



# Central Connection

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News and Views from the Midwest

"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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## Working for the Savior

Sunday was a day of highlights.

Certainly for the cadets who'd long awaited their ordination and commissioning as lieutenants and first appointments. Certainly for officers of sessions past who'd cheer mightily as the flag parade kicked off the afternoon's festivities.

Certainly for the youth, jelling their response during the weekend to God's call

on their lives. And, certainly for the senior soldiers, officers and other adults inspired to deeper levels of commitment after absorbing the excellent weekend and Sunday morning messages.

As the God's Fellow Workers session approached the stage Sunday morning, the CSB, under the skillful direction of Bandmaster William Himes, played his "Procession to Covenant." It appropriately featured the recurring theme, "O love that would not let me go,"

observed Lt. Colonel William Harfoot, territorial personnel secretary, in his welcoming comments.

Five cadets reciting II Corinthians emphasized the concepts of being



compelled, convinced and committed; a video continued the three-word emphasis.

Cadet Xavier Montenegro, class salutatorian, testified that God uses imperfect people like himself—with annoying quirks, picky eating habits and an addic-

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## Connecting with the mission

Even the way *iConnect* started said that there's a place for you in our Army. Come and use your talent. Come and join the fellowship. Come and find Jesus.



carried the more than 2,300 delegates into the heart of *iConnect*, an event held specifically to help youth, young adults and their leaders to find their place in the mission.

The theater was filled with music throughout the evening, from rousing and challenging "Gael-



### Disaster relief in America's Heartland



As many communities battle historic levels of flooding, The Salvation Army has been on the frontlines of service. See page 9—and next issue—for more information. Pictured here one of many farms in Lawrence County, Ill., flooded by the Wabash River.

"We hope you connect with each other and the Army and find your place in this mission and, most importantly, a fresh connection with God," proclaimed Major Collette Webster, territorial youth secretary.

Excellent music. Compelling testimonies. Superb preaching. Each component of the keynote session, *Seek*, flowed seamlessly and



force" by the nearly 60-piece Great Lakes Youth Band to the solo acoustic guitar and familiar praise led by the Singing Company.

Seventeen-year-old Summer Mission Team (SMT) member Jamison Taube's testimony beautifully blended humor, poetry and substance.

"I am a missionary all the time....a sanctified megaphone whispering God's love to the world," he said.

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## Non-binding contract

by Lt. Colonel Mickey McLaren  
Secretary for Business Administration

Even though I am no less fluent in Bible, theology and hermeneutics than some Salvation Army officers, my expertise tends to be in business-related matters. Perhaps that is why my official title is Secretary for Business Administration. One of the things that has always amused me in the business world is the term "non-binding contract." To me, it is an oxymoron (two words that mean the opposite, i.e. jumbo shrimp).

In our society at one time when someone gave their word and a handshake, it became a moral contract. People felt obligated to fulfill their word. Once the words, "Let's shake on it" were said, the agreement became official, and it was a huge dishonor to break one's word. People based their personal honor on their word.

Legally, those days are long gone. Now a formal contract must be signed by two or more parties agreeing to do anything. Everyone, including The Salvation Army, must pro-

tect themselves legally, so contracts are written in what we refer to as "legaleze." The Salvation Army Central Territory is a separate legal corporation. However, even legally there is a non-binding contract indicating intent to do something, but based on circumstances, you might not do it. They are called Corporate Resolutions, Letter of Intent, etc...

As Christians (measured by a higher standard) can you imagine signing a non-binding contract with your marriage partner? You recite your vows to one another and to God and then think it really doesn't count? When you sign your marriage license, it becomes a legal document and is recorded by your local government. It is a covenant with one another.

Can you imagine kneeling at the foot of the cross and asking Jesus to forgive your sins, and Him saying forgiveness is non-binding? I may or may not forgive you. The whole basis for Christianity hinges on the forgiveness of our sins.



*The Soldier's Covenant* begins, "Having accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord, and desiring to fulfill my membership of His Church on earth as a soldier of The Salvation Army, I now by God's grace enter

into a sacred covenant." Does this sound like it is "non-binding?"

Officers, you pledged, "I here and now bind myself to Him in a solemn covenant." Do you consider it non-binding? My officer contract with Christ began 40 years ago, and it is sacred. It is a heavenly document that I dare not break. Fellow Christians, commitment is a contract. Bind yourself to your Savior.

## National Commander speaks in Indiana



by Michael Rowland

Commissioner Israel L. Gaither, national commander, visited Indianapolis, Ind., this spring where he spoke at the downtown Kiwanis luncheon and delivered the commencement address at Taylor University the following day.

In his speech, Commissioner Gaither stressed that our children are in danger from negative influences and environments. He said The Salvation Army, Kiwanis and Taylor University all have the same responsibility: to positively change the lives of these children through our service and support.

The following day Commissioner Gaither was the featured speaker for the commencement exercises at Taylor University. He also received an honorary doctor of divinity

degree, one of two presented during the event.

