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Tom's servant heart sets the example

Editorial

Tom Hope would be the first person to tell you he's just an ordinary bloke. So it is with some embarrassment that the retired Salvation Army officer with the big heart and the permanent smile carries the weighty, albeit much-deserved title of Central Coast Volunteer of the Year.

In this issue of *Pipeline* we profile Tom and the 40-plus hours of selfless service he still gives to the Army every week despite now being well into his 70s. It's a wonderful example of a servant heart, even if having a story written about him is likely to be another source of discomfit for this humble man.

You see, Tom doesn't do what he does for the recognition. When asked about his motivation for giving so much of his time voluntarily to help others, he replies: "I'm in God's Army. It's what we do, isn't it?"

Tom, you see, understands that he can only do what he does because of an extraordinary God.

The Bible is full of ordinary people who, because of the power of God working through them, achieved exceptional things. David (1 Samuel 16:13), Joseph (Genesis 41:39), Gideon (Judges 6:34), Moses (Numbers 11:25) and Samson (Judges 14:19) are all examples of men who, when the Spirit of God came upon them in a mighty way, did extraordinary things. Even the disciples, in Jesus' last words to them, were told

to wait and don't do anything until "you receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you shall be witnesses to me, in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and the outer most parts of the earth." These were guys who had been the closest companions of Jesus for three years and yet even they were incapable of doing anything extraordinary on their own.

If God chooses to use us, it has absolutely nothing to do with anything we can bring to the table. Instead, it has everything to do with an extraordinary God whose power is at work in us. Zechariah 4:6 sums it up well: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts."

By all means, go ahead and make a difference in this world. Be like Tom and day after day, week after week, get out there, serve others and do something meaningful with your life. But remember, no matter how much people may praise you, no matter if recognition comes your way, no matter if people know your name or think highly of you, none of that is of any consequence. Just as Tom understands, you're just an ordinary bloke with an extraordinary God.

"We have this treasure in earthen vessels so that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us" (2 Corinthians 4:7).

Scott Simpson,
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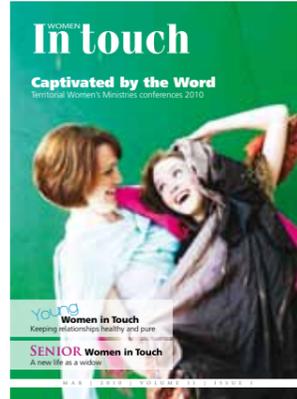
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By Lieutenant-Colonel MIRIAM GLUYAS

A new resource, a book called *50 Ways to Grow a Healthy Corps*, has been produced for The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory in response to two Mission Priorities in particular; Mission Priority 3 – Corps healthy and multiplying, and Mission Priority 4 – Our people equipped and empowered to serve the world

We all want to be part of healthy, growing, missional corps or churches. But what does that mean in practice – what does a healthy corps look like, and how do we make it grow in healthy ways?

In *50 Ways to Grow a Healthy Corps*, seven practitioners describe the practical, down-to-earth methods they have tried for reaching out to their communities, building links and relationships, “growing up” their corps members and providing

opportunities for biblical, intentional, personal and corporate growth.

How do we provide a safe place for teenagers; link with our local schools; make sure everyone gets to enjoy the music they like; support and nurture our children; show the love of Jesus to our welfare clients; get our people praying and reading the Bible; move the focus outwards; share the vision?

All these questions are dealt with in *50 Ways* as contributors share the ideas they have tried and found effective. Those same ideas just might work for you as you build towards a healthy, multiplying corps where you are.

If you and your leadership team could use some fresh ideas and encouragement on the journey, then this is the book for you.

50 Ways to Grow a Healthy Corps is available from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney (www.salvosupplieasyd.com) for just \$5.



‘This book is written by practitioners who have grown healthy corps and provides a variety of ideas and suggestions that have been tried and tested. These ideas, together with concerted prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit, will help to raise the spiritual barometer in your corps’ – Colonel James Condon, Chief Secretary, The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory.

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They still have something important to tell us

Commissioner LINDA BOND says older Salvationists have much to teach younger generations about capturing a vision for the Army’s future

Have you ever seen the movie *Juggernaut*? In this 1970s film, Juggernaut is an ageing madman. An expert in bomb making, he plants several steel drums aboard a luxury liner, demanding money from the company officials in exchange for the instructions on how to defuse the bombs. But thanks to bomb disposal experts (Richard Harris and David Hemmings) who were helicoptered onto the ship, almost all lived happily ever after. The drama, of course, was at its height when the focus was on the defusing of the bomb. This was more than the thrill of an extreme sport. It was a very costly mission indeed!

I had to ask myself, who in their right mind would want a job like that? And then, the next day, I met him. Not Richard Harris or David Hemming, but George White, a resident of our Montrose Aged Care Plus. Here was a real-life hero. George’s military life involved defusing bombs, and he lived to tell about it. What struck me was not the coincidence of reliving the theme of the movie but meeting George.

Later that day, I visited Pacific Lodge where I met Hugh Willie. Hugh is a nuclear physicist, and if there was any idea in my mind that Hugh had had his day, it was quickly dismissed when I heard that he received his doctorate when he was in his 70s and still publishes articles for notable journals.

Here are two of many residents who grace our homes and have such interesting stories to tell. We need to hear them. We need to honour them. They are not just the citizens of the past; they are contributors to the present. And in fact, they can sometimes teach younger generations about capturing a vision for the future.

Picture of revival

I wish all of you could visit (not all at one time) our Aged Care Plus Residence at Maybanke. What an atmosphere of compassion and caring! And then if you could get a private moment or two with Edna Mayne, she would make your day.

Edna is 98, immaculate, and has an engaging, warm personality. To call her a Salvationist would be an understatement. You could write Salvationist in bold letters, in capitals and then underline it. She has been a Home League Secretary for decades, a



songster, a pianist and a faithful soldier all these years. But there’s more!

Edna still plays the piano for chapel at Maybanke. And guess what? She’s got the future in sight. She has taken ownership of the 2020 Vision for our territory. Pinned to her

wall is the vision statement. Check it out in the picture. Imagine! She wants to be part of a Spirit-filled Army of the 21st century!

I tell you, she did more for me that day than my visit could have possibly done for her. If a 98-year-old Salvationist who has known the Army and loved what it used to be sees for it a glorious future, then this vision is more than words. It’s a rallying cry! It’s a picture of revival! It’s a call to all Salvationists, young and old, to get on board and capture the vision. I ask you again, do you see it?

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Who would not want to be engaged in a mission like that, no matter what the cost? Who would not want to sign up no matter what the age?

I’m with Edna Mayne on this. Are you?



Commissioner Linda Bond is Territorial Commander of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory.

God's gift of atoning grace

In the final instalment of a *Pipeline* series of excerpts from the book *Samuel Logan Brengle – Heart to God*, the noted Salvation Army theologian explores God's attitude to sin

No other subject is so vital as the atonement. That is, the work of our Lord Jesus Christ in suffering and dying for humanity to save them from sin. No other teaching does us more good.

So where do we begin? Right at the start we are face to face with the great problem of *sin*. If there is no sin, no estrangement from God, then there is no need for atonement. So let's begin with sin.

What is sin?

Is it a mild malady or a malignant cancer? I once stepped off the train at home and was told that my boy had the measles. I was not alarmed, and he soon recovered. But later, I visited a leper hospital, and it was tragic. Sin is something that corresponds not to measles, but to leprosy.

Do not underestimate sin. In our sheltered Christian homes, and under the protection of laws framed in the light of 20 Christian centuries, we are apt to forget the malignant character of sin. We can be ignorant of human wickedness, of how bad people can be. There are men and women, possibly in your street, who would not hesitate to rob you, if they could. They would not hesitate a moment to malign your reputation, or seduce your sister.

Sin is a state of the heart

We understand that sin is an act. It is something we do – or something we ought to do which we do not do. But sin is not

merely an act. It is *a state of the heart* as well.

Picture Jesus in Pilate's judgment hall. They have spat in his face, and crowned him with thorns, and stripped him, and beaten his back. He struggles up the hill under the heavy load. He is the very essence of humility. But you come strutting behind him in pride – proud of your clothes, your looks, your money in the bank, your home, your good name, gifts you possess. Your pride is *sin of the heart*.

Sin is a wrong against God

Sin is ultimately a blow against God and his righteous government. David stole the wife of Uriah the Hittite and arranged the murder of Uriah. When he was convicted by the story told by Nathan, David saw that he had sinned against *God*. He called out, "I have sinned against the Lord".

Hundreds of years before, Joseph had been tempted to commit a similar sin. He resisted and overcame the temptation, saying, "How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" (Genesis 39:9).

Do you remember the way Jesus described judgment day? The King will say to some of us, "I was hungry and you did not feed me, I was homeless and you did not give me shelter" (Matthew 25:43).

The King so identifies himself with the needy that when they are neglected, he is neglected. He feels it.

When a man sins, it is against *God*.

So, then, we begin to see what a massive, tragic problem sin presents to the holy God. He is perfect, but sin is wrong actions – deeds, words, thoughts. God is good, but sin is wrong lodged in the human heart. God is love, but sin is rebellion against him and his love.

God's attitude

What is God's attitude to human sin? If sin is an endemic sickness of the human heart, which manifests itself in wrong actions and the failure to do right actions, how does God respond to it? Here are four simple truths:

- God cannot be ignorant of sin.
- God cannot be indifferent to sin.
- God cannot approve of sin.
- God must be utterly antagonistic to sin, with all the strength of his moral being. He must hate and condemn it.

If God does not hate sin he is not holy. If he does not condemn sin he is not righteous. If he is not prepared to punish sin he is not just.

But God *is* holy, he *is* righteous, he *is* just. His great heart demands, and his holiness calls for, the utter condemnation of sin.

But God is also love. And while his holiness demands the punishment and utter destruction of sin, his heart of love calls for the salvation of the sinner.

Sin: a problem for God

So then, this was the situation with humanity which God faced. His holiness left only one option for sin – judgment.

His love compelled him to find another option for people. How could God accomplish this double and seemingly contradictory demand of his holy and loving heart? How could God's love and holiness harmonise to secure mercy for the sinner and judgment against the sin?

How can God be just, and yet justify the ungodly? How can God see sin and make an ungodly man right, and yet be a holy God? If a judge on the bench is careless in the way he deals with criminals, he is a dangerous man. That judge is a dangerous character if he does not watch over the interests of society and deal with wrongdoing. And is it not exactly the same with God?

Here is a problem for God. Foolish men and women think it is a very simple problem, this matter of the forgiveness of sins; but it is the profoundest problem in the moral universe.

Sin: how can God forgive it?

How, then, can God forgive sin and be holy? Here are a further three great truths.

- God must secure a true spirit of repentance in the sinner, or else the person he forgives will only be hardened in sin.
- God must make wrongdoers know that they cannot sin with impunity.
- God must safeguard his moral universe. He must make everyone feel the holiness of the law and the righteousness of his judgments, so they say, "Just and true are your ways, King of the ages" (Revelation 15:3). "Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments" (Revelation 16:7).

God's gift

God was faced with an awful cosmic dilemma which involved every man, woman and child on this earth. He

resolved that terrible dilemma by sending his Son, Jesus the Christ, to die on the cross. The judgment of sin was carried out – on the Son of God himself.

That sufferer hanging there was God, suffering for us – God the blessed Son. "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:19). "And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:8). "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21). It was "through the eternal Spirit [Christ] offered himself unblemished to God" (Hebrews 9:14), on our behalf.

Do not imagine that somehow a loving Son gave himself to appease an angry Father. That is not correct. *The whole Trinity is involved in the atoning work of Jesus Christ on Calvary*. The Father "so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son" (John 3:16).

Our response

This is the atonement – God's act of mercy, which bridges the gulf between sinful humanity and the holy God.

The atonement makes God right in all his ways with sinful men. The holiest beings in the universe can never feel that God is indifferent to sin, when he pardons a believing sinner, because Christ has died for him.

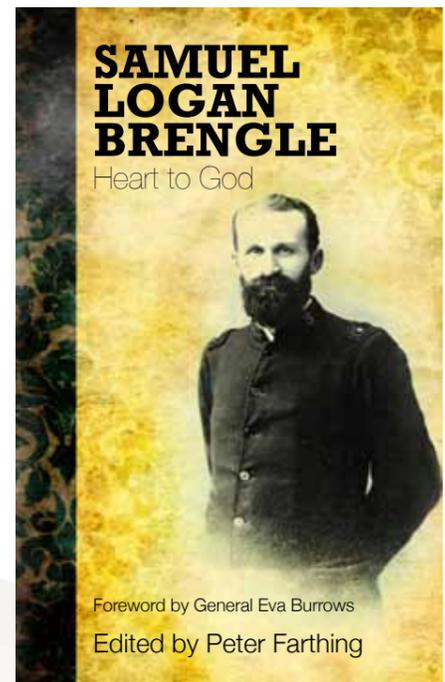
On the other hand, the sinner who is lost and banished to outer darkness, cannot blame God or charge him with indifference, since Christ, by tasting death for him, flung wide open the gateway of escape.

The atonement opens wide the door of pardon, of salvation to every penitent sinner who will trust Christ and follow him. At the same time, it sweeps away

every excuse from the impenitent sinner who will not trust and obey him.

I once heard General William Booth, Founder of The Salvation Army, in the middle of an impassioned appeal to men to repent and make their peace with God, call out, "Every sinner must be either pardoned or punished". And, ever since, these words have remained in my memory as the expression of a tremendous truth from which there is no escape.

God wants to pardon you – he wants to pardon every person. Remember: the atonement opens wide the door of pardon and forgiveness.



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Tom's the toast of the Coast

Helping others comes naturally to retired Salvation Army officer Captain Tom Hope, who was recently named NSW Central Coast volunteer of the year. **BILL SIMPSON** finds out what makes this humble man with a big heart tick

His smile is as big and friendly as his huge heart. He is one of the nicest people you will ever meet.

If you've been fortunate enough to have spent time in his company, you won't have forgotten the experience. It will be the big smile and infectious laugh you remember most. He loves to laugh so much that he has trouble telling his own jokes. He makes you feel good and in love with life.

He will do anything to help anybody, and it's unlikely that it will have cost the recipient anything.

Tom Hope is his name - retired Captain Tom Hope, to give him his rightful title. Some of the qualities mentioned so far have, not surprisingly, earned him the award as NSW Central Coast Volunteer of the Year for 2009.

