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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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International Leaders Conference focuses on mission priorities

One hundred and twenty-seven Salvation Army leaders from around the world gathered in Toronto, Canada, this summer for an International Conference of Leaders (ICL). Led by General Linda Bond, it followed the theme: *One Army, One Mission, One Message*.

"The purpose of this ICL is for the leaders of the international Army to meet together to prayerfully and strategically consider the International Vision Plan [sar.my/one]," said the General.

The public welcome meeting was an inspiring and historic occasion that not only drew a crowd of hun-

dreds but was viewed online by more than 2,000 people.

The work of the conference included the presentation of papers on eight specific mission priorities from the International Vision Plan, including women, ministry and leadership; self-denial and self support; teaching resources; youth and children; evan-

gelism and discipleship; leadership; the marginalized; and integrated mission. These were discussed in small groups and plenary sessions. There was also a daily program emphasis on spiritual matters including Bible study and prayer. Sessions were translated into Indonesian, French, Spanish and Korean.

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Photos by Mark Yan and Timothy Cheng

Central helps Japan develop national disaster chaplaincy program

Teaching crisis response and chaplaincy curriculum is common for Dr. Kevin Ellers, Central territorial disaster services coordinator. As author of the curriculum, he has trained extensively in the U.S. and Canada and most recently Japan.

Following the earthquake and



Kevin Ellers with key disaster partner organization CRASH Japan president Jonathan Wilson.

tsunami in March 2011, Commissioner Makoto Yoshida, territorial commander in Japan, recognized the value in utilizing the crisis response and chaplaincy curriculum Kevin had written and requested the USA Central

Territory's help in providing training.

"I was excited, but the task seemed daunting," said Kevin. "It is important to understand that only about one half of one percent of Japanese are Christian, and they don't even have a word for 'chaplain.' The person on the street wouldn't even understand the term. Understanding the cultural differences and contextualizing the curriculum is a major task."

However, The Salvation Army in partnership with the Japanese Evangelical Association (JEA), an umbrella of many churches serving in Japan, feels strongly they must



A government official explains the impact zone.

prepare the church to provide chaplains to serve in future disasters.

Kevin, his wife, Jennifer, and a team from The Salvation Army, Wheaton College and JEA went to Japan this summer to assess the damage and recovery efforts, introduce the curriculum, and work with Japanese leadership to develop a

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Captain Kazuyuki Ishikawa and team pray with a local pastor in disaster impact zone.

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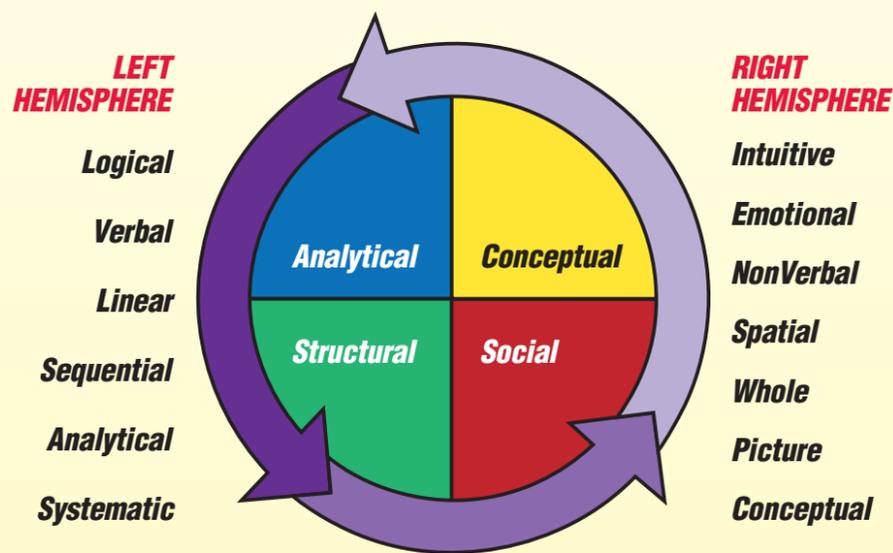
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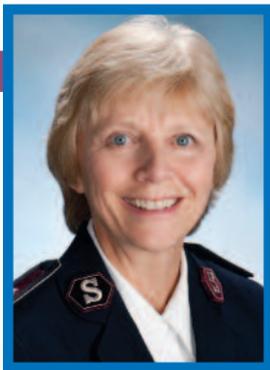
by Commissioner Carol Seiler
Territorial Coordinator for Strategic Mission Planning

We've used the phrase "ignite creativity." What are some other ways of looking at this?

Think about this picture for brain functions for different times and places. To get creative, either unleash the hidden right brain in existing workers (*whew, hard work!*) or seek out people who show strong right-brain traits and match them up with left-brainers so the ideas get follow-through. (*Aha—the body of Christ celebrating different gifts rather than judging them?* Read I Corinthians 12:4-31)



- Can we set the stage to give people a chance for right brain activity to happen?
- Let go of the "way things are" and welcome "the way they could be."
- Release established habits of thought, expectations and assumptions.
- Embrace "not knowing" and "not controlling" everything.
- Set up an environment of imagination, exploration, acceptable risk and "what ifs."
- Meet the devil's advocates at the door and refuse them entry.



- Give people time to think, toys to spark ideas, and diverse partners to play with.
- Relax when things seem out-of-control: it is part of the process and can't be skipped.
- Focus people on moving their "crazy ideas" forward and making sense of them.

What could it look like?

- A comfortable space to work and move around in, with ways to stimulate and record new ideas.
- A change of scenery—getting away from the desk—sparks creativity; staying at the desk through breaks and lunch is deadly—practice coffee shop "napkin ideas."
- Have something like a basketball hoop in the parking lot for employees to blow off steam.
- Use de Bono's concept of mentally switching hats or other brainstorming techniques.
- Alternate formats for meetings: stand up, use sticky papers on the wall, use a different room and different seats at the meeting—change the process, change the outcomes?

- Keep any "boundaries" wide enough to start, giving as much freedom as possible.

Practice something...

- You've been offered a six-month paid sabbatical (*why not?*). You get an unrestricted airline ticket and can take what you can carry. The only requirement is to be creative. How will you spend the time?
- Try this to figure out what you'll do:
 - Go somewhere peaceful with blank paper and colored pens.
 - Write or draw ideas as they come to you.
 - Keep writing for a few days until you run out of ideas.
 - Look for any links, patterns, themes.
 - Sit back and just look at them for a few days.
 - Take the most promising idea and let the ideas flow on what it could look like.
 - Take the most promising idea from this group and let the ideas flow.
- Did you surprise yourself with creativity?

Sources: "Cultivating innovation in the workplace," thinking steps adapted from www.bexcellence.org, image from Sandy Cormack.