"You have chosen to bless me with this privilege, and I receive it as another signal from our Lord that I can do absolutely nothing less than to make this moment a moment of my recommitment of my life to His service for the cause of His Kingdom."

A total of 418 graduates received degrees during Taylor's commencement. Taylor University is an interdenominational liberal arts university of evangelical faith located in Upland, Ind.

## Join Commissioners Ken and Joy Baillie at a public retirement service celebrating God's faithfulness

Saturday,  
September 13th  
10:00 a.m.

Norridge Citadel Corps  
8354 W. Foster Ave.  
Norridge, Ill.

Everyone welcome

Light lunch following



## Central Connection

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*Strengthened by His presence in us individually and corporately, we share a common passion for bringing people into an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and meeting human needs in His name in the diverse communities where we serve.*

## Get Connected!

Here's what you'll find this month on our webpage.  
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Major Cheryl Miller's reflections on officership

Summary of SA's ongoing work in Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar

Profiles of Central youth leaders who received awards

# Working for the Savior

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tion to "Battlestar Galactica" — to accomplish great things. "God didn't have second thoughts about me," Xavier said. "Instead of a defeated mindset, we are to 'live a life worthy of the calling received.'"

After Cadet Jonathan Fitzgerald, class co-valedictorian with wife Catherine, recited the officers' covenant and the session recited the doctrines, Majors Jeffrey and Dorothy Smith, College for Officer Training principal and director of campus services, respectively, affirmed each cadet's character strengths and giftedness.

Commissioner Ken Baillie, territorial commander, commissioned and ordained the cadets, and Lt. Colonel Susan Harfoot, territorial officer resource and development secretary, prayed a dedication.

In his message, Commissioner Baillie queried, "What does a new creation look like? What is life in Christ?" It's more than eternal life. Scripture expects more out of us than that, he continued. Even America does!

The commissioner imagined what it would have been like if John Wesley had been asked these same questions today. He fancied Wesley's answer, unchanged from the 1700s, would be flashed across the internet, CNN, blogs and text messaged: "Holiness is loving God with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind (or will)."

There's no secret to living the Christian life, Commissioner Baillie continued. Do you love God? He pressed home: not worship God, not believe in God, not work sacrificially for God. God only wants your love and complete trust.

More than 150 people sought the mercy seat. The chorus, "Lord I come to you," inspired a second wave of more than 100.



cadets and families in a variety of situations creatively presenting three-word phrases: "Ready to Go" on moving boxes, "Prepared for Battle" on a Bible, "Our Apartment's Available" on a door, "Another new School" hoisted by children and "Can Nana Come?" clutched by a forlorn-looking little boy.

Session speaker Lt. Shannon Martinez cited Corinthians' emphasis on Christians working together yet with each being uniquely gifted. The session song, "You go with me," written by Lt. Steve Wilson, is destined to be sung all over the territory with a catchy tune and meaningful words.

The charge to the "Workers" came from Commissioner Joy Baillie, territorial president of women's ministries, who emphasized trusting completely in God despite seemingly impossible situations. She used

the example of King Jehoshaphat in II Chronicles.

"The battle is not yours but God's. Admit your inability to deal with a situation, keep your eyes on Him and take up your positions. We've heard several times this weekend that God enables ordinary people to do extraordinary things." She then charged the rest of the audience, "All of us are workers; go out and face tomorrow for the Lord is with you."

As Commissioner Ken Baillie announced their first appointments the lieutenants responded enthusiastically, one young lady with tears of joy and another with an almighty shriek and bear hug for the commissioner after being appointed to her home state!



Accepted candidates for this fall's Prayer Warriors session came on stage while new Lt. David Martinez issued a challenge to the audience. As his sessionmates and the Witnesses for Christ dispersed into the aisles, David asked those "tired of a second-best life of comfort and ease" to come meet them in the aisles; approximately 50 people responded.

On Sunday afternoon, after Chief Secretary Lt. Colonel Paul R. Seiler announced the retirement of the 1930 Trail Blazers session flag, the CSB performed a spirited march for the equally spirited session flag parade. After the long service recognitions, the God's Fellow Workers and Witnesses for Christ walked to the stage accompanied by wild cheering, clapping and assorted noisemakers.

Major Jeff Smith said the session's nickname, "Workers," became more than an abbreviation; it described the group's character: diligent, hard-working, quick and persistent, with notable results from fundraising to cleaning, from academics to snow shoveling. Summer and Christmas assignments were so successful, he received letters from the field encouraging him to just keep some people out there. "Ethnically diverse, the session as a whole learned to skillfully move between cultures with ease," he said.

A humorous, heartwarming video, "Training and Beyond in Three Words," showed



## Association of the Long Service Order

"Reflecting back I am so grateful that one day, in spite of myself, God chose me. Although there are millions out there, God calls each of us individually to live for Him. My prayer is that those millions will listen and respond positively to His voice," Major Cheryl Miller, 30 years.