The award is a bit of an embarrassment for a man of humble ways. He appreciates it, but says his wife, Dorothy, deserves it just as much. And, anyway, he doesn't do what he does for accolades.

Mr Salvation Army

Tom is a positive person - a glass half full rather than half empty sort of man. Talk to him about the 40 or so hours of voluntary work he does each week through the Gosford Corps of The Salvation Army, and he will tell you there is still plenty of time for himself and his family.

He's not the type to complain about being busy or that there's only 24 hours in a day. Twenty-four hours are plenty, he says, if you are doing what you love.

Tom was nominated for his award

by Major Stan Evans, another full-on volunteer of the Gosford Corps. In his nomination, Stan said Tom was a genuinely happy man who lived to help others. He was loved by all who knew him.

"The only complaint I have ever heard about Tom is that he works too hard," Stan says. "I've never seen anyone work as hard as Tom does for God through our corps. He is Mr Salvation Army [at Gosford]."

According to Stan, there are Tom Hope testimonials available all over the Central Coast.

"I visited one of the clubs at Davistown to sell the *Warcry* when Tom was away," Stan told *Pipeline*.

"A lady said to me: 'Tom is a wonderful man. I have had trouble with gambling on the poker machines and Tom is helping me to quit. When my son died, Tom was a real comfort to me'.

"You can pick up dozens of stories about Tom and how he has helped people in need."

I remember Tom from the time he and Dorothy and their three boys, Bryan, Andrew and Gavin, arrived in Wollongong in 1969. Tom and Dorothy >>>



There's never a dull moment in Captain Tom Hope's day whether it be (clockwise from top left) giving away balloons to children, putting people in touch with Salvation Army services, or enjoying a laugh with people during his pubs ministry.

Photos: Shairon Paterson



Celebrating our Seniors

had been members of The Salvation Army's Hull Icehouse Corps in northern England, where Tom was leader of what is now called SAGALA (children's practical activities).

He formed a boys group (cubs) in Wollongong almost immediately on his arrival. The kids loved him. They followed him as though he was the Pied Piper himself.

Tom loved fishing. He and Bryan were lost at sea about 5km off Wollongong for six hours when their dinghy overturned. With the help of cans, they floated back to the beach. Tom's biggest concern was for the welfare of the people who had been searching for him.

He has a reputation of being a doer. Dorothy says Tom has always been hands-on. If a job needs doing and Tom thinks he can do it, then he will do it.

Active retirement

Tom and Dorothy became territorial envoys in 1984, then auxiliary captains and finally captains, serving at Boonah, Mt Isa, Maroubra and Moree corps, and Territorial Headquarters. They retired in 2001 after 16 years of officership.

They have added 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren to their family. They have time for every one of them - and everyone else.

Since retirement, they have twice run Lithgow Corps for short periods, as well as Elliott Heads Outpost at Bundaberg.

They visit people at home and in hospital. Tom uses his own vehicle to run elderly women to Home League because many are on walking frames and can't manage the corps bus. Usually it takes him two or three trips to get all the ladies to Home League in time.

While Home League is in progress, he prepares the corps *Warcry* publications for distribution and does the corps banking. Then, he drives the women home.

Every Thursday, he starts "work" by 4.45am at Gosford Railway Station, handing out copies of the *Warcry* and some friendship, and raising needed dollars for the corps community programs in return.

By 8am, he's heading to the shopping centre for a three-hour repeat of his railway station role.

After a few hours of personal responsibilities in the afternoon, he's back at the corps by 6pm to run SAGALA for the next three hours.

On Fridays, he picks up volunteers by 8am for more shopping centre collection before heading to his own collection point. He drops the volunteers back home at 1.30 and, by 5.30, he is calling at the local hotels, again with his *Warcry* copies and collection box. He finishes about 9pm.

In between collections, Home League and SAGALA duties, and home and hospital visits, he takes his turn at driving a local nursing home bus on social outings, providing counsel at the court house, leading Red Shield Appeal and Emergency



Tom gives a young girl a stamp at a Gosford shopping centre.

Services teams, and officiating at funerals for people who can't afford to pay.

He's also available for odd jobs around the homes of people whose lack of finance would mean the work would otherwise go undone. That includes collecting and delivering furniture.

Everything he does is done as a volunteer. He doesn't know exactly how many hours he gives each week.

"Someone said it was 40 or more hours. It could be. I've never counted," he says. "But it doesn't matter how many hours it is. I love helping people and, anyway, I've still got plenty of time for other things."

"Dorothy reckons it's my personality; that I can't help myself. I love working and mixing with people, and if a job needs doing and I can do it, that's it. I'm in God's Army. It's what we do, isn't it?" □



Bill Simpson is a writer for Pipeline and supplements.



Handing out copies of the Warcry is just part of Tom's daily routine. All photos: Shairon Paterson



"... if a job needs doing and I can do it, that's it. I'm in God's Army. It's what we do, isn't it?"

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Christian attitude towards the elderly

NSW Seniors Week celebrates the valuable contribution the aged make to our community. It is a way of saying thank-you to them and an opportunity for all generations to join with older people to celebrate. **KENT ROSENTHAL** gives a biblical perspective

In the early Christian church, the elderly governed the community and presided over church services, chosen from among the most highly esteemed believers.

This shows that the main service the elderly were expected to perform was preaching of the Word – and for this, as we can read in 1 Timothy, they are worthy of much honour.

1 Timothy 5:17-20 says: “The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honour, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, ‘Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain’, and ‘The worker deserves his wages. Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses.’”

Do we in today’s society hold our elderly in the same high esteem and position of respect – respect enough to listen to them preach?

Paul’s first letter to Timothy is found in a section of the Bible known as the “Pastoral Epistles”. It’s an acknowledgment that, since the death

of Jesus, the beliefs and practices of the church continued to be nurtured, and so more guidance and teaching was needed.

In today’s church it seems we also need a reminder of how Jesus would have intended us to care for each other – especially the elderly. When reading the Pastoral Epistles, it’s helpful to imagine that they weren’t just written for the early church, but they were written for our church and society today.

Care for aged

It seems treatment of the elderly remains an issue – particularly in the secular and more prosperous Western world. So reading through material in which Paul is instructing Timothy is of enormous spiritual benefit for us today.

It reminds us of the importance of the Gospel and how it must be correctly taught and faithfully passed on.

Timothy 5:1-2 gives advice about widows, elders and slaves. It says: “Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute

purity.” The elderly in our society have made a long journey, and their life has been situated by God’s providence to straddle the 20th and 21st centuries – both of which have registered their own lights and shadows.

Lifetime of experiences

Internationally, today’s elderly have been witness to unprecedented sufferings that have affected the lives of millions of people. They have seen conflicts that have erupted on different continents as a result of territorial disputes between different countries, empires and through inter-ethnic hatred.

Despite the traumas experienced by the elderly – historically, personally and physically – through faith in Jesus, we know that even death is redeemed and transformed.

So this faith sheds light on the mystery of death and hopefully brings serenity to old age. Because of faith in Christ, a long-lived life is not lived passively awaiting sickness and death, but life is lived with a sense of trusting abandonment into the hands of God. It’s little wonder why Paul instructed Timothy that the elderly are to be respected as spiritual guides.

The Gospel reminds us of the words of the aged Simeon, who said he was ready to die once he had held in his arms the long-awaited Messiah: “Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation” (Luke 2:29-30).



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Breathing new life into seniors ministry

By **JULIA HOSKING**

Major Lyn Daines has one specific goal in her role as the new Territorial Seniors Coordinator – she wants people to look forward to growing old.

Seniors ministry has been given a renewed focus in 2010, with Major Daines being given the task of concentrating solely on developing better programs for the older generation.

“In five years time, I’d like to see that people can’t wait to be old enough to join that group and to be a part of this ministry,” Major Daines said.

“I believe seniors ministry has earned a bad name over the years.

“The idea that seniors ministry is only for older people needs to change, [because] really it can be a lot more than that: it can be a vital, energetic group that people want to be a part of.

“There is no limit in creating new possibilities to incorporate the needs of younger seniors and the newly retired.”

For the past few years, seniors ministry has come under the umbrella of Major Sue Hale, who also headed up Community Care Ministries in her role as Territorial

Secretary for these portfolios, positions she held until January this year.

A majority of activities were targeted at the 70-plus age group.

It was felt that while it was important to provide activities for that group, this focus resulted in “younger seniors” (recent retirees who are still reasonably active) not having their needs specifically met.

Major Daines says she wants to provide opportunities for the Divisional Seniors Programme coordinators and secretaries to share ideas and advice about ministering to all seniors.

“I want to see a variety of activities on offer,” Major Daines said.

“Walking groups, travel groups, Bible studies and events where people can sit and enjoy entertainment.”

Major Daines said another component of effectively ministering to seniors involved encouraging them to utilise their spare time and expertise for volunteer work.

“This volunteering could be in administrative capacities, at the welfare centre, in areas of aged or community care, or at children’s after-school programs,” she said.



Major Lyn Daines feels there needs to be more organised activities for “younger seniors”.

Seniors Week in the community

By **JULIA HOSKING**

Senior citizens are valuable members of any community and their contribution will be officially recognised in NSW and the ACT from 21 to 28 March as Seniors Week.

Seniors Week is designed to improve community attitudes towards our older generation by focusing on their needs through a variety of events and activities in an attempt to enhance inter-generational relationships.

It’s also a way to say thank-you.

The Department of Human Services (Ageing, Disability and Home Care) coordinates NSW Seniors Week, which has been running as an annual event for 52 years. One of the week’s highlights is the Premier’s Gala Concerts, held on Monday 22 March and Tuesday 23 March.

In the ACT, Seniors Week is run under the umbrella of Council On The Ageing. This organisation works to protect and promote the well-being, rights and interests of seniors and their carers.

Among an array of activities, Seniors

Week Expo in Canberra will be held in Kingston on 25 March from 10am to 2.30pm. Representatives from more than 100 organisations will be available to talk about health issues, financial planning, retirement, lifestyle options and more.

Queensland holds its celebrations from 14 to 22 August, with the State Government overseeing activities.

For more information on Seniors Week in your state or territory, please visit the following websites.

NSW: www.nswseniorsweek.com.au
ACT: www.cota-act.org.au
Qld: www.communityservices.qld.gov.au/seniors/events/seniorsweek

Self Denial Appeal 2010
one week's salary on missionary service

SELF DENIAL 2010

Altar Service 28 March

Moore time for the Lord



Early retirement has opened the door for Max and Meredith Moore to freely serve the Lord in many surprising ways, as **JULIA HOSKING** found out

A text message received on a cruise early last year led North Brisbane Corps soldiers Max and Meredith Moore down an unexpected path as caretaker officers at Bundaberg.

The Moores were enjoying a season of relaxation after an intense period serving in Papua New Guinea when they were contacted via text by Major Laurie Robertson, then Divisional Commander for the Central and North Queensland Division, inviting them to take up the role at Bundaberg Corps.

The text read: "Can you contact me" and, after speaking with Major Robertson, Meredith recalls: "We said leave it with us and we'll think about it. So we looked at it and we both responded very warmly."

"Scripture says to obey is better than to sacrifice. I could sacrifice my time and go to Bundaberg, but if it's not in obedience to His call, then I shouldn't be there, because it's only a sacrifice."

Due to family commitments, Max and Meredith initially took on the Bundaberg role for a six-week period starting in April, but returned in September to continue the work through to Christmas.

During their first stint Meredith said they saw the Lord at work in the corps. "We could see joy coming back to their faces," Meredith reflects. "And we could see life coming back into them in those six weeks."

Max says: "We felt like our work hadn't been completed and we needed to come back. So we said [to Major Robertson] if you don't find somebody, we

Brisbane couple Max and Meredith Moore thrived in their short stint in Bundaberg where they took charge of the corps and its many ministries.

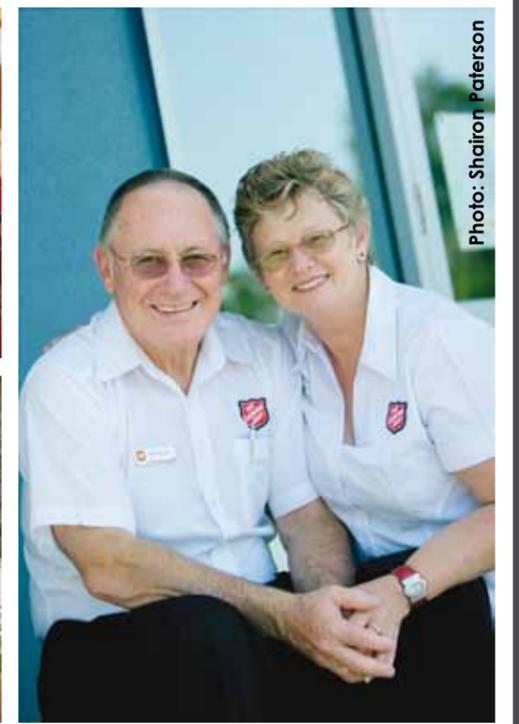


Photo: Shairon Paterson

can come back in September and stay until Christmas."

No-one could be found to lead the corps until January, so in mid-September, the Moores excitedly left their home in north Brisbane, and were warmly welcomed back to Bundaberg.

Missionary service

Prior to their Bundaberg experience, the Moores had developed a close relationship with PNG with two stints in missionary service, the first for two weeks with the Army's Project 1:8, and the second time for two years.

Before retiring at the age of 56 in 2001, Max had been a career educator, while Meredith worked for The Salvation Army in a variety of roles until 2002. These experiences prepared each of them for their two-year role from 2005 - Max as principal of The Salvation Army Lae Primary School in PNG, the construction of which he supervised, and Meredith as secretary to the Divisional Commander after assisting with renovating the newly formed North Coastal Divisional Headquarters.

They formed many close friendships during their time in PNG and it was on a cruise with some of these friends when the call came to serve in Bundaberg. Before this the Moores had received a number of invitations to serve in a variety of places, including Cambodia, but they felt none of these requests were in the Lord's plan.

Max and Meredith's role in Bundaberg was to oversee all of The Salvation Army ministries in the town, which includes

welfare centres and a youth refuge, in addition to the corps. However, the "jewel in the crown", according to Max, is the Tom Quinn Centre.

The centre is named after former town magistrate and Salvation Army bandmaster Tom Quinn, who wanted to transform broken lives by giving people opportunity. This happens through providing practical vocational training and instilling value in the people there.