Navigating motherhood

The Des Plaines, Ill., Corps has a new ministry for moms called Compass. This women's ministries outreach bridges ladies from the corps' "Breakfast with Baby" initiative,

where families in need gather once a month for breakfast and to "shop" for free baby items, to other corps programs.

Soldier Cheryl Hagedorn had a vision. "I saw a population outside the corps who wasn't being addressed with ministry," said Cheryl. "Compass is a bridge, and we hope from this group more women will come to a personal relationship with Christ and start to attend church."

Compass meets on Thursday mornings. It's an opportunity for busy moms to fellowship, learn, worship and share the challenges they face in motherhood.

"One of the goals is to teach mommies to be better parents and to



Leader Cheryl Hagedorn

know how to teach their children," said Cheryl. The group has enjoyed topics from baby/toddler sign language to child well-

ness and nutrition. With Cheryl's creativity, crafts are not only unique, they're lucrative! One craft, "Journal in a Jar" (see sidebar) served to fund some group activities. Another activity had the moms and their children enjoying aromatherapy potpourri.

"This program is working," said Cheryl. "Women from 'Breakfast with Baby' have spilled into Compass, and they're becoming



friends and building relationships."

The corps is led by Lts. David and Shannon Martinez.



The Compass group

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Journal in a jar

The Des Plaines, Ill., Corps mom's group, Compass, is full of creative, crafty ways to raise money. One of their most successful projects was "Journal in a Jar," inspired from a book called *Women's Ministry in the 21st Century*.

To create these inexpensive, easy-to-make and spiritually encouraging jars with your women's group simply collect canning jars, blank journals, pens, ribbon and fabric. Fill jars with inspirational quotes, questions or verses (see Get Connected for free-inspirational cut-outs) and cover the top of the jar with fabric



before screwing on the lid.

Then, simply attach the journal and pen with coordinating ribbon, and ta-da, a beautiful, purposeful and lucrative craft is yours to sell or use! For a clever twist, mix in other items such as small candies, tea bags or colorful pencils.

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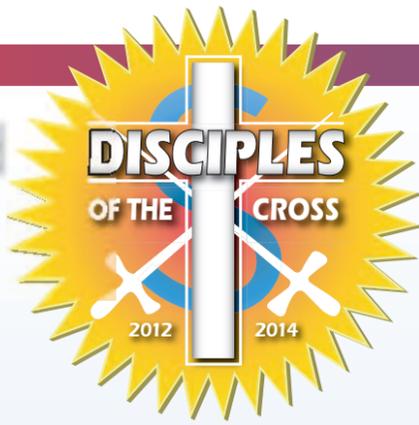
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Newly accepted candidates



Shannon Forney

St. Louis Gateway Citadel, Mo.,
Corps
Midland Division



I grew up a fourth-generation Salvationist and officers' child. I began a personal relationship with Jesus when I was 16 and started serving at my corps. I've taught Sunday school, timbrels and dance team.

During the summers I worked at Salvation Army camps, including music camp faculty for the last two years, and served on two summer mission teams. I also was a ministry intern at the Belleville, Ill., Corps.

I heard the call to officership three years ago while living in the Western Territory. A phone conversation with a friend helped me realize I didn't have to give up my dreams to follow God's will for my life. I could achieve everything I wanted through ministry in The Salvation Army. It is with great joy and excitement that I've begun this new chapter of my life.

Shannon's corps officers were Majors Kirk and Carolyn Schuetz



Cristian and Brook Lopez

Albert Lea, Minn., Corps
Northern Division

We are extremely blessed and excited to move forward in our calling to officership. When we accepted Christ into our hearts and answered God's call on our lives, everything started to change in astonishing ways. Doors opened, and God's blessings reached our souls.

We each accepted Christ separately in 2008, Cristian during a Baptist church service and Brook at the Albert Lea Corps when Captain Lee Brickson's message of salvation spoke to her heart. After tornadoes



struck the area in 2009, Cristian began volunteering for the corps and felt God calling him to serve people as an officer.

In June 2010 we answered our call to officership together during commissioning weekend.

The Lopezes' corps officers were Captains Jim and Lee Brickson.

Curtis Lunnam

Ypsilanti, Mich., Corps
Eastern Michigan Division

I was raised by wonderful Salvation Army soldier parents at the Wichita West, Kan., Corps, where I was saved as a child. I ended up in the "life-saving" business, joining the U.S. Army and then becoming a Kansas law enforcement officer, volunteer fire fighter, 911 dispatcher and sheriff.

In the fall of 1998 I began volunteering with Salvation Army emergency disaster services. During that time I fell in love with Lt. Laura Schultz, we eventually were married, I recommitted my life to the Lord and began serving and living for Him. I realized all the work I did meant nothing if I couldn't lead others to the saving knowledge of Jesus. This has true "life-saving."

Serving the last two years at the Pontiac, Mich., Corps, I saw God move mountains for me to fulfill this calling. I claim Jeremiah 29:11 for myself and my family. While my son, Michael, 19, has stayed in Kansas, Christopher, 11, and Nathaniel, 5,

have come with us to Chicago.

Curtis' corps officer was Envoy Jim Hulett.

Crystal Sherack

Springfield, Mo., Corps
Midland Division

Though I grew up in a non-Christian home, my mom always made sure my sister and I attended church. When I was 12, we were invited by the corps sergeant-major in Jacksonville, Ill., to attend Sunday school and character-building programs at the corps. I was saved at age 13 while attending girl guard camp.

Two years later at youth councils, I heard the call to officership during a Future Officership Fellowship luncheon. Throughout high school I acknowledged my calling to officership and prepared; I believed every class eventually would be helpful. I even was on my school's speech and drama team to develop confidence in public speaking.

To further my preparation for officership, I attended Southern Illinois University for two years, during which time I felt even more affirmed in my calling. This year I served as a ministry intern in Springfield, Mo.

Crystal's corps officers were Majors Norman and Claire Grainger and Major Normalene Daniels.



International Leaders Conference

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One of the evening dinners at the ICL placed the Partners in Mission (PIM) countries together for discussion and prayer. "As we have just been given new partners by International Headquarters this was a good opportunity to get to know each other," said Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, Central territorial commander. "We had the chance to share the desires of Central Salvationists to help our partners around the world through the resources God has blessed us with, and we looked forward to visiting and learning from the life and experiences of our partners."

Under the leadership of General Bond and the Chief of the Staff, Commissioner Barry C. Swanson, the last working session reviewed recommendations from the small groups and plenary sessions where the eight papers had been discussed. Many of the action points and promises will be for the personal attention of individual leaders. Others concerning the global Army were either accepted by the General or will be given further detailed consideration through the due processes of International Headquarters, including the International Management Council, chaired by the General.

