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'The bloom on all I do'

One fine Saturday afternoon last August, I planted a rose in my back garden. It wasn't a random event, but the outcome of several years toying with the idea of having a rose garden.

Now those who are familiar with The Salvation Army School for Office Training campus in Sydney - my current place of residence - will know that space is limited in the courtyards of those houses off to the right at the end of the main driveway. So starting with just one rose was very appropriate.

And, of course, it wasn't any old rose; it was a Mister Lincoln - a rose with huge potential. When I saw it as a small cutting on sale at the local nursery for just \$24.95, I thought: "Bargain, this is it!" The tag confirmed its potential: "Vigorous, free-blooming bush. Very fragrant, large ... dark red blooms."

With the rose, I bought a big bag of rich soil mix, then went straight home, dug up the area I'd already identified for the rose, took it out of its pot and planted it right in the centre, packing it in with the new soil.

For two months at least, there seemed to be only slight progress in the rose's growth, despite me tending to it daily. Roses like direct sunlight and I noticed it wasn't getting much of that. But it still looked okay, its leaves quite healthy with new ones sprouting every now and then. And I wondered how much longer it would be before it got more of the sun.

Then, amid increased busyness in my work with The Salvation Army, for a couple of weeks I gave the rose no attention at all. It was a rainy and rather humid period anyway, so I thought I could leave it to the elements.

Dare I say, I was right. One morning I awoke, thinking I should check in on "Mister Lincoln." The sight took me by surprise. The rose had tripled in size. Branches and leaves were sprouting off in all directions - particularly upwards. By now it was November, the sun much hotter and giving much more direct light to Mister Lincoln.

I confess that I had a secret and somewhat selfish goal in all this. I wanted to prove to myself that I could do it, and then give its first fruits to my wife. Well, she might have gone without flowers for a while, but it was worth the wait. By end of November, Mister Lincoln bore three of the most beautiful full red roses you could ever wish to see ... and to smell. The scent was divine. I picked the first to bloom and presented it to Tara. That day, it ended up on the Holiness Table in the School for Officer Training chapel, lighting up the room and bringing much delight to many others.

Mr Lincoln reminded me of the much-used and now very familiar phrase, "Bloom where you are planted." Sometimes, it is far from easy. In fact, we mightn't want to hear it. But no matter what you and I might think of it, its intent is right, and it is certainly right for us at the start of a new year.

The potential for our lives in 2009, for our ministry, for our personal growth, for our church, for our family, is really unlimited. To see even some of our potential realised we must tend to our personal development - our life with God; our life with others; letting go of that which holds us back or defaces us or retards our growth; ensuring that what is feeding into our lives is nutritious for spirit, mind and body.

Above all, like the new Salvation Army officers whose commissioning features in this Pipeline, we must determine to make God's purpose for our lives our first priority. That means being the hands, face and voice of Jesus wherever we are. It means going deeper in our devotion to Christ and his purposes. General Albert Orsborn put it so intimately: "Nothing less will keep me tender/Nothing less will keep me true/Nothing less will keep the fragrance/And the bloom on all I do" (Song 591, The Song Book of The Salvation Army).

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## MISSION PRIORITIES UPDATE

# A territory on the move

Last September, 80 Salvationists from across NSW, ACT and Queensland attended a 2020 Summit to determine a plan to achieve the newly set mission priorities of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory. Here, delegate Major Bruce Harmer tells about his experience at the Summit and subsequent dreams he has had for the Army.

One of the best tools for management of any sort is reflective evaluation. It allows us to look back and see the successes and failures of the past and, from that perspective, plot a course for the future. The danger with reflective evaluation is that often people and/or organisations reflect and “colour” the outcome with sugar to avoid criticism.

The 2020 Summit did see us reflect and evaluate our past and present, but we didn’t colour the findings. Rather, we owned our past and present, and the delegation agreed to do whatever it takes to move forward.

For me personally, the 2020 Summit was a time of clarity. I refocused my intent as a Salvation Army officer to make the saving of souls the first purpose of my life. I first made that commitment when I was commissioned, and it was good to focus again on the purpose for my officer service.

### A united mission

Since the 2020 Summit I have had two consistent dreams. Working in the north of Queensland (Townsville Region) I dream of a time in this region when social ministry and corps ministry are united, not just under one banner (The Salvation Army) but completely united in mission, direction, and heart, and completely integrated.

I know that dream has been had by others over the years, but we have never had the latitude to dream of bringing social and corps ministry together as one appointment as we have post-2020 Summit. We can now openly speak of these things and not be considered out of touch or worse kinds of labels.

I dream of a group of officers and staff

working together to magnify our output. I dream of the synergy that will see both aspects of our work achieve far greater results than either could achieve on their own. This can only happen by bringing together our resources and working in the same direction as a coordinated and focused mission. One Army? That’s my dream!

### An Indigenous dream

My second dream is as important as the first. It is about the Indigenous people of Townsville and the region. I dream, and believe, they will become part of The Salvation Army. I can see our relationship with them growing and developing as we reach out to them with love, care and with the good news that there is a better way to live.

I dream that The Salvation Army will become synonymous with Indigenous work and that we will be identified by governments and communities (Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities) as being at the very cutting edge of providing ministry for our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

That dream is beginning to take shape in Townsville and we will see God move here. Just wait and see what God does. God is at work in the Townsville Region – no need to dream about that. He is working through us and for that I am so grateful.

### Reaching our potential

The Salvation Army can have a huge impact on the people and communities of NSW, ACT and Queensland. But our potential will be realised only as we embrace new ways of approaching ministry. We must allow/trust our visionaries and give them room and

resources to make happen what God has directed them towards.

Past experience (reflective evaluation) would have me believe that the 2020 Summit would go the way of many other new initiatives undertaken by our territory. Past experience would suggest that I should not get too energised by yet another attempt to get the territory moving forward.

But despite the past; actually, thanks to the experiences of the past, we can have confidence in the findings and outcomes of the 2020 Summit. I believe our leadership, the 2020 Summit delegates, and an ever-widening base of Salvationists across the Territory have caught the vision of a territory on the move.



Major Bruce Harmer is Manager - Townsville Recovery Services and Public Relations Director - Townsville City.

## Mission Priorities

We will do whatever it takes to see:

1. A territory marked by prayer and holiness
2. Our whole territory – in every place – involved in evangelism
3. Corps healthy and multiplying
4. Our people equipped and empowered to serve the world
5. The territory passionate about bringing children to Jesus
6. Youth trained and sent out to frontline mission
7. Significant increase of new soldiers and officers

And we will be a Salvation Army knowing who we are, showing who we are and being who we are.

## TC@PIPELINE

### Corps healthy and multiplying

In place of her usual TC@Pipeline column, Commissioner Linda Bond has asked members of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory Cabinet to contribute to a series of articles discussing the territory’s seven Mission Priorities. This month, new Secretary for Program Major Miriam Gluyas takes a look at the third Mission Priority.

Imagine your corps, when each week you meet together and celebrate all the people whose lives have been transformed by Jesus and who are now part of the Kingdom of God! Imagine, when people come in to worship and go out into the mission field, loving people so much that they want them in the Kingdom of God – where every person has a heart for the harvest.

Imagine your corps, when so many people have a loving relationship with Jesus; when they are so into God’s Word that small groups are multiplying constantly. Imagine when, in private, people are spending time with God and in God’s Word, maturing as his people every day. Prayer is a priority and people are depending absolutely on Him.

Imagine your corps, when being a fully devoted follower of Jesus is “the norm”. People find out what it is to be a disciple, and spend the rest of their lives living that out. Salvation Army Founder William Booth described it like this: “We are a salvation people – this is our specialty – getting saved and keeping saved and then getting someone else saved.” General John Gowans said it is: “Saving souls, growing saints and serving suffering humanity.”

