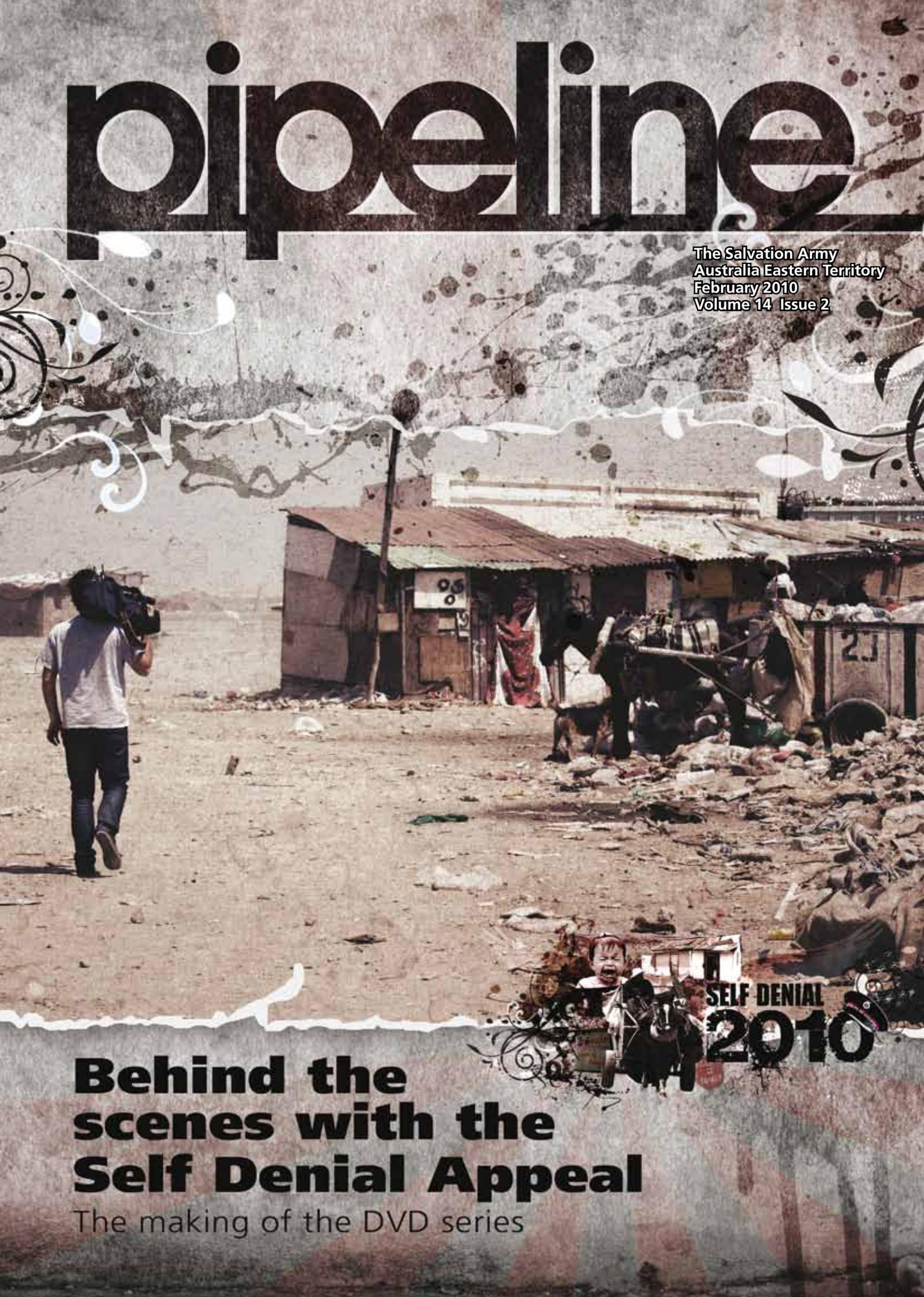


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Behind the scenes with the Self Denial Appeal

The making of the DVD series



God is nobody's debtor

"If anyone would come after me, he must first deny himself..."

At this time of year, as we approach another Self Denial Appeal, these words of Jesus found in the gospels (Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23) should resonate loudly with all Salvationists.

For six Sundays, beginning on 21 February, DVDs depicting the work of The Salvation Army in developing countries particularly, will be made available to all corps across the Australia Eastern Territory. It all culminates in Self Denial Sunday, on 28 March, when Salvationists are encouraged to give generously towards the international work of the Army.

In this issue of *Pipeline* we go behind the scenes with the making of the Self Denial Appeal DVDs, bringing you a preview of what to expect from this year's series, and encourage you, in the lead-up to 28 March, to make a biblical assessment of the generosity of your own lifestyle.

The pages of Scripture provide regular reminders of this important concept of generosity. Proverbs 11:24 says: "One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want."

Second Corinthians 9:6 repeats this theme: "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

Take a moment to consider what a phenomenal concept this is.

What God is saying in these verses is that the more generous you are – that is, the more you deliberately choose to give God your very best in every area of your life – the more opportunity you are giving him, through his amazing grace, to shower his abundant blessings upon you.

Still want more proof that surrendering your all to God is one of the most invigorating things you can do? Open your Bible at Luke chapter 12 and read verses 13-40. Here Jesus unloads with some of the most intense teaching the Bible gives on a Christian's relationship with their finances and possessions.

In Malachi 3:10, as the Old Testament draws to a close, the reader is given an invitation by God to put his generosity to the test: "Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."

This Self Denial Sunday, in obedience to God, it's your turn to give generously and sacrificially to meet The Salvation Army's call to serve suffering humanity.

And remember, God is nobody's debtor. Give to him and he will give back to you in abundance.

Scott Simpson,
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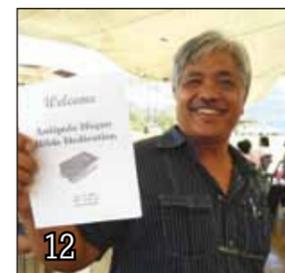
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Don't forget the elderly

My wife and I have always loved the elderly. Now we love them more, because we have joined their ranks.

However, has age become a liability?

The Lord doesn't think so. We only have to look at the Old Testament to see that fact. "Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength failed" (Psalm 71:9).

We now live in a time when the elderly are living longer, due to new medicines and surgery techniques.

Yet the elderly are still prone to more illness possibilities than younger persons. Dementia, eyesight problems, tiredness and frailty are constant reminders of old age.

What place then do the elderly have in the Church?

I have heard it said that the young are today's Army, and the elderly are yesterday's men. What a nonsense.

Try telling that to business or the other religious organisations.

It seems that prejudice in our modern society against the elderly is gaining momentum.

The Church has its services and leadership ministries directed at the young, whilst the elderly are shunted off without any role in the corps. What does this say to older people?

How, then, can the Church include the aged and preserve their dignity, spirituality, value and worth?

How can we help older people to participate in our Army in a useful way and use their knowledge and vast experience, just as our Lord did? "They shall bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing" (Psalm 92:14).

Just as God promises to sustain the elderly, so the Church should find ways to give a ministry of encouragement and support for the elderly. Productivity does not stop at age 65.

The Church must find creative ways to advance and keep their elderly interested in the body, which they are part of anyway.

Tom Kidd,
Eastlakes

Contrary to Army doctrine

In the September issue of *Pipeline*, Major Peter Farthing in his article "Have we lost our holiness?" quotes Professor Pamela Walker as saying, inter alia, "Holiness theology doesn't insist upon a literal reading of Scripture ... and in this sense, holiness is very different from fundamentalism, which is an attempt to follow the word of the Bible very literally".

This seems to me to be very different from the stated doctrines of The Salvation Army and my experience of its teaching and preaching.

Could it be that Professor Walker has got it wrong?

Ted Hutchison



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The privilege of being used by God

Commissioner LINDA BOND says it is only by being vitally connected to the One who directs and empowers us that we bear fruit

Recently, I bought a Baskin-Robbins ice-cream cone. Did you know they have 31 flavours? I chose pralines and cream, my favourite.

It was out-of-this-world delicious! But guess what it cost? \$4.90 (for just one scoop)! The price almost took my breath away, and the enjoyment did not last very long. And you can add to the cost and fleeting enjoyment the fact that I did not need one more calorie.

Did you know that for just 10 cents more you can purchase a book? Just before Christmas, two books were published by The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory and we set the price at just \$5 each.

Salvation Stories, edited by Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas and Fay Foster is about flesh-and-blood people who have had such encounters with the Lord that their lives have been turned around. The Mission Priority of evangelism is more than rhetoric. Here are today's gospel stories and here is a book that needs to be shared.

In the second book, *Samuel Logan Brengle (Heart for God)*, Major Peter Farthing has chosen powerful excerpts from Brengle's writings and put them into contemporary language. The book also contains small-group discussion questions for spiritual formation. It is a resource that's not to be missed and needs to be used extensively. Our vision for the territory is to be a Spirit-filled Army of the 21st century. We want to be marked by holiness.

Fulfilling God's will

The subjects of both books also help us unwrap what we mean when we say "doing whatever it takes" to achieve our Mission Priorities and our desire to be One Army with One Mission. We want to fulfil God's will, and his will for his people is *full salvation*, coming to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and living victoriously through the indwelling of his Holy Spirit.

When we want to *do whatever it takes* to be, know and show who we are as an Army, this is not some goal that can be reached solely by organisational strategy and human effort. But the Lord does require both from us.

Doing whatever it takes is not a pompous statement or a veiled triumphalism. Nor is it a detachment from the only One who can grow the Army. We know that it is only by being vitally connected to him that we bear fruit (John 15:4). This means each of us and the Army as a people of God must nurture a daily dependence on the Lord for strength, guidance and effectiveness.

Every Thursday morning at 7:30, hundreds of people around the territory pray to God to ask him to bless and revive our Army and show us the way forward with Mission Priorities we believe came from him. This year we will have a 24/7 prayer emphasis. These are not programs, not even good works to twist God's arm. No, this is a spirit of dependence, of calling on the Lord for every spiritual blessing that can make his desire for the Army a reality.

When resources like *Salvation Stories* and *Samuel Logan Brengle* are produced, they highlight the powerful work of God, a work only he can do. These books are telling his story. It is in the sharing of his story in word and deed and seeing lives transformed by his grace, that the Army rises to its full stature.

The awesome privilege is to be used of God. We will do whatever it takes but only as he directs and only by his power.



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May the words of my mouth...

Continuing our series of excerpts from the book *Samuel Logan Brengle – Heart to God*, the noted Salvation Army theologian addresses sinful talk, the negative impact it has, and suggests how to make your conversation more God-glorifying

Do not imagine blasphemy and bad language are the only forms of sinful talk. Many Christians who never swear, sin by other forms of wrong talk. Crowds of people have backslidden; many almost-Christians have turned back into darkness; and churches have become spiritual graves, all because of such sinful talk.

1. What are some examples of sinful talk?

- It is sinful to tell *lies* about any person, or *slander* him in any way. “No lies about your neighbour!” God says (Exodus 20:16). A man’s reputation and character are sacred in the sight of God, and just as God forbids one man to rob another of his property, so he forbids him to rob him of his good name. Paul gave hard warning to the sexually immoral, to the greedy, the idol worshipper and the adulterer. But in the very same sentence he included slanderers (1 Corinthians 6:10)! “Believers ... must not slander anyone” (Titus 3:2). This is a command of God, and should be thought about and obeyed.
- It is wrong to *go on about the faults and weaknesses of others*. This is a very common form of sinful talk. Love covers up such faults and weaknesses. It is beautiful the way children

never appear to notice the disabled playmate’s difficulty, and it is Christ-like when grown-ups overlook the faults and weaknesses in others.

- It is sinful to *tell others about any person’s sins* and wrongdoing where and when it will do no good.
- ## 2. Who does sinful talk hurt?
- Who do we wrong by sinful talk?
- First of all, *we wrong the person we are talking about*. You do not like anyone to speak critically or pass on negative gossip about you. You consider it wrong for anyone to do so. But why? When you have answered you have given yourself a reason why you should not speak evil of any man.
 - Second, *we wrong the one we are speaking to*. We fill their mind with unjust prejudice. Our talk excludes good thoughts, and it tempts them to think and speak wrongly.
 - Third, *we harm ourselves* as well. We destroy generous and kind thoughts, and stifle love. We open our hearts for the devil to enter. Talk like that prevents us from praying in faith and love for the person, which would be infinitely better than speaking harmfully about him.
 - Fourth, *we grieve the Holy Spirit and break the commandment of God*. The Holy Spirit leads us to love all men

– even our enemies. He leads us to love them, just as Jesus loved them. But sinful-speaking destroys love. The Holy Spirit leads us to pray for all men, especially for those who are faulty and sinful. Sinful talk stifles the spirit of prayer as sure as water puts out a fire.