In her final message, General Bond referred to the prayer of Christ "that they may be one as we are one" (John 17:11). She highlighted the significance of the mercy seat in the spiritual life of the Army and declared, "The ground is level



Commissioner Paul R. and Carol Seiler, USA Central territorial leaders, are pictured with leaders of three of our current Partners in Mission, including: Commissioners M. C. and Susamma James (India South Eastern Territory), Colonels Onal and Edmane Castor (Caribbean Territory) and Commissioners John and Dorita Wainwright (Kenya East Territory).

at the foot of the cross and that is the place where we can truly be as one." Leaders responded to her call as the General referred them to the declaration of intention and commitment which had been prepared for the occasion:

With a heart full of gratitude for the presence, guidance and direction of God the Holy Spirit throughout this conference, and in a spirit of unity, I pledge to regularly review the action promises I have made and to ensure,

by God's grace, that they are fulfilled.

In promoting the global vision of One Army, One Mission, One Message, I gladly embrace the part I am called to play and will do so through example, influence and the encouragement of those within my spiritual care.

I pray this in the strength and grace of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom I owe everything.

Compiled from International News Releases



Hot days, cool fun

by Stephanie Denton

This summer the Grand Rapids, Mich., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center offered a bevy of free, family-friendly outdoor activities.

Family Movie Night events featured a giant slip and slide, entertainment, and popular movies like *Dolphin Tale* and *The Muppets*. The Kroc Center concession stand served up hot dogs, beverages and other treats for purchase. Additionally, on select Saturday afternoons through August, children and adults could experience

the Kroc Center's giant outdoor slip and slide.

"Our goal is to keep families, especially children, cool and active this summer in a safe and fun environment," said Major Marc Johnson, Kroc Center senior officer. "We're excited to be able to offer free events to our community."

The Grand Rapids Kroc Center is a 105,000-square-foot facility that sits on a 20-acre campus and encompasses a holistic approach to recreation, worship, arts and education for everyone in the community.



New store a smash!

by Michael Rowland

The grand opening of the Indianapolis, Ind., Adult Rehabilitation Center's (ARC) Family Store in Greenwood, Ind., was nothing short of grand. Customers were lined up in front of the store for two hours before it was scheduled to open!

The sight was both a surprise and blessing for Envoy Steve McNary, Indianapolis, Ind., ARC administrator. With a megaphone in hand and the energy of a small child, the envoy welcomed the crowd.

After six weeks of nonstop preparation and setup, Steve still wasn't ready to rest.

"I'm pleasantly surprised," he said. "We've had people coming for the last three to four weeks and couldn't accept them, so I am so happy to open the door."

The Greenwood store is part of a new approach in merchandising, size and branding.



"The store is 18,000 square feet. It is merchandised so shoppers can find what they want at the best prices," he said. "We're hoping this will have an impact. We've been struggling for the last 15 years to continue to fund our drug and alcohol facilities. I'm praying that this helps open the door to a whole new way of things."

By 6:00 p.m. opening day, the new store had raised \$20,000.

The ARC and other centers, such as the Harbor Light, in Indianapolis were able to help nearly 2,300 men and women struggling to overcome substance abuse in 2011.

For avid resale shopper Tina Dixon, who was one of the first in line, the story beyond the cash register was new. She said, "It's nice to know that the money stays in the community."



Building mighty bridges

Twenty-six years ago, the Warren, Mich., Corps figuratively opened its door to people in crisis through its shelter. Now its door is literally open.

"When we arrived last year, the door to our adjoining shelter facility was always kept locked," said Major Kevin Van Zee, corps officer. "We now keep it open whenever possible to help build relationships between residents and corps members. We've had a marked increase in residents attending on Sunday mornings," he continued.



"It's a great blend of adults and young people, from long-time soldiers to first-time visitors from the shelter, community programs and social services," Kevin added, noting three teens were enrolled as senior soldiers earlier this year.

The Van Zees were involved in shelter ministries in four prior



appointments. "Our experiences taught us to love people in their uniqueness," said Christie. "We've seen how God has used all of our experiences to train, develop and grow us as leaders."

Flyers for corps programs and events are posted in the shelter, and the shelter director's office was moved to the corps' administrative wing to increase traffic. Corps members are encouraged not only to welcome residents but to reciprocate visits to the shelter's common areas.

Corps youth activities attract 80 kids, from preschoolers to teens, each Tuesday night for character-building groups, tutoring, supper, a chapel service and open gym. Wednesday nights bring corps cadets and two Bible studies, Thursday nights are for women's ministries, focus groups and praise team practice, and Friday nights bring youth sports leagues.

More than 100 people receive a hot lunch daily during the week, and 12-step programs meet four times weekly.

"Growing programs can be difficult, but it's worth it to see lives changed!" Kevin concluded. Christie added, "It really is a blessing to be able to work together as we blend our programming and administrative gifts to build God's Kingdom."



Some senior soldiers enrolled this year.



Yecks' noble service

by Craig Dirkes

Majors Doug and Linda Yeck were honored for 32 years of service during a retirement celebration at the Noble Corps in Brooklyn Park, Minn.

The Yecks entered the School for Officers' Training in Chicago in 1978, seven years after they were married. They had met on a blind date in their hometown of Muskegon, Mich., in the mid-1960s. They were commissioned in 1980 with the Proclaimers of Salvation session.

Their first appointment as officers was in Rushville, Ind., followed by four years serving overseas in Singapore. In Singapore, the majors adopted a daughter, Elizabeth, who was living at The Salvation Army Kuching, Malaysia Children's Home. Elizabeth is now married and has two children.



Majors Doug and Linda Yeck with daughter Elizabeth and her family; Northern divisional leaders Lt. Colonels Rebecca and Daniel Sjogren; and flagbearers Major Bill Cox and Ron Whalen.

The Yecks next two appointments were in Niles and Petoskey, Mich. They were later transferred to Minnesota, where they spent the rest of their officership in the cities of Austin, St. Paul and Minneapolis. Their final appointment was at Booth Manor, a 21-story Minneapolis high-rise that is home to more than 160 senior citizens.

"If we could do it all over again, we would in a heartbeat," Doug said.

Faces of hope



Eartha Bell receives food from volunteer Ken Howard and Major Mike Myers.

Every month since November 2011, the Bay City, Mich., Corps has held a food giveaway event benefiting up to 800 community people (more than 270 families) monthly.

The Bay City area was hit hard by the economy, according to Majors Mike and Shirley Myers, corps officers. "Providing extra food helps families budget their money more effectively for other necessities, such as rent, mortgage payments and utilities," said Mike.

