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Setting the captives free

In late 2011, I was invited to Parliament House in Canberra to attend the launch of the Freedom Advocates Project.

It's a ground-breaking initiative which has seen The Salvation Army partner with Project Futures, in seeking to empower those who have been rescued from the trafficking industry to speak out. By doing so, the intention is for these "survivors" of trafficking to encourage others still trapped in this insidious trade, to break free.

My memories of the launch are still vivid, as three "Freedom Advocates" shared powerfully and emotionally of the abuse they suffered after finding themselves trapped in the human trafficking industry.

Their stories were horrific, and I can remember the shock and outrage I felt when each spoke about being "imprisoned" and forced to work like a slave in environments that were effectively right under our noses. Frighteningly, the stories of their abuse were set in the suburban homes and seemingly respectable businesses of Australia's cities and towns.

Global campaign

On Sunday 17 February, churches around the world are being asked to join in a global celebration of freedom. Freedom Sunday is a day where believers and communities unite through prayer and worship on behalf of the more than 30 million men, women and children in our world that are enslaved today. As the campaign states, "It is a day when voices around the world cry out that no-one should be for sale".

You can find out more about Freedom Sunday in this issue of *Pipeline* (page 31). Our Integrity article this month also focuses on the theme of trafficking, as Captain Grant Sandercock-Brown challenges all Christians who proclaim freedom from sin in their hearts to look at ways to stand for justice in their communities.

Human trafficking is an issue that no Salvationist can turn a blind eye to if they are genuine in their commitment to fulfil the Army's mandate to "Serve Suffering Humanity". From its beginnings in the East End of London in 1865, The Salvation Army has sought to stand in the gap for the poor, the marginalised, the voiceless and the victims of evil.

Throughout Scripture we read repeatedly of how Jesus always treated people with dignity and respect. People are not objects to be used and abused but to love, to serve and to give a future and a hope.

In Australia, The Salvation Army already delivers comprehensive support and services to people who have lived through the horror of trafficking. It operates Australia's only safehouse for victims of trafficking, in Sydney, while holistic support is provided in collaboration with the Salvos Legal service and through Salvation Army services in client countries of origin.

But so much more still needs to be done. There are more slaves in our world today than at any other time in history and the church needs to lead the movement to set the captives free.

"Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed." - Isaiah 1:17

Scott Simpson
Managing Editor

your
say...

A prodigal's view of returning to the Father

I have seen the DVD sent to officers by Commissioner James Condon and read the book *Bringing Home the Prodigals* by Rob Parsons.

I look at the call for us to seek the prodigals and persuade them to return. I wonder how that might work.

Yes, I am a prodigal returned. From my own perspective, coming back to the Father was about my need and the Father's love.

It wasn't about the welcome from others in the Father's household. In fact, on my return, I found many older brothers difficult to contend with.

A friendlier welcome may have made the return easier and kinder on me, but in the end, it was the relationship with the Father that created the need to return.

The reluctance of the household to embrace me meant I had to sort through the whys and wherefores of returning to the Army.

I became a Christian at 13 years of age – at The Salvation Army, even though my family was not part of the Army at the time. Before my birth, there had been some family involvement with The Salvation Army. My older brothers were junior soldiers. I was dedicated as a baby at The Salvation Army, as well as christened in the Church of Scotland on the same day!

I became a junior soldier and then a senior soldier. I knew God's call was to college to become an officer. I reneged on God's call and my promise. I fell in love and married.

The man I married was not at home in the Army world, although he had become a soldier prior to our courtship. We left the Army and tried to come back, only to find that it wasn't to be.

We left again and worshipped at another denomination.

Many years later – with five children – our marriage broke up, creating many issues for myself and family. I could not bring myself to attend any church for two and a half years.

But God is a gracious God and a persistently patient God. He called me back to worship with others. I did not return a healthy person, for there was personal damage inflicted in the marriage breakdown. But God's call was stronger than my fragility.

His call was for me to return to the Army as the place to worship him. It is the place that is true to my nature and the place where I can worship him with all honesty.

Coming back was not easy. I did not return thinking I would renew my teenage covenant and again become a uniformed soldier. Even less was I thinking about officership. But I am, indeed, writing this as an officer!

My past is not perfect, but the God I serve is. The people in my life are not perfect, but the God in my life is. People are just like me in the respect of their need for God in their brokenness.

The God I know is aware of that. He takes the brokenness and heals it slowly, but thoroughly, over time, all the time embracing the one returning and showing more of his love.

The depth of his love and grace allows the returned prodigal the opportunity to use the brokenness to care for others they encounter. At least, this has been my experience.

He hasn't left me as a prodigal. He has, like the father in the story of the prodigal son, restored me to my place in

his family. Isn't that wonderful!

For the older brothers in my story, I would say love the brother who returns. It takes more courage, strength and determination than you will ever know.

For me as the one returning, I have a sense of sadness, sorrow and shame for the lost years. There was pain and hurt and doubt.

The doubt was about God even being who he says he is. It took the loss of much in my life to find that, yes, it is true. God is who he says he is and that he runs to greet me with open arms.

If you have never had to be taken to such a low place, you have much to rejoice about. So, please rejoice, too, when the prodigal returns.

To those who played a part in making me welcome in my return I say "thank you". You played a huge part in the return of this prodigal and her restoration to the family. Ultimately, though, the whole process was about the Father's love. No household can give that – only the Father does.

Lieut Hazel Hunt

Correction

In the December issue of *Pipeline*, in the chaplaincy story about Major Christine Stiles, there is an error.

The quote, "I sat with her until she finished her evidence with my hand on her, supporting her and just telling her to break", should read, "I sat with her until she finished her evidence with my hand on her, supporting her and just telling her to breathe".

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The power of attitude

Commissioner JAMES CONDON says a person's reaction to any situation in life is often determined by the level of contentment which comes from God

I have always tried to be a positive person and believe this is so important. Negativity affects others and is a waste of energy and time.

I have a close friend, a leader in his denomination, who has recently been diagnosed with cancer of the stomach which is incurable and untreatable. He conveyed this news with great calm and courage and expressed his gratitude for the support he has received, especially prayers. He stated that he was completely at peace about what will happen and leaves his future entirely in the hands of God.

He will do his utmost in his remaining time to fulfil his ministry as leader of his denomination and said "I am not in any way distressed by what has happened to me and simply see it as the next phase of my ministry. I leave my life entirely in God's hands and have no fear or regret."

What a positive and beautiful attitude/response to his situation!

Jesus' example

Our attitude is so important in every situation and circumstance of life. Charles Swindoll, the American evangelical pastor, said, "I am convinced that life is 10 per cent what happens to me and 90 per cent how I react to it. We are in charge of our attitude."

Jesus set us the best example as Paul records in his letter to the church at Philippi in chapter two.

⁵ *The attitude you should have is the one Christ Jesus had. ⁶ He always had the nature of God, but he did not think that by force he should try to remain equal with God. ⁷ Instead of this, of his own free will he gave up all he had, and took the nature of a servant. He became like a human being and appeared in human likeness. ⁸ He was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way to death – his death on the cross.*

In Philippians chapter 4, Paul teaches further about attitude and that contentment is not anchored to the circumstances of life. And a story by Steve Brown, the American Christian author, illustrates this point:

"Someone tells of a king who was discontented. He was so anxious he couldn't sleep, rest or think. He called his wise men

and asked them what he could do. One very old, wise man said, 'find a man in your kingdom who is content, then wear his shirt for a day and night and you will be content'. That sounded like a good idea to the king, so he ordered some of his servants to search for such a person. Days blended into weeks before his servants returned. 'Well' said the king, 'did you find a contented man?' 'Yes sir' his servant replied. 'Where is his shirt?' asked the king. 'Your Majesty, he did not have one.'"

Contentment is not about what you have or own. It is an attitude.

God in control

And Paul testified that his contentment originated from his relationship with Christ Jesus. Our contentment comes because we know God is in control. He sees the beginning from the end. He knows what will happen to us and we have the promise that "... in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called ..." (Romans 8:28), with the end result of making us more like Christ – deepening and developing us in his image.

To be truly content means that in the good and the bad, the easy and difficult, the painful and pleasant experiences of life, we trust in the One who wants what is best for us. God works it all together for our good and his glory.

Mac Anderson, the motivational author and speaker, also said, "Your success or failure in life will not be decided by the number of setbacks you encounter, but rather how you react to them".

How is your attitude?



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If the Lord is speaking to you about something you're willing to share in *Pipeline*, send your story to eastern.editorial@ae.salvationarmy.org

Embracing freedom from the inside out

With churches around the world encouraged to celebrate Freedom Sunday on 17 February, **Captain GRANT SANDERCOCK-BROWN** implores all Christians who proclaim freedom from sin in their hearts to look at ways to stand for justice in their communities

The thought of owning someone, literally, is unfathomable to me in the sense that I can't really imagine it. The idea that I could treat a person like a commodity – buy, sell and use them – is abhorrent. And I'm sure I'm not alone.

I would think that, in general, people in the Western world are anti-slavery. For most of us, this seems a self-evident truth, a no-brainer as we say. Not only are we against it, I think most of us would say that every human being has the right to freedom, that each of us has all sorts of rights and personal liberty is a pretty fundamental one.

The odd thing is, slavery and freedom seems to have a mixed heritage in Christianity. To be a slave, in some sense at least, is what it means to be a Christian. In his letter to the Romans, Paul opens by declaring himself a slave of Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1). And it's not just Paul. Jesus said that whoever wants to be first must be a "slave to all" (Mark 10:44).

But, of course, it gets even messier. Paul said to the early Christians, if you're a slave, be a good slave (Ephesians 6:5).

What's more, he urged the slave Onesimus to return to his owner, encouraging Philemon to be a good master to his reformed slave. And yet, conversely, it is Paul who rather radically states, that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male and female" (Galatians 3:28).

I think we can understand Paul. Like most first-generation Christians, he thought that Jesus was coming again very soon, almost certainly in his lifetime.

For Paul there was no time to reform the Roman world, so it didn't cross his mind to do so. But I think we also need to recognise, and celebrate, that this very fact makes Paul's statement in Galatians, a very early Christian letter, even more remarkable. For it was this key thought, that we are all equal in Christ, that we all matter equally to Christ, that eventually leads to slavery being outlawed in Christian countries. I have to say eventually because it took an embarrassingly long time. Nevertheless, Paul's contention that in Christ there was "neither slave nor free" started a canonical conversation that ended up with anti-

slavery laws in every western democracy. It was evangelical Christians who were at the forefront in Great Britain and the United States of the movement to abolish slavery. And Jesus would have wanted them to be there!

Slaves to God

In Luke's gospel, Jesus' ministry commenced with him quoting the great prophet Isaiah, and declaring that: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour" (Luke 4:18-19).

Not only that, Jesus then said: "Today this is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus himself, Jesus who is the Good News, not just announces the good news, but reveals his Father's justice and righteousness. We have to take that seriously, freedom for the prisoners and release for the oppressed. Our Lord is here with us, we continue his ministry, and we must work for his kingdom to make it a reality.

In one sense we have listened to his words. We have embraced freedom. But too often it has only been half the story. A great deal of what we talk about in Christianity is freedom on the inside. We understand Jesus' words metaphorically. Freedom is about freedom from sin, freedom from abuse, freedom from selfish desires, freedom from all that would hinder our growth as Christian people. All these types of freedoms are a good and necessary.

We need to work for and celebrate freedom on the inside for ourselves and for others. Read what Paul says in Romans 6. Here, once again, he is using the language of slavery. "Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness" (Romans 6:19), he says.

We should want to be slaves such as this. I want to be a slave to God, which leads to holiness, which leads to eternal life. I hope you do too! We must never forget that Christianity is intensely personal.

We must also never forget that Christianity is not just personal. We must embrace the other half of the freedom message. American philosopher and author Nicholas Wolterstorff once wrote: "The word of the Lord and the cries of the people join in calling us to do more than count our blessings, more than shape our inwardness, more than reform our thoughts. They call us to struggle for a

new society in the hope and expectation that the goal of our struggle will ultimately be granted us."

Dual-edged freedom

One of the outcomes of the past 400 years of the enlightenment, particularly for Protestants, is that life has become more about the individual. And that's secular life, not just the Christian life.

We in the West have arrived at the rather strange notion that "I am a bundle of rights", that it's all about me and what works for me, which somehow ignores that each of us is also part of a community, that each of us is a self in relation, and we cannot be otherwise.

Unfortunately, for many Christians our faith has become more interior, more about faith inside. "It's what's in my heart," we say, or, "that's between me and God". And so faith becomes a matter of individual decision and individual conscience. Nicholas was correct in claiming that the word of the Lord and the cries of the people call us to do more!

New Testament writer James said "faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds.' Show me your faith without deeds and I will show you my faith by what I do" (James 2:18). Well, what are our deeds? What have I done today, this week, this month, that has helped someone find freedom of any sort?

We need to embrace all that freedom means, not just on the inside, but on the

outside as well. Not just in our hearts, but in the world around us. Hundreds of thousands of people, mainly women and children – that is, vulnerable marginalised people – who may have never lived in a family or culture or context that paid the least heed to Paul's famous words, are being bought and sold as commodities. Abused and powerless, they need our help. Their cries, although often unheard, call us to action. Our Master would want us to respond. The responsibility is ours, those of us who have known only comfort, security, and freedom, both inside (in our hearts) and outside (in our community), to take action.

In Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male and female". May God himself, the author of freedom, revealed in his Son, be at work in our hearts through his Spirit and thus in our world through us.

Let us take the opportunity to glorify our Lord and Master through actively helping the oppressed find freedom.

For more information about Freedom Sunday see page 31.



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Running

WITH THE

Spirit

Alberto literally hit the ground running when he arrived in Australia from Jamaica as the adopted son of Salvationists Paul and Julie-Anne Staines. **SIMONE WORTHING** spoke to the family about Alberto's natural athletic gift which could take him all the way to the Olympic Games





Going for gold ... Alberto has his sights set on an international athletic career, having already won a swag of medals at national level. Photos: Shairon Paterson

When Paul and Julie-Anne Staines went to Kingston, Jamaica, in 2000 to work at

The Salvation Army School for the Blind, they knew their lives would change forever. What they didn't realise was just how much.

"After three years of teaching we returned to Australia," Julie-Anne explains. "Our adopted son, Jamaican-born Alberto, then aged 10, travelled with us and, three and a half years after that, received his Australian citizenship."

Today, Alberto is a Queensland and Australian champion athlete, with dozens of medals and Australian records to his name. He is setting his sights on the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, and then going for gold at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2016.

Alberto runs with an AWD-T20 classification, meaning he is an athlete with an intellectual impairment. However, he also competes in "able bodied" competitions and, with his team, won the 2011 Queensland State Relay Championships 4x400m event.

"Just like Eric Liddell said in the movie *Chariots of Fire*, 'I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast. And when I run I feel his pleasure,'" says Alberto.

These words have taken pride of place on his bedroom wall since he started running competitively.

"I love worshipping God when I run; running to me is worship.



Paul and Julie-Anne Staines are proud parents of their adopted son Alberto, who is showing immense promise as an international athlete.

My Grandad [Captain John Tatters] taught me to say 'run with the Spirit', and this is what I do."

Alberto was born premature in Kingston and at three months of age was sent to a state-run orphanage where at times he suffered from malnutrition and neglect. When he was five, he was transferred to The Nest, a Salvation

attended there, even though he is not visually impaired," explains Paul. "This is where he met us, when Julie-Anne became his Grade One teacher!"

One afternoon, Julie-Anne was sitting alone at home on the couch. "I heard an audible voice say to me, 'You should think about adopting Alberto, but don't say anything to anyone yet,'" she explains.

"I looked around the room slightly freaked, but as a Christian I believe it was God who spoke to me. I was dazed, shocked, excited, scared and in wonderment all at the same time."

Four months later, on the same couch, Paul told Julie-Anne that, although it sounded strange, he believed God had told him that they should adopt Alberto. They cried together and wondered how God would bring this to pass.

"As time unfolded, Alberto started telling his friends and house mothers that his mum and dad were white and from Australia, even though we had said nothing to him," Julie-Anne says. "They challenged us as to what we were going to do about it!"

Not long after, the Staines >>>

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Army-run orphanage where he received love and care for the first time in his life.