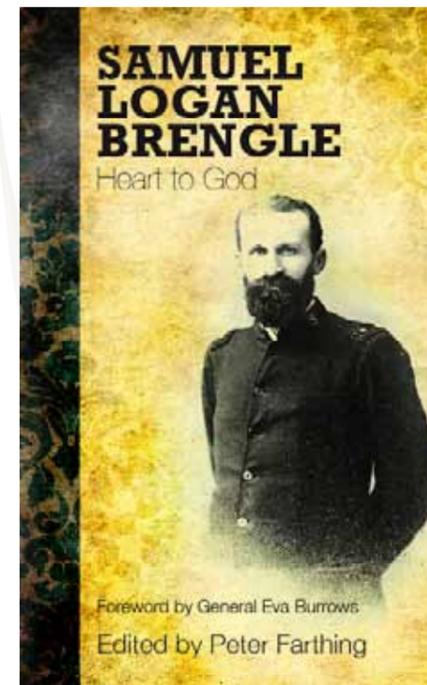
- Fifth, *we wrong Jesus*. He died for that person you speak about. He bought him with his blood. And even though the man may be a sinner, or a hypocrite, Jesus loves him. Jesus identifies with people so much, that he will say at the judgment, “When you [gave food or water or shelter] to the least of these brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!” (Matthew 25:40). Unless we repent of sinful talk, at the judgment he will face us with the wrong as if it were done to himself.

What is the remedy for sinful talk?

- *Put yourself in the other person’s shoes*. Consider that the person may have struggles you know nothing about. They may have business troubles and cares, or they may have family trials to which you are a stranger, or they may have had very faulty early training which has marred them for life. We ought to leave the judgment to God, who knows all and

is infinitely wiser and more merciful than we are.

- *Think about your own sins and faults*. This will be far more profitable than thinking about his. It is infinitely more likely to make a better person of you.
- *Remember the danger sinful talk poses to yourself*. One of the chief dangers in wrong-speaking is that we eventually underestimate everybody else, and overestimate ourselves. We see our own virtues and other people’s faults, when we ought to look long at their virtues and at our own faults. If we want to be like Jesus, we must obey the command, “In humility consider others better than yourselves” (Philippians 2:3).
- *Consider how Jesus loves the person*. If Jesus loved the person enough to die for them, can’t we love them too? And if the person is Christian, then he or she is a child of God. Your Heavenly Father is their Heavenly Father. Consider how a parent with four children loves them all, and is hurt when one of them is wronged. How much more does God love that person as well as you, and is hurt when she is wronged.
- *Get a clean heart, full of the Holy Spirit, full of love, and then you will not have to criticise any man*.



Samuel Logan Brengle – Heart to God is published by Carpenter Media and is available from Salvationist Supplies (www.salvosupplieasyd.com) for \$5.

Discipline your talk

People often fall into gossip and criticism, not so much from ill-will as from old habit. Or they drift along with the current of conversation. Or they want to say something entertaining so as to fit in. If we want to break the habit and avoid these traps, what should we do?

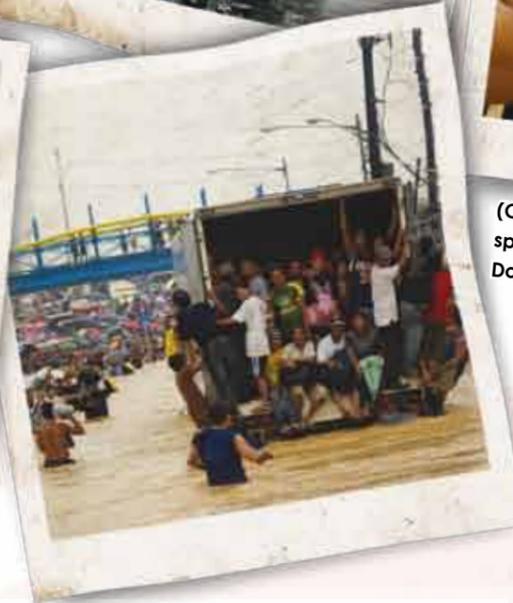
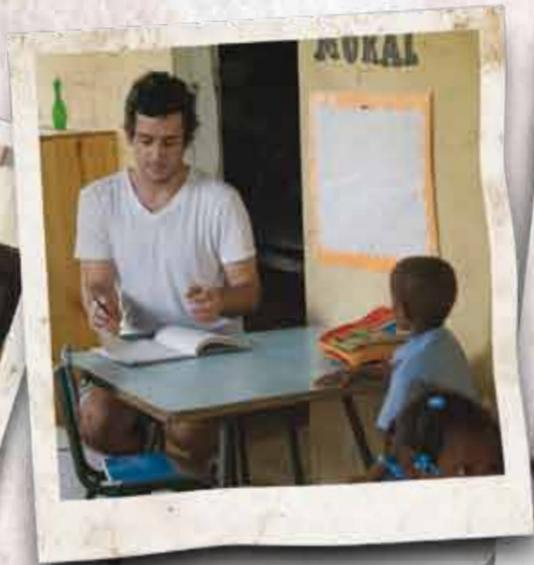
It is wise to replace the old habits with new habits. Make it your practice to think and speak true, positive, uplifting things. When a man seeks to rid his mind of wrong thoughts, he is wise to follow Paul’s advice to the Philippians: “Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise” (Philippians 4:8).

So practice speaking positively. Try praising others, look for their good qualities. Next time you are in a conversation that turns negative, deliberately insert kind words. You will be amazed at the result.

Samuel Logan Brengle

Behind the scenes with the **Self Denial Appeal**

This year's appeal gets underway on Sunday 21 February. Work on producing the accompanying six-part DVD series, however, has been a year-long project



(Clockwise from above left) A slum in Manila; Captain Phil Gluyas speaks to the media in the Philippines; Richard and Peter film in the Dominican Republic; a flood scene in Manila.

(From left) Richard Cause films flood devastation in Manila; Peter March engages with a child in the Dominican Republic; people scavenge in a rubbish dump in Mexico.

Setting off to far-flung corners of the globe to film documentaries may sound like a glamorous, exhilarating and exotic occupation.

But for The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory's video production unit, which produces a DVD series for the annual Self Denial Appeal, it can also be an exhausting, frustrating and lonely job.

Away from family and friends for extended periods, the work can at times take the unit into some dangerous locations as it profiles the impact of The Salvation Army in some of the world's poorest countries.

Cameraman and video editor Richard Cause is a nine-year "veteran" of these trips. A quick glance at his passport provides an indication of his many and varied experiences to places like Myanmar, Guatemala, Tanzania and Haiti.

These experiences - particularly desperate scenes of abject poverty he has been exposed to - have had a significant impact on Richard.

"Seeing this poverty has made me realise how important and how short life can be, it has changed my perspective on how unimportant our material lifestyle really is," he says.

"Being involved in producing these DVDs for the Self Denial Appeal has been an absolute privilege. It's hard work - long hours living in, at times, some fairly basic conditions - but being given the chance to do something to help these people ... well, it might sound a bit of a cliché, but it's very rewarding."

Life-changing experience

For the 2010 Self Denial DVD series, titled SD2010, Richard was joined by fellow cameraman and video editor Peter March and Captain Phil Gluyas.

The episodes take viewers around the world on a fascinating and inspirational journey.

Travelling from the Philippines to the Dominican Republic and then on to Mexico, Salvationists in the Army's

Australia Eastern and Australia Southern territories and the New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory are introduced to the work of officers and soldiers in these countries and the life-changing impact of their mission to alleviate suffering.

Typically, work on producing the DVDs begins about a year before they are screened in corps. And there's a good reason why so much time is allocated to producing the series.

The team started filming SD2010 in March last year. From the outset it was clear that it wasn't going to be all smooth sailing. The first destination was supposed to be India but, for reasons still unknown, they were denied entry.

Richard, Peter and Captain Gluyas then set off for Mexico City, arriving, coincidentally and somewhat worryingly, during the outbreak of swine flu in the Central American country. The global panic that followed the outbreak meant the video team had to cut short its stay, but still managed to spend several days

filming the work of The Salvation Army among some of the country's poorest inhabitants.

It was a particularly confronting introduction to the Self Denial Appeal trips for first-timer Captain Gluyas. An officer for 10 years, and a Salvationist for much longer, he has a lengthy association with the appeal, but being exposed first-hand to the horrors of poverty in Mexico brought the reality of suffering humanity home to him.

"We were taken to a rubbish dump in Mexico City which was home to hundreds of people," recalls Captain Gluyas.

"As I watched I could only stand there feeling so helpless. I saw a mum and dad with their young child climbing up a mountain of rubbish to scavenge for whatever they could find. And the rubbish dump is their home!

"I just felt so hopeless and yet despite the desperation of that scene I also sensed a glimmer of hope - that there is something, no matter how insignificant >>>

Week 1 – Introduction

Take a quick trip around the world to see what this year's Self Denial DVD series has in store.

Week 2 – Philippines

See The Salvation Army's emergency services in action as massive flooding devastates the city of Manila.

Week 3 – Mexico

Major Evanjelina Sanchez and Captain Luis Camarillo work to get Mexico City's most underprivileged children off the streets.

Week 4 – Dominican Republic

Major Gerardo Gochez fights to bring equality and justice to a society rife with poverty, corruption and violence.

Week 5 – Series Wrap

Look back at the countries we've been to in 2010 and revisit the inspiring works of Salvationists around the world.

Week 6 – Music Video

An emotional highlights package from the series set to Steven Curtis Chapman's *There Is Always a Song*.

we might think it is, we can do to help. Even the smallest of offerings to the Self Denial Appeal can make a positive impact on the lives of people such as those I saw in that rubbish dump.

"Also, being a Salvation Army officer myself, seeing the conditions many of the officers in the countries we visited operate and live in ... I hope I never complain about my own situation again. The faithfulness of these people is something that stood out for me."

Flying into typhoon

With India still a closed door, the next stop was the Philippines.

As with Mexico City, their arrival in the Philippines capital of Manila was not without incident, their plane touching down just hours after a devastating typhoon had ravaged the city.

"It was pretty amazing," says Peter, who experienced his first Self Denial Appeal trip in 2008.

"We actually found ourselves filming

a lot of flood scenes and the rescue work that was going on including the help being offered by The Salvation Army.

"Being involved with the Self Denial Appeal has been a real eye-opener for me. I'd never seen such poverty until I started filming these series. It's pretty mind-blowing, sometimes disturbing, to see the conditions these people live in."

But while the video crew faces many challenges in producing the DVDs – especially on its most recent trip – they are the first to admit that the people they film have it much harder.

"It's rewarding to know the work we do is going to bring help to a family which is in desperate need – people who often don't even have a place to call home," says Richard.

"It's wonderful to know that the money being raised in Australia [through the Self Denial Appeal campaign] is being used overseas by Salvationists meeting not only physical needs but, and perhaps more importantly, spiritual needs also." □



Give us our daily bread

As The Salvation Army approaches another Self Denial Appeal campaign, **KENT ROSENTHAL** examines what the Scriptures say about suffering and poverty and how Jesus calls us to be generous in our response

without discrimination.

It seems simple enough, but the way the Bible explains our spiritual and human needs can be complicated, especially when we try to decide what the difference is between them.

For Christians, the paradox that suffering and sacrifice can produce a positive outcome was made flesh by the cross of Jesus. But although Jesus was persecuted, tortured and murdered, he did not seek to suffer. He sought to live in the light of the truth, and the consequences of his lifestyle ultimately led to his death.

Through our generosity in helping others, alleviating suffering and creating opportunities beyond our own needs, we often must make sacrifices. The more we go beyond our own needs, the more human we become, the closer we become to what God intends for humanity.

Because Jesus was both human and divine, his birth, life and death were really a quest to show us how to be human. And while as Christians we believe in the Trinity – that Jesus is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit – we often forget that Jesus was also fully human.

The Scriptures

This tension between our spiritual and

earthly natures is played out dramatically and constantly in the Scriptures. It seems even the Scripture writers gave us different ways to look at this, such as in the Beatitudes.

In Matthew 5:3, Jesus says: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven." But in Luke 6:24, Jesus is quoted as saying: "Blessed are you poor: for yours is the Kingdom of God."

