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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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## New CBLI edge sharpens campers

by Kirsten Gorton

Once a year Salvationists gather for the unique summer camp experience of Central Bible and Leadership Institute (CBLI). While the nine days went quickly, campers were reminded through every meeting and message that experiencing the goodness of the Lord and encouragement from each other in the Body of Christ shouldn't be saved for an event; it's for the every day.

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Photos by Kirsten Gorton and Cathleen Himes

## Doubling the impact

by Commissioner Carol Seiler

In the spring of 2010, the National Advisory Board presented the strategic challenge to Salvation Army leadership to take on a "big idea" and double our impact. The Bridgespan Group, under the leadership of Tom Tierney, leads the way in working with non-profits to accomplish these ambitious goals.

Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, Central territorial commander, identified the "big idea" as social services emergency assistance (EA) which is such a visible expression of The Salvation Army's mission. How often we hear stories about the tank

of gas, food for a hungry family, a prescription or backpack for a child!

In 2009 the Central Territory demonstrated the public appeal of EA through the Faith Stimulus program, when \$1.7 million was raised in three weeks to respond to the newly unemployed. Two long-term internal concerns have been that, in this key area of public perception, we do not always deliver on our fundraising appeals to "Do the Most Good," and we continue to see the same people return for help without any change in circumstances. **Could we move from "serving" to "solving" through the EA ministry?**

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## Why do we do it?

by Lt. Colonel Richard Vander Weele  
Secretary for Program



It's been a busy summer! Hundreds of character-building troop members and their leaders converged on the Northern Division's Northwoods Camp for a week of outdoor living, learning about nature and worship at the Territorial Jamboree. Just a few days later, more than 500 adults, teens and families came together for 10 days of Bible study, leadership training, worship and good fellowship at the Central Bible & Leadership Institute (CBLI) held at the Metropolitan Division's Wonderland Camp. And, within the next week,

another couple hundred students and staff were back at Wonderland for an intensive time of instruction in instrumental and vocal music, mixed with a lot of fun, spiritual growth and worship at the Central Music Institute (CMI). Some people—some young, some a bit older—got to experience all three.

I'm sometimes asked, "Why do we do it? All that time, all that money, all that energy?" Here's why—for the future.

We do it for the future of our people, young and old alike, some of

whom accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior because something they heard or experienced in a meeting around a campfire, in a cabin devotional or at a worship service surrounded by hundreds of other people resonated in their heart as God came near.

We do it for the future of our corps because people became more familiar with and better grounded in God's Word or learned how to use music to enhance worship and minister to people or developed a leadership skill they could use at home.

We do it for the future of the Army, as God spoke and people responded to His call to leadership as officers and local officers, or because soldiers left camp deter-

mined to grow in their faith and encourage others to walk along with them, or because they were inspired to go home and make a difference in their home, their school or their community. That's why we do it!

It's about being part of the family of God, about growing personally in a community of faith, about ministry as a believer. We have hope for the future when our people know the Savior, Jesus Christ. We have hope for the future when people know God's Word. We have hope for the future when people encourage one another in worship and ministry. Jamboree, CBLI, CMI or a divisional camp—doesn't matter—that's why we do it: hope for tomorrow. See you next summer!

## Meeting children at home

Summer day camp took on a creative and effective twist at the Des Plaines, Ill., Corps this year by meeting community children where they are, literally! Taylor Brutto, then a ministry intern, and summer camp staff traveled in a cargo trailer geared with sports equipment and a battery operated sound system to four different locations for four, 10-day bilingual camps.

Camp each day ran from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., and consisted of games, sports, arts and crafts, music and a Bible lesson. Every camp ended with a barbecue carnival, bounce house and tug-of-war. Often parents would come out to join the fun. During one carnival over 100 children and 20 parents participated!

Not only did the children have a blast, they were introduced to Christ. At each location about 50 Bibles were distributed.

"The children are learning about Jesus and asking good questions. Some have even asked how they can know God like we do," said Taylor. At one location a little girl named Brenda prayed thanking God for letting The Salvation Army come play with her.

Taylor attributes the success of these camps to creative planning by Corps Officers Lts. David and Shannon Martinez, an amazing staff and a daily discipleship component. Each morning before camp started the team prayed and discussed a chap-

ter in the book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

"I have never been more proud of a group of young adults, than I am of these six," said Taylor. "They are solid believers who are in the community making a difference in the lives of children."

The team came about after the corps put together a proposal for a Fighting Force Funds grant from territorial headquarters. Once funds were granted, Taylor was able to recruit team captain Carly Biddle, team organizer Rachel Vogeney, chaplain Erica Ziegler, translators Dave Moran and Sam Arias, and volunteer Roland Arias.



Camp translator David Moran takes a quick break with some children.



Children demonstrate their Bible memorization.

The first goal of this unique camp was to share the love of Jesus to children in the community; the second goal was to bridge some of them into character-building programs and other ministries at the corps.

One of the ways Lts. Martinez hoped to accomplish this was to invite all of the children who attended day camp to the fall kick-off. Each child received an invitation in the mail and transportation was available to those who need it.

"Our fall open house is one of the ways we bridge kids and their families into the corps," said David. "We offer a free cookout lunch and have programs and activities on display for visitors to get information and sign up." 

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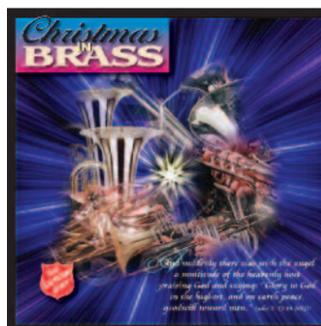
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## Starting young

Are babies and toddlers too young to learn about God and grasp the concept of faith? The Cradle Roll ministry thinks not. Citing the wisdom of the Bible and observations of child psychologists, infants and toddlers who are able to bond with parents or caregivers learn to trust and develop hope. Young children are capable of learning the "language" of faith, whether a crying infant is soothed with a song about Jesus or a toddler hears about Noah and the Ark.

Corps cradle roll programs are intrinsic starts to spiritual growth. The mission of the program is to claim children for Christ, to provide opportunities for spiritual development and an introduction to Christian education. Cradle roll brings the child and parents into other corps activities, encourages relationship building and affords making decisions for Christ.

Excellent resources for cradle roll programming are available



Photo by Scott Thomas

Earlier this year Kaylin was dedicated at the Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps. Appropriately, her name means "laughing."

from Word Action such as "Hand in Hand," "Baby's First Newsletter," "Toddler Time" and "Toddlers, Twos and Babies, Too!" They can be ordered by corps along with their Sunday school materials ([www.wordaction.com](http://www.wordaction.com)). Resource Connection is the source for cradle roll and dedication certificates ([www.saresourceconnection.org](http://www.saresourceconnection.org))



## Connecting for growth

In a community of approximately 800, the Brown County, Ind., Corps has grown over the last four years from seven to 125 people! The hall is packed every Sunday morning with a diverse cross-section of the village, from singles to newly married couples, from young families to older adults. The Wednesday evening programs bring in 40 to 50 children each week.

