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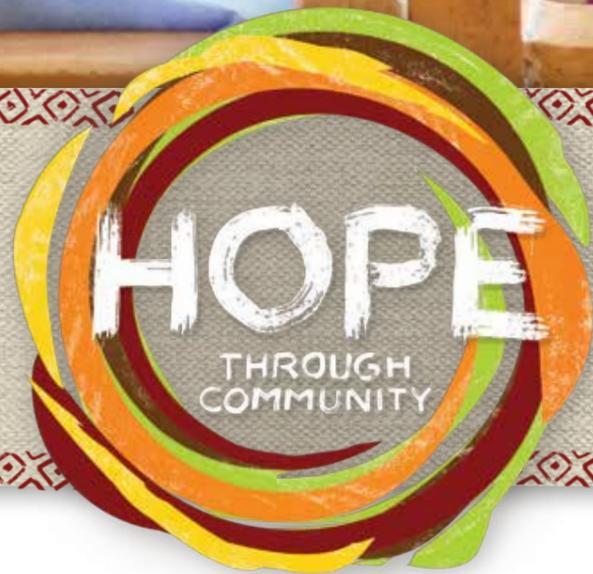
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ABOVE: George Pauza is just one of many people whom The Salvation Army is helping rebuild their lives after the devastating Bundaberg floods of 2013. Photo: Shairon Paterson

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Being respectful of worship time

SCOTT SIMPSON, Managing Editor

For almost 10 years, from the early 1990s, I attended a Baptist church in Scotland.

The senior minister, a wonderful Northern Irishman, was driven by a passion to preach the truths of Scripture and wasn't afraid, if he felt it was required, to occasionally be very direct with his congregation.

One particular incident still remains fresh in my mind. It was the Sunday morning meeting and about 10 minutes into the service the minister got up to give the announcements. He looked around at the congregation, his eyes seemingly following the movements of the many people who were still drifting into church. He stood quietly for a few moments, obviously wrestling with his thoughts, and then delivered, in his firm but gentle manner, a rebuke that has remained with me ever since.

"How many of us," he began, "if given an invitation to afternoon

tea with the Queen at Buckingham Palace, would be arriving 10 minutes after the scheduled start of the event? And yet here we are given an invitation by God to enter into his house to worship him, and we are habitually drifting into church late. We must never, never lose our wonder, our awe of the One into whose presence we come to worship." And then, after a moment's pause, he continued with the announcements.

RIGHT INTENTIONS

Recently, I've had reason to reflect again on that rebuke. Still I see people casually, and habitually, walking into church late. And then there's the relatively new phenomena of people holding cups of takeaway coffee (surely we don't need to be drinking coffee during church) in one hand while lifting the other in praise.

I realise that there is a danger of falling into the trap of legalism in

pointing these things out – and yes, as the father of three young children, I understand that being late to church is sometimes unavoidable. However, what is important is our intent.

"Guard your steps when you go to the house of God ...", we are told in Ecclesiastes 5:1. Are we deliberate in our planning to be at church on time? Do we take time to consider that, actually, it might be just a little disrespectful to God to be sipping on a latte while we worship? Would we behave in such a casual manner if we were in the presence of the Queen, a president, prime minister, etc? I think not.

The Bible is full of descriptions of the magnificence of God. He is a God of majesty, of wonder, of awe. A God who, despite our wretchedness, has reached down from heaven with a love we cannot fathom to restore our broken relationship. Surely he is worthy of our right and proper worship.

Listening to your conversations

COMMISSIONER JAMES CONDON SAYS THE ONLY WAY TO COMBAT THE CRUSHING EFFECTS OF CRITICISM IS TO FOCUS ON A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS AND TURN NEGATIVE CONVERSATIONS INTO POSITIVE WORDS WHICH BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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Commissioner James Condon is Territorial Commander of the Australia Eastern Territory



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A young person recently expressed their concern to me that so many youth were leaving The Salvation Army for other churches. In recent years, we have often asked the question, "why?" I am now wondering if it is because of the negativity and criticism that is in our movement?

In a recent survey to officers, many wrote back and said: "Negativity and criticism is killing us."

Have you ever been caught saying something you regret? You did not realise the person you were speaking about was in hearing range.

Do you ever stop to evaluate your conversations – to reflect on your words? You may have said: "Sorry, I should not have said that."

I know people who I have never heard speak negatively about someone. I admire them.

What makes up our conversation – who or what we speak about? Negative talk and criticism are killing us and not honouring to God.

I have always tried to remain positive and not speak critically of others. I know I am not perfect and there have been times when I have failed.

In Acts chapter four verse 20, we read: "... for we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

What is it we can't help speaking about?

Listen to the conversations around you – what is in the minds and hearts of people?

Listen to what you're speaking about? Sport,

family, food, health issues, terrorism, lies, negative stuff and much more.

But for the disciples, they had walked with Jesus. They had been at the crucifixion. They had seen the resurrection. They had witnessed Pentecost and the miracles of Jesus.

They could not help but speak of the things they had seen and heard.

Are we spending enough time with Jesus so that our relationship with him dominates and impacts our conversations?

Are we looking for God at work in our own lives, in the lives of others, in the world and talking about what God is doing?

So often our focus is on the negative, the evil, the trivialities of life and we overlook the most important things.

Let's lift the level of our conversation and talk about Jesus – his grace, love, peace, joy, his coming alongside us to strengthen us in our daily life, the transformation he makes in our lives, thank him for what is happening in our life, in the church, in our world. Talk about the Master Creator – for creation certainly praises its Creator.

The challenges of Philippians chapter two, verse five, has been part of my reflection in recent days: "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus ..."

Let's be a territory and a people marked by prayer and holiness, and positive talk that builds up.

God – Creator, Preserver, Governor

CONTINUING A SERIES ON THE SALVATION ARMY'S
11 ARTICLES OF FAITH WRITTEN BY MEMBERS OF ITS
INTERNATIONAL DOCTRINE COUNCIL, WE FOCUS
ON THE SECOND FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINE

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words **COLONEL RICHARD MUNN**

"We believe that there is only one God, who is infinitely perfect, the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of all things, and who is the only proper object of religious worship."

(The second doctrine of The Salvation Army)

Humans are incurably religious! Despite appearances to the contrary, people today are just as religious as preceding generations. Philip Jenkins, columnist for *The Christian Century*, notes with some insight that from a global perspective it is the predominantly secular humanist Western cultures that are the anomaly; the rest of the world holds religious belief as normative. Even to say, "I don't believe in God," by very definition becomes a belief statement. Similarly, to say, "I don't believe in theory" immediately becomes a theory.

This is not a light issue. What comes to mind when we think about God is the most important thing about us. Consequently, no people are likely to rise above their religion and image of God. If we have a vulgar god, we are attracted to vulgarity. If we have a violent god, we tend towards violence ourselves. If we have a loving God, we are drawn to love. Our thoughts may be low or lofty, but whatever they are

we are becoming made in the image of that thought. We move towards that image.

Judeo monotheism – resolute belief in only one God – not only stood in remarkable contrast to the unapologetically polytheistic surrounding cultures of the day, it can be said to have impacted our world like no other religious assertion. It is a defining statement. Jehovah is unwavering in this matter, as much of the Old Testament records. He cannot abide shared devotion and belief with any other entity. He instinctively recoils from any whiff of idolatry; his infinite perfection simply cannot coexist with another. He truly is mutually exclusive. The Decalogue states unequivocally: "You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3), and the Shema reinforces: "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one" (Deuteronomy 6:4).

CREATOR

We can affirm with certainty that Jehovah is a creative God. We can make a table from wood, but for all our sophistication

we cannot make wood. God created the world from nothing – ex nihilo. He is the first cause. Scientists increasingly refer to the universe being "a product of design". Both astronomers who look outward to the cosmos and molecular scientists who look inward, reference what can only be concluded as a divine order. So supremely paramount is this attribute that the very opening sentence in Scripture calmly states: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).

This unequalled creative force is intrinsically linked to the omnipotence of God – his all-powerful nature. AW Tozer noted: "God the self-existent Creator is the source of all the power there is, and since a source must be at least equal to anything that emanates from it, God is of necessity equal to all the power there is, and this is to say again that he is omnipotent."

Given our opening belief that people will move towards the attribute of their God, we will naturally want to be characterised as creative

ourselves. Thus, Salvation Army ministry is essentially creative and life-affirming. We see those graces in some of the most difficult and desperate terrains; the orphaned child beams again in one of our homes and the recovering alcoholic rediscovers his piano skills. Similarly, when our service ceases to become creative, it is a dreadfully dull affair; we have strayed from an original mandate.

PRESERVER

Life is not only created by God but is held together and sustained by him. Were God to withdraw from this world all life would cease completely. Paul personalises this in Christ: "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:17).

God is vitally interested in our welfare, even the intimate details of our lives, because he is a personal and living God. We believe he is not a god who made the world like a clock only to withdraw and leave it spinning alone (deism), rather God not only created all we know, and

more, but also continually sustains its operation (theism).

Social scientists estimate that there are more than enough resources in our world for all people to be adequately sheltered and fed. The resources expended on diets and pets alone could feed the hungry of the world. In other words, God's sustaining provisions require the co-operation of humankind.

The Salvation Army seeks to preserve life. We counter atrophy and decay, we rebuild countless broken walls and we dig wells to provide water. Just as salt functions as a natural preservative, we seek to incarnate "the salt of the world", vigorously present amidst blight and breakdown. By serving suffering humanity, we dare to embody the preserving nature of God.

GOVERNOR

Many people struggle with the idea of God as Governor. The original problem of pride means that we want to govern our own lives. Very often it is the existence of evil in our

world that evokes perplexity, and causes a rejection of God. How can a loving God, whose creation he described as "very good", contain such suffering, sin and injustice? Every one of us has asked the question, "Why?"

The Salvation Army's *Handbook of Doctrine* helpfully notes: "Just as all spiritual powers, even those opposed to God, owe their existence to him, so also God is ultimately Governor of all rulers and authorities, even though for the present they may appear to be operating outside the boundaries of his control."

Another perspective is to question how human freedom and the sovereignty of God exist together. Chuck Colson answers this with an illustration. An ocean liner departs from New York to London. Its destination is set. On board, however, chains do not bind the passengers. They are free to move at will and can eat, sleep and play when they want. They are free. All the time the liner is moving towards its destiny, steadily travelling its

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Soul Food

My favourite verse

EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS A FAVOURITE BIBLE VERSE THAT HAS EITHER IMPACTED THEM AT ONE STAGE IN THEIR WALK WITH CHRIST, OR CONTINUES TO ENCOURAGE AND NOURISH THEM ON THEIR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY.

COLONEL WENDY WALTERS SHARES HER FAVOURITE PIECE OF SCRIPTURE

"But the Lord stands beside me like a great warrior" – Jeremiah 20:11.

For a few years now this verse has been a powerful reminder that no matter what I am facing, what is in front or behind me, I am not facing it alone.

I think that little three-letter word "but" represents all that's gone before – all that's going on right now and also what might be waiting for me tomorrow. No matter what it is that might consume my thinking or cause me concern, I am not facing it alone.

I love the picture of the "great warrior" – my mind races with the picture of strength, protection, armour, fully equipped – one who is well experienced to face the battle, one who has faced many battles and been

victorious. A "great warrior" – that's my Lord!

Not only is the Lord a "great warrior", but he "stands beside me". Again, in my mind I have a very vivid picture of this warrior-type figure right there beside me. He is not in front of me; blocking me moving forward or even blocking me so that nothing can rock my little boat (some trials and hardships tend to be good for us and strengthen our trust and faith).

He is not behind me; pushing me headfirst into the battle and only there to pick up the pieces or so that I feel like I am facing the battle alone.

But the picture I get from this verse is that he is right there beside me, we are facing the battle together. We are on this journey together.

I feel his presence and this is the most important thing in my life – being

in relationship with Jesus, being in his presence. Because the spirit of Jesus is living within me, we journey together.

Experiencing his presence is even greater than experiencing his blessings (but I do love a good blessing as well!) – but being aware of his presence helps me live and minister and serve as I do. This gives me purpose.

I like to literally picture being in his presence. Often the Russian word "sputnik" comes to mind. Many may know this word in relation to the first Russian satellite that was put into space. But the actual translation and the original meaning of the word is "travel companion – one who travels alongside". That is how I picture the presence of the Lord in my life and ministry.

Come what may – "the Lord stands beside me like a great warrior".

Integrity

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course. Freedom and sovereignty are both present without contradiction.

Proverbs says it well: "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails" (19:21).

As Salvationists, we seek to profoundly engage with people and community. We are militantly opposed to brokenness, sin and suffering. We proclaim the Lordship of Christ, confident that under him grace abounds to rightly govern our lives, especially in the face of injustice. Even in the midst of inexplicable natural catastrophe we are present, immediately seeking to restore wholeness and order, to "regovern" as it were.

ONLY PROPER OBJECT OF WORSHIP

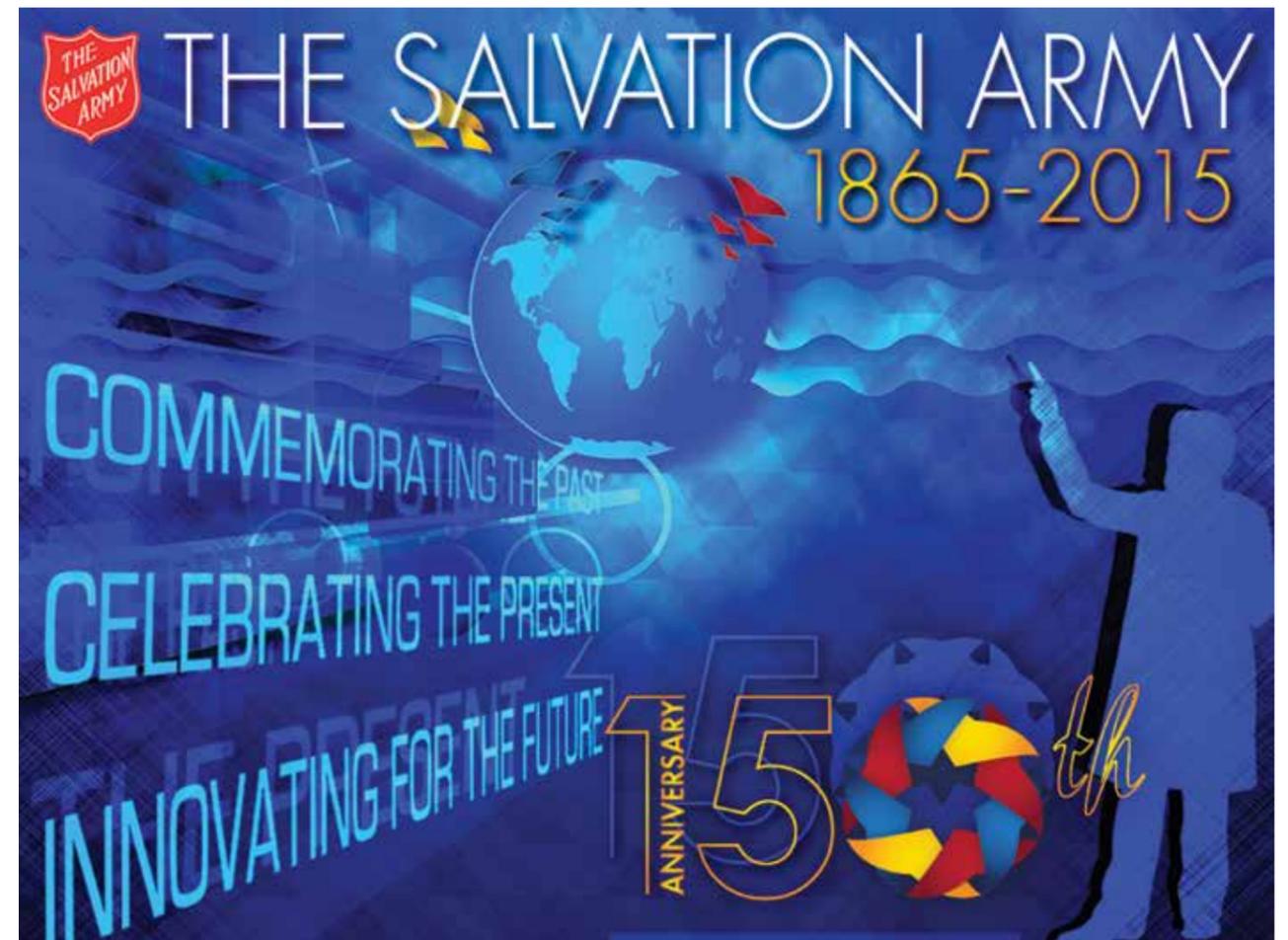
Bob Dylan crooned: "You're gonna have to serve somebody, well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord, but you're gonna have to serve somebody." The singer-songwriter icon of counter-cultural revolution had insight that people will serve and worship somebody or something.