The word poor in Aramaic, the native tongue of Jesus, is usually translated to mean "bent down, afflicted, miserable".

Luke doesn't mention poor "in spirit", so *poor* for Luke seems to mean the opposite of rich because the author goes on to say in verses 24-26: "Woe to you that are rich: for you have your consolation. Woe to you that are filled: for you shall hunger. Woe to you that now laugh: for you shall mourn and weep."

The gospel of Luke is said to have been written especially for the oppressed, poor and suffering Gentile community, and it spoke directly to all in that group as the main beneficiaries of God's promises.

Matthew, on the other hand, writing his gospel much later than Luke, adapted the words of Jesus for a different audience and his is the only gospel to

directly refer to the Church. The Church was spreading and its communities included all types of people: slaves and poor people as well as the more wealthy. Matthew somehow recognised the miracle of God in all people – rich and poor – and quotes Jesus as saying that all those who have embraced God's spirit are blessed.

Some biblical commentators see Matthew's "poor in spirit" as an attempt to broaden the concept of poverty to include spiritual poverty, an attitude of giving and service that is attainable regardless of one's material wealth.

Dangerous territory

Preaching and writing about wealth and possessions can be dangerous and difficult territory because it's easy to take sides and interpret the Scriptures as referring to either spiritual or material wealth. The challenge is to hold the different accounts of Jesus' words in the gospels in tension – to reflect on them and to find meaning in the differences.

On one hand we can see that material possessions are a positive thing; a gift from God to enjoy. But some commentators remind us that stewardship of our material possessions and the way we manage our resources is the most important test of discipleship.

The Apostle Paul wrote a list of those who will not inherit the kingdom of God. After the sexually immoral on the list are the greedy. Our awareness as Christians

to sexual sin in the world is usually very alert, but at times we are more oblivious to the mindless and selfish amassing of wealth.

While living in Latin America as a journalist and theology student, I was constantly aware of the tension created by the enormous economic gap between myself and the people I was living and working with.

Even though I had no real disposable income, my standard of living regarding food, clothing and shelter was much higher than most others in the community. The luxury of not having to worry about putting food on the table also provided me time to reflect on the spiritual side of life which someone working in a rice paddy in Haiti or Dominican Republic for a pittance could not afford to do.

I saw that the situation was complex and it was very difficult to make a wise and just contribution in the face of overwhelming poverty. Separating spiritual from material generosity was not an option. My idea of generosity was often different to what the locals were seeking. And in my role as a trainee missionary I had already accepted that the spiritual lessons I received were far more significant than any advice I could give.

Finding meaning

So how do we deal with these two accounts of Jesus' words? I believe we are constantly called to hold both accounts

in tension and reflect on them. There is something about this issue which is a constant theme in every religion, in every denomination and in every church.

The Salvation Army's One Army One Mission campaign is a reflection of this tension between meeting spiritual and material needs. It is also an acknowledgment that we cannot separate the two needs but, at the same time, we cannot entirely blend them together. It is an acknowledgment that the Kingdom of God preached by Jesus starts here on Earth right now and is not just something we hope for after death.

The Bible says much about how we are to build the Kingdom of God, at times challenging us and at other times consoling us. Neither excessive poverty nor excessive wealth is tolerable.

In Proverbs 30:8b-9 we read: "Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonour the name of my God."



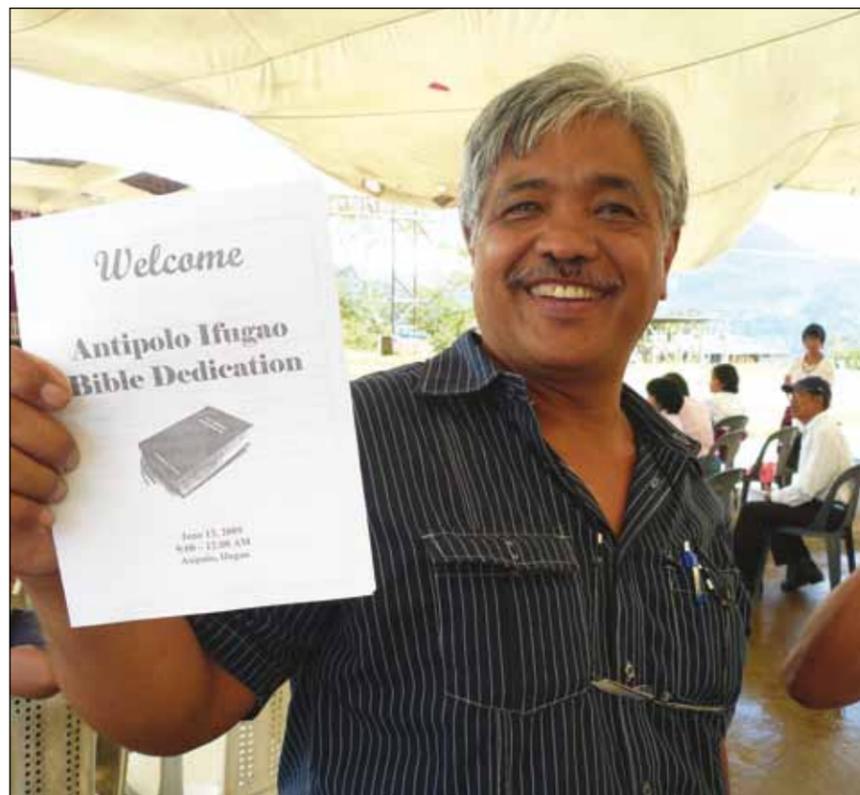
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Found in translation

A Philippines village was transformed when Bert Maddawat gave them the words of life in their own language. **BILL SIMPSON** tells his story



Bert Maddawat gives his testimony during the Bible dedication ceremony which was held in the Philippines in the latter half of last year.



Bert Maddawat shows off the official program from the dedication ceremony of the Bibles he helped translate into the native language of his former village.

If he had remained in a remote Philippines mountain village, Bert Maddawat almost certainly would have become a “priest” of the spirit and animal sacrifice world.

Instead, he left the village in his mid-teens for secondary school and later university in the city, discovered Jesus Christ, moved to Brisbane and became a Salvation Army adherent.

Almost 50 years after leaving the village in the mountains of the northern Philippines, he returned – six months ago – to hand over copies of the Bible he and a group of friends translated in the dialect of the local people.

It was a remarkable turnaround in the life of a man whose father was a shaman (spirit world priest) and was hopeful his son would follow his example.

As a young boy, Bert went with his father on his ritual duties, learning the chants and names of spirits invoked in the chants. He witnessed many cases of animal sacrifice.

Life in the village was pretty basic. Bert’s father was a subsistence rice farmer. Like the 20 or so other village families, Bert’s family lived in a small one-room timber hut with thatched roof, perched on four tree stumps and the floor 3m above ground.

The floor height was in keeping with local legend that it prevented head-hunting tribal raiders from entering the house at night in search of a “trophy”.

Many of the villagers raised chickens, pigs and ducks, most of which were used as sacrifices to appease “offended spirits”. According to village belief, people became ill because of an offence to a spirit. They believed a sacrifice would overturn the offence.

“Dozens of churches have been built in villages as a result of ... the Bible that was translated into their mother tongue.”

Villagers lived in fear of the punishment of their gods. After life, the only option was eternity in hell. Village spiritual life was controlled by shamans – or priests of the spirit world.

Shamans consulted the spirits on behalf of the people. They ordered the

extent of the sacrifice. If a villager was ill, the shamans consulted the spirits. There were no doctors; no hospitals.

Most of the village children missed an education because their families could not afford to send them to school. Village children, generally, did not graduate beyond primary school level.

A visiting Catholic nun offered Bert the opportunity of free secondary school fees in exchange for him working on a church coffee plantation. He met American missionary couple Richard and Lou Hohulin. They recruited Bert to assist them in translating words from his village’s dialect to English.

Mission complete

Years later, when he was at university, the Hohulins contacted him again to assist with translating for production of a Bible – principally, the New Testament – in the dialect of his local village.

Bert’s work so impressed the Hohulins that they engaged him in 1975 as co-translator, publishing their New Testament in 1980. Bert’s involvement was invaluable. The people of his village were not familiar with sheep, used in many Bible stories. They had never seen one, so had no comprehension of the Biblical

example of sheep. He had to create new examples.

Through his translation work, Bert discovered God and later committed his life to Christ. In 1980, he came to Australia to marry Jenelle, whom he had met at the Summer Institute of Linguistics, in Manila, while working on the New Testament translation.

Bert and Jenelle now live in Brisbane. They attend the Centenary Corps. Bert is an adherent of The Salvation Army. Jenelle is a soldier.

Last year, Bert, the Hohulins and others completed a 10-year translation of the Old Testament and a revision of the New Testament to provide the entire Bible in the language of the village region he left behind almost 50 years ago.

Among other translators was Tessie Dulawan, in the Philippines, which meant that, with the Hohulins back in the United States and Bert in Australia, the translation was undertaken in three continents and mainly by email.

Bert returned to his village for the dedication of the Bible. Also with him and Jenelle were several couples from Toowoomba, Kalbar and Warwick corps, who, along with the Centenary Corps, financed the purchase of 528 Bibles for the local churches. >>>



(From top) Villagers perform a traditional song to an appreciative audience; the group that travelled from Brisbane including Bert (back row right) and his wife Jenelle (front row right); Bert sits on some of the boxes of translated Bibles.



Village reborn

Life in the village has changed dramatically since Bert's boyhood. The arrival of the Hohulins in the 1960s brought with it the initial evangelical message of Jesus Christ, although a Catholic group had been operating for some time.

"When I left my village, there were only half a dozen people who could be called evangelical Christians," he told *Pipeline*. "There were no church buildings. People were dying from preventable illnesses. They would not seek medical intervention for fear of punishment by their gods.

"They preferred to consult a shaman instead of a medical doctor. But today, shaman's chants have turned into Christian praise and worship hymns to God. Dozens of churches have been built in villages as a result of the understanding of the people of God's message from the Bible that was translated into their mother tongue.

"Shamans have started joining in the Sunday services. Sick people are being taken to doctors and hospitals for treatment. Sacrificial appeasement of the gods has greatly diminished.

"Children are graduating from high school and university because they can sell their produce and animals for education instead of keeping them for sacrificial offerings."

Interestingly, Bert's work now is more

sacrificial than financial. While the New Testament translation was for personal financial profit, work on the Old Testament and complete Bible was only for the love of his people.

"I do not have any special qualifications in Bible translation," he says, "except that I became an evangelical Christian. I believe the Bible is the translated Word of God.

"I know my own dialect and my traditional cultures, and I can speak and write the English language. I did not help translate the Bible just for passion sake, but so that my people may be able to understand in their own dialect that the Christian God is a God of love, grace and blessing as compared to the gods of fear, sacrificial appeasement and punishment.

"I also wanted them to see that they can be saved physically and spiritually, and have eternal life in heaven rather than be in the underworld - hell - where they believe their souls go after death."

Bert's next translation projects include Bible study notes and a dictionary for his native people. □



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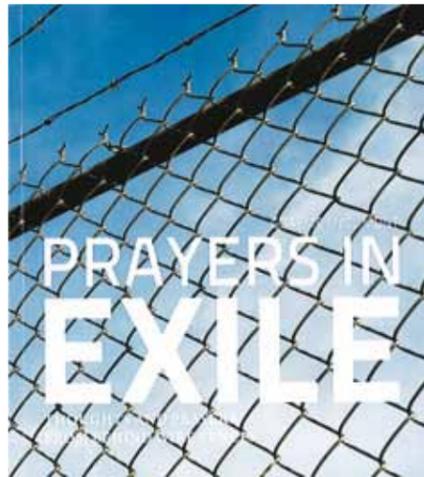
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Well-versed for the Lord

Review by Helen Shield



So noisy are our lives that Your voice must penetrate the shrill, harsh sounds of Trains and sirens, Bells and beat. The sound of birds and rain on rooftop is crowded out by manufactured cacophony.

Lord, I need to hear the sounds of nature, The bird's song And moving trees.

Let me hear Your quiet, whispered voice in the sounds of the morning.

So begins *Prayers in Exile*, Major Graeme McClimont's honest new book about his first year serving in Papua New Guinea.

Prayers in Exile began life as Graeme's personal journal, often written in sleepless early hours of the morning. His wife Helen came up with the idea to publish, and lucky for the rest of us Graeme listened; this is a beautiful book.

