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## In other words, Jesus set things right

The writings of Oswald Chambers have had a significant impact on my life. So it seemed only natural, when beginning to meditate upon Easter in preparation for writing this editorial, that, alongside my Bible, I turned to the Scottish-born author and preacher.

Chambers, understandably, has quite a bit to say on the subject of Christ's death and resurrection, and as I researched his work I began to formulate how I could translate some of his insights into my own article. And then I read this:

### The collision of God and sin

*"... who himself bore our sins in his own body on the tree ..." 1 Peter 2:24.*

*The Cross of Jesus is the revelation of God's judgment on sin. Never tolerate the idea of martyrdom about the Cross of Jesus Christ. The Cross was a superb triumph in which the foundations of hell were shaken. There is nothing more certain in Time or Eternity than what Jesus Christ did on the Cross: He switched the whole of the human race back into a right relationship with God. He made Redemption the basis of human life, that is, He made a way for every son of man to get into communion with God.*

*The Cross did not happen to Jesus: He came on purpose for it. He is "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world". The whole meaning of the Incarnation is the Cross. Beware of separating God manifest in the flesh from the Son becoming sin. The Incarnation was for the purpose of Redemption. God became incarnate for the purpose of putting away sin; not for the purpose of self-realisation. The Cross is the centre of Time and of Eternity, the answer to the enigmas of both.*

*The Cross is not the cross of a man but the Cross of God, and the Cross of God can never be realised in human experience. The Cross is the exhibition of the nature of God, the gateway whereby any individual of the human race can enter into union with God. When we get to the Cross, we do not go through it; we abide in the life to which the Cross is the gateway.*

*The centre of salvation is the Cross of Jesus, and the reason it is so easy to obtain salvation is because it cost God so much. The Cross is the point where God and sinful man merge with a crash and the way to life is opened – but the crash is on the heart of God.*

– Oswald Chambers

What powerful words to express God's ultimate act of sacrificial love in redeeming a lost humanity – words which convey the true meaning of Easter far more poignantly than anything I could muster.

**Scott Simpson**  
 Managing Editor

your  
say...



## Vision clothed in wonder

The purpose of this writing is to share an experience and witness to blessings which flowed from an event which I now share with you.

Some months ago, after a visit to hospital, I was resting and had enjoyed a good sleep. On waking, now wide awake and sensing the calmness and quietness of the area where we live, (Woody Point on the Redcliffe Peninsula, Queensland), a screen suddenly formed in my vision, borders not well defined, with seven words in block capitals, silver in appearance and about one foot high: WHO CLOTHED JESUS ON THE RESURRECTION MORNING?

Now, months later, I can still "see" the vision. Then, the vision

faded almost immediately leaving my mind crowded with an ever-increasing number of thoughts, now shared.

A loving heavenly Father clothed the first Adam after his sin. The same loving heavenly Father, as Creator, clothed the Second Adam after he paid the penalty for all sin.

There very quickly formed in my mind a picture of Jesus, as I see him, coming again into our world as he emerged from the tomb. We might say, with the utmost respect, perfectly groomed. His body, soiled from the events of the Friday, perfectly cleansed. His body healed from the vicious scourging and the penetrations of the thorns.

Can we ever understand the prophetic words of Isaiah when

he foretold the end result of the ultimate spite which showed as his face was smitten: "He was unrecognisable!"

He came from the grave, healed, restored and clothed as our Saviour. We look to him and claim for ourselves not only what he represents but what he is and all that he gives.

He is our Saviour and he gives us salvation when we confess our sin and our need of him. We are then able to witness in the words of Henry Lyte (SASB:17), *Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven ...* and in wonder add *clothed* in the robes of salvation provided for us by a loving heavenly Father. O Come let Us Adore Him, Christ The Lord!

**Major Ian Liddell (Ret.)**

Commissioner James Condon wants to hear your story.

"Your Say" is a page inspired by Commissioner Condon where Salvationists, whether new recruits or experienced campaigners, share their experience of soldiership.

If you are a first-generation

Salvationist, the Commissioner would like to hear your story of how you came into contact with The Salvation Army in 500 words or less.

The Commissioner would also like to hear from second, third, fourth and fifth-generation Salvationists, answering one of two questions in 500 words or less:

"What life lessons has God taught you through personal experience?" or "What spiritual truth or ministry are you passionate about?"

So if the Lord is speaking to you about something that you are willing to freely share in *Pipeline*, send your story to [eastern.editorial.aue@salvationarmy.org](mailto:eastern.editorial.aue@salvationarmy.org)

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## Jesus' wounds are sacraments of love

As we approach another Easter, **Commissioner JAN CONDON**, Territorial President of Women's Ministries, challenges us to live as beneficiaries of God's love and allow it to compel us in all we say and do

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service encourages Aussies to "roll up your sleeves and give blood". A group at The Salvation Army's Australia Eastern Territorial Headquarters in Sydney does this regularly. They call themselves "the blood suckers".

Many years ago, as a cadet at the Army's officer training college, I gave blood, but it was a long process and since then I have never offered again. Having lived in England in the 1990s I am now prevented from giving blood.

We are told that every blood donation can save three lives. There is life in the blood!

There is life in the blood of Jesus!

At this Easter time, we remind ourselves again of the immense value of the sacrifice of Jesus, his shed blood for each one of us.

The blood of Jesus will never lose its power to heal, to save, to transform lives.

Isaiah says, "he was wounded for our transgressions", and someone else wrote, "Jesus' marks are not merely scars but the sacrament of love".

May we never treat lightly the healing power of the blood of Jesus because of his great love for us. The best-known verse in the Bible captures it so beautifully: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life," (John 3:16).

### Unconditional love

This verse speaks of the incredible characteristics of God's love. It

is unconditional and not just for those who are good. It is for all because of his grace. CS Lewis said: "Christianity uniquely claims God's love comes free of charge, no strings attached."

This love is sacrificial because God *gave*, and it's valuable because God gave his *only* Son. He gave not only out of his abundance, but his only Son. And this love is accessible and within reach of anyone who believes in Jesus.

Jesus entered our world and longs to enter our lives because he loves us. He is not judgmental. He did not come to condemn but to draw us into relationship with Him.

Jesus' marks [wounds] are not merely scars, but the sacraments of love. A sacred sign of his love for us which ought to be treasured all the more because of the Giver and his grace.

Nothing we can do can make God love us more. And nothing we can do will make him love us less.

Because of his great love, he gave his only Son as a sacrifice and a sacrament of love.

May we live as beneficiaries of his love and allow his love to compel us in all we say and do.



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# Simplicity of lifestyle

This month *Pipeline* concludes its three-part Lenten series written by **Lieutenant-Colonel DOUGLAS CLARKE**, based on the Sermon on the Mount and focusing on Matthew 6:19-34

*"There is no greater mystery than simplicity of the soul"*  
**Henri Bremond, French Jesuit author**

*"There is no greatness where simplicity, goodness and truth are absent"*  
**Leo Tolstoy, War and Peace**

In one of the most haunting and remarkable passages in Scripture (Matthew 6:19-34), Jesus asks of his disciples, "What are we committed to?" Is our heart set on earthly possessions or are we committed exclusively to him?

Embedded in this section of the Sermon on the Mount are two small parables, both reinforcing these poignant questions.

## Verses 22 and 23 The Parable of Vision

If the eye is "single", that is, clear and healthy, the person's vision will be unimpaired. If the eye is "evil" that is, diseased, the person's vision will be impaired.

The choice is between two visions. Jesus is saying resist allowing your vision to become blurred and focus not on the earthly possessions but the heavenly.

Jesus does not forbid wealth/ possessions but insists that wealth/ possessions are a means, not an end in itself, and that everything depends on the stewardship of our possessions. "... for a man's real life in no way depends upon the number of his possessions" (Luke 12:15 JB Phillips).

## Verse 24 The Parable of Commitment

For the disciple of Jesus the irreconcilable alternative is God and Mammon. The Aramaic word "Mammon" has the meaning of wealth of every kind.

As with the first parable, this parable also requires a choice – a choice between two masters whom we are going to serve.