Busy schedule

When not at the Tom Quinn Centre, the Moores' week, in part, consisted of planning the Sunday meeting, dealing with media, writing newsletters, kids club, youth group and preparing for a Sunday night community radio slot (on a rotating roster). Additionally, they placed a large emphasis on visitation, because they overtly recognise and place importance on people, whoever they are.

With this busy schedule, Meredith, who highly values her personal devotions, found she had to strictly allocate that time as well as time by herself and with Max. If she didn't, life would get crowded out.

This is something she believes officers

"I think it was a wonderful calling ... there was a great sense of achieving a purpose, personally and for the Kingdom."

need to be wary of, especially those with families.

"Your family can be full-time to start with," the mother of three, and grandmother of nine, says, "and then you have this other church family which can be full-time as well."

In spite of the challenges faced, both recognise the value of the experience.

"I think it was a wonderful calling," says Max. "There was a great sense of achieving a purpose, personally and for the Kingdom."

In January this year, Captains Phil and Gwen Sharp began their appointment as Bundaberg corps officers. Prior to the Moore's service, the corps was cared for by the Senior Spiritual Leadership Team.



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JUST Salvos



Social equality unites territories

By JULIA HOSKING

The Salvation Army's Australia Eastern Territory has entered into partnership with the Southern Territory in the area of social justice.

This partnership, under the title of 'Just Salvos', was recognised in November last year at the inaugural National Working Party for Social Justice event which was held in Melbourne.

Robyn Evans is the Social Justice and Community Development Co-ordinator in the Australia Eastern Territory and Captain Danielle Strickland is her counterpart in the Southern Territory.

Robyn explains the amalgamation of the two territories: "We thought it would be more strategic for us to align our resources

and our ideas, and be united in the way that we approach the social injustices that we face in our country "because many of our issues are national."

Campaigning for social justice has long been a part of The Salvation Army's history.

Robyn says that Just Salvos' purpose is to improve and build upon what presently exists across the Army in Australia.

Robyn and Danielle, together with the Just Salvos team, will meet regularly throughout the year to develop national strategies and work towards achieving their goals in creating social justice.

"We feel [as Just Salvos] we will be able to be better informed, better resourced, have more of a strategic framework and then allocate resources according to that [framework]," says Robyn.

"Our hope is that those people who are experiencing injustice will actually have their circumstances change because of the work that we do in those areas."

Both Robyn and Danielle highly value the need to communicate their progress and initiatives to the national Salvation Army.

This will mainly occur through the Just Salvos website (justsalvos.com), which, acting as a hub for social justice-related material, will also supply resources and education.

It will also include a monthly article which examines a social justice issue from a Christian perspective. These articles will also, on occasion, be featured in *Pipeline*.

The first of these, below, has been written by Major Campbell Roberts, who is serving in New Zealand.



World crying out for an Army of justice

Major CAMPBELL ROBERTS says addressing social inequality is not an optional extra for The Salvation Army

In a world of huge economic need and social challenge it can seem audacious to call ourselves The Salvation Army. Not audacious when we consider the Lord we serve, but audacious, perhaps, when we consider the real impact of our movement on the world.

Despite amazing advances in social and economic provision, many still do not have the basic life necessities of adequate shelter, food, health care or education. Some women are slaves in a global industry of sexual exploitation while others prostitute themselves so their children can eat. In the media we are daily confronted with a world that looks for leadership and creative solutions to the issues that threaten to destroy the human community.

The Salvation Army spends millions of dollars globally every year in investments of time, capital, plant and personnel in evangelical and social mission. The question we cannot and should not avoid, however, is does the modern-day Salvation

Army make the impact and difference in the world it should?

The Salvation Army came into existence to offer personal salvation through our evangelical ministries, human care through social service, and to change the world and the way of life for those in oppression and poverty through its justice ministries.

Biblical tradition

Standing at the centre of the biblical narrative is a conceptual understanding that, ultimately, life only works when not only human individuals but also human communities are in an interactive relationship with God. Individual, societal and national life only finds its true purpose and meaning in relationship with God. So when the individual, community or national relationship with God breaks down, sin occurs and the seeds of destruction are sown in that individual human life or human community.

We cannot conduct our evangelical and

social services without reference to the enormous injustice that creates suffering and desperation in the world. A world where, to quote just two statistics, 600 million children live in absolute poverty (*Poverty Reduction Begins with Children*, UNICEF, 2000) and 8.4 million children are trapped in slavery, trafficking, debt bondage, prostitution, pornography and other illicit activities (*Facts on Child Labour*, International Labour Organisation, 2003).

Salvationists cannot sleep easy when even in Australia a percentage of the population is being denied basic necessities that make life sustainable.

Scripture demands redemption of all aspects of a sinful world. Listen to the words of the apostle Paul: "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms," Ephesians 6:12 (NIV).

This is our biblical mandate, to be conveyers of hope in the midst of a dark,

terrorised and unjust world. Our message is clear - injustice of all types can be defeated in Christ.

It's also our organisational DNA. (Salvation Army Founder) William Booth's work as a pawnbroker's assistant brought him into contact with the harshness and deprivation of poverty. The experience impacted his life and drove him to create a mission in The Salvation Army which changed things.

"Why all this apparatus of temples and meeting houses to save men from perdition in a world which is to come, while never ... stretching out to save them from the inferno of their present life," (William Booth, *In Darkest England and the Way Out*).

Tackling injustice

The world needs a strong and passionate voice of justice from The Salvation Army; a voice of courage, tackling injustice whether sourced in government policies, the actions of global or national corporations, public racism or secular ideologies and philosophies.

Australia loves and holds in high esteem The Salvation Army mission. That love and reputation is a great asset, but as with all assets we must be prepared to invest it and put it at risk for the most

vulnerable in the world and to stay true to the call, to be a people of justice. That reputation and respect is not for us to use for ourselves. It is ours to use on behalf of the world's vulnerable.

If The Salvation Army is to make a difference in our world then the biblical mandate for justice needs to be increasingly acted out at all levels of our activity and organisation. We need comparable, contemporary Salvo voices speaking out clearly on national and global issues of oppression and injustice. Not in triumphalism, but articulating the voices of those whose own voices and needs are often not heard in the places of influence in our world.

The action required will vary according to the context and disciplines in which The Salvation Army operates.

Walter Brueggemann describes justice as sorting out what belongs to whom and returning it to them, (Brueggemann Walter et al *Act Justly, Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly*, pg 5). One of The Salvation Army's tasks is sorting out what belongs to who and then setting about the task of returning it to them. Moving children out of poverty, returning life to the trafficked, ensuring housing for the homeless and securing dignity for the elderly. It means sorting out what rightly belongs to Indigenous people,

to asylum seekers, and giving it to them.

Urgent task

In the Bible, Micah is the voice of the peasant crying out against the greedy power of the state. But Micah is more than a critic. He also offers an alternative: a vision of society without exploitation.

But there is a catch. For all to have access to the necessities of life, those in power must be less greedy - all must accept a peasant lifestyle where each family has what it needs to live. "Every man shall sit under his vine and his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid," (Micah 4:1-4). For everyone to have something, some may need to consume less.

Working for social justice, then, is not an optional extra for The Salvation Army. It is the urgent task of a needy world - a task to eliminate the tears and suffering of those at the margins of this world.



Major Campbell Roberts is the National Director of The Salvation Army's Social Service Policy and Parliamentary Relations in New Zealand.

We're on the move

In Micah 6:8 we read: "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (NIV).

The Message puts it like this: "But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbour, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don't take yourself too seriously – take God seriously."

God is a God of justice. He's the God of the nations and he's bringing the nations to us. God commands us to love others, regardless of their race or background.

The Salvation Army is on the move with the Australia Eastern Territory overseeing the development of three key ministry areas: Indigenous ministry, multicultural ministry and social justice ministry.

There has already been great work done in the areas of Indigenous and social justice ministries and Adrian Kistan (Indigenous) and Robyn Evans (social justice) are continuing this. Along with Captain Nesan Kistan (multicultural), these three servants of Christ are at the forefront of developing programs and training in their ministry fields. In this issue of *Pipeline* they share their passion.

Multicultural ministry One Army, one people

By Captain NESAN KISTAN

I was sitting at the very back of church one Sunday with my eldest son, only two years old at the time, stroking my face, when he very lovingly looked up to me and said, "Dad, do you realise you are black?" I laughed and made a joke of it and said, "No, when did that happen?"

It saddens me to see so many places of worship not reflecting the communities in which they are situated.

I ask the question, why is it that we have become so mono-cultural when the world we live in is so multicultural?

God's word challenges us that His

house is a house of prayer for all the nations. Australia is one of the most multicultural societies in the world and, consequently, many of our leading academics have concluded that our nation's identity and future are wrapped up in our multicultural flavours.

It is my strong contention that we as a movement need to capture the unique opportunity that God has presented us with, in that we are able to minister to the people of the world in a time when many countries still close their doors to the Gospel.

Growing up, there were a number of people who influenced my life and

some of these individuals had passed on before I was even born. They all had one thing in common: they worked hard to create harmony and unite disfranchised people of all nationalities and bring love, peace and equality into the world with a message of truth that changed lives.

Martin Luther King had a dream of uniting people of all races. Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela had a dream of uniting a broken South Africa. Gandhi sought to bring hope and pride to a nation of people that were suffering incredible oppression. Mother Teresa sought to give hope to the people of India by feeding the poor and supporting the downcast.

When God's people are working together to embrace the different nationalities of our country we can generate new passion and greater dreams, capture the uniqueness of our diversity and see a power unleashed upon our world that will bring a revolution of love unrivalled in our time.

Let the revolution begin – one people, one God, one Army and one mission.



Nesan Kistan (centre) prays with a seeker during service at Auburn Corps.



Captain Nesan Kistan is Corps Officer at Auburn, a multicultural suburb in Sydney's inner west.

Indigenous ministry

Reconciliation the key

By ADRIAN KISTAN

For the first time in the Australian Eastern Territory the Salvation Army is intentionally investing time into developing an Indigenous ministry.

A strategic action plan is being led by Indigenous members who are passionate about seeing The Salvation Army minister effectively to Indigenous people across Australia.

The cornerstone of developing this ministry is to guide Indigenous and non-Indigenous people through a journey of understanding that leads to reconciliation with each other and ultimately reconciliation with the Creator God.

The introduction of Indigenous Cultural Awareness workshops provide participants with basic tools for a greater understanding and appreciation of how to engage with Indigenous people.

There is also a commitment to the development of Indigenous ministry leaders through the provision of appropriate training opportunities.

The Salvation Army has been fairly successful at seeing Indigenous people saved and connected into corps but there has been limited success in discipleship, development and empowerment into leadership for Indigenous people.

For this ministry to grow The Salvation Army is determined to explore culturally appropriate ministry leadership training for Indigenous people.

An Aboriginal elder once said to me



Adrian Kistan with some Indigenous children at Moree, in the north-west of NSW.

that "we are to look at the past and learn from it but don't stare at it because we will get stuck and no progress will be made towards a truly reconciled Australia".

As a movement The Salvation Army shares that sentiment. We take on board the past while we make progress towards a brighter future for all. This journey is not for some of us but it is a call for us all to engage fully with this.

We are at an opportune time to make a considerable difference to the lives of Indigenous people in our nation and also to be enriched by the contribution that

Indigenous people can make to the life of The Salvation Army.

Are you willing to go on the journey of understanding?



Adrian Kistan is The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory's Indigenous Ministry Co-ordinator.

Social justice ministry

Standing against inequality

By ROBYN EVANS

Social justice has always been a core value of The Salvation Army and in many areas people live this out as they love and serve every day in their communities.

Although this continues to take place, justice needs to remain a focus of what The Salvation Army does. There are those who would say that there needs to be a realignment of focus in this area.

Working towards courageous justice goals will not only challenge the organisation and the people who call the Army their spiritual home, but these goals will see lives changed, communities impacted, and the beginning of a future that looks different to injustice.

To bring about social justice in the lives of many is not just about The Salvation Army, but about our personal responsibility to be part of the solution to injustice.

The Salvation Army wants to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to engage, that there are no excuses why people can't be involved. Therefore, we are developing resources, educational material and courses that will prepare people for the fight against injustice.

Being able to effectively communicate the message of social justice is crucial and to facilitate this a Just Salvos national website has been established.

The website is filled with content on the key issues that The Salvation Army is pursuing. It will be an access point of

communication with various social justice groups, both internal and external to the Army.

We are on a great journey, one that is exciting but also heart-wrenching.

It's a journey that will bring about God's will on earth, so please don't miss out.

Join us!



Robyn Evans is Social Justice Coordinator for The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory.

School for Officer Training turns 30

By SCOTT SIMPSON

The Salvation Army School for Officer Training in Sydney marks a milestone in its development later this month when it turns 30.

Located at Bexley North in Sydney's south, the college was officially opened by then Governor of NSW, Sir Roden Cutler, on 15 March 1980.

In its reporting of the ceremony, The Salvation Army's *On the Scene* newsletter said: "In excess of one thousand Salvationists and 'friends' of the Army witnessed the event. The 3 million dollar complex is the most ambitious project of its kind ever attempted by The Salvation Army in its 100 years of history in this country."

Before unveiling a commemorative plaque, Sir Roden made particular mention of the Army's respect in the community.

"I don't think that there's any organisation in Australia or anywhere else which receives more widespread support ... than The Salvation Army.

The work you do is respected in the community - it is useful, welcomed and I wish you well in the future and know and feel sure that you will, with this new Training College, be able to extend that work further."

A number of events have been organised to commemorate the anniversary.

An In Sunday with Cadets will be held on 14 March with the special guest Commissioner Ian Cutmore who was the Training Principal at the college when the building opened.

The following day, on the actual anniversary of the School for Officer Training's opening, there will be a morning tea at the college with an open invitation to officers, staff and cadets who were in training and on staff when the building was opened.

"The event on the 14th is purely an inhouse meeting with the current cadets, but the morning tea on the 15th will be the big one," said Major Gavin Watts, now the Training Principal at the School for Officer Training.

"We're really looking forward to having Commissioners Ian and Nancy Cutmore here with us for those two days, it should be a wonderful occasion.

"It's a real blessing to have this site here at Bexley. It's a God-given resource where cadets can be trained and then sent out to the front line of ministry. It's been a wonderful 30 years since the college opened at this site and we can only pray that the next 30 years will be just as fruitful."

Long history of teaching

Theological education for The Salvation Army in Australia began in 1883, only two years after the first leaders had arrived from England to take charge of the fledgling organisation. This training was exclusive to those who were preparing to be officers, to ready them for ministry.