Supported by local donations and the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, the event is also made possible by the faithful work of two dozen Salvation Army volunteers each month, some of whom are also food recipients. According to Mike, dis-

tribution day almost takes on a party atmosphere as beneficiaries start lining up early in the morning for their food allotments.

"Our staff, soup kitchen ministry and volunteers all work together to make it a wonderful, godly day," Mike continued. "God said to love your neighbors; we love people, serve them food and share the gospel during the time we have with them."

Recipients David and Amanda Zuriel, in line for food assistance with their son, Jacob, said they appreciated the Army for helping those needing an extra hand while struggling to make ends meet. And, Dolores Garcia added, "When you're on a fixed income, everything helps."

Celebrating later life

by Megan Gandee

Sadly, today many aging Americans suffer from hunger, poverty and loneliness. In fact, a recent study, "Senior Hunger in America in 2012," revealed the threat of hunger for U.S. seniors has increased 78 percent in the last 10 years. And with the 55-plus age group being one of the fastest growing, Salvation Army older adult ministries are more important than ever.



The Omaha Senior Services staff: seated (l to r) Mary Sawaged, DD Launderville; standing (l to r) Phyllis Butkus, Cindy Schlegelmilch, Tallina Estwick, and Lisa Ramold.

D.D. Launderville, senior services director in Omaha, Neb., is passionate about her work, and rightfully so. She's been invested since the day she helped open Durham Booth Manor, a residential home for low-income seniors, as well as the Dora Bingel Senior Center 16 years ago.

Durham Booth Manor boasts 47 one-bedroom apartments and is home to 51 residents, averaging 79 years in age. The entire facility is managed and operated by only two employees!

there's so much loss. Loss could be losing children, a spouse, health, eyesight, hearing, or even the ability to drive. So, we find ways to celebrate life," D.D. explained.

Birthdays, memorial services and holidays are never missed, and theme parties are common. For instance, during the royal wedding last year, they enjoyed wedding cake. Outside of the parties, games, regular movie viewings and "quick trips" to places like the ice cream parlor, the center has educational opportunities such as ceramics classes, quilting and tai chi. Spiritual nourishment is available through daily Bible devotionals and prayer.

In addition to emotional support, many seniors attend simply for a good meal. According to D.D., the average annual income of the residents is a meager \$10,900. Thankfully, Durham Booth Manor provides a solution for them.

"We meet them where they are, and we see miracles here all the time. These people are accepted, they thrive and they really shine. That's the celebration of life again, and I am so blessed that these folks are here," said D.D.



Enjoying a game of Bingo: Eileen Forrest, Billie Whelton and D.D. Launderville.

"It's so exciting to see folks find quality housing who have struggled all of their life. As soon as they join us, we give them a welcome basket and immediately make them part of the community," said D.D.

The Dora Bingel Senior Center sits conveniently on the lower level where approximately 60 seniors gather on any given day for socialization, learning and recreation. Transportation is provided for those who don't live at the manor.

"We celebrate a lot here because



D.D. Launderville talks with Robert Schappert.

Youth shelter opens

by Craig Dirkes

The Salvation Army in St Paul, Minn., this summer opened a youth shelter.

The Booth Brown House shelter includes 11 beds for homeless youth, ages 18-21. For up to 30 days youth may sleep, eat and regroup from street life at the shelter. Staff members evaluate their health needs and help them find a home, job or

enroll in school. The shelter hopes to engage volunteers in tutoring, life-skills training and cooking.

The shelter fills a rising need. The number of homeless youth in this age bracket in Minnesota has grown 57 percent since 2006, according to an October 2009 study by the Wilder Foundation in its most recent report.



The shelter is funded by a three-year grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation.

"Booth Brown House, along with five other service providers, is working in collaboration with the Otto Bremer Foundation to take youth off the streets," said Major Arnel Ruppel, Booth Brown House administrator. "We want to help youth find help, a home and hope."

Army by zip code

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Has a relative or friend in another part of the country needed assistance and wondered if The Salvation Army was near them or could help?

By typing in a zip code, you can find the nearest Army center!

ONEMORE4JESUS

Since the Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Division set a goal last October in the new STEPs (Strategic Tool to Engage Potential) process to enroll soldiers in every corps, 51 senior and 30 junior soldiers have joined the ranks of God's Army. The emphasis is simply called OneMore4Jesus. Here are three stories of how corps are growing in this wonderful division led by Majors Tom and Jackie Bowers.

Big growth for small corps

A surge in corps growth, including six new families, at the Michigan City, Ind., Corps has resulted in the enrollment of nine senior and two junior soldiers, report Majors Brian and Lee Ann Burkett, corps officers. And, there's a potential of five or more new soldiers at the end of their next recruits' class.

The Burketts were particularly thrilled to enroll their son, Evan, as a senior soldier.

"Evan has been called to officership, and God is using him right now in our growth among young people," said Lee Ann.

"We're a small corps; our attendance had averaged around 30 people, but over the last six months, we've been averaging more than 50!" she continued. "We believe people are looking for something to be a part of that's making a difference, not only in our community but in the world. Obviously that is The Salvation Army."

The Burketts encourage corps ownership by its members.

"We tell our people, 'This is your corps; we're just here temporarily,'" said Lee Ann. "We have wonderful people and local leadership. We all work hard to reach out into our community, but it's our corps members who've assumed responsibility for follow-up. It makes a big difference when newcomers realize they're not just being loved by the pastors."

Lee Ann has never before met soldiers who are so eager and proud to wear their uniforms.

"Folks get real excited about it, even our teens and junior soldiers," she said. When asked, one soldier said it's just as crucial for soldiers to wear uniforms because "we're as important to God's mission as are officers!"

A Sunday morning breakfast club, prepared and financially supported by corps members, is open to anyone.

"Our breakfast guests are invited to come as they are, and they're encouraged to stay for the worship service after the meal," said Lee Ann. The corps also offers well-attended youth programs, special-activity nights, corps cadets, a men's fellowship and three women's ministries groups.

"We strive for all activities to be inclusive of our community," Lee Ann added. Plans include the start of several Bible studies for men, women and teens, as well as a fellowship ministry for special-needs children and their mothers. A soldier's granddaughter challenged with disabilities has long been welcomed and loved by the corps.

"Although Ciana doesn't understand a lot, it was just as important for her to be wheeled onto the platform for her junior soldier enrollment as any other child," Lee Ann concluded.