The wooing of our hearts is such that even well-intentioned movements and entities will contest for supremacy. And that can include our own Salvation Army. The important realisation that we serve and worship God through the vehicle of the Army will save eventual disillusionment and disappointment. The Church is human and divine,

and it is the former that will invariably prove lacking. God, however, is "more than enough" (Isaiah 1:11). He performs "mighty deeds with his arm" (Luke 1:51).

For 11 chapters in Romans, Paul systematically and cogently outlines in precise terms the gospel of God as found in Christ. He then seems to lift his pen in astonishment and let fly a doxology that encapsulates our second doctrine. "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments. For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory for ever! Amen" (11:33, 36).

This article appears courtesy of The Officer magazine



NO TOLERANCE OF SEXUAL ABUSE

The Salvation Army is committed to providing a safe place for all children and the vulnerable in our care. Let me state in the strongest terms our **no tolerance approach** to any form of child abuse or, indeed, the abuse of the vulnerable.

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CHAOS *to* CHRIST

MAT KRATIUK WALKED INTO THE SALVATION ARMY'S DOORALONG CENTRE A BROKEN MAN, HIS LIFE LITTERED WITH DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND VIOLENCE. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT IS AN INSPIRATIONAL STORY OF TRANSFORMATION

words **BILL SIMPSON**
photos **SHAIRON PATERSON**



"I WAS A MAN WHO ONCE WAS COMPLETELY DARK ... I WAS ONCE ENSLAVED, BUT NOW, THANKS TO GOD, I HAVE BEEN SET FREE. I LOVE MY LIFE NOW"

RIGHT: *Mat Kratiuk's life today is a testimony of God's grace, thanks to his experience at Dooralong Transformation Centre.*

He has the words "killa" and "kaos" tattooed in thick black ink alongside other outlaw bikie club signage on his steroid-inspired, muscle-bound body.

His history is one of guns, extortion, violence, prison, anger, drug-taking and drug-running.

And he is only 33.

Mat Kratiuk concedes that his life has been "insane; soulless". He has the photos to prove it. It's a miracle that he's still alive.

For 17 years, he terrorised those he considered enemies – and there were plenty. He carried a gun 24/7 to threaten them and protect himself from retribution.

Twelve months ago, Mat booked into The Salvation Army's Dooralong (addiction) Transformation Centre on the NSW Central Coast, handed over his life to Jesus Christ and graduated this year to go into the world and make a difference for good.

He had tried rehab twice before and failed.

"The difference this time was that I was serious and I allowed God to play his part," Mat told Pipeline after his January graduation.

"God has made huge changes; amazing changes. I can't believe what God has done for me. Anybody who has had anything to do with me over the past 17 years would think I was a different person.

"I suppose I am a different person. To be honest, I am so far out of my comfort zone – given my past – but radical change is happening, praise God. As you read this article, understand that through Christ there is a new life available for anyone; for everyone."

VIOLENT LIFE

Mat's life story so far is one not unfamiliar, in some respects, to those who crave acceptance; a need to belong.

He is a Westie – born in Sydney's western suburbs. Home life was happy. Dad was an accountant and his mum a nurse.

At 12 years of age, he was diagnosed with an attention deficit disorder. His mum and dad

separated. Mat and a younger brother shared time between their parents.

Mat was expelled from school in Year 7 and left in Year 10, when he started drug-taking to impress and fit in with his friends.

At 16, he left home and headed for Queensland. By 17, he was heavily into drugs, alcohol and violence, activities that would dominate the next 16 years of his life.

He lived in unstable relationships on Queensland's Gold Coast, popped pills, cheated drug dealers, collected for other pushers, carried out violent money-collecting activities and lived "like a king", with flashy cars and clothes.

He carried a gun at all times and kept it under his pillow at night. He went after people and they went after him. It was the beginning of involvement with outlaw bikies.

At 24, he looked seriously at getting out of the wretched business in which he found himself – all, he concedes, of his own making. "Nobody made me live this life," he says.

"But, here I was, with a hole in my life that I couldn't fill. I didn't know, then, how to fill it. I know now."

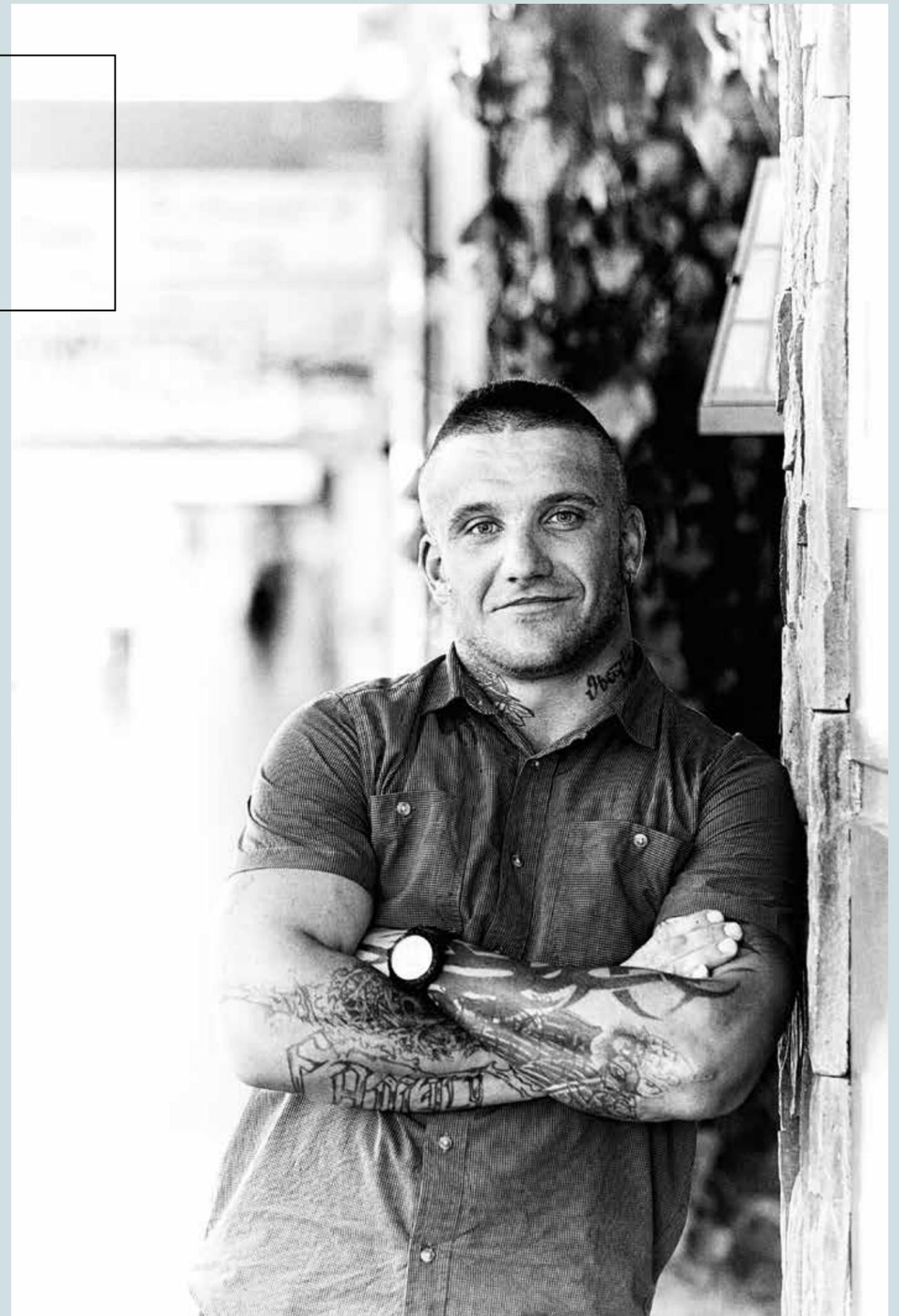
He left Queensland to spend time with his mum on the NSW South Coast. "Mum had been incredible," he says. "She never stopped loving me, no matter what."

Although living with his mum, he couldn't walk away from drugs. On his 25th birthday, a dealer to whom he owed money sent hit men to his home to collect. They left him needing surgery and three titanium plates in his face and skull, and a silicon eye socket.

He returned to the Gold Coast. The lifestyle continued. The violence intensified.

"I went from being the victim on my 25th birthday to the assaulter of anyone prepared to pay the money. I was a stand-over man. I used violence to collect from druggies [addicts] who didn't pay for their drugs.

"My 25th birthday bashing experience led to paranoia and anger. I didn't trust anybody and nobody trusted me. I was extremely violent and feared." >>>





LEFT AND ABOVE: *Despite “breaking her heart for 17 years”, Mat says his mother Sharon never gave up on him. At his graduation from The Bridge Program at Dooralong Transformation Centre, Mat thanked his mother and God for always standing by him.*

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Late last year, Mat Kratiuk’s incredible transformation from violent bikie to faith in Christ took another significant step when he received an Outstanding Achievement Award from Hunter TAFE.

Mat was recognised for the high standard he had set in studying business management at the Newcastle campus of the college. The criteria for the award, as outlined on his certificate, included:

- Active and positive participation in the classroom, on an individual basis;
- Demonstrated participation in teamwork;
- Demonstrated ability to meet deadlines and expectations;
- Consistency in showing a high degree of effort;
- Willingness to take on new ideas and processes, and;
- Demonstrated high level of competency in course units.

In acknowledging Mat’s work during the course, the head teacher in business management at the Newcastle campus, Larissa Hartigan, wrote: “You were selected by your teachers as displaying these behaviours [as outlined in the criteria] which are highly regarded by employers in staff that positively contribute to an effective and dynamic workplace.”

The following week, Mat started a new job.

He was charged with demanding money with menaces (extortion) and jailed for six months.

At 28, he was in prison and off drugs for the first time since he was 16. But he made “valuable” drug connections in jail and walked out with even more contacts and straight back into the business.

OUT OF CONTROL

A second time, there was a twinge of conscience and he headed for Perth and the promise of a job in the mining industry. It didn’t work out and, again, the drug business was too tempting to ignore.

He linked with outlaw bikie gang members. They nicknamed him “killa” and “kaos” because of his terrier-like attitude. He had killa tattooed on his bicep and kaos on his chest. “I was out of control,” he says.

A third time, he tried escaping the clutches of an evil industry. He tried rehab with The Salvation Army in Perth.

“But, again, I wasn’t as serious as I needed to be. I was good at making it look like I was ticking all the boxes. I was good at conning people, including myself.

“I would sit at the back in chapel and laugh quietly at those who were trying to help. All the time, I kept in touch with my bikie club-mates.

“I walked out of rehab. Within weeks, I was back on drugs. I joined a bikie club. I was that little kid

again; the kid needing acceptance.

“My life became a thing of extreme violence. My gun never left my side – day or night.

“I got angrier and angrier. Back in Sydney, my father died suddenly. We hadn’t spoken for a long time. I had assumed that I would have had more time later to go back home and fix up the relationship.

“Dad’s death ruined my plan. I felt real guilt.”

He dealt with the guilt by immersing himself deeper in drugs. “Even my bikie club-mates said I was going too far with the drug-taking and violence.

“That may sound incredible coming from outlaw bikers. But, to be honest, I was out of control before I joined the club. They didn’t make me violent. I did that on my own.”

Mat was kicked out of the club. During a meeting, club members tested him for drugs due to his outrageous behaviour. They declared him unreliable and sent him to hospital with an assortment of broken bones in his body.

He refused to co-operate with investigating police and, upon release from hospital, knew he had to leave town.

“I was angry and I was broken. I had nothing left. I had no friends and my ego had been demolished. Everything I’d had was the result of the drug business. It was stuff I had taken from

other people. I hadn’t done a real day’s work to earn any of it.

“I was empty and I was alone. I had gone from infamous to a nobody. I looked up to the sky and asked God why. Can you imagine that? I asked God why. I knew why!

“Looking back now, I can see that I had to get to this point of being stripped bare before God could do anything with me.”

SEEING THE LIGHT

Mat left Perth and went home to mum. He broke down in tears as he shared his life story with the one person who never gave up on him.

He was accepted into The Salvation Army Bridge Program in Sydney. He was making progress until a partner from the past called – and he fell again.

The former partner didn’t stay long. A distraught Mat tried to kill himself. He says thoughts of his mother and brother stopped him “going all the way”. That’s when he went to Dooralong.

“I got off the bus at Dooralong and knew right then that my life was going to change,” he says.

At first, he struggled with Christian aspects of the program, like prayer and worship meetings. They were, he says, too far outside his comfort zone, at the time.

“But then I remembered a saying from the Perth

program: If nothing changes, nothing changes.

“I knew it was God talking to me. Before that moment, I used to sit at the back in chapel. After that, I sat in the front row.”

He started reading the Bible and praying every night. He still does. He got involved in every available activity, including external worship and teaching meetings encouraged by Dooralong staff.

At one of those meetings, he received Christ as his Saviour. He started attending Long Jetty Corps.

As well as graduating from Dooralong in January, Mat also graduated from Hunter (Newcastle) TAFE with an Outstanding Achievement Award in Certificate 4 in Business Sales. The following week, he started a new job.

At his Dooralong graduation, he thanked his family – especially his mother. He had broken her heart for 17 years, he said, but she had never given up on him. He thanked the Dooralong staff for walking the journey of transformation with him.

“But most of all, I want to thank God. Without him, none of this [transformation] would have been possible. It truly is amazing. I can even pray for my enemies now.

“I was a man who once was completely dark ... I was once enslaved, but now, thanks to God, I have been set free. I love my life now.”

His next venture is to study to become a pastor. □

George Pauza is one of many residents in the Bundaberg region who has received valuable assistance from The Salvation Army in rebuilding his home.

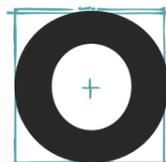


RE BUILD ING BUN DA BERG

THE SALVATION ARMY IS CONTINUING TO PLAY AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN THE LONG-TERM RECOVERY OF PEOPLE WHO WERE SEVERELY IMPACTED BY THE DEVASTATING FLOODS OF 2013 IN CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

words SIMONE WORTHING

photos SHAIRON PATERSON



Over five days in late January 2013, ex-tropical Cyclone Oswald dumped more than 500mm of rain in the Burnett River catchment in Central Queensland. In Bundaberg, more than 7500 residents were forced to evacuate from 2000 homes and 300 businesses. Other areas of the catchment also fell victim to the Burnett River and Baffle Creek flooding.

The Salvation Army was a key player in providing relief and assistance in the immediate aftermath of the floods, both to those impacted by the disaster and to other volunteers and emergency service workers.

Since then, the Army and its community partners have been actively assisting people to rebuild their homes and lives physically, emotionally and spiritually. As the Bundaberg community continues to rebuild, The Salvation Army will be there beside them in the months and years to come.

REBUILDING COMMUNITIES

The Rebuild Community Group project has been one of the major ways The Salvation Army has been physically assisting people.

The project, funded by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, rebuilt almost 70 houses to a habitable stage, allowing families to move back into their homes and continue to rebuild their lives. Community partner, the Combined Churches of Bundaberg, was an integral part of the project.