"The Nest is situated on the same compound as the school where we taught, and Alberto

TRACK RECORD

AWARDS FOR 2011-2012 SEASON

Recipient of Peter Edwards Memorial Trophy
QE2 Track Club – For continually performing at a high level in all Club meets and excellence in contributing to the culture of the club
QE2 Track Club Male AWD Athlete of the Year
Recipient of Quest Community Newspaper Young Star Award (2012 March-April)

RESULTS FOR THE 2011-2012 SEASON

T20 2011/2012 Season World Rankings

400m – 5th
200m – 6th
100m – 20th

2012 Australian titles

Open Australian Champion
100m, 200m, 400m (AWD T20)

Under 20 T20 Australian Champion
100m, 200m and 400m (AWD T20)

Records

Holds under 20 Australian
200m, 400m, 800m (AWD T20)

Return to The Nest



Julie-Anne with a young Alberto, sitting on the couch in Jamaica where she felt God's leading to adopt Alberto.

In late 2008, the Staines family returned to Jamaica for a visit.

"We wanted Alberto to see his friends from The Nest before they turned 18 and would have to leave," Julie-Anne explains.

"We also wanted to reinforce in his mind that Australia was his home, while at the same time remind him of his roots.

"It was also a great time for us to catch up with some of our Jamaican friends."

Alberto loved seeing his friends again, and seeing The Nest including his old bed and the tree he used to climb!

There were moments of sadness though, as some of his friends were no longer there and he saw how they lived compared to his life now in Australia.

"At times it was painful for all of us as memories of Alberto's trauma resurfaced, and he had to deal with this," Julie-Anne explains.

"But also joyful because we could see that we were truly a family and were recognised by the Jamaicans as one."

For Alberto, the visit had a major impact. "It helped me remember where I came from and how blessed I am now," he says.

invited Alberto for afternoon tea and explained that they would love him to be their son and a part of their family.

"We explained that, in time, this would mean going to Australia and leaving his friends and country," Julie-Anne says. "He cried and then told us that God had told him that if the Staines asked him an important question he must say 'yes'. So we all wept and hugged each other."

For Alberto, this was not a big decision. "I just knew I had to say 'yes' to God straight away," he says.

Visa hurdles

The adoption process was a long and often frustrating one. "After months of being told we could and couldn't adopt him, it was finally established that we could," Julie-Anne explains.

An Australian passport and visa was the next hurdle. Help from family members and intervention from politicians enabled the family to leave Jamaica in September 2003, with Alberto on a tourist visa. After an adoption visa was wrongly denied, the family flew to New Zealand in December 2004 to be granted Alberto's permanent residency adoption visa. He became an Australian citizen in 2006.

"Throughout the years of waiting for the Australian Government to recognise that we were a family, we clung to the fact that God had brought us together and we were first and foremost a family created by him," says Julie-Anne. "Even when still in Jamaica we had Hebrews 11:1 on our wall which we claimed for our family."



(Below) Alberto and his grandfather Captain John Tatters, who told Alberto to 'run with the spirit', which (right) he does every time he hits the track.



Coach Annette Rice watches over Alberto's starts during a training session at the Queensland Sport and Athletic Centre in Brisbane.

Alberto had many adjustments to make when he first came to Australia. "I remember walking around with no shoes on over Grandad's grass," he says. "I had never done this before, it was very strange.

"I had to learn so many new things, like the showers have hot water, riding a bike, wearing shorts to school [he only wore long pants in Jamaica] and all the names of my new extended family."

The Staines soon discovered that God had given Alberto the talent to run fast. "At his first school athletics day in Australia he won every race," Paul recalls, laughing.

For Alberto, running is an act of worship. Prayer before and after races is an intricate part of his race preparation.

"Everyone at the track knows I'm a Christian and go to church," Alberto explains.

"I worship God when I run, he is the one who made me fast. I always thank him after races, whether I win or lose, I run for God."

Alberto became more serious about his running when he was 12, and since then has competed at club, state and national level as an able-bodied Athlete as well as an AWD.

He is a member of the QE2 Track Club in Brisbane where he

trains up to five days a week under long-term coach Annette Rice.

"Under Annette's expert coaching, Alberto has had great success," says Paul.

National success

In October last year, he won three gold medals in the Queensland Junior AWD Championships in the under 20 100m, 200m and 400m events. In November, he competed at the Australian Junior AWD Championships for the same events and won all three. In doing so, he became the under 20 T20 Australian Champion for 2012 in the 100m, 200m and 400m.

Alberto had his greatest success to date at the 2012 Australian Open, AWD and Combined Events Championships. He was the only athlete to enter all three sprint events (100m, 200m and 400m) and the only one to make it to the final in each. He was also the first T20 athlete across the line in all these events, making him the Open Australian Champion for the T20 category in the 100m, 200m and 400m.

At the end of the 2011-2012 season, his world rankings as a T20 athlete were impressive: 400m (5th), 200m (7th) and 100 (20th).

"Now I want to run for Australia," Alberto says. "Then I can thank God on TV after a race."

Throughout all the family's

hardships and successes, Paul and Julie-Anne have felt the support of family and friends but above all, the guidance, comfort and power of the Holy Spirit.

"On so many occasions we have been able to tell people the story of how God brought our family together," says Julie-Anne.

"Alberto has brought so much love and joy to our family. To see how far he has come is to see a living testimony of God's saving grace in action. We started our Jamaican adventure by simply writing a letter to the Salvos saying, 'If you ever need two teachers somewhere in the world, let us know'. We left the rest up to God and continue to do this.

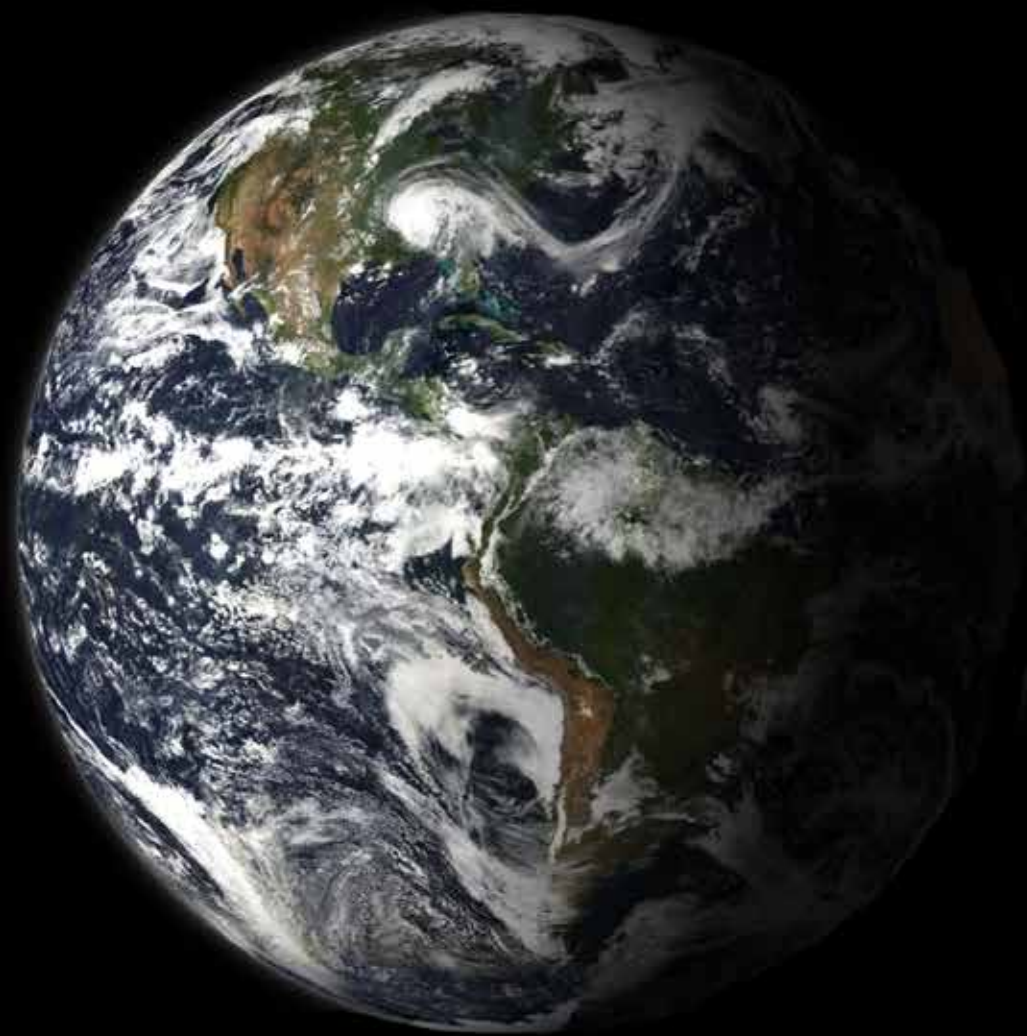
"We don't know fully why God chose to bring our family together, but we do believe that God has big plans for Alberto. He has already become a great witness for God through his running, and who knows where God will lead him." □

The Staines family attends the Army's Life Community Church Mission at Slacks Creek in Queensland.



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(Far left) Captain Polis Pantelidis has been embraced by the community since being appointed to start The Salvation Army's work in Greece. (Left) Kumbukani Lubeni, 12, of Malawi, tells his story in the Self Denial DVD Series.

Salvationist's vision for Greece to feature in Self Denial series

By ESTHER PINN

For 20 years, Jim Moisidis, a Greek-born Salvationist from Tarrawanna Corps in Wollongong, wrote to successive generals of The Salvation Army in London pleading for the Army to begin work in his homeland. In 2007, his faithful letters and prayers were finally answered when The Salvation Army opened fire in Thessaloniki.

This fledgling work in Greece will feature prominently in Salvation Army corps and centres throughout Australia and the South Pacific from Sunday, 3 March, as part of this year's Self Denial Appeal DVD series. Other countries to feature will be Malawi, Estonia and Taiwan.

The appeal is an annual opportunity for Salvationists and friends to support The Salvation Army's work in countries that struggle to raise funds.

The DVD series will be shown over a period of six weeks in the Australia Eastern, Australia Southern and New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga territories.

All three territorial commanders, Commissioner James Condon (Australia Eastern), Commissioner Raymond Finger (Australia Southern) and Commissioner Donald Bell (New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga), introduce the DVD series for their respective territories in week one.

Kumbukani Lubeni, a 12-year-old from Mchinji in Malawi, tells his story of being sold into slavery in week two. He was forced to work on a farm 10 hours a day, seven days a week in dangerous conditions and was only given one meal

a day. Kumbukani shares how he was rescued by Narelle Burrney and the team at The Salvation Army's Child Trafficking Rescue Centre in Mchinji.

Salvation Army officers Captains Polis Pantelidis and Maria Konti-Galinou, who began the work of the Army in Greece, feature in the third week. With a third of the Greek population living in poverty, Polis shares how the money from the Self Denial Appeal has enabled them to run an evening soup kitchen and operate the Green Light Project, which assists girls working in the sex industry.

Week four follows the story of Lieutenant Ellen Pan, who relies upon the donations from the Self Denial Appeal to fund the Taipei university mission in Taiwan. A country where only 4 per cent of the population is Christian, the pressure for study success leaves many university students with no spare time for anything else. Lieut Pan spends her time sharing the love of Christ at three different universities with a combined student population of about 40,000.

During the fifth week, Maksim Torgashov, from Tallinn in Estonia, tells

his story of being abandoned by his mother, growing up in an orphanage and how he ended up homeless. He shares his repeated life pattern of stealing, drinking and then prison. Maksim explains how his life was transformed when he entered The Salvation Army rehabilitation centre for drug and alcohol addicts.

The final week is a music video containing footage from the first five weeks of the Self Denial Appeal. Two musical items have been chosen to accompany the video and every corps has the opportunity to choose which they feel is most appropriate to their church community.

The appeal will conclude with an altar service and an opportunity to give on Sunday 7 April.

A separate Self Denial Appeal series has again been prepared for children, featuring the Agents of T.R.U.T.H. Each child will receive a workbook, have the chance to make their own money box and be encouraged to give at the altar service.

To donate and view the Self Denial Appeal videos online, visit www.selfdenial.info

DVD series

Week 1: Introduction - Territorial Commanders

Week 2: Malawi - Kumbukani Lubeni

Week 3: Greece - Captains Polis Pantelidis and Maria Konti-Galinou

Week 4: Taiwan - Lieutenant Ellen Pan

Week 5: Estonia - Maksim Torgashov

Week 6: Music Video

LOCAL CORPS A CRUCIAL LINK TO GLOBAL OPERATIONS

Getting local Salvation Army corps to understand they play a crucial role in the global movement is the primary aim for Major John Rees in 2013, writes **ESTHER PINN**



Major John Rees with Jonathan Hibbert-Hingston and Win Ali who is The Salvation Army's Church Partnership Program representative in Papua New Guinea.

The Salvation Army at a local level is a vital part of the international movement, stresses Major John Rees, Director of The Salvation Army International Development, also known as SAID.

The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory finances and supports 98 projects in community development and mission support across the Army world. And a great deal of the territory's support comes from local corps.

"We had a corps this morning that rang and said, 'We have a gift. We want to give you \$10,000,'" said Major Rees. "We also had a centre wanting to give us two of every item in the Gifts That Keep On Giving catalogue.

"That's a picture of an international Army. For all of us there is a need to understand the Australia Eastern Territory in an international context.

"And it's our role through this office to manage and make sure the money that is given actually achieves all purposes."

Major Rees hopes 2013 will be a year where the territory gains a deeper understanding of the local army as a reflection of an international army, by encouraging corps and centres to raise money to support a community across the other side of the world.

Whether providing education and vocational training, water and sanitation, health and rehabilitation, economic

empowerment, livelihood or sponsorship of children, the Australia Eastern Territory runs programs in 11 countries across Asia, Africa, Europe and South Pacific regions.

For Major Rees, Jonathan Hibbert-Hingston is part of the solution for understanding the territory as part of a global movement. Late last year, Jonathan, a consultant from The Salvation Army International Headquarters, visited the territory to provide training to SAID staff.

Jonathan is the Community Development Coordinator for the South Asia Zone and his job is to liaise with the SAID office and provide ongoing support as the Australia Eastern Territory financially assists other territories.

"Every project over \$7000 has to come through the IHQ [International Headquarters] approval process. It's a case of connecting [territories who are not self-sufficient] with a donor territory for support," Jonathan explained.

A majority of SAID's programs are based in the Asia and South Pacific-Asia zones. At the moment, it is working with Jonathan to build relationships with The Salvation Army India North Territory.

"For us our main goal is to see that the relationships between the supporting territories and implementing territories are richer and closer, that both understand where each other are coming from," Jonathan said.

The Australia Eastern Territory has been providing financial support to the India North Territory for a number of years, but Major Rees says a there is need to establish a partner relationship with this territory. In November last year, Major Rees, SAID team member Alana Zammit and Jonathan travelled to India North to meet project officers and visit a number of community development projects which will be supported by the Australia Eastern Territory. To donate or find out more information about SAID projects, go to salvos.org.au/said



Salvation Army International Development projects for 2013 include a sewing program for the empowerment of women in Nepal (left); education skills programs in China (below); and a community livelihood program based around water and health in Myanmar (bottom).

SAID PROJECTS FOR 2013

NEPAL: Women and children development program

Objective – skills, education and empowerment of women

MYANMAR: Integrated community livelihood program

Objective – water, livelihood and health

INDONESIA: Infant and maternal mortality prevention

Objective – health, education and nutrition

CHINA, BASA VILLAGE: Clean water

Objective – environment, economic improvement and wellbeing

CHINA: Bio-gas green energy and women empowerment

Objective – environment, economic improvement and wellbeing



Bridging the recovery gap

The Salvation Army has a vision to see every corps acting as a recovery point for people in the community who are battling with addictions ranging from alcohol and drugs to gambling

By LAUREN MARTIN

The Salvation Army's Recovery Services has called on all Salvationists to involve themselves in ministering to people in recovery, whether it be through mission at their local Recovery Services centre or at their local corps.

"There is a lot of mysticism around recovery," says Major David Pullen, Territorial Mission and Resource Director – Recovery.

"Recovery is a whole-of-life thing, it's a lifestyle mission. It's not really about seeing people as 'addicts'. It's about seeing people who are embarking on a transformation of their lifestyle.

"The Salvation Army can't allow its social service to sit outside the missional heart of the local corps. We would like to see every corps act as a recovery point because recovery doesn't just happen at a centre."

