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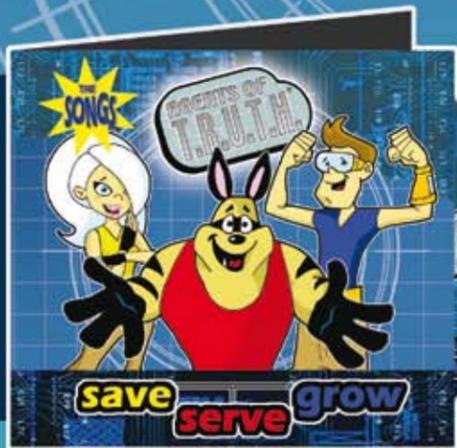
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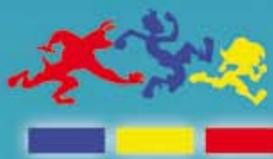
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The shoes of salvation

It would be hard not to notice that something's going on in The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory. The "One Army One Mission 2020" vision is gaining momentum every day. Dare I say many people working in The Salvation Army's headquarters, particularly territorial headquarters, are probably thinking they've never been busier!

The large-scale consultative process that took place this year to discern where and how the Army should be pursuing mission in the 21st century has given us clear direction and seven distinct mission priorities. In case you can't recall all seven, here they are again:

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

The mission priorities statement, headed "One Army One Mission", begins with the words: "We will do whatever it takes to see ...". It then lists the seven priorities and concludes with a great challenge to us all: "And we will be a Salvation Army, knowing who we are, being who we are, and showing who we are."

It is vital for us to understand the meaning and significance of these words that are now defining the intent and resolve of The Salvation Army. The obvious question to ask, and that many have been asking and debating for some time, is: "Who are we." You could answer: "We are The Salvation Army," and that's true.

You could refer to many writings on the history of The Salvation Army that paint a very clear picture of what the Army is - who we are. But is that what we should be today, a very different time in history from the one in which the Army was founded? I'd have to answer yes to that question. Let me explain why.

General John Gowans came up with the classic line that

our mission is to "save souls, grow saints, and serve suffering humanity". It's a great overarching description of what we should be doing. But consider that it not only describes our mission, it describes down to bone and sinew who and what a Salvationist is. We ourselves are "saved souls", we ourselves are "growing saints", we ourselves are "suffering humanity".

One of the reasons we have had such a lengthy debate on the identity of The Salvation Army is because for a long time our Salvation Army shoes didn't quite fit us. We had lost some of the joy of our salvation. Our passion for God and growing in Christ had lost some of its spark. And so many of us were far removed from what we thought was "suffering humanity". We had forgotten that we, you and me, suffer - and that our grieving, our disappointments in life, our arrogance, our sins, are in fact our suffering and our poverty.

When this happens in a church (yes, we're by no means alone in this), it's hard for that church to relate to a world without Christ. It's not humble enough. It's not passionate enough. It's too judgmental. There's not enough seeking and getting the power of God. We may have people on the front line doing the work, but vast numbers of us are awkward fits in our salvation shoes.

How incredibly different is The Salvation Army that's emerging these days. It might not look quite like The Salvation Army of Booth's day. Neither might it sound quite the same. And so it shouldn't. But one can sense the true spirit and passion of the Army returning - the heart. It's been coming for some time and the momentum is building. "The sleeping giant is awakening," someone said at September's 2020 Summit.

So, here at *Pipeline* we want to encourage you to get yourself ready, both for what's happening now and for what's ahead. It's time to put on our salvation shoes!

Go to salvos.org.au/2020 for the latest on One Army One Mission.

- Captain Peter McGuigan,
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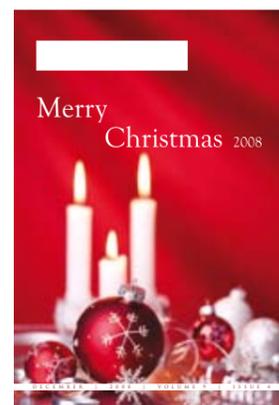
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Prophetic significance

It was our privilege to share nine of the 80 years that Merv Cotterill has been a Salvationist musician (see story in October *Creative Ministry*) during our time as Corps Officers of the Dulwich Hill Corps. Both he and his wife Mavis were legends.

There is a photo (see above) of Merv and the Dulwich Hill Band and Timbreles from the 1980s in the article which brought back a host of memories. It was a photograph of "prophetic" significance.

I had never understood the full impact of what God was doing in those days, and in the years to come. I was overwhelmed by what I saw in that one photograph; seven young men and women who went on to become Salvation Army officers, others who now serve the Lord in a vocation of God's choosing, some who are in lay ministry in the Army, some who are now in heaven, while nearly everyone else still loves and serves the Lord more than 20 years on.

I thought of those years at Dulwich Hill and the wider group of young people at the time, some of whom were involved in corps leadership. Another 11

became Salvation Army officers, three have served overseas in mission, four became lay workers in full-time ministry, some left to become leaders in other churches, while many still serve in a place of God's appointment.

I was blown away when this truth dawned on my spirit. It was really a moment of divine truth and revelation. I saw again the Spirit of God moving and the call of Jesus for the hearts of young men and women: "You will receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth," (Acts 1:8).

I wonder what we may see in the years to come as we look back and realise what God is doing NOW.

Jesus, help me to see it now and to do everything I can to make it happen so that once again we may have a "Save the World Army".

And Lord, keep me faithful - even after 80 years of service!

Majors John and Narelle Rees, Divisional Leaders, Great West Division

Crest is best

Along with a great number of Salvationists, am appalled and gravely concerned at the prominence being given to the red shield over our crest.

The crest is the emblem of our beliefs; the "S" for salvation, the swords for warfare against Satan, the cross representing the cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the shots the truths of the Gospel, the surround the sun of righteousness and the fire and light of the Holy Spirit, and the crown of glory which God will give to all the soldiers who are faithful to the end.

Salvationists worldwide use the crest, adapting the words to their own language. Every country, except the United States, has the same crest. The US replaced

the crown for an eagle - with its wings representing those upon whom the true soldier will rise to worlds unknown - because in November 1881 the officer in charge discovered that the officer before him had left the Army to form his own army and had the original crest copyrighted. So the American Salvation Army had to make the change.

Our crest was designed in 1878, after the war congress, by Captain William H Ebdon and officially used by March 1879 on official notepaper, caps and badges. This information is taken from the booklet *Any Questions* by Cyril J Barnes. I won't part with my copy, perhaps you can obtain one.

Mary Vaughan, Charlestown, NSW

Holiness a reality

I was very impressed by Commissioner Linda Bond's article in the August *Pipeline*, "Hunger for holiness", based on "can our holiness teaching survive?"

I have always been interested in holiness, right from a lass of about 15 years of age. Really, it was through an officer making a statement in a holiness meeting.

By the time I was 17, I had heard numerous holiness addresses - something which we don't seem to hear so often these days nor do we have Thursday night holiness meetings like we used to.

In fact, I tended to "switch off", as I felt that holiness was only for the archangels or, on the mortal level, for ministers and officers. I must have been listening once, as I was pulled up mentally by a statement made from the platform which I never forgot and which was to be reiterated numerous times by myself in later years. "Not only is holiness available," stressed the officer, "but everyone should have it."

I could not believe what my ears had just heard. The officer didn't say it was only for the archangels, ministers or officers, he said it was for everyone. That would mean me, too. "All," I thought. If that's the case, if it is available and I can have it, then I want it and need it. I was open to anything for spiritual improvement.

The main question was, "what is holiness?" Although I had heard the subject spoken on for years, I couldn't very well ask the officer - and reveal my ignorance - so I set about various ways to learn its meaning and how to obtain it. Some 18 months later I was no further advanced.

Then one day, while thinking about spiritual things, I was led into my bedroom and, kneeling beside my bed and praying, I was very conscious of the presence of God which filled the whole room. It wasn't until much later that I realised that I had experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I used the words of a song to express my prayer:

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way, Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mould me and make me after thy will, While I am waiting, yielded and still.

What a beautiful feeling and experience. The closeness of God's presence, although I balked at the last line - *While I am waiting, YIELDED and still.* "YIELDED" - I believe that holiness teaching can survive.

Thank you, Commissioner. Keep preaching, writing and praying, that the whole territory may come to know and be filled with the Holy Spirit. God bless you.

Major Mavis Gilbert, Riverview, Qld

The General's Christmas Message 2008

Being wise at Christmas

Wisdom is a precious thing because it is rare. Have you noticed that during the high celebration seasons of the year it becomes even more rare? It all depends on how you celebrate events like birthdays, wedding anniversaries, retirements, sporting occasions or the great annual religious festivals.

Christmas is perhaps the most famous such religious festival. How strange it is that so many folk mark it in a way that is totally empty of Christ, the one whose birth is being remembered. Wise, truly joyful celebration does not go hand in hand with shallowness or with rowdy inebriation.

Wise men and women prepare with carefulness for Christmas. The Advent ("The Coming") Season, covering the four weeks leading up to Christmas, provides this opportunity. Week by week, in our reading of Scripture or in our worship, we can go gradually deeper and deeper into the wonder of God's plan to give us a Saviour, so that when Christmas Day arrives we again have a firm grasp of the miraculous depth of it all. A Saviour for my soul! A Saviour for my sinful self! A Saviour to befriend and guide me all my life long! Now that is cause for celebration!

I love to read in the Scriptures about the "Wise Men" (sometimes called the "Magi") who travelled a long and hard road to Bethlehem to find our Saviour Jesus in the moments after his birth. In the second chapter of Matthew's Gospel we have a clear account of their involvement. We see how their wisdom was used by God.

They searched for Jesus in order to worship him. That was wise. They refused to give up despite the hardness of the journey. That was wise. They sensed instinctively that this unique birth was a cause for joyfulness. That was wise. They offered the Saviour Jesus their most precious things. That was wise. They refused to be deceived by the evil intentions of King Herod. That was wise. Instead they responded obediently to divine guidance. That was wise.

Can each of us this Christmas be wise in similar ways? How wonderful that we can be wise men or wise women or wise young people in offering to the Saviour our most precious gifts of love and service all our days, and that by the indwelling grace of his Holy Spirit we can in glad obedience answer his call to be his loyal disciple.

A happy and blessed Christmas and New Year to you all.



Shaw Clifton, General of The Salvation Army

The Call to Celebrate Christ's Presence

Integrity
Growing Saints

In part four of our series that examines the 12 calls to Salvationists issued by The Salvation Army's Spiritual Life Commission, Captain Adam Couchman searches for the heart of the Army's expression of sacramental theology.

"Sacrament". It's a term that elicits a variety of responses in The Salvation Army. There are those who would suggest that the Army's non-use of communion and baptism in its worship since 1883 has been contrary to the guidance of Scripture and generally these people would like those worship forms to return. Others say that Army worship as it stands is a genuine form of Christian practice, entirely consistent with Scripture and, whilst different to other denominations, still a means whereby Christ's presence is communicated and celebrated.

Is there a way forward? Can this tension ever be resolved?