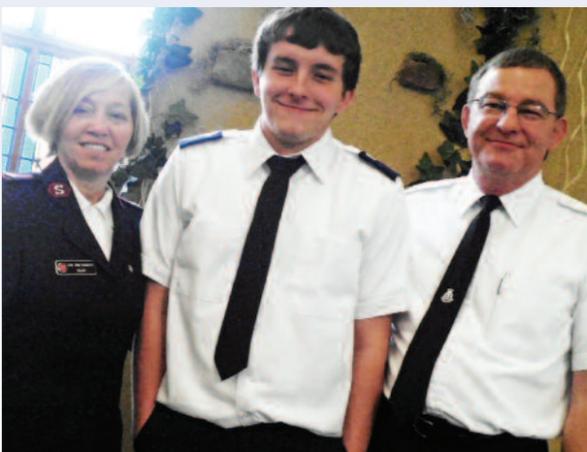
New senior soldiers.



Major Lee Ann Burkett with two new junior soldiers.



Corps cadets assist with the Sunday-morning breakfast program.



Majors Brian and Lee Ann Burkett flank their son, Evan.



A small-group Bible study at the Michigan City, Ind., Corps.

Sturgis on the rise!

Envoys DeWayne and Pam Duskin, Sturgis, Mich., corps administrators, are pleased to report the 14 junior soldiers, seven senior soldiers and three adherents enrolled this year began attending the corps not only because of its various ministries but because friends invited friends.

"We believe any person who attends our corps, even a first-time visitor, is a potential soldier," said DeWayne. "We need to engage them quickly!"

Some of the new soldiers came through youth programs, women's ministries, weekly Bible studies or a daily feeding program. Others, who'd been attending the corps for a while, decided to join after simply



Envoy Pam Duskin (l) at the corps' mother-daughter tea.

being asked by the Duskins, who arrived in Sturgis in 2011.

"I prepared a list and began working to spiritually challenge and grow these individuals," said DeWayne. "And, they responded to our invitation to become soldiers or adherents."

Qualities that have attracted and kept people coming to the corps include a caring family atmosphere, a diversity of ages and worship services that aren't allowed to become stagnant.

When the "OneMore4Jesus" emphasis was introduced last year, DeWayne saw it as simple and realistic. He says he felt it met five key steps: achievability, a challenge requiring effort, commitment across the board, good research and an action plan.

"It was a goal we knew we could achieve with effort and commitment," he added. "In our case having only one junior soldier at the time was disturbing and a call to action!"

Average attendance of Sunday morning worship at the corps has more than doubled to 50, and recruits' classes are offered quarterly.

The corps has effectively incorporated community outreaches, such as summer gospel concerts in the public park band shell and a monthly "singspiration" night which recently attracted a record 90 people. Women's ministries recently completed its first outreach, a mother and daughter tea that attracted 50 guests, more than half of whom were first-time visitors.



Envoy Pam Duskin (l) welcomes Major Debra Pascoe and her daughters, Melissa and Jessica, to the corps' mother-daughter tea.

Adding "TSA Outdoors" to the vacation Bible school curriculum also has proven to be popular, as are periodic DVD-based Bible studies by Max Lucado, Peter Briscoe and other Christian authors.



Envoys DeWayne and Pam Duskin with new senior and junior soldiers.



Major Jacalyn Bowers conducts a teaching illustration with Trenton, a new junior soldier.

Youth seek to serve

This year an exceptional group of seven teenagers have been enrolled as senior soldiers at the Holland, Mich., Corps. Though young, they have become servant leaders in their corps.

"Many of these kids go into the kitchen to ask the staff if they can help out," reported then Corps Officer Major Betty Grindle in reference to Wednesday night youth program dinners. "A lot of these kids are also involved in school sports and performing arts, but they never use this as an excuse not to be involved in corps activities. They feel it's an important part of their lives."

During spring break all seven of the teens spent their vacation serving in the corps' "staycation" program. Similar to vacation Bible school, "staycation" was a daily camp for children. Organized activities went on all day. The teens



Front row: (l to r) Christian Tummel, Michelle Ahnefeldt, Jaide Ekdahl, Josiah Tummel; Back row: (l to r) Logan Bailey, Mason Miller, Paul Koeller

helped with Bible class, recreation and crafts. They assisted with kitchen clean-up, and one afternoon made the kitchen into a "concession stand" for a movie activity.

One teenager in particular, Christian Tummel, has shown exceptional leadership. When a key music leader in the corps took a

year off to serve in Africa, Christian—a talented musician—offered to cover as praise team leader. It's a big responsibility and a lot of work, but he's putting in the time and it's making a difference. "The team is seeing him as the leader and following his direction," said Betty.

This summer many of the teens volunteered at day camp, helping with recreation, snacks and meals. They also devoted extra time to music; all attended music camp and made weekly praise team practice a priority so they could lead worship every Sunday. "Salvation Army music camp is the highlight of my summer," gushed Michelle Ahnefeldt.

At the end of summer, they pitched in to help with the corps' back-to-school outreach at nearby Maranda Park where they handed out school supplies to families in need.

Three Sundays a month the teens meet for Bible study. They're reading the book *Indescribable*, by Louie Giglio. "They truly love the Lord and want to honor Him; I've seen them grow so much," said Betty.

The Grindles recently retired, and Majors Paul and Mary Duskin are now the corps officers.

Chicago collaborates to STOP-IT

At the age of 12 Tasha's mother died, causing her to lose her main source of support, encouragement and love. During the next five years, she moved four times. At each new family member's home she felt less cared for and started running away. One day on the run, Tasha met Sarah who told her she could provide for herself and have a place to live. She was introduced to Sarah's "daddy" and told she could "try out" the life for a couple of weeks. She saw no other option.

...the STOP-IT program helps a broad range of trafficking victims...

Since 2006 the Metropolitan Division's Family and Community Services Department has been helping people trapped in a lifestyle like Tasha's through its growing and increasingly effective STOP-IT Initiative Against Human Trafficking program. STOP-IT provides comprehensive case management to victims of human trafficking, or a person who has been induced by force, fraud or coercion into commercial sex or forced labor.

Although the commercial sex trade is more prevalent, the STOP-IT program helps a broader range



STOP-IT outreach worker Elyse Dobney assists a client.

of trafficking victims including those involved in forced labor. Take Sandra, for example. She was a successful woman with a PhD living in the Philippines. She was content with a good job and beautiful family until she was approached by a company that offered her a job in the United States. This job would pay more than she would ever make at home and pay for the high-

er education of all of her children.

When she arrived in the U.S. the situation changed. She signed a contract which she believed to be binding for a job that offered very little pay and withheld money from what little she received. She was threatened with beatings, deportation and financial consequences. In her own words, Sandra was trapped in slavery.

With the help of the STOP-IT, victims like Sandra have access to a means of escape. In addition to a 24/7 hotline for victims and referrals, STOP-IT functions to identify victims, aid in their safe exit and connect them with much needed services.

