welcomed people from all walks of life. Some had come to see how their donations had made a difference; others simply came in off the streets to see what all the commotion was about.

HUD Director Peter Best recalled the harbor light was threatened with closure nine years ago. But, thanks to the diligent staff assembled by Envoy Bill Miller, the harbor light once again became a shining light in downtown Minneapolis.

Involved in the early stages of the chapel's development, Lt. Colonel David Grindle, former Northern divisional commander, put the beautiful, new space and all future events within it in God's hands during a prayer of dedication. Guest Major Steve Harper preached from Luke 7 where Jesus meets a Roman centurion with more faith than anyone He had encountered in all of Israel. Many people responded to Steve's challenge to not be found lacking in faith.

The power and presence of God filled the room during the entire worship service. Music from the harbor light's praise groups stirred hearts and painted a glorious picture of what God is doing for his people. 



BOLT raises green

by Don LaMar

Two days after dedicating its new chapel), the Minneapolis community came together to show their support of the Harbor Light Center's BOLT (Basics of Life Training) program at an evening fundraiser sponsored by local businesses.

Because BOLT is spiritually based, government grants or contracts aren't available to offset costs; it's solely dependant on individual donations.

Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak



Envoy Bill Miller talks with Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak, who's a big fan of the Harbor Light BOLT program.



Bill Mondale, assistant county attorney and youngest son of former U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale, found a new friend in Victoria Stevens.

launched the evening by recognizing the many problems facing the homeless and explained how BOLT is unique in its holistic approach. City Council Member Don Samuels encouraged people to give generously to a program he believed in, and Patricia Stevens, a BOLT graduate, shared her story and the difference God has made in her life.

Among the many silent auction donations made by restaurants and businesses were a piece of doodle art by Senator Al Franken and the opportunity to chop off the overgrown beard Envoy Bill Miller had cultivated for the event, which raised a total of \$15,000.

Networking pays off

Mike Aguas, Southeast, Mich., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) work therapy specialist, has networked for years in the Michigan court system to develop a symbiotic relationship between the Wayne County Drug Court and the ARC. So far, his efforts have been a success. Many of the men who attend the ARC were referred through the court system and, in return, many of those who benefit from the ARC complete the Wayne County Adult Drug Treatment Court program.

When their building transformation occurred a few years ago, Mike started to make phone calls to the city and county courts. As a result a group of judges, probation officers and administrative folks from the court system came to tour the facility.

"When they were done," said Mike, "They were like, 'Wow, we think we would like to work with you.'"

After that, ARC recognition in the area took off. One of the judges became a strong believer in Salvation Army programs. Now, when drug felons are up for parole, local judges may recommend the ARC as part of their program, and Mike has direct access to



interview inmates and determine if they are the right fit.

The system benefits both parties. This spring 42 people graduated from the two-year, intensive program administered through the county at the drug court. The ceremony was hosted at the ARC compound. This program is designed to give non-felony drug offenders a second chance by expunging their criminal record, post-graduation, and allowing them to move forward with a clean slate.

This is the second year the Southeast, Mich., ARC in Detroit has celebrated with the Wayne County Adult Drug Treatment Court graduates. Not only do they host the program's graduation event, but this year, six of the graduates are ARC beneficiaries as well!



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Body building

The troops of the aptly named Fort Wayne, Ind., Corps have been flexing their muscles, gaining strength and growing, according to Envoys Gordon and Cindy Hoag, recently corps administrators.

"Over the past year, we saw some wonderful changes that have produced results," said Cindy. "Two weekly Bible studies that vary in subject, knowledge and intensity accommodate those who are new in their faith and more mature Christians. And, we increased the number of our Sunday school classes to enable us to offer a variety of curricula suitable for a wider range of ages plus more selections for

adults. We've seen attendance growth in Sunday school as a result of all these efforts."

Attendance at corps cadets is also on the rise. Cindy continued, "We started with five teenagers who regularly attended the corps. During a recent youth councils, two of them made commitments to officership."

Additionally, the corps has seen a slow but steady rise in attendance on Sunday mornings. The worship and fellowship is heartfelt and enthusiastic. On the corps' "Come Join Our Army" Sunday earlier this year, the entire congregation posed for a "family picture" after three young adults were enrolled as senior soldiers.

This closer fellowship and enthusiasm is reflected in corps activities and outreach, such as community care ministries and youth programming.

"The level of excitement is increasing, and people are encouraging each other. It's been a really good year," Cindy concluded.

Majors Harold and Lynnetta Poff were appointed the new corps officers this summer.



The future is reflected in the dedication of its corps cadets.