In 1921, the Eastern Territory Training College was opened at 55 Livingstone Rd, Petersham. At that time, cadets undertook a 10-month residential course. It wasn't until 1965 that the course was extended to two years.

Flower girl Kylie blossoms into training college cadet

Kylie Herring was six years old when The Salvation Army School for Officer Training at Bexley in Sydney was officially opened in 1980.

That's a picture of Kylie (below) presenting a bouquet of flowers to Lady Cutler, the wife of then NSW Governor Sir Roden Cutler, at the opening ceremony.

This year, as the college celebrates its 30th anniversary, Kylie (far right) is back at the college as a first-year cadet in training. This time, she has taken with her husband Martin and children Lucy, Simeon and Sigrid.



Kylie Rees, as she was in 1980, was at the college 30 years ago because her parents - now Lieutenant-Colonels David and Christine Rees - were members of the college staff as training officers. They are now serving at International Headquarters in London.

All these years later, Kylie has no recollection of her famous flower presentation. But she is not surprised that she is back at the college.

"I guess it crossed my mind at various stages. In my teens, I think I hoped I wouldn't be called," she said.

She wasn't impressed by the lack of finances that officership could bring.

"I particularly remember wishing I had a pair of Applepie leather white sneakers like most of the other girls at school when I only had sneakers from Kmart."

After gaining a law degree at the University of Wollongong and marrying Martin Herring, the couple offered for overseas service with The Salvation Army. They served in Sri Lanka for almost



three years from 2004 before returning to Wollongong, from where they entered the training college.

Kylie accepts officership is an extension of their Sri Lanka experience. "I see [officership] as the next step of trust and obedience. My spiritual experience could be described as taking incremental steps that have led to deeper levels of trust and willing obedience.

"It's like God says: 'OK, Kylie. You have tried that [Sri Lanka]; now how about this [officership]'."

Between 1932 and 1935, because of the Great Depression and the need to economise, the college in Sydney was closed and all officer training was carried out in Melbourne.

In 1980, the Sydney Officer Training College moved from Petersham to its present location at Bexley North.

The Salvation Army introduced a training program at its Lake Munmorah Campus in 1996, with an emphasis on leadership and discipleship for young adults.

The following year saw the commencement of theological education for Christians who had a desire to study, but were not looking at becoming a Salvation Army officer. This was the first semester of classes through the now

School For Christian Studies and in June 1999 the new College of Further Education (now Booth College) building was opened on the site at Bexley North. It included modern classrooms and an updated library.

This inaugurated a unique program designed to bring the existing training programs - The School For Christian Studies, The School for Officer Training, The School for Youth Leadership and The School for Leadership Training (Stanmore) - under one umbrella.

Booth College now provides a wide range of accredited and non-accredited courses in ministry, theology, leadership and management, counselling and pastoral care. It has students enrolled in its courses from around the world.

Cadets embark on out-training

Second-year cadets of the *Ambassadors of Holiness* session at the School For Officer Training begin their supervised ministry appointments this month. For the next three months the cadets will be based at the following corps:

South Queensland Division

Cadet Nathan Hodges -
Redlands Community Church
Cadet Tammy Rees -
Carina/Mt Gravatt Corps
Cadet Joanne Catalano -
Tweed Heads Corps
Cadet Craig Sutton -
Toowoomba Corps

ACT and South NSW Division

Cadets Peter and Rebecca Gott -
Tuggeranong Corps

Sydney East and Illawarra Division

Cadets Jimmy and Tamar Kavana -
Narwee Corps
Cadets Jon and Leah Belmonte -
Maroubra Corps
Cadets Ian and Tammy Shelley -
Menai Corps

Training Principals at the School for Officer Training since 1980

1980-81 Major Ian Cutmore
1981-86 Major James Martin
1986-90 Major Keith Parkinson
1990-95 Lieut-Colonel Patricia Egan
1995-97 Lieut-Colonel Winsome Williams
1997-01 Major Graham Durston
2001-04 Lieut-Colonel Lyn Pearce
2004-09 Major Philip Cairns
2009- Major Gavin Watts



A crowd gathers at the opening of the School for Officer Training in 1980.



Then Territorial Commander Commissioner Leo Ward with Sir Roden Cutler.

REFLECTIONS ON 25 YEARS OF OFFICERSHIP

Twenty-two Salvation Army officers in Australia's Eastern Territory have completed a quarter of a century of service this year. Here a selection describe their journey in ministry and their vision for the future

Majors Pam and Colin Robinson



Pam says ... What an amazing journey I have been on over the past 25 years with my wonderful soulmate of 36 years of marriage. How can I praise God enough for the privilege of so many amazing appointments that have allowed us to meet and minister to so many wonderful people from little babies to the oldest soldier of 96 years? Not only that, but so many have blessed and enriched us as individuals and as a family. Entering college as a shy 26-year-old with two little boys, we now have three young godly men who will all shortly be married to wonderful Christian Salvo girls, and an amazing young daughter with a passion for social justice and who all love and honour God, not to mention our precious five grandchildren. Challenges along the way? Sure! Times

when I wondered if I could keep going? Yes. But in all the challenges God has been so faithful to me and my entire family. I do thank God for seeing in me what I could not and calling me to embark upon this amazing road called officership.

Colin says ... Twenty-five years of Officership ... where has it gone? Retirement is creeping up quickly it seems, but do we ever really retire in God's service? I hope not. Has it been easy? No. But God has been so faithful. Have I questioned my calling? Yes, many times. But God has always been sufficient and he gave me the best person in the world to journey with - my wife Pam. And he changed the destiny of our entire family when we joined him through The Salvation Army. Praise be to God alone.

Majors Max and Karen Smith



Karen says ... Officership is definitely not for those who want a boring life! Looking back over the last 25 years (which have passed remarkably fast) I am amazed at the variety of life experiences God has gifted us through officership. My life has been enriched not only by an ever-deepening relationship with Christ, but also by sharing the journey with some very special people. If I hadn't said yes to God's call then I would never have met those precious people who will be friends into eternity. Even the difficult times are not wasted in God's economy and he has used them to teach me about himself and his sufficiency. Bad days only make heaven look sweeter! Life with Christ is never static or predictable (hallelujah) and I can trust God with the twists and turns of the journey, whether I can trace their course or not, because I know he is in control and that he loves me deeply. *Servants of God* is not just the best session name to carry, it is a mission statement, code of conduct and life statement under which it is an honour to serve. A favourite verse of scripture is 1 Corinthians 15:58, "So my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless."

Max says ... My most profound divine experience happened in the wilderness on the South Island of New

Zealand but, having grown up in The Salvation Army, I looked to it as an avenue to serve God. If the first disciples left their nets to follow, then I felt challenged to leave the bush and enter (training) college. But having been willing to make that sacrifice, God kept giving the bush back to me; from our first appointment at Narrabri with a backdrop of Mt Kaputar and trips on the black soil plains, through to our current appointment on the Central Coast. Richard Foster's *Spiritual Disciplines* book prompted me to begin memorising Scripture and being intentional in Bible study and prayer. Doing the pastoral care course helped me learn to listen and set boundaries. God's providence astounds me. He has blessed me again and again. I especially enjoy the untold opportunities I've had connecting with a great variety of people. I asked the Lord for a helper and Karen has done pretty well! And now I'm on the beach at Forster/Tuncurry. Since moving to the beach I discovered that William Booth was a great body surfer: "The tide is now flowing, I plunge 'neath the waters, they roll over me." Officership is the very best life for me, I can't understand why there is not a queue to join up. I'm dying to live.

Majors Glenda and Kevin Hentschel



Glenda says ... When God calls he means it! My calling to officership was strong, but my determined nature led me in my own earthly ways. God had to use his "supernatural power" to enforce his calling on my life. So reluctantly I joined the *Servants of God* session. I soon came to realise it's not what I had been, it's not what I was then, it was what I could be. God called me the way I was and because he loved me he couldn't leave me that way. So during those years in college God changed me to be the person that he could use. It is not just enough to be called; God has to equip. I learnt to be patient with God because he hadn't finished with me. The changes were hard and all through the 25 years as an officer the changes and learning processes at times have been painful, but I have been reminded that there is a cross in discipleship. There have been times when I haven't felt close to God but it was then I realised who had moved away. In these

times I have had to go back to my calling and remind myself I am a sinner saved by grace, and God called me to a path that would not always be easy. God has led me to many areas of work - Corps Officer, Woman's Ministries Secretary, Divisional Youth and Candidate Secretary, Women's Organisations, Salvation Army Emergency Services (twice), Sydney Airport Chaplain, and Court Chaplain. These were all different areas of ministry, which needed a change of attitude and involved a huge learning process. During all these different appointments God has measured success by faithfulness to Him. My officership is summed up in this chorus: "I've never been sorry; I heeded God's call; I've never been sorry; I yielded my all; My walk with the Master; Grows sweeter each day; I've never been sorry; One step of the way."

Kevin says ... To take up the cross I needed to hold on with both hands and therefore I had to let go of my worldly ambitions and obey the call to become an officer in the *Servants of God* session. During my officership I have discovered the greatest gift I can give to the people I come in contact with is my relationship with God. My officership has not always been easy and in these times I have had to remind myself that spiritual authority is not man appointed, it is God anointed. Because God called me he has given me authority. He has been with me and has not failed me and I have proven this over and over again. I continue to grow spiritually daily and my spiritual growth is evident in what I say, in what I do, and what I am. So I question, master my actions, asking, "Have I been loyal to my *Servants of God* commissioning I promised, when ordained by you?" Today, I feel at peace with God. My officership has been blessed by God and I am content that I have obeyed his call knowing that my life is perfect in love and the possibilities for my life are unlimited. So I say with the song writer: "All my work is for the Master; He is all my heart's desire; Oh that he may count me faithful; In the days that tries by fire!; All that is past, I say 'Thank you'; All that is to come, I say 'Yes'."

Major Julia Metcher

Julia says ... When God called me to be a Salvation Army officer at the age of 13, I thought he had made a good choice! Looking back over 25 years of officership, I wonder why he called me at all. I thought I was a strong person, but I have discovered how weak I really am. My journey with depression left me broken, fragile and vulnerable, shattering my confidence and strength. But God has written these words on my spirit: "My grace is enough, it's all you need. My strength comes into its

own in your weakness". (2 Cor 12:10 *The Message*). I thought I could do a lot for God. I thought I was educated, articulate, creative and capable. But God allowed me to be stripped of the ability to do what I did well, searing my soul with his powerful words: "Apart from me, you can do nothing" (John 15:56). I've never written another sermon. I've learnt it's not how good it is, but how empty I am for him to fill. I thought I was dedicated totally to God's will for my life, the proof of which was walking away and giving up certain things I really wanted out of life, but God dropped these words into my heart: "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." (Psalm 37:4). Challenging me to the first half and promising he would do the second. I discovered what it meant to "delight" in God and I am loved for who I am in ways I never thought I'd know - as a wife, a mother, a friend, a spiritual mother and a fellow journey-er. So today, I do understand why he called me all those years ago. It was not because of what I could do, but for what I couldn't do without him. It was not because of what I could give to him, but for the grace he would give to me. It was not because of who I was, but because of who I would become as I learnt to let his grace be enough.

Major Kerry Haggar

Kerry says ... The words that come to my mind as I think over the last 25 years are: "All through the years God's providence has led me ..." Many things in my life (circumstances, relationships, localities) have changed since I said "yes" to God and took that first step towards fulfilling his calling on my life, but his love and care for me has not changed. He has been my constant. I love being a Salvation Army officer. I know from experience that I wouldn't be happy doing anything else. The road hasn't always been an easy one, however God's amazing love has been my source of comfort, strength and joy. Every day with God and my wonderful husband, Colin, is a new adventure. God's Word is precious to me and in 2 Chronicles 20 there's record of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah. Three different nations wanted to fight the Israelites and the king brought the people together to fast and pray. And in part of his prayer Jehoshaphat says: "We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you." I relate so much to that prayer! So many times I'm in a situation where I don't know what to do, but I know that if I keep my eyes on my Lord and Saviour all will be well. He knows the path for me to take, I just need to be walking close enough to hear his voice, and obedient in following. >>>

Honouring a life of leadership and service

By **BILL SIMPSON**

A 24-page tribute brochure to General Eva Burrows and an accompanying DVD have been produced by Salvos Media, Melbourne, and is available as a package for purchase.

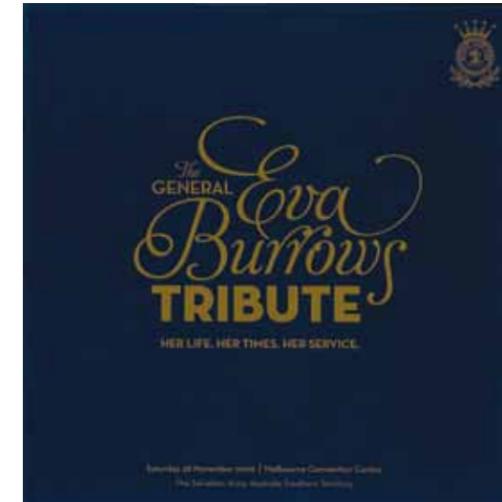
The brochure, entitled *The General Eva Burrows Tribute, Her Life, Her Times, Her Service*, and the DVD, of the same name, were produced from a program held at the Melbourne Convention Centre on 28 November 2009 to mark her 80th birthday.

Included in the brochure are a brief history of General Burrows' life by her biographer Colonel Henry Garipey, extracts from an interview with ABC broadcaster and Salvationist John Cleary, a message from Australia Southern Territory leaders Commissioners James and Carolyn Knaggs, and photographs of the General in past and present service.

The DVD incorporates General Burrows' interview with John Cleary, video of her service and comments from General Shaw Clifton.

In her interview with John Cleary, General Burrows recalls that she was aware of needy people from the time she was a small girl.

Although there were 11 people in her



family, her officer parents always had room at the dinner table for anybody knocking at the door wanting help.

She had a traditional Salvation Army upbringing as a timbrellist, Sunday school student and junior soldier, but rebelled as a teenager.

"I got tired of having so much expected of me with my parents being officers, expecting me to be perfect and always well behaved," she says.

It was during a university Christian camp that she "came to Christ in a genuine way".

It was at Salvation Army youth

councils that she felt her "moment of transformation occurred" and she committed herself to officership.

The interview follows the well-documented path of her officership and service in retirement – back with the needy in Melbourne – and concludes with some comments on personal issues.