The focus was to assist people who did not have insurance, were under-insured, or did not have the means to rebuild their homes themselves.

Tom Osborne, manager of The Salvation Army's Tom Quinn Community Centre (TQCC), was overall facilitator of the Rebuild project and gave full support to those involved with its direct coordination and implementation.

"David Wilkinson, who ran a distribution centre for the TQCC after the floods, and Rob Brough, a TQCC volunteer, were instrumental in starting the project and then coordinated the work," said Tom.

Major Topher Holland, who was The Salvation Army Territorial Director for Strategic Disaster Management until recently, says the focus of all Salvation Army disaster management is to determine how to meet people at their point of need through each and every phase of, and following, a disaster.

"We are about empowering local communities and, in Bundaberg since the floods, The Salvation Army has been able to coordinate, bring together and collaborate with local people to identify and address the local needs when and where they occur," he says. "At a territorial level, we are here to offer support, advice, encouragement and to assist in identifying available resources."

LONG-TERM RECOVERY

Captain Chris Millard, Bundaberg Corps Officer, oversees all local expressions of The Salvation Army as they work together to assist the community.

Chris and his wife, Captain Melissa Millard, arrived in Bundaberg in May last year, replacing Majors Kevin and Heather Unicomb who are now serving in the Papua New Guinea Territory.

"The Unicombs did an amazing job of working under extreme stress to get things >>>



"... The Salvation Army has been able to coordinate, bring together and collaborate with local people to identify and address the local needs when and where they occur"



TOP: Four men who have played a role in The Salvation Army's Rebuild project – Robert Brough, David Wilkinson, Charlie Webster and Eric Howard.

MIDDLE: David and Robert sorting through building materials at the Tom Quinn Community Centre.

BOTTOM: Eric has volunteered many hours of his time to the project.

“Our counsellors and chaplains have never been busier as the need shifts to this long-term recovery work and helping people rebuild emotionally”

happening,” says Chris. “My role now is to help coordinate all aspects of The Salvation Army working together to deliver as much good to as many people as possible, and being a voice of long-term recovery and resilience.

“The Rebuild project enabled us to mobilise people and put them at the coalface working for good, which is a great example of what The Salvation Army stands for, no matter which expression you represent.

“The Army, local churches and community organisations are all working together for the good of the Bundaberg community.”

CHANGING FOCUS

As physical needs diminish, the focus of Salvation Army assistance is changing. Although a few people are still asking for material assistance, most are now requesting help with emotional and spiritual needs.

“Our counsellors and chaplains have never been busier as the need shifts to this long-term recovery work and helping people rebuild emotionally and not be owned by the events of the past,” says Chris. “They are only funded until the end of the financial year, but we are hoping that can be extended.”

Chris and his team are focusing on helping people build resilience to get through this phase of their recovery and rebuild, access the next level of services they need and plan for the future.

“For example, we’re currently heading into a drought,” he explains. “We need to help facilitate resilience in people to get through that, as well as life in general.

“We are building relationships with mental health and other professionals so people can be referred to them for specialist assistance.

“A lot of people aren’t coming to us, we know how hard it is to do that, so we are out building relationships and creating opportunities for people. The Army’s philosophy is to be available.

“It’s humbling for me to play a small role in this, to listen to people’s stories and to work for long-term recovery. We are all about transforming lives, physically and emotionally and spiritually.” □



ABOVE: Captain Chris Millard points to a marker showing the January 2013 floods reaching 9.53m at a hotel in Bundaberg.

REBUILD PROJECT GAINS RECOGNITION

The impact that The Salvation Army’s Tom Quinn Community Centre (TQCC) has had on the Bundaberg community has been highlighted with recognition up to national level.

The centre won the Not-for Profit Category of the 2014 Get Ready Queensland – Resilient Australia Awards in October last year.

The award, for the TQCC’s Rebuild Community Group project, recognised the work undertaken by ordinary people in helping others rebuild their homes, and lives, after the devastating floods of January 2013.

The Rebuild project then progressed to be considered for the Resilient Australia Awards in Canberra, a significant accomplishment despite not winning at the national level.

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ABOVE: Tom Quinn Community Centre manager Tom Osborne with David Crisafulli, the Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience.



MIDDLE: Ray Doe (supervisor) and Shaun Nemeth (apprentice carpenter) in the workshop.



BOTTOM: Restoring furniture is one of the jobs at the centre.

REBUILDING BUNDABERG

SALVOS KEEP TURNING UP, BY GEORGE

Just can't tell you how wonderful it was to see the man from The Salvation Army coming out to us in a dinghy with supplies," says George Pauza. "He was the first person we'd seen in a week after the floods left us isolated. "They brought out tradesmen, materials, information and basic supplies. They gave of their time and have helped us in every way you could imagine."

George and his wife, Bianca, live on "Pauzas' Place", a rural property 80km from Bundaberg where they ran a Brahman stud. The couple, now in their 70s and retired from cattle farming, have lived there for 35 years. George is originally from Latvia and Bianca from the former Czechoslovakia.

Just before the floods, the Pauzas had moved antique furniture, valuable books, precious photos and most of their household goods from the top floor of their Queenslander home, downstairs in order to renovate.

"The floods came through, devastated most of our house and took it all," says George quietly. "We lost everything.

"Even the locals, who've farmed here for generations, have never seen anything like these floods."

VOLUNTEER HELP

Volunteers from the Rebuild project worked to make the Pauzas' house liveable so they could move back in and continue rebuilding their lives.

"The Salvos have given us furniture, bedding and everything we need to get us back on the road," says George.

"There is light at the end of this very long tunnel."

The Pauzas are both battling health problems and Bianca also cares full-time for her elderly mother who is deaf, blind and ill.

"We do what we need to and we know that if we need more help, we can ask the Salvos and they will assist us," says George. "They are just so willing."

Both George and Bianca agree that the floods

and their aftermath have changed their lives completely.

"We didn't plan or allow for floods, so when they hit it was even more devastating," says George. "We were not insured because we'd had to spend our money on feeding cattle in the last drought and we just couldn't afford the astronomical insurance premiums.

"We can never go back to what we were before the floods. Houses come and go but how do you replace memories like photos and the first-edition books that Bianca collected and loved?

"That loss leaves such a void in your life and we're just too old to start again. Life wasn't meant to be easy, though, and we will do the best we can.

"The Salvos, they understand this loss and void and that is why they bend over backwards to help people. I've never in my life been helped the way the Salvos helped us."

ARMY CONNECTION

George has experienced the assistance of The Salvation Army twice before.

"As a young bloke, just a teenager, I was working in Arnhem Land [Northern Territory], and there was a flying Sallyman, Captain [Victor] Pedersen*, and he would fly out and visit the blokes living in isolation," George explains.

"He would show films, talk to us and go out of his way to help us. I have always remembered that."

Just over 10 years ago, in November 2004, the Cairns tilt train derailed, right into George and Bianca's property, at midnight.

"We were the first ones on the scene but the Salvos were there in no time and came to our aid and assisted emergency workers too," says George.

"Wherever they are, they are doing a marvellous job."

* For more information on Captain Victor Pedersen, who pioneered The Salvation Army's flying services in 1945, go to: goo.gl/RfWtFh



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TOP: George Pauza can't thank The Salvation Army enough for the work they have done on his flood-affected property. **MIDDLE:** George and his wife Bianca have been able to do some of the work themselves with donated materials from The Salvation Army. **BOTTOM:** One of the rooms in the Pauzas' house being renovated.

REBUILDING BUNDABERG

RAY OF SUNSHINE AMID THE GLOOM

Ray Stewart had just left Bundaberg for Brisbane when the rain started. It was January 2013. Ray was undergoing treatment for cancer and was booked in for radiation treatment in Queensland's capital 350km to the south. There was no way he could know the devastation he would return home to.

When Ray got back to Bundaberg, his house and most of his possessions had been destroyed in the floods.

"Everything was just gone," he says quietly. "There I was, sitting in a caravan a friend had kindly lent me, and wondering how I was ever going to do anything with this wreck of a house.

"I had really hit rock bottom and had just given up hope."

Ray's family, friends, neighbours and even strangers helped him strip his home's flood-damaged walls and rip out the kitchen, but, as a pensioner and uninsured, he was overwhelmed by the impending costs of rebuilding.

"Out the blue, David Wilkinson from The Salvation Army turned up, introduced himself, and said he was told that I had a bit of a problem," says Ray with a chuckle.

"David had a look at the place and said his team could fix up the walls and do quite a bit to get the house set to be lived in. A couple of days later the plasterboard arrived and they were into it!"

It wasn't long before new walls were up, a kitchen installed and the bathroom rebuilt.

"Seeing all this lifted me up off the floor and gave me a sense of meaning and purpose again," says Ray. "I just can't believe how helpful, how wonderful, The Salvation Army has been. The house is just marvellous."

BACK ON HIS FEET

Ray spent many years of his life working in Papua

New Guinea and was heavily involved there with Rotary, assisting with a range of projects, among them the fight against malaria and polio. He received an MBE in 1990 for his services to the people of PNG, and an OBE several years later.

"My PNG photos and letters from the Queen went with the floods, but I still have my medals," he says. "It's disappointing but just part of life really.

"I've always helped others and haven't needed any help until now. These have been the worst two years of my life but thanks to the Salvos, I'm back on my feet."

David and another Salvation Army chaplain, Wayne Chamberlain, continue to visit Ray regularly to see how he is and whether they can assist him further.

"I had scraped and saved to buy some tiles for the house but was just a bit short," says Ray. "Dave asked me how much I needed and within a few days was back with the money. Now I have ordered the tiles!

"It takes me back to what my father and uncle said after World War Two: 'The only people you can rely on in this world are the Sallies. Even in the trenches you would look over your shoulder and there would be the Sallyman with a cup of tea and biscuit'.

"The Salvation Army really is 'Christianity with its sleeves rolled up'. The kindness they have shown and the help they have given cannot be described.

"When David first came, I couldn't even stand up I was so depressed. Now I can work for a couple of hours, am feeling good in myself, and it's given me a desire to do things again.

"My five kids and their families have been won over too. My brother, who is a regular at the pub, is the first one to donate when the Salvos come through.

"I'm just so grateful to The Salvation Army for all they've done." □



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TOP: The Salvation Army has given Ray Stewart reason to smile again after his house was damaged in the floods.

MIDDLE: Ray in his renovated kitchen with The Salvation Army's David Wilkinson.

BOTTOM: Some of the repair work which was carried out on Ray's house by The Salvation Army.

TRAGEDY DEFINES NESAN'S LIFE

DEVOTION TO AUBURN COMMUNITY LEADS TO CITIZEN AWARD



ABOVE: Captain Nesan Kistan receives his Citizen of the Year award from Auburn Mayor Councillor Ronney Oueik and Australia Day ambassador Dr Cindy Pan. (Photo courtesy of Auburn City Council)

Almost 20 years ago, Nesan Kistan's life, and future, changed dramatically after the death of his father at the hands of gunman Martin Bryant during the Port Arthur massacre in Tasmania.

Nesan's father, Tony, was one of 58 people shot at the Broad Arrow Cafe on 28 April 1996. It was a crime that shocked the nation, with ripple effects felt around the world. Bryant's killing spree left 35 people dead and 23 others wounded.

For Nesan, who was just 24 at the time, it was a crushing lesson about the fragility of life.

"Dad was one of the first to be killed and, to his credit and courage, he was able to push Mum out of the way and save her life and, again courageously, he tried to disarm the gunman," Nesan says.

"After that I decided I needed a reason to get up in the morning and I wanted to live a life of purpose."

Nesan had studied political science and psychology and was planning a career as a psychologist before the events at Port Arthur challenged his intentions.

"It made me realise that life is so fragile, so

limited; there has to be something more significant that you can do," he says.

Nesan became a Salvation Army officer, dedicating his life to serving God and others. For the past 10 years, Nesan and his wife Cheryl, now Salvation Army captains, have been serving as the corps officers at Auburn in Sydney's west.

Nesan was also the Auburn Police chaplain, a member of the Community Pride Taskforce, sat on several boards within Auburn City Council and worked with community leaders and those from various ethnic groups represented in Auburn. He was dedicated to seeing his community transformed.

When Nesan attended an Australia Day awards ceremony at Sydney Olympic Park this year, he thought he was representing his corps for a nomination it had received for Community Event of the Year, 2014.

He was unaware of his own nomination.

"It was a surprise when my name was called up as a nominee for Auburn Citizen of the Year," he says. "There were a number of very good candidates and I was surprised that I was included in that group."

BROTHERS LEADING LIVES OF SIGNIFICANCE



Nesan Kistan's life wasn't the only one changed by the Port Arthur massacre. His brother, Adrian (pictured), says his father's death jolted him to start living a life of significance.

Before losing his father, Adrian, who was 20 at the time, says life was on track. He was speeding towards a successful career in sports marketing. Yet, God began calling him to take a different path while grieving his father's death.

"I was getting fast-tracked onto a significant career ... God just came into the midst of that and said, 'I called you to a life of significance, not just success'," he explains.

"What happened to Dad gave me a sense that life is so temporary."

Adrian began his ministry calling coordinating The Salvation Army's involvement with the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000. He then moved into a sports ministry role, followed by involvement with cross-cultural relations within the Army.

With his wife Natalie, Adrian now voluntarily runs a community house for indigenous young people in Sydney. The program houses indigenous students, mainly from rural areas, as they complete their high school studies in Sydney. He also runs his own ministry that assists businesses, individuals, churches and corporations with cross-cultural relations.

Nesan was honoured by Auburn Council as its Citizen of the Year for devoting the past decade to "giving hope to people from all walks of life and transforming the Auburn community for the better".

The Auburn Corps also received the Community Event of the Year award for "Walk For Hope", a suicide awareness event held last September.

"My primary role with The Salvation Army has been community engagement," Nesan explains. "This included welfare support for people in a financial crisis, helping newly arrived migrants to transition, and facilitating community leaders representing many different groups."

"The job can bring you to your knees in tears and then you can look back and marvel at what's happened and how people's lives have been transformed."

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Nesan's own experience of trauma, as well as the challenges and hardships facing new migrants, has been integral to his role in the community.

"In 1981, my family were migrants from South

Africa," he shares. "Apartheid was at its height, the country was on its knees and sanctions were crippling us."

"My parents said: 'We have to leave if you and your brother are going to have a chance'."

"We were living at Broadway [Sydney] and we were down to our last dollar. We heard that The Salvation Army helped people and we walked [6km] to St Peters."

"It made me wonder why people who didn't know us would want to help us. Refugees come here and they have been through so much – the loss of life, the trauma of war, so much pain and suffering. We can give them hope."

"I always understood that the role of a Christian leader is to fall in love with their community and its people, and not just love those within the walls of your church."

At the start of 2015, the Captains Nesan and Cheryl Kistan took up a new appointment at Sydney's Ryde Corps.

"My prayer has always been community transformation. I pray, 'God, transform this community into a place which knows your grace, your love and your mercy'," he says. □

Long walk for Freedom

Laura Vidal recently completed a three-day walk along the Great Ocean Road in Victoria to raise funds and awareness for The Salvation Army Trafficking and Slavery Safe House. Laura, the campaign coordinator for The Freedom Partnership to End Modern Slavery, was part of a team of 13 who covered 44km on the walk, which was organised by Project Futures, a key partner of the safe house. The team raised \$15,000 for the safe house that will go toward providing critical services to people who have experienced human trafficking, slavery and slavery-like practices. Laura shares with *Pipeline* her motivation for getting involved and reflects on her experience



LEFT: Laura Vidal take a quick break during her 44km trek along the Great Ocean Road.
RIGHT: The group which completed the walk to raise funds and awareness for The Salvation Army's Trafficking and Slavery Safe House.

My decision to participate in the walk was motivated by a few things. In my role with the freedom partnership, I am continually educating, encouraging and asking the community to take action to end slavery.