Imagine your corps, when people “put up their hand” to lead. They know how God has wired them, they know what they are passionate about, they know their gifts, they know their abilities, and they become lifelong learners to lead in the most effective way.

Imagine your corps, when you see the harvest field around you, and reach out to every town and suburb. So many people are getting saved that you need to plant new outposts, congregations and corps.

Last year, hundreds of Salvationists from throughout NSW, ACT and Queensland responded to Commissioner Linda Bond’s request for people to say what they thought the Army’s priorities should be. People at the “grass roots” have defined what we should be aiming for and passionate about. Mission priority 3 is vital: We will do whatever it takes to see: “Corps healthy and multiplying”.

I believe the “imagine” can be a reality in every corps. It will take many things. Here’s some of them: Prayer; depending on God and allowing the Holy Spirit to work; shifting our culture; working out our mission, vision and values; finding out what God is doing in the world and joining him in mission;

learning how to grow a healthy, missional, reproducing corps; having everyone on the same page; leaving things that are not important and focusing on things that are; partnering up with others; having a heart for the harvest; seeing the world as our mission field; making our corps “safe places” for people; loving unconditionally; becoming the most generous people in the world; and much much more.

We need to be multiplying souls, disciples, small groups, leaders, and corps.

Some of our corps are already doing this! But the reality is that many of our corps are either maintaining or in decline. We must turn this around! The aim of the territory is for all corps to be healthy and multiplying. We will do whatever it takes to make that happen!

All of us need help with this and support will be given. People will be sent out to help identify both areas of strengths and areas that need strengthening. Coaches will become available. Resources will be provided. People will be praying. Turning a corps into a healthy, missional, reproducing corps takes time. But we’re in this for the long haul. There will be “quick wins” but we must focus on the deep change.

The parable of Jesus in Luke 13:6-9 is very challenging to me: “A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

“‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilise it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

Jesus expects us to be faithful, but also to be fruitful. The Kingdom of God is advancing. We need to do our part. God will bring the increase. The heart of the people of The Salvation Army in Eastern Australia is that we will do whatever it takes to see corps healthy and multiplying. We all want to be part of a “fruitful” Salvation Army. These are urgent and exciting days.



Major Miriam Gluyas has served as Corps Officer of two of the fastest growing corps in Eastern Australia – Eastlakes and Auburn. Her immediate past appointment was as Divisional Commander of the Central and North Queensland Division.

# The Call to Soldiership

Integrity

Lieutenant-Colonel James Condon writes the fifth part in *Pipeline's* series on the 12 calls to Salvationists issued by The Salvation Army's Spiritual Life Commission.

**W**hy does The Salvation Army need soldiers today? First, to fight a war. Second, the Army needs to reverse the 25 per cent decrease of soldiers in the past 10 years.

Some would argue we should be making Christians and members, and that is commendable. But we are an Army. We need soldiers and we need officers. If we are not making soldiers who will be our officers in 10 years time?

Over recent years, some have given me feedback regarding reasons why people are not becoming soldiers. Sadly, for some young people, this is because of the poor example of other soldiers, including parents.

During my years as a corps officer in The Salvation Army, I observed this to be true in the lives of some. Not all soldiers live up to their Articles of War - the Soldier's Covenant. They haven't provided a good example for others to want to take up the cause.

Another reason I hear people are not becoming soldiers, is that they are not being asked. Sounds simple, but it's true. When asked they are more than willing to enlist.

## A CALL TO SOLDIERSHIP

Commissioner Robert Street said in his book *Called to be God's People*, that an Army needs soldiers - whoever heard of an Army without soldiers?

"We call Salvationists worldwide," states the "Call to Soldiership," "to recognise that the swearing-in of soldiers is a public witness to Christ's command to make disciples and that soldiership demands ongoing radical obedience ...

"We believe that soldiership is discipleship and that the public swearing-in of a soldier of The Salvation Army beneath the Army's Trinitarian flag fulfils this command."

We can be members of any church or, for that matter, any sort of club, but Founder William Booth had something more radical in mind when he commenced The Salvation Army and instigated soldiership. He said to his officers: "We are not sent to minister to a congregation and be content if we keep things going. We are sent to make war ..." and a war needs soldiers.

We are no longer the Christian Mission, nor are we The Volunteer Army, a name once considered by William Booth.

We are The Salvation Army engaged in a war 24/7.

The debate on The Salvation Army's identity saw some claiming the Army had lost its identity. Some aligned this with a shift in focus from brass bands, songster brigades, uniform, style of worship, and so on. But surely our identity is wrapped up in our mission, captured so succinctly in words by General John Gowans when he said: "We exist to save souls, grow saints and serve suffering humanity."

There is no question that one of the distinctives of the Army's identity is soldiership. We are called to be "a good soldier of Christ Jesus", as the Apostle Paul put it to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:3. This is a radical call to action against the enemy of our souls, not passive church membership. We need soldiers of Jesus Christ fully engaged in the battle.

A soldier of Jesus Christ's engagement in the salvation war will involve witness, service, holy living and a lifestyle of submission to Christ and his will. We are called to engage in a war against sin and evil and this demands total obedience to the Captain-in-Chief - Christ Himself.

Chick Yuill, in his book *This Means War*, says: "Without submission there will

be no obedience and without obedience there will be no effective combat with the enemy."

Soldiers will experience attacks from the devil as they face temptation, criticism, misunderstanding, being unpopular and even loneliness because they have signed up for the war. And a good soldier will also face suffering because he refuses to "get entangled with civilian pursuits", as Paul points out in his letter to Timothy.

Good soldiers prefer to be vigilant and not waste time in anything that could take them away from total engagement in the war on sin and injustice.

Paul outlines the armour to be worn by soldiers in Ephesians 6. I encourage you to read these verses. This armour is for protection for soldiers at the forefront of battle. Paul also gives us an idea of who we are fighting against. The armour becomes essential dress for all engaged in the war.

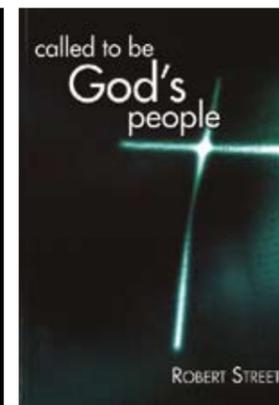
God needs soldiers who are totally committed and radically obedient to stand for the hard right against the easy wrong. An example of this happening among us now is the resurgence of interest in social justice across the Army world, including in Eastern Australia.

The Call to Soldiership is still urgent - Salvation Army soldiers, radical Christians, prepared to fight to win, and soldiers readily identified and accessible in Salvation Army uniform, whatever the style, have a distinct advantage.

God has need of radically committed soldiers and The Salvation Army provides an exciting opportunity for frontline warfare.

I challenge all corps to set some faith goals in relation to soldiership for the coming year.

Are you prepared to sign up for soldiership?



## Call to Soldiership

We call Salvationists worldwide to recognise that the swearing-in of soldiers is a public witness to Christ's command to make disciples and that soldiership demands ongoing radical obedience.

We affirm that Jesus Christ still calls men and women to take up their cross and follow him. This wholehearted and absolute acceptance of Christ as Lord is a costly discipleship. We hear our Lord's command to make disciples, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We believe that soldiership is discipleship and that the public swearing-in of a soldier of The Salvation Army beneath the Army's Trinitarian flag fulfils this command. It is a public response and witness to the life-changing encounter with Christ which has already taken place, as is the believers' water baptism practised by some other Christians.



Lieut-Colonel James Condon is Chief Secretary of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory.

# Witnesses for Christ commissioned in Brisbane

By Captain Peter McGuigan



Photos: Shaïron Paterson



For the first time in history, the commissioning of new Salvation Army officers was held in Brisbane, Queensland, last month. On Sunday 7 December, 1500 people filled Brisbane City Hall for both commissioning meetings and for a “Christmas Unwrapped” event at night.