His counterpart Gerard Byrne, the Territorial Mission and Resource Clinical Director, agrees.

"Recovery is a much broader concept than just drug and alcohol," he says. "We all need support to recover from various things in our lives. Recovery Services needs to be seen as an integral part of the mission of the Army."

For the past six years, The Salvation Army's Recovery Services has worked hard to further develop its highly successful Bridge Program.

Its research and evaluation partnership with the Illawarra Institute for Mental Health at Wollongong University this year earned it industry accolades with a prestigious National Drug and Alcohol Award for excellence in research.

Earlier this year Recovery Services introduced its clinically tested, updated Bridge Program to its centres across the territory, offering those in recovery an internationally recognised program that includes a staged completion model providing more targeted and flexible treatment options. *Continued page 21 >>>*

A local resident chats with Chris, a Salvationist who is a former addict but now runs a free barbeque in a Coffs Harbour park for homeless people. Photo: Shairon Paterson



Coffs has the WOW factor

By ESTHER PINN

Introducing an open-microphone time during a church service is a daunting prospect for any corps officer or leader.

At Coffs Harbour Corps, Majors Steve and Julia Metcher have no trouble handing the microphone over to their congregation during "sharing time". After a short message, the congregation is given the opportunity to open up about what God has been doing in their lives and how the sermon has impacted them.

"The effectiveness of our sharing time – they just break down. They cry, they laugh. They just get it out of their system," says Major Steve.

Every Wednesday evening, rain, hail or shine, Coffs Harbour Corps hosts a Recovery Service called WOW, which stands for Worship on Wednesdays, for people who are struggling with addictions.

"One of the needs is community and we can facilitate it," says Major Steve.

"People might say it's a lot of

work but it's not. It's the delight of our week."

WOW is an unconventional worship service, an observation which is immediately obvious. The worship team is singing praises to God with classic, secular songs that have new words and there are three women down the front dancing.

The WOW service has been running for about four years with the majority of the congregation from AA (Alcoholics Anonymous), NA (Narcotics Anonymous), GA (Gamblers Anonymous) and the local Adele residential rehabilitation program.

"It was just an obvious need. I was ministering to them all the time and I just needed somewhere to put them. Our holiness worship just didn't fit. There was an established worship that didn't suit the needs of a lot of battlers in the streets," explains Major Steve.

Majors Steve and Julia have seen their corps grow from strength to strength since WOW started. About 50 attend WOW every week and it has produced 12 senior soldiers.

Both Majors Steve and Julia say it's a joy to watch the transformation process of those controlled by addiction to freedom in Jesus.

"Most of them are familiar with a higher power through AA. So I look at it as colouring in the picture of who their higher power is," says Major Julia.

"It's great hearing them mention God when they first stand up, hearing them say, 'Oh how Jesus got me through it'," adds Major Steve.

In particular a number of their WOW attendees have transitioned to the corps' traditional worship meeting each Sunday.

"That's the lovely progression we've been watching over the past 12 months," says Major Julia.

Major Steve adds: "It's just beautiful to watch their journeys, I never get bored or tired of watching God work in people."

Majors Julia and Steve have since started another recovery worship service called WOT (Worship on Tuesdays).



Majors Steve and Julie Metcher (centre photo), the corps officers at Coffs Harbour, admit that the worship on Wednesday meeting is one of the highlights of their week, particularly the open microphone time. Photos: Shairon Paterson

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The team at Recovery Services has also been steadily working at breaking down the barriers and stereotypes within The Salvation Army that exist about recovery.

"When I visit our Recovery Services I see people there who are making lifestyle choices. Watching people planting flowers in a garden, watching people sitting in a group talking about things that matter to them, watching people live within community and making positive changes in their lives. That's what it's about.

"And when I go to an Army corps and see men's groups running, women's groups running, youth groups functioning, people living in community and making positive changes in their lives, it's exactly the same thing."

Major Pullen and Gerard Byrne have spent considerable time over the past year travelling to various corps to educate them about Recovery Services and to support them in introducing and integrating recovery ministries into their existing mission work.

Their aim is for every corps to see themselves acting as a recovery point, offering people who have been through recovery a loving environment to continue making positive lifestyle choices, and offering people experiencing addiction a loving environment to work through their issues.

"There are three things a person in recovery needs – safe places, safe people and safe things. Our churches ought to be equipped to provide these things," says Major Pullen. "People who come through Recovery Services are no different to us. They are people who need Jesus and as Salvationists our call has always been to meet people at their need."

The Salvation Army's Recovery Services has launched a new website: salvos.org.au/recovery which aims to increase awareness about the Bridge Program, provide world-class information for students and researchers, and allow health professionals and potential clients the opportunity to make a referral online.



Matt (left) in his role as the Coffs Harbour Corps' community outreach worker, helps Chris (above) with the free barbeque in a local park. Photos: Shairon Paterson.



Soldier Matt winning the battle

By ESTHER PINN

Matt is one of the 12 soldiers to come out of WOW. After attending the second-ever WOW service, Matt has become a regular.

About four years ago, Matt hit an all-time low after years of taking drugs, drinking and breaking-in to houses and was finally admitted to the Coffs Harbour Adele recovery program. Throughout his eight months at Adele, he attended WOW every Wednesday night and operated the sound desk. When he graduated from Adele, Matt continued to go along to WOW.

"When I was in rehab I was doing meetings and doing church. It was working and Coffs Harbour was the only place I could associate that clean time with. So when I got out of rehab, I just kept doing what I was doing when I was in rehab."

For the past three years, Matt has been employed as the community youth outreach worker at Coffs Harbour Corps.

"My job's relational. I go about meeting as many kids as I can and develop relationships with them before they're in trouble," he says.

Matt's role started out through his own initiative. Every Friday night Matt ran a free barbeque at the skate park in Woolgoogla, north of Coffs Harbour, for young people. The youth barbeque is still running and often attracts up to 50 young people.

Matt is particularly passionate about young people due to his own troubling experiences as a teenager.

"I'd like to think if someone had picked up that I was going down the wrong path earlier, I could have been saved a whole lot of pain. I want to save at least one person the pain I went through."

Along with ministering to young people, Matt helped save the life of 49-year-old alcoholic, Chris. Meeting Chris at an AA meeting, three-and-a-half years ago, Matt discovered that Chris was living in his car. So he invited Chris to WOW.

Having been unemployed for 15 years and having an uncontrollable compulsion to drink, Chris thought nobody could save him. Accepting Matt's invitation, he turned up to WOW intoxicated.

"I came here [WOW] on 6 May 2009, blind drunk and Major Steve prayed for me. I thought, this guy has genuine compassion and he said, 'You're a good bloke ... why don't you pour your grog out'. So I poured my grog out on the [corps] stairs over there," he says, pointing.

Chris was also in trouble with the law at that time and was sentenced to six months in jail. However, with permission from the court judge, Chris only spent three months in jail and Major Steve helped Chris finish out his term at the Adele rehab program.

Chris says he owes his life to God and his life has completely altered since attending WOW.

"It's the love and peace that I feel when I'm here," he says.

"I just feel like I fit in. It's the best thing that's ever happened to

me. I've got good people around me at church.

"There's so much support at The Salvation Army. They saved my life. I know that."

Like Matt, Chris' job evolved out of volunteer work. For two-and-a-half years Chris has been running a free barbeque for homeless people at their local park.

"It's called the 'acts of kindness' barbeque. It's just going down and doing fellowship with people in the park, listening to their stories, praying for them if they ask. We give them blankets and try to get them to come up to worship on Wednesday and Tuesday because it worked for me."

Matt helped put together a tender and now Chris is being paid to continue the work at the park.

"I didn't know there was going to be a job come out of it.

"It's not until it all happens that you look back and I know it was a bigger picture that God had for me. I know now that my life has direction."

Shad calls the tune

By ESTHER PINN

Shad is a talented guitarist and singer. He's also an exceptional songwriter and writes many of the songs the congregation sings at WOW.

At WOW, conventional hymns are not always suited to the style of worship. Shad has taken many popular, secular songs and changed the words to contain Christian lyrics.

"I sit down and work out, I can change a line here or there and make it fit and that seems to go over really well. It kind of livens up the worship a bit," he says.

Alongside Shad is John who plays

bass, guitar and also sings. Every Wednesday John assists Shad in leading worship.

"Major Steve asked me if I could rope up a number of musicians and John was here and I asked him to do some songs with me," says Shad.

The songs they choose for WOW will often fit the theme of the service.

Both Shad and another musician, Jim, believe by mixing up the lyrics in popular songs, people have become more comfortable with the concept of worship.

As well as running worship for WOW, Shad and Jim lead worship at WOT on a Tuesday evening.



John (left) and Shad keep the Wednesday worship time fresh with their own brand of music, often taking popular secular songs and putting their own lyrics to them.

Pride

BEFORE THE call

God always had a plan for Deb Parsons' life but, as she told *Pipeline's* **BILL SIMPSON**, there was an important lesson to be learned before that plan was put into action

It was obvious to Deb Parsons. So, why couldn't others see it? She knew how good she was. God and the church would be mad to miss out on her many abilities. She was already "running" her church, although still a lay person. So why not make it official, she wondered, and make her a minister! At 40, Deb saw herself at her spiritual peak. That was 13 years ago.

Deb's story actually starts 53 years ago in what was then the new suburb of Box Hill, in Melbourne's eastern suburbs. There was only one church close to home. Deb and her three sisters and brother attended Sunday school. Their mother and father sent them faithfully every week. They themselves gave church a try, but, having come from a different denomination, found it difficult.

By the time Deb was nine, she was the only member of the family still at church. She loved Sunday School. When an invitation was given in a girls' group for children to give their lives to Jesus, Deb didn't hesitate.

Deb rushed home to tell her parents. Her mother was dismissive and her father told her that she didn't know what she was getting herself into. He was, to an extent, right. Her girls' group leader wasn't helpful. The leader's attitude turned Deb away. She left the church.

"Growing up in Melbourne in the 1960s and 70s was a difficult

her late teens and was an active member. But discipline there, too, was evaporating. She married at 21, "to escape the sexual merry-go-round, hoping my marriage would last but expecting it to fail".

By 24, Deb had two children. Her desire to know and serve God continued to stir within her. She prayed for God to reveal his truth to her.

"I WAS THE MOST RIGHTEOUS, MOST COMMITTED AND MOST 'HUMBLE'. PRIDE HAD BLINDED ME. EVERYONE COULD SEE IT, EXCEPT ME."

time for a young person," she says.

"Sexual freedom was flaunted in advertising and sitcoms. School rules disintegrated at the same rate as hemlines retreated towards waistbands. Teachers hid in staff rooms, unable or unwilling to effect discipline."

Even so, Deb found herself still longing for a link to God. She joined a church youth group in

"I knew that God would answer and I waited expectantly."

The result, she says, was miraculous. A local church minister, responding, he said, to God's prompting, reluctantly began a doorknock campaign in her suburb. He knocked at Deb's door.

"He was a little unnerved when I told him that I had been expecting him. I begged him to share the >>>

Photo: Shairon Paterson



Deb with her husband Rod and youngest daughter Chloe.
Photos: Shairon Paterson



Deb Parsons shares her testimony during Commissioning in Sydney late last year.

truth about God with me," she says.

"He told me about Jesus. He told me I could trust the Bible, even though I found its message to be confusing and difficult. When I asked how he knew the Bible was true, he told me that he just knew. It wasn't the answer I wanted, but I knew he was the messenger God had sent. Jesus was my Saviour, whether I understood it or not."

A small group of "beautiful Christian ladies" helped her faith to grow. The family moved to Dubbo, in the NSW Central West.

Family life was not always happy. She was encouraged, several times, to end her marriage. But she stayed in the marriage – and in her church.

"I was proud of the work I did for God's church and God's people under difficult and hostile circumstances. I was proud that I had it so hard because, to me, that meant that I was better than everyone else.

"I was better than my husband, better than my in-laws, better than my fellow Christians. My faith was of such high quality that God had called me to be a minister. I was proud that everything I did glorified God."

At 40, she was an elder in her church. She was the church, she thought. She had a message from God that she would be given "a recognised qualification and ordination".

"I went to the elders and the minister and told them that God had called me to be a minister. They

one who had been called to be a minister!

"I was the most righteous, most committed and most 'humble'. Pride had blinded me. Everyone could see it, except me."

Deb had become involved in "wrong relationships". Her marriage disintegrated. "Moral

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were less than excited. I went to the governing body of the church. They were even less excited.

"I couldn't figure out why everyone seemed so unsupportive. I was an elder and a good one; probably the best elder they had. I did the most work, I was on all of the rosters, I was the most fervent pray-er, I cared about everyone else more than the other elders did.

"I led the worship, I organised all of the meetings and invited all of the guest preachers when our minister was unavailable. I was the

flaws" were displayed "for all to see". She had to leave her church. So did a married man with whom she had started a relationship.

Other churches in the community, she says, were not keen to accept the couple into their congregation because of their relationship and the damage it had done to others.

"The only place we were welcome was at The Salvation Army. The minute I walked in the door, I knew I was home. I was disgraced in my own eyes and in

the eyes of the community, but God still loved me so much that he had prepared a place for me.

"I finally realised that I had nothing to be proud of. It was here, in The Salvation Army, in the loving eyes of my gracious and accepting new friends that I found Jesus.

"Through them I came to understand the need for sexual purity. I had a lot of past hurts and bad choices to deal with and work through.

"As I surrendered my misunderstandings of acceptable behaviour, ingrained habits and attitudes learned over many years and sought to learn anew, the Bible became like a book I had never read before.

"Confusion vanished, passages spoke clearly to me and God met me in Jesus."

Putting things right

Her corps officer at Cooma spoke in a Sunday meeting about God's call on our lives.

For Deb, it meant Salvation Army officership.

"God had not changed his mind. I had been called to a recognised qualification and

ordination many years ago. He was still calling.

"Finally, I could see my flaws for myself. In my own eyes, I had looked like Jesus, I had acted like Jesus, I had sounded like Jesus, I had loved like Jesus, and I loved Jesus. But I loved myself more.

"God showed me the person that he saw – morally superficial, proud and self-righteous, manipulative and judgmental; a person who thought they knew better than God."

At 53 years of age – and after putting things right with God and others – Deb Parsons in December was commissioned and ordained as a lieutenant in The Salvation Army. She had achieved her "recognised qualification and ordination".

Alongside her was her husband, Rod. They had become soldiers together at Cooma Corps in October 2006 and married in April the following year. They have six children between them from previous marriages.

Deb and Rod began their officer life as corps officers at Albury last month. Deb's new life, it seems, has come together on the Victoria-NSW border, a strategic point between Box Hill and Dubbo.

"The most important thing that I want to share with you today," Lieut Deb Parsons told her commissioning and ordination service in December, "is that God loves you as you are.

New life

"God has marvellous plans for you. Christ did not come to call the righteous.

"He came to call the sinners to repentance. I am a sinner. It is because I am a sinner that Christ died for me.

"It's because Christ rose from death that I have the new life I now live in Christ, my Saviour."

The lesson for her, she says, was to "surrender to God every fear, every ambition, and every pre-conceived notion of what should be".

"And it is good." □



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Be Inspired: Check out some amazing stories of what God has done in the lives of ordinary people.

Back to School: We head back to the classroom with Major Carolyn Harmer, who shares with us the importance of examination.

LeaderSpeak: In February, LeaderSpeak brings you some inspiring words from Lieut-Colonel Miriam Gluyas, Lieut-Colonel Kerry Haggar, and Commissioners James and Jan Condon.

inside SALVOSLEGAL

Each month, *Pipeline* goes behind the scenes of Salvos Legal to bring you a story from the not-for-profit law firm owned and run by The Salvation Army. Managing Partner **RIZPAH JARVIS** shares the story of Amos, a refugee from Sierra Leone who was facing jail until the Salvos stepped in and offered an alternative

We first met Amos at an evening advice session at Campsie Corp in Sydney. He had been referred to Salvos Legal by the local corp officers.

Amos had been charged with the offence of driving while disqualified and hoped Salvos Legal would represent him in court.

The offence in isolation was not serious, however, this was Amos' fourth such offence and he had already been given two suspended jail terms. This time Amos was facing the prospect of a full-time custodial sentence. Through talking with the volunteer solicitor on that first night in Campsie, Amos revealed much of his troubled past and details that led to his latest offence.