### 25 Years

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Major Mark Anderson      | Major Jack Holloway      | Major Annette Tamayo |
| Major Vickie Cole        | Major Nancy Holloway     | Major Jose Tamayo    |
| Major John Crampton      | Major John Klammer       | Major Donald Tekautz |
| Major Margaret Crampton  | Major Paul Logan         | Major Judith Tekautz |
| Major Deborah DeLaVergne | Major Emmanuel Michaud   | Major Betty Vogler   |
| Major Nelson DeLaVergne  | Major Shirley Myers      | Major Rhoda Wilds    |
| Major Karen Felton       | Major Lonneal Richardson | Major Terry Wilds    |
|                          |                          | Major Charles Wright |

### 30 Years

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Major Richard Amick       | Major Wesley Green         | Major John McCarty       |
| Major Vicki Amick         | Major Debra Hansen         | Major Judith McCarty     |
| Major JoAnn Ashcraft      | Major Ralph Hansen, Jr.    | Major Andrew Miller, Jr. |
| Major Ralph Ashcraft      | Major Susan Hartman        | Major Cheryl Miller      |
| Major Elizabeth Beardsley | Major Steven Hedgren       | Major Judy Mills         |
| Major James Beardsley     | Major Judith Hedgren       | Major Charles Smith      |
| Major Jacalyn Bowers      | Major Margaret Hill        | Major Sharon Smith       |
| Major Thomas Bowers       | Major Donna Hutchings      | Major Douglas Stearns    |
| Major Robert Fay          | Major Barbara MacLean      | Commissioner             |
| Major Ruth Fay            | Major John Mallett         | Barry C. Swanson         |
| Major Jonathan Fjellman   | Major Linda Mallett        | Commissioner             |
| Major Linda Fjellman      | Major Diane Marshall       | E. Sue Swanson           |
| Major Robert Gauthier     | Major Norman Marshall, III | Major Diann Tutewiler    |
|                           | Major Rose Mason           | Major Edward Tutewiler   |

### 35 Years

- Major Colleen Michaud

### 40 Years

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| Major Rose Cedervall  | Major Mary Hammerly    | Major Robert Quinn |

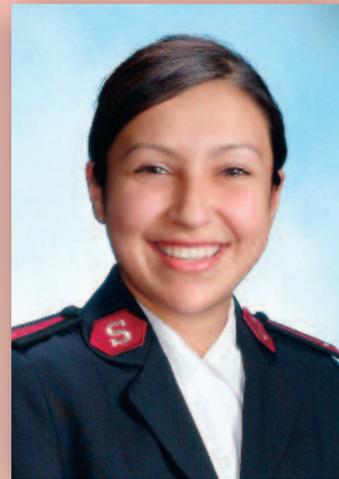


# Ready for the work ahead



**Lieutenants Ronald C. and Bridgette K. Amick**  
Corps Officers—Moline Heritage Temple, Ill.

*The training experience has stretched us and taught us how to minister to the needs of the less fortunate, relying on God in all things. Training has challenged us to grow as Christians. We will never forget the friendships and the memories we've been blessed with.*



**Lieutenants Enrique and Cindia Garcia**  
Associate Corps Officers—Aurora, Ill.  
Hispanic Ministries Directors

*Our hope is best captured in a paraphrase of Chuck Palahniuk: May we never be complete. May we never be content. May we never be perfect, in the eyes of self.*



**Lieutenants Marquis A. and Twyla J. Brookins**  
Corps Officers—Arnold, Mo.

*We've been blessed by the training experience. It's been a learning process in which we have developed our strengths. We have grown in the Lord and are more excited than ever by the opportunity to lead His people—wherever we may go.*



**Captain Ezekiel Chitereka**  
Zimbabwe Territory

*Training has been a time to laugh, sleep, grow, see things differently and learn. It changed my life totally but taught me it never ends until I become like Jesus.*



**Lieutenant Katie D. Harris-Smith**  
Corps Officer—East St. Louis, Ill.

*I dreamed. I struggled. I finished. It's never too late!*



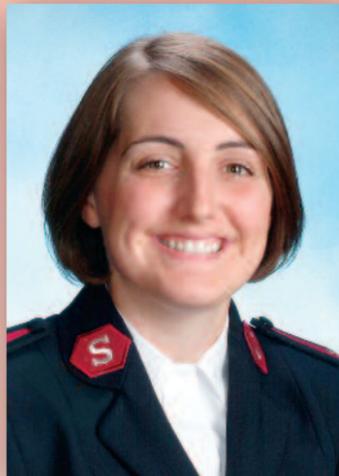
**Lieutenants Jonathan S. and Catherine J. Fitzgerald**  
Corps Officers—Bloomington, Ind.

*Training has been a time of preparation, a time of learning how to hear God's voice among the many competing voices in this world. We will follow His guidance by being officers of integrity and displaying a love for those we meet on this journey.*



**Lieutenants David G. and Shannon D. Martinez**  
Pastoral Corps Officers—  
Omaha South Side/Kroc, Neb.

*"Always say 'yes' to God." This was the advice we received from Lt. Colonels Bo and Birgitte Brekke while we were serving overseas and considering becoming officers. Even with the loss of her husband in Pakistan, Lt. Colonel Birgitte continues to say "yes," and we try to follow suit.*



**Lieutenants Xavier and Heather A. Montenegro**

Corps Officers—Norfolk, Neb.