Jesus requires of his disciple the utmost self-dedication, self-sacrifice and allegiance. Mammon leads to self-assertion, self-aggrandisement, indulgence

and covetousness. Our Lord concludes this section of the Sermon on the Mount with a clarion call to his disciples, "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things shall be yours as well" (Matthew 6:33 RSV). The Greek word for seek means "the giving of oneself without reservation".

## Christian Living

CS Lewis memorably concluded his classic study of the Christian faith *Mere Christianity* with these words, "The principle runs through all life from top to bottom. Give up yourself and you will find your real self. Lose your life and you will save it. Submit with every fibre of your being and you will find eternal life. Keep back nothing. Nothing that you have not given away will be really yours. Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead. Look to yourself and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in."

The 1974 Lausanne International Congress on World Evangelisation was described by *Time Magazine* as possibly the widest ranging meeting of Christians ever held. One of the most important issues and questions arising out of the Congress was, "What lifestyle is appropriate for the Christian disciple of Jesus Christ today?"

The late Rev Dr John Stott was Chairman of the Drafting Committee for the Lausanne Covenant. This document is still widely regarded as one of the most significant documents in modern church history. Dr Stott commented that such a question as this led the participants in the congress to include in their Covenant the following significant statement – "All of us are shocked by the poverty of millions and disturbed by the injustices which cause it. Those of us who live in affluent circumstances accept our duty to develop a SIMPLE LIFESTYLE in order to

contribute more generously to both relief and evangelism."

## Prioritising life

Dr Stott, further commenting on the subject of a simple lifestyle said, "... as for possessions, one way to decide whether we NEED something is to consider whether we USE it, for we evidently don't need what we don't use. It would, said Dr Stott, be a start if all of us went through our belongings annually, in order to give away what we do not use."

One practical resolution made by the congress members was to contribute more generously to human development projects. It is noted that the Australia Eastern Territory of The Salvation Army has an excellent program called "Gifts That Keep On Giving", which provides an opportunity for individuals to give generously to human development projects in our international Army. (For a copy please contact the Territorial Headquarters SAID office).

In our desire to be obedient to our Lord's teaching on a lifestyle of simplicity, read and reflect upon the following controlling principles for a simple Christlike lifestyle as suggested by the American Quaker and author, Richard Foster.

In your reflection, note the principles you already keep and underline the ones you need to begin to embrace in your discipleship.

- Buy things for their usefulness rather than their status
- Reject anything that is producing an addiction in you
- Develop a habit of giving things away
- Refuse to be propagandised by the customs of modern gadgetry
- Learn to enjoy things without owning them
- Develop a deeper appreciation for the creation/environment

- Look with a healthy scepticism at all 'buy now, pay later' schemes
- Obey Jesus' instructions about plain, honest speech
- Reject anything that breeds the oppression of others
- Shun anything that distracts you from seeking first the Kingdom of God

We live in an unashamedly materialistic consumer society where advertising would have you and I "pamper ourselves and our needs". Our society would have us believe the following – to be out of step with the current thinking and fashion is to be out of step with reality; covetousness is to be understood as ambition; greed is being industrious; hoarding for oneself is prudence.

The Christian disciple, however, is called to a lifestyle that is counter-cultural and one of simplicity.

It is, then, an inward reality that results in an outward lifestyle.

## A concluding prayer:

*Let me remember that here I have no continuing city, but only a place of sojourn and a time of testing and of training:*

*Let me use this world as not abusing it:*

*Let me be in this world but not of it:*

*Let me be as having nothing yet possessing all things:*

*Let me understand the vanity of the temporal and the glory of the eternal:*

*Let my world be centred not in myself but in Thee.*

John Baillie, *A Diary of Private Prayer*



Lieut-Colonel Douglas Clarke is a retired officer of the Australia Eastern Territory.

# Were you there?

**General LINDA BOND** reflects on Christ's suffering on the Cross and how it intimately relates to us 2000 years later

**I**t was my first Sunday at my new corps appointment. When the meeting came to an end, I was told that one family in attendance was facing the impending death of their 14-year-old daughter. She had been present with her parents that morning. This family undoubtedly had to be my priority for pastoral visitation. And so a journey lasting a few weeks began, with daily visits and the privilege of walking alongside a family in their darkest hour.

On a very hot, sticky Sunday afternoon in August, I was to visit Sherry for the last time. She lay on her bed agonising with the heat, the discomfort, the thirst and the pain. Her mother could only look on helplessly. Her dad sat beside her, raising her in his arms every few minutes to give her more ice to crunch, her only relief from the raging thirst. She was dying. We knew we were sharing her final hours. The window of her bedroom was open in the hope of getting some air. But what was coming through the window was the sound of children playing. The joyful shouts and laughter were in stark contrast to the moaning of a dying child. Somehow the sadness was all consuming and anything other than grief seemed so inappropriate. But beyond those bedroom walls life went on as usual.

It strikes me that we are so often unaware of the suffering of others. We hear of a trial and the news reports give the particular date of when a child went missing. We hear about the anguish of the parents, the details of the horrible crime, the months that went by

before the perpetrator was caught. Being reminded of the date the crime happened may trigger a reflection: Where was I on that day? So often we have a happy memory. But then we realise that while life went on for us, that same day had ended tragically for others.

And so it did many years before when Jesus faced the most agonising crucifixion experience. A familiar song asks the probing question, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" More than 2000 years later, we have to answer "no" if we are thinking in terms of time. But let's go there in our imagination.

In his prayer in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus confesses, "my soul

no awareness that beyond their patch, outside the city, the Son of God was to be crucified. It is the most important day in history but they are not "there". Even Simon of Cyrene had other plans. He was "passing by on his way in from the country" when he was stopped and forced to carry the Cross and "be there" (Mark 15:21-22 *New International Version*).

To be honest, even if time or geography were not factors, few of us want to enter into the suffering of others. We certainly shrink from suffering ourselves. Yet once we have experienced it, we are never the same again. In some ways, *we share in the fellowship of his sufferings* (Philippians 3:10) and enter into a knowledge of Christ

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**"The Cross is not the end. It is the beginning and the Resurrection of Jesus announces it in most dramatic fashion. Jesus is alive!"**

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is deeply grieved to the point of death" (Mark 14:34 *New American Standard Bible*). He sweats drops of blood. His soul is in agony. He is tormented, but life goes on. The disciples fall asleep. During his arrest, his trial, his whipping, there is a suffering beyond the physical. The grief of aloneness is real. Where are his companions? Are they there? Yes, they are, at least they are in the vicinity. But Judas has orchestrated a betrayal, Peter is denying any knowledge of him and the other friends can't be seen for dust.

And for others in Jerusalem, life went on, business as usual. There was

we never had before. For Christians, the suffering of Jesus on every level – spiritual, emotional, social and physical – speaks to us in a deeper way. It tells us that he understands. He is not distant, remote or unfeeling. He is "there with us". He knows pain. He knows rejection. He knows humiliation. He knows grief.

However, the Easter season calls us to the deepest level of reflection regarding his suffering. We have to understand the purpose for it. It means we must go beyond contemplating the pain endured. We have to face ourselves, our part in his suffering. No wonder the songwriter

says, "Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble". Whether we realise it or not, we *were there* when they crucified our Lord. With all our sin, with all our shortcomings, with our rebellion, we *were there*. And he took our sin upon himself. He bore its awful penalty. He opened up the way for us to come to the Father, reconciled, redeemed and restored. Now we share his life in a new way. Because of his atoning sacrifice, we are truly never the same again.

This is not a bad news story. This is the good news, the best news! This is a love story! This is the demonstration of the love of God, said the apostle Paul, "in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8 *New International Version*). The Cross is not the end. It is the beginning and the Resurrection of Jesus announces it in most dramatic fashion. Jesus is alive! This is a story of *God with us* and *God for us*.

The amazing consequence of this is our salvation. But it also calls us to seek the salvation of the world. We are a people who share his heart for others, their suffering, and even their apathy, and most certainly their need of a Saviour. We serve. We intercede. We seek justice. We tell the Good News. We believe in transformation for we are also a resurrection people. We share his hope for the world.