Amos arrived in Australia in 2001 as a refugee, escaping the civil war in Sierra Leone. He had suffered significant trauma, having lost family members and friends and witnessing many atrocities. He had never before talked about these experiences or admitted that he continued to suffer the effects.

On the day he committed the offence, Amos had been worried about his son, who had just been diagnosed with asthma. His stress levels increased on arrival at work when he discovered his assistant had been replaced for the day by a temp, who couldn't drive a manual car necessary for the job of transporting clients home. Amos made an impulsive decision to drive.

The volunteer solicitor found it very difficult to get Amos to open up and through her patience and persistence it became evident that, as well as legal assistance, Amos needed urgent psychological help.

Salvos Legal agreed to act for Amos and, with the help of The Salvation Army corp officers at Campsie, Amos obtained treatment from a psychologist and a referral to a psychiatrist.

Amos was diagnosed with depression and chronic post traumatic stress disorder and each of his treating practitioners were of the view that these previously undiagnosed and untreated conditions most likely contributed to Amos' poor decision-

making that led to the offence. Salvos Legal obtained funding for Amos to undertake a full psychological report for the purpose of making an application to the Court under the Mental Health Act, which allows the Court the discretion to divert an offender away from the criminal justice system to obtain treatment for diagnosed mental health conditions.

While Salvos Legal prepared to make the application under the Act, Amos continued to obtain treatment and worked very hard with his medical practitioners in building strategies to cope with his conditions. Such was Amos' progress and commitment to engage in therapy, that the report that ultimately went to the Court concluded that while Amos' conditions would require long-term treatment his prognosis was positive.

The Court, however, still needed to weigh up two competing public interests, namely, on the one hand, the purposes of punishment and, on the other, the public interest in diverting a mentally disordered offender from the criminal justice system.

On the day of his court appearance Amos was supported by a Salvation Army officer and the Salvos Legal chaplain. The Court ultimately determined that it was more appropriate and consistent with the public interest to divert Amos for further treatment than to impose a custodial sentence.

Working with Amos highlighted the importance of doing the small things. While Salvos Legal provided legal representation and the Campsie Salvation Army provided pastoral support, the simple act of the solicitor really listening to him resulted in Amos feeling that he was worth being supported. Amos then had the strength to seek psychological assistance.

Amos is continuing with his treatment and is now re-enrolled to complete his bachelor's degree in ageing and disability. While Amos was not able to express his feelings following the very emotional events in court, he later wrote to Salvos Legal and expressed his thanks in the following way: "You not only saved my life, but you also saved my future".

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soul food

Every Christian seems to have a favourite Bible verse that has either impacted them at one stage in their walk with Christ, or continues to encourage and nourish them on their spiritual journey. In this *Pipeline* column, selected people share their favourite piece of Scripture.

My Favourite Verse – Captain Adam Couchman

“Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

John 20:30-31
(New International Version)

It had been a long and difficult court case. The time had come, though, for the verdict. The evidence had been presented, the testimony of eye-witnesses heard and arguments for and against presented by both sides.

No stone was left unturned and all witnesses were questioned. Now, the jury must reveal its decision. Twelve previously unconnected individuals,

now united around a common purpose, filed back into their allocated seat in the courtroom.

“Members of the jury, have you reached a verdict?”

This scene, familiar to many of us only because of TV shows such as *Law & Order*, is reminiscent of the conclusion to John’s gospel. Like a lawyer compiling a case in an attempt to persuade the jury of his client’s innocence, John has presented ample evidence in order to convince his audience that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him they may have life in his name.

The testimony of witnesses like John the Baptist (1:19-28); signs of Jesus’ divinity including the healing of an official’s son (4:46-54); the feeding of 5000 people (6:1-15); and even the raising of a dead man back to life (11:1-44) has all been convincing.

The most compelling evidence of all, though, is found in chapter 20 – the resurrection of the man under scrutiny; Jesus Christ.

The eye-witness testimony of Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter and the beloved

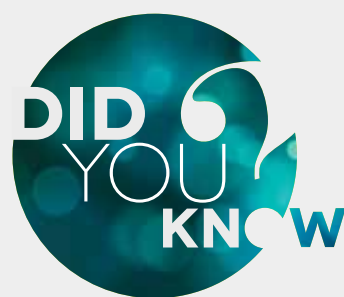
disciple has all been presented. Then, just in case the decision still hangs in the balance, the most shocking evidence of all. Thomas, a sceptic, a questioner and one who remains unconvinced by the eye-witness testimony of his fellow disciples, demands more evidence.

In many ways he represents all the potential “fence-sitters” in John’s audience. In order to convince him, he is invited by the risen Jesus to touch the very places where his body has been scarred as a result of the crucifixion. His decision is made. He believes. He confesses, “My Lord and my God!”

For John’s audience more evidence will be provided. Even though much more could be presented, so much so that the world could not contain all the books (21:25); yet, now is the time for a verdict. Now is the time to decide. There is no escaping the task at hand. A decision must be made.

Do you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God and that by believing you may have life in his name?

“Members of the jury, have you reached a verdict?”



PSALMS

- Psalms means “Book of Praises.” and 73 of its 150 chapters are attributed to David.
- The Psalms were written over a wide span of time from Moses (1410BC) to the time of Ezra and Nehemiah (400BC).
- It is the 19th book in the Bible with 150 chapters, 2461 verses and 43,743 words.

- **Psalms is actually divided into five books: Book 1 (Psalms 1-41); Book 2 - (Psalms 43-72); Book 3 - (Psalms 73-89); Book 4 - (Psalms 90-106); Book 5 - (Psalms 107-150).**

The verse reads, “It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man”, which is probably not only the central verse but the central theme of the Bible.

PSALM 118

- Psalm 118 is the middle chapter of the Bible.
- Either side of Psalm 118 is the shortest and longest chapters in the Bible – Psalm 117 is the shortest and Psalm 119 is the longest.
- Before Psalm 118 there are 594 chapters.
- After Psalm 118 there are also 594 chapters.
- If you add up all the chapters except Psalm 118, you get a total of 1188 chapters.
- 1188, or Psalm 118 verse 8, is the middle verse of the entire Bible.

NUMBERS GAME

Have you always wanted to know how many books there are in the Bible, as well as how many are in the Old Testament and the New Testament? You can by remembering just two numbers – three and nine.

There are 39 books in the Old Testament.

Multiply three and nine and the answer is 27.

There are 27 books in the New Testament.

If you add 39 and 27, the answer is 66. There are 66 books in the Bible.

Salvos support freedom campaign

By ESTHER PINN

The Salvation Army is jumping on board the Freedom Sunday campaign, an initiative of the global anti-human trafficking movement, Stop the Traffik.

Stop the Traffik is encouraging churches around the world to dedicate Sunday 17 February to creating global awareness of the issue of human trafficking.

“The purpose of Freedom Sunday is to raise awareness in corps and churches about being involved with the issue of human trafficking, and not just being involved and being aware but responding to the issue,” says Robyn Evans, The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territorial Social Justice Coordinator.

This date was chosen because many churches around the world will use 17 February as the first Sunday of Lent. Lent is a time of fasting and prayer in preparation for Easter.

Human trafficking is an issue close to The Salvation Army’s heart, says Robyn. Being the only organisation to provide residential support for trafficked victims in Australia, she believes Freedom Sunday is an important campaign for Salvationists to get behind.

“This is an issue that affects every community and in Australia

“THE MORE WE RAISE AWARENESS AND THE MORE WE PRAY ABOUT THIS, THE MORE WE ARE ABLE TO PREVENT AND STOP THIS ...”

we don’t know the full extent of human trafficking,” Robyn says.

“The more we raise awareness and the more we pray about this, the more we are able to prevent and stop this from affecting people in our community and our international neighbours.”

Robyn is encouraging Salvationists and friends to be part of Freedom Sunday by engaging with Stop the Traffik’s “Ways to Start Freedom” (see box below).

On Stop the Traffik’s website

(stopthetraffik.org) there are practical options on how to fulfil the 10 Ways to Start Freedom. These include running an awareness event; praying for victims; and writing a letter to companies and asking them to take action to end human trafficking.

In addition to resources provided by Stop the Traffik, The Salvation Army is producing extra faith-based material for Salvationists and friends to use at their corps.

10 Ways to Start Freedom

1. Start Praying, Start Freedom
2. Start Preaching, Start Freedom
3. Start Studying, Start Freedom
4. Start Singing, Start Freedom
5. Start Giving, Start Freedom
6. Start Buying, Start Freedom
7. Start Writing, Start Freedom
8. Start Freedom with children and young people
9. Start Eating, Start Freedom
10. Start Watching, Start Freedom





Q&a

CAMERON MENZIES, A YOUNG SALVO FROM CAMPBELLTOWN IN SYDNEY, RECENTLY SPENT A WEEK IN THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AT TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS IN SYDNEY ON WORK EXPERIENCE. ONE OF HIS TASKS WAS TO INTERVIEW THE DEPARTMENT'S ENTHUSIASTIC MEDIA COORDINATOR BEN MOYES, WHO IS PASSIONATE ABOUT SERVING GOD THROUGH THE SALVATION ARMY ...

CM: WHAT DOES THE ROLE OF MEDIA COORDINATOR FOR THE SALVATION ARMY INVOLVE?

BM: I help to manage our big campaigns and media and PR opportunities. We also work on a number of campaigns such as the Red Shield or Christmas appeals, to generate publicity and exposure to help increase support for the great work that we do. So that means at times dealing with the leading TV networks, radio stations and metropolitan newspapers, and also some of Australia's celebrities. I just love the fact that I work as part of an incredible team of gifted people.

CM: WHY HAVE YOU CHOSEN THIS AS A CAREER TO PURSUE?

BM: It's what I love. I love media and it's been

Ben Moyes with Australia's world champion axeman David Foster who will be used to promote this year's Red Shield Appeal. Photo: Shairon Paterson

instilled in me from an early age to do what you love and dream big. This job fulfils two key passions of mine: a passion for media and the fast-paced environment that it is, and that it is a ministry. The job has a bigger purpose – we are helping people.

CM: DO YOU HAVE A GOAL THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE IN YOUR CAREER? IF SO, WHERE ARE YOU HOPING IT WILL TAKE YOU?

BM: I don't actually have any specific work goals at the moment, I'm living it out. It's funny because I'm quite ambitious, but for the first time in my life I am happy sitting where I am and seeing where it goes. I'm very happy to be sitting in this space and letting God direct the path now.

CM: WHO ARE SOME OF THE INTERESTING PEOPLE YOU HAVE MET IN YOUR CAREER?

BM: I have met a lot of people who are 'famous', but after a while it becomes just another person. I get excited about meeting people who others probably wouldn't. For example, I love Masterchef so when I met the judges I was very excited, but I find that the most significant people in a work capacity are those who mentor you and encourage you and open you up to opportunities. Here I have been given lots of great opportunities to flourish and grow and that comes from encouraging leaders who see your potential and help that to grow. I find the most interesting people are those who are on your side, encouraging you to move forward.

CM: HOW DIFFERENT IS IT WORKING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY AS OPPOSED TO AN ORGANISATION IN A SECULAR INDUSTRY?

BM: I have a relationship with God, that's who I am and that's fundamental to my life. I love that I get to work in an organisation that represents reaching out to humanity and trying to make a difference in the world. Your work has a much larger purpose than just work, in that it's ultimately about God's Kingdom, having Jesus at the centre of it. If you've got God on your side you are always going to win. If it's not his will the doors will shut, but if it is those doors will continue to open. The key is that God's at the centre of our work here.

CM: WHAT WOULD YOU SAY MOTIVATED YOU TO WORK FOR GOD IN THIS WAY?

BM: I have always had a passion for media but it always seemed a little bit selfish. So I found myself wanting to do something ministry-based or people-based. I was actually told by a Salvation Army officer that if God had put passions on my heart, he had done that for a reason and not to ignore it. I really believe that is true and that is what almost gave me "permission" to pursue media as a career.

CM: HOW WOULD YOU SAY THAT WORKING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY HAS IMPACTED YOU AS A PERSON?

BM: I feel professionally and personally content. If you do what you love it doesn't feel like work, this is a hobby for me! As I mentioned earlier, it aligns my two passions of media and ministry.

CM: HOW HAS YOUR SALVATION ARMY UPBRINGING INFLUENCED YOUR LIFE?

BM: I was raised in faith, but the biggest influence has come out of my involvement and investment in my church [Bonnells Bay Corps] over the last six years. It has really shaped who I am. All of my best friends go to the church and it has given me a lot of practice at skills I now use professionally. Things like coordinating mission trips and monthly events. My involvement [at church] over the last few years has had a huge influence.

CM: WHAT DOES THE SALVATION ARMY MEAN TO YOU?

BM: It is deeply personally for me; in many ways the Salvos saved my life. You hear all those expressions and you really do thank God for planting that vision and desire in [Salvation Army founder] William Booth's heart to serve suffering humanity. It means so much to me, it's hard to do justice to its significance. It's so holistic – it's my work, it's where all my friends go. I love the Salvos.

CM: HOW DOES BEING A CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE YOUR OUTLOOK ON LIFE?

BM: It influences everything, and I really think it should. It should weigh heavily on our thoughts and actions. We sin all the time so it's not about achieving perfection. For me, it's realising that through God's grace I am given an opportunity every single day to live a full life and journey with God. It's about trying to do the best I can to honour and glorify God ... but the only way I can do that is with his help.

CM: DO YOU FIND THAT PRAYER IS IMPORTANT IN YOUR LIFE?

BM: It's huge! It's like any relationship, if you are not spending time and investing in that relationship than it will not grow and flourish. For me, prayer is not a chore. In fact, the more I'm praying, the more I'm connecting with God and that's when life is going better for me. It's so easy to get distracted and get off course and we need to realise it's because we haven't been keeping focused on God. For me, prayer is not a morning and night thing, it's constant right throughout the day. It's about communication and being connected to God. ☐



UNLOCKING THE ARMY'S ARCHIVES WITH MAJOR DAVID WOODBURY

Humble Salvo a modern-day St John

Bestowing sainthood has never been part of the tradition of The Salvation Army but, says **Major DAVID WOODBURY**, in the eyes of the public John Irwin came close to it

Born in Brisbane on 11 May 1905, John Irwin experienced more than his fair share of poverty and loneliness as a child of a single parent.

Christian influence during his formative years came from a Christian aunt and cousin, with whom he lived at Highgate Hill in Brisbane. After leaving school at 15, John worked for a while with a meat export company.

At 28 years of age and standing over six feet four inches, the lonely, dejected figure of John Irwin stood listening to a Salvation Army open-air meeting in Stanley St, South Brisbane. Although his early experience in the Methodist Church

had provided some spiritual basis, within there was a deep yearning for something more meaningful in life. As The Salvation Army band played, John uttered a silent prayer: "My God, if you're there, I need somebody's prayer right now."

Hardly had he uttered the prayer when corps sergeant major Vic Arnold from the West End Corps appeared and issued an invitation for John to come to a meeting. A few weeks later, John attended the meeting and surrendered his life to Christ. Not sure of the correct procedure he knelt not at the mercy seat, but on it. The sight of this huge man with his large boots protruding over the mercy seat may have amused some of the bandmen, but

they never forgot the night John Irwin unreservedly gave his life to Christ.

Following his conversion, John moved to Bundaberg where he linked up with the local corps, becoming an active member.

A move back to Brisbane saw him finding employment in The Salvation Army Home for Men in Stanley St. John, like the founder of The Salvation Army, William Booth, was to find his destiny among the destitute, rejected and lonely.

Part of his role was to scour the markets to feed his clients and he could often be seen in the early hours of the morning striding

across Victoria Bridge over the Brisbane River with a bag of vegetables over his shoulder. It was during this time that John was to forge the characteristic of respect from authority that would later become his hallmark in the courts and prisons of NSW and Queensland.

His corps officer at West End Corps, Adjutant Hubert Scotney, saw something in the gangly, awkward young man which others didn't and encouraged him to apply to enter the officer training college. In later years, Hubert Scotney became the territorial commander of the Australia Eastern Territory and saw his insight validated as John Irwin became a revered figure in the courts and prisons system.

Unique gift

Following a brief period of training, John was appointed as assistant officer in the Foster St shelter for homeless men in Sydney, and two years later took over as the officer in charge. Here he was to realise his life's destiny as part of his role included appearing at court for some of the establishment's clients.