What would she do if she started again? "I think that if I had my life over again and I started in Australia, I would do more for Aboriginal people. I wanted to do a great deal through The Salvation Army for Aboriginal people, but I didn't find Australians ready for it. Therefore, because I had so many others things to do, I let it go. If I started again, I would be very active in that area."

What makes her happy? "What really makes me happy is just being with people."

Her legacy? "My legacy to The Salvation Army is by just being a woman leader. I believe that in my time as General, people came to realise that a woman can serve God in a feminine way through God's gifts. So, that's my legacy – a woman leader, of whom, I hope, everyone was proud."

The brochure and DVD are available from Salvationist Supplies (www.salvosuppliesyd.com) for \$25.

Major Janet Siddens



Janet says ... January 1985 saw me in Brisbane knowing no-one and having nowhere to stay, ready to be God's person in my appointment. It was great but never easy to

minister there, many things interrupted the flow of my ministry yet despite it all and the subsequent appointment challenges and difficulties that can circle the person of God. I believe God's given me his best. What a privilege! I have in my 25 years service as an officer been conscious God was at work in and through me, keeping me safe on roads when my appointment required I travel a lot, helping me encourage those who faltered, enabling me to work through difficulties that cropped up, whether they were personal or corporate, as well as sharing great joys only found in knowing him. God was there walking beside me, holding me steady on the path he had for me, giving me the strength and

encouragement to continue to walk as his servant even up to today. I have seen God do great things and change people with his Spirit. I have been given opportunity to see a glimpse of the Army God has built across the world and that was exciting. After 25 years' service my testimony remains found in the promise I took with me from (training) college: "God is at work in you making you willing and able to do his good will" (Phil.2:4). And he is!

Major Sharon Clanfield



Sharon says ... I entered The Salvation Army Training College in 1983 as a single 22-year-old. At the time I never imagined where my life as an officer

would take me. In many ways I was so naive, unaware of all the challenges that lay ahead. I believed that God had called me and that I would make a difference for him. Over the past 25 years there have been many things that have shaped me

so that I could be the person God called me to be. While there have been times of struggle, hardship and disappointment, there have also been times of great joy and excitement as I have seen God move in and through my life and ministry. As I look back over the past 25 years I have much to give God thanks for. I have an incredible husband whom I work with, complementing each other in ministry, and four amazing children. I have lived and ministered with in Canada as well as inland and coastal Australia. I have come to realise more than ever that ministry in not my right but a privilege and that the God I serve has never let me down but has been my constant strength and intimate friend. I live to give him the glory.

Other Australia Eastern Territory officers marking 25 years of service include Majors Dennis and Genne Bryant, Majors Neil and Christine Dickson, Majors Colin and Diane Maxwell, Major Russell McLeod, Major Margaret Millington, Majors David and Shelley Soper, and Majors Rodney and Wendy Walters. □

New website and international version for *Boundless Salvation*

The Australian-produced DVD series *Boundless Salvation* is to enhance its value with a new website and a subtitled four-language international version.

In the year since its release in Australia, the DVD series has found its way around the world and requests for copies in local languages have come from as far away as Russia.

The series takes the viewer on an interactive journey through Salvationist history, theology, culture and mission. The first two DVDs offer an introduction to the history and beliefs of The Salvation Army. The third and fourth examine closer the

culture and mission of the Army, looking to find their relevance for today.

The new website features promotional material, including trailers for each of the episodes, behind-the-scenes photographs, and background details on the production team. Most significantly, the website offers to develop material for further study including book lists and documents. The site includes copies of the interactive study guide, features a discussion forum, and an "ask the author" page where John Cleary, the series presenter, will respond to questions.

Response to *Boundless Salvation* has been overwhelmingly positive. Typical is this

observation from General Eva Burrows (ret): "This is an absorbing adventure that no thinking Salvationist should miss."

But perhaps most telling is this unsolicited comment from a Salvationist in the United Kingdom: "It was like the opening of what has sometimes been a mystery to me, but has resulted in total clarification as to why I am a Salvationist – including my involvement as a musician. Even at my ripe old age, it has renewed my commitment to His service through The Salvation Army and the influence I can make through this service on others."

The website can be found at: www.boundless Salvation.com



Series presenter John Cleary (above) will respond to questions in an "ask the author" page on the the new *Boundless Salvation* website.

Back to the battlefield

MERV COLLINS looks at *Boundless Salvation*, a four-part exploration on DVD of Salvationist history, theology, culture and mission

In the old Gilbert and Sullivan musical *The Pirates of Penzance*, there's a wonderful three-layered chorus of police marching around shouting "Tarantara!" and beating their chests, while the girls encourage them to "Go on to glory". "We go, we go!" cry the police endlessly till eventually, the major-general shouts in exasperation, "Yes, but you don't go!"

It's almost a metaphor for The Salvation Army of the second half of the 20th century. We spent hours singing martial songs about fighting the salvation war, banged the drum and wore the uniform but precious few of us seemed to do much about it.

It wasn't always thus. Certainly William and Catherine Booth, the Army's founders, and their early converts actively engaged in the war against sin and poverty, and for social justice. But as Salvationists became more affluent and middle class, so we became more passive and complacent. A great fighting force for the Lord gradually preferred to leave the hand-to-hand combat to a committed few and busied itself making bigger halls and more polished musical sections. The "lost and the outcast", those for whom Booth set up his Army, were largely unsighted by the vast majority of the movement's members.

But the tide is turning, there is a desire

to get back to our roots; to examine who we were and why, who we are now and what we ought to be.

To this end, John Cleary, the ABC broadcaster, author, historian and Salvationist, examines the history, theology, culture and mission of the Army from Booth's beginnings to the present day in a splendid boxed set of four DVDs entitled *Boundless Salvation*.

It's a series every Salvationist would do well to spend time with. Cleary is no Johnny-come-lately to examining the Army's mission. Many years ago, he edited the unofficial Army magazine *Impact* which frequently raised questions about the Army's direction; he was a founder member of Solid Rock, a group which tried to bring its music into the 20th century and, more recently, has become a leading layman in policy making for the future.

That, and his position in the media, makes Cleary uniquely qualified to put together this visual challenge to the current soldiery. He uses modern film clips, still photography, old film footage, great art and music – band, choral and popular songs of the past and present – to illustrate his points.

He canvasses the views of religious academics such as Dr Gary Bouma (Monash University, Melbourne), and Professor David Bebbington (University of Stirling, Scotland) as well as some of the Army's leading strategists. He talks to senior personnel including Chief of the Staff, Commissioner Robin Dunster,

Commissioner Philip Needham (US Southern Territory) and American musician Bill Himes, but doesn't neglect the younger movers and shakers like Russell Rook and Phil Wall in England and Geoff and Sandra Ryan in Canada who are pointing back to Booth's vision and putting it into practice in modern-day situations.

We even hear the old General himself growling, "enjoy yourself as a Salvationist, but don't forget the sons and daughters of misery. Pity them, feed them, reclaim them, employ them. Our business is to help them all and that in the most practical, economical and Christ-like manner."

Boundless Salvation leads us to examine what the Army is not almost as much as what it is. It shows we spring from John Wesley's Methodist traditions, but we're not Congregationalist (each church independent of others) or Pentecostals waiting for the rapture. We're a global Army serving Christ here and now amongst the most marginalised and neglected in society. If we fail in this, Phil Wall reminds us, we are no longer a "Salvation Army".

Boundless Salvation takes us step by step. Each DVD, about 45 minutes long, has a well-presented study guide with "hot spot" features where groups can stop the program for further discussion and examination.

It starts with Booth, a very successful and charismatic preacher in the north of England, "finding his destiny", a calling to serve the wretchedly poor and dispossessed east end of London. His movement grew rapidly and crossed the world to the United States and Australia. At the first open-air meeting in Australia, one of the leaders declared: "If there is any man here who hasn't had a meal today, let him come home with me." Booth would

have approved – salvation and social work hand in hand.

Not unexpectedly for an Australian production, program one has an emphasis on the Army's work here but many initiatives, like James Barker's Prison Gate Brigades, set up to accommodate and find work for ex-prisoners, and the Limelight Department's pioneering use, not just within the Army, of film and multimedia extravaganzas, had worldwide application.

The Limelight Department was established to promote Booth's worldwide Darkest England campaign, and his great literary work, *Darkest England and the Way Out*, used examples based on Barker's work in Victoria.

The theology of the Army, outlined in the second program, is traced back past Wesley to Calvin, Martin Luther and the Reformation. It may sound dry but Cleary's lively script and visuals are engrossing. He links it, using scenes from the film *Amazing Grace*, to Wilberforce and the anti-slavery movement in England and to Abraham Lincoln and Charles Finney in the United States.

Finney's message about conversion, and our responsibility to take action to change the world, fired Catherine particularly. New converts to the Army were expected to immediately take up the fight. In those days there was no padded pew after conversion; it was straight into action. As Commissioner Wes Harris says, "service begins where salvation is received".

The third program starts by celebrating what the Army quickly became in the early days – a brand of Christianity with its sleeves rolled up. Its social work was universally admired. It developed its own international magazines for the soldiers and the unconverted, its own music publications for bands and songster

brigades, and leadership programs through Young People's and corps cadet classes. It became, as Bramwell Booth put it, "a nation within the nation", with its own art, culture and music.

This was achievement with inherit dangers: self-satisfaction and complacency. Was this when, as Bill Himes puts it, we started "doing the Army, without connecting with community?" Phil Wall is blunter. "We marched off the battle field onto the parade ground," he says.

Activity for its own sake quickly lost all meaning, soldiery became mere membership and the songs of war became "praise and worship". Congregations sat and listened to the pastor, becoming increasingly less involved in the mission. We became a settled church, not a dynamic army, which leads the final program to call for a return to our roots, to become again an Army fighting social evils and poverty.

John Cleary's *Boundless Salvation* doesn't hector or preach, but through his diligent research and presentation, its message and challenge are clear. The world still needs a Salvation Army, but it needs the one set up by William Booth who himself warns us that "if she [The Salvation Army] is slothful and slackens her zeal, she will perish".

The series ends with an anthem from *Les Miserables*, "will you join in our crusade, who will be strong and stand by me?" It makes a compelling rallying call to close a wonderful DVD series which should be compulsory viewing for every member of our great international church – no, make that Army!

For more information and resources see: www.boundless Salvation.com

Boundless Salvation is available from Salvationist Supplies (www.salvosuppliesyd.com) for \$70.



The team behind the DVD (from left) John Cleary, Bruce Redman, and Corey Baudinette.

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Territory to be represented at World Youth Convention



By JULIA HOSKING

Salvation Army youth around the globe are about to be "Raised Up" as passionate, holy soldiers for Christ.

In July, at Sweden's Stockholm University, 1000 young Salvationists will gather for The Salvation Army's World Youth Convention. The theme of the convention is "Raised Up", with the focus on Salvationism.

Held at Aula Magna, part of Stockholm University, the delegates will be led by General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton. Among the international speaking line-up, which includes Lieutenant-Colonels Richard and Janet Munn (International Headquarters) and Major Sandra Ryan (Canada and Bermuda Territory), will be Adrian Kistan who is the Moree Corps Team Leader in the Australia Eastern Territory.

The convention is an "invitation-only" event with delegates chosen by the Army's territories and commands around the world, each of which has been allocated places according to the number of its soldiers.

Fifteen delegates, each nominated by

their respective divisions, will represent the Australia Eastern Territory at the convention from 15 to 18 July. They are: Major Neil Clanfield, Major Kevin Unicomb, Major Heather Unicomb, Jarrod Newton, Kieran Bedwell, Elise Phillips, Matt Gluyas, Nicola Poore, Amy McPherson, Cameron Pethybridge, Jesse Caulfield, Sean Everitt, Cadet Alana Reid, Bradley Clarke and Cadet Rachael McMurray.

Rachael will also be representing the territory with 25 other international delegates at two events held prior to the World Youth Convention: Time to be Holy 458 and Time to Serve 24-7.

Time to be Holy 458 will be held from 21 June to 5 July at the International College for Officers in London. Based upon the theme "everyone holy, every part holy, every day holy" delegates will be offered outstanding holiness teaching and theology.

Time to Serve 24-7 is scheduled for 6 to 14 July in Denmark and will see delegates involved in evangelism on the streets of Copenhagen.

Major Clanfield, Mission and Resource Director for the Australia Eastern Territory, said it will be incredible



Major Neil Clanfield will lead a team of 15 delegates from the Australia Eastern Territory at the World Youth Convention.

to meet Salvationists with varying cultural and spiritual backgrounds at the convention. He anticipates the territorial representatives gaining valuable experience and learning practical lessons that they can bring back to their corps.

The World Youth Convention website (see advertisement below) features a range of information about the event. It has been designed to allow the thousands of young Salvationists around the world to engage with the convention online, including the live streaming of events.

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Army employee honoured for Black Saturday bushfire relief effort

By KENT ROSENTHAL

Survivors of last year's Black Saturday bushfires in Victoria have acknowledged the extraordinary volunteer effort of Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory employee Misty Stebbing, with a community recognition award at a first anniversary commemoration ceremony at Kinglake last month.

In the immediate aftermath of the devastating fires, Misty, through her own initiative, collected \$2.5 million in goods for The Salvation Army Emergency Services relief centres. She also pulled together a volunteer team of more than 150 people who worked around the clock to fill two cargo planes and 18 semi-trailers with relief supplies.

During the operation hundreds of people converged on the Stebbings home to donate goods, from clothing and food to baby equipment, electrical goods, toys, medical supplies, cutlery, televisions and toiletries. These goods were then distributed to relief centres in Kinglake and Whittlesea.

Each weekend during relief effort, Misty and her husband, Tony, would drive from Sydney to Victoria to help out.

"It was so intense seeing people who were in so much pain," she said.

"They looked like victims of war. They were so dazed and it was horrendous. I still think about it and break down."

Misty said The Salvation Army had always been a part of her life, having previously worked as a drug and alcohol counsellor in Victoria.

"So when I made a decision to do a collection I knew that The Salvation Army would be the ones that would get it [the goods] out."

On 7 February, the first anniversary of the Black Saturday bushfires which killed 173 people across Victoria, Misty attended the Kinglake remembrance service.

During the service, a group of children who had lost family members in the fires released 173 butterflies outside a marquee where about 1000 people had gathered. As the crowd returned to the marquee, the butterflies followed them back in and settled on their heads, shoulders and hands.