Taking on this Project Futures challenge was about appreciating the value between believing in what I do and actually doing it. The Trafficking and Slavery Safe House is a place where people who have been exploited can go to help rebuild their life. It is a place where I worked as a caseworker and had the opportunity to walk alongside people in their journey; to share in their frustrations and difficulties and celebrate their successes.

It is also a place where I understood how important community contributions and support were. The people I met during my time at the Safe House had stories of great resilience that continue to inspire me.

It has been working alongside the residents of the Safe House that has taught me some of my greatest lessons; including that of never giving up – a lesson I certainly needed on the trek.

UPHILL CHALLENGE

The walk along the Great Ocean Road was beautiful and a reminder of how lucky I am to live in a place that gives me the freedom to live a life of choice and opportunity. Taking on this

walk was one of the hardest and most rewarding things I have done. There was ranging topography (including 7km of soft-sand walking and 8km of slippery uphill terrain), rain, wind and cold. It seemed like three days of endless walking.

On the third day, standing at the base of a steep hill, I questioned whether I had it in me to get to the top. I had to dig really deep to keep going and, to be honest, it took all I had.

Looking back, I am acutely aware that climbing a hill off the back of 33km of walking is not easy, but compared to the reason why I was there, and the difference mine and others' fundraising efforts would make, it was totally worth it and is what pushed me up that hill and to the finish line!

I had the opportunity to connect with a group of people I had not met before, who had also committed to fundraising and supporting the work of The Salvation Army. Throughout the walk and our time together I was able share about what the Safe House does and make real for them what they had raised their money for.

It was really encouraging to know that members of the community care about the work we are doing and being there to thank them and share in the experience was invaluable.

I encourage you to be part of helping us to end modern slavery in Australia and, no, you don't have to walk 44km to do it! On the facing page are some suggestions of how you can get involved.

The Freedom Partnership End Modern Slavery



10 WAYS SALVOS CAN END SLAVERY IN 2015

Officers, Employees, Volunteers, Soldiers and Supporters of The Salvation Army are powerful actors in eradicating slavery in Australia and our world. The Freedom Partnership encourages you to take at least one action in 2015 towards ending slavery. Tell us about your action; we'll share it to inspire others.

1. Take the **Freedom Pledge** online. www.endslavery.salvos.org.au/act/pledge
2. Book our **Pledge Wall** www.facebook.com/partner4freedom to create awareness in your community (greater Sydney and Melbourne only): email us at: endslavery@aue.salvationarmy.org
3. Swap at least two products (coffee and tea) in your canteen, kitchen, centre or service to **Fair Trade** only products now widely available from every major retailer. For more information visit: www.fta.org.au
4. Devote a morning tea, bake sale, sausage sizzle, clothes swap, running event or other creative fundraiser to support victims of human trafficking and slavery in Australia www.endslavery.salvos.org.au/act/australian-freedom-fund/
5. Conduct an Ending Slavery **Prayer Day** in your church. Register with us at endslavery@aue.salvationarmy.org to receive resources.
6. Take up a **Project Futures** (www.projectfutures.com.au) challenge to benefit victims here in Australia.
7. Swap your **sports ball** for a Fair Trade ball www.fairtradeshop.com.au/balls-sports-gear
8. Complete Anti-Slavery Australia's self-paced **E-learning course** www.antislavery.org.au/e-learning.htm
9. **Volunteer** with us to educate the community. www.endslavery.salvos.org.au/act/volunteer-eoi-form
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If you want to know what is happening across the Army's Australia Eastern Territory or have an event you want to promote, then make sure you check out the event page on mySalvos. It's a great way to keep up to date with what's happening and also to find out about some great Salvo events you might otherwise have missed. Go to my.salvos.org.au/events

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Joyful welcome for new session of cadets

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The *Joyful Intercessors* 2015-16 session of cadets has been officially welcomed to the School For Officer Training at Booth College in Sydney.

Colonel Janet Munn, School For Officer Training Principal, welcomed the 10 cadets to the college at an official lunch on 4 February.

After Major Chris Reid, Territorial Secretary for Personnel, offered a prayer for the cadets, Territorial Candidates Secretary Major David Soper introduced each cadet and praised them for following God's call on their lives.

"Men and women of the *Joyful Intercessors*, today we are celebrating your obedience to God's plan and purpose for your life. Thank you for listening," he said.

"When it comes down to God's call on your life, your future will not be plagued with what might have been."

The *Joyful Intercessors* are drawn from four divisions in the Australia Eastern Territory: Sydney East and Illawarra; Newcastle and Central NSW, North NSW and South Queensland.

Major Soper also honoured the family, friends and corps officers who have played a significant role in the cadets' lives and helped them on their journey to officership.

Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon, brought a word of encouragement. He thanked the cadets for their commitment to God and The Salvation Army, and he shared with them wisdom from his 43 years of officership.

At morning worship, prior to the lunch, Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, Commissioner Jan Condon, tied the *Joyful Intercessors* sessional pennant to The Salvation Army flag.

PUBLIC WELCOME

Friends and family also had the opportunity to welcome the cadets publicly on 8 February at Hurstville Corps.

Accompanied by Hurstville Corps band, the *Joyful Intercessors* entered the hall, led by session flagbearer Cadet Anthony Hunt, followed by the *Messengers of Light* sessional cadets who have entered their second year of training.

Territorial Candidates Secretary Major Shelley Soper then introduced the new cadets and their families, sharing the many ministry gifts they bring to the Army.

Colonel Janet Munn then explained the



ABOVE: Commissioner Jan Condon ties the sessional pennant to The Salvation Army flag at the official welcome to cadets lunch.

pilot non-residential officer training program in Brisbane, called Pathway 3. Scott and Natalie Frame, and Leanne Hardaker were introduced as the Pathway 3 auxiliary lieutenants who will study part-time while working in ministry full-time. They will be commissioned in 2017 as part of the *Messengers of the Gospel* session.

Officers recently appointed to the School For Officer Training were then installed by the Chief Secretary, Colonel Richard Munn. They are Assistant Training Principal Major Deborah Robinson, Director of Spiritual Formation Major Alwyn Robinson and Residential Manager Lieutenant Ji-Sook Wunderlich.

Cadet Hunt and Cadet Rachel Knight both shared their testimonies, speaking about their decision to follow Christ, their calling and journey to officership. "I'm privileged that God would call me," said Cadet Hunt.

Lieut Wunderlich read two Bible passages – Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 and Matthew 4:18-22 – followed by a vocal message *I Need You Once Again* brought by the Hurstville Songster Brigade.

Commissioner James Condon based his message on these passages, sharing with the cadets about seasons – the importance of seizing the day, how to deal with change and the vital process of pruning when standing on the edge of a new season.

Major Deborah Robinson then sang *For Such a Time as This*. An invitation was given to kneel at the mercy seat, to which several people responded.

Choose a chick to give someone a chance

THE SALVATION ARMY'S CHICK EFFECT CAMPAIGN CONTINUES TO MAKE A HUGE IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF PEOPLE STRUGGLING TO MAKE A LIVING IN VILLAGES AROUND THE WORLD

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words ANNE HALLIDAY



ABOVE: Indian women in the villages of Penagoberi and Tudubali are anticipating the positive benefit of establishing poultry farms through The Chick Effect campaign, which is being overseen by Major Prakash Pradhan, project officer in the Indian Northern Territory.

They are cute, fluffy and seemingly defenceless, but when it comes to The Salvation Army's Chick Effect campaign, baby chickens punch above their weight.

The Easter campaign, which calls people to invest in chicks instead of chocolate, last year alone raised \$26,000 for a community project in West Kenya.

Over the past four years, it has raised a total of \$142,000 for vulnerable communities. But it's the ripple effect of the campaign, organised by The Salvation Army International Development (SAID) team at the Army's Australia Eastern territorial headquarters, that draws attention to its far-reaching impact on the lives of real people.

In Tanzania and Kenya, the simple gift of a pair of chicks (costing \$20) has empowered better health, education, income and livelihood opportunities.

Before 2013, Janet, a Tanzanian mother of six, struggled to provide treatment for her disabled daughter and education for her other children.

"After being given chickens I expanded to ducks and have saved enough money to open a tea room next to my house," she says.

The project has not just helped Janet to start her small enterprise but has given her training and skills to grow it. With her essential needs met, Janet now has plans to extend her business through savings – something that two years ago, she could never have imagined possible.

It is the effect of positive change for real people

in poverty that has captured the imagination of groups and individuals alike to support The Chick Effect campaign.

INDIAN FOCUS

Two tiny villages in India – Penagoberi and Tudubali – will be the focus of this year's Chick Effect campaign. Having already received goats through a previous Salvation Army-affiliated program, the community has already experienced transformation.

"Before [the project], the women had to rely on breaking stones into gravel to have an income," says one community member. "This is a very good program for our community."

Working with the self-help groups of women and men already established, the campaign funds will enable the community to develop poultry farms and insure their goats. In addition, they will receive training in livestock production and financial management, setting in motion a ripple effect of positive change.

The Chick Effect is an opportunity for family, friends, workmates and schoolmates to come together over Easter and work together to help families in rural communities in India.

Along with buying chickens, supporters can also purchase agricultural products in the *Salvos Gifts* catalogue (salvosgifts.com.au) or organise a fundraising event. Register now to host a Chick Effect fundraiser by calling **02 9266 9774** or go to salvoschickeffect.org.au

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Wollongong to the world

TWO SALVATIONISTS FROM WOLLONGONG CORPS SHARE THEIR MOTIVATION FOR ATTENDING THE BOUNDLESS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS IN LONDON IN JULY

Amanda Callaghan is a young recent graduate from university, planning a career teaching pre-schoolers. Janette Smart is a grandmother, loving every opportunity to share life-long experiences with her grandchildren.

Both are soldiers of the Wollongong Corps and both are going to The Salvation Army's Boundless Congress in London in July.

For Amanda, Boundless is an exciting adventure, with international travel and hopes for spiritual and leadership advancement.

For Janette, already a well-seasoned traveller, Boundless is a chance for family reunions and to see and hear how the international Army is progressing.

"By attending Boundless," says Amanda, "I hope to develop my knowledge of The Salvation Army and its mission on an international level.

"I also hope that Boundless will be a time of learning and spiritual development that will help me in my everyday life as well as in my leadership roles both at corps and divisional level.

"Having grown up in The Salvation Army, I have a good understanding of how The Salvation Army operates at my corps level."

A member of the Wollongong Corps band, timbrels and songsters, as well as a Sunday school teacher and learner timbrels leader, Amanda also plays in the Sydney Youth Band and Territorial Youth Band based in Melbourne.

She says her decision to attend the international congress was instant.

"I think it's a great opportunity and it will be an amazing experience. There have been a number of people from the Wollongong Corps who have attended a previous international congress. When I first heard about Boundless, they mentioned that if I got the opportunity to go, that I should definitely do it," she says.

Janette will be joined on her travels by husband Ron, and the couple will be met in London by their daughter Julie, son-in-law Mark, and grandchildren Zachary (13) and Brianna (11), who live in the United States.

Also linking with Janette, especially for Boundless, will be her sisters Rosemary Gebhardt (Pasadena Corps, US) and Alison Briggs (Hurstville Corps, Sydney).

"Mum [the late Thelma Treffone, of Hurstville Corps] would love to know that her three girls will be together at a Salvation Army international



ABOVE: Amanda Callaghan (right) and Janette Smart are off to London for Boundless in July.

congress. Mum and Dad were great supporters of Salvation Army congresses," Janette says.

"I remember them taking off in their caravan from Sydney to Adelaide for The Salvation Army's Australian centenary celebrations many years ago.

"Mum is our inspiration. She was the strongest Salvation Army supporter of anyone I ever knew. She wanted us to know The Salvation Army – the church more so than the social work.

"She passed that inspiration on to her three girls. We are fourth-generation Salvationists on both sides of the family."

Janette said that in addition to the family connections, she was looking forward to Boundless to see what The Salvation Army world was doing.

"I love the idea of being at an international congress where we will all be there – from all around the world – with one purpose. That is something special. I am looking forward to talking with Salvationists from Pakistan, Africa – all over," she says.

During Boundless, Ron will be in Vienna for a music festival, where he will be a judge and conductor, a role he has continued for the past 25 years.

Amanda, with friends, will head to France and Italy as part of her adventure after Boundless.

What God has joined ...

TRADITIONALLY, THESE WORDS FORM PART OF THE CONCLUDING STATEMENT AT A CHRISTIAN WEDDING. THEY ARE BASED ON GOD'S VIEW OF MARRIAGE AS PRESENTED IN THE CREATION STORY AND AS REINFORCED BY JESUS. BUT THE BIBLE PROVIDES US WITH AN EVEN BROADER VIEW OF WHAT GOD HAS JOINED TO CREATE COMPLETENESS

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words MAJOR CECIL WOODWARD

"If we refer to our evangelical work and social work it is not that these are two distinct entities. They are activities of the one and same salvation which is concerned with the total redemption of man."

The creation story tells us how God created humankind based on the same physical chemical composition as everything else in creation. Man became a "living soul" when God breathed into him. But this was not simply about breathing air; the created animals were already doing that. No, this was another dimension; God joined a spiritual existence to the physical form he had created.

Through the centuries there have been many who have denied this "joining" and tried to disprove the spiritual or to live as though the spiritual was an insignificant part of life. But that core aspect of whom we are as a person persistently refuses to be dismissed as mere fantasy.

If we considered the pre-Christian religious experience of St Paul, it could be summed up as being faultless in keeping the religious rules of worship and lifestyle – but he did not know God. There was an unsatisfied dimension in his life despite his sincere practical religious observances.

In later life, Paul warns Timothy of those who would have itching ears for what takes their fancy rather than having a deep yearning for a personal relationship with God Almighty, their heavenly Father.

In the teaching of Jesus, he emphasised the necessity of what has been called the

horizontal and vertical dimensions of life when he reminded us of two priorities: loving God and loving our neighbour. When John the Baptist was questioning whether Jesus was God's sent Messiah, Jesus' reply was to point to the visible evidence.

The kingdom was being inaugurated in breaking physical bondages and preaching the Gospel to those who were poor and marginalised.

Jesus has never left his church without voices to continue to demonstrate God's model of being joined so that we would know completeness.

One of the rules of St Francis of Assisi's order was that his brothers "must always apply themselves to prayer or some good work". This was not a statement about choosing to do one or the other; it was saying that if the brothers were not in prayer or worship, they would be "doing good", visiting lepers, nursing families with smallpox etc., or vice versa.

When confronted by the early stages of urbanisation and displacement in 18th-century England, John Wesley not only preached to the whosoever about God's redeeming grace, he also provided free medical clinics, founded schools and established loan funds for people to purchase tools to escape debt.

To his congregations he declared: "Your

zeal for the church is pleasing to God" but you must also be "careful to maintain good works". He challenged them: "Are you better instructed than to put asunder what God has joined than to separate works of piety from works of mercy? Are you uniformly zealous of both?"

GRASPING THE MESSAGE

This big picture that God had designed completeness by the way different elements of life are joined was well understood by Catherine Booth. The message to her daughter's wedding in 1888 was: "The fundamental and all-comprehensive principle of Christ's salvation [is that] every act of our lives, ... whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do – whether we do business, or become Salvation Army officers – whatever we do we should do all to the glory of God."

It is no surprise that when William Booth reiterated this principle, he did so in very practical terms. "We want to make it as religious ... to feed a hungry man as it is to take up the collection [offering] in the barracks."

Booth's long-term commitment was to work for both a temporal salvation from the injustices of the here and now as well as salvation from sin, opening the life-gate to heaven. He once compared his social work

and religion as being like Siamese twins. Reflecting on the medical science of his day, he dramatically declared: "To divide them is to slay them!"

In the light of his vision of a joined completeness, what was William Booth's assessment of The Salvation Army as he reviewed delegates to the 1907 International Congress? He boldly stated that the Army was never "more successful in attainment of the great object for which God brought her into the world; ... the salvation of the bodies and souls of men and the helping of their circumstances".