**General Linda Bond**  
is world leader of  
**The Salvation Army.**

# NORTHERN LIGHTS UP FOR GOD



Majors Phillip and Nancy McLaren at their desk at North NSW Divisional Headquarters in Armidale. Photo: Shairon Paterson.

*Pipeline* reporter **ESTHER PINN** recently spent some time in the The Salvation Army's North NSW Division to investigate some exciting developments in five of the corps

**G**len Innes, Kempsey, Casino, Armidale, Gunnedah. These towns are all part of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory North NSW Division, an area spanning 60,000 sq km with a diverse climate and a diversity of people.

Majors Phillip and Nancy McLaren have been the divisional leaders for the past two years and have spent a vast majority of their time driving between these different towns to visit Salvation Army corps.

The division includes 21 corps and two travelling rural chaplain missions that are located along the north coast of NSW and inner rural west region.

While distance is the obvious factor in their differences, the McLarens say that their division is not just defined by its isolation. It is, they say, more appropriate

to suggest it is defined by its variety of people.

"All the places are different. You've almost got two cultures within the division. What you see in Moree is different to what you see in Port Macquarie. Doing ministry in the bush is different from in the city," says Major Phillip McLaren.

"It's environmentally and culturally different," his wife adds.

The McLarens admit they are faced with many challenges, including a lack of leadership within individual corps, a generally ageing population and some corps are suffering from low attendance due to isolation. But they have high hopes for the division and have recently seen growth within a number of corps.

"Some of these small places are struggling. But if they think creatively and

look at ways to communicate well, it's going to be exciting," says Major Phillip McLaren.

The McLarens are overseeing some exciting developments in the divisions, with *Pipeline* choosing to focus on five corps.

Firstly, we share about the significant growth in numbers happening at Glen Innes in the New England region.

Then, we share how Casino Corps has increased its children's and youth ministry, how Kempsey is reaching the homeless community.

Moving on to Armidale, we discover the transformation in this corps through recent renovations.

And in Gunnedah we report on the new Hope House which offers much-needed welfare services to a lower socio-economic community.



George Dobbie and his worship band (from left) Maurie Heidrich, Bryan Stone and James Delkou.

Photos: Shairon Paterson

## GLEN INNES — a corps reborn

**G**len Innes is a revival story. Just over 18 months ago there were only four people attending the corps in this small New England town with a distinct Scottish heritage.

"The corps was on the verge of closing," says George Dobbie, the Scottish-born Glen Innes chaplain.

Since February last year, the corps has been growing rapidly and it's all due to George's enthusiasm for God, The Salvation Army and the people of Glen Innes.

"You've just got to get out there. There's no point just staying in here [the corps]," says George with a surge of passion. "My main motivation is to meet people out there in the town."

Everybody in Glen Innes now knows George by name. His strategy has been to greet every person he meets on the street. He visits the local hospital, pubs and clubs, nursing homes and farms and gets involved in community life.

"He's so full of life," says Gypsy Maddy, a regular worshipper at the corps. "He makes everybody feel welcome.

The building was here but the church didn't exist before George. He has really renewed people's faith."

Gypsy is just one example of God at work in the town. Losing her home to a fire on May 9 last year, Gypsy reached her lowest point.

"To be honest I was about ready to give up. But George just appeared and gave me words of encouragement," she says.

"I have totally renewed my faith in God. Coming to the Salvos in Glen Innes, I now have a reason to believe again. I have found faith to get through it all."

George also spoke enthusiastically about the enrolment of Jeanette Berger as a senior soldier – the first enrolment of a soldier in 11 years at the corps.

The Glen Innes worship team once again was created as a result of George's friendliness on the town's streets.

"We accidentally met," says James Delkou, a member of the worship team. "George was looking for someone to tune his banjo. He heard I played guitar and asked me to see the church. I did and I've



The infectious enthusiasm of George Dobbie has had a tremendous impact at Glen Innes.

been coming ever since."

James plays electric guitar during worship on Sundays. "I enjoy the communal spirit and the work the Salvos are doing for the less fortunate. I believe the music we play is uplifting for people," he says.

About 30 now attend the Sunday morning service each week and nine new adherents were also enrolled two months ago.

# GUNNEDAH

## – a corps restoring hope

It was during one of The Salvation Army's monthly barbecues, which regularly attracts more than 50 people in a high-need area of Gunnedah, that Envoy Joy Wilson was given an idea.

A Salvos team member suggested that Envoy Wilson ask the local community housing provider if it were possible to lease a house in the area as a permanent Salvation Army base.

Hoping to provide a positive presence in the neighbourhood by offering a variety of services and programs, Envoy Wilson approached Homes North to see if they would consider the proposal. The housing provider agreed.

There was one house available in the area but it had been significantly damaged, but Homes North offered the property to the Salvos at just over \$1 a year rent, and so they seized the opportunity and started Hope House.

Explaining the deep needs in a small neighbourhood, "well-known" to police as a challenging area of the rural town of Gunnedah, Envoy Wilson, the initiator of the barbecues and now The Salvation Army Hope House co-ordinator, explains the process.

"We didn't start in the most respectful and affluent neighbourhoods but in an area of high crime and low income," she says. "We felt we needed to be among this community of broken people."

"Jesus would be here walking amongst the broken, the hungry and the abused, and the house given to us seemed to represent the need. Ninety per cent of windows in the house were smashed, there were holes in the walls, the carpet was filthy and stained, and arsonists had failed in their attempts to burn the place down."

The Hope House refurbishment was finally completed in September last year, with additional funding made possible through a generous bequest, which is also contributing to the daily operational costs. A number of service clubs, churches and



individuals also generously supported the project

Local teenager Kye, who is the current Australian welterweight boxing champion, was commissioned to paint a special mural on the Hope House fence (above), which he spent his last day in Gunnedah completing before moving to Sydney for training.

Kye and his family first met Envoy Wilson, and a small Salvos team, at the monthly barbecues, and Envoy Wilson has supported his mother for a number of years, along with a range of other key community mentors.

"Kye was brought up in a very difficult environment and was in foster care with his siblings for a time," Envoy Wilson says. "He had fought tooth and nail to become a champion."

Envoy Wilson, who is also working with the courts and local schools, says that she is not there to lecture but just to be a friend and offer services to help those who are struggling.

Sometimes the depth of needs can seem overwhelming, she says, but she does what she can and hands the rest to God. She says seeing the success in Kye's life, and a number of others, is very encouraging. "We want to see a whole heap more beat the odds just like Kye," she says.

– Naomi Singlehurst



Envoy Penny Williams (left) serves at the Cafe De Light that operates out of the Armidale Corps complex, which has recently undergone major renovations. Lieutenant Ged Oldfield (above) puts the finishing touches on the citadel walls.

Photos: Shairon Paterson

# ARMIDALE

## – a corps reborn

# CASINO

## – a corps replenishing

The Casino Corps is about to start replenishing the physical and spiritual hunger of schoolchildren in the town by establishing a breakfast club for primary-aged kids in the town.

"The fact is, many kids in Australia go to school not eating breakfast and it shouldn't be that way. So we thought we'd like to help out," says Casino Corps Officer Envoy Marcus Young.

In addition to satisfying their stomachs, Envoy Young is also passionate about dealing with their spiritual hunger.

"We've also bought Bibles – The BIG Rescue Bibles from the Bible Society. We just want to reach these kids."

The Casino Corps also started a youth group towards the end of last year.

Salvation Army soldier and single mother Debbie Brown is the leader of a small but enthusiastic group of children.

The Salvation Army in Casino also opened a new Salvo Centre last year. The centre contains both a Family Store and welfare services.

"We have drug and alcohol counselling and we also have welfare officers as well," says Envoy Young.

Envoy Young and his team are hopeful they can also open a Salvation Army Recovery Services Program.

# KEMPSEY

## – a corps reaching out

Lieutenant Karen Keddie started out by providing a meal for up to 20 homeless people once a month under a bridge by the Macleay River.