Each page has an observation from Graeme, whether it's a personal struggle, the plight of locals in PNG, or a reflection

on a particular teaching from the Bible. Then he adds a written prayer, sharing with the reader how he takes the issue to God for its solution.

Reminiscent of the psalms of the Old Testament, Graeme's prayers are poetic and passionate, and capture a wide scope of what it is to be human, navigating the questions, trials and joys of life in submission to God.

He also includes his own photos and sketches, adding another personal touch to the book. These aren't the artful panoramas of a professional, but more observations and records of the McClimonts' time in PNG, even further enhancing our insight into their experience in "exile".

For both personal reflection and learning about Papua New Guinean life, *Prayers in Exile* is well worth the read.

It's a vulnerable thing to allow access to one's journal and photo albums the way Graeme has, and I'm so thankful he did. Captivating!

Prayers in Exile is available from Salvationist Supplies (www.salvosupplieasyd.com) for \$25.

Hallmarks of The Salvation Army

(Henry Gareipy and Stephen Court)

Review by Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas

Hallmarks of The Salvation Army has been dedicated to General Eva Burrows on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

It is co-edited by Major Stephen Court and Colonel Henry Gareipy, who describe the book as: "... the unique partnership of production by a colonel and a major who had never met each other and working a half a world apart on the production of a book."

Well-known Salvation Army writers comment on different topics, all of which are hallmarks of our Army.

Using the mission statement formulated by General John Gowans (retired), the book is divided into three parts: To save souls; To grow saints; To serve suffering humanity.

Contributors include Commissioner Israel Gaither (writing on mission), Phil Wall (evangelism), Commissioner Viebeke Krommenhoek (youth), General Paul Rader (vision), Commissioner Helen Clifton (human trafficking) and Commissioner Hope Mungate (Salvationism in action).

There are also contributions from General Shaw Clifton, Commissioner Joe

Noland, General Gowans, Commissioner Harry Read, Colonels Gwennyth and Robert Redhead, Major Danielle Strickland, Major Campbell Roberts, and many others.

In her passionate discourse on prayer, Lyndall Bywater writes: "My petition, as this book goes forth, is 'Lord, I pray for your Salvation Army. May we be born in prayer; may we begin in prayer; may we be immersed in prayer. And then, empowered by your Spirit, may we live for the salvation of the world. Amen.'"

This is a brilliant book, filled with helpful insights and challenges. There are things to be thought through, addressed and lived out.

Each of the writers relates their topic back to General Eva Burrows, and how she has lived out those "hallmarks" wherever she has been, in the past and to this day. It's a very lovely tribute.

Toward the end of the book Commissioner Hezekiel Anzeze writes: "Let me tell you, she became the General of the people. She was my General because she was so close to the people that my heart was touched by her spiritual influence.

"Our Army was strengthened by her influence during her visits.

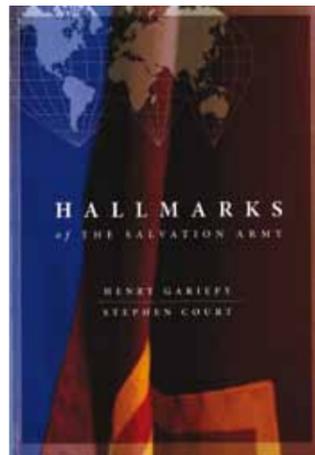
"We know her as a courageous leader

who was always available for us. Her messages were deep and delivered in a simple and clear language. The Holy Spirit of God never left her.

"We still wish her to live longer in order to give blessings to her spiritual grandchildren around the world."

This book is a great read and a fitting tribute to a great lady who embodies and lives out the hallmarks of The Salvation Army.

Hallmarks of The Salvation Army is available from Salvationist Supplies (www.salvosupplieasyd.com) for \$18.50.



SAGALA shaping a community's future

KEVIN ELSLEY reports on how a traditional Salvation Army youth program is having a positive influence on a small town in northern NSW

Nestled at the foot of the McPherson Range that forms part of the NSW-Queensland border is the township of Woodenbong, just another of the many small rural communities with limited opportunities for young people.

Woodenbong is typical of small border communities that, for various reasons, face an uphill battle to find support for the provision of local facilities. But this place has a soft spot for its young people and, rather than sit on its hands and complain, has adopted a self-help approach.

The evidence is a central school with the kind of passion for agriculture that has won it accolades at both royal and country shows on both sides of the border, plus the character-building program called SAGALA (Salvation Army Guards and Legion Activities) under the banner of The Salvation Army.

Both activities would not have reached the heights they have without the community support which has made this town a role model for others.

School farms are common these days within the education system, but what makes Woodenbong unique is its involvement with SAGALA - especially when there is no other Salvation Army presence in the town. The closest Salvation Army corps (church) is over the border at Warwick in Queensland, while Lismore, a 90-minute drive away, is the nearest in NSW.

More than 150 young people have been part of the Woodenbong SAGALA

movement since its inception in 1986, an amazing effort for such a small community but typical of one with a passion for its youth.

For most of those years, SAGALA has been overseen by local school teacher Jennie Riley, who is also divisional Guard leader for the Army's North NSW Division.

The Salvation Army at Lismore has "adopted" Woodenbong, its officers and members often travelling up the Summerland Way to support the SAGALA section and Mrs Riley travelling to Lismore with a car-load of young people to be part of a Sunday service.

This big-hearted community earlier this year had reason to celebrate what SAGALA is doing for its youth when five members were presented with their General's Award and one with a Commissioner's Award for their years of work. It's an outstanding achievement when you consider the number of recipients of these awards (especially the General's Award) since their inception.

The community of Woodenbong turned out to publicly acknowledge the six in the local RSL hall, coinciding with a church service which is occasionally held there.

No-one in the congregation was prouder than Mrs Mila Hoffman, the mother of triplets Andrew, Melissa and Robert Hoffman, all General's Award achievers.

"Socially, my children were once very shy but since being part of SAGALA their confidence levels have shot up and they

are keen to help when church services are held here," Mrs Hoffman says.

"SAGALA has done so much for the other children as well; rather than sit in a corner they want to participate in school as well as community activities."

Tracey Moffitt, who made the trip to Sydney to receive her General's Award at The Salvation Army Uprising congress last year, has been part of SAGALA for 12 years and is interested in studying psychology or journalism after high school.

"It's [SAGALA] taught me how to get on with people and have a more positive nature - something I really needed to learn," Tracey said.

Tracey is proficient in camping, a favourite pastime in an area where kids don't have much to do, and with others she helps out at the local cinema when the summer movie season is on. She's also a member of the local rural fire brigade and helps at the local swimming club - all thanks to the part SAGALA has played in her and her friends' lives.

Jennie Riley has five children and all have been involved in SAGALA. One of them, Sean, is one of the five who gained the General's Award.

Other than a temporary recess in 2007, Woodenbong SAGALA has helped shape the morale fibre of its young people for 23 years and Jennie continues to supervise badge-gaining work either in homes or at school during recess. This involves questions and activities undertaken to earn a badge. □

(From left) Tracey Moffitt (General's Award), Melissa Hoffman (General's Award), Andrew Hoffman (General's Award), Jacinta Grimmett (Commissioner's Sunbeam Award), Robert Hoffman (General's Award), Sean Riley (General's Award).

TO ZAMBIA WITH LOVE

Late last year, Canberra Salvationist **PETER TRICK** spent three months as a volunteer on a mission trip to the Chikankata Mission Hospital in Zambia. He has written about the experience for *Pipeline*

Africa was the last place I imagined that I would visit. It certainly wasn't on my "bucket list" of places to travel to in my retirement.

It has been said that once you commit yourself to a trip such as this, your life will change forever. This has been certainly true of my experience.

Chikankata has an amazing history. It was set up by The Salvation Army in 1928 and since then has had a prominent presence in Zambia as a hospital and supporting health services, high school for 800 students and five corps.

In an area serving a population of more than 90,000, the hospital strives to support the sick in tuberculosis, HIV, children's, intensive care and general wards with a team of dedicated staff. However, it is always struggling with a lack of funds for vital equipment.

Through funds supplied by my friends and Tuggeranong Corps, I was able to purchase much-needed medical



equipment, plaster of Paris, and give toys, clothes, shoes and stationery to the patients.

My main role was to supervise projects and staff at the Chikankata Development Program which included buying 100 laying hens (paid for by Tuggeranong Corps), and purchasing (with funds donated from the United States) five large white pigs for meat production. I have recently been told that one of the sows has given birth to five piglets.

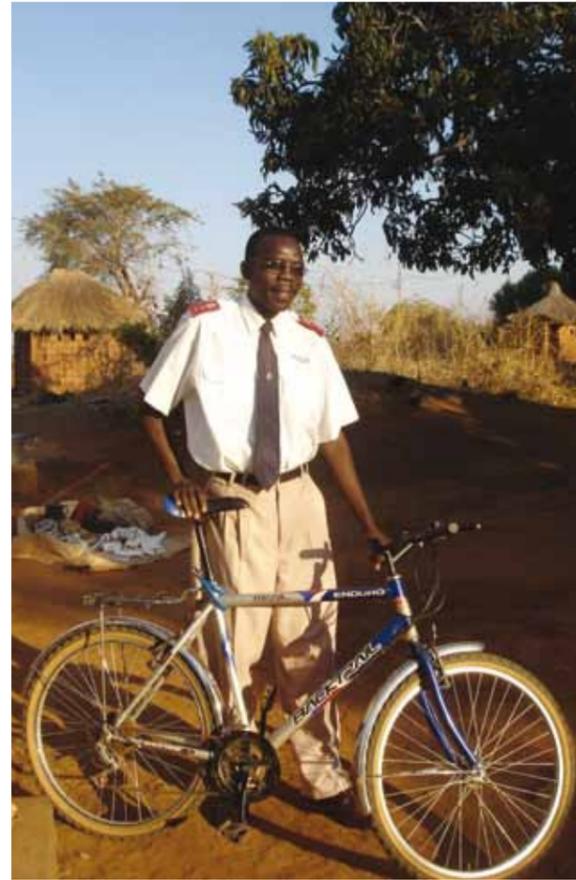
The major task, though, was rebuilding a number of huts, showers and a toilet block with funds supplied by Salvo Stores in Melbourne. These huts, made of mud brick with thatched roofs, will be used by visiting groups to Chikankata to enable them to experience living the Zambian way.

A personal highlight for me was travelling with the nursing staff to rural clinics. I watched as more than 120 mothers and children, walking up to 5km under the hot summer sun, attended a pre-

and post-natal clinic. It was intriguing to watch the babies being weighed on scales attached to a branch of a tree.

I was challenged while visiting one of these villages - Godson Farm - and seeing the abject poverty. It broke my heart. This farm, once a flourishing coffee plantation with full employment, was recently closed leaving many people out of work. The people are really suffering - little food, clothing and home comforts - yet they are still happy! I took three tennis balls with me and such fun was had playing ball with these children. I was so challenged by what I saw that I went back to the village with bags of clothing to try and help, but was besieged by hundreds of people in want causing a crushing riot with small children in danger of being trampled. Even if a container-load of material were sent it would not be enough!

During my stay at Chikankata, a 14-year old boy was abandoned at the hospital by his family. He tested HIV positive. Children are brought to



the hospital with burns, malaria and malnutrition. One poor child of eight was diagnosed with tetanus and died the following morning as there was no life-saving vaccine available to save her.

A special lady at my corps (Tuggeranong) had knitted toys that we were able to distribute to the very ill children in the wards. I was so appreciative of this support from home.

An Army in good health

On the positive side, The Salvation Army in Zambia is thriving and there are more than 23,000 senior soldiers. Eight thousand attended the Territorial Congress, led by General Shaw Clifton and his wife, Commissioner Helen Clifton, which was held while I was there.

The events were held in fields which used to be the airport, not far from Chikankata. People sat on the ground under a man-made shelter to keep out of the sun and be comfortable during the three-hour long meetings.

Many visiting groups, including the Soweto Songsters, sang in the typical beautiful South African harmonious way. It was such a blessed time. I had the pleasure of playing in the Territorial Band which performed at many venues during the congress. Fifty-three new senior soldiers were sworn in by the General over that weekend.

I had the pleasure of worshipping at the main corps in Chikankata which is led

(From far left) Flags are paraded during the Zambia Territorial Congress; a Zambian officer with the new bike he was able to buy with donated money; Peter Trick plays in the Territorial Band at the Zambia congress; Peter with some local children.



by an American officer, Major Pearce. It is a thriving corps with a small brass band, rhythm group and many different singing groups, a huge junior soldiers' group, guards, scouts and home leagues. I found God's Spirit so strong and alive in these long meetings which included testimonies, prayers and songs. There were so many young, faithful people alive for Christ.