The solemnity of the Commissioning and Ordination meeting in the morning was evident from the start. Before a hushed congregation, the cadets of the *Witnesses for Christ* session, together with Lieutenants Darren and Karyn Kingston, moved slowly towards the stage from all points of the building as Captains Megan and Adam Couchman sang *Breathe On Me Breath of God*.

Their entry had been prefaced by comments from Territorial Commander Commissioner Linda Bond, who explained the process in an officer being commissioned; first the Covenant day in which they covenant with God about their fulfilling their calling to officership, then

the actual Commissioning Service, and finally the Appointment Service.

Once the cadets were on stage, Commissioner Bond prayed for them and then led the congregation in singing the great worship song of the Church, *Crown Him With Many Crowns*.

The meeting flowed in three sections: “Call to Worship”, “Call to Covenant” and “Call to Follow”. After the Brisbane City Temple band’s presentation of *Worthy Is The Lamb*, Cadet Paula Glover testified to how much she had grown in Christ during the two years of live-in training at The Salvation Army’s School for Officer Training in Sydney. “I know that I’m not the same person I was ... The college experience has forced me out of my comfort zone and to face this aspect of who I am ... [I have learnt] to accept God’s promises and believe them for me. Joshua 1:9 has been applicable to me: ‘Be strong and courageous, do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.’”

A group of cadets then led more worship singing, before Cadet Bronwyn Barkmeyer presented a reflective and challenging speech on behalf of the *Witnesses*. “I believe God has great things in store for his Army, and we stand before you this morning, to be commissioned and ordained as Salvation Army officers, bearing witness to this truth,” said Cadet Barkmeyer.

“... We each bear witness to the growth we have experienced. This growth hasn’t been limited to our spiritual selves, but it has been growth in every aspect of who we are. I can personally witness to God’s sustaining power. I’m a wife and a mother of four children, and I’m still standing. God honoured my commitment to him, my commitment to my family and my desire that our family life not suffer. He has achieved within our lives, that and so much more ...

“While our stories and our testimonies are unique,” she continued, “we have something that unites us: We can all

testify to God’s sustaining grace. He alone deserves the glory for who we are today. As John 3:30 says, ‘He must increase, but I must decrease’ ... For all that happens today, for all that happened yesterday, and for all that is to come, we give God the glory for he is the author and perfecter of our faith.

“The last commandment of Christ can be found in Acts 1:8: ‘You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses, in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.’ Those words mark the beginning of the Christian Church. They represent the calling and the purpose and the potential of that Church – of which we are a part.

“It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we can be effective witnesses, and we can rest in the confidence that Christ is the initiator and the completer of our calling to witness. Our lives, our habits, our goals all should bear witness unto him. We as a session bear the name

*Witnesses for Christ*, but each Christian is called to be Christ’s witness ...

“I believe God has great things in store for his Army, and he has called each of us to play a part in that plan. I challenge you this morning to join us. Come, join us now as together we fulfil our God-ordained mission as witnesses for Christ.”

Cadet Barkmeyer’s important words were then accentuated by the cadets, joined by the *Prayer Warriors* session, singing the dedication song *Heaven to Earth*.

The cadets followed this by reciting The Salvation Army’s 11 Articles of Faith and promising to live according to the articles’ principles and to give their lives to caring for the souls of others and leading them to Christ.

Commissioner Bond then commissioned and ordained them as Salvation Army officers as they came and knelt at a specially prepared Holiness Table. “Recognising that God has called you, has equipped you and gifted you

for sacred service,” she said as she stood behind each cadet, “I now ordain you as a minister of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and commission you as an officer of The Salvation Army.”

Following a prayer of dedication from Lieutenant-Colonel James Condon (Chief Secretary), Lieut-Colonel Jan Condon read from the Scriptures. The Chief Secretary then preached powerfully on “the identity of The Salvation Army”. Acknowledging that an identity debate had been taking place in the Army, he said: “Our identity is our mission, summed up in The Salvation Army’s mission statement: ‘We exist to save souls, grow saints and serve suffering humanity.’ That is our identity. It flows out of our theology and our doctrine ... ‘We exist!’”

Lieut-Colonel Condon then explained how, during 2008, the whole territory had contributed to the forming of seven mission priorities that will “help us be who we are and fulfil our mission”. He stated the priorities and then lingered on



Commissioner Linda Bond presents Jan Heilig, mother of Lieut Karyn Kingston, with the Silver Star.

## Principal's Reception

By Bill Simpson

On the Saturday of the commissioning weekend, three awards named in honour of Commissioner William Cairns for cadets at the School for Officer Training were announced during a Principal's Reception held at Brisbane's Southbank Institute of Technology.

Commissioner Cairns, a former Australia Eastern Territory Chief Secretary, was promoted to glory last year after a life of service in The Salvation Army. He was the father of Training Principal Major Philip Cairns.

The awards are for improvement in the individual areas of spiritual development, academic and field (practical). Winners of the inaugural awards were Cadets Jeff Goodwin (spiritual), Christelle Pearson (academic) and Paula Glover (field).

Graduating cadets and their families were hosted at the reception, which also featured Territorial Commander Commissioner Linda Bond, Chief Secretary Lieutenant-Colonel James Condon, other territorial leaders, divisional commanders and training college staff.

Commissioner Bond encouraged the cadets to enjoy their commissioning experience. She likened it, in part, to words from Psalm 42:4: "... With shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng." "You are the festive throng this weekend," she said. "This [commissioning] will be etched on your minds for the rest of your lives."

A number of cadets were invited to speak briefly of their experiences. Cadet Jeff Goodwin talked of being the oldest student of the *Witnesses for Christ* session. He said that after years of being a radio talkback announcer, he thought he knew what he needed to know. Now, he knew the most important things in life.

Cadet Katie Harlum told how she had been called to Christ as a broken person through hotel ministry. She had struggled to be part of community in college, often questioning why God had taken her from her own family.

But God had reminded her that his grace was sufficient for all her needs. "It was then that life started to change for me," she said.

Cadet Narelle Unicomb said that in most of the lead up to signing her covenant of service, she had not considered it to be "any big deal." Officership was something she had decided on many years ago and signing a covenant was just part of that.

But spending time with officer grandparents immediately before signing her covenant gave her a deeper understanding of her commitment. It wasn't so much what her grandparents had said, but who they were through the lives they lived. They saw their whole life as being ministry.

In a Bible reflection, Cadet Stuart Glover spoke about God doing new things in the lives of those who followed him.

## Silver Star presentations

Parents of the *Witnesses for Christ* cadets were presented with the Army's Silver Star during the commissioning weekend in Brisbane. The Silver Star recognises the role of parents and identifies them as people who have contributed to their child's commitment to officership.

Territorial Commander Commissioner Linda Bond presented the Silver Stars to parents during an afternoon tea attended by the new officers and their families. Commissioner Bond reminded parents that they were a part of their child's commitment to officership.

Responding on behalf of the parents, Major Heather Unicomb recognised that parents had been on a variety of journeys in life, offering their children different experiences in the decision to commit to officership.

Cadet (now Lieutenant) Terri Goodwin shared her experiences on that road.



number seven: "A significant increase in soldiers and officers." "I want to state this morning in this Commissioning and Ordination meeting, that part of our identity is soldiership and officership ... and this morning I want to make a call to extreme commitment to Jesus Christ and the purposes for which God raised up The Salvation Army."

Following his message many people came forward to kneel in renewed dedication to God. Some came to Christ for the first time.

Major Philip Cairns (Training Principal) led the rousing song *God Is With Us* and brought a benediction to conclude the historic first Brisbane Commissioning and Ordination meeting.

### Appointments celebration

Highlights of the Appointments Celebration meeting in the afternoon included a majestic "march in" entry by the new lieutenants, rousing worship songs, a "meet the *Witnesses*" segment, a

special "kids of the *Witnesses*" segment, the traditional transfer of the sessional pennant to the Flag of Many Sessions, and the appointments acknowledgement.