"During our first year our two goals were to raise the visibility of the Army in Brown County as a Christ-centered church and then to impact the community for Christ by serving it," said Phil Barrett, corps administrator. "In Brown County we don't just want to be hearers of the Word, we want to be doers of the Word."

It's through the connection of service to the community that the corps has seen much growth. People also are attracted to its contemporary Sunday service with an upbeat worship band.

"People know when they see our shield that The Salvation Army is nearby," said Phil.

One of their biggest events each year is a street carnival held in front



of the corps. They advertise on the radio and in the local paper. This year about 825 people stopped by—that's more than those who actually live in Nashville, the town the corps is situated in!

God has brought people to the corps who are dedicated to reaching out. In addition to the carnival, the



## Building up the Temple

Eight senior and six junior soldiers were enrolled this summer at the Minneapolis Temple, Minn., Corps, then led by Majors Kevin and Bettie Cedervall.

"The corps is 90 percent Hispanic," said Lt. Colonel Rebecca Sjogren, who conducted the enrollment service. "I give credit to Major Kevin Cedervall who taught himself basic Spanish during the seven years he'd been there!"

During the Cedervalls' tenure, they worked tremendously hard to build the corps. It grew from a small group of 20 to around 80 members who are a tight-knit, God-seeking community. "It was a long process of bringing people from the basics of salvation to what it means to be a soldier," reported Kevin.

Current Corps Officers Captains



Some of the newest junior soldiers sign their junior soldier promise

Jesus and Kelli Trejo, are building on this foundation. "We're really blessed to see the passion of our new congregation," said Kelli. "We're seeing that they're interested in leadership development and have a desire to serve the Lord and grow in Him!"

Colonel Sjogren is confident the Minneapolis Temple Corps will continue to flourish. "This is a loving, compassionate corps family," she said. "New people are coming all the time and are hungry to grow in the Lord. The possibilities are endless!"



New Minneapolis Temple, Minn., soldiers



Phil and Gail Barrett (r) with their daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Tim Perkins, who are now cadets in training.

corps participates in the county fair, holds a fall and spring tea for women, raises money for the community by participating in local fundraising activities, and hosts a tree-lighting festival at Christmas.

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# Jamboree 2011: forget the box, think outside

by Inga Strand-Kernes

We have one more day at Northwoods Camp in Finlayson, Minn., before the territorial Jamboree concludes. I've already called my family and told them I'm not coming home. I used to attend high school just north of here but have forgotten just how peaceful and lovely it is. The first night I lay in my tent just listening to the quiet, the rustle of the trees in the cool night air, the Loons crying out over the lake. It was 90 degrees in Chicago when I left to come to the Jamboree. This feels like heaven.

The staff went all out to make this jamboree exceptional for the 310 participants. Each division made a special entrance to their campsite.

Metropolitan created the skyline of Chicago in construction with bumper-to-bumper traffic. Heartland made a big cut out of a heart to walk through. Northern put on a light display representing the Northern Lights. Amazing!

Every day was filled with activities: singing, food, classes, food, outings, food, campfire talks, food. Samplings of the classes include pottery, shooting sports, fishing, geology, reptiles and amphibians, archery, hiking, cycling. The list goes on and on. Participants collected beads to string on their dog tag necklaces for activities like starting a campfire, trying a new food, attending a campfire meeting, identifying trees and birds, and even spotting Big Foot! Yes, he was here!

Call to the Cross, singing, devotions and prayer are a great way to start the day off and an even better way to end it. There really is something to be said about singing and considering God's love and faithfulness while looking out over a beautiful lake, watching the trees sway in the breeze, and hearing birds chirping. Hearing 300 voices joined

in praise is an experience I'll never forget. Each person who gave a devotional really represented what Jamboree is all about: leading kids to Christ and preparing them for leadership.

Special guest Torrey Mindrebo, who is studying outdoor ministry leadership, shared his witness, taught classes and joined the kids in many events before going to his next adventure in Wisconsin to finish

working on his degree at HoneyRock. We also had guests from Safari Club

International for the entire week. They helped teach classes and present awards to campers.

Daniel A. Voss and Kaitlin Strand were identified as the top campers. Each of them won a scholarship from Safari Club International and Sables to attend the 2012 youth session of the American Wilderness Leadership School in Jackson Hole, Wyo. This seven-day student program highlights wildlife ecology

and conservation learning that becomes a central point around which leadership training is provided.

I've been so fortunate to attend several jamborees. At the 2000 International Jamboree in Eidskog, Norway, I met then international leader Commissioner Frieda Larsson. The 2002 Central Territory Jamboree in Coker Creek, Tenn., featured Dirk Bean from the T.V. show "Survivor" who gave his testimony and was kind enough to call my son who was a big fan! We took a large group from our territory again to the 2004 Jamboree in Risoy, Norway, where I met up with friends from the first jamboree I attended. And this summer the Lord blessed me to be a part of this wonderful encampment.

How can I tell you everything that has happened? I simply can't. There's too much to cover. Perhaps most importantly are the friendships that are made and the spiritual growth that takes place. Campers have been challenged to set themselves apart in their lives and among their friends and families as examples. The week's key verse has been 1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV): "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

At campfire devotions last night, I slipped away into my tent, not to be away from my group but just to listen. The kids shared amazing stories, memories and concerns. I listened to the wolves call to each other and thought again of God's care of His creation. I pray that I, too, can help. Another Jamboree in my future? God willing, bring on Jamboree 2015!



## New CBLI edge sharpens campers

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Guests included our own Commissioners Ken and Joy Baillie; Majors Rob and Stacy Birks from the Western Territory; Salvationist Cotton Presley, a Bible expositor from the Southern Territory; Michael Collins, Associate Pastor at Cariboo Hill Temple, Burnaby B.C., Canada; and members of dynamic UpRock, a Salvationist dance group from Atlanta, Ga. Major Steve Yoder of the Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps led evening programs and Sunday worship in his inimitable way.

Cotton Presley set the tone the first night as he challenged, "In the spiritual realm, belonging comes from believing. That's the

only way you get in," he said. "So, now that we've gathered, *now what?*" He answered, "I plan on working this week. I intend to be changed."

Salvationists were encouraged not only to grow deeper in faith but to change the world, starting right in their own corps and communities. The adult track offered four new mission-oriented workshops with nearly 50 campers receiving training in youth development, work with immigrants, urban mission and pastoral crisis intervention.

"CBLI has always been solid and satisfying," said Major Phil Aho, territorial corps mission secretary.

"Now it has an edge. The new courses focused on helping people be engaged more vigorously in our mission," he said.