One of the special spiritual highlights each Sunday evening was visiting the nurses' chapel and enjoying the acappella singing from the students and nurses and the wonderful songs - eight or so from The Salvation Army song book - being sung so harmoniously. The gripping sermons given by the students also provided so much blessing.

Humbling, wonderful experience

My journey to Zambia began with a request from a former soldier of Tuggeranong Corps, Anthony Watson, who is stationed at Chikankata. He needed a volunteer to assist him. I only had a vague idea of the place, knowing officers who had served there. As I'm retired and have time on my hands, and after discussing the trip with family and friends, I was on my way.

The experience was very rewarding, especially after I became accustomed to the cold showers, power cuts, limited food and mosquito nets. But hey, what did I expect? I came to realise time and again how fortunate we are here in Australia

with comfortable homes, cars and easy transport.

I met one officer who had walked 28km to a meeting at Chikankata as he had no form of transport. I was able to give him donated money so that he could buy a bicycle to ride when he visited his congregation. It was a humbling, wonderful experience for me that he rode the 56km round trip to say goodbye.

I met so many people without shoes, so in an act of compassion I commenced a project to seek out people who didn't have any footwear. For only \$3 I was able to purchase new shoes for them.

So many of these poor people did not speak English yet the joy and gratitude expressed by their beautiful smiles - and the special (twalumba) thank-you Zambian hand claps - was so overwhelming. I also was able to pass on to many, clothing and shoes that had been supplied from friends in Australia.

I experienced many joys and sadness during my three months in Zambia, with many heart-lifting and soul-warming moments. It was a God-glorifying time in a special part of his kingdom. I feel truly blessed by being asked to go to Chikankata and I would certainly return if there were future projects for me to undertake.

I, too, am truly thankful for the support I have received from Tuggeranong Corps and friends. I pray that in a small way I was able to make an impression and give hope to someone at Chikankata. □

Stafford ceremony honours the selfless work of a loyal soldier

By DARRYL WHITECROSS

The Salvation Army has recognised the service of one of its most hard-working volunteers.

John Wheatley, who celebrated his 95th birthday in late October, was a familiar face in the community for many years as he walked almost daily the length and breadth of two of the biggest shopping centres on Brisbane's inner northside, to collect donations from shoppers.

After his wife died about 20 years ago, John immersed himself in the work of the Army and, as well as collecting for the annual Red Shield Appeal, donned his uniform and cap and collected donations at Toombul Shoppingtown and, principally, Stafford City Shopping Centre. He also handed out copies of the *War Cry* magazine.

The former British Army soldier, who was part of the D-Day landings of 1944, collected thousands of dollars to support the community work of The Salvation Army.

John's sprightly step, the testament to precision marching learnt within the armed forces, more recently made way to not more than a shuffle as advancing years, a fall and a car accident took their toll - but that didn't deter him from his collecting.

He had to give up his driving pride and joy - an early model (circa 1960s) blue Cortina - when he was no longer allowed behind the wheel, but still ensured he was on the job bright and early each day.

Now confined to a wheelchair, John has had to give up his beloved community work and now spends most of his days in a retirement village.

He is a member of the Nundah/Northgate sub-branch of the RSL and has as his principal carer the sub-branch's immediate past president Max Shadlow and his wife Faye, who is a welfare worker.

Max said John was nicknamed "Gunga Din" during the war. He was a water carrier and drove trucks to the gun positions to deliver water, dodging bullets and shell fire as he went.

"That made him a moving target," Max said.

John loves his war stories and would show magazines, newspaper clippings and any other paraphernalia within arm's reach to anyone who would listen - and he'd slip the listener a barley sugar which always seemed to be in bountiful supply in his trouser pockets.

His links with The Salvation Army, as do many ex-servicemen, go back to the war time when Salvo volunteers were as much part of front-line action with their tea, bikkies and other treats as the soldiers fighting the war.

Gone from the shopping arcades will be John Wheatley with his infectious smile, generous nature and cheeky sense of humour but long will live the memory of this dedicated soldier of a regular and civilian army.

The corps officers of The Salvation Army at Stafford, Majors David and Bev McMurray, held a special service in their church and presented John with a certificate and small gift to recognise his tireless efforts over many years.

John was a member of the Albion congregation before it moved in 2004 to a new worship centre behind his beloved Stafford City Shopping Centre and remains part of the congregation despite being unable to attend services.

Major Bev McMurray said the shoppers and storekeepers of Stafford City knew him and loved him and had missed him since he became too ill to continue his work.

"The Salvation Army would like to make this presentation in appreciation for all he's done for our church and the community; for all the hours, effort, energy, time and commitment he has dedicated to his role over many, many years," Major McMurray said.



John Wheatley receives his Certificate of Appreciation from Stafford Corps Officer Major Bev McMurray, acknowledging the many years of service he has given to The Salvation Army.

Bell tolls for sinners saved

By Lieutenant-Colonel MIRIAM GLUYAS

In his book *The Glory of Heaven*, author John F MacArthur records significant words of 19th century theologian Charles Haddon Spurgeon.

"The birthday of every Christian is a sonnet day in heaven," is one of Spurgeon's great lines. And he continues: "There are Christmas days in paradise, where Christ's high mass is kept and Christ is glorified not because He was born in a manger but because He is born in a broken heart.

"There are days - good days - in heaven; days of sonnet, red letter days of overflowing adoration. And these are when the shepherd brings home the lost sheep upon His shoulder, when the church has swept her house and found the lost piece of money, for then are these friends, and neighbours, called together, and they rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory over one sinner that returns."

Spurgeon's words sum up very well our territory's "Ring the Bells". The idea of "Ring the Bells" came from seeing and hearing what happens at our Employment Plus sites each time someone lands a job.

The site is so pleased about the result that staff go throughout the building ringing a bell, to encourage not only the job seeker who has just received the good news, but also the staff and the unemployed in the building still looking for work. Having considered that, we thought how much more important

it is to celebrate every time someone is saved from sin.

So, throughout The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory - in every corps and centre - people have the opportunity to ring bells. When someone is saved, a person at the corps or centre sends a brief story, which is distributed to every officer and manager.

Some of the stories from 2009:

- "Another two for Jesus this week! Our worship leader led one of his friends to the Lord and a guy I caught up with whose mother-in-law's funeral I did a year ago (made a decision)."
- "Dropped a guy home from the pubs last week and he made a commitment to Christ. Then a lady made a first time commitment at church on Sunday."
- "One gentleman I met in the pub asked me how long he should hold a grudge, because he'd held a grudge against The Salvation Army for 20 years for something that had been done to him. I apologised on behalf of The Salvation Army and he put some money in the box. Then the next week, he made a first-time commitment. He went from a hater of The Salvation Army to a lover of Jesus in a week. What a miracle."

In 2009, we had stories of 1041 people who had been saved. We rejoice so much in that.

We believe that many more bells will be rung and we are praying that it happens more and more often.

Jesus is rescuing people and bringing them into his kingdom. There is reason to celebrate.

Evangelist Network launched in territory

By SIMEON HOFFMAN
(Territorial Youth Evangelist)

Twenty hand-picked evangelists were involved in the Eastern Territory's first Evangelist Network.

The evangelists, selected by their respective divisions, shared one thing in common; a passion for and gifting in evangelism.

Although many undoubtedly harboured preconceived ideas of what the weekend would look like, few imagined the dramatic and powerful impact that it had on each of their lives.

One of the Mission Priorities of the Australia Eastern Territory promotes "Every Centre, in Every Place, Involved in Evangelism". This weekend was not about talking about the particulars of this statement. Rather, it focused on instilling a message of God's grace on all who attended.

The weekend started with delegates coming together for prayer, a time that really set the tone for the weekend. All who gathered prayed in unison believing that God was going to move among them and teach them something new.

Over the weekend there was excellent teaching from the likes of Greig Whittaker, Craig Stephens, Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas and Colonel Wally Greentree, as well as fantastic insight and encouragement gained from the other evangelists there.

The vision of the weekend was that there would be a group of people so filled with the message of grace that they would be prepared to share this message with everyone. Across the weekend the delegates discovered that the message of grace is so radical and powerful that if people can truly get hold of it then amazing things will happen.

Through teaching, prayer and ministry times it became clear that people were not only getting the revelation of grace but were clearly experiencing it. Colonel Greentree said he

had never been in an environment where there was so much intentional and impromptu Spirit-filled, Spirit-led prayer.

Since the weekend there has been a great sense of excitement as the evangelists have been released in their gifting, ministering readily throughout The Salvation Army.

The same message that was spoken about at the evangelism weekend can also be shared in your local corps with Grace Seminars being made available right across the territory. For more information, contact about Craig Stephens at: craig.stephens@aue.salvationarmy.org



Colonel Wally Greentree (far right) with a selection of budding evangelists who attended the conference.

Taking Christmas to the bush

By Major BOB STRONG
(Central NSW Rural Chaplain)

What an experience! Eleven days of taking the message of hope and God's love to communities that are struggling to believe there is anything worth living for after 10 years of drought.

Majors Bob and Estelle Strong, Rural Chaplains for Central NSW, took a group of Salvationists to seven communities where they led or participated in 13 Christmas-related activities from 4-14 December.

The first activity was a carol service at Lake Cargelligo on the Friday evening. The group then played carols the next morning at the local hospital before heading off to Hillston where it joined in a fellowship tea with the local Uniting Church members.

On the Sunday, the group provided music for a combined church service in the morning then was the musical accompaniment for the town's carols service in the evening.

The next morning the group played carols at the hospital in Hillston and on Tuesday drove through an incredible dust storm to Ivanhoe to play carols in the local RSL club before returning to Hillston.

Nyamgee, a town that consists of a pub, police station, a CWA hall and several houses, was the next stop, on the Wednesday.

There were about 70 people waiting at the hall when the group arrived for the evening Christmas concert.

The busy schedule continued over the next few days with carols services being held at nursing homes in Dubbo and Nyngan and a combined churches carols service in a park at Nyngan.

On the Saturday, the group travelled to Cobar where it joined in a fellowship tea with the other churchgoers of Cobar, then on Sunday morning led the Uniting Church service. Major Estelle Strong gave the Christmas address in the evening when the group provided the music for the town's carols service.

The mission concluded on the Monday morning with carols at the Cobar nursing home.

Over the 11 days of mission more than 800 people attended the venues the group played at and 2500km had been covered. Members of the mission team spoke of being tired but incredibly fulfilled because a message of hope and love had been given to many people who are experiencing utter despair in the face of the prolonged drought which has torn their land and many communities apart.



Members of the mission team that toured Central NSW.

Brass players come out of woodwork for Lismore

A plea for brass instrument players has reaped Christmas cheer for Lismore.

The Lismore Corps had been unable to provide carols for the community for a number of years due to a lack of players, but 2009 was different after a plea through the local media.

With community feedback expressing disappointment Christmas is not the same without carols being played by the local Salvation Army band, the corps invited players of brass instruments to lend a hand.

The result? A band of 12 players was able to play carols at aged care facilities for the three Sundays leading up to Christmas Day. One of the volunteers, a euphonium player, had not played for 15 years, the last time lending his support for a Salvation Army band in Western Australia.

As far as records indicate, this composite band of Salvationists and community members was a "first" for Lismore and may not be the last. These helpers have now been invited to be part of the corps musical section for Sunday praise and worship meetings.



The volunteer band plays carols for nursing home residents in Lismore.

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Lifestyle Academy boon for Moree

The Moree Corps celebrated the official opening of Guuma-Li, a new community service at the town's Lifestyle Academy in December.

Salvation Army program director Adrian Kistan said it was expected Guuma-Li would be fully operational this month, although several events were planned during the school holidays, including a swimming program.

"Guuma-Li" means "gathering place" in the Kamilaroi language.

"We believe this place will be a meaningful gathering place for all people in our community and in particular our Indigenous community," Adrian said.

"It will be a place where people gather to celebrate the



Commissioner Linda Bond, program director Adrian Kistan and Moree Plains Shire Mayor Katrina Humphries at the opening of the Guuma-Li Lifestyle Academy. Photo courtesy of Moree Champion

richness and diversity of culture, in reconciliation with each other, to realise their full God-given potential and ultimately to encounter God the Creator."

Initiatives at the centre will include various training courses in food preparation, handling and service through the refurbishment of a commercial kitchen.