If we move forward to another International Congress almost 60 years later – the Army's centenary year – in one of many public addresses, General Frederick Coutts declared: "If we refer to our evangelical work and social work it is not that these are two distinct entities. They are activities of the one and same salvation which is concerned with the total redemption of man. As the Gospel has joined them together we do not propose to put them asunder."

God's intentions haven't changed; they are always about wholeness and completeness.

We fall into error when we compartmentalise and separate what he has created to be a unity. □

THE EVANGELICAL ENTREPRENEUR

Unlocking the Army's Archives

OF ALL THE SALVATION ARMY'S PIONEER OFFICERS, JAMES BARKER STANDS OUT AS SOMEONE WHO COULD MAKE THINGS HAPPEN

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words MAJOR DAVID WOODBURY

Within his short life, James Barker pioneered many of the social ministries that epitomise The Salvation Army today. Sent by the Army's founder, William Booth, to take over the newly established work in Australasia, James and Alice Barker were to write their names into the annals of Salvation Army history in Australia.

James Barker was born on 17 January 1852 in Ipswich, about 100km north-east of London. Coming from an Anglican background, he was apprenticed to a printer and trained as a compositor, a trade that was to serve him well in later years. Desiring to be his own master he ran away from home with the intention of joining the military. However, when faced with the discipline of military life he changed his mind and returned to the print trade in London.

Drawn to a ragtag crowd of Christian Missioners, Barker found himself at one of their meetings. The speaker seemed to be directing his message at Barker who soon became convinced of his sinfulness and found himself at the mercy seat, accepting Jesus as his Saviour.

The Christian Mission's philosophy of putting new converts to work saw him given a job in the organisation's printing office. He came under the notice of Booth, who saw potential in the young man. By 1878, he had become an officer in what was now The Salvation Army.

Following his only corps appointment, in the Manchester 1 Corps, Booth felt Barker was the man to take over command of the newly established work in Australasia. Barker was engaged to Alice Sutton, a soldier of Bethnal Green Corps, so Booth conducted their wedding in 1882, promoting them to the rank of major and commissioning them to take command "in all the colonies of the Southern Seas". The very next day, Major and Mrs Barker sailed on the SS Cotopaxi, bound for Adelaide.

RAPID RISE

Due to a labour dispute on the Adelaide waterfront the Cotopaxi was diverted to Melbourne. The Barkers disembarked not knowing anyone in the city and with only a few shillings in their pockets. However, their arrival had been noted by William

Whitchurch and Captain Isaac Unsworth, an English officer temporarily in Melbourne, who met them on the dock. Accommodation was found and it wasn't long before Barker was introduced to Dr John Singleton, a meeting that was to prove highly significant both to Barker and The Salvation Army.

Dr Singleton was an ageing, passionate social reformer who not only made his mission hall available to Barker but also arranged for him to hold religious services inside the gaols and also visit prisoners, an event that was to launch the Army's worldwide court and prison ministry.

Barker's forceful and charismatic personality proved an invaluable asset in attracting and holding an audience. Although not tall, his military bearing and dark glowing eyes, together with his quick mind and decisive action, proved to be the catalyst The Salvation Army needed to commence its ministry in Melbourne. By the end of 1882, he had established a corps in the suburb of Hotham and in January 1883, a second corps was opened at Collingwood.

Under Barker's command the



LEFT: James Barker. The ARW on James' shoulder signifies "Australian Rescue Work".

Army in Melbourne expanded rapidly and by the end of 1883, it had 33 officers, a two-room office that was used for the headquarters and was able to publish *The War Cry* with a circulation of 60,000 copies. Fifteen months after their arrival, meetings to mark the first anniversary of The Salvation Army in Victoria were held in the Exhibition Building and attended by 10,000 people.

Concerned that the men he met in prison would slip back into their old ways after their release, Barker invited them to come to him for help. He acquired a large dwelling in the Melbourne suburb of Carlton which was opened on 8 December 1883 as what he termed a "Prison-Gate Home".

The Barkers' social conscience didn't stop with those in prison. In the back streets of Melbourne they sought out women addicted to drugs

and coerced into prostitution, and established a residence where they could escape their circumstances. Before long, Prison-Gate Homes and Rescue Homes for Fallen Women were established throughout Australia and New Zealand.

LESSER ROLE

The training of officers for his fledgling Army also exercised the mind of James Barker. Following the experiences of his own training, the first three cadets were set to work building the Prahlan Hall by day and studying at night. Progress in Victoria was rapid and two years after the Barkers' arrival their command boasted 100 corps, 75 outposts and 200 officers.

It may well be that Barker was a "big picture man" rather than a "detail man" as Colonel Ballington Booth and Major T Henry Howard found out when they arrived, following

orders from Booth to review the work in Australia. Although their welcome meeting in Melbourne was attended by government ministers, members of parliament and the wealthy, they discovered that Barker had not closely supervised the work, with Howard referring to a corps in NSW as "an army of lions led by asses".

In 1885, Colonel Herbert Booth, William Booth's son, assumed command in Australia, with Barker given a lesser appointment of overseeing the work in Victoria. However, the popularity of Barker, now a colonel, had not waned with now-Commissioner Howard commenting: "Without doubt, the colonel was the idol of the people. Few men in the Army have been the object of more admiration and flattery than he received in Melbourne."

In 1890, James and Alice Barker were recalled to London, to commence ministry among the prisons as he did in Australia.

In May 1901, at the age of 49, Barker was promoted to glory.

In no small way, The Salvation Army owes much of its success in social work to this pioneering evangelical entrepreneur. □

WHAT WOULD JESUS VIEW?

with Pipeline culture writer **MARK HADLEY**



The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

RATING: M RELEASE DATE: 26 February

For those expecting a second trip to mysterious India, *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* actually begins in California.

The sequel is set eight months on from the original film and the partnership between blue-sky thinker Sonny (Dev Patel) and retired housekeeper Muriel (Maggie Smith) has blossomed into a successful business.

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel is now close to full occupancy and Sonny is hoping to franchise its success. He and Muriel hold an important meeting with American backers, trying to convince them that what people in their twilight years really want is a chance to not just relax but reinvent themselves.

The entrepreneurial Indian uses Muriel to illustrate his dream: "A chain of hotels stretching across India and beyond for those such as this great lady who had the chance to say, 'Why die here ... when I can die there!'"

In many respects *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* is an encore performance of the previous film – which is not such a bad thing. Its talented ensemble cast has been expanded to make room for Richard Gere and Tamsin Greig as the hotel welcomes new guests. There's the same brand of clever, British humour, delivered by return characters like Penelope Wilton who exited the last film an estranged wife and is now returning on the arm of her successful daughter.

And like *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* there are a range of romances supporting the plot, including Sonny's imminent marriage to his girlfriend Sunaina – if he can get his new hotel plans off the ground. But the essence of the



film is still the philosophy that someone is never too old to change.

Dame Judy Dench plays Evelyn, the timid widow from the previous instalment who has now found her feet in India and is quite ready to argue the toss with market dealers. Her budding romance with Douglas (Bill Nighy) would blossom except for the surprise return of his ex-wife and her own uncertainties: "Sometimes it seems to me that the difference between what we want and what we fear is the width of an eyelash."

It made me wonder if Jesus had any advice for older Australians trying to pick a life direction? After all, I'm not looking for a retirement home yet, but I can already appreciate how paralysing the fear of change can be.

We may have heard of a better way forward but it takes real courage to reach for it. Much better to settle for the bearable-but-not-so-pleasant present than risk everything on an unknown future. But Jesus warns that all futures are uncertain except those founded on a relationship with God. His parable tells the successful businessman whose retirement dreams consist of just much, much more of the same: "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" (Luke 12:20).

The Second Best Exotic Hotel's machinations for business and relationship success take so many unexpected turns that it falls to a "benevolent fate" to bring things right in the end. However, in the real world we need to rest on something more certain and realise that we can only hold on to that which God gives us.



LEFT: Dame Judi Dench plays Evelyn Greenslade in the *Marigold Hotel* sequel.

RIGHT: Nicholas Cage plays the role of an airline pilot in *Left Behind*.

Left Behind

RATING: M RELEASE DATE: 25 March

Left Behind is what happens to the audience when earnest faith meets poor scholarship and inept film-making. It is an apocalyptic thriller that draws its plot directly – actually, too directly – from the Bible's book of Revelation. If the title sounds familiar it's because this production is based on the novel of the same name by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B Jenkins.

Nicholas Cage stars as Rayford Steele, an airline pilot in charge of a 747 the day God decides to take the "truly good believers" to Heaven. This event is what some Christians refer to as "the rapture" – an occurrence that is supposed to signal God's coming judgment. Steele is on the verge of walking out on his wife, Irene, because she has become a Christian, and he is having an affair with a stewardess. However, he's forced to take stock of his life when people aboard his plane suddenly disappear.

With investigative journalist Buck Murray (Chad Michael Williams) Steele searches his missing co-pilot's effects and discovers that he and many others were Christians. The picture sharpens when he remembers his newly converted wife warning him God was preparing for just such a day.

On the ground, the second half of *Left Behind's* story is playing out with Steele's daughter, Chloe, who is in a panic over the sudden disappearance of her little brother and mother. However, Chloe's confusion comes to an end when she encounters the pastor from a local church who explains the rapture to her and his failure to be included because he didn't really believe what he preached.

Left Behind is certainly a disaster film, but more a



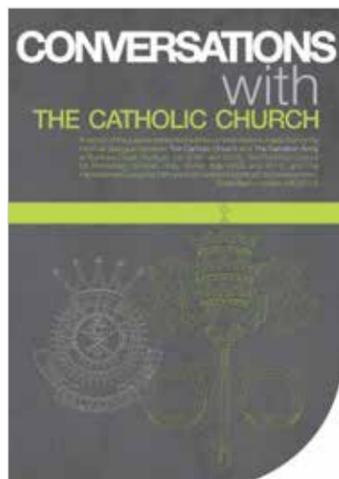
collision between good intentions and poor thinking. The dialogue is often strident or baffling, with little thought for the audience. It trades on a spiritual event likely to be unknown to most unbelievers and an area of great confusion for believers.

Worse, it perpetuates a ham-fisted way of dealing with God's Word. When Christians read the Bible it's important they evaluate it the same way as any other written communication. We habitually pay attention to not only the words on a page but the intention of the writer and the context in which they were writing. The same rules have to be applied to Revelation if we're to understand what God reveals, and communicate it sensibly to others.

Revelation is written in apocryphal language – bright word pictures – at a time when Christians were being executed for publicly declaring their faith. These symbols secretly taught already well-known truths regarding how God will one day judge the world and proclaim Jesus as its king. They are repeated several times over, like second-unit cameras taking pictures of the same magnificent scene. Yet some people persist in setting aside questions of style in favour of reading those symbols as literal events, laid out in one long chronology. The results are a string of fantastic occurrences and special theologies that are strangely unique in Scripture and actually end up drawing attention away from Jesus.

If we're going to tell that story faithfully to others then we'll have to begin by coming to the Bible with all the skill and intelligence God has given. *Left Behind* confuses more than it clarifies.

Conversations with The Catholic Church



In December 2007, delegates representing The Catholic Church and The Salvation Army met at the Army's Sunbury Court Conference Centre in the United Kingdom for the first in a series of five meetings of informal conversations.

The decision to embark on these conversations was a natural consequence of the friendly and more frequent contact between the Holy See and The Salvation Army and the visits of international Salvation Army leaders to Rome.

During the conversations papers were delivered which presented the Catholic and Salvationist perspective on a number

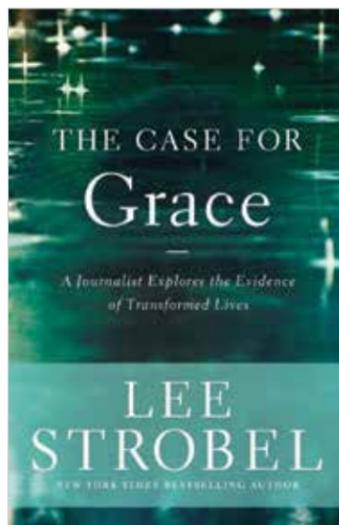
of subjects including: Nature of the Church; Divine Revelation; Social Justice; Salvation; Sanctification; and Theology and Forms of Mission.

Conversations with The Catholic Church is a record of the papers presented and recommendations made during the informal dialogue between 2007 and 2012.

Australia Eastern Territory Chief Secretary, Colonel Richard Munn, was part of several Salvation Army delegations and contributes four papers to the book.

Conversations with The Catholic Church is available by order through The Trade (thetrade.salvos.org.au)

The Case for Grace



In his latest book, *The Case for Grace: A Journalist Explores the Evidence of Transformed Lives*, best-selling author Lee Strobel focuses his skills on a new topic. The evangelical apologist has penned his most personal book since the popular *The Case for Christ*, as he shares his own transformation alongside stories of men and women whose lives have been revolutionised by God's grace. These powerful life stories reveal how the grace of God offers freedom and hope that is unique to Christianity.

"I embarked on a lifelong pursuit of grace as I graduated high school," Strobel explains. "I hadn't experienced a grace-based relationship with my father, and the concept was a puzzle to me." The stories recounted in this new book

helped the author solve the personal puzzle of a heavenly Father whose love is rooted in grace.

He makes the case for grace by showcasing God's power at work: turning a homeless junkie into an ordained pastor; an adulterer into a marriage counsellor; a reckless rebel into a selfless servant of God; and a mass murderer into a pardoned saint.

While Strobel's new book details other Christian's stunning encounters with grace, he also shares how their journeys ultimately led him to his own encounter with the depth of God's grace.

The Case for Grace will be available later this month from The Trade (thetrade.salvos.org.au)

Zimbabwean hospital gains a new lease of life

SALVATIONIST PETER TRICK REFLECTS ON HIS MISSION TRIP TO ZIMBABWE WHERE HE SPENT FIVE WEEKS HELPING TO RESTORE EQUIPMENT FOR A SALVATION ARMY-RUN HOSPITAL



ABOVE: Australia's Peter Trick (far right) spent five weeks in Zimbabwe helping to restore furniture and equipment for The Salvation Army's Howard Hospital, located 80km north of the capital Harare.

LATE LAST YEAR, I ENJOYED AN EXTRAORDINARY FIVE WEEKS in Zimbabwe, at The Salvation Army's Howard Hospital.

The invitation to visit Zimbabwe came from Dr Zaire, whom I had met during regular visits to Chikankata Hospital in Zambia over the past five years. Knowing my previous experiences in Africa, Dr Zaire asked whether I would be able to spend time helping to refurbish some old hospital equipment before its transfer to the new Howard Hospital complex.

Construction of the new hospital had started more than 10 years ago but, due to funding issues, work on the project had come to a standstill. Discussions were held over whether to continue the work or pull the half-completed building down. Fortunately, it was decided to continue and work resumed early last year, with a scheduled official opening, to be conducted by the world leader of The Salvation Army, General André Cox, in November.

Within hours of my flight landing in the Zimbabwean capital, Harare, I was purchasing paint and materials with money generously supplied by a kind Australian donor.

Upon arrival at Howard Hospital, I was overwhelmed by the amount of work I had to carry out in two weeks in the very hot and humid weather, supported by a small team of Zimbabweans.

It seemed that beds, cupboards, chairs, trolleys, IV stands

and even rusty old oxygen stands were piling up around us. We had to scrape them back, apply two undercoats then two topcoats to get them ready for the new wards. There was even an old penitent form to be given a new lease of life as well as a buffet for the tea room.

Sadly, as the official opening day drew near we were advised that the General had been taken ill and would be unable to attend. However, the Army's Chief of the Staff, Commissioner William Roberts, would come in his place.

Also travelling to Zimbabwe for the occasion were Salvation Army leaders from Sweden, Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom, while locally, Zimbabwe's Minister for Health and other dignitaries were invited.

Overcast skies on the day of the opening blessed us with cooler conditions, and thousands of Salvationists celebrated the occasion with dancing and singing, while a youthful brass band also performed.