John quickly latched on to the terminology and etiquette of court proceedings while still maintaining his compassionate relationship with those who found themselves at odds with the law. In due course, his leaders realised that here was a man with a unique and special gift and released him for full-time ministry in the courts and prisons. His biographer, Commissioner William Cairns, was to write: "He simply saw people in need of help and that was the beginning and end of it."

Although he possessed no university degree or special qualifications in criminal rehabilitation, his education in the university of living served him well. Towards the latter part of his life universities sought him out to lecture to criminology students. While John did not see himself as a reformer, in many ways through his native intelligence and insight, he reformed the attitude and thinking of others in the courts and prisons system.

For the next 30 years the name of John Irwin was to become synonymous with a compassionate and pragmatic ministry as he spoke on behalf of those who needed a friend in court. He moved unrestricted in the penal system having the respect and esteem of judges, magistrates, police, prison warders and prisoners alike.

Living at The Salvation Army's men's home at Balmain, John put in 16-hour days, making phone calls, visiting prisoner's families and visiting courts and prisons all over NSW and Queensland. Realising the shackles that bound many of his clients, John would pray with them: "Release us from the prison of our making. Help us as we struggle to be free from habits that bind us."

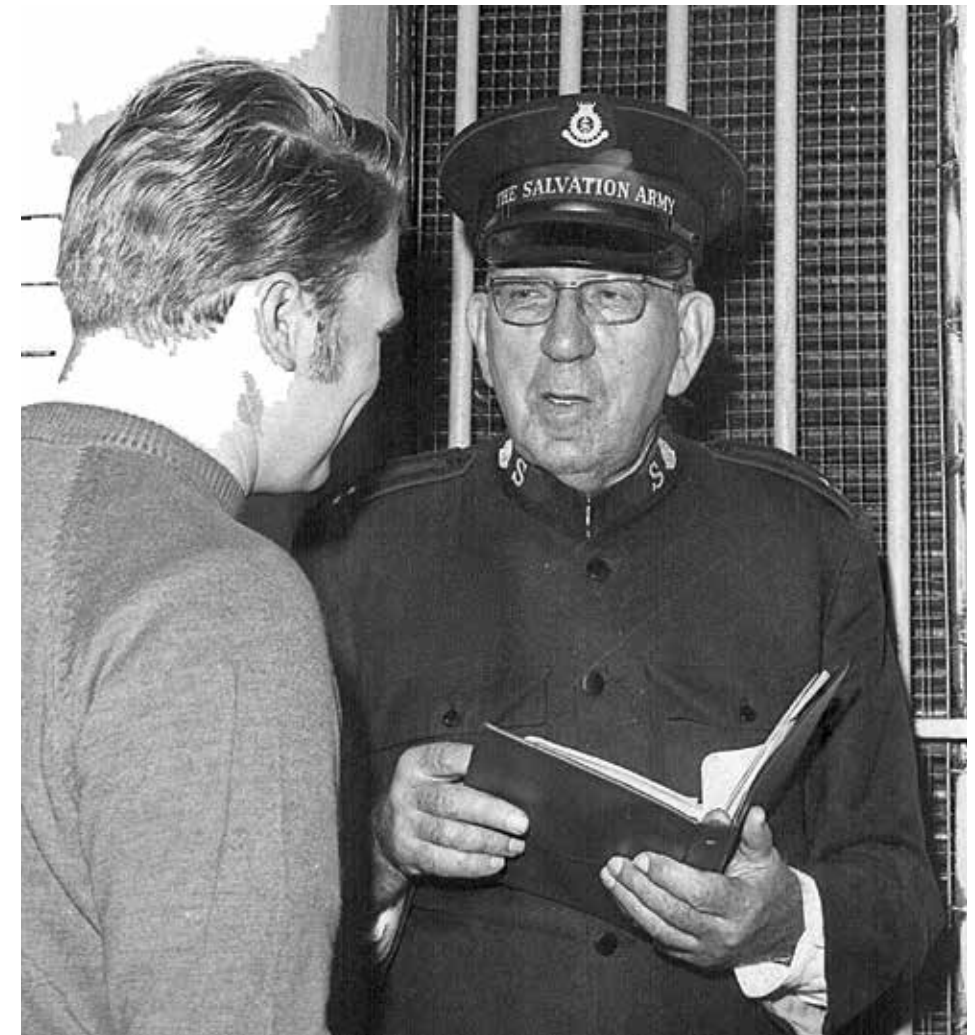
Heart of Christ

Not noted for his tidy dress, John would often appear in court amongst the bewigged legal fraternity with his shirt collar unfastened, his shoes unpolished and revealing the grime of the prison cell he had just left. Those who knew the man saw past the disorderly exterior to the inner being of someone who possessed the heart of the compassionate Christ.

One Sydney newspaper, commenting on the ministry of John Irwin, wrote: "Almost as much part of the Sydney Central Police Courts as the sandstone columns, its black and white parquet floors, its worn cedar docks and benches, is John Irwin."

A judge of the time paid tribute to his commonsense and honest approach to his ministry: "I always felt that I could rely on him for he always told me the truth. If it was the case where he could help he said so, and if there was a chance he would try. He did not get the easy cases. I sought his help when I felt the probation service alone was not sufficient, and there was need to win the confidence of the offender in a way that only a man like John could."

When Brigadier John Irwin retired at 65 years of age he was a spent force. The long hours and compassionate heart had taken their toll. However, he had left his mark on the wider community and received an OBE from the Queen in 1965 and, during a congress gathering in 1970, the Order of The Founder from the General of The Salvation Army. Bestowing the honour was none other than the officer who first encouraged him to become an officer, Hubert Scotney, now territorial commander. In 1971, the NSW Government established a centre at the



Of special interest to John Irwin were young men who came before the court.

Silverwater Correctional Centre for care of aged prisoners. Acknowledging the ministry of John, the centre was named Irwin House.

Eternal impact

John's health deteriorated quickly after his retirement and on 23 October, 1972, he was promoted to glory. His funeral service, held at Sydney Congress Hall, saw judges and police officers rub shoulders with prisoners and the destitute. All had come to honour the life of a man who they all called friend. Traffic in the City of Sydney came to a standstill as the hearse bearing the mortal remains of John Irwin left Sydney Congress Hall, preceded by The Salvation Army flag, the police pipe band, police motorcycle escort along with uniformed police and Salvation Army officers.

It is difficult, even at this point of time, to truly evaluate the impact of the ministry of one man. What is obvious is

that the extent of John Irwin's legacy will only be revealed in eternity.

Those that remember him recall that he was a man larger than life, infused by the heart of Christ. Noted Sydney judge, Justice John McClemens, whose interest in criminology, the prevention of crime, and the care of released offenders aligned him closely with John, paid tribute to him during the funeral service. Justice McClemens said in tribute: "We live in an age that doesn't believe that saints exist. He was a man who was a saint – a man who was fired and burnt himself out with love of God and the love of man."



Major David Woodbury is Pipeline's founding editor

Brigadier John Irwin leaving a court in Sydney.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Salvation Army (TSA) scholarship aims to provide support for PhD students researching on the area of social justice, welfare and community services in TSA Australia Eastern Territory. Up to four scholarships are offered through the Institute of Early Childhood in the Children and Families Research Centre (CFRC), Faculty of Human Sciences.

Each scholarship will provide a total amount of \$10,000 to each scholarship holder and may be offered as an individual award or a top-up scholarship. This scholarship also provides the opportunity for students to obtain 'view from the field' and/or gain practical experience in implementing intervention programs in community through various TSA centres.

Details of the projects will be developed by the Scholarship recipients and their supervisors in consultation with The Salvation Army.

**Applications close:
Tuesday 30th April 2013.**

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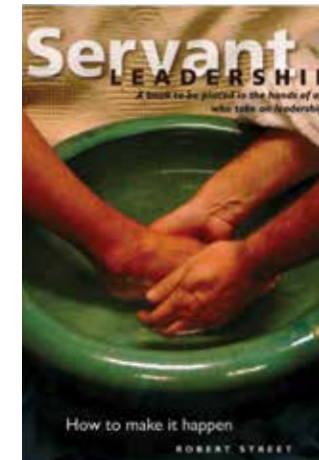
Servant Leadership – How to Make it Happen

(Commissioner Robert Street)

Servant Leadership was first published by The Salvation Army Australian Eastern Territory in 2003. It has now been reprinted and rejuvenated by the publishing arm of the Army's International Headquarters, Salvation Books.

A specific recommendation of the Army's International Spiritual Life Commission was that "Salvation Army leadership at every level conform to the biblical model of servant leadership". In this book, Commissioner Robert Street illustrates how the biblical model is found supremely in Jesus.

Available from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney (salvosuppliessyd.com). Price TBC.



Clay in the Potter's Hands 2

What are the things that have influenced your leadership? *Clay in the Potter's Hands 2 – The Shaping of Leaders* is, as the title suggests, the second of a series of books which feature the thoughtful responses to the questions by 16 leaders of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory.

In his foreword to the book, Commissioner James Condon writes, "None of us know what life may throw our way but if we want to be all that God wants us to be, then it will involve breaking, melting, shaping and filling ... Be blessed and challenged as you enter the lives of ordinary people who were clay in the Potter's hands and who allowed the Potter to mould them for his glory."

Available from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney (salvosuppliessyd.com) for \$7.50.



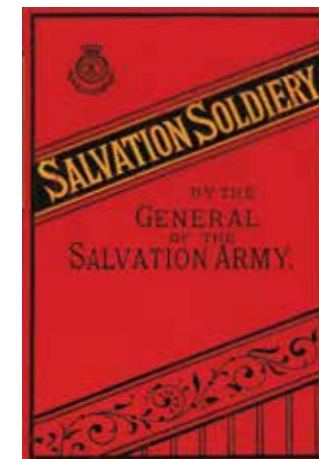
Salvation Soldiery

(General William Booth)

While many Salvationists are familiar with books by General William Booth such as *The General's Letters* and *In Darkest England and the Way Out*, surprisingly few are aware of *Salvation Soldiery*.

The book contains 19 chapters that, although prepared at different times, blend coherently and pointedly a key message for Salvationists, as stated in the subtitle: "A series of addresses on the requirements of Jesus Christ's service."

Available from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney (salvosuppliessyd.com) for \$12.



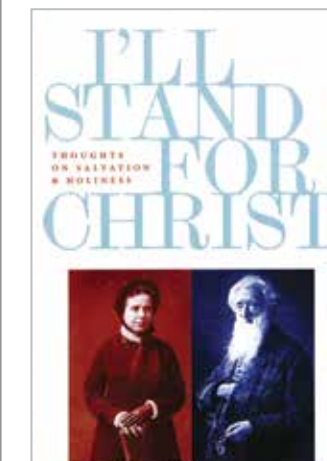
I'll Stand for Christ - Thoughts on Salvation and Holiness

(General William Booth and Catherine Booth)

What are the key aspects of how a member of The Salvation Army should live the Christian life?

This book focuses on the themes of salvation and holiness by revisiting original writings by William and Catherine Booth. These articles and excerpts have been gathered from early issues of *The War Cry* and *The Salvationist* and selected books by the founders of The Salvation Army.

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Freedom Celebration

BE A PART OF THE
GENERAL'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA!

7-8 SEPTEMBER 2013
SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

General Linda Bond, the world leader of The Salvation Army, is coming to Sydney next year. A special weekend of events will be held at Sydney Olympic Park to commemorate her visit, on 7-8 September 2013.

Stick these dates in your diary and make sure you're part of an opportunity not to be missed!

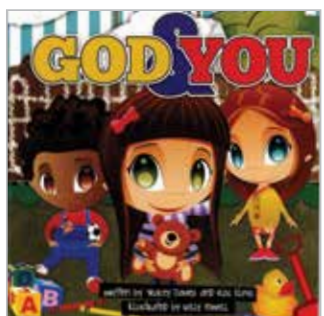


God & You

(Tracey Davies and Ros Elms)

This enchanting little children's book adapts the nursery rhyme *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* to remind youngsters of the many ways God shows his love for them. *God & You* is a follow-up to the successful *Thank You Prayer* which has proved popular in a range of children's ministry programs.

Available from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney (salvosuppliessyd.com) for \$3.50.





What would Jesus view?

With Pipeline culture writer Mark Hadley



Gleaning the gold from this year's dross

It's hard to read the media releases regarding this year's television programming and not emerge as exhausted as though you'd already seen every show there is to come. That's not because the networks have provided extensive descriptions; it's just that everything they spruik sounds like something that's come before. 2013 looks set to become the year of the safe, the sad and the seen-it. So it's more important than ever to keep your eyes peeled for the few titles that could continue to make free-to-air TV something worth valuing

SEVEN

Six years ago the Seven Network slew Kerry Packer's giant, taking the title of prime-time leader from Nine. With coffers bursting from its increased ad revenue it can afford big-budget titles like *Revenge*, *Packed To The Rafters* and *My Kitchen Rules*. But that doesn't mean there aren't mistakes to be made.

Lauded: *Downton Abbey* – The third series of this international success continues to track social changes in the Earl of Grantham's household. *Downton* promises to promote service and sacrifice over personal gain to an increasingly perplexed 21st century.

Local: *A Place To Call Home* – The

Packed To The Rafters team provides another place to look for the values of a bygone era. Set in rural 1950s Australia, Noni Hazelhurst shows us that in a small town big reputations have to be backed by actions to be believed.

NINE

Nine is not so much battling with Seven for first place as fighting to avoid third. After demonstrating in 2012 that even the Olympics can be turned into a ratings disaster, the network is turning to tried-and-tested formulas like *Big Brother*, *The Block* and *Celebrity Apprentice* to win the day. Will it be enough?

Lauded: *The Voice* – The second season

of the first talent show to make helping its contestants a part of the competition will return minus Keith Urban. While the Aussie crooner heads for *American Idol* his seat will be warmed by Ricky Martin.

Local: *Power Games* – The story of the struggle between the Packer and Murdoch media empires. Considering the producers eulogised Packer in *Howzat* I'm hoping they'll be a bit more balanced this time around.

SBS

True to its charter, SBS is planning a year of multicultural insights and alternative input. A much-needed federal boost has freed up more funding for drama. Highlights include *Who Do You Think You Are* and *Better Man*. But "culture" is something you can have too much of.

Lauded: *Mad Men* – The HBO juggernaut that reveals the inner workings of Madison Ave ad executives in the 1960s returns. Not only great drama, it lifts the lid on how we still try to manipulate each other commercially and personally.

Local: *Once Upon A Time In Punchbowl* – Looking forward to this follow-up on the same series set in Cabramatta in 2012. Love begins with understanding. In 2012 we learned about the trials of being Vietnamese; this year we turn a sympathetic eye towards the Lebanese.

TEN

The writing was on the wall in 2012 when Ten announced it would be shrinking its newsrooms; now "Don't call me serious" is engraved on the front door. But there are still a few gems to find.

Lauded: *Batavia* – Peter FitzSimons' best-selling book about the wreck of the Batavia and the human horrors that took



On the case ... Shaun Micallef and Kat Stewart star in Channel Ten's *Mr and Mrs Murder*.

place in the months following arrives as a mini-series. Fitz may be an ardent opponent of the Gospel but his story will still demonstrate the darkness at the heart of humanity.

Local: *Mr and Mrs Murder* – Shaun Micallef and Kat Stewart star as industrial cleaners by day and amateur sleuths by night. I love Micallef in these quasi-serious roles and look forward to seeing how he'll help satisfy our undeniable appetite for justice TV.

ABC

There was a time when the ABC was looked on by the commercial networks as the poor cousin of the family. But thanks to a determination to pursue quality over ratings it's anticipating the return of talent like *Spicks and Specks*, Louis Theroux and Chris Lilley. Yet Auntie can still show taste equal to the family's most eccentric octogenarian.

Lauded: *Paper Giants - Magazine Wars* – Welcome back Rob Carlton as

Kerry Packer and the true story of the battle to win the women's magazine market in Australia. *The Birth Of Cleo* was fascinating; this promises to be just as revealing as we delve into the world of commercialised gossip.

Local: *Whitlam - The Power And The*

Paper Giants - Magazine Wars tells the story of Kerry Packer's campaign to win the women's magazine market.

Passion – A two-part dramatic examination of one of Australia's most significant leaders, and also the people he led. We love to hail someone as the new messiah and hang them when they fail. Clearly as a nation we're longing for someone we haven't met yet.