"We are also looking to develop small enterprise projects such as community vegetable gardens to capitalise on the rich black soil of Moree. We will also look to extend our youth and children's programs through sport, nutrition, technology, education and arts programs. Amidst all of this we will leave room for community-initiated and facilitated activities to be supported and resourced," Adrian said.

"We are also committed to developing an Indigenous ministry leadership training centre that sees Indigenous Christians raised up and equipped for ministry in a manner that is culturally relevant and appropriate.

"One of the challenges we have faced in the past is that we have been fairly good at seeing Indigenous people saved through the Army but we have been ineffective at discipleship, leadership development and then releasing and supporting Indigenous people into ministry roles. It is hoped that we can develop an Indigenous approach to leadership development and training that can turn this around."

Adrian said the new facility was available for use by everyone in the community, but with a particular focus on activities and services for youth.

"We need all of the community to engage and support this initiative, and make it a successful project," he said.

Adrian said the opening attracted more than 80 children and the same number of adults. The day included lunch and children's activities such as face painting and a jumping castle followed the official ceremony.

The Salvation Army has leased the Lifestyle Academy from the Moree Plains Shire Council for a 10-year period, with a 10-year renewable option.

Hampers for Campsie community

Bulldogs NRL players teamed up with Chrisco and The Salvation Army at Campsie in Sydney's west to supply food and personal-care gift hampers during the Christmas season.

Administrative Assistant to the Campsie Corps Officers, Steven Pearse, worked with the Bulldogs Community and Customer Service Coordinator Amanda Grant to organise the drop-off.

Just before Christmas, Chrisco head of procurement Michael Newman arrived with more than 40 gift hampers. With the help of Bulldogs squad members Ben Barba, Heka Nanai and Gary Warburton, the hampers were safely delivered to the Campsie Community Services Centre storeroom before being distributed.

"This generous act was a fitting way to finish off a great year of community partnership work between The Salvation Army in Campsie and the Bulldogs NRL team," Mr Pearse said.

"The next event will be the Bulldogs Annual Food Drive at ANZ Stadium on March 28 and will be the fourth such event hosted by the Bulldogs to directly benefit the Campsie Corps and Customer Services Centre."

Mr Pearse said the Bulldogs and The Salvation Army in Campsie (both the corps and the Community Services Centre) have been developing a stronger and more meaningful partnership and friendship throughout 2009.

"We hope to continue to develop this into 2010 with the food

drive on March 28 and increasing the "Buddy" visits to the local primary schools as well as trying to involve the Bulldogs in the Red Shield Appeal and other community-linked events."



(From left) Heka Nanai (Bulldogs), Ben Barba (Bulldogs), Major Glenys Domrow (Campsie Corps), Michael Newman (Chrisco), Major Lyn Prince (Campsie CSC), Major Bruce Domrow, Steven Pearse (Campsie Corps) and Gary Warburton (Bulldogs).

SAES helps produce TV ad

The Salvation Army Emergency Services (SAES) in South Queensland Division ran a training session for volunteers by catering for the filming of a community service television commercial.

The commercial for burns prevention was a joint project of the Royal Brisbane Hospital Burns Unit, Queensland Fire and Rescue and the University of Queensland. It was written and directed by Salvationist film-maker Bruce Redman, who is based in Brisbane.

The SAES is a vital community service involving many volunteers, with each given relevant on-the-job training before facing the pressures of a real emergency.

"It's a research project that will eventually go nationwide to try to stop young men, in particular, from throwing petrol on to fires," Mr Redman. "There were 35 people including a couple of fire units and police, plus the film crew and actors who needed to be fed and watered. The SAES jumped at the opportunity."

SAES South Queensland Divisional Coordinator Bill Park said he was delighted when Bruce asked him to help.

"I see it as an opportunity to give my members some field experience," he said.

The filming location was at Scarborough, a beach suburb north of Brisbane.

Inspector Dave Sutch from Queensland Fire and Rescue Service was impressed with the efforts and diligence of the SAES team. "This was a real community effort and having the Salvos along was the icing on the cake."

The TV commercials will be screened early this year in regional Queensland as an initial research project before going statewide.

To help with one of the many SAES groups throughout South Queensland, please call Divisional Coordinator Bill Park on 0438 695 767.



Bruce Redman at the filming site north of Brisbane.

Salvo's prestigious role

Brisbane Salvationist Doug Hargreaves has been elected to the prestigious position of Engineers Australia national president.

The Corps Sergeant Major at the Carina-Mt Gravatt Corps, Doug will be at the helm of the organisation for 2010, which it has declared the Year of Engineering Leadership.

Doug is the head of the School of Engineering Systems at the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane. He is a mechanical engineer specialising in tribology, the science of friction, wear and lubrication. He started his involvement

Christmas on Kempsey at Blacktown

(Majors Norma and Isabel Beckett)

The vision of Blacktown City Corps' Christmas planning team was to create an event to help the corps connect with people who may not know the Lord, with the aim coming from the Australia Eastern Territory's Mission Priorities.

The team organised a community afternoon and night in December after much prayer and preparation. "Young and old alike volunteered to make this afternoon successful, providing interesting and fun-filled activities. God provided for us with significant financial contributions which offset most of the cost of running this free event," Major Isabel Beckett said.

Activities set up in the car park by volunteers included a manger scene, craft, water play, games, beading, tea and coffee, sausage sizzle, balloons, prayer wall and Christmas readings from the gospels of Matthew and Luke.

A show bag filled with a variety of items including the *War Cry* was handed out. More than 300 people were greeted by corps members as they arrived and more than 50 new families made connections with the corps on the day.

The community was also invited to a night concert and the hall was filled to capacity with more than 250 attending. Young corps members presented a mini-musical telling the story of Jesus' birth. The junior timbrels, community choir and band also performed.

One of the highlights was a visit by Santa and carols were sung by candlelight.



Children participate in the Carols concert at Blacktown City Corps.

with Engineers Australia in 1984 as the secretary of the local group in Mackay, was president of Queensland Division in 2000 and secretary of the Australian Association of Engineering Education in 1998-99. He is also chair of the Queensland chapter of Engineers Australia's Centre for Engineering Leadership and Management.

Doug is heavily involved with The Salvation Army in Brisbane and, in particular, its community work.

"One of the most satisfying aspects of the work has been visiting an addiction rehabilitation centre once or twice a week and seeing the changes in people suffering from their addictions," he said.

My role there is to listen and talk to the people."

Dee Why's day of recognition

(Majors Bruce and Cheryl Carpenter)

A special day at Dee Why on 22 November began with a worship service, led by Major Cheryl Carpenter, during which Major Bruce Carpenter recognised the various contributions made to the church by each member of the corps family.

Those present were reminded that they are all involved in ministry, for even the most mundane task becomes ministry as we serve one another.

Morning tea followed and later a barbecue lunch was served. Corps members enjoyed the chance to chat during the meal despite the extreme heat of the day.

A jumping castle and a petting farm were set up outside the corps hall during the lunch break and were greatly enjoyed by the children. They also helped to attract a number of families from the local community, some of whom stayed for the afternoon meeting which featured the young people of the corps.

The service began with a SAGALA parade featuring Moonbeams, Sunbeams and Guards. The girls then sang and presented a timbrel item, and many of the girls received awards.

Major Jan Fraser then conducted the dedication ceremony for Belle Farrell. Belle's family, including her parents, sister, grandparents, and Belle's great-grandmother, were involved in the ceremony.



Dee Why children enjoyed the performance of special guests the Agents of T.R.U.T.H.

Children who attend the weekly Playgroup activity then presented an item, followed by the presentation of books to children involved in Sunday School and Playgroup.

Special guests for the day, the Agents of T.R.U.T.H., were a great hit with the children who joined in enthusiastically as Bally, Eve and Logan and their friends sang and danced.

The Agents' excellent presentation, "A Hole Lot of Trouble", contained a clear message for all age groups and was a wonderful ending to a great day in church.

Mission team mobilises Murgon

By Captain SONIA WHITEHOUSE
(Divisional Community Care Ministries and Seniors Secretary)

In October, the newly re-formed South Queensland Mobile Mission Team, co-ordinated by Neville and Cathie Sinnamon, held its first mission weekend, visiting Murgon in rural Queensland.

Some of the team members loaded up their caravans and went to Murgon earlier in the week to help out with the corps' weekly activities such as Home League, pubs and street ministry.

On the Saturday night, a barbecue was held at the farm of one of the Murgon corps members. More than 60 people attended including a busload from Cherbourg, an aboriginal community just outside Murgon. It was a great night of fun and fellowship with a meal and then a concert in which almost

everyone participated. The items ranged from band and timbrels to an aboriginal choir and a family from Zimbabwe singing in their native language.

On the Sunday morning, worship was led by the mission team, including a small band, timbrel group, vocal soloist and songsters. Colonel Wally Greentree, chaplain to the mission team, concluded the meeting by preaching a sermon which prompted a response from many people.

The worship service was followed by a fellowship lunch put on by the corps before the mission team visited a nursing home and held a program for the residents to conclude the weekend.

It was a wonderful week and the corps folk at Murgon were greatly blessed by the ministry of the team members who in turn, were also blessed by the hospitality of the locals and being able to minister to them.

Women's choir doesn't hide light under a bushel

Central Coast Recovery Services Centre (Selah) Women's Choir was invited by Salvation Army court chaplains to sing Christmas carols in the foyer of Sydney's Downing Centre law courts in December.

Selah choir leader and singer Gayle Lamont said the women formed a beautiful choir after some coercion and they regaled the passing parade with carols.

"It was a truly wonderful experience. We can't wait to be asked back," Gayle said.

One member of the passing parade was a woman who arrived to wait for her court appearance. While the choir sang, she knelt and made the sign of the cross.

Court chaplain, Major Evelyn Sneller, spotted the woman and spoke to her.

She told Major Sneller her story of addiction, the trouble it had caused and her fear. The major pointed to the choir and explained it was a group of women in recovery from addiction and she offered to help her, too.

"God really does work through people and his ministries are delivered in many and varied ways," Gayle said.



Selah choir participants at the Downing Centre law courts where they sang carols.



One of many roads cut off by floodwaters in north-west NSW.

From drought to flood

Salvation Army rural chaplains Lloyd and Vicki Graham, based in Narrabri in north-west NSW, had been helping farmers affected by drought just before Christmas, but a couple of days later many of the same families were seeking respite from flooding.

"Normally our role is to visit property owners in the area from Brewarrina to the South Australian border. This area has been affected by drought for eight to 10 years," Lloyd said.

"Around Brewarrina and Bourke rain started to fall on Christmas Day, but then over the following days torrential rain fell over the area to the north-east of Brewarrina causing flooding - 450mm in some places.

"We appreciate the prayers of everyone in the wider Salvation Army, and ask for this to continue. The area to the west of Bourke remains in drought and there are serious concerns for the health and well-being of the people.

"They do know of God and are generally positive for the future. There are many people grateful that The Salvation Army, along with other denominations, has a presence in the outback and are asking for services, prayers and visits. We are praying and working towards sharing the love of Jesus and that there will be a renewal/revival in their hope (eternal)."

Meanwhile, North NSW rural chaplains Majors Peter and Jean Ridley asked all officers and soldiers, adherents and friends of The Salvation Army to pray for rain.

"Since Christmas Day we have seen good rain soaking most parts of the outback and many farmers and farming communities are very happy indeed," said Major Peter Ridley.

"This rain, for stock holders, will put plenty of feed on the ground for winter, which means that for many farmers they will not have the expense of hand feeding their stock, and that is good news. But good rain has not fallen right across NSW; some farmers have barely had any rain at all."



Major Peter Pearson with Coffee and Chat attendee Wayne Smith.

Grace abounds at Eastlakes

(Majors Topher and Sandra Holland)

Friday 20 November was an electrifying night in many ways for the Eastlakes Corps.

Well-known Australian gospel music singer Steve Grace had chosen Eastlakes for the final performance of his Heritage Tour. The tour had been on the road for several months, visiting many rural areas in a number of states.

Steve took to the stage as a fierce electrical storm raged, which provided more than a few challenges for his support crew. There were a few momentary power blackouts which played havoc with the video, lighting and sound, but the professionalism of Steve and his team shone through and God blessed all those present with an awesome night.

Steve sang many of his classics and was also joined on the night by members of the Black Sheep Motorcycle Club who gave great testimonies and prayed with many people in the ministry time at the end of the concert.



Gospel singer Steve Grace performs one of his classic songs.