"It went dead silent while these butterflies just settled and fluttered from



Misty Stebbing oversees the logistics of distributing donations she collected. A human conveyor belt of volunteers loads donated goods onto a semi-trailer bound for Victoria.

one to another," said Misty.

"And then all of a sudden they flew outside and settled on people there, then they just disappeared. There was a peace that came over people. When these butterflies were let go it was like they were letting go of the ones they lost. It really was beautiful."

During the ceremony, the Kinglake community recognised all the organisations that have helped in the relief effort including The Salvation Army Emergency Services, fire services, ambulance, individuals and the Uniting Church.

Misty's tireless work drew the attention of the Army's Australia Eastern Territory and she was recruited to work in Sydney as Coordinator of Corporate and Major Gifts.

"That was my blessing from God, as far as I'm concerned."

Misty said working with bushfire survivors has shown her the strength of

community spirit.

"This has changed the community of Kinglake. Prior to this people would wave to each other or nod to people, but they didn't know what was going on in their lives and they didn't know what their neighbour was like," she said.

"But now people are really connecting with one another and are calling in and visiting each other to see how each other are doing."

While Kinglake and other towns affected by the bushfires still have a long way to go in rebuilding their communities, Misty said they are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel.

"One of the guys at the anniversary ceremony said people had to go through the darkness to come out into the light, that this is their New Year's Eve. To renew themselves they had to go through this dark year to prepare them for the new year and the changes that are going to happen in this new year," she said.

New cadets welcomed into training

This year's session of cadets – the *Friends of Christ* – is testimony to a younger generation heeding the call to become Salvation Army officers.

This was the message from Territorial Candidate Secretaries, Captains Craig and Donna Todd, at a School for Officer Training dinner for the cadets on 3 February at Bexley North, Sydney. The dinner officially welcomed 18 cadets in the presence of Australia Eastern Territory leadership and other guests.

The Todds made special mention of the 2010 group's youthfulness and estimated the median age to be somewhere in the 20s.

Captain Donna said an increasing ethnic diversity of cadets was also an answer to prayer, and she particularly mentioned Jisook Wunderlich from South Korea and Isaac Kamara from Liberia.

"Our country is becoming more and more multicultural and we need people like you to spread the word of Jesus Christ to people that we might not have the same opportunity to be with," she told the cadets.

The Todds then handed over the cadets to Training Principal Major Gavin Watts who formally welcomed them, encouraging them to grasp every opportunity for growth in the next two years of study.

"We want you to be empowered, encouraged and challenged in your journey into full-time service as a Salvation Army officer," Major Watts said.

The Australia Eastern Territory Chief Secretary Colonel James Condon prayed for the *Friends of Christ* and commended their great examples of obedience and trust.

"We thank God for each of the *Friends*

of Christ who have said yes to your call," he said.

Commissioner Linda Bond, in her address to the dinner, said she endeavours not to be partial in her role as Territorial Commander, "but I must confess that I am partial to cadets and I think this is because I believe sincerely that the future of The Salvation Army is in the hands of the cadets and what you become in these two years. What you become, you're going to stamp on the whole territory.

"You need to know that you are a gift – God's gift of grace to the territory. But I think the whole idea is to never lose the sense of privilege of being called by God.

"And never lose the sense of responsibility either. The sense of responsibility you have and will have as officers means you will be life-long learners – you will spend your life giving."



(Clockwise from far left) Territorial Commander Commissioner Linda Bond and Cadet Aaron Reid; Training Principal Major Gavin Watts and Cadet Isaac Kamara; Territorial Candidate Secretaries Captains Craig and Donna Todd. Photos: Shairon Paterson

Retirement ceremonies for Salvation Army officers

Lieutenant-Colonels Brian and Elaine Hood

The retirement meeting of Lieutenant-Colonels Brian and Elaine Hood was held at Redcliffe City Corps on 10 January.

Friends, family, officers and employees from previous appointments, along with the Redcliffe congregation, joined together to celebrate the lives and officership of the Hoods, who served as Salvation Army officers for 36 years.

Lieut-Colonel Miriam Gluyas led the meeting and presented the Hoods with their retirement certificates on behalf of Commissioner Linda Bond.

The Hoods shared the experience of their various appointments, the journey that God had taken them on, the highlights, the people, the experience for their family, and the joy of finishing their officership at Redcliffe.

Lieut-Colonel Brian Hood played the benediction *The Prayer* on his brass instrument.



Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas (left) with Lieutenant-Colonels Elaine and Brian Hood.

Majors Brian and Glenys Holley

Commissioner Earle Maxwell conducted the retirement of Majors Brian and Glenys Holley at the Carina Mt Gravatt Corps on 7 February.

The Holleys served as officers for 44 and 43 years respectively, in a range of corps and headquarters appointments throughout the territory.

They each recounted their call to officership. Major Glenys said that for her, officership had been a humbling and rewarding experience. Major Brian said that they had agreed early in their marriage that, when given an appointment, regardless of what they thought about it, they would take up the appointment and complain later. He said they never did get around to complaining.

Major Mervyn Holland

Major Mervyn Holland's retirement ceremony was led by Lieutenant-Colonel John Hodge at Parramatta Corps on 31 January.

Major Holland's journey from journalism to ministry started in 1969 when he was farewelled from Windsor Corps and entered the *Undaunted* session of cadets. He served in Mullumbimby and later married Lieutenant Noreen Rowling, who retired in 2004, and they served a further 18 years in corps appointments. Major Holland had simultaneous appointments for three years as Divisional Secretary and Divisional Youth Secretary, Central and North Queensland.

Apart from various other roles, he was appointed to Territorial Headquarters in 2006 as Assistant Secretary for Business Administration/Legal and retired from appointed service after 40 years of officership.



Major Mervyn Holland speaks at his retirement ceremony.

New leaders installed in four divisions

Major John and Narelle Rees Sydney East and Illawarra Division

The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory Chief Secretary, Colonel James Condon, conducted the installation of the new divisional leaders of the Sydney East and Illawarra Division on 31 January, which was witnessed by a capacity crowd at the Rockdale Corps.

The evening was supported by the Hurstville Corps Band and a worship team of musicians from Belmore (Korean), Miranda, and Rockdale corps.

Majors John and Narelle Rees were installed as Divisional Commander and Divisional Director of Women's Ministries respectively, with Major John presenting a challenging message from Zechariah 2:1-5, entitled "A City Without Walls", based on the restoration of Jerusalem. He mentioned the tearing down of the Berlin Wall as well as evangelical meetings in Russia held in a building that once housed the former secret police.

Eva Zhu, from Campsie Corps, represented Salvationists throughout the division and delivered a warm welcome, making reference to her association with the divisional leaders when they were officers at Dulwich Hill Corps. They were praised for their multicultural ministry there.

Major Narelle talked about their calling to be officers and their time in the Salvation Army Training College at Petersham. She cited these significant events as their credentials, over and above their appointments as divisional leaders.

During the installation service, Colonel Condon charged Majors John and Narelle to be spiritual leaders, relying on God to guide them in their duties, to which they voiced a keen willingness.



Colonel James Condon and Majors John and Narelle Rees.

Majors Rodney and Wendy Walters Central and North Queensland Division

On 10 January, the installation of the new Central and North Queensland divisional leaders, Majors Rodney and Wendy Walters, was conducted by the The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory Chief Secretary and Territorial Director of Women's Ministries, Colonels James and Jan Condon.

There was an air of expectancy as the meeting began with the Capricorn Region Band presenting a march. Colonel Jan led the congregation in singing.

Two representative speakers then expressed words



Colonel James Condon and Majors Rodney and Wendy Walters.

of welcome. Captain Meaghan Gallagher, Divisional Communications and Public Relations Secretary, welcomed the Walters on behalf of all the officers of the division.

Daniel Wayman represented the soldiers and divisional officers, speaking about the vast distances in the division. Major Wendy talked about how God has challenged her and how, over the past five years, this has increased her passion for God's Word.

"We are part of the ecumenical church, but we have our distinctive part to play," Major Rodney said.

He added that Salvationists are to be a people with a commission or a co-mission. "We are in this together with the Lord, doing whatever it takes."

In other recent divisional leadership changes, Majors Philip and Nancy McLaren were installed as Divisional Commander and Divisional Director of Women's Ministries, respectively, of the North NSW Division, and Majors Gary and Judith Baker were installed as Divisional Commander and Divisional Director of Women's Ministries, respectively, of the Greater West Division.



Territorial Commander Commissioner Linda Bond installs Majors Philip and Nancy McLaren to their new posts at Coffs Harbour last month.

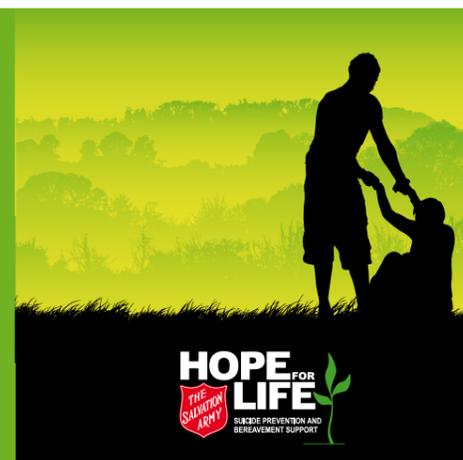
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Eastern Territory officer helps in Haiti relief effort

Captain Stuart Evans has answered a call from The Salvation Army's International Emergency Services to help out in Haiti's earthquake relief efforts.

Captain Evans, who is the Assistant Secretary for Business Administration at the Army's Australian Eastern Territory headquarters in Sydney, flew to Haiti last month where he will be working in an administrative and finance capacity for two months.

"It's a great opportunity to assist the local community, working alongside fellow Salvationists and officers and the people most in need there," Captain Evans said.

He said one of the key things was identifying the needs of the local community and then working out how best to assist in building capacity and sustainability.

The Army's emergency services are already in the process of restoring people's lives and Captain Evans expects to be networking with other non-government as well as government agencies, to help improve their living conditions of the country's population.

Captain Evans has previously worked for the Army's emergency services in Sri Lanka after a devastating tsunami, in Uganda and in the Solomon Islands following an earthquake there.

For more information on the Army's relief efforts in Haiti, see the international news section on page 40.



Captain Stuart Evans is helping out in Haiti.

Kids accept Jesus at camp



More than 50 young people from six northern NSW corps travelled to Collaroy for the annual Red Shield Summer Camp in January.

North NSW Divisional Youth Secretary Captain Roscoe Holland said it was great to see the children - from Lismore, Grafton, Moree, Barraba, Tamworth and Armidale corps - so excited about the opportunity to do something so special.

"To come home accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour was also great. Now we need to pray for these kids, and for the people in the corps who will be following them up and disciplining them over the years to come," Captain Holland said.

"We must pray for protection, for wisdom, for patience, for understanding and pray that the kids remember the amazing choice they made at camp to follow and love Jesus supremely."

After the camp, Captains Roscoe and Melanie Holland visited Tamworth to present Jack Cutler with his Junior Soldier Silver Crest award.

"Jack has worked so hard and faithfully to complete this and it was a real privilege to honour his hard work and dedication



Young people from North NSW Divisional on their way to camp at Collaroy.

and to celebrate with his family in this way," Captain Roscoe said.

"We also must thank Brenda Lodge for her dedication and hard work, too, with not just Jack but all the Junior Soldiers she works with."

Citizen of the Year dedicated to giving

More than 25 years' work for The Salvation Army and dedication to those less fortunate was honoured on Australia Day when Graham Wheeler was named Townsville Citizen of the Year.

After receiving the award Graham urged his community to take just a few hours a week to help people in need.

Graham has worked behind the scenes for The Salvation Army for a quarter of a century, assisting aged citizens in the Townsville region and a number of other organisations.

He helped raise more than \$2 million through his involvement and dedication to the annual Red Shield Appeal. He is currently Chairman of the Townsville appeal's Central Committee.

"I do what I do because I like what I do, I don't do it for awards," he said at the Australia Day gathering.

He encouraged others to lend a hand in their community, simply by donating their time for those in need.

"It's very important and high on my list of desires that people get actively involved," he said. "If you've got money, that's great, but if you've got the time, that's better still."

Townsville Mayor Les Tyrell said Graham was a worthy recipient of the award after being nominated by people including The Salvation Army's Major Bruce Harmer, who is manager of the Townsville Recovery Services Centre.

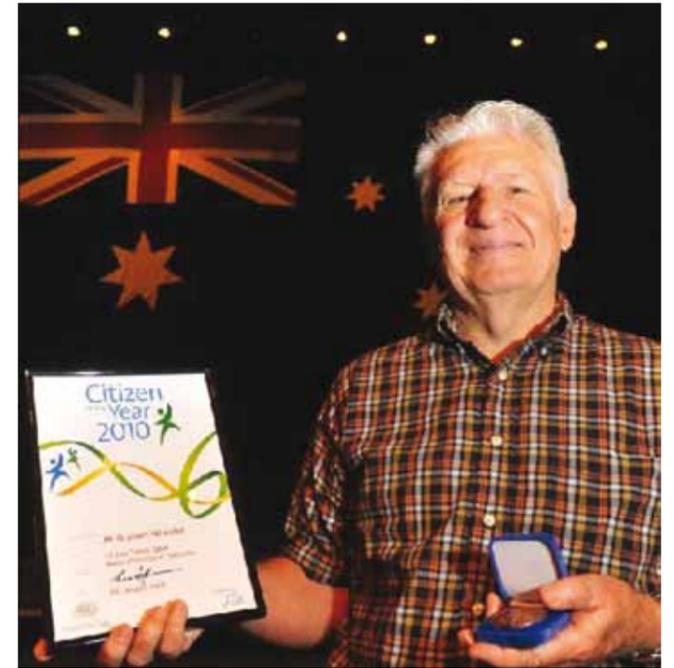
"We had a record number of entries [59] this year for the awards and it really indicated a lot of people in the community have been putting in the effort year after year," he said.

Major Harmer says Graham is a tireless worker for The Salvation Army and is constantly thinking of new and innovative ways to raise the Army's profile in Townsville.

Meantime, The Salvation Army's Dental Health Program in the ACT, consisting of representatives from the Army, the Dental Health Program, Communities at Work and a private dentist, received an Australia Day ACT Health Medallion Award for its valuable work with clients.

The program commenced as a result of Liz Dawson, of The Salvation Army's Community Services Centre in Dickson, seeing first hand the pain and distress being experienced by a number of clients with serious dental issues. Liz identified that this not only impacted on their general health, but also their self esteem and employment prospects.