For me, the real problem is that discussions on this topic tend to make two major mistakes. Firstly, emotions often get the better of people and they become defensive, dig in their heels and refuse to enter into dialogue with those who have a different opinion. History has shown us where this path can lead and it's not pretty. The stain of the Church's past is that Christians have imprisoned, exiled and even killed one another over differences in theological opinion. We need to be very careful to remember that, whatever our opinion, this side of heaven we will always "see but a poor reflection as in a mirror," (1 Cor. 13:12) and so we'll never be able to definitively state any aspect of theology, let alone the notoriously difficult branch of "sacramental theology".

The second mistake made is that often discussions miss the point. Focus is made

upon the "form" of worship rather than "who" we are worshipping. This was one of the reasons why the Army discontinued practising communion and baptism in the first place. They saw these discussions taking place amongst other denominations and so, wanting to focus upon the missional priorities of getting people saved and progressing in holiness, William Booth decided to "leave it over until some future day, when we shall have more light, and see more clearly our way before us," (*War Cry*, 17 January 1883).

So what is the point? How do we, in the Army, celebrate Christ's presence? What is our "sacramental theology"? Well, I'd like to summarise it this way - Christ's presence is not bound by ritual but Christ's presence can still be experienced in rituals.

Christ's presence is not bound by ritual

This, I believe, is at the heart of The Salvation Army's expression of sacramental theology. Whilst we recognise that many other Christians throughout other denominations and Church history have found exceeding benefit from the use of the specific rituals of communion and baptism, we also have found in our own peculiar expressions of worship that Christ's presence has indeed been felt, celebrated and communicated. Our experience has found the presence of Christ in all sorts of places; open-air, band practices, coffee shops, the trenches of war, corps council meetings, meal tables, knee drills and so on. And so we affirm

that Jesus Christ is the one true Sacrament; that is, he is the means whereby God communicates his grace to us. It is through Jesus Christ that the two estranged parties are eternally united. Jesus; the one who is both God and human, the eternal Word and flesh and blood. When we are "in Christ" we experience the presence of God in our lives and so by faith we die with him and our lives become "hidden with Christ in God," (Col 3:3).

This is an eternal mystery, and something that can never be fully contained by bread and wine, the water of baptism, a flag, a uniform, a cross or any other symbolic representation. It is the grace of God freely available to all people through Jesus Christ, the eternal Mediator between God and humanity. This gift of God is received through faith and we believe is not bound by any ritual. However...

Christ's presence can still be experienced in rituals

Throughout all time humans have found benefit in the use of rituals and ceremonies, even us in The Salvation Army. Whilst it is true to a certain extent that the Army has "not tied itself down to specific forms of worship and words," as Bishop Dr John Austin Baker suggests (*Called to be God's People*, page 29), at the same time we currently use many ceremonies, and dare I say rituals, of our own that communicate Christ's presence to those who participate in them. Most of those ceremonies have barely changed

in their format and use throughout our history.

At a recent Central Holiness Meeting which took place at Sydney Congress Hall, I felt the Spirit speak to my heart calling me to kneel at the mercy seat in recommitment and so I went forward with many others that night. Someone prayed with me and I felt Christ's presence that night in a fresh way. The call to kneel at the mercy seat did not need to be explained since it was a meeting largely for Salvationists. We understand what the mercy seat means and why it is made available for prayer. It's a part of Army culture.

Now, had the person leading the meeting said "go and stand in the corner" or "come on stage and do three cartwheels" there would need to have been some explanation given as to why those actions would be of any benefit to those who participated. Is there anything, in a physical sense, that is different between kneeling at a mercy seat or going and standing in the corner? No. Culturally, however, they have different meanings in a Salvation Army setting. One means little to nothing, the other General Albert Orsborn described as the "crowning glory of God's favour on The Salvation Army" (cited in *Called to be God's People*, page 23).

Coming forward and kneeling at a mercy seat in an Army meeting is one ritual whereby we experience Christ's presence in worship. Is that a bad thing? Of course not! Is Christ's presence restricted to that specific ritual? Never.

Is Christ's presence guaranteed to be felt every time we kneel at the mercy seat? Not necessarily, otherwise it would possess magical qualities.

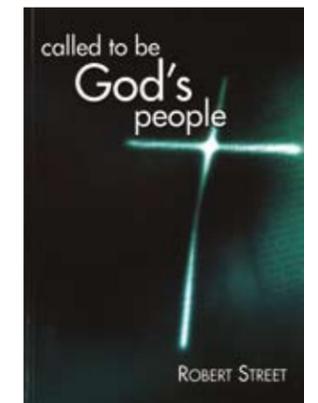
Commissioner Phil Needham summarises these two points best when he says, "No ritual can be seen as somehow necessary in order for someone to receive grace and that any ritual which faithfully conveys the Gospel and adequately allows for response is appropriate," (*Community in Mission*, page 8).

This is the freedom that Salvationists enjoy. We are free to celebrate the presence of Christ at all times and we don't have to wait for Sunday to do so, nor is it restricted to two, seven or any other number of specific rituals or ceremonies of the Church, or the Army.

The Call to Celebrate Christ's Presence invites Salvationists everywhere to recognise the promise of Jesus that he will be with his disciples always (Matt 28:20). This we believe by faith. This we believe is God's grace. This we believe is not bound by any ritual or ceremony, but neither is it excluded from them either. This we believe is available to all.

Most importantly, though, we do not take his presence for granted. It must be at the heart of our worship, our mission and the life of every Salvationist and so we celebrate it ... always.

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Call to Celebrate Christ's Presence

We call Salvationists worldwide to rejoice in our freedom to celebrate Christ's real presence at all our meals and in all our meetings, and to seize the opportunity to explore in our life together the significance of the simple meals shared by Jesus and his friends and by the first Christians. We affirm that the Lord Jesus Christ is the one true sacrament of God. His incarnation and continuing gracious presence with his people by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit is the mystery at the heart of our faith. We hear our Lord's command to remember his broken body and his outpoured blood as in our families and in our faith communities we eat and drink together. We affirm that our meals and love feasts are an anticipation of the feasts of eternity, and a participation in that fellowship which is the Body of Christ on Earth.

Mission Priorities launched



Photos: Shairon Paterson

The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory's 2020 Mission Priorities were launched last month during a Central Holiness Meeting at Sydney Congress Hall on Thursday night 6 November.

Nearly 500 Salvationists and friends witnessed the event. Territorial Commander Commissioner Linda Bond handed seven representative Salvationists envelopes containing the priorities who then announced them.

Seven large banners were raised as each priority was greeted with loud applause and cheers from the crowd.

Earlier, Commissioner Bond had explained that the priorities came out of approximately 400 submissions from people throughout Eastern Australia. They had responded to her call for Salvationists, younger and older, to name what they thought the Army's priorities should be in the 21st century and as it headed towards the year 2020.

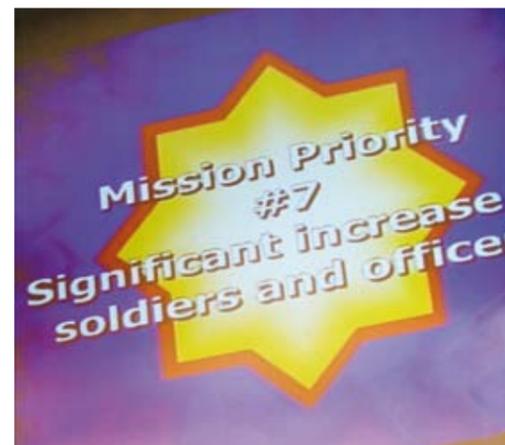
Recommendations from previous years' conferences and consultations were also taken into account, as was feedback from over 1600 officers and employees who had responded to a recent survey.

The focus of the meeting was holiness of life that the commissioner said was nothing short of "Christlikeness". Why do you think the first of the seven priorities is "a territory marked by prayer and holiness", she asked, rhetorically. Because effectiveness in every other area of Christian life and witness flows from the quality of our life with Christ and the Spirit of Christ, she stressed.

The meeting had begun with music and song from Hurstville band and Parramatta songsters. Lieutenant-Colonel Ian Hamilton (Divisional Commander, Sydney East and Illawarra) welcomed the large crowd and Lieut-Colonel James Condon (Chief Secretary) led the powerful song *O Thou God of Full Salvation*.

Rouse Hill worship team led further worship singing and Juanita McMillan prayed, Joanne Catalano testified and Jill Entwistle read from the Scriptures. The meeting ended with the rousing singing of *O Boundless Salvation* - all seven verses.

The Mission Priorities will also be launched during the Commissioning weekend in Brisbane this month.



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Time for some real evangelism

Last month The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory launched its seven new Mission Priorities. Major Peter Farthing looks at Mission Priority Two.

Captain Ray Lotty has an arresting message for Salvationists. He gave it at The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory's 2020 Summit in September, and repeated it during recent Sydney officers' councils.

"In The Salvation Army today," Ray said, "we are very good at pre-evangelism but not nearly so good at real evangelism."

Interestingly, Major Sharon Clanfield of the Army's Territorial Mission Team, makes a similar point when she says: "We are good at outreach but not evangelism."

Ray is Corps Officer at Maitland Corps. He spoke at officers councils as the territory's new Mission Priorities for the territory were highlighted. The second priority is: "Our whole territory - in every place - involved in evangelism."

We do very well at "people caring", Ray claimed. We serve suffering humanity well. And we make good links with the community; thousands come through our doors every week. If pre-evangelism is making contacts for Jesus we do it with style. But it isn't evangelism.

Earlier this year Commissioner Linda Bond invited the territory to send in nominations for mission priorities. Among the hundreds of submissions, definite themes stood out. When we got to the second big theme, this idea of bringing people to Christ, the territory's Mission and Policy Council searched for the right word to drive it.

We considered the word "mission", but "mission" is too broad. Christian mission includes all the sails on the ship - compassionate caring, salt-and-light living, teaching, and social action. But evangelism, that brilliantly coloured main sail, is a unique dimension of mission.

What about the word "connect"? No, too narrow. You can connect but never tell about Jesus. Thankfully, the New Testament's Philip did not merely connect with the Ethiopian, he evangelised, shared Jesus with him.

So the word "connect" is useful but it misses the deeper meaning of evangelism. It fails to express the truth, the story in evangelism. Evangelist John Stott said, "It would be impossible to preach the Christian good news without talking about Jesus." Evangelism happens when I connect and when I tell about Jesus.

When the first Christians did it they had a story to tell. They had truth to communicate. They called it the Good News. This is how evangelist Michael Cassidy summarises it:

1. One event: The Jesus Event (Acts 8:35) - his life, death, resurrection and return

2. Two offers:

- forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38a)
- the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38b)

3. Three demands: The Kingdom is at hand (Mark 1:15a), therefore:

- repent
- believe
- follow

4. Four relationships:

- with God (Ephesians 2:4-6; 1 Peter 2:9,10)
- with oneself (Matthew 22:39)
- with the Church (Acts 2:47)
- with the world (Mark 16:15)

Our whole territory - in every place - involved in evangelism. Well, you have to communicate for the 21st century and do so in ways that are culturally and contextually relevant.