From the adult track to Junior CBLI, delegates were encouraged to support a special Love in Action campaign benefitting The Hope Project in St. Petersburg, Russia, which provides formula for infants of HIV/AIDS mothers. In solidarity, campers sold red beads and raised an amazing \$6,669!

Other activities included a World's Fair and a night of prayer for children of the world where delegates were guided through stations focused on prayers of adoration, confession, thanksgiving and

supplication. More than 150 seekers responded Tuesday night to Michael Collins' powerful sermon on Isaiah 58 accompanied by worship with The Singing Company, our new territorial praise band. Campers also were moved to focus on others during the much-loved World Missions Night.

Sunday morning Commissioner Carol Seiler, territorial president of women's organizations, shared a message from Ephesians 6 that "we can still be standing." Campers left knowing that when they believe, obey and belong to Christ, they can face every trial knowing He has overcome the world!



## Doubling the impact Continued from page 1

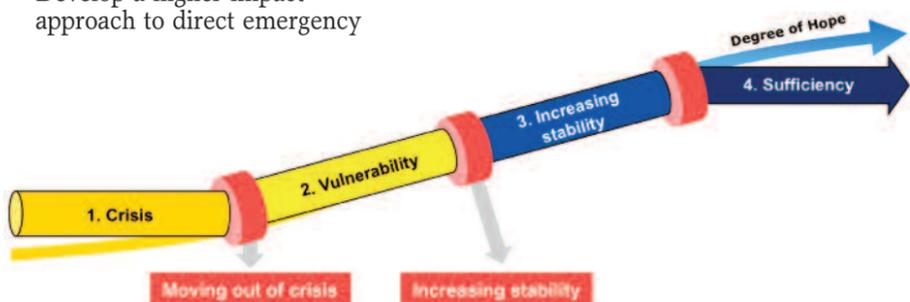
The territory engaged The Bridgespan Group as consultants to help in the process of having a major transformative impact on those we serve: to "double our impact with existing resources." This is a bold initiative. We are still in process, but find rich material for discussion and decision.

The objectives of the work with The Bridgespan Group are three-fold:

- Develop a higher impact approach to direct emergency

assistance that has the potential to enable those individuals seeking basic needs help to move beyond survival to breaking the cycle of poverty and changing their lives;

- Design demonstration project plans in several locations to implement this approach that are outcomes and root-cause focused while creative in exploring cost to serve options;



- Support these demonstration sites with a learning agenda for the entire Army organization with potential insights for multi-service organizations (MSOs) in general.

This work includes three demonstration corps representing key elements of the 183 corps that responded to the survey. We are deeply appreciative to the Elkhart, Ind., Gary, Ind., and Green Bay, Wis., corps officers, social services staff and the divisional leaders for their work this summer with The Bridgespan Group.

The pathway is being developed with a mix of consistent processes with customized responses, and the implementation is targeted to test as of October 1, 2011.

Please keep this in your prayers, as we double the impact of touching lives in this "cup of cold water" response to human need.

## Employment Opportunity

### Territorial Social Services Secretary Central Territorial Headquarters Des Plaines, Ill.

The Central Territory is looking for a social services professional to give executive level oversight, coordination, direction and support to the territory's social services ministries; direct day-to-day operations of the Social Services Department at Territorial Headquarters; serve as a consultant and technical advisor to territorial and divisional leadership regarding social service program administration, policies and procedures; and emphasize the integrated mission of The Salvation Army to ensure Christian ministry is at the forefront of all social service programming. This is a fulltime, exempt position.

Qualifications: master's degree in a related area is required, MSW preferred; 10 years progressive experience working in a management capacity with responsibility for administering a variety of social service programs in a Christian environment or an equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities; commitment to biblical Christian principles and teachings both professionally and personally; exceptional team-building and leadership skills; excellent interpersonal, written and oral communication skills. Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. Apply by email, with resume and letter of interest, to USCHumanresources@usc.salvationarmy.org

## Dreaming big

by Envoy Steve Diaz

"You know what a slide is, don't you? It's the thing you sit on and slide down for fun." I got nothing but a blank stare from the cute little round face as I tried to explain not only a slide, but a playground.

Karilin had only recently started attending our youth programs after moving to St. Louis, Mo., from Haiti a few weeks earlier. Despite using Karilin's native language, Haitian Kreyole, in my explanation, the little guy just wasn't getting it. So I called over my wife, Ketsia, also a native Haitian, to help. Her explanation didn't get us any further. We finally realized Karilin didn't understand because he had never played on—or even seen—a playground.

All this was about to change for him thanks to KaBOOM!, a national non-profit which seeks to build a playground within walking distance of every child. With sponsorship funding from our neighbor, Energizer™, KaBOOM! blessed the St. Louis Temple, Mo., Corps with a brand new playground.

As we prepared to plan our playground layout, children who attend our programs drew pictures of the kind of activities they'd like. While some children were busy drawing zip lines, water slides and even roller coasters, Karilin sat silently. As my



wife and I explained some of the awesome things a playground has to offer, I could see Karilin's eyes grow bigger with excitement.

At the St. Louis Temple Corps we're excited to offer a playground that's safe, well lit and close enough for many children to access without crossing a busy street. Even though I'm far from childhood myself, I had childlike anticipation for the playground, as did many people who helped make it happen.

But it's children like Karilin who really benefit from this generosity. KaBOOM! created for Karilin more than he could have imagined.



## Sheltering Decatur

The fully renovated social service center for men in Decatur, Ill., was dedicated and named after local philanthropist Larry Cunningham at a ceremony this summer. The expanded and updated building now accommodates twice as many men and gives them a better opportunity to take advantage of the exceptional tools provided by the shelter's programs.

"This shelter is not just a place for men to sleep at night," said Major Joyce Gauthier, Decatur corps officer. "Within two days they have to be involved in life skill programs such as narcotics or alcoholics anonymous, resumé writing and career-building activities. If we're just providing a place for them to sleep, we're not really helping them in the long run."

The dedication ceremony was a success with people lining the street sectioned off to accommodate a large crowd. During the ceremony comments were given by Decatur



Howard Buffet and Larry Cunningham's wife Sarah, daughter Rachel, and son Jeff and his family at the dedication.



Mayor Mike McElroy, Heartland Divisional Commander Major Evie Diaz and Larry's daughter, Rachel Cunningham-Garretson. Much to the surprise of many, during his speech, leading campaign contributor Howard Buffett, son of well-known investor Warren Buffett, pledged an additional \$1 million toward a second facility for women and children.

"After he gave \$1.2 million for the original building, I was dumbfounded when he made the announcement," said Major Robert Gauthier, corps officer. He continued, "I really believe God is working in Decatur. We are touching about 300 men every year, and in the last several years have really improved the quality of service."