Over the past year, Kempsey business owners have jumped on board by providing food and drink supplies for feeding the homeless on a more regular basis.

Lieutenant Keddie is now often approached by homeless people on the streets, providing her with opportunities to minister to them and give them clothing or other goods.

"I now see them down the street and have a chat with them and they now know me and I know them now," she says.

The success of this ministry has now expanded beyond just feeding the homeless, with the relocation of the Family Store into a larger building.

"We were working in very small premises. We were all working in an open plan and there was no confidentiality or privacy when clients called up," says Lieutenant Keddie.

"We are getting more clients because people are struggling to make ends meet. Unemployment and finances are a big problem here. So we offer budget and financial counselling."

The larger premises also houses a community centre which runs self-esteem and craft classes.

The renovations at Armidale Corps have been a long time coming.

"It's been talked about for up to 10 years. Last five or so years we've had plans. I think this is God's timing that it's now happening," says Envoy Penny Williams, the former corps officer at Armidale who with her husband, Shane, transferred to Maclean Corps at the start of the year. But for six months last year she and Shane oversaw renovations to the citadel, Family Store, youth hall and community kitchen. The Family Store has been expanded and now joins the citadel.

"We were two separate buildings and now we are one building. We've closed the gap between the Family Store and church to make the shop a little bigger," says Envoy Williams.

The second stage involved renovating the citadel hall. A fresh coat of paint has brightened up the hall and glass doors have been added. "We put in the glass doors and it just opens up the whole room," says Envoy Williams.

The citadel has also been fitted with

airconditioning units and a veranda has been extended from the church hall.

"When it's a beautiful day we put out tables and chairs and we plan to have a grassed area out there as well."

Lastly, the kitchen used for their Cafe De Light ministry that happens every Wednesday during lunch, will be moved near the youth hall to create a larger community kitchen.

"The cafe was actually an idea that people from the community came to us about. There's a homelessness aspect in Armidale and they saw that need and they wanted The Salvation Army to take that on," says Envoy Williams.

Cafe De Light has been running for nearly two years and between 50 and 70 people come through the doors each week for a free lunch.

"We can see people benefiting from it," says Envoy Williams. "Those who we've talked to, they see it as a place to come where they've got company."

A group of volunteers from the corps and other churches come every week to

help serve food and also connect with people.

"We also have people who come down and sit with the people and chat. So there's people who are building relationships I guess, in the hope to share the gospel with them."

Envoy Williams says they have also started to address people's spiritual needs by putting prayer boxes on the tables.

"It's another step of that relationship phase, closing the gap of just people who come for a feed to people who come for a more meaningful time."

Armidale Corps is now under the leadership of Lieutenants Ged and Jeanie Oldfield.



Esther Pinn is a staff writer for Pipeline and supplements.

# MISSION TRIPS CHALLENGE YOUNG SALVOS



Territorial Youth Mission  
Co-ordinator Nathaniel  
Brown (above) is mobbed  
by children during a visit  
to a village in Kenya.

A group of young Salvationists had life-changing experiences when they embarked on mission trips to Fiji and Kenya in January. *Pipeline* reporter **ESTHER PINN** asked some of the leaders and team members to share their journeys with God

One of the youth mission teams from Australia was a big hit in Saweni with many Fijian children taking part in various activities at The Salvation Army corps.



Caiflin Somerville paints colourful letters on the wall of a kindergarten which is part of The Salvation Army complex in Nadi, Fiji.



January is usually a time for relaxing on holidays, but for 37 young Salvationists it was an opportunity to roll up their sleeves and sacrificially serve on an international mission.

For the first time, two Australia Eastern Territorial youth mission teams travelled to Fiji and another to Kenya to spend three weeks from 5-24 January helping local communities.

Territorial Youth Mission Coordinator Nathaniel Brown said the young missionaries, aged 15 to 23, raised their own funds and were effectively “thrown into the deep end” to face both physical and spiritual challenges.

“With only a couple of weeks in their respective communities, the greatest impact that these teams had was not just the work they helped out with or the friends that they made. The most significant outcome, and the reason

these teams were organised, was the discipleship that took place in 37 lives. It’s three weeks to let the Holy Spirit wreak havoc in our hearts as we rediscover freedom in Jesus and re-evaluate what he wants us to do with our lives.”

Led by Lieutenant Narelle Unicomb, the team based in Nadi, Fiji, spent a majority of their time repainting the main building at Nadi Corps, which hadn’t been painted in 20 years.

“We spent our days scrubbing, prepping, then painting up the multipurpose hall and kitchen at the church. We then found out it was also a kindergarten so we were able to paint the alphabet, numbers and shapes around the room. It would have been priceless to see the kids’ faces when they returned to school this year,” Lieut Unicomb said.

Along with the physically demanding work, the team ministered to the Nadi

community and were in turn transformed, said Lieut Unicomb.

“Our time in Fiji was more than hard work. It was a time for our team to focus in on God and be blown away with how he can speak to them and how he can use them.”

Nadi team member Whitney Salter said God spoke into her life while ministering in Nadi. “For me, now after the mission trip, I feel God’s calling on my life more and more in making a difference. To be a dynamic disciple of Jesus and not just a Sunday man as Captain Villi preached on our first Sunday but to be this throughout the whole week.”

The second team in Fiji was based at Saweni Corps and were led by Captain Tim Gittins, the corps officer at Bonnells Bay, south of Newcastle.

Captain Gittins said his team spent a majority of their time serving alongside >>>



the youth at Saweni, developing deep connections with the young people and completing practical tasks such as mowing using a brush-cutter, painting the local corps building and running a kids club.

"No one on that team would say they are the same today as they were before they left ... they have encountered God in a new and life altering way."

Saweni team member Elle Hall said she had a life-changing experience. "I learnt so much over this trip. We painted, we sang amazing songs, we learnt how to cut grass with a 'whipper snipper', spent time with some amazing Godly youth and learnt so much about Fijian culture. It has taught me to get up and do what God has called me to do."

The mission team to Kenya was led by Nathaniel Brown and ministered to hundreds of children in a local slum area of Ndula, completing work projects such as painting, gardening and concreting.

"On paper it didn't look like our team had much to offer but God used us to lead people to Christ in open air meetings, pray with dozens of local families and paint over 1000m2 of church walls," Nathaniel said.

Tianna Winterburn, Ndula team member, said she was challenged by God while serving the children at the slum. "Despite them having so little, they were still rich - with joy, with spirit. I felt so selfish. I complain when my internet doesn't work. That's a crisis for me. These people easily have to rebuild their homes several times a year, especially when the rains come. It was one of the most humbling experiences of my life."

The Salvation Army is hoping to send about five Youth Mission Teams on international trips again next January.

On the agenda are trips to The Philippines (Joyful Children's Home) and Papua New Guinea (Kalo Corps) as well as a sports ministry trip to outback NSW. For more information, check out [salvos.org.au/more](http://salvos.org.au/more) □



Rebekah Jansen spends some time with local children in Saweni, Fiji.



Times of sharing in Nadi, Fiji, were a highlight for many young people on the mission trip.



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- LeaderSpeak: Tune into this web series to keep up with our territorial leaders. Featuring Commissioners James and Jan Condon,

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- Worship Space with Nate Brown. This super practical monthly series is a must for anyone involved in leading worship at their corps.

- Resources Drive - Have you got a resource to share with the Australia Eastern Territory? Whether it's a sermon outline, Bible study series, sermon series or other, add it to the mySalvos resource database. Watch mySalvos for more info.

# Holy Habits

with Major Barbara Sampson



## Habit 16

# The discipline of confession

### Psalm 32:1-7

*"Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD' - and you forgave the guilt of my sin" (v. 5, NIV).*

The psalmist gives a graphic picture of what happens when sin is kept secret - "My bones turned to powder, my words became daylong groans. The pressure never let up; all the juices of my life dried up" (v 3-4, The Message).

Hidden sin was like a cancer eating away his inner being. But when he confessed, everything changed.

The psalmist's sigh of relief is almost audible.