Every place involved in evangelism. That means every Salvationist needs to know and understand the Good News and how to share it. Which means we must do Christian education. Our preaching needs to teach the Gospel in all its facets.

Every corps, every centre, every store involved in evangelism: therefore every place must have resources in place to connect - and to tell.

When he was our Territorial Commander, General John Gowans (R) urged every corps to have at least one event every week which was specifically for evangelism: that's a goal worth revisiting.

Just what that event would look like is for each corps to work out. The same goes for centres - we each have to discover a way to evangelise. The Mission Priorities don't prescribe details but give direction. You and I have the freedom to make it happen where we are.

A critic once attacked the evangelist DL Moody over his methods of evangelism. Moody answered, "Well I prefer the way I do it to the way you don't do it." Do it however you like, but let's all go beyond outreach and do real evangelism.



Major Peter Farthing is Secretary for Personnel for The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory

The money pit of despair

Soaring demand for The Salvation Army's Moneycare financial counselling in the past 12 months has forced the service to turn away half the people who call for help. KENT ROSENTHAL reports that the worsening crisis has led to a call for the expansion of Moneycare

Moneycare's territorial consultant Tony Devlin says even without the recent global financial crisis, the flow of people experiencing money troubles would have continued to surge, and figures show the situation is likely to get worse.

To deal with this increasing demand, he says The Salvation Army must continue setting up Moneycare facilities around Australia through corps and divisions which can raise a hand to sponsor and administer new centres.

The Australia Eastern Territory offers the service in 24 locations – at 21 centres and three outreach locations – conducting more than 5000 financial counselling sessions a year and fielding more than 10,000 telephone calls.

There are also two small centres in The Southern Territory in the Melbourne

suburbs of Camberwell and Box Hill.

"There are areas where we don't have any services at all and it would be great to fill in a couple of those dots. But even where there are services there's still a strong demand. Virtually wherever you put a service the demand is there. We don't tend to promote the services too much because it just gets swamped as it is," Mr Devlin says.

"We've got Moneycare services financed through corps, through deceased estates, through government funding, or through private sponsorship. It can be driven through the corps, the division or territorially."

A service was launched recently at Maroochydore, on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, which Mr Devlin says was driven by the passion and vision of a local corps officer, Captain Ken Brindley. Another service started in Townsville supported

by the Central and North Queensland Divisional Headquarters and a local donor, and a new service opened this year at Foster House, in Sydney's Surry Hills, with funds provided by the NSW Office of Fair Trading.

"It's been a year of a lot of development for Moneycare. There's been some government funding opportunities come up which we've been fairly successful at and there's been those other ones like Maroochydore and Townsville," Mr Devlin says.

Most Moneycare locations consist of one financial counsellor and are typically intermingled with other Salvation Army services. Mr Devlin says the sharing of facilities is a strength because it gives clients ready access to the Army's other community and emergency relief services.

"There's a need all over Australia and beyond with the way things are at the

moment. But we'd like to see more centres in rural and regional areas of Queensland and NSW, and wherever the need is. The need is great everywhere and certainly in Parramatta, which is our biggest centre and where Moneycare started, they're getting around 40 calls a day. We can probably help about half of those because of our resources."

In northern NSW a roving Moneycare outreach service for the region's towns has been forced to expand.

"The demand is really overwhelming and it was nearly too much for one person to service. Once the word gets out and people realise there's help around, the service just gets swamped. Fortunately we've now got three additional people training at a course in Kempsey," Mr Devlin says.

Same underlying causes

While collapsing world markets are fuelling personal financial woes, Mr Devlin says the underlying issues have been the same for the past 10 or 20 years – which include unemployment, underemployment, lack of job stability, workplace injuries, illness with loss of income and increased medical expenses, relationship breakdowns, mental illness, irresponsible lending, guarantees and addiction.

"It's often people who are just

struggling on low incomes to make ends meet – people who may not be bad financial managers but just have low incomes. They are people who have been perhaps talked into inappropriate loans and finance deals and the purchase of inappropriate assets, products and services – the typical one being the dodgy second-hand dealer who up-sells a person into a car they can't really afford and with some very expensive finance and insurance attached," he says.

"With illness, when someone gets sick or injured and loses their job, there are increased medical costs. With workplace injuries, people end up on workers' compensation which is quite inadequate. In relationship breakdowns typically the male takes off and leaves the female with lower income and joint debts. Often there are addictions – drugs, gambling, alcohol and combinations thereof. There are mental health issues and all the underlying social issues we've had for ages."

Add all this to a still-easy access to debt through credit cards, mortgages and predatory loans such as payday and fringe loans, and people find themselves in deep trouble very quickly. Moneycare is seeing more debt per client than ever before.

"We've had rare situations where people might have up to \$1 million worth of debt – usually a big mortgage, a series of credit cards and perhaps a car. There's

been a lot of talk globally about the ease of access to credit, but it's still far too easy.

"It seems we haven't had the depth of problems as the United States but we've had trouble here with mortgage and finance brokers getting people into loans that are beyond their capacity. All these issues create a very difficult financial situation for people on low incomes who have very few options. They can't sell a whole heap of assets and they can't do much with their income.

"Often when we review people's budgets there's not a lot that can be done because they are just living in fairly simple circumstances."

Counselling process

Financial counselling is an in-depth case-work process rather than a brief visit. Typically, it requires between three to six visits over a period of time to get people back on track. Some people can be assisted over the phone with certain types of information or by referring them to other services.

Mr Devlin says finding solutions for clients requires huge time resources. The draconian ramifications of the legal debt recovery process can also create problems and anxiety for clients, particularly in NSW where the system is harsher than some other states.

"Apart from the continual harassing



NSW Minister for Community Services (former Minister for Fair Trading) Linda Burney addresses trainee financial counsellors at the School for Leadership Training at Stanmore in Sydney's inner west. Also, to her left, is the Moneycare principal trainer Mita Mitra.

phone calls from creditors, lenders and debt collectors – which can really cause a great deal of stress and anxiety for people – once people get into the legal system they can end up with a garnishee on their wages leaving them with about \$300 a week to live on, with rent and food and everything coming out of that.

“They can end up with the sheriff on their doorstep wanting to take away things like couches, televisions, washing machines, microwaves – that’s fairly serious when people can walk out your front door with those things after going through a legal process,” Mr Devlin says.

Last financial year there were 32,000 bankruptcy administrations in Australia,

also do a basic counselling course and undergo a traineeship period with an accredited financial counsellor as mentor. After a year’s traineeship they become accredited and start to see clients on their own. Moneycare trained 20 people earlier this year. Other organisations also run financial counselling courses.

Mr Devlin says life experience is important for a counsellor.

“We often get people who come in to work for us in their 30s, 40s and 50s and that’s good because they have good life experience to bring. The main thing is that people have an empathy and understanding for people’s issues. We prefer people persons rather than just

bring at different times in the process.

“Most clients are stressed and anxious and some can be suicidal so we have to be very careful in the initial assessment. We like to spend a lot of time with the client to see where they are up to and what the underlying causes of problems may be. We also look for referrals to other services – addiction or relationship counselling perhaps.”

Moneycare aims to work with people rather than doing tasks for them, Mr Devlin says, so a key part of the process is education and imparting life skills and knowledge.

“The best thing a client can ultimately say to us is, ‘look, I don’t need your help



Moneycare financial counsellors on completion of the course in July are: Back row: Frances Carlow, Judith Gabbay, Samantha Bramall, Peter Jalady, Debbie Moyle. Middle row: Dallah Hunter, Shelley Ashe, Kathryn Swinton, Suzan Koleda, Susan Hargreaves, Sandra McCutcheon. Front row: Tony Devlin, Bridget Coltman, Rose Kissing, Jennifer Blanch, Mita Mitra, Janet Simpson, Sandra Burke, Lousie McCourt and Vispi Irani.

a record number.

“People do desperate things to keep the ship afloat – using credit cards to fund the mortgage, to pay the rent and to buy food. As long as they do that the situation just can’t keep going for long and they build up a huge amount of debt which they can’t service,” Mr Devlin says.

“Our demand is at higher levels than we’ve ever had but we are not seeing more people because we can only see a limited number of people based on the services we have. If we had more services and more trained financial counsellors we could help more people.”

Counsellor qualifications

Moneycare’s financial counsellors do an initial financial training course one day a week for between six to 12 months, depending on previous experience. They

a financial type of person. We can give a people person the financial skills but it’s sometimes hard to do the other way round. We want people who have a heart for the job but who have an understanding in a very non-judgmental, non-directive way for the people they are working with.

“It’s definitely not just a matter of getting the figures right. You need counselling skills and that’s usually the initial part of the work, but then you’ve got to move into financial assessment – seeing where their budget is up to, reviewing their debts and assessing what their capacity to repay is.

“You’ve really got to put your advocate’s hat on because we often act on a client’s behalf to renegotiate repayment plans with creditors and seek waivers of debts in extenuating circumstances. So there are different skills and attitudes we

any more, I can go and do this myself’. We find that people respond better in that way and can get involved in the process of helping themselves.”

Anyone interested in starting a Moneycare service or becoming a financial counsellor can contact Tony Devlin on 02 9266 9587. Also see www.salvos.org.au/need-help/financial-troubles/financial-counselling.php



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Moneycare territorial consultant Tony Devlin

Financial difficulties

How it can happen:

- Job loss
- Relationship breakdown
- Pregnancy
- Addiction
- Overwhelming debt burden
- Family illness
- Inability to budget

What you can do:

- Put together a budget (See budget planner at www.fido.gov.au)
- Prioritise your bills
- Contact your creditors
- Make an appointment with a financial counsellor

Getting Advice

- Initial assessment
- Financial assessment
- Debt assessment
- Repayment plan
- Other options

Staying Ahead

- Educate yourself (www.fido.gov.au)
- Monitor your situation

MORE HELP

The Australian Financial Counselling and Credit Reform Association lists full contact details for financial counselling associations based in each state at www.afccra.org

NSW

Credit and Debt Hotline: 1800 808 488 or 02 9212 4111
Financial Counsellors’ Association of New South Wales:
www.financialcounsellors.asn.au

ACT

Moneycare ACT: 02 6247 1340

Queensland

Financial Counsellors Association of Queensland:
07 3321 3192





Majors Peter and Jean Ridley are preparing for another successful Christmas bush mission. Photos: Robert Chappel



Catherine Driver shares her story in *Braver, Stronger, Wiser*.



Christmas care shines bright

By Naomi Singlehurst

While many Australians will enjoy their usual Christmas celebrations, for many others, who are desperately fighting to make ends meet, the festive season will be a time of intense struggle.

This year has seen drastic increases in housing and living costs, and the incomes of many self-funded retirees decimated. Rural areas – where more than 70 per cent of NSW and 50 per cent of Queensland remain in drought, and diesel and fertiliser costs have skyrocketed – continue to be particularly hard hit.

In response, this Christmas The Salvation Army – with enormous support from thousands of Australians – hopes to provide more than \$10 million worth of food vouchers, hampers and toys to those in need.