Majors Robert and Joyce Gauthier and a shelter beneficiary.

# Grace at Ground Zero

by Lt. Colonel Ralph Bukiewicz

*Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting September the 11th. We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the children.*

—President George W. Bush, November 11, 2001

When God's grace is viewed against the dark backdrop of destruction, chaos and hopelessness, it shines as bright as a diamond.

The morning hours of September 11, 2001, seemed to offer the same opportunities of any other day. Yet, as news reports and images confirmed our country was under attack, terrorism interrupted our normal lives and changed our world forever.

This day—and those that followed—also revealed the ways God invades our need, touching us where our hope hemorrhages and using His people to bring about healing.

That morning redefined those who were considered "heroes." This title was no longer reserved for those who single-handedly performed a supernatural feat of bravery, excelled in athletic achievement or captured the attention of adoring fans. It included those who were willing to make the greatest sacrifice with the least amount of concern for themselves.

These heroes were defined by their direction: running toward danger and threat while others were running away. Some were known by their uniforms on which the letters NYPD, FDNY, EMS and SA were proudly displayed.

Even more, their decision to give of themselves was made before it was required of them.

Eager to respond to any need, Salvation Army emergency disaster services (EDS) workers arrived on the scene in New York, Washington, D.C., and in an isolated field in Pennsylvania. What did they encounter? Devastation that went beyond words, images that couldn't be defined by limited expressions as unbelievable, unspeakable and unbearable.

However, that same heroic spirit was evident as they began their ministry. As Major Bob Webster wrote in his journal on the first

full day of his deployment to Ground Zero:

*I cannot comprehend the enormity of this tragedy. Several rubble piles over seven stories tall. A massive grave site. People working feverishly to help any way possible,*

*knowing that this will take months to complete. The smell of the collapse is everywhere—dust and diesel fumes fill the air. People's emotions are on edge. Many of the workers I spoke with knew friends, family and colleagues and continue to search endlessly, but the emotional strain is evident on their face and in their voice. Not too many tears here, just a resolve to get the job done, no matter what it takes.*

Twenty-one Salvation Army canteens served over 300,000 meals in the first 72 hours in areas surrounding these attacks. Emergency disaster workers provided temporary housing for overworked hospital staff and stranded travelers, grief counseling for those who lost loved ones—or were still searching for them. They collected, sorted and distributed millions of donated items and served faithfully with no expectation of recognition or reward.

Yet, they were rewarded with the deep gratitude of those who were fed, counseled, given vouchers for basic needs, refreshed by hydration and revived by prayers offered by Salvation Army staff and volunteers. For months following these attacks, The Salvation Army remained in the areas of need, serving alongside many whose lives were profoundly impacted.

These included local volunteers such as Manhattan native Deborah Clark who served the recovery workers on the edge of the Trade Tower rubble.





Photos by Lt. Colonel Ralph Bukiewicz

She wrote:

*Whatever the guys need I hustle around to give it to them, or I find a way to get it, or the next best thing. Most of all I like making them laugh. There are so few of those here. So I magic-markered "Thank You" on the back of my shirt. When they say "Thank You!" I turn around and say, "Oh, no—thank YOU!" That always gets a smile out of them.*

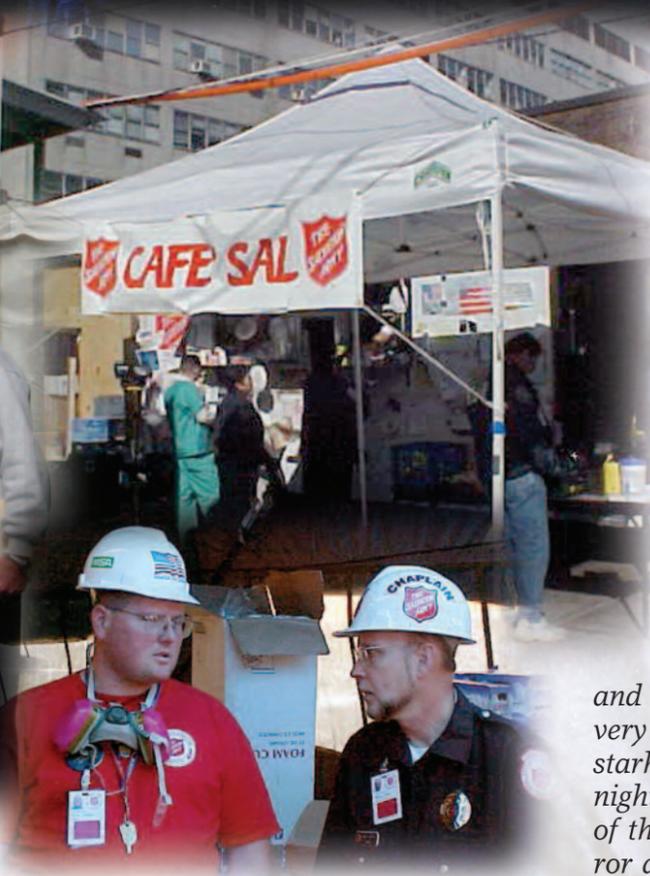
*I feel guilty when I leave because they need so much. I just want to help them. From our roof we watched 50 floors burn and collapse on September 11. It was devastating. We live 12 blocks away. Now, I stay about 13-15 hours a day just to serve. There are so many horrors.*

*A reporter interviewed me yesterday. He asked what, if anything, surprised me. I told him it was my level of patri-*

*tism. I'm so proud to be a part of it all. So privileged. So proud to be a New Yorker.*

There was and continues to be appreciation for The Salvation Army's service, ministry and practical support. However, it wasn't always communicated with words. Gratitude was squeezed into a handshake that lingered just a bit longer than one might have expected. It was blended into a grimaced smile that spread across a grief-stricken face. It was felt in the sigh of relief from a complete stranger after a heart-felt prayer was spoken on their behalf. Tokens of

gratitude were exchanged in the form of stickers, banners, pins, hardhats and even jackets given to Salvation Army workers by first-responders and workers who wanted to identify themselves with them.



*We witnessed men and women working hard to clean up and clear away. We heard people talk about rebuilding. We experienced love, compassion, concern and overwhelming tenderness. Tenderness in the way people greeted and spoke with one another, in the way they lent a helping hand, in the way they responded to another's need.*

*The presence of good and evil were, in that place, very evident. The contrast as stark as black is to white, as night is to day. But in the midst of the waste, destruction, horror and carnage, love, gentleness and courage are alive and well...*

God always reminds us that there is life even in the midst of death. His servants continue to offer a practical expression of God's love and give us a reason to remember—even a decade after that devastating day.

Editor's note: Lt. Colonel Ralph Bukiewicz served as public information officer at Ground Zero.