As so many others have done, he discovered that "if we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just and will

forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

Confession is an act of grace through which God forgives the sins and sorrows of our past. Our greatest confidence in confession lies in the completed redemptive work of Jesus. When Jesus, who had never sinned, died and paid the penalty for our sin, he opened the way for us to receive forgiveness from God.

Confession may not always be easy. In fact it may be the hardest thing we ever do. To confess our sins to another person or to a house group or to a whole congregation means laying out not only our sin, but also our pride, our vulnerability, our very reputation. What will other people do with what we confess? Will they think less of us?

Such questions are trifling, however, compared to the great freedom that

confession brings. It brings freedom from pretence and the power to change. I saw this happen for a woman who had lived a lie for many years. When confronted, she confessed and was so relieved to give up the pretence and step out into the truth. As long as I keep sin hidden I am powerless, but once I "come clean" with someone else then I can change. Amazingly my confession and vulnerability may well give courage to others who also need to confess-and-change.

### To reflect on ...

"A man who confesses his sins in the presence of a brother knows that he is no longer alone with himself; he experiences the presence of God in the other person."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer (German Lutheran pastor, theologian).

## An exciting NEW opportunity!

### INTERCULTURAL PASTOR (Full-time)

An exciting new ministry opportunity is available at The Salvation Army Box Hill Corps for an Intercultural Pastor.

Our church is situated in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne in the busy educational, health, shopping and transport hub of Box Hill. This diverse and vibrant multi-cultural community is a significant regional centre within wider Melbourne. Box Hill Corps maintains a varied and lively ministry to the people in our community.

Box Hill Salvos is seeking to strengthen its mission and ministry reach and impact into the varied cultural groups within our local community. To this end we are seeking to appoint a full-time ministry staff member for the express purpose of connecting with the range of cultures in our area. This is not designed to become a mono-ethnic ministry position, or to establish a specific language congregation, but rather to work with our existing English-speaking congregations to raise cultural awareness and sensitivity and link people from other cultural groups to our faith community.

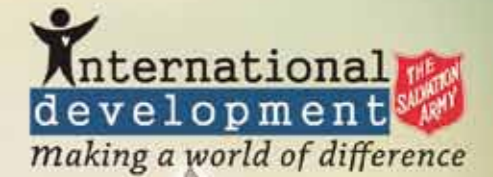
The successful applicants will need a range of skills and competencies including:

- willingness to work in accordance with The Salvation Army's mission and values;
- qualification at diploma or degree level (ministry, theology, intercultural studies or related field) and proven practical experience
- passion and spiritual gifting to work in ministry and mission;
- the ability to connect across cultural boundaries and a demonstrated cultural inquisitiveness;
- ability to use initiative and work as a leader with minimal supervision;
- excellent interpersonal, networking and team skills.

For a position description please contact Gregory Morgan on (03) 9890 2993 or email: [gregory.morgan@aus.salvationarmy.org](mailto:gregory.morgan@aus.salvationarmy.org) Applications must address the key result areas and job competencies outlined in the position description. Completed applications should be sent to:



Major Gregory Morgan,  
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# "FIGHTING MAC"

one of  
God's heroes



**W**illiam McKenzie was a big man. Larger than life, almost. Imagine John Wayne in a Salvation Army uniform and you get a pretty close image of the man people called "Fighting Mac".

He got that name for good reason. He was born in Scotland in 1869 and even as a boy William was big for his age, strong and quick with his fists.

The name stuck, even after William became a Christian in 1887, three years after his family had migrated to Australia, and his subsequent career as a Salvation Army officer.

On one memorable occasion, William was leading a street meeting when a drunken heckler began threatening to knock the young officer into the horse trough. The alcohol more than made up for the inebriated man's lack of size compared to the rock-solid William. The man charged the open-air ring and William effortlessly sidestepped the drunk, sending the poor wretch into the trough instead.

As a divisional commander, William was regarded by Salvos in Australia as a man of inflexible principle, but with a tender heart to match. By the time he rose to the high rank of commissioner, "Fighting Mac" was Territorial Commander for China and later became the first Australian-trained officer to command both the Australia Southern and Australia Eastern territories.

Such a personality is worthy of remembering as a legend, but something else earned for him the love and admiration of thousands of men and their families across Australia and New Zealand. That quality is something we will unlock from the Army's archives.

### Historic role

William was the first to be appointed as chaplain to accompany ANZAC troops at the outset of World War I. He was farewelled from The Salvation Army's

Commissioner William McKenzie shakes hands with Colonel Robert Sandall at Congress Hall in Sydney on 13 October, 1933.



Sydney Congress Hall on 30 September, 1914, and when he set sail with his new flock, the 4th Battalion, William sailed into history, taking on a fighting role he likely never envisioned.

William trained alongside his new mates in the unforgiving heat of Egypt. When the battalion received orders to go into battle, the objective was the capture of a Turkish peninsula called Gallipoli.

In the darkness before the invasion commenced, William went to as many of his men as he could, repeating with them Psalm 23: "The Lord is my Shepherd ... Yea, though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. For thou art with me ..."

Though he carried no gun, he went forward with his men to fight. "I've preached to you and I've prayed with you. Do you think I'm afraid to die with you?" he told them.

The fighting at Gallipoli was fierce and bloody. Under shell-fire, William brought out wounded troops, prayed with the dying and helped bury the dead. He collected identity discs and paybooks of fallen soldiers so that an accurate record could be maintained and information later sent to families.

At one point during the battle, William saw that stretcher bearers had to make their way up a deep, slippery slope. He used a pick and shovel to cut deep steps up the bank to make their path easier.

The 4th Battalion was eventually sent to France, where another bloody battle had played out a fortnight earlier. William again used a pick and shovel to dig graves for the bodies of men who had remained on the field all that time.

On one ridge, where he had buried seven fallen heroes, the enemy spotted him and began shooting. Soon they were lobbing shells in his direction. As he completed the seventh grave, the Lord told him to move quickly, which he did.

"I obeyed instantly and had got away 25 yards in a slanting direction from the

enemy's fire when a big shell landed on the spot I had been standing a few seconds before!" he later wrote.

There were many such close calls for William before he was sent home to Australia in 1917. His military duty was over and when he arrived in Melbourne's Exhibition Building, some 6000 welcomed him home.

### Ongoing compassion

William was awarded the Military Cross, the Order of the British Empire and The Salvation Army's highest honour, the Order of the Founder.

He still had a distinguished career resuming as a Salvation Army officer, but "Fighting Mac's" sleep was often broken by the sights and sounds of his dying comrades which had seared into his memory.

Though, no doubt, proud and humbled by the distinctions pinned on to his uniform, William was touched more so every time a returned serviceman came up to him. Some to say "Thank you", some to just shake his hand. Some because they were in trouble.

But "Fighting Mac" never turned them away. He saw the horrors of war with them. He suffered with them. He wept over them.

The love Commissioner William McKenzie had for his men under his war ministry was second only to the love he had for his Saviour until his death in 1947. We think there's a definite connection between both, now that we have unlocked this story from the Army's archives.



Major Frank Duracher is the editor of *Warcry* in Australia.



William McKenzie served in northern China where he held the post of Territorial Commander between 1926 to 1930.

## Out in force on Anzac Day

Salvation Army Red Shield Defence Services representatives will take part in services and marches to acknowledge Anzac Day on 25 April. The country's main Anzac Day service will be held at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, which will be supported by RSDS representatives Captains Nigel and Penni Roden who are based at Royal Military College at Duntroon.

RSDS personnel and corps representatives will also be involved in other services across Australia, with major events at Army bases in Darwin, Townsville, Brisbane (Enoggera), Singleton, Sydney (Moorebank and Holsworthy), Duntroon Military College, Adelaide and Puckapunyal.

"While we'll be in attendance at services around the country our main role on the day really focuses on just being available at the formation points for the various marches," said Red Shield Defence Services Chief Commissioner Major Barry Nancarrow. "It's at these formation points that we can get alongside the Diggers who just love the chance to reminisce about their experiences of the 'Sallyman' from their service days."

# Her mum is feeding the pokies.

The poker machine industry is sucking \$12 billion a year from Australian families, and 40% is from people who are addicted.