The Salvation Army will also provide Christmas lunch to more than 8000 people, and 9000 beds to the homeless, and those in crisis, aged care and rehabilitation (nationally).

Salvation Army rural chaplains are planning a series of visits and events to bring Christmas cheer to struggling

communities across NSW, ACT and Queensland.

“This will be another good Christmas for many people but unfortunately there are others who are daily struggling to put food on the table and ... struggling to make decisions about whether they feed the family or pay the electricity bill,” Salvation Army Christmas Appeal Director Major Gary Masters says

“Some of those people 10 years ago, maybe even two years ago, were quite happily making ends meet. They are the ones who are going to be deciding whether they can buy Christmas gifts for the children – whether they can put on a Christmas meal at all.”

Enormous strength

Despite the hardships many are experiencing, Major Masters says Australians often show enormous strength and care to others during times of disaster and hardship.

“The way Australians care for others is always inspiring,” he says. “We will be relying on our loyal supporters more than ever this year.”

Across western NSW this Christmas, a team of more than 30 Salvation Army volunteers headed by rural chaplains Majors Peter and Jean Ridley, will visit townships such as Walgett and Bourke, bringing much-needed support and cheer as they seek to reflect the love of Jesus.

The team was shocked during last year’s Christmas bush mission by the extent of rural poverty they witnessed, and expect it will be worse this year.

Divisional Commander for the Greater West Division, Major John Rees, who joined the team for the mission, was particularly affected.

“In our work for The Salvation Army, we’ve sat in a bush hut in Papua New Guinea and eaten a corn cob for Christmas. We’ve been in Russia and seen kids take one sweet off a tree as their Christmas present. But to visit areas like Bourke in NSW and hear about people’s hardships at Christmas – I never thought we would hear those types of stories as typical outside a Third-World country,” he said.

“The struggles we saw were confronting and shocking, yet the strength

we saw in people was, in equal measure, incredibly inspiring.”

One memorable encounter for Major Rees was talking to a farming family which was planning to sit down and share a small packet of ice blocks on Christmas Day.

“There were to be no presents and no special treats, but they were not complaining,” he says.

“We were able to give the kids a small present each and they were just thrilled.

“We also heard about some drovers – a husband and wife with two teenage kids – who had been doing it really tough on the road for years. We went out to visit them, chatted a bit and at the end we gave the woman a small pamper pack – just a few bits of shampoo and hand cream – and the kids a Christmas parcel. And you know, that tough, resilient woman just broke down and wept with gratitude.

“We saw hundreds of people and they were overwhelmed that we had come to visit them, and so many said ‘please come again next year, don’t worry about bringing presents with you, just come back, please come ...’”

Salvos gift to rural Australia

By Naomi Singlehurst

This Christmas/New Year, The Salvation Army will give 500,000 rural Australian households a new DVD produced especially to help people in rural communities recognise and deal with depression.

Produced by the Army, *Braver, Stronger, Wiser* aims both to celebrate the life and resilience of rural Australia, and to help counter disturbing suicide statistics coming out of many farming communities.

The DVD will be mailed to more than 50,000 of Australia’s most remote households who have access to few or no medical or counselling services. It will also be distributed through rural GP networks, Salvation Army centres and rural chaplains, and by beyondblue, the national depression initiative.

Braver, Stronger, Wiser shares the stories of four people living in rural and remote Australia who have struggled with – and sought help to manage – various forms of depression.

It features a range of resources including emergency contact numbers, a link to The Salvation Army’s Hope for Life online suicide prevention training program, and much more.

“The whole purpose of the DVD really is to save lives, and to get across

the message that there is hope, and there is help available,” Anna Rudd, manager of The Salvation Army’s Dream Films and producer of the DVD, says.

Catherine Driver, a single mother who owns and runs a remote 70,000-acre property 130km from Charleville in Queensland, is one of the four Australians who share their stories on the DVD.

Catherine’s descent into depression began when she was pregnant with her third child and was living on a remote property in western Queensland.

“I was healthy, I was strong ... I don’t know what happened, but that’s when I started to feel like I couldn’t cope,” she says.

“I can remember when I was pregnant standing at the back door [looking out] ... I can remember thinking I just wanted to end it.”

Catherine was eventually diagnosed with bipolar disorder. Just days before filming began on the DVD, Catherine lost her home in a fire. Incredibly, she wanted to go ahead with filming.

“Catherine was passionate about getting the message out to others that there is indeed hope, even when life seems darkest,” says Anna.

A life-changing experience

After a process of prayerful decision-making, **VIRGINIA FREW** packed her bags and set off on a mission training experience in Ghana. Here she tells her story ...

Nothing could have prepared us for the journey God had in mind for our *Project 1:8* mission team trip to Ghana.

Upon arriving in the capital Accra, we were met by Salvation Army officers before setting off for the Salvation Army complex in Begoro, eastern Ghana.

The four-hour trip was in itself an experience, filled with people selling all manner of goods from the roadside. On arrival we were greeted with a warm Ghanaian welcome of song, prayers, laughter, speeches and praise. The children's smiles and handshakes melted my heart.

The Salvation Army centre at Begoro is a large citadel of red mud brick with a rusty tin roof. The corps folk had replaced one of the decaying mud brick walls with cement bricks. They had no resources other than their deep faith in God, so we presented them with donations from our home corps to rebuild the citadel.

The complex includes a Salvation Army school, maternity ward, baby health clinic, and an outpatient clinic where people with a variety of illnesses

are treated. There is also a rehabilitation centre for children with cerebral palsy, polio paralysis, hydrocephalus, muscular dystrophy, leg weakness, spina bifida and other disabilities.

Woman of God

The complex is managed by occupational therapist Katherine Dale, a Salvationist from Ryde Corps in Sydney. The centre treats around 30 in-patients a month aged between one week and 20 years old. For children older than five, the daily schedule includes prayers, twice-daily exercise, school, walking, stretching, dressing and washing. Children receive three meals a day to ensure optimum nutrition.

Children under five are admitted with their mothers and attend group exercise, which the mums learn so they can continue it at home. We spent a lot of time helping the children and mothers in rehab, building friendships, connections and praying with them.

Katherine is a special woman. She meets the children's needs physically, but also shows them love that comes from her deep devotion to Jesus. It's clear that



Virginia Frew plays with a young boy at The Salvation Army in Begoro. Photo: Paul Mergard



(Clockwise from top) Virginia Frew (left) with team members (back row) Paul Mergard, Matthew Cairns and Lorraine Henley, and (front row) Ngaire Beckett, Sarah-Jane Allen and Sharron Jones; Ngaire Beckett tries out carrying goods Ghana-style; the mission team with some of their new Ghanaian friends; Matthew Cairns and Sarah-Jane Allen get their hands dirty helping out on a building project. All photos: Paul Mergard

the Holy Spirit is working through her in a mighty way. The Salvation Army is blessed to have this woman of God working for it.

I experienced many things on the mission, but one day in particular I'll never forget is when I went on home visitation. The poverty I witnessed was overwhelming. The houses looked like something not even our homeless would dwell in, but the families made us feel so welcome.

Despite desperate circumstances, they showed faith in the love of God. It was very humbling. I found myself calling on God's help. Each time God gave me what I needed to show his incredible love – never in my own strength.

One family living in particularly squalid conditions painted "God Please Help Us" over their doorway two days before we visited. The family consisted of a woman caring for her two orphaned grandchildren.

The grandmother had no way of earning an income because her leg had been broken after she was hit a motorbike. Her 20-year-old grandson had cerebral palsy and also suffered from extreme malnutrition. He was unable to even sit for any period of time. We prayed for him with passion. One of the officers with us told the family about the services at the clinic. The family immediately made an appointment for the grandson and his grandmother. They were grateful God had answered their prayers.

At the end of each day I reflected on my experiences to help me understand what God wanted me to do. I can no longer simply do nothing and continue living the same way after what I encountered that day.

Inspirational message

We enjoyed some really wonderful times with the children and mothers at the rehab clinic. We also had some great times with the children of the local corps. The young people show a real desire to worship Jesus at the youth service three evenings a week. Most play timbrels as they sing, dance, praise God, pray and have a wonderful time.

At our last youth service our mission team leader, Paul Mergard, offered an inspirational message to the children. Paul invited them to deepen their relationship with Jesus and the response was magnificent. The Holy Spirit was at work in these children's hearts.

Many lives were changed that night and it was the beginning of many youngsters starting a true and lasting relationship with Jesus. About 30 young people received salvation that night.

During training week at The Collaroy Centre in the lead-up to the trip, we wrote a letter to ourselves about our expectations and how we hoped God would help us. When I read my letter two months later, I was overwhelmed that God had answered all my requests, even beyond my expectations.

I witnessed faith that can move mountains, and God showed me how I can develop that type of faith. God pushed me out of my comfort zone and accomplished through me, much more than I thought possible. He blessed me every day, showing me that all things are possible with him. Although I already knew this, it was confirmed in my heart when I saw it first-hand.

When this journey began for me I really didn't know what to expect. I felt nervous and inadequate. Perhaps I didn't realise how big our God is or how enormous his love is for us. God took me on an amazing journey that changed me forever.

The Project 1:8 mission team members to Ghana were: Paul Mergard (leader), Matthew Cairns (Rockdale Corps), Lorraine Henley (Port Macquarie Corps), Ngaire Beckett (Earlwood Corps), Sharron Jones (Townsville Assembly of God), Sarah-Jane Allen (Sydney Church of Christ) and Virginia Frew (Shoalhaven Corps).

Project 1:8 is based on Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea, and in all Samaria and to the ends of the earth." For more information visit www.missionteam.salvos.org.au



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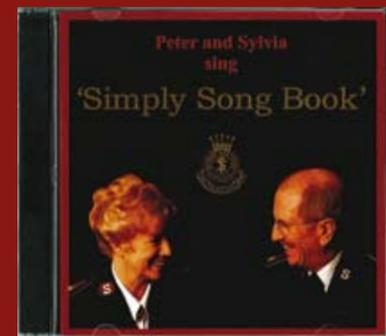
Rock of Ages - The New York Staff Band Sings

This compilation recording celebrates four decades of vocal music under the leadership of Major Thomas Mack. From Vernon Post's elegant *Introit* through Mack's wide range of arrangements and finally to the band's Alma mater and benediction, *Rock of Ages*, this CD stands as testimony to the band's effective singing throughout Mack's distinguished leadership.



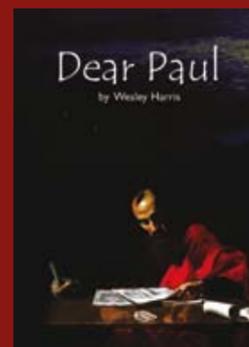
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Peter and Sylvia sing 'Simply Song Book'

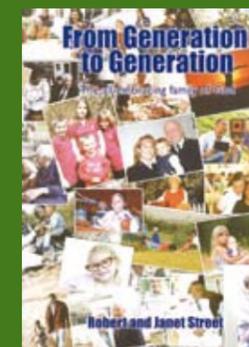
Colonels Peter and Sylvia Dalziel sing some of the classics from The Salvation Army song book including:
A Sunbeam, A wonderful Saviour, Gentle Jesus, Hundreds and Thousands, I've Found a Friend in Jesus, Jesus Bids us Shine, Jesus Loves Me, and My Jesus, I love Thee.