*We are humbled that God would choose us to be leaders in His Salvation Army. We look forward to working with our future soldiers to transform lives in the corps and in the community. We claim 2 Timothy 2:15.*



**Lieutenant Ruth V. Sellen**

Associate Corps Officer—  
Lincoln, Neb.

*When I said yes to God's calling, I felt inadequate; but God has been faithful in preparing me and by the power of His Spirit I have become God's Fellow Worker.*



**Captain David Musungu**

Zimbabwe Territory

*I had a long but exciting training experience. And now I am ready to go into the world and be a competent, confident and Christ-like officer of The Salvation Army.*



**Lieutenants Sanhty and Jean L. Thammavongsa**

Associate Corps Officers—Madison, Wis.

*We had a great experience through community living, education and practical ministry training. Now we are looking forward to seeing what God will do to others through our lives.*



**Lieutenants Chris and April Rutledge-Clarke**

Corps Officers—Hillsdale, Mich.

*Our two years of training have given us a renewed sense of calling and a fire and passion for the work we have been called to.*



**Lieutenants Steven D. and Telinda N. Wilson**

Corps Officers—Big Rapids, Mich.

*People say not to let the College for Officer Training change who you are. Well, it didn't, but the work of the Holy Spirit in that place did. We've grown spiritually, made lasting friendships and hold memories for a lifetime.*

# Finding *your place* in the Mission





## Connecting with the mission

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A clever skit in the dark by the Bill Booth Theater Company symbolized our dependence on God; we only reflect His glory. Ten outstanding youth leaders were recognized for their commitment and service (see box on page 8). Each received a plaque and a \$1,000 scholarship to a youth conference of their choice or Central Bible and Leadership Institute.

Well-known holiness preacher, Dr. Bill Ury delivered nothing less than you'd expect: biblically based straight talk laced with humor and passion and even quotes from Booth and Brengle. Teaching from the book of John, Ury drew a picture of how Jesus humbly connects with people, risking rejection, serving and laying down His life.

"If you seek Him, you'll find Him. If you find Him, you'll become like Him. If you become like Him, the world will know Him," urged Ury.

A steady stream of delegates knelt at the altar, seeking the Savior, on the first night of the conference.

The next morning's meeting, *Serve*, aptly addressed service with an emphasis on world missions.

Artist Joe Castillo demonstrated his amazing talent while relating his equally riveting story of success, betrayal, loss and relinquishment. Just as the individual pictures he drew together portrayed Jesus' face, Castillo's testimony and the biblical accounts showed life's big picture. If we're willing to walk through the doors God opens, we will most assuredly see His face. Later in the program Castillo aptly captured Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection in a matter of minutes through the medium of sand art in black light.



Another articulate testimony was given by SMT member Cinthya Gonzalez, 18, who accepted the Lord and received her calling to officership as a child. She shared how claiming Philippians 4:13 has helped her overcome difficulties. Her strength and perspective have made her an effective witness at school to friends and teachers alike.

"I am willing to do anything for Christ. He is everything to me," she exclaimed.

In this meeting, the five Summer



Mission Teams and two sets of interns were dedicated for service in America's Midwest, Peru, Malawi, Russia/Moldova, Spain and South Africa. The International Self-Denial World Mission Fund gathering revealed a record total of more than \$7.1 million for Army ministry worldwide.

"We only did it because every corps

and every adult rehabilitation center, every officer and every soldier gave," said Chief Secretary Lt. Colonel Paul R. Seiler. He also recognized Captain Sandy Hunt who just returned from serving in Spain, Colonels Dennis and Sharon Strissel on furlough from Ghana, Captains Jeff and Valerie Carr who are preparing to serve in Spain, and Captain Bishow Samhika from Zimbabwe, our partner in mission.

Teaching from Mark 14, Dr. Bill Ury spoke concisely on serving with the heart of Jesus. Again incorporating imagery, Salvation Army quotes and humor, he made clear and memorable points: serving is not about me, serving like Jesus involves all of me, serving with the heart of Jesus identifies me with all that He is.

The meetings closed with Captain Monty Wandling harkening to the national emphasis "Come Join Our Army" by inviting Salvationists to each truly be involved, to be co-missioners.

After a boxed lunch and atrium concert by the Great Lakes Ministries Band, delegates could choose from eight practical workshops, the first series of four specially targeted toward youth and the next toward their leaders. They could also visit Resource Connection, picking up a free copy of the latest Singing Company release and exchanging a coupon for a Caedmon's Call late night concert ticket. The exhibit hall was jam-packed with people buying uniforms, perusing products or connecting through the wildly popular computer simulated Rock Band.