They suffer, but so do their children, families and friends.

We have four times more poker machines per person than the USA, and with high-intensity machines, players can lose \$1200 in an hour.

But the loss doesn't stop there.

Australians are losing their jobs, superannuation funds, homes, marriages, families and in too many tragic cases, their lives.

Melbourne's Alfred Hospital reports that one in five suicide attempts are due to gambling addiction.

The great majority of Australians want serious reform of the industry and real ways to minimise the harm, particularly of the most dangerous machines.

But immense pressure from the poker machine lobby has led to a watered down, designed to fail "trial" being put forward by the government.

We need all Australians who want meaningful change to let their views be known.

It is time to stop the loss.

Please visit [stoptheloss.org.au](http://stoptheloss.org.au) to find out more and register your support.

**stop the loss.**  
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# Salvation Army backs campaign for poker machine reform

The Salvation Army has made a firm commitment to support the "Stop The Loss" campaign with its message about the tragedy of poker machine addiction.

The campaign was launched in March with a website ([www.stoptheloss.org.au](http://www.stoptheloss.org.au)) and flooded the community with television and newspaper advertisements. Australia Eastern Territory Assistant Chief Secretary Major Cecil Woodward said The Salvation Army didn't hesitate to support the campaign.

"The Salvos have always helped to meet the needs of problem gamblers and their families. But as well as providing a rescue service, we must also strengthen the safety fences at the top of the cliff," Major Woodward said.

"Along with other churches, we support the work of the Stop The Loss coalition."

High-loss poker machines are known to be addictive and Australia has the fastest high-loss machines in the world.

With high-intensity machines, players can lose up to \$1200 in an hour.

The campaign is endorsed by leaders such as Reverend Bill Crews, a Uniting Church minister in Sydney who is a tireless campaigner for poker machine reform.

"We are a coalition of concerned community groups and individuals who want to give a voice to the hundreds of thousands of victims of poker machine addiction, through seeing real and lasting reform of the poker machine industry," Rev Crews said.

"We post [on the website] stories of the heartbreaking loss caused by poker machine addiction, news reports on Australian poker machine reform, and commentary on the social, political and economic issues surrounding poker machines."

## Billion-dollar industry

The Australian Productivity Commission found that the poker machine industry earns \$12 billion a year from Australian families, 40 per cent of which comes from

problem gamblers. Advertisements by the campaign have focused on the impact of poker machines on addicts and their families.

"Poker machine addicts suffer, but so do their children, families and friends," Rev Crews said. "Australians are losing their jobs, superannuation funds, homes, marriages, families and in too many tragic cases, their lives."

The official positional statement of The Salvation Army on gambling acknowledges that gambling can not only bring "suffering and deprivation" for the gambler, but also often results in "those

Australians are losing their jobs, superannuation funds, homes, marriages, families and in too many tragic cases, their lives.

who gamble not infrequently bring[ing] embarrassment and hurt to those dependent on them".

Major Woodward states that: "The Salvation Army believes gambling should be viewed as a social hazard, not a harmless leisure pursuit, and effective consumer protection measures need to be established."

Polls indicate that the great majority of Australians want serious reform of the industry and realistic ways to minimise the harm, particularly of the most dangerous machines.

Despite immense pressure from the poker machine lobby, the Government is promoting legislation which is a first step in helping vulnerable gamblers to manage their addiction.

"We need all Australians who want meaningful change to let their views be known. It is time to stop the loss," Rev Crews said.

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stop the loss.



# What would Jesus view?

With Pipeline culture writer Mark Hadley



## Woodley

RATING: PG  
DISTRIBUTOR: ABC1  
RELEASE DATE: Wednesdays, 8pm

**W**oodley is one of those programs that makes you unsure whether you should be laughing or crying. How can you turn a family breakdown into something to grin about?

Physical comedian Frank Woodley has inspired an eight-part comedy series that chronicles the death of a marriage and a father's attempts to continue his relationship with his seven-year-old daughter. He presents as a lovable but accident-prone buffoon who is just as likely to burn down the house as make a piece of toast.

His wife is played by *Play School's* Justine Clark. Her constant eye rolling suggests what life must have been like before she finally resorted to a divorce. Now she is seeing the attractive, professional Greg (Tom Long) and her nerves at least seem to be improving. Woodley continues to try and be part of his family's life, with sleep-overs for his daughter Ollie and special outings, but he's clearly in a one-sided competition for a woman who no longer wants him.

Part of the awkwardness might be the melding of a classic style of comedy with a contemporary drama. *Woodley* is a modern take on the antics of Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton. The show is almost entirely silent, except for one or two motivational lines and sound effects. Think of an Australian version of *Mr Bean*. Unlike that British series, though, Frank's failure to fit in engenders more sympathy than laughs. The entire series is deliberately personal. The lead uses his own name for the hapless husband as well as the title of the series, and divorce has become so common in our society – close to one in two marriages – that you can't help but feel your smiling at someone else's tragedy.

Both Chaplin and Keaton used their slapstick styles to tackle tough subjects. However, they always managed to solve the problems they faced with an



Frank Woodley and Justine Clark star in the new ABC series, *Woodley*.

unconventional cleverness. Frank, by comparison, is a man-child who is largely the beneficiary of dumb luck. But even the universe conspiring in his favour can't seem to rescue him. He's not just an innocent; he's the source of his own problems and desperately in need of rescue. Sadly, no-one in the cast save his adoring daughter is willing to come to his aid, and her cheerfulness isn't going to be enough to sort out her dad's real problems.

Audience members have left a wide range of comments on the *Woodley's* website describing just how difficult it's been for them to connect with the show. Some cite the duration, others the production style. None doubt Frank

Woodley's comic abilities, but few have been led to laugh.

I've often heard you can learn a lot about a society from what it thinks is funny; you can learn just as much from what kills a giggle. On the public stage divorce might be presented as necessary, even beneficial; privately, it remains a tragedy. The producers may actually feel the pressure to make up the marriage between Frank and Emm by the end of the series, but real life isn't so easily mended.

Still, one thing holds true. If Woodley's relationship is going to survive, some benevolent power behind the universe will have to lend a helping hand. That's no punch line. It's a secret Christians have been trying to give away for centuries.

## Salmon Fishing in the Yemen

RATING: M  
RELEASE DATE: 5 April

**F**aith is the nothing word that means something to everyone. Lovers encourage each other to lean on it when their relationship appears doomed; politicians appeal to it when the public doubts their promises. For the average moviegoer it continues to mean confidence in the face of the impossible, and that is the sort of faith they will find floating the dream that is *Salmon Fishing In The Yemen*.

Ewan McGregor plays Dr Alfred Jones, a "facts and figures" man in Britain's National Centre for Fisheries Excellence. His marriage is foundering and all he has is a dissertation to keep him afloat. Into his boredom breezes Harriet Chetwode-

Talbot, a personal assistant played by Emily Blunt. Her Yemeni employer wishes to use his mountains of money to introduce fly-fishing to his arid country. Jones responds with a John Cleese-inspired lecture:

"Firstly we would have to trap 10,000 salmon from the North Sea, get them to the Yemen alive – don't ask me how – where they would be deposited in temperature and oxygen-controlled holding tanks which would – hallelujah! – open during the rainy season allowing them to migrate upstream for, say, 10km until the dry season ... when they will all die."

However, Jones is trapped into participating in the mad scheme when Kirsten Scott-Thomas arrives as a prime ministerial media advisor in search of a good news story. And so the doctor begins

his own desperate swim upstream against the improbabilities of making a cold-water fish feel at home in the desert.

*Salmon Fishing In The Yemen* is based on Paul Torday's award-winning novel, which is equal parts comedy and romance. The lion's share of the laughs are stolen by Scott-Thomas as she channels the soulless spin of Stephen Fry from *Absolute Power*. But the film's title is a suitable parallel for Jones' prospect of finding love in his barren life.

Director Lasse Hallström is no stranger to love struggles, having helmed *Chocolat* and *The Cider House Rules*. Reflecting on *Salmon Fishing In The Yemen*, he sees faith as one of those elements that, "... really moves us forward and propels us to cope with life, and go upstream".