Dear Paul

by Commissioner Wesley Harris

The author experienced a vivid dream in which he was writing a letter to the Apostle Paul. Over time, that dream became a reality and now, Commissioner Wesley Harris' 79 letters have been brought together in this book.



From Generation to Generation The all-embracing family of God

by Commissioners Robert and Janet Street

"The Salvation Army family has its own God-given role to play in the world. To achieve this to the best effect, every generation has to play its part. *From Generation to Generation* shows how mutually-supportive connectedness between generations is rooted in Scripture and is God's will for His world."

MISSION PRIORITIES UPDATE

Doing whatever it takes

By Major Miriam Gluyas

The Kingdom is advancing! God is at work! God's people are finding out where he is at work, and partnering up with him! That's good news and I believe every Salvationist would want to be part of that.

So will we do whatever it takes to see that happen? What are we talking about when we say "doing whatever it takes" in the 2020 venture?

We're talking about doing whatever it takes to save souls, grow saints, and serve suffering humanity.

There are many places taking on the challenge and we want to share with you what is happening.

Hannam Vale

Randall and Glenda Brown are "doing whatever it takes" people, growing a corps planting movement in northern NSW.

Tired of seeing churches being "invisible" in the community, they went to a rural village called Hannam Vale to build a church with community impact. The faithful prayers of those who had gone before bore fruit, souls were saved, the Army outpost grew and is now a corps with a building constructed with the volunteer help of that community.

God then spoke to Randall and Glenda about taking church to a network of villages in the region. Work began at Moorland with Scripture classes and Kids Club. Hannam Vale was then invited to start a church in that village and Moorland Salvos now has a dedicated leadership team that is building relationships for the Kingdom.

Developers at Harrington recently invited Randall and Glenda to start a church in a new shopping centre. They'd build the church and the Salvos could run it. Early in September, Sunday morning services commenced with a local leadership team now in place.

Randall and Glenda have a map of the region that has pictures of grassfires (i.e future plants) on it. They believe

mission is all about the transformation of a community town by town, church by church, soul by soul.

Auburn

Auburn is a corps that is 110 years old. It has a proud history, but almost 10 years ago something happened that changed the corps forever.

The community was becoming very multicultural; the nations were moving into Auburn, but the corps didn't represent this cultural shift.

Then one night, a family from Sierra Leone saw the cross, heard the singing and came to The Salvation Army Auburn. They were to make the Salvos their church home.

From that point on, the message of the corps didn't change, but the methods did. Some things didn't work in that community anymore. SAGALA didn't, but Kids Club did. Often 100 kids would turn up to the park to play football, draw pictures, hear the Gospel and share in a sausage sizzle.

It was difficult to continue songsters. Instead, African choirs developed. The people of the corps did things differently.

The corps grew quickly, almost tripling in size. Over 17 different cultures now worship together. Muslims have become Christians. People have moved in to support the poor and marginalised. The Kingdom is advancing!

William Booth House

The Salvation Army's Recovery Service centres are not just places where people in addiction learn to be free from substance abuse. They are places where lives are transformed. They are as much a church as any of our corps are.

This is where many of the participants and their families meet God for the first time, or turn back to God and rekindle a once lost relationship with Christ.

Exciting things are happening at William Booth House. Up to 150 participants, visitors and staff

attend chapel twice each week. The congregation is one that sings with gusto, participates with spontaneous, heartfelt prayer and people share openly and honestly from the depths of their very being.

During a Sunday morning meeting in September, God broke in before the message had finished. The message was about standing up for Christ and turning our belief into action. From the front row one man stood and said, "I'll stand up!". About 40 others joined him. Men and women were led in the sinner's prayer.

We believe that in the not-too-distant future, we will have stories flowing in every week because we have partnered with God and kept "doing whatever it takes" to see the Kingdom advance.



Major Miriam Gluyas is Chair of the 2020 Task Force. For further information go to www.salvos.org.au/2020

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.



Photo: Shairon Paterson

THE TRAVELLING WOODBURYS

By Bill Simpson

There are some Salvation Army officers of whom it is said: "They will never retire." Majors Errol and Dorothy Woodbury are among those officers.

Nine years into retirement, the Woodburys have proven the predictions about them to be accurate.

Now in their mid-70s, Majors Errol and Dot Woodbury have spent the past nine years as unpaid chaplains to the Christian Venues Association (formerly Christian Camping International Australia).

They provide support, encouragement, teaching and whatever else is appropriate to hundreds of staff at more than 70 sites throughout NSW. They train others to become camp chaplains.

The job takes them on a 30,000km missionary adventure each year. Their personal caravan is always packed, ready for the next emergency call or organised visit.

"We try to visit each site at least twice a year, especially those in the more remote areas," Major Errol says.

"The opportunities to minister are immense. A lot of sites are operated by husband and wife, so there isn't much

opportunity for them to get to church at weekends, which is the busiest part of the week for most of these places.

"We go in and encourage them and support them. We also get called in to support staff when there has been a critical incident on site; things like drownings, maybe a fire, or some unpleasantness.

"Lots of these sites are run by churches, so it's helpful for staff to have a neutral person come in and work through issues with them.

"You're not past your use-by date just because The Salvation Army retires you."

"We also get involved in training staff and leading devotions at conferences. There is a lot of personal satisfaction in what we do."

The Salvation Army's Collaroy Centre is one of the venues which receives the benefit of the Woodburys' ministry.

In addition to the camp ministry, the Woodburys continue to play their part as soldiers of Sydney Congress Hall Corps.

Major Errol plays in the Sydney Congress Hall Band – as well as the Sydney Veterans Band. He also provides support to police chaplaincy – a significant role he played for many years in active officership.

The Woodburys also provide substantial support to a Salvation Army-inspired caravan mission to country areas of NSW, ministering to small corps and communities. They are often invited to lead meetings and other events throughout the Australia Eastern Territory.

"You're not past your use-by date just because The Salvation Army retires you," Major Errol says.

"Our calling has never ceased since we took it up. We are still called to serve while we can.

"There are a lot of officers in retirement who would love to get the opportunities to continue their calling in some way or another."

Working for a brighter future

The Salvation Army's Employment Plus has become the first job service provider in the country to provide a full-time presence in a remote Indigenous community. As **LAUREN MARTIN** reports, it's a major step along the road to reconciliation between The Salvation Army and Australia's first inhabitants

The community of Woorabinda – Woori to the locals – is 170km south-west of Rockhampton in central Queensland. Stereotyped by the local media as a place of substance abuse and riots, the 900-strong population is wary of outsiders – even those who say they want to help.

But with unemployment in the community five times the national average, Woorabinda leaders decided to invite a range of job service providers to a meeting last year to see what could be done. Terry Kelleher, from The Salvation Army's Employment Plus service, recalls the nervous anticipation he felt in the lead-up to the meeting.

"There was a little bit of concern from the community with regards to the original stolen generation and our [the Army's] involvement in that ...," he says.

On the day of the meeting, Terry presented Woorabinda elders with a plaque that recognised the stolen generation. He also gave them one that recognised the flags of Australia, including the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. Terry's eyes well up

with tears as he recalls the response.

"I spoke to Auntie Rose who was one of the elders and she said to me, 'look, don't worry about the past. The past is in the past, we can't change that. But if you can give a future to our children, we want you there'."

That simple yet powerful statement marked the start of The Salvation Army's partnership with Woorabinda, the first time it had been invited into the area since the remote community was established in 1927.

Terry immediately set about establishing a full-time Employment Plus presence in Woorabinda. "One of the things we didn't want to do is pay lip service to service delivery," Terry says.

An Employment Plus office was set up which provided residents with access to a consultant five days a week as well as online job search facilities – services that are taken for granted in most Australian cities and towns.

Mining motivation

The service proved successful in helping Woorabinda residents out of work-for-

the-dole types of government-funded employment and into full-time work. But, according to Terry, "the mines, as far as we were concerned, were the big ticket. We needed to get the community to be able to find jobs within the mining industry."

The problem was, being so isolated, Woorabinda residents didn't have the opportunities to learn the skills they needed to work in such an industry. Mitch Lester, from the Mining Industry Skills Centre, explains it like this: "It's the old story, can't get a job without experience, can't get experience without a job. So there was an identified need to have an entry-level pathway to get people that had no experience into that industry."

So began a six-month process that involved a list of stakeholders as long as your arm – State and Federal government departments, private industry groups, training providers, you name it. The Salvation Army Employment Plus had the daunting task of getting all these players to the table and making sure that it resulted in

action, not just talk.

In June this year, the Mines Readiness Program was launched at the Woorabinda Skills Centre.

Nyulang Savage was one of the 60 residents who turned up to hear about the program. "Everybody was, you know, just excited that we get an opportunity to work in a mine," he said.

Of the 60 applicants, 10 were chosen to participate in the eight-week course. It started with a two-week healthy lifestyle program run by Employment Plus which Senior Consultant Robert Stewart says was aimed at getting participants job-ready.

"They needed to be educated on how to work a 12-hour shift," he says. "There was advice given on hydration, on nutrition, on general well-being. There were visits to parks for exercises, there were visits to the shopping centre and advice on what foods to buy."

Then followed six intense weeks of theory and on-the-job training.

Both mining companies involved, Anglo Coal Australia and Downer EDI Mining, have been impressed with the high quality of the participants. Before the end of the eight-week course, four had already been offered jobs and, at the time of writing, the other six were part-way through recruitment processes.

Sky the limit

Nyulang hopes to one day move into management in the mines. "The sky's the limit for me and everybody else in Woorabinda and every other Aboriginal community. The sky's the limit, you've just got to grasp it with both hands."

Mother of six Patricia Rankin is another of the graduates of the unique program. She applied for the course to give her kids a better future.

"I'm hoping to be a positive [influence] for the mothers out there at Woori and yeah, I'm doing this for them and my kids," she says.

Employment Plus is planning another Mines Readiness Course at Woorabinda. It's also hoping to roll out similar programs in other Indigenous communities across the country.

Terry Kelleher says there's a sense of renewed optimism in the community. He credits that to the willingness of residents to grasp the opportunities that have come their way.

"The Woorabinda community is taking every opportunity that's given to them. They're prepared to do the hard yards," he says.

"Our greatest reward, I think, is when the children see their parents coming home [from work] and the difference that makes to them as a family."

Earlier this year, The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory's Chief

"The sky's the limit for me and everybody else in Woorabinda."

Secretary, Lieutenant-Colonel James Condon, acknowledged that in the past, the Army hasn't done as well as it could have with regard to ministry in Indigenous communities.

"This is truly an amazing story of Employment Plus connecting in a life-changing way with an Indigenous community," he says.

"It highlights the great potential of our Employment Plus team to change lives and to bring a future and hope which this story resonates with. The repercussions of this for the Woorabinda community are exciting."

Meantime, in Woorabinda, residents are just getting on with the job of finding employment.