Again, the meeting was split into three sections: "One Army, One Mission"; "Trained for Mission"; and "Called to Mission". In a personal testimony, Lieut Christelle Pearson said she had at first felt distant from God in her training experience. But all that changed. "This year I have been at Street Level mission for my field training and while there I ... experienced the wonder of an interactive God," she explained. "Being at Street Level has challenged me to take my theology out of the classroom and into the broken world in which we live.

"The nice refined academic answers that had once satisfied me no longer cut it as I found myself in a community where people were suffering and experiencing the darker side of life. Knowing the skills and the theory suddenly seemed meaningless if it was disconnected from the side of life I was now exposed to.

"I discovered, and the good news is, they are not disconnected. God is still relevant and eager to engage with us wherever we are in life. For me, being in a learning environment has allowed me to question and search for understanding while at the same time being exposed to life. This has allowed me to develop a practical theology for mission and ministry."

Lieut Matthew Moore presented a speech on behalf of the session: "This afternoon I stand before you representing ... the newest leaders in The Salvation Army, fellow workers with God ...

"What do the day-to-day events of the future hold?" Lieut Moore questioned, rhetorically. "We are uncertain. But there is one thing we are certain of - our witness.

"By title this group of people will always be known as the *Witnesses for Christ*. But it is more than a name. It is our responsibility ... We stand before you this afternoon, a group of people called by God to be his officers in this great Army - scared, bewildered, excited and nervous ...

"But it is our responsibility, our task, to testify of God's love to those who do not know it - yet!"

Major Philip Cairns presented a Principal's report and Commissioner Linda Bond addressed her comments to the lieutenants when she preached from the Apostle Paul's letters to Timothy. She said she was giving them their "battle orders". Commissioner Bond had two particular words of advice. First, the message must be central. Second, the messenger must be credible.

Many people joined the *Witnesses for Christ* and the *Prayer Warriors* session on the stage in response to Commissioner Bond's call to consider whether Salvation Army officership was God's will for their life and Christian service.

The upbeat meeting concluded with the sending out of the new lieutenants as the congregation sang the fast-moving song, *On We March*.

See *Creative Ministry for a report and photos of Christmas Unwrapped*.

# Trek of awakening



Doing the Kokoda Trail is taking a new generation of trekkers to higher spiritual ground. KENT ROSENTHAL reports on the project led by Rockhampton-based Captain Jacob Robinson.

While signs of the physical battles in Papua New Guinea during World War II are still evident along the Kokoda Trail, Captain Jacob Robinson says the internal battles of individual trekkers are also significant features of INVESTA TREKS - a venture he set up in 2007 after sharing his dream with corps members and gaining approval to run trips as part of his Salvation Army work.

"INVESTA TREKS is all about investing in the lives of each other, the lives of others and other communities, and so much fulfilment came to us each as we intentionally invested," says Jacob, who is also Divisional Youth Secretary for Central and North Queensland.

Apart from taking on the challenging eight-and-a-half day trek along the 96km-long trail through PNG's Owen Stanley Range, trekkers can participate in building projects to support local communities.

"Every night we sat together and

shared from what we had experienced that day, and the relationships of the trekkers grew significantly as we continued to build on the foundation that had made during the building project.

"One of my favourite parts of trekking the Kokoda Trail is singing with the boys, the porters as we shared the journey together."

Options involve doing the trek as well as the building project, or doing just one or the other (see details on page 15). This year's building projects around the Port Moresby area could include church and officers' quarters works.

When the project gains momentum, Jacob hopes options will expand to long-term projects such as building a school over several stages. Building options are also constrained by the availability of building materials around Port Moresby, but Jacob wants to branch out into rural communities or wherever the need is greatest.

## Awakening experience

The combination of trekking and community-building has been an awakening experience for many team members.

"One of the comments made to me by one of the blokes was that ... 'I'd come across here to get myself sorted, but I've actually found out that it's not about me at all - it's about other people'."

"While his focus originally was about himself, he worked out that life's got to be about other people and helping others - that was really good," Jacob says.

Participation in the project has also sparked interest from people outside the church, those with friends in Salvation Army corps, and some Salvationists who had stopped going to corps meetings so often.

"There's been more involvement now in church, bible studies and other activities, so that's really encouraging."

"It's a really good opportunity ... by way of building relationships through a common interest, common desire and a sense of challenge."

## College building project

Jacob's sister, Leah Robinson, 23, was part of last year's team which extended and renovated the childcare building at The Salvation Army Officer Training College in Port Moresby. Childcare workers had been having a tough time trying to entertain and stimulate the children in their care in a room the size of a small lounge room. But the group's hard work has more than doubled the space.

Besides working on the run down childcare centre, Leah says five from the trekking group spent time with the children and cadets, and witnessed the work of the settlement ministry in Port Moresby's slums.

"These places are extremely overcrowded and dirty. Most people living here have come down from the highlands looking for work and find a better life for their family, only to find that there are no jobs - there's a 60 per cent unemployment

rate - no affordable places to rent and that the cost of living far exceeds any savings they may have. These people are then forced to either return home, or find somewhere for their family to live," Leah says.

Settlements have sprung up all around Port Moresby where people live in tin shacks, cardboard boxes and shelters made of flimsy cladding. There is no running water, sewerage or electricity, and malnutrition and disease are rampant. Families are forced to sell betel-nut (an addictive cancer causing drug), cordials and anything else.

Salvation Army officers visit settlements weekly to run programs for children, women's ministries, church services and health clinics.

"A large percentage of these children do not attend school and most suffer from hunger all the time," Leah says. "We had the wonderful opportunity to be able to hand out toys, books and teddy bears from



Photos (clockwise from far left): Extending the childcare centre in Port Moresby; One of the 2008 trekking groups; INVESTA TREKS founder and director Captain Jacob Robinson with war ruins along the Kokoda; Doing the Kokoda; A feast of local village produce; Traditional PNG dancers; Children watch on during a building project.



children back home.

During this year's Self Denial Appeal we challenged children at Kids Church at Rockhampton to sacrifice something that was special to them to give to the children who have nothing," Leah says.

With support from the Bible Society, INVESTA TREKS also raised an additional \$9000 to distribute 1000 bibles in some of the PNG settlements.

### Community spirit

The trek and building projects tend to attract more men than women, but Jacob says a lot of women still participate.

"But it's a really good opportunity for example, for a men's group, by way of building relationships through a common interest, desire and sense of challenge.

"It's about a sense of achievement and at some stages feeling a bit of pain together and looking out for your brother.

"The setting of the Kokoda Trail just blows your mind as you cross rivers, traverse mountains, eat the local foods and stay at the villages along the way.

"The wartime history is very significant as you pass weapons pits, fox holes, ceramic communication insulators, bullet shells and artillery at the villages."

### Salvo history

Another significant aim of INVESTA TREKS is to highlight the influence of The Salvation Army during WWII. Detours are taken to see and hear about the impact the Salvos had at the 'Hop In' centres along the trail.

"As you walk along and share together you get an appreciation of the sacrifice made by the soldiers and Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels, for the purpose they were called to. What a challenge!"

The 8.5 day trek is part of a 10-day package featuring accommodation, food and a chartered flight from the end of the trail back to Port Moresby, including a scenic detour over some of the significant sites such as a lake bed known as Myola 2, which is the farthest point Captain Albert Moore ventured along.

Jacob says INVESTA TREKS offers the same 10-day package as other trekking companies for half the price, but with an added spiritual bonus!

On the most recent trip last year, 10 out of the 18 people on the building mission

also walked the Kokoda Trail. "It's totally up to the individual."

### Preparation

Jacob says it's important to do some physical training before attempting a trek, such as climbing a mountain carrying a pack.

"To enjoy it you have to put in the effort beforehand by training.

"Some of our guys didn't do much or any training, but when they got over there they realised it wasn't just a walk in the park, and probably regretted not doing enough training."