"Our outreach workers assist clients one-on-one to help them find a place to stay, a job and secure necessary items and services from state IDs to birth certificates to an attorney," said Erin Knowles, STOP-IT program manager.

In her own words, Sandra was trapped in slavery.

STOP-IT—along with other agencies in the Chicago area—has put Chicago on the map in the fight against human trafficking. In an unprecedented relationship, law enforcement, social services, governmental and medical agencies are collaborating with one common goal: to stop human trafficking in Chicago.

Part of Erin's job is to educate people about human trafficking and the ways they can help. For more information or training possibilities, call 773-433-5738.



SEVENTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND OF

Prayer & Fasting

for Victims of Sexual Trafficking

SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2012

The Salvation Army, the Initiative Against Sexual Trafficking (IAST), and the Faith Alliance Against Slavery and Trafficking (FAAST) invite you to join with them in observing the 7th annual International Weekend of Prayer and Fasting for Victims of Sexual Trafficking. You can join the observance by praying and fasting individually, and by organizing workplace or church-based events of prayer and fasting on behalf of those exploited in the commercial sex industry. Please join with us as we lift our petitions to God to free the captives and loose the chains of injustice.

So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer.

— EZRA 8:23

Get Ready:

- ✓ Mark your calendars
- ✓ Pray and fast in advance
- ✓ Get materials at: www.traffickingprayerandfasting.org
- ✓ Educate yourself and others
- ✓ Partner locally
- ✓ Plan prayer and fasting events

Reaching out *con amor*



Pictured in back of new soldiers Lydia and Marcos Torres are (l-r) Oney Castillo, Captain Javier Moreno, Captains Jim and Lynnea Brickson, Captain Kelsie Moreno and Neysi Castillo.

After becoming more intentional in its outreach to the Hispanic community last year, the Albert Lea, Minn., Corps has experienced a substantial increase in Sunday morning and mid-week worship plus adult and youth program attendance.

When Captains James and Lynnea Brickson, corps officers, hired a fulltime Hispanic outreach director, Oney Castillo, their only direction to him was to incorporate the new Hispanic attendees into already thriving corps ministries.

"Instead of having two separate congregations, we wanted to blend both cultures as much as possible into one body of Christ," said Jim. As a result, Sunday worship is up by 35 people, the majority of whom are of Hispanic descent.

To accommodate the different language needs, adult Sunday school classes are offered in Spanish and English, and Sunday morning worship is conducted in English with Spanish translation. However, the mid-week worship service is conducted in Spanish with English translation.

Sunday morning attendance averages 80 people, and mid-week services attract an average of 45. Additionally, there are Spanish-language men's and women's min-



Oney and Neysi Castillo are both integral to the Hispanic ministries.

istries groups.

"Both language groups are working hard together to narrow the communications gap," said Jim. "We recently had our annual Sweethearts Dinner, where all the men prepared and served a plated meal to the ladies of the corps and then did all the clean up. And, we've added some Hispanic cultural events to attract un-churched families. Earlier this year we celebrated Epiphany, also known as Three Kings Day."

"Some local leadership is emerging," said Jim. "And, we're seeing spiritual growth in the families themselves. This ministry is growing fast, and we're thankful to God for the experience."

The corps recently enrolled its first Hispanic soldiers, Marcos and Lydia Torres.

Eyes of a child

At the Minneapolis, Minn., Harbor Light earlier this year, Envoy Don LaMar, director of corps ministries, watched his daughter, Athena, be enrolled as a junior soldier. "I was overwhelmed with emotion," said the envoy whose 11-year-old son, Isaiah, is also a junior soldier. "I have watched Athena become a Christian by asking Jesus into her heart, and I have been blessed to hear about the many times she has shared God's love. She is an amazing example of a Christian to everyone around her, especially me."

Athena shared the gospel with a friend on the playground. She later told her father she and her friend were talking about Easter, and that the boy didn't know what it really meant.



Athena is very close to her big brother. When he was enrolled as a junior soldier, she wanted to follow in her brother's footsteps. "Athena had wanted to become a junior soldier for over a year before I could enroll her," said Don. "She was so excited to become a part of the Army and the Harbor Light."

Athena is eight years old, in the second grade and participates in sunbeams. She loves typical girl things like dancing and jumping on the trampoline, but what sets her apart at this young age is her devotion to God and The Salvation Army.

"When I sometimes feel complacent spiritually, I see my daughter's excitement to share the gospel, and it helps me remember my faith," said Don.



Victorious service

by Carol Shoults



The Hoskins are flanked by Colonels Dennis and Sharon Strissel and Major Toni Dorrell. The Hoskins' children Peter and Heather are flagbearers.

A retirement celebration was held at Central Territorial Headquarters to recognize the victorious service of Majors James and Mary Hoskin, who retired as territorial risk management secretary and retired officers' bureau director.

Commissioned in the Western Territory with the Victorious session in 1971, the Hoskins transferred to the Central Territory in 1985. They served in corps and divisional appointments in both territories. Jim also served his country in Viet Nam prior to officership.

Their retirement service highlighted the many connections made throughout the years. Mary was noted for her gifts of hospitality and encouragement. Jim was noted for his sense of humor and infectious joy.

Both Jim and Mary were saluted

for the way they care for people and for their continued involvement in frontline corps ministry, when appointed to headquarters positions. They have represented Christ and the Army with dignity and skill, leaving a trail of optimism.

Their four grandchildren participated in the service by suggesting things they'd like to teach their grandparents in retirement, like how to text!

As a last minute add-on, their preschool grandson asked if he could have the microphone and recited I Timothy 4:12: "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."

It was a perfect verse describing two dedicated officers who've lived their lives setting a Christ-like example.

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New Commitments
April - June 2012

219 Senior Soldiers
85 Adherents
226 Junior Soldiers

Lasting footprints



Children made Salvation Army flags during junior soldier's class. With them are Cristian Lopez and Brent Windham.

by Craig Dirkes

A 10-person mission team from the Northern Division traveled to the Turks and Caicos Islands earlier this year to advance The Salvation Army's work in this new frontier. The Army's presence in Turks and Caicos—located in the Caribbean about 650 miles southeast of Miami—began just two years ago. Within six months of opening, a Central Territory Global Mission Team helped it get established.

This latest divisional mission team blazed new paths by shaping a host of ministry programs for men and women, children and seniors. The team also helped set up a new thrift store and delivered food to shut-ins, among other activities.

"The team was able to bring people and financial support to a socially depressed economy where The Salvation Army's presence is needed," said Lt.

Colonel Rebecca Sjögren, Northern divisional director of women's ministries. "The young adults on our team experienced life-changing moments and have a greater vision of the Army's world missions."