Lead, the Saturday evening meeting, brought iConnect to

a crescendo. One of the high notes included a testimony by charming SMT member and high school senior Dietrich Hunter, who by having the courage to lead a Bible study with fellow football play-

ers, himself learned much of integrity and faith.

"Integrity is not an option; it's essential to Christian life—and it only comes through focusing on Jesus," he explained.

Another high note was a short set by Christian contemporary artists Caedmon's Call who rocked the house with numbers from the Rich Mullin's classic "Step by Step" to the funky and fun "Two Weeks in Africa." Promoters of missional living, they were a perfect fit for the event.

"Living out worship is what The Salvation Army is about. You're out there getting your hands dirty for the gospel," said founder and lead singer Cliff Young.

In staccato fashion, the Bill Booth Theater Company presented scripture, news headlines, personal stories and song to encourage youth to set an example in speech, life, love, faith and purity.

Nearing meeting's end, Dr. Bill Ury took to the stage again, this time teaching from Hebrews 2:10-14 on leading with the purpose of Jesus: holiness.

"If you are not leading people to holiness, you are not leading as a Salvationist," he proclaimed.

In contrast to the traditional altar call, Major Robert Webster, territorial youth secretary, invited delegates to stand and tell someone near them how they were going to make it their mission to change the world because of their love for Jesus and their membership in The Salvation Army.

Small huddles formed throughout the theater as Salvationists encouraged each other to connect wholeheartedly with the mission.



## Youth Leader Awards

We salute these youth leaders for their whole-hearted commitment and outstanding service.

<b>Charol McDonald</b>	Eastern Michigan Division
<b>Christal Johnson</b>	Heartland Division
<b>Kelly Saydera</b>	Indiana Division
<b>Shane Jensen</b>	Kansas and Western Missouri Division
<b>Tracy O'Horo</b>	Metropolitan Division
<b>Angie Hartley</b>	Midland Division
<b>Denesia Polusca</b>	Northern Division
<b>Matt Walter</b>	Western Division
<b>John Stavropoulos</b>	Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Division
<b>Colia Burton-Smith</b>	Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division



## SA offers hope in wake of Midwest disasters

Salvation Army emergency disaster services (EDS) teams were deployed after severe storms ripped across the Midwest. From deadly tornadoes in Minnesota, Iowa and Kansas to historic flooding in Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin and Missouri, The Salvation Army brought help and hope to people dealing with the onslaught of natural disasters.

Historical flooding tore apart homes in Wisconsin, left 86 of Iowa's 99 counties disaster areas and large portions of Indiana, Illinois and Missouri under water. Salvation Army canteens were deployed to bring food and hydration, as well as

emotional and spiritual care, to residents and emergency responders reeling from the disaster. Nearly every EDS vehicle in the Indiana Division responded to the flooding.

In Cedar Rapids, Iowa, The Salvation Army was the sole provider of meals and hydration to shelter residents.

EDS teams fed hundreds of sandbaggers working to hold off flood waters in southern Illinois and Missouri. Bottled water was distributed in Mason City, Iowa, and other locations that were without water due to contamination from flooding. Tens of thousands of clean-up kits were distributed across the Midwest including 15,000 in Wisconsin alone.

Amidst the flood relief The Salvation Army responded when tornadoes ravaged areas of Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa. Moments after a tornado tore through the Little Sioux Scout Ranch in western Iowa killing four boys and injuring 48 others, The Salvation Army was the only organization on the scene to provide food and



hydration to emergency responders, scouts, leaders and parents. The Salvation Army brought hope in Kansas as well after a tornado killed two people and EDS teams brought aid to communities hit by tornadoes in Nebraska including a suburb of Omaha.

Just two weeks earlier a tornado killed six people and nearly obliterated the towns of Parkersburg, New Hartford and Hazelton, Iowa. The Salvation Army offered emotional and spiritual care and worked with other organizations to plan for long-term aid. A fixed feeding site was established and roving canteens brought meals to emergency responders, National Guard troops and residents attempting to salvage what they could from the rubble that once was their homes. In Hugo, Minn., The Salvation Army served 400 meals in one

day to emergency responders, volunteers and tornado survivors. Personnel offered emotional and spiritual care and provided financial assistance to survivors. In addition, volunteers were organized to help local residents clean up.

Target Corporation donated \$20,000 and hundreds of thousands of supplies to the disaster relief efforts.



## SA aids survivors in China and Myanmar

Salvation Army emergency response teams responded following devastating disasters in Myanmar and China.

After Cyclone Nargis hit Myanmar in early May, reports flooded the airways of the death toll reaching above 100,000 and millions of people suffering in the aftermath. Though relief organizations initially had a difficult time getting aid into affected areas, The Salvation Army was able to provide immediate assistance due to its continual presence in the country.

Salvationists began cooking meals using food from their own pantries and provided water from artesian wells located at two children's homes in Yangon. Major Mike Caffull, International Headquarters field operations officer, trained 50 local relief workers to conduct assessments including clarifying the



availability of in-country supplies and the viability of obtaining supplies shipped from abroad.