If you have any questions about INVESTA TREKS in 2009 or would like an information booklet, email Captain Jacob at [jacob.robinson@ae.salvationarmy.org](mailto:jacob.robinson@ae.salvationarmy.org), phone (07) 49991910; 0429802165, or visit [www.salvos.org.au/INVESTATREKS](http://www.salvos.org.au/INVESTATREKS).



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### 2009 itinerary

The following five INVESTA TREKS are planned in PNG this year, and exact itineraries will be available closer to the dates. Building works to coincide with treks will also be finalised.

- Kokoda Trek (21 March – 1 April)
- Building Project: (8 – 18 June)  
Kokoda Trek (18 – 26 June)  
Total Experience (8 – 26 June)
- Kokoda Trek (3 – 12 August)
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# In the pub and on the street

BY Bill Simpson

Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph Johnson spends more time at the pub with his mates now that he has retired from active officership.

Every Friday night, the lieutenant-colonel hits the hotels of the peninsula at Umina Beach on the NSW Central Coast. He visits four hotels in what he likes to call his weekly pub crawl.

"It's a holy pub crawl," he says. The visits are made on behalf of his local Salvation Army Umina Beach Corps. He just drinks in the opportunity to share God's love with the locals. They respond with a few dollars in his collection box – and the occasional light-hearted jibe at the non-drinker.

"I enjoy it; I really do," he says. "It's at the pub where you meet men man to man. When you go into a hotel and they enjoy taking the mickey out of you, you know you are accepted.

"I must be accepted, because I get the mickey taken out of me every Friday night. But it's all done in good fun and I appreciate the acceptance of the people. They're great.

"You're meeting with people, many of whom don't go to church. You're representing Christ in a very practical way. I've prayed with people. I've visited them in their homes.

"I often go into a hotel and just sit with a group of people for a chat, with the collection box and *Warcry* on the table. A young woman asked me once if I was from a religion. What an opportunity to share Christ with her!"

Lieut-Colonel Johnson and his wife, Val, retired to the Central Coast five years ago. When they attended Umina Corps they knew they were "home". "We drove home from the morning meeting and stopped the car outside the front of our house. I'm not sure whether it was me or Val, but one of us said that this (The Salvation Army Umina Beach Corps) is where we belong.

"And once we joined the corps as soldiers, we knew we would have to be active."

They joined the street ministry team, sitting beside a small table at the Peninsula Plaza shopping centre one day a week, meeting people as they passed by.

"We saw ourselves as building bridges with people who needed the love of God," he says.

There were similar opportunities to the hotel ministry – praying with people, visiting them in their homes, conducting funerals. Ralph also collected at the local railway station during the morning peak before moving to the hotels.

As others took over the railway station ministry, Ralph was free to pursue even more opportunities. He volunteered

to visit local people who included The Salvation Army in their will and other avenues of giving.

"I saw it as giving me a dozen more doors of opportunity to discuss Christ and show them his love."

Ralph and Val are also active in pastoral care, visiting corps people in their homes and at hospital. They lead corps worship meetings when invited and Ralph conducts chapel services at the Peninsula Retirement Village.

He also started a Umina Beach men's group, which meets monthly with guest speakers and holds day outings.

At Christmas, they organise a carol service with their neighbours. "We call it Carols in Squirrel St – that's the street in which we live," Ralph says. They lead the carol singing, Santa arrives on a fire truck and Ralph tells the Christmas story.

"We're just doing what we want to do," he says. "I don't think we have to do things just because we were officers. We do things because the feeling comes from within. It's an internal obligation, I suppose.

"How can I say no to God when I have the opportunity to say yes?"

**"How can I say no to God when I have the opportunity to say yes?"**



Lieut-Colonel Ralph Johnson spends every Friday night on a 'holy' pub crawl.

Where are they now?

# Salvos discuss national approach to youth homelessness

Fifty-eight Salvation Army youth workers, from both its Australia Eastern and Southern Territories, gathered at the Geelong Conference Centre in November 2008 to chart out a national approach to youth homelessness.

The conference was prompted by the nationally televised documentary *The Oasis* screened last April. The documentary featured the Army's Oasis Youth Support Network in inner Sydney, and the National Youth Commission Report which highlighted the tragedy of youth homelessness 20 years after former Human Rights Commissioner Brian Burdekin brought it to the public's attention.

Photos: Shairon Paterson



Oasis youth workers look to the future...

Delegates heard from experts and academics, Salvation Army leadership and other fellow practitioners. A national Oasis Youth Support Network was proposed, to share best practice and strategies to deal with homeless young people's issues of low self-esteem, abuse, addiction and mental health. Practitioners hope the network will also undertake comprehensive research, according to Salvation Army strategic advisor Wilma Gallet.

"Nationally, The Salvation Army works with 12,000 young people every year," she said, "and 1000 young people sleep in Army hostels and refuges every night."

Guest speaker Professor David McKenzie encouraged the Army to advocate on behalf of homeless youth, push for an active early intervention policy and source sufficient funding to deliver it.

"We have to educate Australians to see that employment per se is not the solution to homelessness," he said.

"This financial crisis will have an effect on the Federal Government's response, but youth homelessness is getting worse."

Australia Southern social program secretary Major David Eldridge said The Salvation Army is Australia's largest youth work provider, utilising more than \$40 million of government funds annually throughout Australia.

To use that money effectively, he said, "we have to listen to young people and invest in their lives, with adequate resources. The listening comes first."

Captain Paul Moulds, commenting on the scope of the Army's work, called for a unified Army approach to mission and advocacy.

"If we can find a way to work together," he said of the two territories, "then imagine what we can achieve."

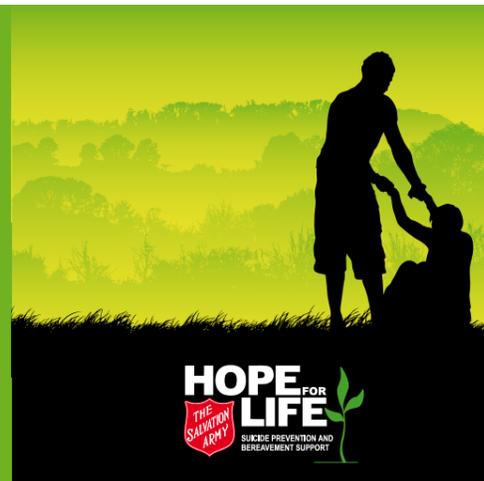
Ms Gallet said delegates hoped the conference's recommendations would lead to the formation of the network.

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# Retired Brigadier turns 104, brother turns 100

By ADRIANA GUTHRIE

Retired Salvation Army officer Brigadier Hazel Woodbury celebrated her 104th Birthday on 2 December with her brother Viv Wemyss who turned 100 just a couple of weeks before.

A celebration with family and friends was held at The Salvation Army Aged Care Plus Macquarie Lodge in Arncliffe, where Brigadier Woodbury has been a resident for the past seven years.

"The secret to my longevity is firstly the Lord and then my naturopath lady," Brigadier Woodbury told *Pipeline*.

Brigadier Woodbury and her brother Viv were born in Wellington NSW where their parents served in the local Army corps. She was commissioned in 1924 as a full-time officer and has served for more than 80 years.

"I never dreamt that I would end up at Macquarie Lodge but while my work may have been curtailed in a lot of ways, other avenues have opened. And so I just feel that's where God has placed me and he will continue to use me," Brigadier Woodbury said.

Brigadier Woodbury was the second youngest of five children in the Wemyss family.

Her commitment to God began at Sunday school at age eight. After finishing studies at 14, she helped out at home and minded officers' children, but never received any payment.

At 19, she left home to attend the Officer Training College in Petersham, where she joined the *Victory* session that was commissioned in 1924. She married Norman Woodbury in 1926 and their partnership spanned 55 years until Norman's death in 1982.