In addition to Colonel Sjogren, the team included Major Rose Marie Mason, Captain Andrew Shiels, Erik Sundman, Bao Howard, Cristian Lopez, Yu Ting Mui, Macy Theriot, Bobbi Kruchten and Brent Windham.



Erik Sundman sorts thrift store donations with Johnson, a senior soldier from the Turks and Caicos Corps.

On a mission

We salute the six official global, divisional and corps teams through August of this year.

Global Mission Team to Handbury Children's Home and Windsor Lodge, Jamaica

Women's Global Mission Team to Kenya West Territory

Northern Divisional Mission Team to Turks and Caicos

Oakbrook Terrace Corps Mission Team to Freeport, Bahamas

Madison Temple and Madison Genesis Corps to Eleuthera, Bahamas

Chicago Mayfair Community Church (Korean Corps) to Windsor Lodge, Jamaica



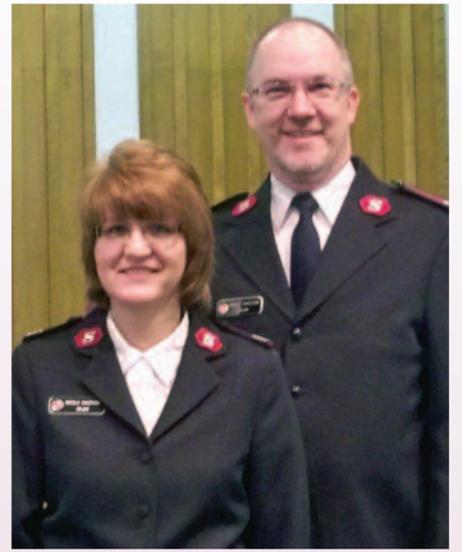
The Northern Divisional mission team in the Turks and Caicos

Canada calls!

Majors Philip and Sheila Davissón—who were already in close proximity to Canada while most recently serving as the Port Huron, Mich., corps officers since 2009—have been appointed to Booth University College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, in the Canada and Bermuda Territory! Philip is the associate dean for extended learning, and Sheila is serving as the spiritual life coordinator.

Booth University College, operated by the Canada and Bermuda Territory, serves students on its Winnipeg campus, national officers and the international Army in 35 countries. The international aspect is among those that excite the Davissons the most.

"Booth University has several undergraduate programs for on-campus and online distance education students, in addition to certificate-level courses to strengthen Salvationist leadership in overseas territories," said Philip. As associate dean, he's responsible for officer continuing education, as well as online coursework and developing new programs in the coming years. The Davissons had worked with the college in developing an officer continuing education certificate



program while they were serving in the South America West Territory a few years ago.

Sheila will be developing her role (a new position) along the lines of a university chaplain. "I'm looking forward to working with the staff and faculty in chapel services, small-group studies and discipleship and spiritual formation opportunities," she said. As an added bonus, their youngest child, Julia, is transferring to Booth to complete her degree in social work!

Army marks 75 years in Mexico!



General Linda Bond led the 75th anniversary celebration of the Army's work in Mexico.

More than 1,200 delegates gathered in Mexico City for a weekend of joint meetings—and rallies for women, men and children—featuring performances of every type, from folk dancing and timbrels, to mariachi and brass bands, along with re-enactments of the Mexican

Salvation Army's early days!

General Bond enrolled 97 junior and 94 senior soldiers from across the Mexico Territory, and upgraded four of its eight outposts to corps status, for a total 52 corps.

More than 500 people made commitments to Christ during the celebration. The general encouraged the territory to thank God for the past, be committed in the present and believe for the future.



The General enrolls 94 senior soldiers from across the Mexico Territory.

Clear as a bell

by Major Curtiss Hartley

Mine has always been a simple faith. So it was no big deal when seven years ago my wife and I said to our leaders, "Sure, you can send us overseas sometime, somewhere, if the Army really needs us."

There! We had done the deed. We had responded. Sometimes that's all God asks of us, right? I mean, we weren't "called to the mission field." We never sensed God telling us to go to a far country. We aren't bilingual; sometimes I struggle being unilingual. But God said, "Make yourselves available."

Let me digress a bit, and blame it on Commissioner William Francis, who spoke at the International Publishing and Literary Conference in Alexandria, Va., a few years back. I don't remember a lot of what he said (it was seven years ago!), but one tiny concept jumped out clear as a bell. It was a fresh, new, interesting twist. He talked about developed countries tithing not only of their dollars, but of their personnel.

Turns out Sandy heard that bell, too.

On our way home that night we started talking, and we both felt God was asking us to make our willingness to go somewhere, sometime known to the Army.

We decided to pray about it, and sure enough, after a couple of days of prayer and consideration, that bell was still ringing. So we wrote a letter. Our leaders thanked us for our willingness to be sent, and each year we simply checked the box on our annual comment sheet that declared our willingness. That was it.

We never prayed about a future appointment or sought an opportunity to go overseas. But we did pray



God would use us where we were, and prepare us each new day—for whatever opportunities He would bring our way.

Then last fall our divisional commander called us into his office to talk about some small matter and then said, "Now, the real reason I've called you in. Would you be willing to let THQ submit your names for possible service in Papua New Guinea?"

After a befuddled moment of awkward silence, we asked if we could take some time to discuss it and pray. Sure, he told us, you have two days.

We prayed. We talked. We Googled. We asked our parents and our children. The overwhelming message, loud and clear, was that we should say yes.

It's an exciting and scary adventure. But it comes down to this: we put our lives in God's hands years ago when we said "yes" to becoming officers, and we know that we can trust Him with our lives—even as far away as Papua New Guinea.



Japan chaplaincy program

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strategic plan for training and building disaster chaplaincy teams across the nation.

It is critical the curriculum be carefully adapted to the Japanese culture in order for it to be effective. "A common mistake is for Westerners to go into another culture with the assumption that what we do here in the U.S. works well in other cultures," said Kevin. "It is absolutely imperative that we help the Japanese take ownership for their chaplaincy program and make the curriculum work for them."

The curriculum was introduced to the Japanese leadership of a variety of churches, and the response was positive. In addition to using the *Emotional and Spiritual Care in Disasters* curriculum used by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation as well as The Salvation Army National Disaster Training Program, they are working with Abingdon Press to translate the book Kevin wrote titled, *The First 48 Hours: Spiritual Caregivers as First Responders*.

Additional trainings are being scheduled this fall and next year.

"The Salvation Army in Japan is doing an incredible job of minister-

ing to the earthquake survivors and is taking a key leadership role in leading a national effort to build this national chaplaincy team. It is exciting to see how God is opening amazing doors to minister to a hurting nation during and after this horrific national tragedy. The implementation of this chaplaincy program is urgent as another major earthquake is expected to have a devastating impact in the Tokyo area in the near future."