On May 12 the eyes of the world turned to China as a violent earthquake measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale hit the Sichuan Province. The quake left over 5 million homeless and at least 40,000 dead. The Hong Kong and Macau Command immediately transferred funds to meet the most urgent needs. An emergency response team was sent to work with local authorities to provide aid in affected areas and assess how the organization could assist in the long rebuilding process.

"The Salvation Army is well placed to participate in the long-term rehabilitation needs as our local personnel have experience working in this region," said Major Cedric Hills, Salvation Army international emergency services coordinator.



## Gracias, Merci, Chezu Ba, Yewo, Danke, Tack, Siyabonga

People around the world are saying "thank you" for your generous gifts to the International Self-Denial World Mission Fund. It is evident through the lives being transformed, communities rebuilt and God-honoring service making a difference in the world.

Eastern Michigan	\$787,500
Heartland	\$310,200
Indiana	\$444,000
Kansas and Western Missouri	\$624,200
Metropolitan	\$1,014,400
Midland	\$739,300
Northern	\$587,800
Western	\$459,700
Western Michigan and Northern Indiana	\$434,500
Wisconsin and Upper Michigan	\$651,300
College for Officer Training	\$75,900
Adult Rehabilitation Center Command	\$833,900
Territorial Headquarters	\$187,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,150,000</b>



# Newest accepted candidates

## Mary Kim

Mayfair Community Church, Ill.  
Metropolitan Division



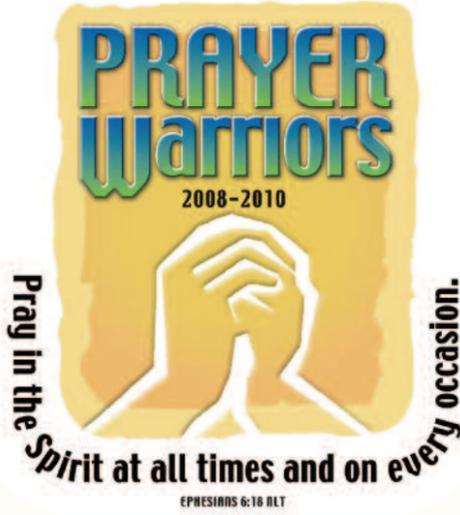
Mary Kim was born to godly, visionary, pioneering officer parents in Seoul, Korea. She came with them as a child to America to open Korean ministries in both the Western and

Central territories.

As for officership for herself, she says she subconsciously blocked that option for years. She was "caught in the 'comfortable and good' trap"—comfortable where her life was headed and feeling that what she was already doing was good.

However, two trips with Summer Mission Teams a decade apart to the country of Georgia made a huge impact on her. In 1994 Mary took personal ownership of her Army and in 2004, affirmed her calling. "I fully surrendered to the Lord's call for officership in my life and since then found new freedom being yoked to Christ," she said.

Mary's corps officers are Captains HoYoon and Kehyoung Chang and Captains Michael and Alisha Cho.



## Jane Polcyn

Mt. Clemens, Mich., Corps  
Eastern Michigan Division

Jane Polcyn has been a registered nurse for 28 years. So, what is she doing going to training? That's exactly what she asked God one night at a women's retreat at Echo Grove Camp when she clearly felt Him saying: "I want your full attention, and I want a total commitment from you. I want you to give your whole life to my service."

The very next morning she overheard her corps officer and a fellow officer saying to each other, "You better do what God tells you if you want to have His success in your life." It still took Jane two weeks to

let her corps officer know of her calling.

But this fall, Jane Polcyn, RN, will enter the College for Officer Training as a member of the Prayer Warriors session. Her corps officer is

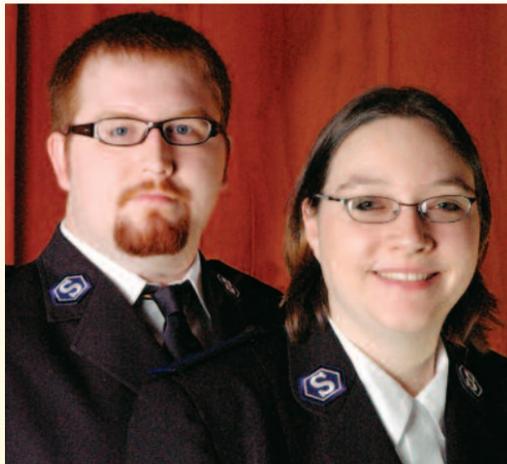


Major Michele Heaver.

## Bradley and Cassandra Burkett

Indianapolis Eagle Creek, Ind., Corps  
Indiana Division

Both Brad and Cassandra grew up in The Salvation Army. Brad was born at the CFOT to then Cadets Brian and Lee Ann Burkett and has lived throughout the territory; Cassandra grew up at the Escanaba, Mich., Corps where her family are soldiers.



The ministry of camps made a big difference in both their lives. Brad says that at age 13 at Central Bible and Leadership Institute he was moved by the Holy Spirit and rededicated his life to God. The summer Cassandra worked at Army Lake Camp completely changed her life.