The next morning, with paint brush again in my hand, I was straight back to work refurbishing many more pieces of furniture and hospital equipment, a job that continued for the final fortnight of my time in Zimbabwe.

The trip was a wonderful experience once again for me to be able to serve as a volunteer in a faraway land.

Peter Trick attends Tuggeranong Corps in Canberra



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Swedish officer wings it in the Outback



FLYING TO RURAL PROPERTIES in western Queensland, landing on bush airstrips, chatting to station owners and their families, cleaning troughs and mustering was a long way from the winter snow and ice of his native Sweden for Salvation Army officer and pilot, Lieutenant Ludwig Fontanac.

Ludwig was in Queensland in January to spend time with Captain Mark Bulow, The Salvation Army's South Queensland Flying Service and Rural Chaplaincy leader, and experience first-hand how the flying and chaplaincy services work in remote locations.

"It was a privilege to show Ludwig around western Queensland," said Mark. "I gave him the full experience of flying, driving long distances when it was too wet to land the plane, going to properties where I knew the families, and also to places where I was starting totally new relationships.

"We also visited people we were able to assist with [the Army's] drought appeal funds, and people where we showed up with nothing but biscuits and an offer to have a chat."

Ludwig, who has recently been appointed as the commanding officer of two corps in the Sweden and Latvia Territory – Borlänge and

Vansbro – trained as a pilot for four years. It was during his time learning to fly that he became a Christian. He began working with The Salvation Army and was responsible for an outpost of the Västerås Corps for two years, before training for officership.

"My boyhood dream was to be a pilot and I never thought about God," Ludwig explained. "After I got saved, I wanted to see if I could combine my pilot training and education with God's calling on my life.

"I felt that I had this gift from God, and I wanted to use it for his sake and glory.

"It is a great opportunity for me to see how Mark is combining his flying skills with getting the Gospel to the lost. We don't have remote areas in Sweden, except the far north, but there are no landing strips there. But I would be open to going anywhere if God wanted to use my flying skills in another country as well.

"Rural ministry and getting out to meet people and build relationships is our responsibility wherever we are."

REACHING OUT

Mark and Ludwig flew to properties north of St George and also drove further afield to Roma, Mitchell and Charleville.

"It was good to see how Mark approached new people and



properties," said Ludwig. "I learned how important it is to be on people's wavelength and be able to talk about anything from weather and sport to politics and work. Mark is really good at easily meeting people where they're at.

"Some people were really welcoming, others more reserved, so it was helpful to see how Mark coped with that and how he builds trust and develops relationships. It's important for people to have relationships with people who follow God."

Ludwig believes it's easy for an officer to stay within the walls of their corps, run all the activities and not intentionally reach out to those in the community.

"This trip has encouraged me to speak to those in my community I don't know, ask to go in for a cuppa and be where the people are," he said. "It's vital to take up the responsibility to reach out to people, make new contacts and choose to build the Army of God – this is the lesson I take back with me.

The size of Australia, and the weather, also made a big impression on Ludwig. "We travelled for days and only covered a tiny portion of this huge land," he said. "The contrast of wet and dry was amazing, and I couldn't believe just how hot it was all the time!"

– Simone Worthing

LEFT: Sweden's Lieutenant Ludwig Fontanac (left) experienced the Queensland Outback courtesy of The Salvation Army's rural flying chaplain Captain Mark Bulow.

Brisbane Streetlevel connects with housing residents

BRISBANE STREETLEVEL MISSION COMMUNITY MEMBERS have recently introduced a Friday afternoon barbecue and fellowship time, to connect with people living in a local housing complex.

Andy Rogers, a Salvation Army adherent, Streetlevel community member and resident at the housing complex, initiated the idea and is has been integral to its implementation.

"Andy is a real inspiration," said Major Bryce Davies, Streetlevel Mission team leader. "He and a couple of other guys in the complex have been doing a small group Bible study with me over the past year and we have talked a lot about men's issues, discipleship and being in the community.

"Andy wanted to commit to social action, to outreach, and he is the driver of what we're doing here."

Andy said he felt committed to helping the people in his housing complex, the majority of whom struggle with mental illness, isolation, disabilities and addictions to drugs, alcohol and gambling.

"I wanted to identify the needs of this community, help fill the gaps and make the presence of Streetlevel felt in our area," Andy explained.

"Faith is missional and I have a real heart for the residents. I wanted to get them out for a break, mixing with each other and talking to others who care about them.

"I didn't want it to just be a feeding program though; this is a party!"

Andy, Major Davies and 11 volunteers from Streetlevel took the barbecue down to the complex late last year and made hamburgers for the residents. Coffee and soft drinks were also available.

"One man, who spends 18 hours a day locked in his room, came down for dinner and talked with people," said Andy. "Other men and women came and the response was just so positive.

"A few of the residents want to be involved and help so I am now working with the residents' group to see how we can work together. People feel so valued when they're reaching out to others."

To prevent resource duplication and to more effectively help the residents, Major Davies and Andy have invited other agencies and caseworkers to be part of the outreach.

Andy and his team plan to continue serving and meeting with the residents for six months, before evaluating the next step forward.

– Simone Worthing



ABOVE: Brisbane Streetlevel leader Major Bryce Davies chats to a resident of the housing complex in inner-Brisbane.



ABOVE: The Brisbane Streetlevel Friday afternoon barbecue and fellowship time in full swing.

Salvos helping communities caught in path of Cyclone Marcia

TROPICAL CYCLONE MARCIA, A CATEGORY FIVE CYCLONE, crossed the North Queensland coast at Yeppoon on 20 February, beginning a trail of destruction that stretched into NSW.

"The eye of the cyclone grazed Yeppoon and went fully over Rockhampton, with winds in excess of 250km/h hitting Yeppoon and just under 200km/h in Rockhampton," said The Salvation Army's Rockhampton-based Central and North Queensland Divisional Commander Major Kelvin Pethybridge, speaking to Pipeline the day after the cyclone struck.

"Up to 87 per cent of Rockhampton has been without power since the cyclone, and it is forecast that it could take up to 10 days before power is restored.

"There is hardly a street in Rockhampton and Yeppoon that has not been ravaged as a result of the cyclone."

Further west, the town of Biloela was cut off by floodwaters, while down the coast, Gladstone, Bundaberg and Gympie were

affected by torrential rain and minor flooding. On Queensland's Sunshine and Gold coasts, and in northern NSW, heavy rain forced the closure of many roads and flooded low-lying areas.

"Details at this point are sketchy because of the large-scale power outage that has affected communications," said Norm Archer, Director of Salvation Army Emergency Services (SAES), as the clean-up operation got under way.

"SAES has been providing emergency catering to disaster-affected people and State Emergency personnel in both Yeppoon and Rockhampton. The environment there is constantly changing and quite chaotic."

Adam Cole, SAES co-ordinator for Queensland, confirmed that an evacuation centre operating in Gladstone had now closed.

"Our teams fed around 430 people in two days there," he said.

For more information about the cyclone and The Salvation Army's response, go to mysalvos.org.au.

Government extends Salvos Street Teams program

THE PILOT SALVOS STREET TEAMS program, designed to curb alcohol-related violence among young people on Friday and Saturday evenings in inner-Sydney, has been extended for another three months.

More than 1700 people have been helped by the program since a "Safe Space" was established in Sydney Square (next to Sydney Town Hall) in December.

The success of The Salvation Army's joint initiative with the City of Sydney and the NSW Government, has prompted the Government to invest an extra \$37,500 into the program. This will enable it to continue until the end of May.

Since the program began, a team of 130 trained volunteers have provided transport information, handed out 2300 bottles of water, 250 pairs of thongs, charged 170 phones at their charging station and given first aid to 200 people.

"The pilot has been a great success - we've had hundreds of people from the community put their hand up to volunteer and people on the street have really appreciated having the ambassadors around the city on weekends," said Salvos Street



Teams leader, Nate Brown.

"Most importantly, there have been many times we've been able to help people who have been in very vulnerable situations."

Nate said he is hoping to secure long-term funding for the program to keep it going beyond May.

ABOVE: Salvos Street Teams volunteers man the "Safe Space" in Sydney Square. The program has been awarded a three-month extension by the state government.

Appeal leaders inspired to open doors of connection

THE RED SHIELD APPEAL'S SYDNEY ZONE AND AREA chairmen, directors and associate directors gathered at The Salvation Army's Australia Eastern Territorial Headquarters for a special appeal meeting on 5 February.

It was the first time such a gathering had taken place, which gave Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon an opportunity to encourage and inspire the leaders.

The commissioner urged them to not only continue focusing on raising funds, but to engage with the missional opportunities that come from knocking on doors.

"The Red Shield Appeal is the financial lifeblood of our social and community services," he said. "But the Red Shield Appeal is not all about raising money ... it's an open door of opportunity to connect with community."

Commissioner Condon then announced a new initiative to encourage Salvation Army employees to participate in the appeal - offering time in lieu to those who participate in the doorknock weekend.

The gathering was also a chance to introduce the new City of Sydney Red Shield Appeal chairman, Frank O'Halloran, who is replacing Roger Massy-Greene. Mr Massy-Greene is now chair of the newly established City of Sydney Salvation Army Advisory Board.

Joycelyn Morton, the new chair of the City of Sydney Residential Appeal, was also introduced at the meeting. Jocelyn

was brought up in The Salvation Army, with her parents, Majors Stan and Eva Morton, spending 28 years serving as missionaries in Africa.

The national goal for this year's Red Shield Appeal is \$74 million. The target for the doorknock weekend is \$9.5 million.

- Esther Pinn



LEFT: City of Sydney Red Shield Appeal chairman Frank O'Halloran (second from left) and the new chair of the City of Sydney Residential Appeal Joycelyn Morton, flanked by Salvation Army officers Major Peter McGuigan and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Laws.

New service brings light to remote region

A NEW SALVATION ARMY CENTRE HAS BEEN officially opened in Normanton, providing much-needed health services for Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander communities in the remote north of Queensland.

The Army's Australia Eastern Territory Chief Secretary, Colonel Richard Munn, officially opened the Normanton Recovery and Community Wellbeing Service on Wednesday 5 February.

Located 2000km north-west of Brisbane in the Lower Gulf of Carpentaria region, the centre offers both a residential program for up to 20 clients with substance abuse issues, and also provides non-residential wellbeing programs for the community and region.

The focus on holistic health includes programs in areas such as mental health, suicide prevention, life skills and health and nutrition.

The service caters largely to Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander communities from Normanton, Mt Isa and across the Lower Gulf region.

Colonel Munn spoke about healing during his opening address. "Jesus is our healing power and we come to him with our trials, our afflictions, our suffering and rely on him to heal us," he said.

Fred Pascoe, Mayor of Carpentaria Shire Council, Shaun Solomon, Gidgee Healing Chairman, and Matthew Cooke, chair of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, also spoke at the opening.

"These people are our partners in this region and we work together to provide a range of Indigenous health services," said Major David Pullen, Territorial Mission and Resource Director - Recovery.

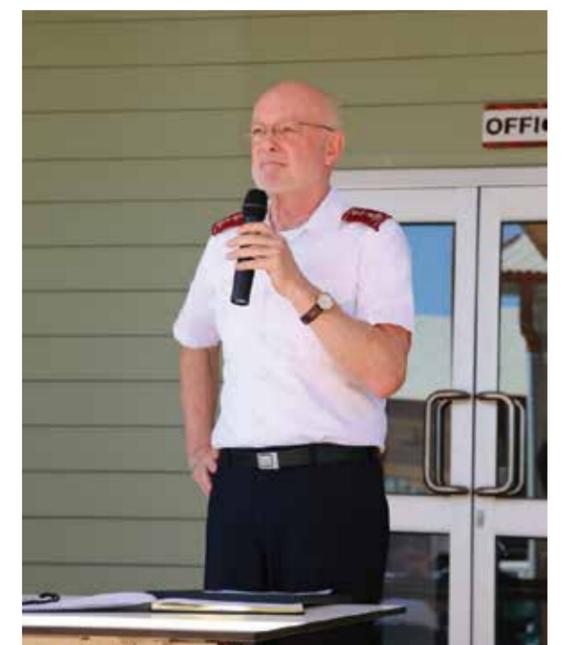
Colonel Munn also presented a framed letter from Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon to Mr Solomon, and gave the prayer of dedication for the service.

"This service, the first of its kind, is an amazing service to amazing people and is bringing hope, light and new opportunities to people's lives," said Major Pullen. "It's a testament to the fact that Jesus empowers, and treatment works.

"It also allows us to link and cross-refer people to our services from Townsville to Normanton to Mt Isa, opening up a multitude of open doorways for them which is a huge benefit to the community and wider health sector.

"We are supporting and giving back to local communities, with funding coming from the Federal Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet."

- Simone Worthing



TOP: Children perform a ceremonial dance at the opening.

CENTRE: The opening was attended by many community leaders.

RIGHT: Colonel Richard Munn conducts the official opening.

Soldiership bootcamp taking enlistments

TWO SOLDIERSHIP BOOTCAMPS WILL BE HELD AT STANMORE House in Sydney from 30 April to 3 May. The bootcamps will train those interested in becoming Salvation Army soldiers, and individuals who are looking to run a soldiership bootcamp within their local division.

The soldiership bootcamp concept was developed by Major Maree Strong in 2009, during her appointment as corps mission and resource director for the ACT and South NSW Division.

"I thought, 'we need to raise the excitement and value of soldiership in the territory'," said Major Strong, now Rural Ministries Consultant.

From 1-3 May, the bootcamp will teach all elements of The Salvation Army's Soldier's Covenant – where new soldiers sign a commitment to God and the Army – including a declaration of faith, Army doctrine, disciplines of a soldier and the Army's history. On the final morning of the bootcamp, delegates will attend a "Celebration of Soldiership" service at Dulwich Hill Corps.

Following the bootcamp, potential soldiers complete a six-week

personal study program under the guidance of their corps officers or a nominated senior soldier coach, to reflect and pray about their soldiership decision. After completing both components, the bootcamp delegates meet their corps officers and Pastoral Care Council to discuss their decision regarding soldiership.

Running alongside the bootcamp, from 30 April to 3 May a training course will be held for those people interested in running the soldiership bootcamp in their division or becoming a senior soldier coach.

Major Strong said she hopes the bootcamp concept will be implemented across the territory in the near future.

There is no charge for the leadership training bootcamp. For those attending the soldiership bootcamp the cost is \$100 including all accommodation, meals, training and course materials.

For more details about Stanmore House's accommodation facilities, phone 02 9557 1105. To register for either bootcamp, contact Peter Kost via email at peter.kost@ae.salvationarmy.org

- Esther Pinn



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Commissioner's act of humility

IN A MOVING ACT OF REPENTANCE, HUMILITY AND grace, the leader of The Salvation Army's Australia Eastern Territory, Commissioner James Condon, washed the feet of Mark Stiles, a survivor of child abuse, at the National Repentance Service in Canberra on Sunday 15 February.

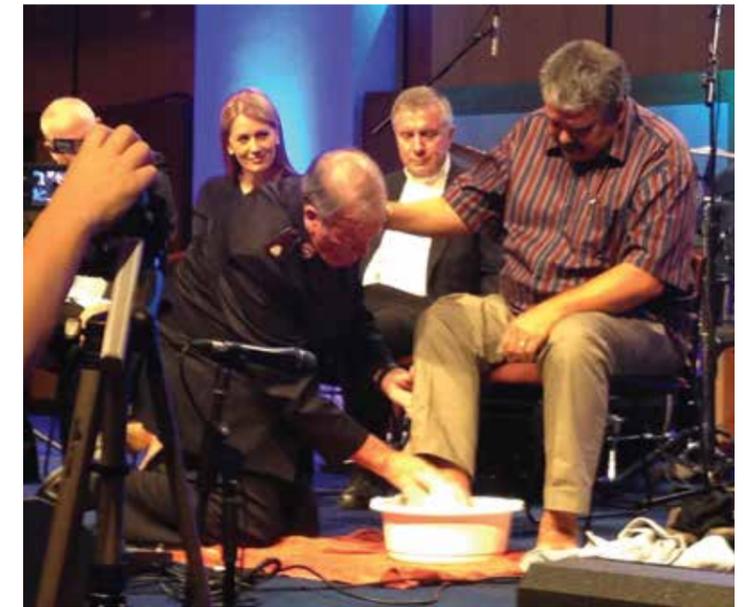
Held in the Great Hall at Parliament House as part of the National Day of Prayer and Fasting, the service featured music, testimonies – including that of Mark Stiles – short spoken reflections, prayer and the foot-washing ceremony. Representatives of the Salvation Army, Roman Catholic, Anglican and the Australian Christian Churches attended.