Federal Government funding was secured and the program



Graham Wheeler with his certificate after being named Townsville Citizen of the Year at the Australia Day Awards.

commenced in October 2008. Since that time, 35 clients have completed or are undergoing treatment with the program. Captain Jennifer Wheatley, ACT and South NSW Divisional Mission and Resource Director (Social) said: "The program exemplifies The Salvation Army working in partnership with other community groups to address an important community need."

Captain Wheatley also paid tribute to the dentist who willingly gives his time free of charge to the program one day a week.

In other Australia Day awards, Dr Jeffrey Harmer from the ACT and Mark Johnson from Bellevue Hill were appointed as Members of the Order of Australia (AM) for service to the community, including their work for the Red Shield Appeal.

Blessing of the fleet

(Lieutenant Matthew Moore and Captain Emma Moore)

The Salvation Army Yeppoon Mission was invited to conduct the annual blessing of the fleet on Australia Day at the Capricornia Cruising Yacht Club.

The club also hosted a community beach party. Lieutenant Matthew Moore blessed the boats and yachts of the club as well as the Coast Guard fleet, the harbour master's boat and other privately owned vessels.

Lieutenant Moore gave a short message of encouragement that God is greatly concerned about his people and believes in each person. The blessing was followed by a morning tea which was a great opportunity to meet people in the community.



(From left) Chris Penglase (Flotilla Commander of Yeppoon Coast Guard), Patty Burgess (Commodore of Capricornia Cruising Yacht Club), Lieutenant Matthew Moore (Yeppoon Mission Leader) and John Harry (Capricornia Cruising Yacht Club patron).

New police chaplain at Auburn

Auburn Corps Officer Captain Nesan Kistan has become the police chaplain for the Flemington Local Area Command.

Captain Kistan had already formed a link with officers from the command in the western Sydney suburb and he said he was pleased to offer his support to any police needing to talk about the everyday stresses of the job.

"We need to take care of everyone in the community," Captain Kistan told a local newspaper.

"This is about taking a pastoral role, a neutral role and doing what The Salvation Army has always done, listening to people. My role is as a person who is independent and someone who can listen."

Becoming a Salvation Army officer in 1996, Captain Kistan said he was the recipient of the Army's care and support during some difficult times in his own life.

He said later, when he reached a crossroads in his life, he felt drawn to the sincerity and authenticity of the Army and he clearly relishes his role.

"I just love what I do. My passion hasn't diminished, if anything it has intensified. It is important, not just as a chaplain, also as a Salvation Army officer in Auburn to offer my support, to listen," he said.

"They (police) are mums and dads and brothers and sisters, just like us.

"We all want a safer community and we want a better place for our children to grow up in and we need to support the police and work together to make this community in Auburn a better place."



Auburn Salvation Army Captain Nesan Kistan (right) with his wife, Captain Cheryl Kistan, and their children, is invested as a police chaplain by Senior NSW Police Chaplain Alan Lowe.

Capricorn Region officers installed

Central and North Queensland Divisional Leaders Majors Rodney and Wendy Walters installed Captain Peter and Lieutenant Tara McGuigan as new Corps Officers of the Capricorn Region Corps in January.

Captain McGuigan was previously the Territorial Communications Director and Lieutenant Tara McGuigan was recently commissioned from the *Prayer Warriors* cadet session.

In welcoming the officers, youth representative Phil

Recovery clients reach out

Clients at The Salvation Army's Brisbane Recovery Centre are jumping at the opportunity to learn about Christianity by attending voluntary Alpha courses.

Brisbane Recovery Services Director Major Graham Tamsett said two staff members, Dion Nell and Mike Carter, have been running the 12-week courses at the centre - also known as Moonyah - and this was the fourth time it had been offered.

"We have 18 participants for this course - five women and 13 men. This is the first time women have attended. There were great results from previous courses with a large number accepting Jesus as their personal Saviour," Major Tamsett said.

"Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will move mightily in the lives of the participants on this course as God woos them into a relationship with him. Over the past two Tuesday nights, 30 participants have come forward for prayer during the appeal.

"We have 85 clients on the program, and when we run the course continuously it means that a large percentage of the Moonyah community eventually does the Alpha program.

"This is voluntary participation - they don't have to do this as part of their rehab program."

Major Tamsett said some of the participants are already getting involved in Carina Mt Gravatt Corps.

"We take about three busloads of people to Carina Corps each Sunday night to the meeting there," he said.



Moonyah clients and staff receive Bibles at the end of an Alpha course.

Sutcliffe gave a humorous visual presentation on the history of Rockhampton, giving the McGuigans an insight into the varied and diverse culture of the region.

Representing the senior corps members, Betty Jones introduced the group with reminders of life before 1960. While many in this group are unable to physically participate, they are great prayer warriors and encouragers.

Lieutenant McGuigan shared how she had come to know the Lord more deeply during her time in the School for Officer Training. She has already made contact with Central Queensland University in Rockhampton where she plans to minister to overseas students.

Captain McGuigan spoke on the vision Peter had in Acts 10 and how Peter was an ordinary man with a divine vision that was the breakthrough of the Gospel into the world.

Youth serving on the front line

Streetlevel Church's Friday Night Community Celebration Service on 29 January saw the graduation of Edify's 2009-2010 interns Talitha Connors and Genah Barnes.

The service was officiated by Sydney East and Illawarra Division's Majors Colin (Divisional Secretary and Second in Command) and Diane Maxwell (Divisional Mission and Resource Director).

Talitha and Genah had just concluded nine months serving on the frontlines in the community at Streetlevel, on the streets of Sydney and in the lives of the broken and hurting.

Talitha has returned to Gosford Corps equipped to serve those on the margins of the Central Coast. Genah is continually pursuing the call upon her life to work with women in crisis.

From farewells to welcomes, Edify has accepted Charlotte James from Lockyer Valley Corps and Darrin O'Donnell from Redcliffe Corps to participate in the 2010 internship program.

Both will study towards their Certificate IV in Youth Work alongside new Edify students who have enrolled in the course through Booth College. The programs started at the end of last month.

The January school holidays also saw the first of what will be many STUMP (Short Term Urban Mission Project) groups spending a week immersed in the Streetlevel community; receiving training and practical hands-on experience in the areas of homelessness, alcohol and other drugs, mental health, boundaries and community.



Major Diane Maxwell (centre) with Edify graduates Genah Barnes and Talitha Connors.

The group of nine, which included Captain Athol Harmer of Chifley Mission Corps, participated in a range of activities such as assisting community members in their homes, taking part in an eye-opening street walk of the local area, and helping the Oasis Street Chaplains serve coffee and tea to the eclectic mix of people on the streets of Sydney.

For more information on the Edify program, or to become involved, check out the website at salvos.org.au/edify

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Wagga Wagga Corps

(Captains Steven and Petra Dorman)

Five soldiers were enrolled at Wagga Wagga Corps in December.

Vivian Fuller and Tim Donahoe were recent graduates of the Soldiership Bootcamp in Wagga Wagga and Joh Wilholt, Rebecca Wilholt and Donna Wolcockson attended individual soldiership classes with the corps officers in the months leading up to their enrolment.

They are all involved in corps ministry, including worship, emergency services and are also students in the theology program at the corps.



(From left) Captain Steve Dorman, Joh Wilholt, Rebecca Wilholt, Donna Wolcockson, Tim Donahoe, Vivian Fuller and Captain Petra Dorman. Brother Les Chalmers is holding the colours at back.

Young Cluster

(Captains Justin and Lindy Davies)

Five soldiers from Young, Grenfell and Cootamundra cluster corps were enrolled at Young in front of family and friends.

Majors Eileen and Peter Holley represented ACT and South NSW Divisional Headquarters.



(From left) Captain Justin Davies (Cluster Officer), Laurel Merrin (new soldier), Elizabeth Eldridge (new soldier), Ben Parsons (new soldier), Trish Parsons (new soldier), Courtney Dunshea (new soldier), Captain Lindy Davies (Cluster Officer).

Bega Corps

(Captain Kathy Crombie)

Four adherents were enrolled at Bega Corps in the presence of 37 people during a morning meeting in December.

Each of the new adherents, Ken Witchard, Donna Bell, Margaret Moffatt and Gwen Norman, testified to the grace and working of God in their lives.



(From left) Captain Kathy Crombie, Ken Witchard, Donna Bell, Gwen Norman and Margaret Moffatt. The flag bearer is Barbara Spindler.

Tweed Heads Corps

(Captain Alwyn and Deborah Robinson)

Three soldiers and two adherents were enrolled at Tweed Heads Corps in December.

The five all decided to enrol after attending Classes to Ministry courses.



(From left) Chloe Blanchard (soldier), Hannah Martin (soldier), Katie-Maree Sinnott (soldier), Joan Burcher (adherent), Roger Burcher (adherent), Captain Alwyn Robinson (corps officer) and at the rear holding the flag, Allan Griffin.

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School reopens as Army teams take responsibility for 20,000 in Haiti

Salvation Army teams in Haiti continue to focus their attention on thousands of people living on and around a large football stadium behind the main Salvation Army compound in the St Martin area of Port-au-Prince.

The United Nations Shelter Cluster has designated The Salvation Army as the lead agency for the stadium and another plaza, both adjacent to the Army's compound.

This designation gives the Salvation Army official responsibility to care for more than 20,000 people made homeless by the earthquake.

Before the earthquake, a 10,000-seat arena, which hosted football games and music concerts, was the nearest neighbour of the Salvation Army compound.

The earthquake of 12 January destroyed all but the first three rows of spectator seats in the stadium. The upper seats collapsed outwards and left the field and the remaining seats intact. Quickly the site became a new residential area of homes comprised of temporary walls of cardboard and plastic sheeting and a few tents.

Army teams continue to distribute thousands of meals in the area around its compound. The food is provided by the United Nations World Food Program. A 10,000-gallon water purification system, replenished daily, is also operational. The water system was provided by EDGE, a Christian aid agency.

In a small sign that life goes on, The Salvation Army has reopened a school on a temporary site at its compound. Two of the school's main buildings were destroyed in the earthquake and people are too terrified to enter buildings that are still standing. Salvation Army workers will continue to provide children aged three to six years old with security, nutrition and medical assistance as needed in the school.

Prior to the earthquake, 1500 children attended The Salvation Army school, sponsored by Kindernothilfe.

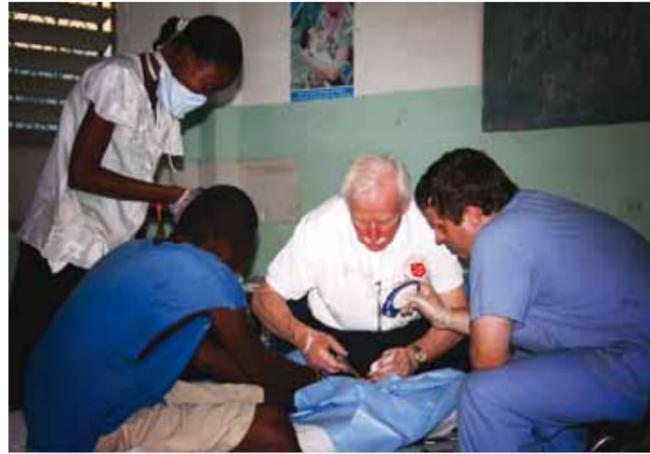
Salvation Army workers are also helping people in other disaster-stricken areas. A mobile canteen distributes food and water to villages and outlying districts of Port-au-Prince.

Also, 4000 pairs of lightweight shoes - known as ducks - have been distributed. United Nations security personnel are providing assistance to ensure an efficient and orderly distribution process.

An assessment team has been to Petit Goave, a coastal town 68km south of Port-au-Prince which was also badly hit. It has



The Salvation Army provides water to people living on and around a partially destroyed football stadium.



A retired Salvation Army officer from the United States, 72-year-old Lieut-Colonel Herb Rader performs an operation in a Salvation Army clinic in Port-au-Prince.

been very difficult for aid to reach the area because of debris blocking the road.

Major Emmanuel Michaud and Captain Serge Lainne, Haitian-born Salvation Army officers serving in the United States, conducted the assessment and will coordinate the relief effort in the region.

Online advocacy conference

The Salvation Army will host an online conference about advocacy and social justice from 22 to 28 March through a specially prepared website.

The conference, "Speak Out", will be sponsored and managed jointly by the Army's International Social Justice Commission (ISJC) and the Canada and Bermuda Territory's Ethics Centre.

One of the major goals of the ISJC is to raise strategic voices to advocate with the world's poor and oppressed. The online conference has been given the title Speak Out to emphasise its main topic: Christian advocacy in the public arena by Salvationists on matters of social justice.

ISJC Director Commissioner Christine MacMillan said advocacy had an important role in the Army's mission.

"By working for transformative change, advocacy is an important tool in fulfilling the mandate of the Army to serve suffering humanity and to be a transforming influence on the communities of the world," she said.

The online conference will raise the awareness of Salvationists to the strategic use of advocacy in addressing social injustice.

It will also offer them a means of building their capacity to do so and, by employing new technologies, engage a younger generation in positive action for social justice.

For more information about and to subscribe to the International Social Justice Commission newsletter, see www.salvationarmy.org/speakout

General leads Brengle celebrations in Boston

General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton joined Salvationists from the USA Eastern Territory in Boston, Massachusetts, in January to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the sanctification experience of Samuel Logan Brengle, who went on to become one of The Salvation Army's foremost teachers of holiness.

About 100 Salvation Army soldiers, officers and cadets from around the territory huddled on the snow-covered ground of Boston Common in sub-zero temperatures to witness

a dramatic re-enactment of the testimony of Brengle, who experienced sanctification there 125 years ago.

"On January 9 1885, at about nine o'clock in the morning, God sanctified my soul!" said actor Taylor Darden as the young Brengle.

As Territorial Commander, Commissioner Lawrence R Moretz, and a brass ensemble led the singing of *O God of Burning, Cleansing Flame*, the phrase "Send the fire!" became the prayer of the "waiting host" gathered for the meeting.

The General said: "Our hearts are burning - burning with the excitement of what God can do with the least of his children, the humblest seeking soul! Just think of the excitement of that young beating heart [Brengle], with tears in his eyes and his soul aflame as he stepped out and gave telling witness to all that God had done for him!"