God blesses Coffee and Chat in 2009

(Major Peter and Helen Pearson)

Since the amalgamation of Mayfield, Hamilton and Lambton Corps in the Newcastle and Central NSW Division in January 2007, the Coffee and Chat program has greatly expanded.

In 2005, Mayfield Corps started a gathering for people referred from street ministry. The simple act of providing an informal avenue for people to gather and share their experiences has proved invaluable.

A barbecue is provided every week with up to 70 people attending the Newcastle Worship and Community Centre.

Several Salvationists mingle with the group and listen to their stories of recovery and struggles. Many come from a nearby recovery program while others hear of the program by word of mouth.

Wayne Smith was presented with a recovery Bible as the 2000th participant in 2009.

"Everybody who comes is very thankful to the team who run it each week and say they are an inspiration to them. One of the best things about lunch is that the cook never burns the sausages and always has a smile," Wayne said.

The corps officers attend occasionally or for special occasions but basically the group is run by a band of enthusiastic Salvationist and friends.

Broken Hill Corps

(Majors Kelvin and Brenda Stace)

Broken Hill Corps has accepted three adherents, acknowledging the faithful and consistent witness of its soldiers and friends over many years.

Bob Henry, Lee Johnston and Christine Morton each expressed appreciation of the friendship and Christ-likeness of the corps folk. This event was celebrated with great enthusiasm.

Members of the Corps Leadership Team participated in the meeting conducted by Major Jenny Allen.

Bob said he was so pleased that "the Lord has brought him back home" after being befriended and invited to attend the corps by Ross Mawby.

Lee has been associated with the corps since she was eight years old. However, through her volunteering at the Family Store, the store manager Dawn Mawby invited her to attend the meetings.

Christine was invited to the corps by Trish Tester and has become involved with Home League and is determined to follow wherever the Lord leads her.



A great day for Broken Hill - (from left) Brian Jenkins, Bob Henry, Ross Mawby, Dawn Mawby, Lee Johnston, Maud Jenkins, Chris Morton and Major Ray Allen.

Maroochydore Corps

(Lieutenants Ashley and Bronwyn Barkmeyer)

Three adherents were enrolled at Maroochydore Corps on Sunday 8 November after being initiated into Salvation Army life through soldiership classes. Jennifer and Peter Muldoon and Joan Green each gave their testimony, acknowledging their faith in Jesus and their commitment to the mission of the Army.

On 29 November, the first Sunday in Advent, Sue Culling and Matthew Barkmeyer were sworn in as senior soldiers at Maroochydore.

Matthew testified that his commitment to soldiership was his desire and has developed since becoming a junior soldier at Parramatta Corps.

Sue, Community Services Manager at Maroochydore Corps, spoke about feeling personally challenged after undertaking a 15-week counselling course. She sees her role as infusing the church family and wider community with the love of God, filling her with greater empathy for others.

Coffs Harbour Corps

(Majors Steve and Julia Metcher)

Andrew Bate revealed his heart for full-time ministry during his testimony on being enrolled as a senior soldier.

Andrew, who married Grace in July last year, outlined his path to finding God during his testimony and is excited about his future serving the Lord with his wife.

"In early 2009 I was reading my Bible and God revealed to me his will for my life, which is to become a Salvation Army officer," Andrew said.

"My life has been a journey with many different experiences and even though I grew up in a Christian home and always had a belief in God, it was not easy as the temptations of worldly ways is there and will always be.

"But with the strength I have in God and his ways he won't let me down. Today, being enrolled as a soldier will show everyone what God has done in my heart and my obedience to respond to his calling. All this from a shy person who freaks out speaking to a group of people.

"I cannot be happier and more excited to see where my life is now heading and I leave you with one of my many sayings: 'It's all good!'"



Andrew Bate with corps officers Majors Steve and Julia Metcher.



Sue Culling and Matthew Barkmeyer being sworn in as senior soldiers by Lieutenant Ashley Barkmeyer.



Response to Haiti earthquake

The Salvation Army responded immediately to the devastating earthquake in Haiti that caused significant loss of life and extensive damage to infrastructure in the capital Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas on 12 January.

Emergency organisations from nearby countries are continuing to aid The Salvation Army's local response to the earthquake, but the task has been painstakingly slow.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lindsay Rowe, Chief Secretary for The Salvation Army's Caribbean Territory, said only days after the disaster: "Like all other relief agencies The Salvation Army is experiencing a great deal of difficulty and frustration in its efforts to get emergency response personnel and vital supplies of food, water and medical aid on the ground in Haiti.

"With the main seaport severely damaged and the airport stretched beyond its capacity, making vital supplies available to waiting teams and desperate people is a logistical nightmare.

"Even when the supplies reach the airport many streets and roadways are impassable, leaving victims stranded without access to aid."

Staff from Caribbean Territorial Headquarters in Kingston, Jamaica, arranged for supplies and several volunteer doctors to travel to Haiti.

"The international Salvation Army is responding in an amazing way. We now have commitments of more than US\$500,000 through various territories and International Emergency Services. Please pray for our teams arriving in Haiti and for strength and grace as they set up the command and distribution centres," Lieut-Colonel Rowe said.

The Australia Eastern Territory has launched an appeal to aid quake victims. To make donations visit salvos.org.au or call 13 SALVOS (13 72 58).

Lieut-Colonel Pamela Hodge, International Development Director for the Australia Eastern Territory, said The Salvation Army was offering every possible support to help those affected by the tragedy.

"Salvation Army personnel in Haiti responded immediately, offering as much assistance as possible including some shelter, food and clean water. The Salvation Army's administrative compound is also being used as an emergency operations centre with people sleeping in the parking lot.

"Our prayers are with the people of Haiti and we will continue to respond in the best manner possible. So far The

Salvation Army in Australia has pledged \$150,000 to assist those devastated by the earthquake."

The Salvation Army began its work in Haiti in 1950. Services offered include three medical facilities, social service institutions and dozens of schools serving more than 10,000 children.



Buildings in Port-au-Prince suffered extensive damage.



Haiti earthquake survivors wait for assistance.

Army opens work in 119th country

The Salvation Army has been officially established in the west African country of Sierra Leone, bringing the total number of countries in which the Army operates to 119.

An enquiry was made about the possibility of The Salvation Army establishing a presence in Sierra Leone in 2003. That led to a long period of discussion, prayerful consideration, careful research and waiting upon the Lord to reveal his will in this regard. Further enquiries came in 2005 and then, in 2006, Sydney's Auburn Corps expressed a keen desire to support any project the Army might consider running in Sierra Leone.

Later in 2006, Major Robert Dixon - then serving as Officer Commanding of the Liberia Command - undertook a feasibility study in Sierra Leone. There was a positive response from the

government. When serving at International Headquarters as the General's Representative for World Evangelisation, Colonel (now Commissioner) Dick Krommenhoek visited Sierra Leone, met with government officials and other authorities and submitted a positive report to General Shaw Clifton.

At a meeting of the International Management Council in December 2009, Commissioner Amos Makina (International Secretary for Africa, IHQ) reported that The Salvation Army had been legally registered to operate in Sierra Leone and officers from Liberia (Captains John and Roseline Bundu) had arrived in the country, ready to start work with the group of local people who had already expressed interest. Captain John Bundu is from Sierra Leone.

Salvation Army officer murdered in US



Major Philip Wise

A Salvation Army officer in the United States has been shot dead on Christmas Eve by two men who attempted to rob him, the attack taking place in front of his three young children.

Major Philip Wise was in the car park of The Salvation Army Corps and Community Centre in North Little Rock, Arkansas with his children when the men, both allegedly armed with hand guns, approached him and demanded money. One shot was fired.

Major Wise's wife, Cindy, who was inside the centre at the time, immediately called emergency services but her

husband died at the scene.

The 40-year-old officer had joined The Salvation Army along with his wife 16 years ago and they had spent the past few years ministering to the Baring Cross community, a low-income neighbourhood troubled by gangs and drugs. The North Little Rock centre provides youth programs, weekly church services, Sunday school and a food pantry, among other services.

"He was involved in the fabric of that community in a lot of different ways," said Major Harvey Johnson from The Salvation Army Central Arkansas Area Command.

Major Johnson described Major Wise as an all-around good guy, "a big teddy bear" who played "a big old tuba" in a brass ensemble and used his love of music to try help others.

"He encouraged kids in music as an alternative to the life they were living," he said.

"He's touched a lot of people, but who would he have touched if he had been able to live out his career?"

The Wises had adopted their children - aged 8, 6 and 4 - just last year, Major Johnson said. The three were siblings who came from an abusive family. They were receiving counselling after their father's death, he said.

Three days after the shooting, Major Cindy Wise, speaking at a Sunday service in the building where her husband was killed, said her mission to minister to the people in the Baring Cross neighbourhood had not changed.

"I believe I have peace today because I know the work is not done here yet," she said.

Major Wise said she would continue to work to give "hope to the hopeless ... so together we will minister to this neighbourhood. Together we will still provide salvation and grace to this neighbourhood".

Two days later, on 29 December, more than 300 mourners gathered at First Assembly of God church in North Little Rock to pay their respects during a memorial service for Major Wise.

Speakers talked of his dedication to his faith, his service in The Salvation Army and devotion to his wife and three children.

Major Cindy Wise sang on stage during a rendition of *God*

Of This City near the end of the service. She then urged those in attendance to focus on continuing her husband's work, which included ministering to residents in the neighbourhood where he was slain.

"He wouldn't want us to be boo-hoing all the time," she said. "He would just want us to honestly and truly grab hold of God's word and just spend time with him."

A memorial fund has been established for the Wise family. Major Johnson said The Salvation Army has also opened a fund for kids to go to music camp, with music and youth camps two of Major Wise's passions.

Centenary celebrations in Chile

With flags waving, drums beating, timbrel ribbons flying and 40 bandsmen leading the way, more than 1200 Salvationists made their way through the crooked, cobbled streets of downtown Valparaiso as The Salvation Army in Chile returned to its roots.

The occasion was Chile's National Centennial Congress, with General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton making their first visit to the South America West Territory in December.

In October 1909, Brigadiers William and Raquel Bonnett walked the streets of the Chilean port city of Valparaiso, pioneering the work of The Salvation Army in the country and boldly proclaiming the gospel of Christ.

One hundred years later the General and Commissioner Clifton walked the same streets, boldly proclaiming the same message.

Following gracious words of appreciation from local authorities in Valparaiso, General Shaw Clifton affirmed the Army's continued commitment to its spiritual presence and community service in the city.

A crowd of 300 applauded the unveiling of a plaque of recognition given to the men's home by the city for its 100 years of faithful service to the homeless.



General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton meet Chilean President Michelle Bachelet Jeria, accompanied by territorial leaders.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

A godly influence



Ivy Myrtle Inglis, of Campsie Corps, was promoted to glory on 12 November, aged 94.

Her funeral service at Pine Grove Memorial Gardens and memorial service at the Campsie citadel were conducted by her son-in-law, Reverend Peter Powell, assisted by Campsie Corps Officer Major Bruce Domrow.

At the memorial service prayer was offered by Captain Philip Inglis (grandson) and the Scriptures were read by David Millar-Powell (grandson). Ivy's children, Brenda Inglis-Powell and Ron Inglis, spoke of their mother's godly influence and her lifelong commitment to The Salvation Army.

Particular mention was made of their mother's 36 years as treasurer of the Five Dock Home League.

A corps tribute was given by Major Heather Merrick.

Ivy was born on 15 February 1915, the fifth of eight children to William and Annie Trethewey, soldiers of the Forbes Corps of The Salvation Army.

Ivy was dedicated at Forbes and grew up within the godly influence of home and corps.

Ivy was grateful for the opportunity to gain her Intermediate Certificate before leaving school, a rare occurrence for a country girl in those days.

At 20, she moved to Dubbo where she continued her involvement in The Salvation Army. She was a Sunday school teacher, Sunbeam brigade leader and timbrellist.

Having received a scholarship based on her corps cadet studies, Ivy entered the Officer Training College in 1940 as a member of the *Holdfast* session. Pro-Lieutenant Ivy Trethewey was appointed to Beaudesert followed by several other corps appointments in the South Queensland Division.

In December 1944, Ivy married Corporal Jock Inglis, assistant to the Red Shield Representative Major Albert Moore. The couple moved to Five Dock where Ivy lived for more than 60 years.

Ivy was committed to her family, raising them in the Burwood Corps while continuing her local ministry through the Five Dock Home League.

Her last years were spent at Campsie Corps where she worshipped until declining health prevented her from attending the meetings.