# 2011 Territorial Volunteer of the Year Awards

## **Charlie Doan** **Life Service Volunteer** **Midland Division**



Charlie Doan has supported The Salvation Army in Quincy, Ill., as an advisory board member, generous donor and volunteer for more than 40 years. At age 86, he continues to chair the property committee for the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center.

A vivacious man, Charlie is always ready to share a smile, joke or story. He gives 100 percent to whatever he does as unto the Lord. He's served on local and national emergency disaster services teams, manned kettles and is coordinator and head cook for seasonal community dinners. Charlie also is active in many other civic and business organizations and his church.

## **Judy Grace** **Adult Volunteer** **Western Division**

Judy is a one-person dynamo in recruiting and managing other volunteers for Western Divisional Headquarters. She was the driving force behind a vegetable garden, working more than 100 hours planning and organizing volunteers

from a university and its medical center, a Fortune 500 construction firm, several local churches and the boy scouts. Harvests benefit the food pantry and senior center.

Judy and her volunteers manned the pantry's first walk/run charity event, delivered 1,300 meals on Thanksgiving, and brought hand-warmers, cocoa and carpet mats to bellringers. She's directed university and high-school students and scout troops through a wide variety of special projects.

## **Christopher Hsieh** **Youth Volunteer** **Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division**

Since 2008 this high-school student has volunteered for the Army's community meal program, which serves 1,350 meals monthly in Waukesha, Wis. Last year he started computer and music lessons for youth attending corps programs.

Volunteering has become a way of life for Chris, who initially was encouraged by his parents to give back to society. They've observed the positive impact volunteering at the Army has had on Chris. At Christmas he donated gift money from his parents to charities including the Army.



## **The Dietscher Family** **Family Volunteers** **Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division**

Since 2007, Danny and Ginger Dietscher and their children, Dalton and Dani, have been volunteering for the Army's community meal program in Waukesha, Wis.

Danny drove a delivery van for the program and during kettle season; Dalton was his dad's runner, and Ginger and Dani counted money. When Dalton organized fellow high-school students as bellringers, they won a trophy for raising the most money!

Together the family picked up bakery goods each morning during summers and food donations in the annual letter carriers' drive. By sharing these positive experiences, they bonded through volunteering.

Tragically, Danny died earlier this year at age 49 from a rare neurological disorder. His obituary stated, "He passionately volunteered for The Salvation Army."



## **St. Luke's Lutheran Church** **Organization Volunteer** **Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division**

When a study of local school families found one in five don't have enough food, the Army in Waukesha, Wis., took action. In 2008 it began a Snack Pack Program to feed students over weekends when school breakfasts and lunches aren't available.

Backpacks filled with kid-friendly foods are distributed to eligible students at an elementary school where more than half rely on school meals. St. Luke's volunteers helped expand this program to a second school in 2009. Ten volunteers assist each week; dozens of other St. Luke's volunteers tutor and mentor.



## Spunk and spirit

From waterslides to cupcake parties to keeping up-to-date on Facebook, the Waterloo-Cedar Falls, Iowa, Corps' women's ministries group is a hit. Not surprisingly, it appeals to a broad range of ages, from 14 to 75, and interests.

What keeps this group growing and fresh? Believe it or not, it's keeping programming to a minimum. "We don't over program," said Captain Tammy Whitney, corps officer. "We usually have one topic or activity per night and leave plenty of time for socialization." Not only that, but Tammy includes the women in the planning, ensuring they have a "big say" in all of the activities.

With big personalities, quirky and fun group activities are standard. For instance, they held a party where cupcakes ruled the day as centerpieces, prizes and dessert. It was all over Facebook with commentaries, photos and invitations. Another time

they visited the women's shelter and built an enormous slip-n-slide and were the first to don swimsuits and



Kari Rindels at the cupcake event.



The women's ministries group met at Captain Tammy Whitney's house for a summer cookout.

splash down the plastic tarp. Regularly, the women's ministries group holds spa nights for the women at the shelter, often supplying their own handmade beauty products (another typical activity) and childcare.

The bond between members of this group goes well beyond sock hops and waterslides; they are there for each other. They pray together and take care of one another. One of

the ladies, who struggled with an addiction, was gone for months. When she returned one Sunday, it was like a homecoming. The evening was spent praying and crying with her.

"God is really deepening the relationships in our group," Tammy said. "Sometimes it's easy to get tripped up on getting programs just right, when what really matters are the relationships."

## Salvationists in Norway give comfort and support

Salvationists in Norway have been a comforting presence and support following the catastrophic bombing and gun attack that killed at least 76 people on July 22.

"Our thoughts and prayers go to those who have lost family members and friends, and we will also continue in prayer for those who have been injured," said Commissioner Clive Adams, Norway, Iceland and the Faeroes territorial commander. Letters of condolence were sent to His Majesty King Harald and Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg.

The Salvation Army's Norway Territorial Headquarters is in close proximity to the buildings most affected by the explosion, but no injuries were sustained by staff and the building was undamaged. In cooperation with the police, the headquarters was opened to the community as a refuge before the whole central business area was evacuated at 6:15 p.m.

The Salvation Army's leadership in Norway asked that, where possible, Salvationists wear uniform or items of clothing featuring a Salvation Army logo so that members of the public could identify them as people who could offer prayer and words of comfort.

Salvationists joined the "Rose March" in Oslo and other cities. The gathering in Oslo, attended by more than 150,000 people, was a time of shared remembrance and grief, with appeals being given for people to show love and to stand together in the face of hurt. Salvation Army officers and soldiers also joined the crowd in front of Oslo University where the royal family, prime minister and many others held a minute's silence on July 25.

Colonel Jan Peder Fosen, Norway, Iceland and The Faeroes Territory chief secretary, wrote: "Salvationists in their uniforms and others with a Salvation Army logo on have had a great response from people talking to them on the street. We have received phone calls at territorial

headquarters from people who simply want to talk over some of the things that have happened. Officers on the building are handling these calls."

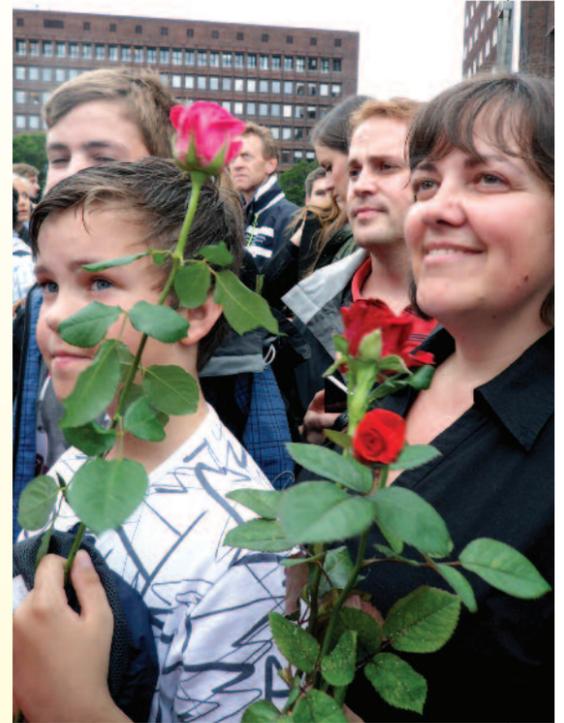
The territorial youth department has sent a letter of condolence to the Labor Party's youth organization, many members of which were killed in the atrocities.