Army Lake was also the place Brad and Cassandra met and eventually married. They will be coming to the College for Officer Training as Prayer Warriors with their two-

year-old daughter, Britain. Their corps officers are Captains Geffory and Leticia Crowell.

## Bersabe Vera

Kansas City Northland, Mo., Corps  
Kansas and Western Missouri Division

Bersa grew up an officers' child in Mexico. While she knows she was saved at age five, it was as a teenager that she discovered how colorful a Christian's life could be. "My life changed completely," she said. "I was participating and doing things because I enjoyed them...I could please God with my whole heart and my whole life."

However, she still dreaded the question: "When are you going to become an officer?" It would evoke feelings of stress and resentment. But recently when someone asked Bersa that question, she found she did not have any of those feel-

ings. Instead, she felt at peace and answered, to her surprise, "I will be going the next session."

Bersa's corps officers were Captains Jeff and Donna Horn.



## Is this God's view for you?



The Salvation Army  
College for Officer Training  
Chicago, Illinois

# Cadets' Welcome

Don't miss a great opportunity for fellowship and worship as we welcome the Prayer Warriors session of cadets!

**Friday, September 12th**  
**7:30 p.m.**

Mayfair Community Church  
5020 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, Ill.



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# Core competencies base for flexible training

by Major Dorothy Smith

**R**elavant, practical and quality training for officership always has been a priority in the Central Territory. Most candidates for officership enter the College for Officer Training (CFOT) in Chicago and spend 21 months developing ministry skills, deepening their faith and character through living in community, and improving their knowledge of the Bible, doctrine and Salvation Army policies and procedures, to name a few subjects.

However, the training college may not fit every candidate's needs. Those who are over 40, have ministry-related experience and many of the personal attributes, knowledge and skills required—and whose circumstances prohibit entering the CFOT—may be invited to train while serving as auxiliary captains for five years in an appointment on the field.

In 2003 a process was begun by the training college staff to develop a method of assessing the core attributes and competencies needed for officership and individualized training plans for qualified persons.

Major David Harvey, then director of curriculum, developed a four-year distance-learning curriculum. Since 2004 auxiliary captains and other corps administrators have spent two weeks a year at the college learning from CFOT officers, experiencing community life and spiritual enrichment opportunities. They also have completed two courses online each year while



working in their appointments.

Alongside this training, the Core Attributes and Competency Assessment System was developed to objectively measure knowledge and leadership skills, allowing credit to be given for competencies, and needs to be addressed through distance learning. Seven auxiliary captains completed the assessment in fall 2006, and seven more are now in the assessment process. Of the 14, four already have been commissioned, and others are working toward commissioning.

The assessment system is based on the Core Attributes and Competencies of Leadership Framework developed through research and focus groups. A sense of calling, character, health, adaptability, communication skills, problem-solving skills, and knowledge of Bible, doctrine, policy, finances and technology are the critical dimensions for a Salvation Army officer.

When a candidate is perceived eligible for auxiliary captaincy, he or she completes a series of assessments that will document competencies and will highlight where further training is needed.

This information is collected and evaluated by an educational consulting group, and a profile of the candidate's attributes and competencies is presented to The Salvation Army. Officers at the CFOT design an individualized training plan for the auxiliary captain. When all requirements are complete, the auxiliary captain is recommended for commissioning by his or her divisional commander and the territorial personnel secretary. The territorial commander approves the recommendation and designates the date and time for a public commissioning ceremony.

The College for Officer Training is charged with: "Preparing spiritual, Salvationist, skilled leaders for the future of the salvation mission." The Core Attributes and Competencies Assessment is a new method of beginning this process.



Earlier this year Auxiliary Captains Kerry and Jil Kistler and Raisi Zambrano were commissioned as captains by Commissioner Ken Baillie, territorial commander, at a Metropolitan divisional meeting.



Photos by Michael Braver



AUGUST 2008

PRAY FOR:

- 1 The Detroit, Mich., Denby Center for Children and Family Services
- 2 Salvation Army personnel providing long-term relief to disaster survivors in China and Myanmar
- 3 CBLI delegates traveling home today
- 4 The Salvation Army Continuing Education Program with Olivet Nazarene University
- 5 God's Fellow Workers to be encouraged in their first appointments
- 6 Youth who made commitments to Christ during the *iConnect* weekend
- 7 Staff and students to experience God's blessings at CMI
- 8 The Lord to multiple the International Self-Denial World Mission Fund
- 9 Delegates attending the National Seminar on Evangelism in Colorado
- 10 The Kistler family conducting evangelistic meetings in Alpena, Mich.
- 11 Men and women to clearly hear God's call to officership
- 12 Your corps' youth leaders
- 13 The Northern Divisional Social Services Institute
- 14 SMT members to use their summer experiences to inspire people at home
- 15 The Prayer Warriors session as they arrive at the CFOT
- 16 The people who grew in their faith during the summer camping season
- 17 God to be given glory through worship at your corps
- 18 The Kistler family in Grand Haven, Mich.
- 19 Strength for overseas personnel serving far from friends and family
- 20 Salvation Army staff and employees across our territory
- 21 Officers and their families adjusting to new appointments
- 22 Pilgrimages happening this weekend
- 23 The Metropolitan Division's Hispanic Retreat
- 24 Families as they travel on vacation
- 25 The safe return of the Witnesses for Christ session to the CFOT
- 26 Salvation Army emergency disaster services personnel and volunteers
- 27 Students to feel God's strength while taking a stand for Christ at school
- 28 The Salvation Army's ministry in your community
- 29 The Great Lakes Ministries music program
- 30 Lives to be changed during your corps' program year
- 31 Sunday school teachers throughout the Central Territory