In this case, it allows Alfred to overcome the confines of his marriage and Harriet her connection to her missing boyfriend. In this context, faith means following your passions even when social contracts and consciences object. Yet faith's most inspiring example emerges from the sheikh who hopes his absurd plan will be the path to peace:

"For fishermen the only virtues are patience, tolerance and humility. I have a dream that one day, when voices grow heated and war is in the air, that someone will say, 'Gentlemen, let us arise ... and go fishing'."

In short, he hopes that changing the habits will lead to a change of heart. For that reason *Salmon Fishing In The Yemen* is more of a spiritual journey than a comic or romantic one. But will such faith be enough to keep its characters afloat? The sheikh has no more reason to believe his countrymen will prefer angling to angry words than Jones has that the salmon will last a season.

A Christian's concept of faith is as far away from theirs as Britain is from Yemen. Where Jones puts his faith in what he hopes will prove true, we have the truth proven, so we proceed in faith. That difference empowers us to swim against the current because we actually know something better awaits us.



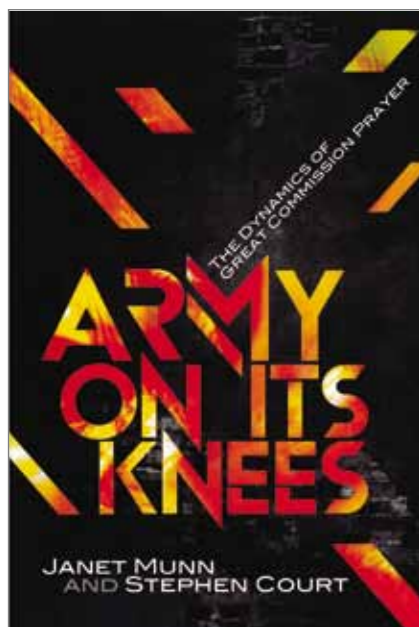
Ewan McGregor (right) stars in a film about a sheikh who is obsessed with fly-fishing and wants to introduce the sport to Yemen.

FREEDOM STORIES

## Army On Its Knees

*The Dynamics of Great Commission Prayer*

Janet Munn/Stephen Court



This book is not intended to be just another pleasant read. It calls for a response. To equip you to win the world for Jesus, it describes the fundamentals of prayer – from private prayer to missional prayer. Through these pages you will be inspired to deploy the power of prayer in the battle that has eternal consequences for the realisation of the Great Commission. Read this book prayerfully and meditatively – and be sure to have a Bible nearby.

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## Giving To God

*A Response of Love*

Ian Southwell

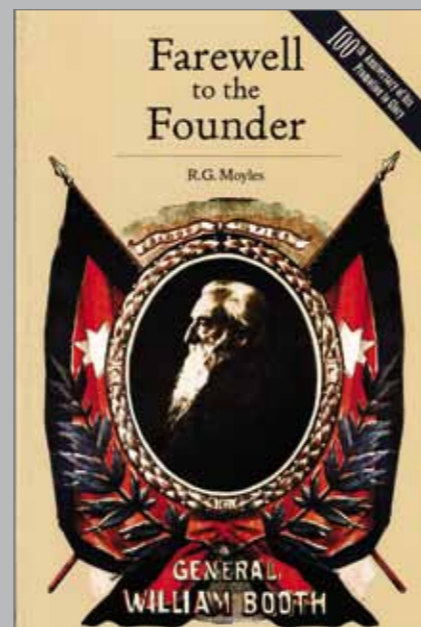


Why should we give to God? How can we best do it? How much should we give? Is tithing a requirement for Christians? Should our generosity extend to the needy – and, if so, to what level should this be? To what degree is our spiritual condition, and that of our fellow Christians, reflected by our giving. This book explores these vital questions and draws together seven interrelated and easily remembered biblical principles of Christian giving.

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## Farewell to the Founder

R G Moyles



Farewell to the Founder, a tribute to the 100th anniversary of Booth's promotion to glory, includes a moving account of his last days on earth, his death and funeral, and the world's reaction to the loss of a great evangelist. When the General died on 20 August, 1912, he made front-page headlines all over the civilised world and many religious newspapers ranked him alongside John Wesley, Martin Luther and even Peter and Paul.

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## Doing whatever it takes

Fresh out of officer training college, Lieutenant Vanessa Kohler had to make one of those "whatever it takes" decisions at her first appointment at the Cassowary Coast Mission at Innisfail, in North Queensland. This is her story.

I had only been in my appointment for a few weeks when God opened up an amazing door to share with a young woman about the freedom she could receive from Jesus.

Earlier that morning as I was preparing for the day, I came across a devotional about asking the Holy Spirit to lead us in our decision making for the day ahead.

I shared this with a welfare worker at our mission and we prayed that God would not only give us opportunities to serve people and show grace and love, but also to share about Jesus.

Our God is a God who answers prayer! The first phone call I received that morning was from a local business. They had in their shop a young woman who was distressed.

The woman was stranded in town and needed to get to Cairns airport, which was over an hour away. She had no means of getting there.

She came to our centre and we discussed options. They were limited in a rural town. So, I decided to drive her to Cairns.

Before leaving, I asked my co-worker to pray for me. I really felt that God was opening up a door for me to share with this young woman – just as I had prayed at the start of the day.

As we drove, I asked the young woman about her job. She clammed up, obviously not wanting to reveal too much about herself. I gently told her that no matter what she did, I would not judge her.

She then told me that she was a sex worker at a brothel interstate. She then opened up and shared many tragic stories about her life and circumstances.

The young woman said she was surprised that I wasn't quick to judge, as, apparently, many others had. It was then that I got to share with her that it is Jesus who teaches me not to judge others and that he has compassion and love for all of his creation.

I shared with her stories from the Bible relating to adulterous women and how Jesus did not judge, but, instead, set them free. We talked about faith.

After checking her in at the airport, I told her that I would be praying for her and her family; praying that she could have the courage to break free from the sex industry. She hugged me and told me that if she ever came back to Innisfail, she would catch up with me.

I hope that she never comes back to Innisfail. I hope and pray that she does embrace that freedom that Jesus desires for her life.

I will probably never know what happens to that young woman. I may not have seen her make a decision to follow Christ.

But I can never underestimate the way our conversation may have been a catalyst for the next steps of her life. It



Lieutenant Vanessa Kohler is Mission Leader, Cassowary Coast Mission.

reminded me that we may not see the fruit from our conversations with people, but it's still important to be "a faithful chain in the link" in peoples live's. ↗

## If only..... Desperate days demand our urgent action

If ... it's such a small word and, yet, when used in some contexts can be life-changing and even alter the course of history.

If only the cruise ship hadn't come so close to shore, a disaster could have been diverted. If the young man had only called a taxi after the party instead of driving while intoxicated, an innocent life could have been saved. If the congregation had only been more welcoming, the young couple may have stayed.

If only ... if I had just ... Most people have an "if" in their life that has been a turning point in either a positive or negative way.

In 1 Chronicles 7:14, God says: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves ... if they pray ... if they seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land".

*"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves..."*

In this verse, we see God giving to the Israelites the opportunity of a turning point that would bring healing to their land. Because of their sin, the people of Israel were not seeing the blessing of God upon their lives.

God wanted to restore their relationship with him. He wanted to heal their land. But in order for this to happen, a response needed to be made.

As with the Israelites so many years ago, God's continual desire is to bring healing to the land and bless his people. He wants to see people healthy and spiritually prospering.

But God also desires that we be a holy people; a people who have turned from our wicked ways and go to him in prayer.

There is no doubt that we are living in urgent days. Sadly our land is becoming less and less godly. People all around us are in desperate need of healing and transformation.

If we as an Army are ever going to 'take the land,' as it were, then we as soldiers of this Army need to be a holy people; a people who actively seek out God and who believe in the power of prayer to transform an individual and a nation. ↗



Major Sharon Clanfield is a Territorial Mission Director.