The colonel said that no Salvationists were known to have been killed. There were, however, victims who have links to Salvation Army corps. Corps officers continue to counsel those who have lost friends or family members.

One of the most moving stories reported by the colonel comes from The Salvation Army's harbor light. Some of the men being treated through the rehabilitation program made donations which they put together to buy flowers to place with the "ocean" of tributes outside Oslo Cathedral. Colonel Fosen said, "They wanted also to show their respect."

More than 200 children and leaders gathered at a five-day Salvation Army camp outside Oslo on July 24 to take part in activities including dance, music, singing and drama. A Salvation Army counselor was available to give counsel to all the leaders on that Sunday.

Colonel Fosen said: "It was most moving when many of these 6 to 13-



Major Ann Pender, Oslo Temple corps officer, at the "Rose March" in Oslo.

year-old children wrote in their own words prayers about the tragedy and placed them on a wall. [There were] beautiful words about love and sorrow."

He concluded by saying that Salvationists and friends in Norway are "truly grateful" for the "many emails, letters and words of prayer during these days from The Salvation Army around the world."

\*From International News Releases



Colonel Jan Peder Fosen, chief secretary of the Norway, Iceland and the Faeroes Territory, at the "Rose March" in Oslo.

## A sunny future



As the rains poured down in Mitchell Park not five minutes after the Lawrence County, Ind., Corps finished its afternoon picnic, Captain Donna Rose felt assured of God's hand in the weekend's 100th anniversary events. She and others had specifically prayed the rain would hold off for the outdoor lunch and small band concert attended by more than 50 community members.

The centennial weekend was packed with community outreach, celebration ceremonies and inspirational messages.

"Our goal was to increase visibility in the community and build awareness," said Donna. "I think we accomplished that."

On Friday afternoon a reception was held to honor Major David Logan, a retired officer and pillar of the corps. Commissioned in 1959, Major Logan served as corps officer in Lawrence County (then the Bedford, Ind., Corps) in 1972 and again pro-tem after his retirement. Major Logan remains active in many



Captain Donna Rose and Major David Logan

avenues of corps ministry. Many people shared testimonies of his dedication during the reception.

Later at the volunteer appreciation dinner, Bedford Mayor Shawna M. Girgis presented the corps with a proclamation declaring May 2011 as Salvation Army Centennial Celebration month. "It's a very formal form of appreciation and a pretty big deal in the community," said Donna.

The weekend concluded with an inspirational message from Commissioner Ken Ballie, former territorial commander, who spoke on Acts 2, encouraging believers and the corps members to have fellowship with each other and trust in God.

## Traditions pique interest

The 125-year-old Dearborn Heights Citadel, Mich., Corps reaches out to their community in many ways including their quarterly open-air meetings. Last year their open-airs, coordinated by Angus MacKenzie and Corps Officers Captains Caleb and Stephanie Senn, blessed the corps with six seekers. "Next year," said Caleb. "We're anticipating even more!"

Each of the four meetings begins with captivating and upbeat Army brass band music. Afterward Angus shares a devotional thought, and Caleb closes by inviting everyone back to the corps for the Sunday evening service.

On next year's docket is a trip to downtown Detroit to play while Bed and Bread truck volunteers hand out food to the needy. In addition a Dearborn Heights ensemble will

play again in front of a senior high rise and trailer park as they did last year. "We've already had two families start to come to the corps from the trailer park," Caleb said.

Last year they also played in front of the Detroit Harbor Light, where over 100 people showed up. After playing in front of a senior high rise, three shut-ins, who can't make it out to church, called or wrote to praise the corps for blessing them through this ministry.

Caleb attributes the success of open-airs to willing soldiers and genuine interest within the community.

"It's a service our community hasn't seen much of until recently," said Caleb. "The brass band gets people's attention, and it's a good way for the community to see the Army function in a unique and attractive way!"

Corps Sergeant-Major Russell Dobney shares from scripture



## Newest accepted candidates

**Sharyn Tennyson**  
Green Bay, Wis., Corps  
Wisconsin/Upper Michigan  
Division

Having completed her first year of training several years ago, Sharyn will be entering the College for Officer Training as a member of the second-year Friends of Christ session. Sharyn believes she's always been called to serve God and has been able to do so for many



years as a soldier. In recent months, however, God once again reignited her passion to become an officer. Sharyn has two adult daughters who fully support her decision. Sharyn's corps officer is Captain Katherine Clausell.



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**Jared and Tonia Collins**  
Waukegan, Ill., Corps  
Metropolitan Division

Jared and Tonia are joining the Proclaimers of the Resurrection session. Tonia previously completed her first year of training, so she'll continue working as a divisional employee while Jared attends the

college. Tonia will join Jared as a cadet next June for their summer assignment. The Collins have been very active and committed soldiers; both testify to individual callings to officership. Jared's call came at a time of personal struggle with the Army, yet God made it clear he was to serve Him through it as a preacher and teacher of the Word. Jared and Tonia are excited about what lies ahead, as are their two daughters. Their corps officers are Captains William and Heather Holman. 

## Jamaican it happen!

by Envoy Bob Poff

In April 2009 my wife, Vicki, and I embarked on an adventure we couldn't have dreamed of!

We were appointed to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, in the Caribbean Territory. Vicki served as administrator of the La Maison du Bonheur (The House of Happiness), and I was appointed to divisional headquarters as the disaster services and public relations director.

Then came the event that changed

everything—the devastating January 2010 earthquake. Over the course of the following several months, a long-term redevelopment plan team was brought to Haiti and the decision was made not to rebuild *La Maison*. We were appointed to the territorial headquarters in Kingston, Jamaica, to fully utilize our skills.

Vicki is serving as executive secretary to the chief secretary, territorial director of disaster services, and the territorial music and creative ministries secretary, while I'm serving as territorial director of development and public relations and as associate director of disaster services.

Our biggest news is we're awaiting the adoption of our new daughter, Ketsia! She's a five-year-old cutie who unfortunately must stay in Haiti until the adoption process is complete, which could take up to a year. We look forward to this new adventure and to many years of continued service here. 