--Mustard Seeds--



## On the move

Effective June 25, 2008, unless otherwise noted.

### Adult Rehabilitation Centers Command

**Majors Jack & Nancy Holloway**, Admin., Indianapolis, IN; **Captains Gary & Deborah Gugala**, Trainees, Chicago North Side, IL; **Captains Jerry & Loreen Henderson**, Trainees, Chicago Central, IL; **Captains Alex & Jennifer Velasquez**, Trainees, Chicago Central, IL

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DHQ = Divisional Headquarters

## Promoted to Glory

### Major Roy Phelps

Major Roy Phelps was promoted to Glory on May 23, 2008. He was born on September 29, 1921, to Mary Ellen and Doyle Phelps in Reedpoint, Mont. Roy was saved at the Michigan City, Ind., Corps in 1930, where he became an active member. God used a teen-aged Roy to win his father and uncle back to the Lord. After high-school graduation, Roy entered the College for Officer Training in 1940 with the Crusaders Session. He was commissioned as a probationary lieutenant in 1941 and appointed to assist at the Evansville, Ind., Corps.

Roy met his wife, Shirley, when she came to Evansville as a cadet for spring campaigns. They married on November 29, 1943, in Bloomington, Ind. Their marriage was blessed with three children.

The Phelps served in corps, then divisional positions. In the 1960s, Roy attended the International College for Officers and Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, where he was the city coordinator. After more divisional appointments, Roy became the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan divisional commander. Almost six years later the Phelps came to territorial headquarters where Roy served as the community relations secretary, then property secretary. The Phelps retired in 1986 to Marion, Ind. Two years later, Shirley was promoted to Glory. Roy married Mrs. Brigadier Rachel Grindle on April 4, 1992.

Roy was preceded in death by his first wife, Shirley, and survived by

wife Rachel; children Robert (Cheryl) Phelps, Jim (Gwen) Phelps and Kimberly (Doug) Winters; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

### Mrs. Lt. Colonel Edith Rose

Mrs. Lt. Colonel Donald (Edith) Rose was promoted to Glory on May 21, 2008.

Edith Rose was born on April 10, 1918, in Newton, Kan. Her family attended the Wichita, Kan., Corps where Edith was involved in corps cadets and girl guards. While working as the corps secretary she heard God whisper His plan for her life—officership.

Though she felt unqualified to be an officer, she claimed 2 Corinthians 12:9: "My power is made perfect in weakness." In 1943 she was commissioned by General Evangeline Booth to the Kansas and Western Missouri Division where she helped open the Kansas City #3 Corps. In 1949 Edith married Donald Rose, and together they ministered at the Detroit Grandale, Mich., Corps, and at divisional and territorial headquarters. In 1969 the Roses were appointed to lead the Western and later Midland divisions. In 1982 they returned to territorial headquarters where Edith served as the territorial women's ministries secretary and territorial league of mercy secretary. The Roses retired in 1987.

While a loving and supportive wife, Edith blazed a trail for officer women by becoming a strong leader and taking on additional responsibil-

ities that were not traditionally given to married women. Through her words and actions she encouraged those around her to become better people.

Mrs. Lt. Colonel Rose was preceded in death by her husband, Donald. She is survived by a daughter, Joy Fournier; a son, Gregg Rose; sister-in-law, Mrs. Lt. Colonel Ulla Lindstrom (Rose); a brother-in-law, Kenneth Rose; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### Major David Amick

Major David Amick was promoted to Glory on Friday, May 16, 2008.

On November 27, 1922, David was born in Baca County, Colo., where his parents were missionaries for the Friends Church. The family was introduced to The Salvation Army when they moved to Kansas and witnessed an open-air meeting. Soon after that they began attending the corps.

After graduating from high school, David entered the College for Officer Training (CFOT). He was commissioned in 1941 to assist at the Iola, Kan., Corps. In 1943 he was appointed commanding officer at the Ft. Scott, Kan., Corps where he enrolled his first soldier, Flossie Matthews. Flossie's significance in David's life grew as she became the first candidate he sent to the CFOT and later first woman of his heart when they were married in 1945.

Together they served in corps across the territory and at the St. Louis, Mo., Adult Rehabilitation



## Employment Opportunities

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