Town Councillor Steve Kemp believes Woorabinda is on the road to becoming the leading Aboriginal community in Queensland, "and eventually in a few years' time we might say to the government, 'we don't need your money, we can support ourselves'. That would be the greatest day ever."

Lauren Martin is a journalist with The Salvation Army's Communications Department

Photos: Jill Lounsbury

Some of the graduates of the Mines Readiness Course at Woorabinda. Photo: Jim Lounsbury



Simply Scribe

By Bill Simpson

A simple computer software package has been developed to allow all Salvation Army corps, centres and stores to easily create their own websites.

Scribe has been developed by The Salvation Army for The Salvation Army. In other words, Salvation Army Communications and Public Relations Department staff have created a product exclusively for Salvation Army corps, centres and store staff.

"Scribe is aimed at those people who can use basic computer software like email, web browser, word processing, etc," says Australia Eastern Territory On-line Communications Manager Jeremy Reynolds.

"If you can use a computer for the most basic of things, you should be able to work with Scribe. It's been developed for the most basic computer user. Even if you don't have website skills, you should, with this package, be able to easily set up and manage a website.

"But Scribe is very flexible and powerful. It does offer something for more advanced users, too."

Jeremy says staff have been developing Scribe for the past two years to ensure its simplicity and effectiveness. Its development follows high demand by corps, centres and stores for their own website, especially one they can set up and operate without having substantial IT expertise or a big budget.

"Scribe is web-based. That means nothing needs to be installed on your computer to get started. Scribe is accessed by way of a web browser, in the same way you access any other web page - such as The Salvation Army (salvos.org.au) or a newspaper.

"This avoids expensive licensing costs and means users can manage their website from any computer connected to the internet, whether in the office, at home or an internet cafe - even while in London or some other remote place.

"Scribe doesn't have user licences, so a corps, centre or store can have as many users as it likes. For example, a corps could have licences for the officers, secretary, youth pastor, children's coordinator, whoever. And each one can manage their parts of the website from wherever they

are, provided they have internet access."

The package provides professionally designed templates so that each website can look stylish, even if the site managers don't possess too much creativity. Templates can be customised to reflect the individual image of a corps, centre or store.

New templates will become available over time. Site managers with the skills can design their own sites.

Photos and files can be added and each page can be protected by password. Scribe also allows easy creation of a podcast so visitors can subscribe and download audio/video content to their own computer and iPod/phone, etc.

"Scribe uses the latest trends in on-line communication and will be continually developed to keep up with technology," says Jeremy. "For example, a Google map will be added so people can easily locate the corps, centre or store."

For more information on Scribe go to: salvos.org.au/scribe.

Jeremy suggests that for best results, update your browser to Internet Explorer 7 or Firefox 3.



Wave of growth

By LAUREN MARTIN

Salvationists at Batemans Bay, on the NSW South Coast, are riding an exhilarating wave of growth with two new ministries opening in nearby towns and construction underway on a new worship and lifestyle centre.

Before turning the first sod at the construction site on 10 November, Captain Emma Johnson, Corps Officer at Batemans Bay, told the gathering that the building would be a space to benefit the community as well as a space for worship.

The new centre will open late next year and sit at the heart of a rapidly expanding Salvation Army ministry in the region.

In Ulladulla to the north, Salvationists were overwhelmed by the numbers attending the opening of the Mission and Family Store on 9 November. The centre is run by Cadets Linda and Bill Pierpoint and overseen by Batemans Bay Corps.

With the worship space full, extra seating was set up outside for more than 100 residents, volunteers and Salvationists from Batemans Bay and Nowra. For Salvationists Dave and Betty Bartlett the opening of the store was an answer to prayer. "We've been living here since April 1988 and ever since then we've been hoping and praying and asking for The Salvation Army to have a presence in this very needy town," Mr Bartlett said.

The mission consists of the family store (a multipurpose space also used for Sunday worship), a crisis assistance office, and counselling room. In the first few weeks of opening, team leaders had signed up nearly 50 local volunteers eager to learn more about the Army. Men's and women's bible studies have been launched.

A full-time Army presence has also been established in Moruya, south of Batemans Bay. As well as a family store and crisis assistance office, ACT and South NSW Divisional Leaders Majors Rodney and Leonie Ainsworth recently opened a Salvation Army Information Technology Centre.

"I'd like to acknowledge all the work that's been put in to making the facilities what they are today," Major Rodney Ainsworth said. "They're certainly suitable, useable and they will make a contribution to the presentation and witness of The Salvation Army in the community."

Captain Ben Johnson, Corps Officer at Batemans Bay, said



Captains Ben and Emma Johnson turn the first sod at the construction site of the Batemans Bay Worship and Lifestyle Centre.

the IT centre was set up to meet a need in the community.

"It is an identified skills shortage in the area," he said. "Internet access and computer skills generally are not things that are common amongst the population so we're trying to make the opportunity there for people to be able to access those things."

In Batemans Bay Corps news, Salvationist Terri Peisley, who coordinates crisis assistance at Moruya, was presented with a certificate for 20 years' service to the Army. At the same meeting Captain Ben Johnson enrolled two junior soldiers, Brock and Shaniah Birnie, and two corps cadets, Rebecca Parrish and Makayla Simmons.

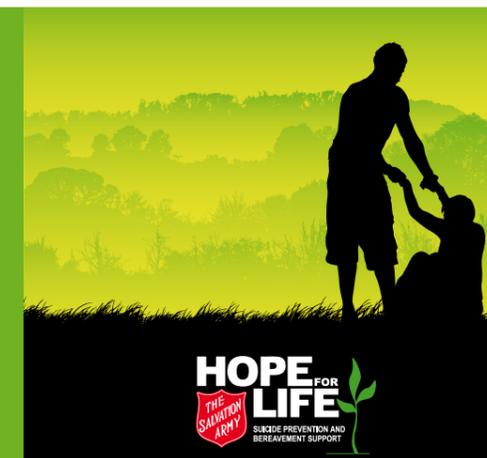
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Unemployed aiming for the skies

The Salvation Army Employment Plus (TSAEP) has initiated a major push to increase the number of Indigenous Australians working in the airline industry - with Brisbane playing a central role.

TSAEP is working with Co-operative Change, Qantas, Jetstar and Spotless (which has airport catering, cleaning and security contracts) to attract more Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders into the aviation and airport sectors.

"Indigenous Australians represent a great talent pool but willing workers are often held back by one or two hurdles, for example a lack of access to transport or lack of access to information," said TSAEP's Kirrilee Trist.

"We approached these great companies because we knew they were looking for staff and now, working together, we're removing some of those hurdles to really open up these opportunities - which will benefit both the individuals and companies."

Potential jobs include administration, cabin crew, trade apprentices, drivers, call centre staff, baristas, security guards, telephone sales consultants, retail staff and more.

October festival in Manly



The Manly New Life Community Centre held an October festival recently, bringing together soup kitchen patrons, volunteers (pictured above), congregation members and others. The festival had a European flavour with flags labelled with "love" in various languages and pictures of traditional landmarks.

Thuringowa City Corps renamed

(Captains Dale and Darlene Murray)



Thuringowa City Corps was renamed Townsville Riverway Corps after the amalgamation of Townsville and Thuringowa into the super city of Townsville earlier this year. Corps Officer Captain Dale Murray said corps members were invited to suggest new names. The newly-named corps headquarters is pictured above.

"We believe that this new name is exciting, modern, and fresh which accurately reflects the future direction of our corps," Captain Murray said. "While Riverway is not a suburb as such, it is a location which is clearly identifiable in the Townsville area. The Riverway precinct consists of swimming lagoons, parks, sporting ovals and a gallery arts centre, and is located on the banks of the Ross River in the centre of Thuringowa Central. The precinct is continually expanding with a major shopping and residential development recently approved for this area."

Captains bound for Longreach

After six years, Salvation Army Captains Merv and Maryann Dovey are about to finish their tour of duty in Bowen. The couple are heading out west to Longreach in the first week of January, newspapers in north Queensland reported. Bowen's band of Salvation Army volunteers held an early Christmas dinner recently at the North Queensland Cruising Yacht Club to farewell them.

Even an aircraft being turned back and no hire car being available at Mackay Airport could not stop former Family Store manager Pam Giles from attending the occasion.

Ms Giles, who now lives in Brisbane, commandeered a friend and her car in Mackay for the dash to Bowen for the farewell. Captain Dovey said he and Maryann were looking forward to the challenge Longreach would present. But they were also sad to leave Bowen.

He said he understood they had the distinction of being the longest-serving Salvation Army representatives in the town.

Salvo Care Line celebrates 25 years

By KENT ROSENTHAL

Salvo Care Line has only been off the air for just one hour throughout its 25-year history, and that was during its shift from Sydney's Surry Hills in 2006 to bigger premises at Five Dock where the base of 140 volunteers answered 63,000 calls last year.

At the anniversary thanksgiving in Chatswood in October, The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory Commander Commissioner Linda Bond recognised the contribution of telephone counsellors and presented a certificate to honour Barbara Parish who had been a volunteer during the entire 25 years.

The gathering heard about the vision of Envoy Allan Staines who established the 24-hour telephone counselling service in his home in 1993 because he was concerned people not only suffered problems during the day, but also at night.

Care Line coordinator Yvonne Dewar said the service had grown exponentially since those humble beginnings when there were only a few phone lines and volunteers.

Ms Dewar, who has been working for Care Line for the past 11 years, says she has witnessed big changes.

"The move out of Surry Hills was a great morale-booster for all the volunteers, because I was losing more volunteers than gaining them," she says.

"We've only been off-line for one hour in 25 years and that was when we moved to Five Dock and we had to switch the phones across - so that's a very good effort in 25 years."

Care Line's training program equips staff with a Certificate 4 in telephone counselling, the highest qualification available.



Care Line counsellor Barbara Parish, centre, is honoured by Commissioner Linda Bond, left, and Divisional Commander for Sydney East and Illawarra Lieut-Colonel Ian Hamilton for her 25-year contribution as a volunteer.

This year Ms Dewar expects the number of calls answered to surpass last year's 63,000.

"We've got a strong group of counsellors and they're all committed Christians. I think that's a really big factor," she says. Chatswood Corps' songsters and musicians supported the inspiring event.

Divisional rally fires up

Fire up is the Sydney East and Illawarra Divisional theme for 2009 and was recently launched at Sydney Congress Hall.

With music from the Sydney Youth Band, the congregation was engaged from the start in a celebration focused on



Sydney Youth band fires up the spirit at launch of the division's theme for 2009.

opportunities facing The Salvation Army.

The use of drama, fire and multimedia led by Captain Stephen Briggs, shifted the tone from one of triumphant praise to penitent reflection - an expression and experience captured by the Chatswood Worship Team.

The occasion served as a fitting backdrop to announce the invitation received by the Sydney Youth Band to visit Chile next year to share in the South America West Territory's centenary

celebration. Following the announcement of the tour the band conveyed the gospel message in music, with images capturing the mission opportunities in Chile being shown on a big screen.