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## Runaways' reality

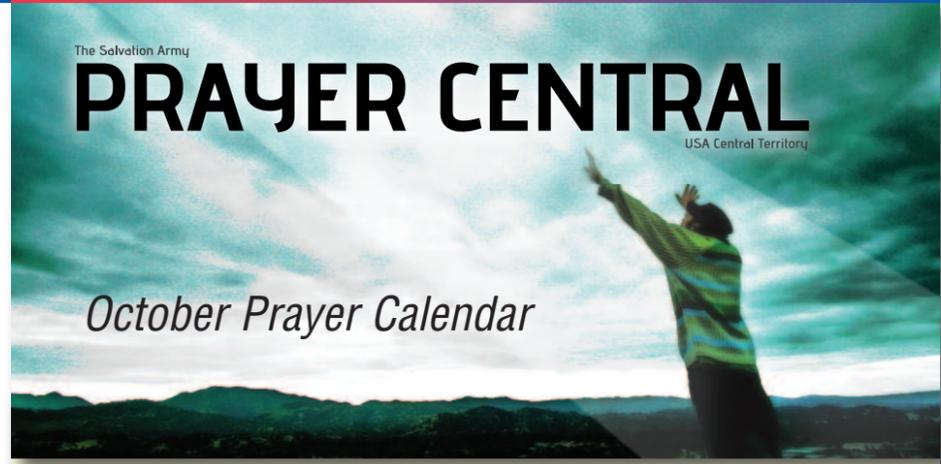
by Cadet Shawn DeBaar

A broken home, an abusive father, depression, substance abuse, or poverty. These are all reasons children in Grand Rapids, Mich., run away from their homes. They are searching for love, meaning, acceptance. Unfortunately, sometimes they land in the world of sexual trafficking.

This summer 150 social workers, health care professionals, law enforcement, clergy and foster parents gathered at the Grand Rapids Fulton Heights, Mich., Corps for an anti-trafficking seminar. Captain Lisa Mueller, Western Michigan and Northern Indiana divisional secretary for program, opened the seminar by describing William and

Catherine Booth's passion on this very topic and affirmed The Salvation Army's continuing commitment to combat human trafficking around the world.

Keynote speaker Andy Soper, coordinator of The Manasseh Project run by Wedgwood Christian Services, shared how the residential treatment program ran away and immediately became entrapped in sexual trafficking. Her story humanized statistics like the estimate that within 48 hours of a child running away in Grand Rapids, he or she will be approached by a sexual trafficker. Soper urged delegates to have the community look at the youth not as prostitutes but as victims.



My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Saturday	Numbers 22-24	Janesville, Wis., Corps
	2 Sunday	2 Chronicles 11-15	Indianapolis, Ind., ARC*
	3 Monday	Psalms 117-118	"Friends of Christ" Session of Cadets
	4 Tuesday	Proverbs 28	Farmington Hills, Mich., Corps
	5 Wednesday	Jonah	Dubuque, Iowa, Corps
	6 Thursday	Acts 3-4	Huntington, Ind., Corps
	7 Friday	Hebrews 5-7	Kansas City (Blue Valley), Mo., Corps
	8 Saturday	Numbers 25-27	Blue Island, Ill., Corps
	9 Sunday	2 Chronicles 16-20	College for Officer Training
	10 Monday	Psalms 119	East St. Louis, Ill., Corps
	11 Tuesday	Proverbs 29-30	Grand Forks, N.D., Corps
	12 Wednesday	Micah	Hastings, Neb., Corps
	13 Thursday	Acts 5-6	Kansas & Western Missouri DHQ**
	14 Friday	Hebrews 8-10	Territorial Multicultural Ministries Conference
	15 Saturday	Numbers 28-30	Grand Rapids (Fulton Hts. Citadel), Mich., Corps
	16 Sunday	2 Chronicles 21-24	Youth Character-Building Programs
	17 Monday	Psalms 120-121	Kenosha, Wis., Corps
	18 Tuesday	Proverbs 31	Kansas City, Mo., ARC*
	19 Wednesday	Nahum	Flint (Beecher), Mich., Corps
	20 Thursday	Acts 7-8	Freeport, Ill., Corps
	21 Friday	Hebrews 11-13	Malawi Territory PIM
	22 Saturday	Numbers 31-33	Kansas City (Harbor Light Village), Kan.
	23 Sunday	2 Chronicles 25-28	Women's Ministries
	24 Monday	Psalms 122-124	Chicago (Temple), Ill., Corps
	25 Tuesday	Ecclesiastes 1-2	Granite City, Ill., Corps
	26 Wednesday	Habakkuk	Harvest (Coon Rapids), Minn., Corps
	27 Thursday	Acts 9-10	Huron, S.D., Corps
	28 Friday	James 1-3	Territorial Mission & Purpose Conference
	29 Saturday	Numbers 34-36	Holland, Mich., Corps
	30 Sunday	2 Chronicles 29-32	Corps Cadet (teen discipleship) program
	31 Monday	Psalms 125-127	La Crosse, Wis., Corps

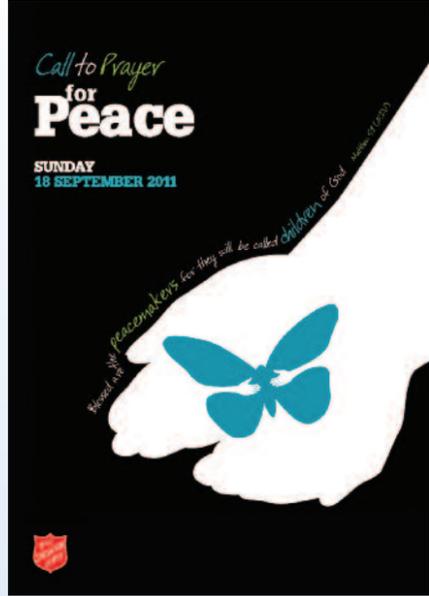
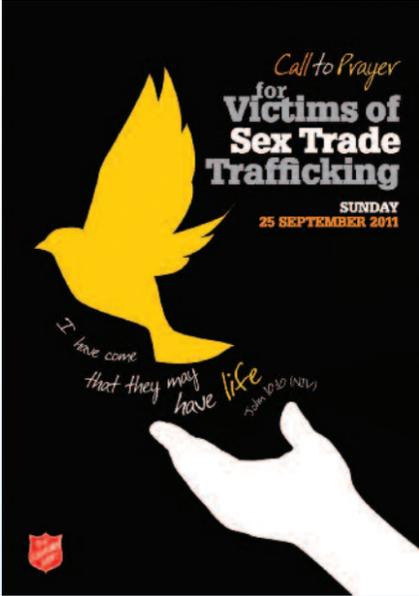
Go to [www.prayercentralusa.org](http://www.prayercentralusa.org) for prayer updates.

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



### General Bond calls Army to prayer



General Linda Bond has called The Salvation Army to pray for peace and for victims of sex trade trafficking. A Sunday this month has been set aside for each prayer focus for the fifth year in a row.