She and Norm were officers at 10 corps in NSW and Queensland, during which time they had three children Noreen, Gweneth and Errol who also became officers. Brigadier Woodbury was a working Salvation Army officer for more than 50 years. She is still involved with Hurstville Corps.



Photos: Shairon Paterson



Brigadier Hazel Woodbury and her brother Viv Wemyss celebrate with family and friends.

## Enrolments at Auburn

(Captains Cheryl and Nesan Kistan)

Commissioner Linda Bond joined in worship at Auburn Corps to witness the enrolment of seven soldiers and one re-enrolment on 9 November.

Ninety people gathered in Auburn's first service to witness the enrolment of Neil Cuthbertson who delivered a moving testimony with passion and vision in the presence of family and friends. He also related why he chose to become a Salvation Army soldier. Neil has been a Christian for just over a year and leads the Auburn Kids' Club ministry in a local park.

Commissioner Bond spoke about the importance of each person's relationship with Jesus Christ. In Auburn's second service, she enrolled a further six soldiers from the Sierra Leone community and one soldier originally from the Congo renewed her soldiership covenant. Mr Naibu and Mrs Winifred Wallace, their sons Samuel and Abdul, and their daughter and son-in-law Catherine and Joseph Sesay from Sierra Leone were those enrolled.

With the church packed to capacity, Corps Officer Captain Cheryl Kistan said it was a proud day for the African community. The service started with the corps' African choir singing and dancing. Commissioner Bond outlined the meaning of the Army flag and the significance of the new soldiers being enrolled into an international Salvation Army. Mr Wallace expressed his commitment to be an evangelist in the



New Soldiers are introduced at Auburn.

community. Mrs Wallace said she would do whatever was asked of her, Samuel committed to being an usher, Abdul wanted to be involved in youth ministry, Catherine currently serves in the Sunday school and Joseph, an African representative soccer player, is already involved in sports ministry. Astrid, the soldier from the Congo, is a lead singer in the Auburn Salvation Army African choir.

Mr Wallace was a Muslim who came to Jesus in an incredible way, and a group from the Muslim community came to join in his enrolment celebrations. One of the Muslim community leaders thanked Commissioner Bond and described how her message about Jesus' healing, freedom and deliverance spoke to him.

## Three generations at enrolment

(Major Eva and Edwin Phillips)



Three generations of Salvationists, from left, are Marlene Honess, Talitha Hardacre, David Hardacre, Tania Hardacre and Trevor Honess.

Talitha Hardacre, a third-generation Salvationist, was enrolled at The Salvation Army's Youth Discipleship Sunday at Forster/Tuncurry Corps last month. Talitha signed her Soldier's Covenant in the presence of her grandparents, Marlene and Trevor Honess, from Scone, and her parents and family. Talitha is a member of the corps band, timbrels, and is the Moonbeam leader. Having just finished school, she hopes to commence a career in childcare.

The remaining three people presented an item using their own expertise and love of music and dance. Jasmine Hardacre, aged 12, introduced the service by playing a solo *O What a Wonderful, Wonderful Day*. She also blessed the congregation with a vocal solo while her sister, Talitha, kneeled to sign her covenant.

Nathanael Hardacre presented the vocal solo *Amazing Grace* accompanying himself on the guitar and Jessica Lea Hardacre performed a dance to the tune of *Still*.

## 'Uprising' taskforce in planning stage

A taskforce representing all Salvation Army divisions in its Australia Eastern Territory is planning a territorial event called "Uprising". Its key focus will be the territory's "One Army One Mission" theme.

The event will be held in Sydney from 5 to 7 June this year at Homebush. Chief Secretary Lieutenant-Colonel James Condon

said Territorial Headquarters wanted to advise people early to assist them with planning for 2009.

"We seek the support and attendance of all officers. An exciting series of meetings is being planned, with Commissioner Linda Bond as our main speaker. We believe this event will be significant in the life of the territory as we move forward under the banner of One Army, One Mission - doing whatever it takes!" Lieut-Colonel Condon said.

Communications and Public Relations Secretary Major Philip Maxwell is coordinating the Uprising planning group and more information will be released soon.

## Multicultural Service 2008

(Major Hwanki Kim)



Women from the Korean community perform a traditional fan dance.

Eight Sydney corps came together for Multicultural Service 2008 at Campsie on 26 October.

Following Multicultural Service 2007 held at Sydney Korean Corps, the 2008 meeting was eagerly anticipated and resulted in more than 250 people attending.

Multicultural ministries coordinator Major Hwanki Kim

spoke at the service about "the ends of the earth". He said the ends of the earth was now coming to Sydney for the Great Commission of Jesus Christ to be accomplished in Australia.

"There are 189 nationalities living in Sydney together," explained Major Kim. "If we do not open our heart to them, the Gospel will be restricted because of our limited mind."

The purpose of the multicultural service was to take action on proclaiming the Gospel and to celebrate diversity and unity in Christ.

The service unfolded in three segments: Worship, celebrating diversity, and fellowship in Christ through multicultural food. In the first segment The Greater West Divisional Commander Major John Rees issued an inspirational challenge by proclaiming Genesis 12:1-5, mentioning that God's plan is to save all nations. He said The Salvation Army should be getting together without any discrimination and finding unity in diversity in winning all nations to Christ.

During the second segment each corps had the opportunity to present their own traditional songs and dances. One of the highlights was a traditional Korean fan dance presented by seven women from that community.

Following the service, the crowd enjoyed food items prepared by each ethnic group to demonstrate the diversity of their cultures.

## Life Community Church reaches milestone

(Majors Colin and Sue Hopper)



Children celebrate the seventh birthday of Life Community Church.

Last month 175 people celebrated the seventh birthday of The Salvation Army Life Community Church Mission in Logan City, south of Brisbane.

The weekly Celebration Worship Meeting resounded with praise led by worship band Vox Dei, the children's music mentoring team TotallyArts, and the children from Life Kids' Club.

The special meeting opened with the song *Everlasting God* and the echo of the words 'Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord', as the congregation sang the words 'Our God, you reign forever; our hope, our strong deliverer'. A multimedia presentation illustrated God's blessings throughout the past year including enrolments, dedications, mission trips, local park outreach and all kinds of corps family activities.

The combined dance team conveyed the message of renewal and hope from Isaiah

61, a theme reiterated in the energetic song *It's a New Day*.

The children from Kids' Club then reminded the congregation of the fruit of the Spirit. Thomas Moore, four, was the cutest fruit ... dressed as a coconut. Then a moving video communicated the transformational journey of some of the members and friends who attend Life Community followed by the inspirational song by

Vox Dei *My Prayer*.

The theme of the meeting was presented as a dramatic and rhythmic Scripture presentation by the TotallyArts children calling all to remain focused on the goal ... and being drawn by God to Jesus. This message was taken from Philippians 3:13-14.

Corps Officer Major Colin Hopper used these verses as the text for his Bible message, teaching on "The Race, The Passion, The Goal!" Interrupting the message was a drama that reminded hearers to reach out and love their neighbours.

The finale of the meeting was an anthem of praise as the congregation joined with the worship team, ending with *Jesus Messiah*, by Vox Dei. The group was joined on the platform by the children from TotallyArts, Kids' Club and youth band Solafide.

## New soldiers at Hervey Bay

Captain Russell Morgan enrolled two new soldiers at Hervey Bay Corps last month. Family members travelled from Brisbane and Grafton to accompany Melissa Alaban and Michael Board.

Melissa shared how she had been invited to The Salvation Army by a neighbour after moving into the area and how she now looks forward to Tuesdays when she joins with the women in Home League and KYB (Know Your Bible) Bible study. Melissa is also involved in SAGALA (Salvation Army Guards and Legion Association) and is doing welfare training.

Michael told how his mother was invited to the Army at Grafton by a friend, and how this resulted in him being involved with the young people there. He attended the Army's School for Youth Leadership before moving to study at the University of Southern Queensland. Michael is now working with the SAGALA sections.