Happy families ... the cast of *Packed To The Rafters*, which is one of Channel Seven's big-budget shows.



Penrith Corps members release helium-filled balloons with written prayer messages after a monthly prayer breakfast.

All-age prayer in the air at Penrith

Prayer is a priority at Penrith, keeping in line with our first mission priority. We desire to be a corps that is marked by prayer and holiness.

Since March 2011, Berris Burrows, a soldier and prayer coordinator at the corps, has been intentional about seeing all ages become involved in prayer meetings. As a result, a monthly prayer breakfast commenced. Each month, about 30 people aged from seven to much older have been meeting at the Penrith hall for breakfast at 8am for half an hour. They then spend time praying in various creative ways.

One month, we all chose a small stone from a dish and each person wrote on the stone what they would like people in the Nepean area to find in Jesus. The stones

Penrith Corps in Sydney’s outer western suburbs has embraced the Mission Priorities and Hubs concepts with enthusiasm. Corps Officer **Captain DI GLUYAS** reports on a program of intentional prayer

were then arranged permanently into an altar by the Sagala during the week.

At another monthly prayer meeting, each person was given a helium balloon, to which they tied a written prayer. The balloons were then released into the sky. We prayed believing that the right person would receive the message in prayer that God would have for them.

Research has shown that helium balloons can fly more than 2000 metres

in the air and have been known to travel as far as 140 kms. It was interesting to see that while each balloon was released at the same time, they all went in different directions. The power of prayer is amazing! When we regroup after creative prayer activities, we join for coffee and then pray specific prayers including those within the territorial prayer diary.

It’s been great to see our other weekly prayer meetings grow in numbers, as well.

But most important has been the growth within each of our lives. We now hold a week of prayer twice a year at corps members’ homes at night, including a prayer walk in the community. We plan more prayer walks and lunches this year.

It’s exciting to see our young people loving the prayer breakfast each month. Activities are prepared for them and opportunities given for them to take part.

Holiness teaching from guest speakers is now a feature and has been incredibly helpful to our corps. Holiness teaching is usually followed a corps lunch.

We totally believe that prayer is the engine that drives the church and we are excited to see answered prayers, miracles and God’s amazing hand on his people.

Exciting days!

FREEDOM STORIES

Corps and centres are encouraged to send reports of changed lives under the heading of Freedom Stories. Here are some recent stories ...

Far North Qld hub

More people won for Jesus. One person accepted Jesus in the hotels. Then after preaching about freedom over the last couple of weeks, four people found freedom at Centennial Lodge. Many new people found freedom at our corps camp where we had a combined service with all the expressions of the hub as we asked everyone to pray a prayer of salvation. – **Darren Kingston**

Mt Isa

Bibles were presented to all participants at a recent chapel service. It was wonderful to see them opening their new Bibles when the Scriptures were read. After the message, everyone came forward for prayer – one at a time, giving each of their friends their own space for prayer. It really was a privilege to pray individually for people in our care. I do need to say this was an open invitation; no suggestion other than a mercy seat call was used. The Spirit moved. – **David Pullen**

Tenterfield

We had a really powerful Junior Soldier Renewal Day where we asked for any young people to come forward to ask Jesus into their hearts. Four young people came forward and signed to accept Jesus and become a Junior Soldier. – **Yolande Soper**

Upper Blue Mountains Corps

For the past year, we have been assisting, through our welfare ministry, a refugee (now naturalised) with a Muslim background. Our corps officers have openly discussed with him the differences between Islam and Christianity. During one discussion, he stated that his family overseas would kill him if he ever became a Christian. We last saw him at a Sunday meeting in July, but he visited a few months later to tell us that he had become a Christian and was attending a church. – **Jon Belmonte**

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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

South Queensland Youth

A young lady attended a basketball and netball carnival with our squad in Perth 18 months ago. Although from a Muslim family, she was exposed to the Christian faith through devotions and church services. Her family has been in need several times and we have assisted. She attended the basketball and netball carnival again last year, but, this time, with a younger sister and two brothers. She and her sister knelt at the Cross at Calamvale Corps late last year and, a few weeks later, one of their brothers also gave his life to Christ. Their mother cannot speak English very well, but was able to communicate enough to say that her children were different now. She wants to attend our corps café to practice her English. – **Ben Johnson**

Oasis Youth Support Network (Surry Hills)

Two young men from Oasis accepted Jesus’ freedom for their lives at Gospel Arts Camp in October. The young men have begun their own life group with other friends exploring where Holy Spirit is leading them. – **Jason Poutawa**

Salvos commit to long-term help for bushfire victims

By LAUREN MARTIN
and ESTHER PINN

Salvation Army rural chaplains are continuing to provide support to families who have lost everything in bushfires that devastated the small community of Coonabarabran in north-west NSW.

More than 50 homes were destroyed when a fire, which started in the nearby Warrumbungle National Park, raged through the area in mid-January.

North NSW rural chaplains Majors Peter and Jean Ridley arrived at Coonabarabran when residents who had been evacuated from their rural properties were still unable to return home to assess the damage.

Many had lost everything, leaving their properties with just the clothes they were wearing.

"Yesterday they opened the road and allowed some of the farmers to go back and view their properties. We went back with some of those farmers and just walked over the remains of what was there and talked them through it," said the Army's North NSW Rural Chaplain, Major Jean Ridley.

The Ridleys were shocked by the extent of the devastation they encountered.

"The thing that struck us as we drove down this now barren road ... was the smell of rotting flesh of sheep, cattle, kangaroos, pigs and other wildlife," said Major Peter Ridley.

"We came across a farmer digging a huge hole to bury about 20 head of cattle that had been burned to death."

As they have moved around the community the Ridleys have sensed that the presence of The Salvation Army has had a comforting effect.

"We are getting comments perpetually that the Salvos are here," said Major Jean. "We're needed. Whether we're here to help with financial help or whatever, they [the community] know the Salvos are here and everything's going to be OK. And that just humbles you so much and makes you feel so inadequate for what is needed here."

In addition to providing support in Coonabarabran, Salvation Army personnel and volunteers have been working in bushfire-devastated areas in other parts of NSW and in Tasmania and Victoria, offering emotional as well as material support to those in need.

The Army's emergency response teams have served thousands of meals across the three states and provided financial assistance, bedding and clothing supplies.

In NSW, food supplies were given to evacuation centres established in the South Coast towns of Sussex Inlet, Bomaderry, and Ulladulla, and at Mudgee in the Central West of the state.

The Wendouree Evacuation Centre in Victoria was supplied with mattresses and bedding along with hundreds of meals to stranded residents, tourists and emergency service personnel.

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"People have lost everything," said Major Jean Ridley.

"They need to start building, they need to start getting their homes in order again.

"Those that still have something left - a shell left - need to start repairing. People have lost cattle, they need to buy food, they need to buy clothes."

The Ridleys plan to stay in Coonabarabran indefinitely to support the community through the long, hard task of recovery.

"We'll stay here as long as it takes," said Major Jean.



Many families living on rural properties on the outskirts of Coonabarabran have lost everything in last month's bushfire. Photo courtesy of Majors Peter and Jean Ridley

Driving programs steer young people in right direction

By SIMONE WORTHING

ROCKHAMPTON

Drive to Engage, a new partnership between The Salvation Army Employment Plus and the Police Citizens Youth Clubs (PCYC) in Rockhampton, is bringing hope and new skills to young mothers and jobless families in the area.

The program is divided into two parts: The Go-Driving-Reach Goals program, followed by driving lessons and logging driving hours with community mentors. Ten clients can be accepted into the program each month.

Clients are referred to program co-ordinator Sue Pollock through Centrelink and a variety of community organisations.

"Young single mums and families without employment who currently receive the parenting payment are the focus of this program," Sue explained.

Once clients apply and are accepted into the program, they complete Go-Driving-Reach Goals - a five-day Salvation Army program taught by Sue that covers goal setting, work motivation, money and time management, self-esteem, healthy living and other life skills.

"The clients have told me how much they have learnt from this program," said Sue. "Some of them thought they knew it all at the beginning, but they have realised that they don't and they really appreciate what they're learning."

The next stage is Drive to Engage, the actual driving stage. Each client is funded to receive up to 10 paid driving lessons with a local driving school. Through the PCYC, community mentors help the clients log the required hours to get their licence.

"DC Motors, a local car dealer, has donated a lease of a vehicle for 12 months to Drive to Engage, for which we are very thankful," Sue said.

The clients finish three paid lessons and then spend time logging half of their required hours. This is followed by three more lessons and the rest of their hours. They complete three more lessons just prior to their driving test, with the final hour of lessons reserved for their test.

"The benefits of this program are many," Sue said. "The majority of our clients have no support people to help them complete their driving hours, no access to a vehicle and all have children. Once they have a licence, the doors open for them to look for work and transport their families where they need to go."

The program is funded by the Better Futures: Local Solutions Government program through the Department of Human Services.



The vehicle donated to the Drive to Engage program by a Rockhampton car dealership.

NSW CENTRAL COAST

Drive for Life, launched last year at The Salvation Army's Oasis Youth Support Network on the NSW Central Coast, is continuing to help young people access transport and job opportunities.

"The aim of the program is to help disadvantaged young

people on the Central Coast get their driver's licence so they are more employable and are able to apply for jobs that require personal transport," said Robyn Bust, Manager of the Oasis Youth Centre in Wyong.

"Research tells us that a lack of access to a driving licence severely limits young people's employment opportunities and impacts their sense of belonging and connection to the community."

"Drive for Life is helping many young people who don't have family or other social support by allowing them to complete the necessary hours to gain their provisional driver's licence."

The students complete several driving lessons with a qualified driving instructor from The Salvation Army, and are then paired with a trained volunteer mentor who supports them through their practice hours, remaining lessons and driving test.

"The experience of having a driving mentor provides an immense amount of support for the young drivers who greatly benefit from the relationship that is formed during the program," said Robyn.

"We try to match our students with volunteers who have similar interests and so it is easy for them to relate to and build a relationship."

"Four students have gained their provisional licences so far and there are many students enrolled who are at different stages in the program."

Drive for Life is being supported by Skoda, EFTPOS and Carsguide.com



Newcastle and Central NSW Divisional Commander, Major Gavin Watts, with Oasis Youth Centre manager Robyn Bust, and Drive for Life student Naomi Goddard.

'Honoured Friends' go extra mile to help needy

By LAUREN MARTIN

The Salvation Army has thanked two of its "honoured friends" who, in addition to their generous bequest, have also donated their time.

Just before Christmas, Tony and Lana Miller contacted The Salvation Army's Major Hilton Harmer and told him they "wanted to do something special" for a community outreach program that he ran from Dulwich Hill Corps in Sydney.

Tony and Lana are Honoured Friends, a group of supporters who have made a bequest to The Salvation Army in their will.

"Our Honoured Friends [aged pensioners Tony and Lana] purchased, prepared and delivered take-away containers of turkey, ham, salad, coleslaw, bread rolls and a slice of Christmas cake to 80 residents of boarding houses in Sydney's inner-west on Christmas Eve," said Major Hilton Harmer.

"They were absolutely delightful talking to the people as they handed out the meals."

In early January, Major Harmer presented Tony and Lana with an Appreciation Certificate for Outstanding Service to The Salvation Army.

"And I wrote to Tony and thanked him and Lana," said Major Harmer. "He wrote back and said, 'please don't be too lavish with your appreciation, we did what we did for our Lord Jesus Christ and we did what we did for the needs of the people in the community'."

Every Tuesday night, as part of The Salvation Army's Dulwich Hill Outreach Service, Major Harmer visits residents of boarding houses in Sydney's inner-west.

He also visits various residents in private homes who are struggling to make ends meet. Taking donated food and other goods, he is able to provide comfort and support to some of Sydney's poorest people.

Explaining how the ministry began in July last year, he tells the story of a boarding house he happened to visit while helping a former homeless man move into his new accommodation.

One of the other residents approached him asking for assistance, "So I went down and I've never seen such a terrible sight in all my life here in Australia," said Major Harmer.

"There were so many cockroaches - I mean thousands, thousands of cockroaches running around the room ... and this man was sleeping on the floor. He had nothing."

So, after helping to furnish the man's room, Major Harmer began a small ministry dropping off items of food to residents of the boarding house once a week.

Now he visits 10 boarding houses and a number of private homes in the area and delivers food donated by Oz Harvest and other supporters.

"It's just developed into a ministry of its own," he said.



Major Hilton Harmer with Lana and Tony Miller who provided a Christmas meal to boarding house residents in Sydney's inner-west. Photo: Major Bruce Harmer

Breakfast programs aid reconciliation

The Purga elders and descendants from the Ipswich area, and The Salvation Army Indigenous ministries at North Ipswich, joined forces last year to provide weekly breakfasts for students at Ipswich State High School and Bundamba Secondary College.

The Purga elders and Indigenous ministries fund the program at Bundamba Secondary College, which provides a hot breakfast for up to 60 students every Wednesday.

Brooke Prentis, Indigenous ministries leader who comes from the Waka Waka people, and Peta Cunningham, Indigenous ministries family and children's worker, assist at the breakfast.

On Friday mornings, Brooke and Peta also run a breakfast program for up to 120 students at Ipswich State High School, where volunteers from the Purga elders and descendants cook.

Foodbank supplies the fruit, and other funding has

come from the Federal Department of Family, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

"Both breakfast programs are for Indigenous and non-Indigenous kids," said Brooke. "We have many different nationalities coming and eating together."

"We are trying to get the entire school community involved to have fun and interact and it's been a great example of reconciliation."

"Also, through these breakfasts, trust has been built between the elders and Indigenous ministries. We have re-established relationships and together we are moving forward."

"Indigenous ministries is a combination of social services, mission and worship. It's a holistic ministry that incorporates worship, Sunday school, education, food and clothing assistance and emotional and spiritual support."

Aged care centre residents can't help falling in love with Elvis impersonator

By JOANNE BRAIN

Residents of The Salvation Army's Rosedurnate Aged Care Plus Centre in Parkes rolled back the clock recently with a visit from "Elvis".

Elvis impersonator Rick Gattenhoff used the annual Parkes Elvis Festival last month to perform at the centre.

"We had residents dancing and tapping their feet and everybody was singing along," said Michelle Symington, the centre's recreational officer.

Rick has been a regular at the festival for the past six years and always makes a point of volunteering his time to put on a show for the residents.

Eagerly awaiting Elvis' appearance, residents dressed in "Elvis lays" and the centre was decorated with Elvis paraphernalia.

"It's a fun way to start the festival," said Rick. "They know all the songs and

some people get up and dance, others just jig in their seat. My wife gets people dancing and singing too!"

For the residents at Rosedurnate, the visit takes them in a trip down memory lane.

"Mostly it's good memories, but for some a certain song triggers memories

of a loved one that has passed on or a time in their life they had forgotten," said Michelle. "So it can be a really sentimental day too."

"We really can't thank 'Elvis' enough, it's excellent for the residents and



Elvis impersonator Rick Gattenhoff with centre residents.

especially for those that aren't able to easily leave the centre during the festival.

"With so many people in town over the weekend, it's great having a special show in our facilities."

"We just love it."

In the Bible it says: 'You must be very careful not to forget the things **you have seen God do for you**. Keep reminding yourselves, and tell your children and grandchildren as well' (Deuteronomy 4:9, CEV)

We're calling all children aged 5 to 12

to help us see something of life 'through the eyes of a child'.

We would love for children to take a photo that will show us something that they have seen God do for them.

This might be something to do with their family or friends, it might be a special place or an item or object, it might be something to do with a skill or talent they have, it may even be something they've seen that reminds them of God.

Entry to the competition is open to children aged five to 12 years. To enter, children need to take an original photo and send it, along with a sentence or two (25 words or less) describing how their picture shows what God has done for them, to:

kidzone@aus.salvationarmy.org
or Kidzone Photo Competition,
PO Box 479, Blackburn Vic. 3130
by 5pm Friday 1 March 2013.
Entrants must have the consent of their
parent or guardian to enter.

20 photos (the winning entries) will be chosen to be featured in material promoting the International Day of Prayer for Children and a creative prize pack will be awarded to the entrants of these photos. **Terms and conditions:** please go to [facebook.com/kidzonemagazine](https://www.facebook.com/kidzonemagazine)



Shellharbour job seekers given helping hand

A group of long-term unemployed residents from Shellharbour, south of Wollongong, have turned around their prospects for employment, thanks to The Salvation Army's Employment Plus Retail Plus Project.