Territorial Commander Commissioner Linda Bond was the special guest for the meeting. Building on the atmosphere that had been created, she offered the challenge that we "don't lag behind". The concern: that Christians have become comfortable; they have lost their sense of direction, their enthusiasm. The call: that God did not raise up The Salvation Army to be a copy of another church and that "we are to be The Salvation Army". Not one person escaped the implication of God's Word as repeatedly the challenge was heard, "Are you fired up?"

The commissioner then led the congregation into a time of reflection. Purposefully the old tune of General William Booth's song *Thou Christ of burning cleansing flame; send the fire!* became the backdrop for personal searching. Without hesitation people responded from across the hall to the call for commitment. Each, moved by the Spirit, purposely made their way to the Mercy Seat.

Following on from the prayer time the words that had made such a sensitive contribution to the call for commitment became a cry to service when married to the more modern rendition, *Send the Fire*.

Flying Padre doco to screen

The Salvation Army Outback Flying Service, led by Captains David and Jennifer Shrimpton out of Darwin, will be the subject of a *Compass* special on Christmas Day on ABC1 at 7.30pm, repeated on ABC2 on Boxing Day at 6pm.

The service provides support and spiritual ministry to remote communities and isolated people on stations across the top end of Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

Better known as the Flying Padre, the Outback Flying Service began in 1945 and now visits more than 120 remote locations. Captain Shrimpton has been flying a VH-SVA Cessna 182S Skylane Millennium Edition for five years, providing a comforting and listening ear, and is often asked to conduct weddings, funerals and Christian services.

"We visit a lot of cattle stations and those people are fairly remote," Captain Shrimpton said. "We don't go with any agenda, we go as a friend to the people there and if they have some need, then we endeavour to meet it, whatever it might entail. Assistance to families is provided in many ways, including transportation and the delivery of goods, as well as a listening ear and word of comfort or support."

The Flying Padre also does the daily newspaper round to connect remote families to the outside world.

Fire and rescue chaplain recognised

(Majors William and Judith Hutley)



Chaplain Rod West receives a Queensland Fire and Rescue Service certificate of appointment from planned giving director Captain Alice Fean. The presentation was made recently on behalf of QFRS senior chaplain Major Les Shaw for Mr West's many years as chaplain to the Gladstone QFRS, and making his appointment official.

Gift appeal turns 21

Australia's largest Christmas gift appeal, the Kmart Wishing Tree, marked its 21st anniversary launch on 12 November. Welfare groups, including The Salvation Army, are expecting a record number of Australians seeking assistance this Christmas following the growing pressures brought on by the current economic crisis, and the appeal is calling for the continued support and generosity of the community to aid those in need throughout this difficult time. This year's appeal turns 21 and thanks Australians for their generosity over the past 20 years which has, to date, generated more than 4.14 million gifts for those in need.

SAGALA family camp

(Majors Wayne Maxwell, and Robyn Maxwell)

Young people from the South Queensland Division gathered for a SAGALA family camp recently. There were 100 leaders and children gathered at Riverview in Brisbane's west. This was the first of the family-styled SAGALA camps with boys and girls sharing in the activities and, where possible, parents also attended.



New soldiers in Sydney

(Majors Allan and Francina Flemming)

Six new soldiers and one adherent, pictured right, have been enrolled by Corps Officer Major Allan Flemming. Three of these, Tim Harmer, William Kardell and Myfanwy Rees, come from Salvationist families and Michael Lever came via The Salvation Army's Recovery program and William Booth House.

Majors Allan and Francina Flemming, Captains Rhombus Ning and Lai Li and Recruiting Sgt Major Beryl Lingard are shown accompanying them. Major Lingard introduced them each to the congregation. Captain Rhombus Ning also introduced Carmen Siu and Eland Kou who are the first soldiers to be made from the corps' Chinese Ministry. Andrew Zutitis became an adherent as a result of attending the Alpha Course earlier this year at the invitation of a work colleague. He has been attending each Sunday since then. The testimonies by three of the new soldiers showed the individual ways in which God has worked in their lives.



In her Bible message, Captain Karen Flemming spoke about the covenant the new soldiers had signed and the importance of keeping true to the Christian's covenant with God. The Mercy Seat was lined with those kneeling in commitment, including new soldiers and family members praying together.

Clowns attend worship

(Captain Gaye Day)



(From left) Grace Cheong, John Cheong, Bradley Boath, Matthew Izard, Steven Izard and Douglas Boath.

Fairfield Corps' family worship was slightly different recently with the attendance of clowns sitting in the front row. The clowns, members of the youth group, were ready to be sent out by the corps with prayer on their first mission outreach. Twelve young people participated in the Fairfield Community Cares Day to raise awareness of domestic violence. Earlier in the year corps cadets learned skills for mission outreach which included clowning, balloon sculpting and sharing their faith.

Crafty capers at Bega

(Captain Cathy Crombie)

Bega corps *Crafty Capers* group members meet monthly to connect with people from outside the corps. Pictured below, members prepare Christmas gift boxes for disadvantaged children under the guidance of Major Maree Strong from ACT/South NSW district headquarters who demonstrates some of her crafts.



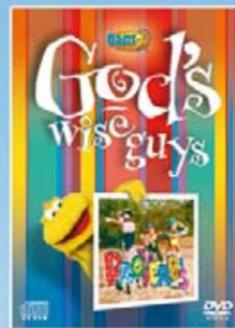
Leadership lessons from the ark

Twenty-three leaders and emerging leaders from Forest Lake and neighbouring corps in Brisbane have gathered for the first session of Ark Leadership Lessons.

Lessons are facilitated by Envoy Liam Glover, pictured left, and involve teaching, empowering, leadership matters using practical illustrations such as animals on Noah's ark, biblical references, practical tips, group discussion and accountability. For more details contact Louise on louise@lakesalvos.org.au or (07) 3714 0777.

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Salvos in Pakistan respond to earthquake

The Salvation Army in Pakistan is providing assistance to some of the thousands of people made homeless by an earthquake in the north of the country.

The tremor, measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale, struck the region near the border with Afghanistan at the end of October, killing more than 200 people and destroying whole villages, leaving 45,000 people without homes. Severe aftershocks continued to be felt for another three days, making access difficult.

The Salvation Army leadership in Pakistan responded quickly, sending experienced emergency workers Captain MacDonald Chandi and Major Khuram Shazada to the affected region the day after the disaster. Meetings with provincial government leaders and with Brigadier Sikander of the Pakistan military have been very positive. The Salvation Army has been assured full cooperation.



A house destroyed by the earthquake.

Captain MacDonald says there remains a need for suitable temporary accommodation, especially tents and blankets or quilts. Food and medical help are being provided by other non-governmental organisations. The captain is currently working hard to source tents that will withstand the rigours of winter and allow people to survive until spring, when reconstruction can begin.

Chief of the Staff returns to Hungary

The three-day visit of the Chief of the Staff, Commissioner Robin Dunster, to Hungary was an historic occasion, taking place 75 years after the last time The Salvation Army's world second-in-command visited the country.

The Chief was welcomed by the leaders of the Army's Switzerland, Austria and Hungary Territory, Commissioners Kurt and Alicia Burger. On the first day visits were made to the three social services institutions in Budapest: House of Light, a home for mothers and their children; House of Street of Choice, a rehabilitation centre for women; and the men's hostel, House of New Hope, situated in a building which was occupied by The Salvation Army before the cessation of its activities during the Communist era (1949-1990). In 1990, The Salvation Army occupied the building once again, reopening the 100-bed facility.



The Chief of the Staff talks with Dr Vilmos Papp, Reformed Church pastor and former candidate for officership.

General leads centenary celebrations in Korea



A spectacular moment of celebration in the Sunday thanksgiving meeting.

Centenary celebrations in Korea, led by General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton, included thanksgiving to God for his blessing on 100 years of ministry and a reaffirmation of the Korea Territory's determination to keep moving forward.

This determination was seen clearly in the General's official charge to commence ministry in Mongolia. Captain Lee Min-ho and Captain Chang Mi-hyun, having already been to Mongolia for research and preparation, enthusiastically accepted the charge. They departed for Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, in October.

The territory has arranged a special fundraising and prayer appeal for this missionary endeavour.

Australia Eastern Territory retired officer Commissioner Alistair Cairns, who had served in Korea, was an invited guest.

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An unsung hero



Major Marjorie Bruton MOAM was promoted to glory from Sydney on 1 July, aged 84.

The Rookwood Crematorium Chapel was close to full for a committal service conducted by Major Allan Flemming (Corps Officer, Sydney Congress Hall). This included relatives from Deniliquin Corps and from Newcastle.

A Bible reading and prayer were brought by two of Major Bruton's Congress Hall friends, Anthea and Tony Fisher. The coffin was adorned by a photo of the major, and her Order of Australia Medal.

Coming from a humble background, she had achieved recognition for her service to The Salvation Army and the community when in 1999 his Excellency Sir William Deane, the then Governor General of Australia, conferred on her the Medal of The Order of Australia.

An indoor thanksgiving service followed at Sydney Congress Hall where Major Bruton attended for 15 years. Significantly, three Salvation Army officers who in succession had ministered to Major Bruton's cousin Tom Bruton at Deniliquin Corps, took part in the service. Commissioner Les Strong read the Bible and prayed, Major Brian Holley played the piano in the service, and Major Allan Flemming led the service.

A message from Territorial Commander Commissioner Linda Bond was read: "She had no desire for the limelight, but was prepared to do what was needed in the background. As one officer commented, 'She was one of the unsung heroes'."

Family tributes were brought by the Shelswell family and Allan Bruton. Both mentioned the example Marjorie had been to her cousins and the wider community. Major Gwenneth Woodbury brought a corps tribute in which she mentioned the faithful service of Major Bruton. The long-lasting friendship with fellow Congress Hall friend Jessie Stewart and the wider Stewart family was also recognised.

Major Francina Flemming (Corps Officer, Sydney Congress Hall) read from 2 Corinthians 4:4-18, a theme that was taken up by Major Allan Flemming in a message entitled "The Ultimate Transformation". Major Flemming said that Major Bruton's life, though humble in its beginning, attested to this dynamic, transforming

power of God, a transformation that is now complete in her "promotion to glory".

A final song of celebration summarised this truth: "When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be."

Marjorie Muriel Bruton was born on 17 September 1923 at Dubbo to Charles and Hope Bruton. She was especially welcome as four years earlier the Brutons had lost infant twin girls.

As a teenager, Marjorie was responsible for running the farm - milking the cows, caring for the poultry, vegetable garden and orchard. The only transport the family had was horse and sulky which she would drive to Salvation Army meetings.

Marjorie was enrolled as a soldier at Dubbo Corps in December 1939. She entered the Sydney Training College in March 1948 as a member of the *King's Messengers* session of cadets.

Commissioned the following January, she served in a succession of corps appointments. Lieutenant Bruton was Assistant Officer at Lithgow, followed by Molong. She was then Corps Officer at Field Unit 3, followed by Yass, Hay, Uralla and Albury Corps.

In 1958, Captain Bruton became Divisional Youth Officer in the Armidale Division. This was followed by another Divisional Youth Officer appointment in the Bathurst Division from 1960 to 1965. From 1965 to 1969, she served as Divisional Secretary in Bathurst Division. Major Bruton then served for four years in the Trade Department at Territorial Headquarters, before serving as Divisional Secretary, then Divisional Chancellor, in the Sydney West Division.