The Salvation Army

PRAYER CENTRAL

USA Central Territory

October Prayer Calendar

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

Go to 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



--Mustard Seeds--



Growing together

As the new chapel in the St. Cloud, Minn., Corps came together, many ministries (including the 64-person shelter) grew and prospered in anticipation of the changes this chapel would bring.

Youth programs, in particular, have blossomed, and interest in soldiery has increased. This past Easter Major Steven Koehler, then corps officer, enrolled seven new junior and senior soldiers.

Character-building classes have grown from two to 30. "Our staff has remained consistent and persistent," said Steven. "I've seen the efforts of Lt. Lynn Lopez [then associate corps officer] bear much fruit in a short amount of time."

The popular teen and young adult group meets every Sunday afternoon and, out of enthusiasm for the Gospel, call themselves the Jesus Freak Disciples, or JFDs for short. "We go to worship art rehearsals, study the Gospel, and they are

learning to be leaders," said Lynn. "They're also learning about the Army and how to serve the community."

Nearly every participant in the JFDs has been enrolled as a soldier. Michael Winstrom, in particular, has a compelling story. He came to the corps from the shelter, joined the JFDs, attended soldiery classes and then took Safe from Harm training so he could help lead weekly character-building classes. Now as a 20-year-old, he's living on his own, attending the corps and leading the explorers.

"I'm really proud of this young man," said Lynn. "He has a deep desire to know God better. He amazes me all the time."

Several other young people have become soldiers since joining the JFDs; two are from a Catholic background, and one is a young adult whose family was living at the shelter.

The corps is now led by Majors Lee and Melody Morrison.



On Easter Sunday eight soldiers and one adherent were enrolled in St. Cloud, Minn.

Chapel dedication

This summer Colonel Merle Heatwole, chief secretary, presided over the dedication of the St. Cloud, Minn., Corps' new chapel.

The service opened with a welcome and introduction by Lt. Colonel Rebecca Sjogren, Northern divisional director of women's ministries. Bill Kimbal, St. Cloud advisory board chairman, and St. Cloud Mayor Dave Kleis greeted guests and Bill participated in the presentation of the keys ceremony.

Northern Divisional Commander Lt. Colonel Daniel Sjogren shared remarks just before Colonel Merle conducted the dedication ceremony underscoring his desire for more people to come to know the Lord because of the new chapel.

"The day was an absolute delight," said Lt. Lynn Lopez, then associate corps officer. "What a beautiful dedication. It does our hearts good to finally have a room set apart for worship."



At the dedication (l to r): Colonels Merle and Dawn Headwole, chief secretary and secretary for women's ministries, Lt. Lynn Lopez, then associate corps officer, Majors Steve and Melody Koehler, then corps officers and Northern divisional leaders Lt. Colonels Rebecca and Dan Sjogren.

Promoted to Glory

Major Walt Winters

Major Walt Winters was promoted to Glory on June 20, 2012. He was 83 years old.



Walt was born to Salvation Army soldiers Walter and Anna in Grand Rapids, Mich. He committed his life to Christ at six during a decision Sunday service. By the time he was in the ninth grade, he knew he couldn't be happy as anything but an officer.

Commissioned in 1948, it wasn't long before he met Joyce Thomson at Central Bible Leadership Institute. They were married and blessed with five children. The majority of their officership was spent doing what Walt loved most—being a corps officer. He was able to share his passion and vast experience in corps work in his last appointment at the College for Officer Training. They retired to Rockford, Ill., in 1993.

In retirement Walt worked several years in the restorative ministry of the Rockford Adult Rehabilitation Center, and enjoyed nature, family and his hobbies of hymnology and gardening. He'll be remembered as an outgoing, respectful man, who lived to win souls for the Lord.

Walt is survived by his wife, children David (Diana), Doug (Kim), Rick (Kari), Carol (Ron) Shoults and Cheryl (Jeff) Berresford; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Major Beverly Collet

Major Beverly Collet was promoted to Glory on June 12, 2012. She was 73 years old.



Beverly was born to Eugene and Catherine Collet on Valentine's Day 1939. She was saved during a corps meeting at the age of nine and immediately felt a desire to share the gospel. She witnessed to a little boy in her school, and he knelt to receive Christ right then and there.

As a teenager Beverly felt her call to officership, and after high school graduation assisted at a corps in Michigan before entering training. She was commissioned in 1962.

Beverly's first appointment was to assist at the Hazel Park, Mich., Corps. From there she served at the Detroit Children's Home and then many other corps in Michigan. She retired from active service in 2004 but continued on with a service mentality.

Beverly is remembered as being conscientious, hardworking, dependable and positive.

She was preceded in death by her sister and is survived by her cousin Donna (Dick) McGregor.

Major Robert Boone

Major Robert Boone was promoted to Glory on June 18, 2012. He was 68 years old.



Born to third-generation officers, Majors Kenneth and Gladys, Robert gave his heart to the Lord at a young age and felt his call to officership as a teenager. He was commissioned in 1966 and appointed to assist the Detroit Temple, Mich., Corps where he built relationships with local teens.

In 1967 he married Captain Elaine Roush, and together they were appointed as corps officers of Detroit Temple. Robert continued to build faith into the lives of the teens he loved, and in nearly every subsequent appointment teens gathered around him.

The Boones were blessed with two children. They held corps appointments from Kansas to Indiana. They also served at three adult rehabilitation centers and retired from the Lincoln, Neb., Corps in 2009.

During his days in the hospital, he used every opportunity to witness to staff and visitors. He loved preaching and was a talented musician.

Robert is survived by his wife, children Rob (Christine) and Wendy, and four grandchildren.

Major Charles Duskin

Major Charles Duskin was promoted to Glory on June 17, 2012. He was 90 years old.



In 1921 Charles was born in Alliance, Neb., to parents Ira and Nellie Duskin. He started attending Salvation Army Sunday school at age 10, was enrolled as a junior soldier and then became a corps cadet.

Charles took classes in high school to prepare him for officer training. In 1942 he was commissioned and sent to assist the Watertown, S.D., Corps. After several other appointments he married Lurline Finley, whom he had met in training.

Charles and Lurline served in corps throughout the territory; they were also blessed with three children. In 1978 they were appointed as corps officers and city coordinators in Davenport, Iowa. Later they served in social services, retiring in 1983 as administrators of the Booth Residence and Social Services in Omaha, Neb.

In retirement Charles faithfully taught the adult Sunday school class at the Holland, Mich., Corps.

Charles is survived by his wife of 67 years, children Envoys DeWayne (Pam), Majors Paul (Mary) and Miriam (Kevin) Cartwright; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.