Commissioner Condon says he instigated the service in the light of the Royal Commission which highlighted the sexual abuse of children – including Mark Stiles – that took place in churches and in particular the abuse that took place in children's homes.

"I believe I was led by God to include a segment of repentance on the part of the Australian church for the abuse suffered by children in our care," Commissioner Condon said. "The organising committee, under Warwick Marsh, responded positively and I was asked to prepare the one-hour segment.

"I know that for The Salvation Army, I felt that there needed to be repentance and cleansing and pruning for us in 2014 and that happened and I believe we're still in that season.

"As a child, Mark Stiles had been in the Goulburn Boys Home and had been abused. I knew his life-



changing testimony which I first heard after connecting with him at the Royal Commission hearing.

"At the National Repentance Service, Mark shared powerfully with regard to the freedom and healing he had found in Jesus and, after he spoke, I washed his feet in an act of repentance, humility, love and grace, following the example of Jesus in John 13. Other church leaders then dried his feet, joining in the symbolic act."

ABOVE: Commissioner James Condon washes the feet of child abuse survivor Mark Stiles.

Plaques unveiled at former children's homes



ABOVE: Major Annette West unveils a plaque at the site of the former Arncliffe Girls Home.

PLAQUES HAVE BEEN PLACED AT THE SITES OF 15 FORMER Salvation Army children's homes, in acknowledgement of the former residents of the centres.

In particular, the plaques also recognise those who were mistreated while living under the care of The Salvation Army.

Major Ian Henry, The Salvation Army's Director of Mission for the Professional Standards Office, said he hopes these plaques can play a part in the healing process for victims of abuse.

"At the bottom of each plaque it says, 'They will not be forgotten'," said Major Henry. "People were taken into care for all sorts of reasons and lived there for a period of time. It was decided that this would be a good acknowledgement for them."

A number of ceremonies have been held to unveil the plaques, including a service at the former Arncliffe Girls Home (now Macquarie Lodge Aged Care Plus centre), led by Operations and Personnel Administrative Support Manager for Aged Care Plus, Major Annette West, in mid-January.

Plaques have also been placed at corps that are located near to the site of former children's homes that are no longer owned by The Salvation Army. Each plaque includes information about the history of each children's home.

- Esther Pinn

Retirement service honours a faithful servant

MAJOR RETA BROWN WAS HONOURED FOR HER 39 YEARS service as a Salvation Army officer with a retirement celebration service at Booth College in Sydney on 31 January.

The service, conducted by Major Elwyn Grigg, included tributes from friends and family, Bible readings and songs, before a retirement cake was cut.

Warren Brown spoke of his mother's dedication to family and the work of The Salvation Army, saying she was a role model for many people.

Major Heather Rose, who met Reta 41 years ago at The Salvation Army's training college, spoke on behalf of officers and read out greetings from fellow cadets of the 1974-75 *Soldiers of the Cross* session.



ABOVE: Major Elwyn Grigg presents Major Reta Brown with her retirement certificate. Her husband, Major David Brown, holds the Army flag with her sessional pennant attached.

"Reta is diligent, has a keen sense of fun, a contagious smile, compassionate, while down to earth in nature," Major Rose said.

A letter from the Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon, was read out by Major Grigg, who also presented Reta with her retirement certificate. In responding, Reta reaffirmed God's calling to officership and said that God had challenged and equipped her in every appointment.

"I have learnt to be content and to trust him for the future," she said. "I have been strategically placed where God wants me to be. Nothing has happened by accident. God has always been faithful."

Staff Songster Lauren Howes reflected Reta's comments by singing *He's Always Been Faithful*, with two of Reta's favourite hymns - *Bless the Lord O My Soul* and *How Great Thou Art* - also being sung.

Graduating from college in 1976 with husband David, their first appointment was Bowen, followed by Glen Innes, Barraba, Deniliquin and Cessnock. After 17 years as corps officers, the next 11 years were spent ministering in aged care. This included service at Elizabeth Jenkins Place at Collaroy, Montrose Balmain, Moyne Canowindra and Maybanke, Bethesda and Shaftesbury Court located in the inner-west of Sydney.

Another change of work saw Reta appointed a court chaplain for one year, prior to a three-year appointment as the assistant secretary for personnel at territorial headquarters (THQ). Reta was then appointed to the Greater West Division for four years, which included three years as the divisional social program secretary.

A return to THQ, as the overseas personnel officer, followed, and in her final appointment Reta served as the director of the Heritage Preservation Centre located at Booth College.

Major David Brown retired in 2010 following his final appointment as the prison chaplain at Metropolitan Reception and Remand Centre at Silverwater in Sydney.

Brothers recognised for ministry at Maitland City

MAITLAND CITY CORPS RECOGNISED THE SIGNIFICANT contribution of two local officers on 1 February, both men retiring after each giving more than 30 years of faithful service to the corps.

Darrell Walz was honoured for his 32 years as the corps sergeant major, a role he took on after 15 years as the young people's sergeant major.

Warren Walz, Darrell's older brother, retired after 34 years of service as the corps bandmaster.

During the meeting, Corps Officer Major Ian Channell presented Darrell and Warren with their retirement certificates and gifts, expressing the corps' appreciation for their ministry and service.

"Darrell served with distinction, grace and wisdom," said Major Channell, who also honoured Warren by saying he gave "faithful, dedicated and excellent service".

David Walz, Warren's nephew, was commissioned as bandmaster while Helen Watts was commissioned as the corps secretary, replacing Greg McDonald who chose to step down from the role after five years' service.

Other local leaders and volunteers were also recognised for their ministry and service, with Major Channell offering a dedicatory prayer over the group.



ABOVE: (Pictured from left) Jason Jenkins, Greg McDonald (out-going corps secretary), Helen Watts (new corps secretary), CSM Darrell Walz (retired), bandmaster Warren Walz (retired), bandmaster David Walz and Major Ian Channell.

Lockyer Valley junior soldier earns top award



ANDREW McNEISH HAS RECEIVED THE SALVATION ARMY'S Junior Soldier Crest award, the highest honour that can be achieved in the Junior Soldier program.

Andrew, 13, from Laidley, was presented with his award by Lockyer Valley Corps Officer Captain Craig Harlum.

Captain Harlum said the program not only prepared the children for their next step into senior soldiership, if they so desired, but "it also teaches them about the history of The Salvation Army, God and the social issues of today such as human trafficking and drugs."

"Andrew has worked extremely hard to progress through all levels involved in the program to finally achieve this prestigious award," Captain Harlum added.

Andrew also received a letter of congratulations from The Salvation Army's Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon.

LEFT: Andrew McNeish (centre) with Captain Craig Harlum (left) and Prayer Pal (and uncle) Steven Eastaugh. Photo: Sbar Nicholls.

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FORSTER CORPS

Jasmine Hardaker was enrolled as a senior soldier of Forster Corps on Sunday 8 February.

Jasmine testified that she had felt God calling her to attend the Salvos Discipleship School for some time. She didn't want to just follow the crowd, particularly as an older sister, brother and sister-in-law had previously attended the school.

But at Equip (formerly Gospel Arts Camp) last year she said "yes" and felt a weight lift. Around the same time she also wanted to deepen her relationship with God and in an outward sign of following him, she chose to become a soldier.



ABOVE: Jasmine Hardaker receives her Soldier's Covenant from Captain Chad Pethybridge, with her father, David Hardaker, holding the flag.

BELMORE CORPS (KOREAN CORPS)

Colonels Richard and Janet Munn enrolled 10 senior soldiers at Belmore Corps on Sunday 15 February.

The Munns enrolled Jo, Hyun-Sang; Jo Mi-Ryoung; Jang, Kwang-Tae; Kim, Song-Hee; Lee, Eun-Sung; Kim, Hyun-Woung; Choi, Eu-Ri; Hwang, Dae-Sung; Hwang, Yea-Rim and Kim, Mi-Ran, as part of the corps' 19th anniversary celebration. More than 150 people attended the event.

"It was a wonderful time of celebration for our corps and for the soldiers," said Major Han-Sang Lee, corps officer at Belmore Corps.



ABOVE: Colonel Richard Munn conducts the enrolment service of the new senior soldiers at Belmore Korean Corps.



BRISBANE STREETLEVEL MISSION

Major Bryce Davies, Brisbane Streetlevel Mission leader, recently accepted Jason Collins as an adherent.

Jason came to Streetlevel three years ago after hearing that it was a "safe place" to be. He has been a regular ever since.

"Before coming to Streetlevel, my life was meaningless and boring with no friends," he said. "Now I have a good circle of friends, things to do and a safe place to go. What I like best is the company of the Streetlevel community and attending every day makes me happy."

Jason is learning about God and the part Jesus can and does play in his life. "Becoming an adherent was a positive step in my faith journey," he said.

Jason is active in helping to cook meals and serving with the Streetlevel coffee van.

"It's great to have Jason on board," said Major Davies. "He joins a very hardworking team of kingdom builders here at Streetlevel."



ABOVE: Jason (right) with Streetlevel team member Paul Maunder.

Malawi officers caught up in devastating floods

CAPTAINS AMOS AND ALICE Zikatiwindu and their family at The Salvation Army's Osiyana Corps in Malawi, have been forced to take refuge in a tree for three days and nights to escape devastating flooding in the country.

More than 300 people are reported to be dead or missing, with more than 100,000 people left homeless. An estimated 300,000 people have been affected in some way.

The Army's territorial commander in Malawi, Colonel Moses Wandulu, said houses, livestock, food and crops had been swept away, leaving survivors with nothing.

Many of the Army's properties have been badly affected by the flooding, with some halls and quarters left unusable, among them the corps at Osiyana.

Colonel Wandulu and a Salvation Army emergency team have been able to visit the Zikatiwindus where they learnt of the officers' three-day ordeal. The territorial commander was able to provide them with food and clothing, and supported the family in prayer.

The need remains great in Malawi and the Army has been involved in the ongoing relief effort, distributing food, blankets and mosquito nets to protect against the threat of malaria.



RIGHT: The Salvation Army has been involved in ongoing relief efforts in the flood-devastated country of Malawi.



South Pacific and East Asia leaders meet in Taiwan

FORTY-NINE SALVATION ARMY OFFICERS from The Salvation Army's South Pacific and East Asia (SPEA) Zone met in Taipei, Taiwan, for the Leaders Zonal Conference, under the title "Moving Forward in the Power of God".

Special guests for the event were the Chief of the Staff (Commissioner William Roberts) and Commissioner Nancy Roberts (World Secretary for Women's Ministries), supported by the International Secretary for

SPEA (Commissioner Gillian Downer), Zonal Secretary for Women's Ministries Commissioner Denise Swansbury and Major Barry Casey (under-secretary).

Among the delegates were Australia Eastern territorial leaders, Commissioners James and Jan Condon, and Chief Secretary Colonel Richard Munn.

A number of sessions were held under the umbrella of "accountability", with delegates considering the themes of child

protection, finance, governance, impact measurement, continued growth, leadership development, resourcing the mission and resourcing the zone.

During the final worship meeting the Chief of the Staff, using the Bible passage Mark 10:35-45, reminded the gathered leaders to aspire to Jesus' example of servant leadership, emphasised by verse 45: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve" (*English Standard Version*).

FAITHFUL SERVANT



MAJOR GLENYS Holley was promoted to glory on 16 January, aged 72, in Brisbane.

A thanksgiving service, in celebration of Major Holley's life, was held at the Carindale Salvation Army on 22 January. The service was conducted by the corps officers, Majors David and Michele Terracini. Lieut-Colonel Elaine Rowland gave a tribute on behalf of officers and Berniece Chafer shared a soldier tribute. Warwick Kingston spoke on behalf of the family along with other family members, Paul, Gary and Ngaire. Marion Deighton read two passages from the Bible: Philippians 2:1-4 and Romans 11:29. Major David then spoke from both those passages. Following the service a private cremation was held at the Mt Gravatt Crematorium Chapel, led by Lieut-Colonels John and Pam Hodge.

Major Holley, the wife of the late Major Brian Holley and the mother of Paul, Gary and Ngaire and a loving grandmother, answered the Call to her Eternal Home "having fought the fight ... finished the race ... and kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).

After being admitted to the palliative care unit at QEII hospital the family were by her side till the end.

Glenys Ruth Kingston was born in Sydney on 30 October 1942 to officer parents. After completing her schooling, Glenys worked as a private secretary. Glenys knew God's call on her life to serve others as a Salvation Army officer and obediently entered The Salvation Army Training College on 3 March 1966 in the *Witnesses to the Faith* session.

Four days after her commissioning on 15 January 1968, Glenys married Lieutenant Brian Holley. Their first appointment was at Bega Corps and the following year they served the soldiers, friends and community at Deniliquin Corps where their first child, Paul, was born in the November. In 1971, Brian and Glenys were transferred to Paddington Corps (NSW) and their second son, Gary was born in April the following year.

In 1973, they moved to Cairns Corps and two years later to Gympie Corps. In May 1977, more marching orders were received to Mt Gravatt Corps in Brisbane where God blessed them with a daughter, Ngaire, who was born in July.

A change of work followed in 1980 when Brian and Glenys were appointed as Division Youth and Candidates Secretaries

and Guard Organiser of the Central NSW Division.

Further service opportunities for God followed in the Central and North Queensland Division (1983) with Glenys as the Assistant Divisional Home League and League of Mercy Secretary.

Their next appointment as the Chancellor plus Divisional Youth and Candidates Secretary and Guard Organiser continued in the same division from 1985.

Two years later they were appointed to the South Queensland Division with Glenys serving as the Assistant Divisional Home League and League of Mercy Secretary.

A return to fieldwork ensued as they became the corps officers of Chatswood Corps in 1992 for three years, then as the corps officers of Dulwich Hill Corps for two years.

Glenys commenced her next appointment in 1997 as the Divisional Women's Ministries, League of Mercy and Community Care Secretary in Newcastle and Central NSW Division. Based at Territorial Headquarters, Glenys then served as the Territorial Assistant Community Care Ministries Secretary for 12 months.

In 2000, Brian and Glenys were appointed as the Central and North Queensland Divisional Commander, the Divisional Director of Women's Ministries and Divisional Corps Program Secretary where they remained for six years, finishing their appointment on 31 December 2005.

In 2006 Glenys' exceptional planning, organisational and administrative skills were utilised as the Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries (two years) while at the same time managing the role of Territorial Events Secretary for three years while Brian served as the Assistant Chief Secretary.

The final farewell orders before retirement was to serve as a Team Member (Genesis Project) at Mt Gravatt Corps for seven months and the Assistant Corps Officer at Carina Mt Gravatt Corps before commencing retirement in February 2010.

However, Glenys was always eager to serve and in retirement Glenys ministered to the parents of fellow officers as the Divisional Silver Star Secretary of South Queensland Divisional Headquarters for about four years.

Glenys served God as a Salvation Army officer for 43 years.

Glenys was a beautiful, humble, gracious, compassionate and spirit-filled lady. She was always willing to follow Jesus and thus impacted her family and the world with her selfless living and her gentle, caring and loving influence. We honour and salute

Glenys who has received her eternal reward.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." (Psalm 116 v 15 NKJV).

GODLY QUALITIES



MARGARET BULL was promoted to glory on 3 June 2014, aged 79, in Brisbane.

A celebration of life service was held at the Redcliffe Salvation Army on Friday 6 June.