As part of the program, the 16 group members, aged 19-44, who volunteered in September last year to undergo training

with Employment Plus and TAFE NSW, also completed work experience with local retailers. Fourteen members of the group graduated from the Shellharbour TAFE in December, receiving a Statement of Attainment in Retail and improving their chances of securing employment.

"The people in this group might be jobless families or young parents who

feel out of the loop and unable to get back into the workforce," said Kirrilee Trist, National Marketing, Media and Communications Manager for Employment Plus.

"The project has provided the group with in-house training and mentoring support with Employment Plus to boost their job-seeking skills as well as training in retail at the Shellharbour TAFE campus.

"The funding we received for this project (\$103,600) will help train another group of young parents and jobless families with the skills and certificate qualifications for employment in the retail sector by its completion in July."

The Retail Plus Project was part of a Federal Government initiative introducing funded community-led projects in areas battling high unemployment, including Shellharbour.

Mother-of-two and participant of the program, Larni, said she had been out of work for four years and was concerned at the difficulty of gaining flexible employment. She undertook work experience at a local Woolworths and enjoyed the experience.

"Not only do I now have work experience and study behind me, but I now have confidence and belief in myself," she said.

"I was scared to go back into the workforce and through the program a lot has changed and now I feel much better prepared."



Graduates of the Employment Plus Retail Plus Project with Federal Member for Throsby Steven Jones (back left) and project co-ordinator Jack Kirstan (front centre). Photo courtesy David Hall, *The Lake Times*.

Salvos developing healthy link with Cowra school

Lieutenants Stephen and Kim Gorrige, the previous corps officers at Cowra Salvation Army, recently presented a cheque for \$300 to Holmwood Public School as part of the Red Shield Appeal's 25 per cent incentive scheme.

"This amazing little country school with around 50 students and three teachers has helped for a number of years with the annual Red Shield Appeal by hosting a 'Red Day', as well as knitting scarfs for the homeless," said Lieut Kim Gorrige.

"This time it was Cowra Corps' turn to say 'thank you' to the school for all their support. It's such a generous school and they have a real passion for helping The Salvation Army."

The funds received will help start a healthy eating program for the children. The program will provide healthy food options for the students as well as education on healthy choices, foods to avoid and ideas for school lunches.

The Red Shield Appeal's incentive scheme makes available, upon application, to corps and centres for their social welfare activities, up to 25 per cent of funds generated from the doorknock appeal that are in excess of their approved goals.



Lieutenant Kim Gorrige with staff and students at Holmwood Public School.

YOS partnerships help make dreams come true

Stories of hope, encouragement and inspiration flowed during The Salvation Army Youth Outreach Service (YOS) education programs graduation and awards ceremony at Stafford Corps in Brisbane late last year.

Sherene Hicks, YOS manager, led the ceremony which was attended by friends and family of the graduates as well as partner agencies and Salvation Army corps.

The graduates came from the school groups across all four YOS locations, with 13 graduates from Year 10, eight from Year 11, and 14 from Year 12. Three young people also received a Charters Towers Distance Education award. Students from YOS at Lawnton and Caboolture study through this school.

"This year we have also started the YOS education scholarship fund awards and we were able to give two of these," said Sherene.

"One of the recipients, Catherine, has been accepted into the Mater Hospital's nursing program."

The number of scholarships awarded is based on donations made into the scholarship fund.

Graduation also acknowledges and celebrates the YOS



YOS staff and graduates celebrate. (Back row, left to right) Dina (staff), Elyce Gordon (graduate), Major Rod Ainsworth, Major Leonie Ainsworth, Cheryl (staff), and (front row, left to right) Gabrielle Booth (graduate), Selena Barron (graduate).

community partnerships with St James College, Everton Park State High School, Charters Towers School of Distance Education, The Department of Education and Salvation Army corps.

"We can't do our work in isolation," Sherene explained. "In partnership with the community, together we can see young people achieve their educational dreams and move on from where there they are at."

"Our program is also about students' personal dreams and aspirations, about the young people believing in themselves and knowing they have the potential to achieve their goals."

The relationship between YOS in Lawnton and the Pine Rivers Corps is helping the young people to do just that.

"This relationship is proving to be a natural reflection of One Army One Mission and working together for common goals," said Major Leonie Ainsworth, Pine Rivers Corps Officer.

While YOS has been co-located with Pine Rivers Corps for several years, the connection strengthened four years ago when volunteers from the corps started contributing to hampers and other welfare packages for YOS clients, and when YOS developed a community garden on the corps site. Over the past two years this connection has grown and includes volunteers participating in street outreach, Drive for Employment and other YOS programs, sharing donated food between welfare and YOS clients and mutual support.

"Recently, we also had a couple of young people from YOS attend the Pine Rivers Corps youth camp and this has proved to strengthen their spiritual walk," said Sherene.

"Over the years other young people known to YOS have also become part of the corps' youth group."

Majors Rodney and Leonie Ainsworth have also been able to support young people and their families in court and have facilitated getting young people into family counselling with their on-site counsellor.

"It is vital for us to be involved with whatever is happening with the young people and YOS and we try to assist in any way we can," said Major Rodney Ainsworth.

"We build strong links with the kids, are sensitive to their situations and can give support for that immediate moment or longer term."

Long-serving Canberra Advisory Board chairman retires

A celebration lunch was held late last year at The Salvation Army ACT and South NSW Divisional Headquarters to honour John Mackay upon his retirement as chairman of the Canberra Advisory Board.

During the past 12 years, Mr Mackay has been an active and generous supporter of The Salvation Army in Canberra through his involvement as a member of the board, the last four years as chairman. At the lunch, attended by all Canberra Advisory Board members as well as two previous chairmen in Jim Service and Arthur Kenyon, Divisional Commander Lieutenant-Colonel Philip Cairns spoke words of appreciation to Mr Mackay on behalf of the Army and presented a gift.

In his response, Mr Mackay spoke of his admiration for the work of The Salvation Army and said he considered it an honour to be able to help. Despite his retirement, Mr Mackay said he would continue to help and support the work of the Army in Canberra.



Lieutenant-Colonel Philip Cairns congratulates John Mackay on his work with The Salvation Army.

New program smoothes way for migrants

By LAUREN MARTIN

A new program at a Salvation Army centre in Sydney's west is making a real difference in eliminating key barriers that most migrants encounter when arriving in Australia.

Around two years ago, Auburn Salvation Army developed a social cohesion program to create a process that helped new migrants integrate into Australian society.

Auburn Corps Officer and the Army's Australia Eastern Territorial Multicultural Ministries Coordinator, Captain Nesan Kistan, said the Cronulla riots in 2005 had put the spotlight on multicultural Australia and something needed to be done.

"We recognised that if we didn't resolve this incredible social challenge, what lay ahead of us was increased antisocial behaviour and increased problems with people becoming integrated parts of Australian society," he said.

Developed in consultation with members of The Salvation Army's advisory board, the social cohesion model aims to integrate new arrivals into Australian society through friendship, education and skills training. The ultimate goal is for the participant to gain employment.

"We recognised that the key thing for most migrants was finding employment," said Captain Kistan.

"Employment became the barometer for us to measure whether we were being successful or not."

Participants attend free English language classes and are invited to attend Auburn Corps' annual Kwetu Camp at The Salvation Army's Collaroy Centre.

At the camp, they make friends and learn about Australian society.

They are also able to gain their driver's licence through Auburn's multicultural driving school, do budgeting courses and gain retail training at supportive local businesses.

Another initiative of the model was the establishment

of a multicultural school at The Salvation Army's Booth College last year.

However, despite its sound theoretical basis, the program's implementation has been slow and at times frustrating, according to Captain Kistan.

"We've seen a few people get jobs but we really want to put a significant mark on the Australian community," Captain Kistan said.

"We realise that we are really only going to do triage. We're just band-aiding the situation until we can come up with a more significant national approach."

This year, the social cohesion model will be expanded to more corps and centres within the Australia Eastern Territory, and also the Australia Southern Territory. Captain Kistan said it was the beginning of a journey he hoped would change the very essence of Australia.

"Our heart's desire is to see a cohesive nation under God working together to produce the best Australia can produce," he said.

"Because every different nationality brings its own unique skill set to the table and migration and multiculturalism has a richness that we are yet to fully understand and appreciate. But when we allow the right atmosphere to prevail, who knows how great the possibilities will be."



The Kwetu Camp at The Collaroy Centre has been a key part of the social cohesion program.

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ENROLMENTS

Cowra Corps

Captain Louise Nicholson, former Corps officer, was the special guest at Cowra Corps on 9 December for the enrolment of Tracey Guynnon as a senior soldier. Captain Nicholson has been a friend of Tracey's for the past 10 years and was delighted to share in the occasion. Tracey shared her testimony of how God had been at work in her life. Lieutenant Kim Gorringe, Cowra Corps Officer at the time, also accepted three new adherents - Olive Corcoran, Chez Struczewski and Wayne Chalmers - during the meeting. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Lieut Kim Gorringe, Chez Struczewski, and Lieut Stephen Gorringe, and (front row, left to right) Captain Louise Nicholson, Tracey Guynnon, Olive Corcoran, and Wayne Chalmers.



Ballina Corps

Ballina Corps recently celebrated the enrolment of three senior soldiers along with two commitment renewals. On the same day, two adherents were accepted with another also making a renewed commitment. All of these people had been involved in a soldiership bootcamp two weeks previously, which allowed them time and opportunity to discover and learn about The Salvation Army, its beliefs and mission, and their part in it. Pictured (from left to right) are John O'Keefe, Sharon McLean, Sally McDonald, flag bearer Bill Lock, Mel Alaban, Lexi Northey, Megan Cathcart, Corps Officer Gai Cathcart, Casandra Wilson, Marc Kinsella and Corps Officer Peter Cathcart.



Dubbo Corps

Major Glenn Whittaker enrolled his grandson, James Young, as a senior soldier at Orange during the Greater West Division Western Muster. James was supported by many from his home corps who travelled to Orange for this milestone in his life. Major Lyn Whittaker, James' grandmother, and his parents, Dubbo Corps Officers Majors Colin and Kate Young, together with other family members and friends, also travelled to Orange to witness this special day for James. Pictured are Major Whittaker and his grandson James.



Belconnen Corps

Envoy Angela Czoban, the associate Corps officer, recently enrolled three senior soldiers at Belconnen Corps in Canberra's north. The soldiership bootcamp program played a significant part in the decisions of Julie Harvey, Nick Hulkskamp and Christine Penders (pictured left to right with flag bearer

Edith Shaw) to become soldiers of The Salvation Army. "It was evident that these members of the corps had made deep decisions of faith and a commitment to the lifestyle fitting of a Salvation Army soldier," said Belconnen Corps Officer Envoy Roz Edwards. "We give thanks to the Lord for the moving of his spirit in the lives of our people ... and commit to his leading for the days to come."



Life Community Church

Five adherents were accepted at The Salvation Army's Life Community Church at Slacks Creek in Queensland by Corps Officers Captains Dennis and Sue McGuigan on 23 December. Pictured (left to right) are Captain Dennis McGuigan, Ben Archbold, Louise Archbold, Keith Gill, Margaret Japin, Roger Wynne, flag

bearer Graham Deighton, Captain Sue McGuigan, and adherents class leader Andrew Owens. The adherents gave testimony to what they experienced when they walked in the doors of Life Community Salvation Army, speaking of the peace, community, love and acceptance they found. Each is willing to serve God through the Army and all are keen to explore soldiership classes.





Heilsarmee performs *You and Me* live on Swiss TV in a preliminary round of the Eurovision Song Contest.

Swiss Salvos a hit at Eurovision Song Contest

By KEVIN SIMS

Heilsarmee, the “rock group” put together by The Salvation Army’s Switzerland, Austria and Hungary Territory to represent Switzerland at the 2013 Eurovision Song Contest, has won the Swiss public’s support after an exciting televised contest.

Heilsarmee, with the song *You and Me*, received 37.54 per cent of the vote, more than double that of the second-placed act.

The members of the six-piece group – Michael Sterckx, Katharina Hauri, Christoph Jakob, Sarah Breiter, Jonas Gyga and 94-year-old self-confessed “old crock” Emil Ramsauer – were delighted to be chosen to represent their country in Malmo, Sweden, in April (see www.salvationarmy.ch/eurovision/band for more information on the individual members).

The Salvation Army’s Head of Marketing and Communications, Martin Künzi, says they are “overwhelmed” to have been selected to represent Switzerland at the iconic song contest.

Heilsarmee’s celebrations have been slightly dampened by the news that the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), which runs the Eurovision Song Contest, has concerns that the group falls foul of its restrictions on “political groups”

or the promotion of commercial interests. The EBU says that Heilsarmee may have to change its name and wear something other than official Salvation Army uniform.

Martin disagreed with the EBU but admits that there is ongoing dialogue to ensure Heilsarmee can take part in a way that represents the original concept of presenting a true face of The Salvation Army.

“For us, it is not a question about uniforms and the name as such but that if we have to change them it will disrupt our concept,” said Martin.

“We were authentic as The Salvation Army – no wild choreography, a band that can perform the song in the streets. If the uniform is removed the concept will be affected. Therefore, we want the EBU to rethink the restrictions and let us create a concept that works.”

The group will have to make it through the first semi-final in Malmo on 14 May to have the opportunity to participate in the final on 18 May, in front of an estimated TV audience of 125 million people.

Across Europe (but not in Switzerland) people will have the opportunity to vote for Heilsarmee.

“The Salvation Army could rock not only Malmo but the entire world!” said Martin.

“We should not miss the opportunity.”

General leads Spirit-filled gatherings in India

By Major BABU SAMRAJ

More than 15,000 Salvationists travelled from across the Army’s India Western Territory to see and hear their international leader, General Linda Bond.

The India Western Territorial Headquarters is in Mumbai, but the main gatherings took place in Ahmednagar and Anand – ideal locations to bring together Marathi and Gujarati speakers, respectively.

In both locations the General was given a spectacular and colourful welcome, including the honour of arriving in a brightly decorated horse-drawn chariot known as a ratha yatras. Her journey between the two cities was punctuated by the sight of groups of young Salvationists beside the road, waving banners and greeting the international leader.

At Anand, the General saw signs of a thriving Salvation Army. In her Bible message she spoke about the apostle Paul’s transformation. She encouraged the church of today to be relational rather than religious.

“There is nothing more important than to have a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ,” she reminded Gujarati Salvationists.

The meeting included the dedication to God of children, a bamboo dance by representatives of South Gujarat Division and



Nurses and staff welcome General Linda Bond to Evangeline Booth Hospital in Ahmednagar.

the singing of traditional devotional songs known as “Bhajans”.

While in Anand the General also visited The Salvation Army’s historic Emery Hospital. In the maternity ward, the General prayed with new mothers and held some of the babies. She encouraged the mothers to ensure that their children grow up to know God.

The public meeting in Ahmednagar included the publication of the Marathi-language Salvation Army song book.

Speaking about the tremendous growth of the early Church, the General told her listeners that “120 people gathered in the upper room changed the world”, adding the challenge that the 7000 Spirit-filled Salvationists who were gathered for the meetings also had the potential change the world.

The General spoke about the sense of community found across the international Salvation Army, encouraging the Marathi-speaking congregation members that they are part of an international family.

The meeting also included testimonies, a cultural presentation and “Bhajan” songs. Many people knelt at a large cross to pray during the singing of *To Thy Cross I Come, Lord*.

The General was accompanied throughout her visit by territorial leaders Colonels Thumati Vijayakumar and TK Manikyam.

She also led officers councils in both Anand and Ahmednagar.



The General watches a traditional dance at the public meeting in Anand.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Prayer warrior

Dorothy Joan Bedwell was promoted to glory on 27 October, 2012, aged 85.

Her funeral service was conducted by Major Kingsley Alley with a private family service at Centenary Memorial Gardens followed by a celebration of Dorothy's life the following Sunday afternoon at Brisbane City Temple.

Tributes were expressed from the corps by Barbara Brown and, on behalf of the family, by Dorothy's eldest son Kingsley Bedwell. Scripture passages were read by Douglas Cooke, Dorothy's eldest daughter Suzanne Ballard Smith and Dorothy's grand-daughter, Nikita Bedwell. Dorothy prepared much of her service for the occasion and her written testimony was read by Major Christine Ivers. Major Earle Ivers presented a vocal solo requested by Dorothy, *I'd Rather Have Jesus*. Major Alley's devotional message was centred upon 2 Corinthians 5:8: "At home with the Lord."