Jock Inglis was promoted to glory in 1975.

A virtuous woman

Rena Kirkwood was promoted to glory on 23 September, aged 96.

The thanksgiving service for her life was conducted on 25 September by Major Christine Ivers (Brisbane City Temple) at Albany Creek Crematorium.

Rena's niece, Glenys Haalebos, gave a family tribute and Anne Bate shared a vocal solo.

In giving the corps tribute, Brisbane City Temple Corps Secretary Ruth Hinds likened Rena to the "virtuous woman" of Proverbs 31.

Scripture was read from Ecclesiastes 3 and Psalm 23 and the songs during the service were *Mid all the Traffic of the Ways*, *Take Time to be Holy*, *Knowing my Failings* and *I Know He's Mine*.

Rena was born on 11 November 1912 in Thornsbury on Tees, England.

At a young age, she emigrated to Australia with her parents and two sisters (Kerene and Iris) and settled in Townsville.

The family soon became involved in the Hermit Park Corps.

Rena's mother had been an officer at the inception of The Salvation Army and had met the Founder, General William Booth. Rena had a fine Salvation Army heritage.

In 1937, the family moved to Brisbane where Rena became involved with the Brisbane City Temple Corps.

In 1942, she accepted the commission of Young Peoples' Sergeant Major and served in that role for many years. After that, she became involved in the Corps Cadet Brigade.

During this time, Rena worked in office administration and accounts until September 1949 when she married Cyril Kirkwood.

Rena was involved in everything that she could at the corps; from songsters to home league to the corps council. Whatever she did, she did graciously and with dignity.

She was exemplary as a Salvationist and was a fine example of a loyal, courteous and hardworking local officer in all she did.

Rena is remembered for her outstanding service as Corps Treasurer, a position she held for 32 years.

She was meticulous in the keeping of the books, which were all neatly handwritten, and was an excellent steward of the financial resources of the corps.

Rena was a highly accurate, disciplined and good worker.

She was also a very reliable, honest and trustworthy woman.

Rena lived a good, long life dedicated to serving God and The Salvation Army.

Aglow with the Spirit



Mrs Major Grace Ward was promoted to glory on Thursday 3 December, aged 82.

A funeral service was held in the Chapel of David W Bull Funerals (Brunt St) Pakenham,

Victoria, on Thursday 10 December.

Major Lynne Grigsby, Chaplain to Retired Officers, conducted the service, followed by a private cremation.

During the service, Captain Melissa Templeman-Twells said a prayer, Captain Daniel Templeman-Twells read Psalm 121, Pauline Still gave the family tribute, Kevin Still presented a vocal solo, *Lord You Know that I Love You*, and Major Kevin Grigsby read the Australia Eastern Territorial tribute from Commissioner Linda Bond.

The songs were *Blessed Assurance*, *I'm In His Hands*, *Fairest Lord Jesus* and *I Stand Amazed*. "Aglow with the Spirit" is a phrase that sums up Major Grace Ward's life and testimony, and this was reflected in the service.

Grace Naomi Coldwell was born on 29 April 1927 in Brixton, London. She moved to Clapham Common and spent her childhood and youth in that area.

Grace attended Clapham Corps and one evening after a Corps Cadets meeting, Grace sought the Saviour with her mother kneeling beside her in her attic bedroom.

In 1947, Grace entered The Salvation Army's Training College at Denmark Hill as part of *The Kings Messengers* session.

It was there that she met her husband, William John Ward, and they were married in 1951. They had three children; Pauline, John and Angela.

Major Ward served most of her officership in the UK Territory, with a brief overseas appointment in Jamaica. They returned to England where Grace was the Over 60's Secretary for 10 years at Wood Green Corps.

With family in Australia, they were transferred to the Australia Eastern Territory in 1988. William was appointed as the Maintenance Manager in the Property Department and Grace worked as Assistant Director to the Over 60's Club.

The Wards moved to Melbourne to retire, however William continued his work in the Australian Southern Territory as Victorian Social Maintenance Manager for several years. They lived at Inala Village and Grace started a drama group that she ran for five years. She also attended the Inala Chapel Fellowship and took great delight singing in the choir.

In her frailty, Grace moved to Coolinda Lodge in Warragul.

about people

Appointments

Effective 14 January: Major Hwan-ki **Kim**, associate corps officer (additional appointment), Sydney East and Illawarra Division; Major Kay **Clarke-Pearce**, Divisional Community Support Services Secretary and Assistant Divisional Mission and Resource Director - Social, Sydney East and Illawarra Division.

Effective 1 May: Majors Ross and Jo-Anne **Brown**, Managers in Training, Riverview Gardens / Warrina Village Aged Care Services, Queensland.

Bereaved

Majors Bill and Shirlee **Green** of their daughter, and Captain Lynley **Oliver** of her sister, Captain Debra **Green** on 6 November; Lieut-Colonel Desley **Dawkins** of her sister Glenda **Rosser** on 8 December; Brigadier Mrs Dorothy **Smyth** of her husband, and Mrs Major Eva **Morton** of her brother, Dr Frank **Smyth** on 19 December; Captain Alana **Mills** of her father Alan **Bell** on 22 December; Major Brian **Watters** of his sister Joan **Watters** on 3 January; Major Hazel **Parker**, Major Bill **Hutley** and Major Joy **Harvey** of their mother, Dorothy **Hutley** on 7 January.

Births

To Captains Chad and Jodie **Pethybridge** a boy Ayden Gabriel on 1 December; to Captains Andrew and Paula **Hambleton** a boy Joshua David on 5 January.

International College for Officers

Major Mark **Watts** 13 October to 5 December.

Promoted to glory

Captain Debra **Green** (UK and Republic of Ireland Territory) on 6 November; Auxiliary-Captain John **Penfold** on 9 January.

Promotions

Effective 6 January: To major - Stephen **Briggs**, Tracy **Briggs**, Bryce **Davies**, Sue **Davies**, David **Hawke**, Kim **Hawke**, Warren **Lock**, Peter **Maynard**, Royalene **Maynard**, Margaret **O'Neill**, Steven **O'Neill**, Colin **Young**.

SAGALA Awards

General's Award: Sky **Pattison**, Taree.

time to pray

24-30 January

Commissioner Lyn **Pearce**, International Headquarters; Bethany Residential Aged Care, Bingara Corps, Blacktown City Corps, Blue Mountains Recovery Services Centre (Hadleigh Lodge), all NSW; Bethesda Residential Aged Care, Blackwater Corps, both Qld.

31 January - 6 February

Uganda Command; Bonnells Bay Corps, Bowral Corps, both NSW; Boonah Corps, Bowen Corps, Brisbane Central Community Welfare Centre, all Qld; Booth College, THQ; Territorial Policy and Mission Council Retreat (1-3); entry of the *Friends of Christ* session of cadets; Greater West Division staff retreat (5-7); Sydney Staff Songsters repertoire weekend (5-7); Sydney Youth Band retreat (5-7).

7-13 February

Broken Hill Corps, Broken Hill Social Programmes, both NSW; Brisbane City Temple Corps, Brisbane Recovery Services Centre (Moonyah), Brisbane Streetlevel Mission, Bundaberg Corps, Bundamba Corps, all Qld; launch of Territorial 24-7 Prayer (7); Greater West Division Officer's Fellowship (7-11); North NSW Division officer's fellowship (7-11); orientation for envoys and ministry workers (7-19); Sydney East and Illawarra community welfare centres forum (8); School for Youth Leadership commences (9); Programme Team Leaders conference (11-12); Captivated, Brisbane (12-14); ACT and South NSW youth councils (12-14).

14-20 February

Envoy Joy **Johns**, Korea Territory; Business Administration, THQ; Byron Bay Mission, NSW; Caboolture Corps, Cairns Corps, Cairns Women's Programme, Calamvale Corps, all Qld; Newcastle and Central NSW Division officer's fellowship (15-18); Lent commences (17); Captivated day conference, Campsie (17); Captivated, Sydney (19-21).

21-27 February

Southern Africa Territory; Caloundra Corps, Qld; Campbelltown Corps, Campsie Community Welfare Centre, Campsie Corps, all NSW; Canberra City Oasis Corps and Oasis Support Services, Canberra Community

Welfare Services, both ACT; Self Denial launch (21); Decision Week (21-28); Wider Cabinet, Collaroy (22-24); public welcome of cadets (25); Divisional Mission and Resource team leaders forum (25); Sydney East and Illawarra Division chaplains forum (25); Homelessness Services conference, Qld (25-26); men's ministry divisional training (26-27); Sydney East and Illawarra youth councils (26-27); Sydney East and Illawarra Division crisis and support services forum (26-27).

28 February - 6 March

Commissioner Robin **Dunster**, IHQ, Canberra Recovery Services Centre, ACT; Capricorn Region Corps, Carina Corps/ Mt Gravatt Cluster, both Qld; Cardiff Corps, Carinya Cottage, Carpenter Court Residential Aged Care, Casino Corps, all NSW; ACT and South NSW Division officer's fellowship (1-4); South Queensland Division officer's fellowship (1-4); Sydney East and Illawarra Division officer's development day (4); World Day of Prayer (5); Newcastle and Central NSW Division youth councils (6-7); IGNITE Children's Ministry conference, Qld (6-7).

7-13 March

Centenary Corps, Centennial Lodge, Central and North Queensland Division Chaplaincy Services, Central and North Queensland Divisional Headquarters, all Qld; Central Coast Recovery Services Centre (Selah), Central West Aged Care Services, Cessnock Corps, all NSW; DYS's consultative forum (11); Homelessness Services conference, NSW/ACT (11-13); NCD forum, Brisbane (13).

engagement calendar

Commissioner Linda Bond (Territorial Commander)

W'gong: Mon 1-Wed 3 Feb - Territorial Policy and Mission Council retreat
Bexley North: Wed 3 Feb - welcome meal for new cadets

Belmore: Sun 7 Feb - Sydney Korean Corps visit
Coffs Harbour: Sun 7 Feb - DC installation of Majors Phillip and Nancy McLaren

Coffs Harbour: Mon 8 Feb - North NSW Officer's Fellowship
Sydney: Thu 11 Feb - candidates board

Brisbane: Fri 12-Sun 14 Feb - Captivated
Wollongong: Tue 16 Feb - Aged Care Plus conference

Campsie: Wed 17 Feb - Captivated day conference
Collaroy: Fri 19-Sun 21 Feb - Captivated

Collaroy: Mon 22-Tue 23 Feb - Wider Cabinet
Hurstville: Thu 25 Feb - public welcome for new cadets

Bexley North: Fri 26 Feb - School for Officer Training retreat day
Sydney: Mon 1 Mar - Territorial Advisory Board

Sydney: Thu 4 Mar - National Meeting of Advisory Board Chairs
Sydney: Thu 4 Mar - Administration Leadership training conference

Sydney: Fri 5 Mar - candidates board
Newcastle: Sat 6-Sun 7 Mar - Newcastle Divisional youth councils

Sydney: Mon 8 Mar - aged care risk management workshop
Rome: Thu 11-Sun 14 Mar - Vatican consultation

Colonel James (Chief Secretary) and Jan Condon

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#Collaroy: Wed 24 Feb - Divisional Commanders conference

*Collaroy: Wed 24 Feb - Women's Ministry Executive conference
Hurstville: Thu 25 Feb - public welcome for new cadets

#Sydney: Sat 27 Feb - Men's Ministry planning conference
Wagga Wagga: Mon 1-Wed 3 Mar - ACT and South NSW Divisional Officer's Fellowship

Sydney: Thu 4 Mar - Administration Leadership training conference
Sydney: Fri 5 Mar - candidates board

*Sydney: Fri 5 Mar - World Day of Prayer
*Sydney: Mon 8 Mar - Sydney Congress Hall ladies evening fellowship

Chifley Mission: Wed 10 Mar - visit to mission
Collaroy: Sun 14 Mar - Warringah Place chapel service

Bexley North: Fri 26 Mar - School for Officer Training retreat day

* Colonel Jan Condon only
Colonel James Condon only

Place:

The Salvation Army
Hurstville
cnr Bond & Dora Streets

Date:

Thursday
25 February 2010

Time:

7:00pm

Conducted by:

Commissioner Linda Bond
Territorial Commander

Colonels James & Jan Condon
Chief Secretary / TSWM

Featuring:

Sydney Youth Band
Kami - band from Narwee

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"I have called you
friends...
.. I chose you
and appointed you
to go & bear fruit"

John 15:15-16

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