In January 1977, the major commenced a four-year stint as Court Officer for Women with The Salvation Army's Correctional Services. This was followed by two years as Territorial League of Mercy Secretary, before retiring on 1 October 1983.

Major Bruton continued to serve the Lord in retirement as Wills and Bequests Carer for the Blue Mountains and West NSW. She served in this capacity for more than eight years.

A hallmark of help



Brigadier Thelma Entwistle was promoted to glory from Sydney on 5 August, aged 89.

Family and friends joined together at a service of thanksgiving and committal held at

Rookwood Gardens Crematorium on 11 August. The service was led by Lieutenant-Colonel Peggy Stephens.

Captain Val Prigg (Corps Officer, Liverpool/Green Valley) prayed at the start of the service and Heather McCall (niece) read from the Scriptures.

The singing of *Reckon on Me* aptly led into tributes brought by Joyce Liddell (representing Liverpool/Green Valley Corps), Major Dorothy Hyde, and Ray Entwistle (nephew).

Present was Brigadier Entwistle's lifetime friend, Brigadier Phyllis Turner, whose tribute was read by her niece Christine. Major Bruce Hodges (Retired Officers Chaplain) read a message from Territorial Commander Commissioner Linda Bond.

"[Brigadier Entwistle's] commitment to her ministry and disciplined lifestyle were the positive response to her Christian experience and calling to officership. Her influence has been extensive and pervasive," Commissioner Bond had written.

"However her life in active officership does not completely tell the story. In the many years of her retirement her loving, gentle nature had a ministry of its own. Those who shared her daily life ... were blessed by her positive attitude."

Brigadier Entwistle trained in the *Crusaders* session of cadets and, in her Bible message, Lieut-Colonel Stephens used the words of "another crusader", the Apostle Paul: "I have fought the good fight, I have run the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).

Thelma Florence Entwistle was born in Liverpool, NSW on 13 August 1918, the youngest of three children to Thomas and Florence Entwistle.

Thelma's first and only job before entering The Salvation Army Training College was at the woollen mills in Liverpool. She was an active soldier at Liverpool Corps, as corps secretary, organist, company guard and bandswoman.

Thelma entered the Sydney Training College in 1941 as a member of the *Crusaders* session. Commissioned in January 1942, her first appointment was to Toowoomba Girls Home. Then followed Toowoomba Girls Home, Arncliffe Girls Home, Canowindra Girls Home, then a return to Toowoomba.

Captain Entwistle then served in a succession of appointments at the Womens Eventide Home at Burwood, Matron at the Training College, the Sydney Peoples

Palace, Bethesda Mothers Hospital and Stanmore Girls Home.

Her final appointment before retiring was in the Family Welfare Centre, Commonwealth St, Sydney, where she stayed on for a further three years to assist in this work in her retirement.

Brigadier Entwistle will long be remembered as an outgoing person and, even in retirement, active and adventurous. Her lifelong involvement in helping people in need will be her hallmark, as will be her happy disposition and love for God.

A life of devoted service



Ken Lehmann was promoted to glory from Gladstone Corps on 23 August, aged 85.

Born into a Christian home on 18 February 1923, Ken was always aware of the value of Christian

living and regularly attended a place of worship. However, it wasn't until he decided to go to the Billy Graham Crusade in Brisbane in 1959 that he made a firm personal commitment.

Thus began a life of devoted service to God that continued until the night God called him home. His hope of eternity, which he believed was a certainty and not a maybe, carried him through many tough times.

Ken was passionate about witnessing to others and sharing what God had done in his life and about encouraging fellow Christians in their walk with the Lord. He soldiered at The Salvation Army Ipswich Corps for 24 years, serving as band sergeant and also recruiting sergeant. He loved taking part in open-air meetings and sharing his testimony with those who were listening.

Ken married Joyce Inmon at Nambour in 1944 and was blessed with the birth of two children, Earle and Narelle, and

eventually seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

In 1984, he married Miriam Mitchell in Townsville and welcomed her family, Rodney, Robert, Carrollwynn and Christine, as his own and in time her 10 grandchildren.

After his second marriage Ken soldiered at Aitkenvale for eight years and travelled for a while before settling down in Gladstone.

In his latter years, adverse health issues became a problem but Ken maintained his unswerving belief in God's faithfulness and would often testify to the strength he received from God in answer to his prayers and the prayers of others.

A graveside committal was conducted in Gladstone by Major John Rees (son-in-law) who challenged all present to think about what Ken Lehmann would be saying to them, what he would want them to hear. Majors Bill and Judy Hutley (Corps Officers, Gladstone) assisted.

This was followed by a Celebration Service in The Salvation Army hall where Major Rees spoke about the reason for celebrating.

Heartfelt family tributes were brought by Ken's son Earle Lehmann and his daughter Major Narelle Rees. Stepson Robert Mitchell, grand-daughter Tamara Rees and step-grandson Shannon Mason also participated. Friends and corps members paid heartfelt tributes to a man who had been such an inspiration to many.



A selfless man

Richard Burns was promoted to glory from Brisbane City Temple Corps on 2 October, aged 74.

Richard Burns was born in Sydney on 16 July 1934. His childhood years were spent

at The Salvation Army Hurstville Corps where he became a soldier and bandsman.

In the 1950s, Richard moved to Papua

New Guinea where he lived for eight years. He became fluent in the Motu language and used his interpreting skills to assist members of the indigenous community.

After returning to Australia Richard attended The Salvation Army Mount Gravatt and later Brisbane City Temple Corps.

Richard married Marlene Pillinger and together with Marlene's two children continued worshipping at Brisbane City Temple. He was a bandsman in the corps' campaign and senior bands.

He was also corps organist for a period of time and spent almost 20 years as a member of the corps songsters. Music was one of Richard's passions. It brought him, and those who listened, great pleasure.

Richard worked in the building industry until an accident caused him to change careers. For 15 years he then worked for The Salvation Army Pindari Homeless Mens Hostel as an administration officer until retirement in 1999.

Richard enjoyed serving with the South Queensland Divisional Fellowship Band and Territorial Mobile Mission. He was a gracious, quiet and selfless man for whom many gave thanks to God.

More promoted to glory reports will be published in the next Pipeline



about people

Bereaved

Major Ian **Hutchinson** of his mother Eileen **Hutchinson** on 27 September; Captain Miriam **Sutcliffe** of her father Robert **Coller** on 8 October; Captain Lyn **Prince** of her father Neville **Clarke** on 13 October; Major Cheryl **Carpenter** of her step-mother Margaret **Lane** on 15 October; Major Lionel **Beasley** of his wife Mrs Major Maisie **Beasley** on 16 October; Mrs Brigadier Alice **Wight** of her husband Brigadier Lester **Wight** on 17 October; Major Marina **Randall** of her brother David **Ellis** on 5 November; Captain Grant **Sandercock-Brown** of his step-father Ian **Brown** 5th November.

Births

To Captains Robert and Alana **Mills**, a daughter, Katie Maria, on 17 October; to Captains Chris and Melissa **Millard**, a daughter, Madalyn Max, on 21 October.

Conclusion of Service

Ken and Michelle **Wassell** have concluded their service after 12 years as Salvation Army officers.

Promoted to Glory

Mrs Major Maisie **Beasley** on 16 October; Brigadier Lester **Wight** on 17 October.

share a prayer

30 November-6 December

Corps: Thuringowa City, Toowoomba, Qld.

Social: Toowong Student Residence, Toowoomba Crisis Accommodation, Toowoomba Mens Crisis Accommodation, Townsville Community Services Centre, Qld.

Events: Territorial Candidates Board (1); Divisional Youth and Candidates Secretaries conference (1-5); Cadets Covenant Day (4); Principal's Reception - Sydney (4); Principal's Reception - Brisbane (6); Silver Star afternoon tea (6).

7-13 December

Corps: Townsville Faithworks, Tweed Heads, Qld; Tuggerah Lakes, Tuggeranong, Umina Beach, Upper Blue Mountains, NSW.

Social: Townsville Recovery Services Centre, Qld.

Events: Commissioning of the *Witnesses for Christ* session of cadets, Brisbane, Qld (7).

14-20 December

Corps: Wagga Wagga, Wellington, West Wyalong, NSW; Warwick, Qld.

Social: Warringah Place Retirement Village, Weeroona Village, NSW.

21-27 December

Corps: Westlakes, Wollongong, NSW; Woden Valley, ACT.

Social: William Booth House Recovery Services Centre, NSW.

Other ministries: Women's Ministries, THQ.

Events: Christmas Day (25); Boxing Day (26).

28 December 2008-3 January 2009

Corps: Woonona, Young, NSW; Wynnum, Qld.

Social: Woodport Retirement Village, Youthlink, NSW; Wynnum/Capalaba Community Services Centre, Youth Outreach Service, Qld.

Events: Watchnight services (31).

engagement calendar

Commissioner Linda Bond (Territorial Commander)

Sydney: Mon 1 Dec - Sydney Advisory Board, Territorial Candidates Board

Booth College: Wed 3 Dec - Covenant Day and Principal's Reception

Brisbane: Sat 6 Dec - Principal's Reception and Silver Star afternoon tea

Brisbane: Sun 7 Dec - Commissioning and Christmas Unwrapped

Brisbane: Mon 8 Dec - Officers councils

Newcastle: Tue 9 Dec - Retired Officers Christmas function

Sydney: Wed 10 Dec - THQ staff orientation day

Townsville: Sat 13 and Sun 14 Dec - Townsville Corps and Recovery Services visits

Sydney: Mon 15 Dec - Territorial Missionary Fellowship

Sydney: Tue 16 Dec - Counselling service

Sydney: Thu 18 Dec - THQ service recognition and Christmas party

Sydney: Sat 20 Dec - Carols in the Domain

Canberra: Tue 6 Jan - Canberra Oasis

Collaroy: Mon 12 Jan - Red Shield summer camp

Wollongong: Tue 13-Thurs 15 Jan - Sydney East and Illawarra Division officers fellowship

Bali: Sat 17-Thu 22 Jan - Zonal Leaders Conference

Rome: Thu 29 Jan-1 Feb - International Doctrine Council consultation

Lieutenant-Colonel James (Chief Secretary) and Jan Condon

Sydney: Mon 1 Dec - Sydney Advisory Board and Territorial Candidates Board

Booth College: Wed 3 Dec - Covenant Day and Principal's Reception

Collaroy: Thu 4 Dec - Womens Bridge Program camp*

Brisbane: Sat 6 Dec - Principal's Reception and Silver Star afternoon tea

Brisbane: Sun 7 Dec - Commissioning and Christmas Unwrapped

Brisbane: Mon 8 Dec - Officers councils

Sydney: Thu 18 Dec - THQ service recognition and Christmas party

Sydney: Thu 25 Dec - Foster House and Street Level

Bali: Sat 17-Thu 22 Jan - Zonal Leaders Conference

* **Lieut-Colonel Jan Condon only**