Margaret was the beloved wife of Maurice, much loved mother of Frances (Major Fran Everitt) and Howie and mother-in-law of Mark. She was the grandmother of Samuel, Renee and Elise and the great-grandmother of Hannah.

Margaret Elsie Johnson was born on 10 November, 1934 in Staines, Middlesex, England to Roland and Kathleen Johnson. She shared her intriguing younger life with her siblings Olive (dec.), Grace, John and Eleanor.

Margaret started attending The Salvation Army at the age of 15, being part of Corps Cadets, Torchbearers and Youth Group, before joining the songsters and assuming the role of Singing Company Sergeant at Staines Corps.

At 19, when the Staines Corps Cadets visited Trowbridge Corps, Margaret met a dashing Salvationist who happened to own a blue Singer sports car. His name was Maurice Bull. After a courtship of two years and many rides in the Singer, they married at Staines Corps on 25 February 1956.

The couple moved back to Staines in 1958 and were blessed with their first child Frances in 1959. Her brother Howard followed in 1962, while they were living in Northampton. At the Northampton Central Corps, Margaret was Corps Cadets Guardian, a role where she was able to share her love of Scripture and her faith in Jesus Christ.

In 1974, the family migrated to Australia, settling in Brisbane. At the Brisbane City Temple, Margaret was Songster Sergeant for many years and was very involved in music camps in the 1970s, teaching drama and being involved in the camps' administration.

She was in her element when she was performing music and drama. One of Margaret's loves was young people, and during the years she worked in The Salvation Army Youth Department at Divisional Headquarters (Brisbane), Margaret endeared herself to many, being an powerful example of faith in action.

In 1987, Margaret and Maurice moved to Canberra, where Margaret worked in the National Secretariat as secretary to Colonel Ian Begley. In 1990, they moved back to Brisbane, where their first grandchild, Samuel, had been born in 1988.

Margaret loved her knitting, elocution (no-one can forget Pam Ayres' 'The Battery Hen!'), drama, writing poetry, drumming in the band, cooking and singing (including a rendition of 'The Holy City' when she was 18). She had also commenced writing an autobiography and had completed seven very interesting chapters. She loved the word of God and led many small groups, encouraging others to go deeper into God's word when sharing her knowledge and wisdom.

In 2006, Maurice and Margaret moved to Tamworth, where Margaret was heavily involved in Home League and worked as an office administrator. In Tamworth, she was a beautiful pastoral carer and led bible studies and prayer meetings.

Moving back to Brisbane in 2010, they attended the Calamvale Corps for a time, before moving to Deception Bay in 2013 and attending the Redcliffe Corps.

Margaret was known as being gracious, charming, witty, amiable, loveable and godly. People she met knew that Margaret took an interest in encouraging them, offering wisdom when needed, and always praying for them. For the last few years, her health restricted her involvement more than she would have liked, and on 3 June the Lord took her home.

DEDICATED SOLDIER



MARJORIE VIOLET Isabella Carpenter was promoted to glory on 11 January, aged 84.

A private family funeral was held on Friday 16 January, conducted by Lieutenant-Colonel Bruce Carpenter, with tributes from her loving husband Kevin (Gosford Corps), as well as Bruce's sisters and brother; Merylea Grice, Ngaire Callaghan (Gosford Corps) and Scott Carpenter.

A family tribute was also given on behalf of the grandchildren by Kasie-Ann Bingham, Kevin and Marjorie's only granddaughter among 10 grandchildren.

Central to the service was Marjorie's favourite bible verses from 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12: "Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life. You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will

not be dependent on anybody."

Marjorie was born to Duncan and Violet Brown on 23 August 1930 at Kogarah, Sydney. She was the only daughter in the family, having four brothers. The family attended Mortdale and Hurstville Corps.

She was invited to share her testimony at Sydney Youth Councils in 1953, with it then being printed in The USA Eastern Territory *Young Soldier* in March 1954, The New Zealand *War Cry* in September 1954 and the Australian *Victory* magazine in 1953, with sequels being printed in the *Victory* in 1954 and 1956.

She met Kevin Carpenter in 1949 and married in 1953 at Earlwood Corps. Marjorie transferred to Earlwood Corps prior to her marriage and became involved in the primary, songsters and the timbrel brigade.

Due to Kevin's employment with TAFE NSW, the family consisting of Merylea, Bruce and Scott moved to Newcastle in 1965 where Ngaire was born. The family attended Lambton Corps where Marjorie was commissioned Primary Leader and Junior Soldier Sergeant and became a member of the timbrel and songster brigades.

Further moves throughout NSW meant that Marjorie also was involved in the following corps:

Tamworth from 1975 – Commissioned Young People's Sergeant Major (YPSM) and member of the songster brigade.

Griffith from 1979 – Commissioned YPSM.

Albury from 1981 – Commissioned Junior Soldier Sergeant and member of the songster brigade.

Gosford from 1984 – Commissioned Corps Treasurer and again an active member of the songster brigade.

In 1989, Kevin with Marjorie retired and both became League of Mercy members, undertaking hospital visitation and then also being Central Coast NSW representatives for the Territorial Headquarters wills and bequest team.

HUMBLE SERVANT



ALFRED DAVIS was promoted to glory on 3 November, aged 96.

A thanksgiving service was held at the home of James and Elaine Bond to celebrate the life and service of Alf.

Alf was born to Alf and Ada Davis at Cessnock, NSW, on 21 November 1918, a brother to Annie (Mrs Major Laurie

Gilbert). He was fortunate to be born into a Salvation Army family where he learned Christian values and way of life at an early age. His mother showed him how to play the scales on her tenor horn then sent him to the wash house to practise.

Alf worshipped at the Cessnock Corps and played in the band, becoming deputy bandmaster at age 16. Still in his teens, he moved first to Rockdale and later to Mayfield, playing in both bands.

At Mayfield he met and married Ruth Staines. They had two children, Elaine (Mrs James Bond) and Allan. Alf held the positions of deputy bandmaster, bandmaster and songster leader. He mentored many young bandsmen over the years. He was a very accomplished bandsman, able to play any instrument and fill in at a moment's notice when required.

With Ruth, they were very capable and popular vocal duetists.

After an Anzac Day service at Mayfield, the band marched to the cenotaph at Waratah. Ron and Merle Story recall seeing the double bass coming down the road with only a pair of marching feet showing. Alf was small in stature but not in service and accomplishment.

Alf was called up in World War Two and was assigned as a bugler. However, his employer, Rylands, needed him as he was a specialist in the production of barbed wire, so his service in the military was very short. Perhaps the Lord's hand was on him as many of those in his call-up group did not return.

The arrival of grandchildren and, later, great-grandchildren gave Alf great pleasure but this was clouded a little when Ruth was promoted to glory. Following his retirement as a bandsman at Newcastle Corps, Alf soldiered at Cardiff for the latter part of his life.

Alf was brought up to serve others and was content to put God first, himself last and others in between. This was his secret to a long and happy life of 96 years.

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Beautiful dreams

CREATING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS



JANET MUNN

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams”, wrote Eleanor Roosevelt.

On 8 March we acknowledge International Women’s Day which, according to UN Women, is “a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women and also a day to acknowledge struggles – and learn how you can play a part in creating a brighter future for women and girls”.

Here is a beautiful dream taken from *Orders and Regulations for Salvation Army Staff Officers*, published in 1895: “One of the leading principles upon which the Salvation Army is based is the right of women to have the right to an equal share with men in the work of *publishing salvation* to the world” (italics added).

This “publishing salvation” is not only spiritual in nature, but includes physical, economic, educational and political dimensions. This is something The Salvation Army has been involved in from the start, but it is also something in which we must engage more deeply now.

The Salvation Army established itself not only as a movement where women could preach and lead in spiritual ministry, but also as a powerful advocate for the rights of women and girls in the wider political arena, willing to confront the hypocrisy of the

surrounding Victorian culture. For example, the Army played a major, very public role in the successful campaign to raise the age of consent in Great Britain in 1885, from 13 to 16 years.

Yet the beautiful dream of creating a brighter future for women and girls seems elusive. Consider these statistics from the womendeliver.org website:

- Women work two-thirds of the world’s hours, but only earn one-tenth of its income;
- Every day, 39,000 girls are forced into early marriage;
- Over 100 countries have laws that restrict women’s full participation in the economy.

Research by Nicholas D Kristoff and Sheryl WuDunn, of the *New York Times* magazine (goo.gl/xrblijm), has exposed the grim reality of “gendercide”, in reporting that “more girls and women are now missing from the planet, precisely because they are female, than men were killed on the battlefield in all the wars of the 20th century ... [This] number far exceeds the number of people who were slaughtered in all the genocides of the 20th century.”

Yet, Jesus provides us with a new disclosure of a beautiful God in the world. In so doing he embodies a call for a new human community. The idea of the “image of God” in Jesus of Nazareth “is an explicit call to form a new kind of human community in which the members, after the

manner of the gracious God, are attentive in calling each other to full being in fellowship” (Walter Brueggemann, *Genesis: Interpretation*).

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon states: “Countries with more gender equality have better economic growth. Companies with more women leaders perform better. Peace agreements that include women are more durable. Parliaments with more women enact more legislation on key social issues such as health, education, anti-discrimination and child support. The evidence is clear: equality for women means progress for all.”

So, what can you do to celebrate International Women’s Day and beyond? Here are some beautiful dreams – actions that insist on believing for something more, something better:

- Advocate for early childhood development interventions and education of girls;
- Vote to strengthen labour policies affecting women;
- Champion women’s access to credit, land and other resources;
- Promote women’s political rights and participation;
- Refuse to participate in gender stereotyping and female exploitation.

Remember, the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

ABOUT PEOPLE**BEREAVED**

Major Peter **Ridley** of his mother and Major Jean **Ridley** of her mother-in-law, Shirley **Ridley** on 28 January; Lieut-Colonel Brian **Hood** of his father, William **Hood** on 5 February; Lieutenant Bronwyn **Burnett** on 5 February; Major Violet **Brown** of her brother-in-law, Colin **Ring** on 11 February.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Lieut-Colonel Judy **Hindle** of her mother and Major Irene **Welch** of her sister, Claire **McNally** on 23 January; Major Phil **Staines** of his father and Envoy Alwyn **Staines** of his brother Jeff **Staines** on 23 January; Envoy Joyce **Mullen** on 3 February.

PROMOTION

To Major: Captains Cheryl and Lindon **Kinder** on 8 January.

MARRIAGE

Captain Alice **Folan-Foley** to Scott **Keast** on 24 January.

RETIREMENT

Major Lyndal **Barker** on 1 April; Major Robert **Sneller** on 1 February; Major Reta **Brown** on 1 February; Major Kevin **McGrath** on 1 February.

FIRST YEAR CADETS' CORPS PLACEMENTS

Cadets Dee-Ann and Zak **Churchill**, Tarrawanna Corps; Cadets Katrina and Michael **Hindle**, Liverpool Corps; Anthony **Hunt**, Auburn Corps; Cadets Rachel and Ben **Knight**, Parramatta Corps; Natarhsa **Laundon**, St Marys Corps; Cadets Sally and Lloyd **Stanimirovic**, Dulwich Hill Corps.

SECOND YEAR CADETS' OUT-TRAINING AND SOCIAL PLACEMENTS

Cadets Paul and Jess **Farthing**, Blacktown Corps and Downing Centre, Sydney; Cadets Bronwyn and Perry **Lithgow**, Rockdale Corps and Sydney Streetlevel; Cadets Matt and Jodie **Sutcliffe**, William Booth House and 1st Floor Program, Wollongong; Cadets Belinda **Zhou** and Frank **Wang**, Hurstville and Youthlink, Blacktown.

ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Majors Tim and Laura **Gittens**, Hub Leaders, Lakes Hub, Newcastle and Central NSW Division, Major Phil **Staines**, Divisional SAES Coordinator, South Queensland Division, Major Stuart **Reid**, Assistant Inspire Coordinator, Personnel Administration, Lieutenant Jake **Horton**, Chaplain, Employment Plus Emerald Officer, Central and North Queensland Division, Captain Nesan **Kistan**, Territorial Multicultural Ministries Coordinator, effective 17 February.

APPOINTMENTS

Effective 17 February: Major Angela **Eyles**, Divisional Salvos Caring Coordinator, ACT and South NSW Division.

Effective 9 March: Major Glenys **Page**, Territorial Director, Family Tracing, Post Adoption and Special Services, Program Administration.

TIME TO PRAY**1-7 MARCH**

Montrose Aged Care Plus Centre, Moyne Aged Care Plus, Pacific Lodge Aged Care Plus Centre, Rosedurnate Aged Care Plus Centre, Shaftesbury Aged Care Plus Centre, all NSW; Mountain View Aged Care Plus Centre, ACT; Riverview Gardens/Warrina Village Aged Care Services, Qld; Divisional Mission and Resource Team Leaders

Forum (3-5); Divisional Youth Secretary's Consultative Forum (3-5); Administrative Leadership Course (3-15); World Day of Prayer (6).

8-14 MARCH

The Cairns Aged Care Centre, Qld; Warringah Place Retirement Village, Weeroona Village, Woodport Retirement Village, all NSW; The Salvation Army Employment Plus; Business Administration, THQ; North NSW Division Officers Fellowship (8-13); Sydney Staff Songsters, Maitland City (14-15).

15-21 MARCH

Communications and Public Relations Dept, Finance Dept, Information Technology Dept, Legal Dept, Property Dept, all THQ; Caravan Mission Team (16-29); ACT and South NSW Division Officers Fellowship (16-19); The Greater West Division Officers Fellowship (16-19); Delve Weekend (20-22).

22-28 MARCH

Salvos Legal, Collaroy Centre, Salvos Stores, all NSW; ACT and South NSW Divisional Headquarters, ACT and South NSW Division Chaplains, both ACT; Albury Corps, NSW; HUBS Gathering (24-26).

29 MARCH-4 APRIL

Batemans Bay Corps, Bega Corps, Cooma Corps, Cootamundra Corps, all NSW; Belconnen Corps, Canberra City Oasis Corps, both ACT; International Day of Prayer for Children (29); Camp Kiah (3-6 April).

ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR**COMMISSIONERS JAMES (TERRITORIAL COMMANDER) AND JAN CONDON**

*Cooma: Sun 1 Mar – Sunday meeting

*Collaroy: Tues 3 Mar – Territorial Mission Team conference

Sydney: Thu 5 Mar – Inter-Territorial conference

*Sydney: Fri 6 Mar – National Professional Standards Council

Belmore: Sun 8 Mar – Retirement Salute, Colonel Geanette Seymour

Sydney: Thu 12 Mar – Administrative Leadership training course lecture

*Collaroy: Thu 12 Mar – Territorial HR conference

Penrith: Sun 15 Mar – Greater West Divisional Rally

Lake Crackenback: Mon 16-Thu 19 Mar – Officers Fellowship, ACT and South NSW Division

Collaroy: Sat 21-Sun 22 Mar – DELVE weekend

#Sydney: Mon 23 Mar – Devotions with Sydney Staff Songsters

*Brisbane: Tues 24 Mar – Red Shield Appeal official opening

*Brisbane: Tues 24 Mar – Hub Leaders conference

Sydney: Wed 25 Mar – Red Shield Appeal official opening

*Sydney: Thu 26 Mar – Hub Leaders conference

Bexley North: Thu 26 Mar – School For Officer Training retreat day

* Commissioner James Condon only

Commissioner Jan Condon only

COLONEL RICHARD MUNN (CHIEF SECRETARY)

Sydney: Thu 5 Mar – Inter-territorial Conference

Coffs Harbour: Sun-Thu 8-12 Mar – North NSW Division Officers Fellowship

Brisbane: Sun 15 Mar – Installation of Divisional Leaders, South Queensland Division

Collaroy: Sat 21-Sun 22 Mar – Delve weekend

Sydney: Wed 25 Mar – 2015 Red Shield Appeal launch

Sydney: Mon 30 Mar – Devotions with Sydney Staff Songsters