On September 18, the international Salvation Army is encouraged to respond to a Call to Prayer for Peace, focusing on the Bible verse: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9 NIV).

A week later on September 25, Salvationists and friends are called to pray for victims of sex trade trafficking, with the theme verse: "I have come that they may have life" (John 10:10).

Please join with others in your corps in this intercession.

### --Mustard Seeds--



## Minot bookends service

When Majors Manuel and JoAnn Madrid retire this month, they will have come full circle in their association with Minot, N.D. Appointed this summer to serve as Northern divisional pastoral care officers until their retirement, the Madrids were asked to assist with flood relief efforts in Minot, the town where Manuel met The Salvation Army and his future wife!

Manuel was stationed at a U.S. Air Force base near Minot where he began attending the corps. He intended to make the Air Force his career. Cadet JoAnn LeMay was on summer assignment in Minot when she met Manuel in 1968. JoAnn remembers a handsome young man in an Air Force uniform. Manuel knew from the start she was the right woman for him. But JoAnn was focused on officership.

About a year before Manuel's enlistment was up, God called him to officership. It was a scary prospect for Manuel because he was relatively new to The Salvation



Army. He got his first taste of Army ministry during a major flood that hit Minot in 1969; he spent his free time volunteering.

Commissioned as a lieutenant in 1971, Manuel married JoAnn the following year. They enjoyed 41 years together in appointments as corps officers throughout Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Missouri, and adult rehabilitation centers in Illinois and Indiana. This last assignment before retirement in Minot fittingly bookends their Army experiences (see "Flood evokes memories").

## Flood evokes memories

by Lauren Nelson

Massive flooding this summer in Minot, N.D., caused the evacuation of more than 10,000 people from their homes due to the swollen Souris River, now being referred to by locals as "the mouse that roared." (Souris is French for mouse.) Major Donald Kincaid, Minot corps officer, reports staff and volunteers have been serving food and drinks to sandbaggers, residents and emergency response personnel along with clean-up kits.

"The Salvation Army has served Minot since 1896. It's our town, too," said Donald. "We're committed to serving the best we can for as long as we're needed."

Working alongside the Army in Minot have been Majors Manuel and JoAnn Madrid, Northern divisional pastoral care officers who first met in Minot where Manuel helped with flood relief in '69. Now retiring, the Madrids find it interesting that their Minot experiences have come full circle.

"People thought they were prepared for this flood, but they were overwhelmed by the volume of water from the north," reported Manuel. "The town was able to save some neighborhoods but not all they'd hoped for." Although this flood is more disastrous than the first one Manuel witnessed, he's observed an even greater outpouring of help to match the sizable need.

"Forty-two years ago, cell phones and the internet didn't exist; this technology changes everything," he said. "People can communicate instantly and have better access to news on what's happening. Because of this awareness, more people are



stepping up and helping out."

In addition to assisting residents, the Madrids have been pastoring Salvation Army staff, volunteers and response personnel. "Although most people have been replying, 'We're doing OK,' when asked, some people break down and cry. The stress is really there; lots of folks have lost everything," Manuel observed.

In addition to her pastoral duties, JoAnn has been involved in organizing food for canteens. She believes her experience interacting with people as an officer has prepared her for ministry in Minot.

"A life-long resident who volunteered during the 1969 flood thought there could be none worse. People come to shed a few tears and get things off their chests," JoAnn said. "We give what we can—food, gas vouchers, water, reassurance—and hugs."

## First Quincy Kroc member

by Chad Rodgers

July 19, 2011, was a historic day for the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Quincy, Ill., as Gerry Kettler, chair of the Quincy Advisory Board, became the facility's first official member. Advisory board and corps council members were asked to serve as the Kroc Center's initial customers to ensure the software program and sales process worked smoothly. In doing so, the staff could work out potential issues or glitches prior to public sales which began August 2.

The Kroc Center will offer a number of membership options ensuring



opportunities for as many people as possible to enjoy the 98,000 sq. ft. facility. The center will offer charter memberships through September 16 with two options, silver (standard membership) and gold (premium membership) levels.

Membership types will include options for families up to five people, families with more than five, as well as individual memberships for adult, senior citizens, teens and youth. Regardless of the age, economic status or faith of people, the Kroc Center is open to all. It is our goal to be an inclusive facility that will inspire and provide instruction to the entire community.

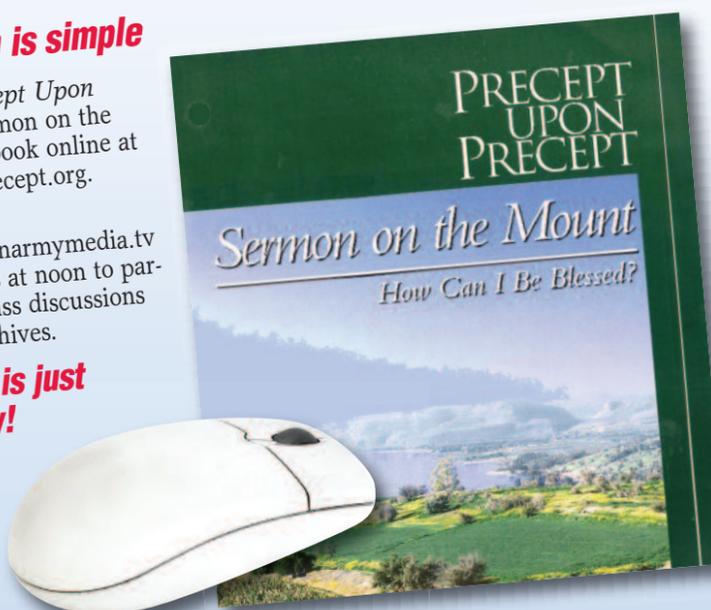
## Precept Bible study class online

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## Service noted for joy

by Philip Hale

A retirement celebration for Majors James and Clarie Castor, corps officers in Williston, N.D., was held at Northwoods Camp in Finlayson, Minn., this summer. The Castors served for 26 years, the last 10 of which were in the Northern Division.

The theme "A Celebration of Joyful Service" was carried out in the service's music, scripture readings and tributes by family and friends, officers and soldiers. Darla Theisen, James' sister, spoke on growing up with her brother and the first time she met Clarie, who she recalled to be shy and have beautiful, long black hair. Major Dale Hale offered his perspective on the Castors' good nature and their nat-



ural love for others. Gary Pozgay, Williston Corps advisory board member, spoke fondly of the Castors, while his wife, Penny, gave a moving vocal performance. Divisional leaders Lt. Colonels Daniel and Rebecca Sjogren conducted the retirement ceremony.

In their closing remarks, the Castors shared stories of peoples' lives they were blessed to touch through the ministry of The Salvation Army. In retirement they are looking forward to spending more time with family.



Majors Manuel and JoAnn Madrid offered emotional and spiritual care to residents and volunteers.