In other news, on a visit to the corps Major Ray Proud enrolled Shana and Tegan Baker as corps cadets, and the corps hosted Nambour Corps musical sections in November. The Saturday night program allowed the band, under the direction of Graham Stringer, to present a combination for several music tastes from the powerful setting of *He Can Break Every Fetter* and contemporary settings of *Winchester Revival* and *I Love You Lord* to the golden oldies cornet trio *The Veterans* and the old march *Emblem of the Army*.

The Nambour Singers, led by Joy Limpus, and their contemporary almost southern gospel sound blessed all those present with numbers such as *Under His Wings* and *Trust in Jesus*.

The Sunday meeting was a time of reflection and challenge with the band's modern arrangement of *Such Love* and the singers' rendition of *Master Speak*. The Nambour band's big sound and the singers' contemporary sound blessed all those who heard them with Major Bev McMurray challenging all to be the people God calls them to be. The old-fashioned band weekend brought blessing not only to Hervey Bay Corps but also to those who participated from Nambour.



Former corps officers Captains Russell and Jackie Morgan with Melissa Alaban and Michael Board at Hervey Bay.

## Junior soldier renewal at Tuggerah Lakes

(Captain Lenore Johnson, Captains Laithe and Kaelene Greenaway)



Tuggerah Lakes junior soldiers with their prayer pals.

Under the leadership of Captain Kaelene Greenaway, five junior soldiers took part in a renewal service with each receiving a bronze medal for completing their classes. The special guest that Sunday, 19 October, was Divisional Youth Secretary Captain Cathryn Ford.

The junior soldiers were the worship singers for the morning and each took a specific role during the meeting. Bible readings, responsive prayer and drama allowed each junior soldier to participate.

Under the leadership of Tealyn Lonergan, the newly-formed Timbrel Brigade won the congregation with their enthusiasm and developing skills. The junior soldiers were joined by their prayer pals as they renewed their pledges at the Mercy Seat. Captain Cathryn Ford gave the message and the junior soldiers led the congregation in the closing song *Great Big God*.

## Hawkesbury City enrolments

(Cheryle and Greg Symons)

More than 80 people crammed into the Hawkesbury City Corps hall to see six junior soldiers enrolled in September 2008. The children had been prepared for enrolment by Lesley Archer.

Majors Brian and Geraldine Wilson provided a refreshing message after enrolling the junior soldiers.

Each child had a prayer pal and were very enthusiastic about their commitment. The children spoke about loving Jesus, never being afraid because of Jesus, and that Jesus answered their prayers. Some of the new members had come from the community. One of the mothers commented that "Jesus is alive in our house now".

An Appreciation Sunday at Hawkesbury based on Psalm 100 was held in October to give thanks to God for the corps' volunteers. More than 80 people attended the meeting where nine adherents were enrolled and many volunteers thanked for their tireless efforts.

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## Relief commanders share experience



From left are Tseung Kwan O Corps Officer Captain Raymond Cho, Commissioner Ivan Lang, Pau Kwok-cheung, Mariana Tse, Wing-chin, Commissioner Heather Lang and Captain Tammy Cho.

Retired Australian Salvation Army officers Commissioners Ivan and Heather Lang have concluded temporary service giving leadership to the Army's Hong Kong and Macau Command while Command Leaders Lieutenant-Colonels Merv and Elaine Rowland, also Australians, were on leave.

While there, the Langs witnessed a moving example of evangelism through friendship. In November 2008, they visited Tseung Kwan O Corps where two people, a married couple, were enrolled as soldiers of The Salvation Army.

"A friend of their young daughter attended the Army through the children's kindergarten school and she invited their daughter to attend with her," the Langs reported in a letter to *Pipeline*.

"So Pau Wing-chin came to the Army and ended up becoming a junior soldier. She invited her parents, Pau Kwok-cheung and Mariana Tse, to attend with her and they later

became senior soldiers. In turn, Mariana invited her friend to come along to the swearing-in, her friend's first time in church. At the end she came forward and accepted Jesus as her Saviour. "It all began with a little girl inviting her friend to meet Jesus," wrote the Langs, "then the parents and now the friend. How true are the words 'a little child shall lead them'."

Tseung Kwan O Corps is a corps plant that commenced around six years ago. The corps building is a Salvation Army nursery and kindergarten for children aged three to six. During the week it is the school and on Sunday becomes the corps worship centre.

"It has been a very special time for us in Hong Kong," said Commissioner Ivan Lang. "We have been kept busy conducting officers councils, visiting corps and centres, leading a teaching seminar for officers on the theme 'In Pursuit of Excellence', and Heather was guest speaker at a women's rally.

"It has been a pleasure to be at the coalface of ministry once again, and also to be given the opportunity to encourage the officers and staff on Command Headquarters."



## Army expands work to 117 countries

The Salvation Army is now officially at work in 117 countries, with the most recent openings taking place in Kuwait and Mongolia.

Kuwait became the 116th country to fly The Salvation Army flag when Majors Michael and Teresa Hawley from the Army's USA Southern Territory took up their appointments in the Arabic gulf state on 1 August 2008.

They were joined on 17 September by Lieutenants Robert and Glenis Viera, also from USA Southern, who were appointed to Kuwait direct from being commissioned as Salvation Army officers.

Much of their ministry, based in the government-approved

Protestant Compound, is expected to be with the 300-plus Salvationist immigrant workers who originate from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, The Philippines and Sri Lanka.

Contact with the ex-pat Salvationists was originally made when The Salvation Army's International Emergency Services ran its Iraq relief program from Kuwait. This was followed by intensive research and visits to the country by the General's Representative for Global Evangelisation Colonel Dick Krommenhoek and the International Secretary for South Asia Commissioner Lalkiamlova in 2007.

The work in Kuwait is overseen by the Army's South Asia Zone out of its International Headquarters in London.

In October 2008 the Army officially commenced work in Mongolia. It will be overseen by the Korea Territory which has arranged a special fundraising and prayer appeal for the endeavour.

Captain Lee, Min-ho and Captain Chang, Mi-hyun, having already been to Mongolia for research and preparation, were charged to open fire for the Army by General Shaw Clifton during the Korea Centenary Congress, also in October. They departed soon after for Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

## Chief of the Staff leads China taskforce talks



From left are Major Tommy Chan (Hong Kong and Macau Territory), Major On Dieu-Quang (HKT), Lieut-Colonel Gillian Downer (Under-Secretary for South Pacific and East Asia Zone), Major Priscilla Nanlabi (General Secretary, HKT), the Chief of the Staff, Envoy Simon Wong (HKT) and Commissioner Barry Pobjie (International Secretary for South Pacific and East Asia Zone).

Salvation Army relief work and development services in mainland China were examined and evaluated when the China taskforce met in Hong Kong led by Chief of the Staff Commissioner Robin Dunster.

Taskforce members represented the Hong Kong and Macau Command, which oversees the Army's work in China, and the South Pacific and East Asia Zonal Office from International Headquarters.

During two days of discussions, experiences of work in mainland China were shared, opportunities and challenges for ministry examined, and strategies for the way forward explored.

For many years the Army has fulfilled a significant ministry through emergency and poverty alleviation projects in China. This work continues as the Hong Kong and Macau Command is committed to serving suffering humanity in Christ's name in mainland China.

## about people

## Appointments

*Effective 4 December 2008:* Captain Kim **Hawke**, Assistant Divisional Youth Secretary (pro-tem), Act and South NSW Division; Envoys Simon and Belinda **Gregory**, Team members, Prestons/Wattle Grove Mission.

*Effective 11 December 2008:* Captain Val **Prigg**, Chaplain to Cessnock Prison, Cessnock Corps.