The General knelt to pray at Brengle's bench, transported to Boston from the USA Eastern Territory's Heritage Museum. In the midst of what the General called "this cold but red-hot moment", everyone knelt on pads in the snow and, as they sang *Spirit of the Living God*, prayed that God would make their hearts as pure as the snow beneath their knees.



Salvationists kneel to pray for pure hearts at the Brengle anniversary in Boston.



General Shaw Clifton kneels to pray at Brengle's bench.

Retirement services for IHQ leaders

Commissioner Robin Dunster

The Retirement Salute to Commissioner Robin Dunster, The Chief of the Staff, with recognition of the extended service of Lieutenant-Colonel Edna Williams, will be held at the Staines Corps, Central South Division, United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland, on Saturday 24 April at 2.30pm, conducted by General Shaw Clifton.

Greetings may be sent to The Salvation Army International Headquarters, 101 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4EH, or emailed to IHQ-Admin@salvationarmy.org



Commissioner Dunster



Commissioner Pearce

Commissioner Lyn Pearce

The Retirement of Commissioner Lyn Pearce, World Secretary for Women's Ministries, International Headquarters, will take place at International Headquarters on Thursday 22 April, conducted by Commissioner Robert Street, International Secretary for South Pacific and East Asia.

Greetings may be sent to The Salvation Army International Headquarters, 101 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4EH, or emailed to IHQ-Admin@salvationarmy.org

Both Commissioner Dunster and Commissioner Pearce are officers of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory. *Pipeline* will feature an extended interview with Commissioner Dunster in its May issue, while an interview with Commissioner Pearce will appear in the June issue of the magazine.

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Not many people have the honour of being recognised with an Order of Logohu, but it was just one of many awards Dr Frank Smyth collected during his long medical career.

Unfortunately, he never made it to the awards ceremony in Papua New Guinea last year as he was too ill to fly to Port Moresby.

The Order of Logohu, named after a colourful native bird in the Motu dialect, is one of PNG's highest awards and is similar to one of the Australian awards Dr Smyth was presented with in 2006, the Member of the Order of Australia (AM). Both were given to him in recognition of his years of work helping PNG cancer sufferers, as well as his efforts to develop and carry out general and reconstructive surgery and medical education.

Dr Smyth, a stalwart of The Salvation Army, was an intensely shy and self-effacing man who never sought recognition for his life's work.

Instead, he got on quietly with the huge task of directing surgery for three decades in a country where even basic health care is out of reach for most people.

Dr Smyth was the second of eight children born to Daniel

and Elizabeth Smyth. His parents moved a lot when he was young, including stints in Nanango, Brisbane and Rockhampton, where Dr Smyth started school in 1927. He once attended schools in three different states in a single year before heading back to his Victorian home town of Broadford to continue his education.

Despite frequent moves, he always topped his classes in both primary and high school, culminating at Sydney Boys High where he was dux, along with another boy, in 1939. He decided to study medicine at Sydney University and, because of World War II, crammed six years of study into five.

The travelling life must have been in his blood because, after first working in Sydney, he transferred to Cairns and then Quilpie before serving for eight years at the Repatriation General Hospital in Greenslopes, Brisbane, from 1949.

Dr Smyth married Elsie Purry, a nurse he met in Quilpie, that year and very quickly had a brood of five children (two more came later).

It was while at Greenslopes that he happened to read an advertisement to practise as a doctor at Goroka in the Eastern Highlands of PNG.

The appointment was for only three months because in those days contact with the outside world was so fresh the authorities were unsure whether the highlanders would even consent to surgery.

Undeterred, Dr Smyth and Elsie decided to give it a go and spent a year in Goroka. The walls of the hospital were built of bush materials, up to waist height. From there to the iron roof it was flyscreen.

Locals would watch the operations through the flyscreen, sometimes for days, to satisfy themselves about the safety of surgery before agreeing to an operation.

By default Dr Smyth became one of the world's leading experts on unusual mouth and jaw tumours. Huge goitres and other deformities were fairly common in PNG and, until he arrived, there were no textbooks on how to treat them.

He also became skilled at treating mouth cancers caused by the widespread practice in PNG of chewing betel nuts, as well as operating on gruesome injuries inflicted during tribal wars.

Even after he was transferred to Port Moresby General Hospital (PMGH) the culture posed some challenges, such as the time he had to perform a skin graft on a woman whose nose had been sliced off by her husband. Her nose was tattooed, as is common in parts of PNG, so he had to repair her nose with a skin graft taken from another part of her body which had the same tattoo on it. She liked the result.

Dr Smyth later became the PMGH senior specialist surgeon, a role he fulfilled from 1958 until 1986, during which time he trained an entire generation of doctors.

Although they were far from home in those years, he and Elsie maintained their involvement with The Salvation Army, worshipping at the newly built Boroko Hall in Port Moresby and becoming the first soldiers of that corps.

The family eventually returned to Australia, but Dr Smyth was devastated when Elsie died in 2003.

Dr Smyth is survived by his second wife, Dorothy, whom he married in 2004, four sisters, a brother, six of his seven children, Malcolm, Gregory, Lindsay, Howard, Carol and Rosemary, and seven grandchildren.

This tribute to Dr Frank Smyth first appeared in Brisbane's *Courier-Mail* newspaper.

Faithful soldier of joyful and loving service



Betty Mather was promoted to glory on 25 October 2009, aged 93.

The funeral service was conducted by Major Gavin Watts (former Corps Officer) at the Tarrawanna

Corps on 30 October 2009.

The service was a time of celebration and thanksgiving. David Mather (son), Pauline Baxter and Patricia Hussey (daughters) spoke on behalf of the family, and Mary Leffley brought a corps tribute.

All spoke of Betty's love for God, family and the people around her. Paul Mather (grandson) read from the Scriptures and Lieutenant Richard Day (Corps Officer) prayed.

Betty was born in York, England, to Salvationist parents in 1916, weighing only three pounds and two ounces. She was wrapped in cotton wool and was not expected to survive. At 20 Betty decided to become a Salvation Army officer. Betty then met Reuben Temperton and resigned from The Salvation Army in order to marry.

A daughter, Pauline, was born in 1943. Betty's faith in God was destroyed when in 1944 Reuben was killed in action. As a consequence she shut herself off from family and friends.

Eventually she met Albert, and remarried. His children were Patricia and William. In 1947 David was born. In 1951 the family migrated to Australia and lived for three years in Balgownie Migrant Hostel and then moved to a home in Towradgi.

At a local pub a Salvation Army officer offered Betty a *Warcry* but she refused, as it reminded her of the past experiences. She was invited to the Home League at the hostel. She was encouraged by a friend to go, and she experienced great enjoyment.

After the Home League closed down she was invited to another Home League in Fairy Meadow after an encounter with the commanding officer on a bus.

She became a regular Home Leaguer and started to attend the Sunday church meetings. As time went on she realised that there was something lacking in her life and recommitted her life to God in 1968.

Albert, a non-Christian, commented: "I hope you're not going to wear the uniform."

Betty enjoyed lustily singing traditional Army songs in her "Army uniform".

Betty was the Home League Secretary from 1972 until her retirement in 2002 and

was the assistant for four years prior to that.

She was passionate to retain its relevance and was proud of the many awards won. She was also a songster (20 years) and League of Mercy member (19 years).

A week before Betty passed away she was still attending the Home League as the prayer meeting leader and the Sunday church services.

Whenever people talk about Betty they usually have a smile on their face, because she enjoyed life and always wanted to share her happiness. There was always laughter in her eyes; she loved being in the presence of others. Her greatest pleasures were being with, or talking about, her family and church family.

Betty was a faithful soldier who loved and served her Lord.

Quiet achiever committed to the Lord



Kelvin Drury (known as both Kev and Kel) was promoted to glory on 6 January from Taree, aged 81.

A celebration for the life of Kelvin Drury was conducted at Taree Corps by Major Ray Allen, former Taree Corps Officer, on 12 January.

Dawn Beer brought a tribute on behalf of the corps and Kel's sister-in-law - Mrs Pearl Young - spoke of the devotion her sister, Mary, and Kel had to each other, and of their role as prayer warriors.

Major John Wiseman, accompanied on the organ by Ray Sewell (both nephews of Kel), brought a vocal solo.

John Drury spoke of his father's commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and to his family. "Kel," he said, "was passionate about principle and would speak up when such principles were being challenged."

John mentioned that he heard on a few occasions in recent visits, his father singing in his sleep, *When the Roll is Called up Yonder, I'll Be There*. This song not only concluded the celebration of Kel's life but was also the challenge in the words of comfort brought by Major Allen.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lynette Green (Taree Corps Officer) brought the reading from the Scriptures.

Kelvin Drury was born on 8 July 1928 in Taree, the only brother among five sisters.

Kev and his family would, every

Sunday, cross the Manning River in Taree to attend The Salvation Army activities: two open-air meetings, Sunday school and two church services.

Kelvin came to know the Lord at an early age and as a soldier of the corps served as a bandsman and was band secretary for 14 years.

In 1950, Kel married the love of his life, Mary O'Keefe, and both were very active in the Taree Corps until in recent years ill health restricted their service.

Mary was promoted to glory in 2005.

Kel was a quiet achiever who took time to talk with people and encourage them. He had a deep faith in the Lord, and believed and experienced that prayer changes things.

Dedicated surgeon passionate about serving Christ

Francis George Smyth AM, OL (commonly known as Frank) was promoted to glory on 19 December from Brisbane, aged 87.

A Service of Thanksgiving was held at the Brisbane City Temple on 23 December, conducted by Major Earle Ivers (corps officer).

Rosemary Smyth shared a tribute on behalf of Frank's children, Michael Smyth spoke on behalf of his grandchildren and Ken Stephens represented Frank's wife Dorothy.

Major Warren Parkinson read from Psalm 24. *I Know Thee Who Thou Art and Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus*, along with other choruses, were sung.

Frank will be sadly missed by his wife Brigadier Dorothy Smyth; his remaining six children Malcolm, Gregory, Lindsay, Howard, Carol (in UK) and Rosemary; his siblings Major Eva Morton, Joyce Offereins, Betty Hazell, Daisy Peters and Gordon Smyth; and his grandchildren.

Brigadier Smyth is sincerely thankful to those who have passed on best wishes. See obituary on Frank Smyth on previous page.

More Promoted to Glory reports will appear in the April issue of Pipeline.

about people

Additional Appointments

Captains Stuart and Donna **Evans**, Executive Officers, Sydney Staff Songsters.

Bereaved

Major Joyce **Cathcart** and Major Dorothy **Hosking** of their sister, and Major Lyn **Cook** of her aunty, Gwen **Warren** on 19 January; Major Peter **Holley** of his father John **Holley** on 2 February.

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.

Promoted to glory

Mrs Lieut-Colonel Joy **Niemann** on 9 February; Major David **Mole** on 10 February.

SAGALA Awards

The following people have received the Commissioners Challenge Award: Hannah **Browning**, Summer **Colthup**, Jack **Freeman**, Dylan **Lambert**, all Kalbar Corps.

Study Success

Major Dean **Smith** has been awarded a Doctor of Philosophy with a thesis in Christology by the University of Queensland; Captain Janice **Rees** has been awarded a Bachelor of Theology (Honours) by Charles Sturt University.

time to pray

28 February - 6 March

Commissioner Robin Dunster, International Headquarters; Canberra Recovery Services Centre, ACT; Capricorn Region Corps, Carina Mt Gravatt Corps, 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).

14-20 March

Brazil Territory; Chaplains to Statutory Authorities, Communications and Public Relations Department, both THQ; Chatswood Corps, Chifley Mission, Clulow Court, Coffs Harbour Corps, all NSW; Workplace Relations conference (17-19); South Queensland Division youth councils (19-21); Sydney East and Illawarra Division 'Impact' camp (19-21); Territorial Combined Veteran's Band event, Sydney (20-23).

21-27 March

Majors Ross and Jo-Anne Brown, Germany Territory; Coolum Mission, Dalby Corps, both Qld; Cooma Corps, Cowra Corps, Dee Why Corps, all

NSW; Counselling Service, THQ; Sydney East and Illawarra Division mission conference (21-24); Newcastle and Central NSW Division western fellowship (26-28).

28 March - 3 April

Philippines Territory; Deniliquin Corps, Dubbo Corps, Dulwich Hill Corps, Dural Corps, Earlwood Corps, Eastern Suburbs Community Welfare Centre, all NSW; Self Denial Altar Service (28); Sydney East and Illawarra Division youth rally (28); Good Friday (2); Camp Kiah, SAGALA (2-5).

4-10 April

Major Heather Gill, Papua New Guinea Territory; Emerald Corps, Qld; Eastlakes Corps, Fairfield City Corps, both NSW; Education and Training Department, Emergency Services, Employment Plus, all THQ; Easter Sunday (4); Sydney East and Illawarra Division chaplain's forum (8).

engagement calendar

Commissioner Linda Bond (Territorial Commander)

Sydney: Mon 1 Mar - Territorial Advisory Board
London: Wed 3-Fri 5 Mar - Haiti conference
London: Thu 11-Sun 14 Mar - IHQ assignment
Sydney: Fri 9 Apr - visit to Employment Plus centres
Macquarie Park: Sun 11 Apr - visit to Macquarie Park Plant
Bexley North: Thu 15 Apr - School for Officer Training lecture
Batemans Bay: Sat 17-Sun 18 Apr - opening of Batemans Bay Corps building
Sydney: Mon 19 Apr - ANZAC luncheon with Red Shield chaplains
Sydney: Sun 25 Apr - ANZAC Day commemoration service
Sydney: Wed 28 Apr - Red Shield Appeal opening
Bexley North: Fri 30 Apr - School for Officer Training retreat day

Colonel James (Chief Secretary) and Jan Condon

Wagga Wagga: Mon 1-Wed 3 Mar - ACT and South NSW Divisional Officer's Fellowship
Sydney: Thu 4 Mar - Administrative 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: Mon 15 Mar - School for Officer Training 30th anniversary
#Sydney: Mon 15 Mar - corps officers' conference
*Orange: Wed 24 Mar - The Greater West Divisional women's rally
Bexley North: Fri 26 Mar - School for Officer Training retreat day
Sydney: Thu 1 Apr - candidates board
Brisbane: Thu 1-Sun 4 Apr - Brisbane City Temple Easter meetings
#Brisbane: Wed 21 Apr - Red Shield Appeal official opening
*Wagga Wagga: Tues 27 Apr - ACT and South NSW women's rally
*Canberra: Wed 28 Apr - ACT and South NSW women's rally
#Sydney: Wed 28 Apr - Red Shield Appeal opening

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