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	1 Thursday	Numbers 22-24	Janesville, Wis., Corps
	2 Friday	2 Chronicles 11-15	Indianapolis, Ind., ARC*
	3 Saturday	Psalms 117-118	Farmington Hills, Mich., Corps
	4 Sunday	Proverbs 28	Dubuque, Iowa, Corps
	5 Monday	Jonah	Huntington, Ind., Corps
	6 Tuesday	Acts 3-4	Kansas City Blue Valley, Mo., Corps
	7 Wednesday	Hebrews 5-7	Chicago Mt. Greenwood, Ill., Corps

* = Adult Rehabilitation Center

Go to www.prayercentralusa.org for the rest of the calendar.

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

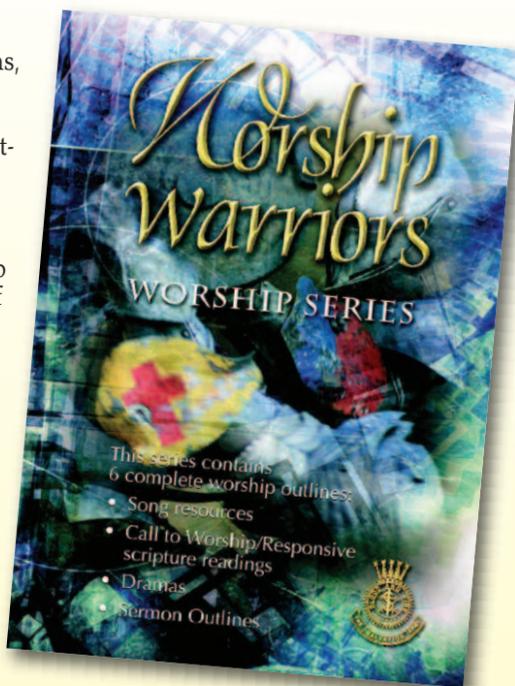


Worship warriors advance!

A new worship series—complete with sermons, dramas, responsive readings, scripture, music selections and other meeting components—has been produced by the territorial music and gospel arts department.

The six-week series, "Worship Warriors," captures the sense of urgency in Eugene Peterson's book, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*, with insightful sermons written by Colonel Carol Seiler, territorial coordinator for strategic mission planning.

The series, featuring carefully planned meeting components by Peggy Thomas and cleverly written dramatic sketches by Marty Thomas, takes participants on a pilgrimage focusing on God as our strength and toward a deeper understanding of the 15 "Psalms of Ascent" (Psalms 120-134).



The series can be ordered through Resource Connection



McBride's ministry of prayer

by Pamela Church

Prayer. Most Christians know what it is, how to do it and why it's important.

www.allaboutprayer.com says, "All of us long to connect with someone who can identify with our circumstances and share in our day-to-day life. Prayer is just that—a personal experience and intimate connection with our loving Heavenly Father."

Betty McBride, a respected soldier at the Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps, prepares the weekly prayer journal which is included in the Sunday celebration service bulletin. Corps Sergeant-Major David Brooksbank remembers that Betty was asked to summarize the prayer concerns of the corps about six years ago. "Her ministry is very important to the health of the corps," he commented.

Betty feels it is her personal min-



istry not only to inform fellow prayer warriors of the needs of the congregation, but it is her opportunity to teach others how to pray.

"I feel I am teaching prayer to those who may not know how to pray. I carefully word the prayer journal in a way that, when read, is already in the form of a prayer. I am teaching them personal and intimate praying," Betty explained. "I feel that if they start praying for someone else, they will then learn how to pray for themselves in an intimate way."

Major Stephen Yoder, corps officer, said, "It is amazing the impact one person's ministry can have on a corps. The prayer journal prepared by Betty has a powerful unifying effect on the wider corps family."

--Mustard Seeds--



Hit museum displays

Three new displays at the territorial historical museum are almost guaranteed to make you whistle with amazement at what the Founding Mother did, hum a familiar Army tune or reminisce about a good time at camp, even if it was just this year!

Located at Central Territorial Headquarters in Des Plaines, Ill., the museum's first new display is on the Booth family. The two most well-known children of Founder William Booth and his wife Catherine (who'd been sickly since childhood) were Evangeline and Bramwell. A frequently published photograph of the family showed five Booth children.

In reality, frail Catherine had given birth to eight children: Bramwell, Ballington, Catherine (Katie), Emma, Herbert, Marian (Marie), Evangeline (Eva) and Lucy. And, those eight children produced 40 grandchildren (four were adopted).

According to Major Gloria Stepke, museum director, Booth descendants still serve as officers in the United Kingdom and Australia.

The second display salutes two young captains—one a talented composer, the other a gifted lyricist—



who were ordered by to write a musical. That first effort by John Larsson and John Gowans, *Take-Over Bid* (1967), spawned other Gowans and Larsson musicals: *Hosea* (1969), *Spirit* (1973), *Glory* (1975), *Blood of the Lamb* (1978) and *The Meeting* (1990).

Gowans and Larsson went on to each serve as General. The museum display emphasizes songs from their musicals that are commonly sung in corps today.