Dorothy was born in February 1927 to Salvation Army officer parents, William Thomas and Florence Jessie Ballard, attending her first meeting before she was two weeks old. Growing up in a Christian and Salvation Army atmosphere, she felt called by God to become an officer, and left her corps at Manly to enter the training college at Petersham in the *Fearless* session of 1945.

Dorothy was commissioned by General George Carpenter, the Army's first Australian General who, as he commissioned her, spoke of her father and his service as an officer.

Dorothy served as a corps officer in the following places: Mt. Morgan, Temora, Rozelle, Wynnum, Fortitude Valley, Rockhampton, Bundamba, Nambour, Woonona and Burwood. In the early 1960s, her husband, Mervyn, resigned his officership and for some years Dorothy served in church work before returning to the Army as a soldier at Brisbane City Temple.

In her subsequent employment as a single lady, Dorothy was highly regarded by her colleagues at the University of Queensland whose references are a great tribute to her Christian witness and work ethic in that environment.

Although Dorothy ceased her employment at the university many years previously, this high regard was evidenced by the attendance of some of her former colleagues at her celebration service as well as a number of messages

from others with whom she worked.

Dorothy is survived by her daughters, Suzanne and Carolyn, and her four sons, Kingsley, Lyndon, Howard and Bradley. She was a devoted mother to her children, providing for them for some years and she delighted in her extended family of 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Dorothy was a faithful prayer warrior and she believed that although her final years of declining health left her limited in many ways, she regarded her prayer for her family and many other people as the greatest thing she could do for them.

She also loved the Word of God and she immersed herself in the Scriptures regularly, with special fondness for the Scripture Union's *Daily Notes*. From her love of God's Word she gleaned her life's philosophy from Romans 12:12 as translated by JB Phillips: "Base your happiness on your hope in Christ."

We rejoice in the knowledge that although her loved ones and friends will surely feel the loss of their loved one, they possess the sure and certain knowledge that Dorothy is now "At Home With The Lord".

Quiet achiever

Oliver Collyer was promoted to glory at on 22 September, 2012, aged 83.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Oliver was conducted at The Salvation Army Wollongong Centre by the corps officers, Captains Ray and Joy Lotty, on 24 September.

Oliver's son, Brian, and grandchildren, Wayne and Nicole, took part in the service.

Oliver Collyer was born into a Salvation Army family at Mudgee, NSW, on 9 July 1929. He was one of six children. He married Faith Smith in 1955 after meeting her during a Queensland holiday. They established their home at Wynnum (Brisbane), where Brian was born.

The family were soldiers at Brisbane City Temple. Oliver played tenor horn in the Campaign Band and then Brisbane City Temple Band. He received a Band Reservist badge on retirement.

Oliver and Faith moved to Wollongong in 1996 after an earlier move by Brian and his wife Roslyn and children.

They were active members of a Wollongong seniors group and Oliver used his immense woodworking skills to assist craft groups.

After Faith moved to a nursing home

in 2002, Oliver spent most of his time caring for his wife, until her death in 2007.

He is remembered as a quiet man of few carefully chosen words who provided encouragement through his support and presence.

God's servant

Raymond Allan Reese was promoted to glory on 24 September, 2012, aged 67.

A service of thanksgiving was held at Gold Coast Temple Corps, led by Corps Officer Major Andrew McKeown. Tributes were given by Ron Creek on behalf of the family, and by Jonathan Whybird on behalf of Ray's corps family. A photo tribute was presented as the band played the march *Wellingtonian*.

The Greenslopes (Brisbane) Hospital Chaplaincy team gave a tribute to Ray, as he had been an important part of the chaplaincy program at the hospital.

Ray was born in Toowoomba in 1945 to Merle and Allan Reese. The family moved to Melbourne for a few years and then came back to settle in Brisbane.

Following his school years, Ray worked in his father's taxi-truck business and studied for his Senior Certificate at night. His love of learning continued right through his life, later completing a bachelor and a masters of education.

Ray attended Nundah Corps, where he served as young people's sergeant major and then corps secretary. In 1968, Ray and Denice were married, and started full-time service as envoys at Nananago and then Laidley Corps. Following commissioning as Salvation Army officers Ray and Denice served at Waverley, Forbes, St Peters Men's Home and Liverpool Corps.

Following the conclusion of Ray and Denice's full-time ministry, Ray worked for the Australian Red Cross, The Salvation Army Public Relations Department and Blue Care. He then became involved in aged care chaplaincy and was appointed as chaplain coordinator at Greenslopes Hospital in 2008.

Ray was an active member and bandsman of Gold Coast Temple Corps. He also conducted an internet ministry, sharing Christ, God's Word and Christian music with people, making many friends both in Australia and overseas.

Ray's interests were many and varied. He loved fishing, collecting (anything), banding, chickens and canaries. Most of all he loved God and his family.

Ray had a certainty that he was a child of God. He is "Home with his Lord".

Faithful soldier

Thelma Treffone, a long-time soldier of Hurstville Corps, was promoted to glory on 8 November, 2012, aged 95.

Thelma's committal service and the thanksgiving and celebration of her life, were conducted by Major Colin Maxwell, a former Hurstville corps officer, who acknowledged her as a Salvationist deeply committed to God and her corps.

In his message from Luke 15:8-10 those gathered were reminded that "there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents"; that God values us highly, searches for us and gives us opportunity after opportunity to respond to his call to be a part of his family. Thelma's response to this call was in favour of being in the family of God.

Janette Smart (daughter) brought a family tribute, reminding those present that Jesus promised a room in heaven for all believers and that Thelma's heavenly room was ready for her at last.

A tribute in song, *I Can Only Imagine*, was given by Julie Morelock (grand-daughter). Tributes were expressed on behalf of the grandchildren by Stuart Briggs (grandson) and on behalf of the corps by Diane Hill (niece) who said that "strength, commitment and loyalty" were three words that came to mind when thinking of Thelma's various roles in the corps.

Ruth Wallis read from Proverbs 31:10-29, where the virtuous woman is described as an excellent wife and mother, however, her strengths, commitment and loyalty did not come from her achievements but, like Thelma, from her reverence for God.

Thelma Bessie Millar, the youngest child of Emily and Angus Millar, was born at Freshwater, NSW, on 2 March, 1917, her mother having travelled there from the family home in Dubbo to escape the summer heat.

The family - which included her siblings Grace (Pack), Joycelyn (Baskin), Orville, and Hilda (Stewart) - attended corps at Dubbo and Mudgee prior to moving to Hurstville in 1921. The whole family worshipped at the Hurstville Corps and it was here that Thelma gave her heart to Jesus, was enrolled as a senior soldier, was married, and where she worshipped and served her Lord for the rest of her life.

In 1939, Thelma married Ron Treffone

at Hurstville. Early in the 1950s, they built a home in Penshurst where they raised their three daughters Janette (Smart), Rosemary (Gebhardt) and Alison (Briggs) to be strong women and individuals, and good mothers too. Thelma was greatly loved and respected by her three sons-in-law, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Hospitality was one of Thelma's gifts, and the Treffone home was always open to visitors, with many people invited home to Sunday lunch following the morning holiness meeting or to supper after the night salvation meeting.

As an elocutionist, Thelma will be long remembered for the impact of her recitations when she contributed to the ministry of not only the Hurstville band, songster brigade and Home League singers, but also divisional and territorial congresses and celebrations. Her special ministry was also valued by other churches, corps and women's groups.

Thelma and Ron had an adventurous spirit that took them all over the world. Thelma's final adventure took her home to her Lord and Saviour. "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Man of influence

Bert Leitch was promoted to glory on 12 June, 2012, aged 81.

A celebration thanksgiving service for Bert was held at Brisbane City Temple on 18 June, conducted by Commissioner Ivan Lang.

Emily (grand-daughter) and Terry (son-in-law) Simpson brought a Bible reading and prayer, Bevon Luhrs spoke on behalf of the corps and John McComb brought a friends tribute. A number of family members then brought family tributes.

A combined band and songster brigade were both involved in the service, while the family left the building to a recording of Bert singing *My Tribute*.

Robert McAlpine Leitch was born on 29 March, 1931, in Glasgow, Scotland. He was the only child of Robert and Mary Leitch. He resided in Govan and attended The Salvation Army from birth.

At the age of 18, he undertook his National Service in the Royal Air Force. Two years later, on returning home, he joined the Glasgow Police Force. Bert was a Scout Master, keen football player and great athlete, particularly excelling in the 100m dash.

At the age of 22, he met Eunice Herd and they were married on 3 December,

1955. They had four children, Paul, Steven, Timothy and Gillian. Their family has since grown to include 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Bert was very involved in Govan Salvation Army and participated in the singing company, YP band, songsters and senior band. His singing career commenced in his early 20s when he was asked to sing at a Salvation Meeting and it became evident to all that God had given him a special gift. From then on, there was no turning back, as Bert was asked to sing regularly within The Salvation Army and also as a member of the BBC Choir. He eventually became songster leader at Govan and continued in this role until the family left for Australia.

Bert and Eunice emigrated to Australia with their young family in 1970, settling in Brisbane and attending Brisbane City Temple Corps. Bert continued to use his voice for God, eventually becoming songster leader, a role he held for 23 years. Bert, along with Eunice, also became very involved with the Army's youth, directing music camps and musicals for many years. He saw this as a great investment and enjoyed training and encouraging young people in their musical endeavours.

Bert was diagnosed with Parkinsons disease at the age of 55, however, he continued in his role as manager of Sinnamon Retirement Village until he retired. In retirement, he assisted Eunice in her job at Greenslopes Welfare Centre, and enjoyed playing lawn bowls with his good friend John Allen.

In recent years the effects of Parkinsons took their toll on Bert; his mobility became increasingly limited and his ability to sing was diminished. He enjoyed listening to recordings of himself and found peace in these memories.

After 26 years of battling with Parkinsons, Bert died peacefully at home in his own bed with Eunice at his side.

Bert was a man of very few words, but the words that have been said about him, and the impact he has had on so many lives, have been overwhelming. His family have found great comfort in knowing how loved he was and how his memory will live on in those he influenced for so many years.

REPORTS

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Appointments

Effective 1 March Major Peter **White**, Projects Secretary, Mozambique Territory; Major Gail **White**, Sponsorship Secretary, Mozambique Territory.

Effective 1 February: Major Elwyn **Grigg**, Finance and HR Coordinator for PNG Manus Island Humanitarian Mission Services and Property Supervisor, Papua New Guinea Territory; Major Raewyn **Grigg**, Coordinator for PNG Manus Island Humanitarian Mission Services and Part-time Tutor for the Training College, Papua New Guinea Territory; Majors Lindon and Cheryl **Kinder**, Associate Officers, Hurstville Corps, Sydney East and Illawarra Division.

Effective 10 January: Major Lyndal **Barker**, Territorial Director Family Tracing Service, Special Search Service, Program Department; Major Andrew **Schofield**, Manager, Mens Program, Dooralong Transformation Centre, Newcastle and Central NSW Division; Major Julie **Schofield**, Residential Manager/Chaplain, Dooralong Transformation Centre, Newcastle and Central NSW Division; Lieutenant Bev **Clark**, Manager, Womens Program, Dooralong Transformation Centre, Newcastle and Central NSW Division; Lieutenant Joe **Clark**, Property Officer/Chaplain, Dooralong Transformation Centre, Newcastle and Central Division; Captain Lai **Li**, Associate Officer, Hurstville Corps with responsibility for Chinese Ministries, Sydney East and Illawarra Division; Captain Patsy **Shadbolt**, Associate Corps Officer, Maroubra Corps, Sydney East and Illawarra Division; Captain Roscoe **Holland**, Discipleship Resource Coordinator –Children, Program Department; Lieut-Colonel Colin **Haggar**, Assistant Network Director, Homelessness Inner City Services Manager, Sydney East and Illawarra Division; Captain Melanie-Anne **Holland**, Assistant Manager, Homelessness Inner City Services, Sydney East and Illawarra Division; Major Bruce **Pratt**, Men's Manger and 2IC, Pindari Services, South Queensland Division; Major Leanne **Lock**, Director of Mission/Chaplain, Burrangiri respite Centre, Aged Care Plus; Lieutenant Hazel **Hunt**, Director of Mission/Chaplain, Central West Aged Care Services (Moyne), Aged Care Plus; Major Amanda **Chow-Show**, Director of Mission/Chaplain, Inner West Aged Care Services (Maybanke Hostel), Aged Care Plus; Captain David Morgan, Director of Mission/Chaplain, Weeroona Village, Aged Care Plus; Major Janet **Siddens**, Director of Mission/Chaplain, Macquarie Lodge, Aged Care Plus.

Awards

Major David **Knight** received a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Campsie.

Bereaved

Major Graeme **Ross** and Envoy Ian **Ross** (ret.) of their mother Thelma **Ross** on 2 January; Captain Paul **Arthur** of his father Beverly **Arthur** on 2 January; Major Lyndal **Barker**, Major Bruce **Robinson** and Major Alwyn **Robinson** of their uncle Gordon **Robinson** on 7 January.

Retirements

Majors Cecil and Cath **Woodward** on 31 January; Majors Barry and Pam **Nancarrow** on 31 January; Major John **Wiseman** on 31 January; Major Christine **Stiles** on 31 January; Major Judy **Knight** on 31 January; Majors Chris and Laurel **Witts** on 28 February; Majors Allan and Christine **Daly** on 31 December 2012.

Promotion

From Captain to Major: Majors Dennis and Sue **McGuigan**.

Study Success

The following officers have graduated with university degrees, both receiving the Dean's Commendation.
Bachelor of Social Science (Counselling) degree: Major Sue **Davies**;
Master of Counselling: Major Noela **Fanshawe**.

time to pray

3-9 February

Territorial Moral and Social Issues Council (MASIC), Salvos Stores, both THQ; Central West Aged Care Services, Panania Corps, both NSW, Cairns Corps, Qld.

10-16 February

Townsville Riverway Recovery Mission, North Queensland Hub, Bundamba Corps, all Qld; National Secretariat, Information Technology Department, both THQ; Warringah Place Retirement Village, NSW; Cadets Public Welcome Meeting (10); Captivated Evening, Brisbane (11); Captivated Evening, Townsville (12); Captivated, Collaroy (15-17).

17-23 February

Property Department, Territorial Mission and Resource Team – Social, The Collaroy Centre, all THQ; Bethesda Residential Aged Care, Horton Village, Longreach Corps/Rural Chaplaincy Base, both Qld; Divisional Mission and Resource Team –Corps Forum, Sydney (18-19); Social Services Conference (18-19).

24 February –2 March

Ipswich Corps, Bundaberg Corps, both Qld; Territorial Candidates Department, Aged Care Plus Head Office, Salvation Army International Development Officer (SAID), all THQ; Wider Cabinet (24-27); Territorial Advisory Board (28); World Day of Prayer (1); Territorial Mobile Mission Team (combing with Southern Territory) (1-24).

engagement calendar

Commissioner James (Territorial Commander) and Jan Condon

Springwood: Sun 3 Feb – Major Christine Stiles Retirement Service
Campsie: Sun 10 Feb – Majors Chris and Laurel Witts Retirement Service

Parramatta: Sun 10 Feb – Cadet's Welcome Meeting and Farewell to Colonels Wayne and Robyn Maxwell

#Brisbane: Mon 11 Feb – Captivated

#Townsville: Tues 12 Feb – Captivated

#Collaroy: Fri 15-Sun 17 Feb – Captivated

Caloundra: Sat 23-Sun 24 Feb – Official Opening Corps buildings

Collaroy: Sun 24-Wed 27 Feb – Wider Cabinet

Sydney: Thu 28 Feb – Advisory Board

#Commissioner Jan Condon only

*Commissioner James Condon only

Colonels Wayne (Chief Secretary) and Robyn Maxwell

Parramatta: Sun 10 Feb – Public Welcome of Cadets and Farewell to Colonels Wayne and Robyn Maxwell

#Brisbane: Mon 11 Feb – Captivated

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#Collaroy: Fri 15-Sun 17 Feb – Captivated

Collaroy: Sun 24-Wed 27 Feb – Wider Cabinet

#Colonel Robyn Maxwell only

*Colonel Wayne Maxwell only



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Friday 31st May - Sunday 2nd June, 2013

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