*Effective 8 January:* Captains Brian and Marilyn **Ault**, Corps Officers, Maroubra Corps; Lieuts Stephen and Kim **Gorringer**, Corps Officers, Hervey Bay Corps; Lieut Karen **Keddie**, Corps Officer, Kempsey Corps.

*Effective 15 January:* Major Julie **Radburn**, Associate Manager, William Booth House Recovery Services.

*Effective 27 January:* Major Peter **Davey**, Personal Assistant to the Chief Secretary, Territorial Headquarters.

*Effective 1 April:* Captain Mark **Watts**, Private Secretary to the Chief of the Staff, International Headquarters.

## Bereaved

Major Isabel **Gates** of her brother-in-law David **Rosser** on 23 November 2008; Major Colin **Robinson** of his mother and Captain Jacob **Robinson** of his grandmother Faye **Robinson** on 5 December 2008.

## Extension of Active Service

General Shaw **Clifton** has extended the active service of Commissioners Barry and Raemor **Pobjie** to 31 January 2011 and Commissioner Lyn **Pearce** to 30 April 2010.

## International Appointments

*Effective 1 June:* Commissioners Barry and Raemor **Pobjie**, International Secretary for Europe and Zonal Secretary for Womens Ministries – Europe; Commissioners Robert and Janet **Street**, International Secretary for the South Pacific and East Asia (SPEA) and Zonal Secretary for Womens Ministries – SPEA; Commissioner Lyn **Pearce**, World Secretary for Womens Ministries; Lieut-Colonels Kenneth and Joelene **Hodder**, Legal and Constitutional Adviser to the General and Associate International Secretary for Personnel; Majors Steven and Janice **Howard**, Chief Secretary and Territorial Leader of Womens Ministries, Kenya East Territory; Lieut-Colonel William **Cochrane**, International Secretary to the Chief of the Staff; Majors Brian and Rosalie **Peddle**, Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Womens Ministries, United Kingdom Territory (with the Republic of Ireland); Commissioners Hasse and Christina **Kjellgren**, currently International Secretary for Europe and Zonal Secretary for Womens Ministries, Europe, have requested a corps ministry appointment in their home territory of Sweden and Latvia as their final appointment before retiring. General Shaw **Clifton** has granted their request.

## International Promotions

To commissioner: Colonels Kashinath and Kusum **Lahase** on 26 May and 27 May respectively; Colonels André and Silvia **Cox** on 28 May and 29 May respectively; Colonels Dick and Vibeke **Krommenhoek** on 30 May and 31 May respectively; Lieut-Colonels Kenneth and Joelene **Hodder** on 1 June and 2 June respectively; Lieut-Colonel William **Cochrane** on 3 June  
To colonel: Lieut-Colonels James and Jan **Condon** on 1 February; Majors Steven and Janice **Howard** and Majors Brian and Rosalie **Peddle** on 1 June.

## Promoted to Glory

Lieut-Colonel Dudley **Schoupp** on 13 December 2008.

## Retirements

Major Pamela **Johns**, Major Ray **Proud**, Major Beryl **Lingard** and Envoy Bill **Sweeting**.

## Study Success

Major Cheryl **Carpenter** has been awarded a Bachelor of Nursing degree by the University of Newcastle.

## SAGALA Awards

The following people have received Leaders Long Service awards: Pamela **Millard**, Springwood, 30 years; Maureen **Gillis**, Penrith, 25 years; Mark **Bower**, Maitland City, 23 years; Andrew **Batcheldor**, Maitland City, 19 years; Michael **Jackson**, Penrith, 19 years; Belinda **Bayliss**, Springwood, 15 years; Heather **Brodrick**, Springwood, 11 years.

The following people have received the Commissioners Challenge award: Brittany **Farr** and Danielle **Bartlem-Long**, Bundamba; Dale **Muller** and

Shannon **Weary**, Caboolture; Nadia **Toia**, Campsie; Margaret **Fenton** and Tamara **Townsend**, Dubbo; Dayna **Parsons** and Isabella **Tanner**, Ipswich, Shannon **Stewart**, Maryborough; Elise **Paul** and Courtney **Strang**, Tuggeranong.

## Territorial Promotions

To lieut-colonel: Major Philip **Cairns**, Major Jan **Cairns**, Major Miriam **Gluyas**, Major Peter **Laws**, Major Jan **Laws** on 1 February.

## time to pray

## 4-10 January

Office of the Commissioner, Business Administration, Red Shield Defence Forces, THQ; Central and North Qld Divisional Headquarters, Emerald Corps, Qld; National Secretariat, ACT; Red Shield summer camp (Collaroy, 10-17).

## 11-17 January

Capricorn Region Corps, Qld; Office of the Chief Secretary, Child Sponsorship, Communications and Public Relations, Mission and Resource Team, Counselling Services, THQ; Sydney East and Illawarra Division officers' fellowship (12-15); Sydney East and Illawarra Division wider leadership retreat (15-16); Zonal leaders' conference (Indonesia, 17-23).

## 18-24 January

Long Jetty Corps, Nambucca River Corps, Tuggerah Lakes Corps, Maclean Corps, NSW; The Collaroy Centre, THQ; Lieut-Colonels Merv and Elaine **Rowland**, Hong Kong and Macau Command; Recovery Services Command officers' fellowship (20-23).

## 25-31 January

Gladstone Corps, Qld; Newcastle Worship and Community Centre, Illawarra Community Services Centre, Tenterfield Corps, NSW; Bangladesh Command; Entry of *Ambassadors of Holiness* cadets into School for Officer Training (28).

## engagement calendar

## Commissioner Linda Bond (Territorial Commander)

Canberra: Tue 6 Jan – Canberra Oasis

Sydney: Thu 8 Jan – NSW Rural Fire Service

Rockhampton: Sun 11 Jan – Installation of DC/DDWM Central and North Qld Division

Collaroy: Mon 12 Jan – Red Shield summer camp

Wollongong: Tue 13–Thu 15 Jan – Sydney East and Illawarra Division officers' fellowship

Indonesia: Sat 17–Thu 22 Jan – Zonal leaders' conference

Rome: Thu 29 Jan–Sun 1 Feb – International Doctrine Council consultation

North NSW: Mon 9–Tue 10 Feb – Officers' fellowship

Collaroy: Fri 13–Sun 15 Feb – 'Captivated' (women's Bible convention)

Newcastle and Central NSW: Wed 18–Thu 19 Feb – Officers' fellowship

Booth College: Fri 20 Feb – Retreat day

Collaroy: Sat 21 Feb – 'Captivated' (women's Bible convention)

Collaroy: Mon 23–Wed 25 Feb – Wider Cabinet conference

Sydney: Thu 26 Feb – Welcome to *Ambassadors of Holiness* session of cadets

Sydney: Fri 27 Feb–Fri 6 Mar – Territorial Headquarters review

## Lieutenant-Colonel James (Chief Secretary) and Jan Condon

Newcastle: Sun 11 Jan – Installation of DC/DDWM Newcastle and Central NSW Division

Indonesia: Sat 17–Thu 22 Jan – Zonal leaders' conference

Dulwich Hill: Sun 25 Jan – Retirement of Majors Ray and Jenny Allen

Mackay: Sun 8 Feb – Retirement of Captain Errol Hart

Central and North Queensland: Mon 9–Thu 12 Feb – Officers' fellowship

\* Collaroy: Fri 13–Sun 15 Feb – Captivated (women's Bible convention)

Booth College: Thu 19 Feb – Lecture

\* Sydney: Sat 21 Feb – Captivated (women's Bible convention)

Collaroy: Mon 23–Wed 25 Feb – Wider Cabinet conference

Wollongong: Thu 26 Feb (pm) – Sydney East and Illawarra Division lay worker's retreat

\* Wollongong: Thu 26–Fri 27 Feb – Sydney East and Illawarra Division layworkers' retreat

Sydney: Fri 27 Feb–Fri 6 Mar – Territorial Headquarters review

\* **Lieut-Colonel Jan Condon only**