The third new display is on divisional camps. Children visiting the museum love the mannequins dressed in historic girl guard and sunbeam uniforms, reported Gloria. They particularly enjoy trying on the old-fashioned, girl guard "trooper" hat!



Cedar Rapids celebrates post-flood progress

It's been over a year since record-breaking floods devastated eastern Iowa and other areas of the surrounding Midwest, and thanks to hundreds of dedicated volunteers the area has made significant steps toward recovery.

The Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Corps, under the leadership of then Corps Officers Captain Mark and Major Sue Haslett, celebrated community recovery at their annual volunteer appreciation and recognition dinner. Over 200 guests honored the volunteers who gave endless hours to post-flood cleanup.

Keynote speaker Dennis Flom, incident commander in Cedar Rapids during the flooding, spoke on the power behind godly volunteers and the impact on flood relief work. With the area down to one of the original nine canteens that were sent when the floods hit, corps and community members are beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel. Many also have seen how God is



Major David Dalberg cleans a food container.

enabling good to come from this tragic situation.

One couple from Cedar Rapids who suffered terribly from the flood damage, were so impressed with the spirit and service of The Salvation Army that they sought out a corps after a post-flood move to Texas. They have been dedicated attendees and recently gave their lives to Jesus.

Although much improved, the area is not yet back to where it had been before the floods in 2008. "They are still cleaning a year later. There are houses that need to be gutted, electrical equipment to be replaced and displaced people seeking a home," said Dennis.

With many volunteers still in the area, the Cedar Rapids Corps worked hard this summer feeding around 150 volunteers breakfast and lunch daily as a contribution to ongoing revitalization efforts.



The rebuilding process in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has made progress, but the demolition continues.

Around the Territory

DUBUQUE, IOWA—Corps officers Captains Tom and Kay Mason present the William Booth Award to Marlene Smothers for 31 years of outstanding service as executive assistant and social worker. Marlene also served as director of the Army's senior center for the last 27 years.



PEORIA, ILL.—The Heartland divisional pilgrimage was a call to war for the more than 300 attendees by guests Colonels Paul R. and Carol Seiler, chief secretary and territorial coordinator for strategic mission planning, respectively. "In the battle for souls...this is war—there is no neutral ground," proclaimed Colonel Paul Seiler during this summer weekend of revival and rebirth for the record crowd, who were challenged and emboldened to continue God's work at their home corps.

General Clifton

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vate secretary to the General.

During a constructive and cordial meeting the secretary-general expressed appreciation for the global work of The Salvation Army, articulating his belief that faith organizations have a key role to play in alleviating human suffering. He made specific reference to the UN's millennium development goals and acknowledged The Salvation Army's part in working to achieve these.

General Clifton spoke about the Army's work in 118 countries, emphasizing its ability to work with governments of all kinds. Reference was made to the work and witness of The Salvation Army in South Korea, the home country of the secretary-general,

and also of the Army's initiatives in reaching out to communities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea). The General offered words of affirmation concerning the value of the United Nations organization and the office of the secretary-general in promoting peaceful relations between the nations. The General presented Mr. Ban with a gift of Salvation Army books and a report on Salvation Army initiatives in relation to the millennium development goals.

The secretary-general expressed further appreciation for the role of Salvation Army representatives at the United Nations.

From an International News Release



McPhersons leave a legacy

A legacy of souls saved and nurtured—along with lives saved and preserved through emergency disaster services work—has marked the officership of Majors Patrick and Carmella McPherson, who retired this summer after nearly 38 years of service.

After marrying in 1969, the McPhersons entered the College for Officer Training a year later from the Leavenworth, Kan., Corps with their baby son, Sean. They were commissioned as lieutenants in 1972 with the Lightbringers session and served in corps in the Heartland and Wisconsin and Upper Michigan divisions. Daughters Tara and Erin joined the family during this period in which Pat did divisional emergency disaster services work as Carmella held the fort as corps officer.

In 1989 the McPhersons came to the Metropolitan Division. After a year of corps work, Pat was named divisional director of disaster services, where he served for the next 15 years while Carmella served as the assistant league of mercy director and older adult ministries director. She excelled at both jobs with a heart for those in the VA hospitals and seniors enjoying her special events and summer camps.

During Pat's Metropolitan tenure, he was responsible for planning the territory's first multi-function, large-



scale (60,000 square feet) disaster services command center, housing communications and media centers; offices for local and state emergency management personnel; emergency supplies, and training, kitchen, sleep and shower areas.

In 2001 Pat was named the national SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network) director. SATERN was Pat's brainchild; its first network consisted of four people in June 1988. Since then SATERN's constantly growing membership of almost 4,000 trained operators—plus thousands more globally who pitch in during natural and man-made emergencies—have had a remarkable impact on the world: saving lives, relaying vital information and reuniting families. Often they're the only link to the outside during disasters.

In 2005 the McPhersons returned to corps work in the Eastern Michigan Division, first at the Midland Corps and then the Flint Beecher Corps.