# A boat, an angel and an Aussie flag

Major PAUL MOULDS tells how Christ came to asylum seekers last Christmas



**C**hristmas 2011 brought new challenges and opportunities for The Salvation Army. A small team of Salvationists found themselves waiting at airports to welcome and receive asylum seekers who had just been released from Australian immigration detention centres.

Most of these single adult men had been held in detention in harsh, remote parts of Australia for two years or more. This was their first taste of freedom.

Obtaining permission to assist had been a long process for The Salvation Army. For over a year, a small number of Salvationists had been quietly meeting with Federal Government representatives, urging them to find more humane ways of dealing with the hundreds of families and individuals who were taking great risks and undertaking perilous journeys to reach Australia.

Three weeks before Christmas, The Salvation Army was contacted and asked by the Government if it would provide housing and support to asylum seekers who had been assessed as highly vulnerable and were being placed in the community.

Christmas is the Salvos' busiest time of year. There are hampers and toys to be distributed, donations to be picked up, multiple carol events and Christmas dinners to be arranged, staff holidays to cope with, anxious and emotional clients,

fundraising opportunities to follow up; the list is endless. How could anyone possibly open a new program at this time of year?

But Salvationists are a people of action. We are an Army able to mobilise and move quickly. And this issue matters to us.

We have spoken about asylum seekers at our social justice conferences. We have released statements about their plight. We have lobbied governments. We have prayed for and visited those who are being detained. Now it was time to "walk the talk". The door had opened, and God's people were mobilised into action.

Corps were asked to help. Salvationists gave up Christmas holidays and took time off their regular jobs to staff this new project. Houses were leased and furnished, procedures were written in a few days, and our first guests arrived just a week before Christmas.

Since that day, The Salvation Army has been serving in this challenging and deeply rewarding work. We have met the most courageous and grateful people, individuals who dream of freedom and long to create a new future in Australia.

Here is a glimpse into this amazing God-inspired journey we have embarked on.

When you work with asylum seekers, you learn that they have two names - their birth name and their boat number. In

detention, they are rarely called by their birth name. They are known by their boat number.

Ali's boat number was 99. That was what he was called in detention. When he collected his belongings to leave the detention centre, the security guard told Ali that from now on he would be known by his family name. In broken English and with a wide smile, he said to our worker: "That was a very happy day."

Omar sat cross-legged on the floor in another of our houses, sharing a meal with one of our female workers. He had cooked the meal as a symbol of his gratitude. Reflecting on the moment, he explained that in the country he had fled he would never be allowed to share a meal and conversation with a woman.

He talked about some of the terrible things that he had experienced; about being beaten or jailed for cutting his beard or dancing in public. He wept about the lack of opportunities available to his wife and daughter and sister.

As we shared life with our new friends, we received a new perspective of what freedom means.

Just before Christmas, Salvation Army leaders who were visiting Cairns were invited to share a meal at one of the asylum seeker houses. About 30 people, residents from our Cairns program and Salvationists from the local corps, were there.

Before the meal commenced, prayers were offered. An asylum seeker from Afghanistan prayed in Farsi; a local Salvationist from Papua New Guinea prayed in Pidgin; a Salvation Army officer prayed in Filipino; Kasun, an asylum seeker from Sri Lanka, prayed in Tamil.

It was an awesome, holy moment. The words prayed were not interpreted, but nobody doubted the gratitude and thanksgiving that flowed from these hearts, not just for the food they were about to eat, but for the possibility of new life.

The previous day, Kasun had said to a translator who was interpreting for him: "I was in something that was like a goal and The Salvation Army has come and rescued me."

During the prayers that night, the sound of quiet sobbing could be heard. One of those who cried was Prasad, an asylum seeker from Sri Lanka. Prasad cried for joy. It was his first Christmas experiencing freedom in his new country.

He had spent 22 months in detention. He requires medical treatment for injuries received from bashings in his own country. He talks about having a loaded gun held against his head. Hope almost died in detention. He cries because hope has been reborn.

Prasad shares with us three things that have come to mean a lot to him since he arrived at The Salvation Army house in Cairns. He carries them everywhere and proudly shows whoever will listen.

One is a model of a boat he made while in detention. It is a model of the boat in which he travelled to Australia. He says

**"The Salvation Army has come and rescued me..."**

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5. The territory passionate about bringing children to Jesus
6. Youth trained and sent out to frontline mission
7. Significant increase of new soldiers and officers

the boat broke down many times. His model has a small hole in the side to symbolise the condition of the original vessel, which leaked and often threatened to sink.

The second object is a small Australian flag. To Prasad, the flag symbolises all that he desires and risked his life for - freedom, opportunity and a new life. "I love Australia," Prasad proudly says and he waves his Aussie flag.

The third item is an object Prasad discovered when he reached his new home in Cairns and has claimed as his own. It is a silver angel Christmas decoration bought for the house. Somehow, Prasad grasped the idea that this angel symbolised a message of good news and hope, a new message for a broken world and a broken people.

I'm not sure Prasad understands the full meaning of that message yet, but I do know that Christmas has long passed and Prasad still treasures that angel.

Fellow Salvationists: This is a new work and God has opened a door of opportunity. We have said enough words about this issue. Now is the time to move into action. We who know true freedom are being called to walk alongside those who long for it and have travelled far and risked much in search of it.

Ali, Omar, Kasun, Prasad and many others are not in detention today because last December, The Salvation Army was ready to respond and be what God has called us to be - freedom bringers.

There are many more stories to be told and chains to be broken.

On a recent Friday night, one of our workers from the Sydney asylum seeker program picked up a van load of residents from one of our houses and drove them to Streetlevel Corps in Darlinghurst.

Streetlevel has a time when people can ask for prayer. One of the men, a Muslim from Afghanistan, walked to the front to ask for prayer for his appeal to stay in Australia.

At the end of the night, Streetlevel usually has a "Hallelujah Dance Party" where the chairs are pushed back and people worship and dance and give praise to God. Several Muslim men moved to the front and unashamedly began to dance.

As I watched, I couldn't help thinking about the story Omar had shared about being beaten and arrested for dancing in public in his country. These men didn't fully understand the meaning of why we dance at Streetlevel. But they danced for freedom and they danced for hope.

And he who is the Lord of the Dance looked and, I'm sure, smiled. ➔



Major Paul Moulds is Territorial Director for Mission Resources - Social.

## Army responds to NSW flood crisis

By SIMONE WORTHING

Salvation Army Emergency Services (SAES) teams have once again been working around the clock to assist hundreds of people stranded by some of the worst floods to hit southern NSW in decades.

Among the cities and towns hardest hit have been Wagga Wagga, Leeton, Forbes, West Wyalong, Temora, Griffith, Cooma, Cowra, Goulburn and Bega.

As *Pipeline* went to print, SAES teams at the evacuation centre at Griffith and the recovery centre at Wagga Wagga were still active. An evacuation centre had also been set up at Deniliquin, approximately 120km from the town of Hay where the Murrumbidgee River was still expected to peak. Hundreds of people had left the town after an evacuation order was given, unsure whether the town's levee would hold.

"This is the largest evacuation centre ever set up in the state," said Norm Archer, SAES Director for The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory.

"It's a tent city, set up in Memorial Park, with a capacity for 500 people. It's a huge logistical setup. All the NGO agencies are here, the State Emergency Service and volunteers.

"SAES teams and volunteers from across NSW have arrived to help and we are thankful for their support."

Since early March, thousands of people have been forced to evacuate their



Salvation Army personnel, including Norm Archer (above), provide help to flood victims.

homes as river levels peaked at more than 10 metres in many of these locations after a week of heavy rain.

In Wagga Wagga, SAES teams supported by volunteers manned a number of evacuation centres, providing meals, refreshments and a place to rest for displaced residents. They also helped to feed emergency services personnel. Hundreds of people have received assistance at these centres.

Wagga Wagga Corps Officer Lieutenant Tammy Shelley says the community support has been incredible.

"We had people constantly dropping off food and blankets and pillows for people in the evacuation centre," she said.

"It's great to see the community looking out for each other."

Attention then turned to Leeton and Forbes, which were bracing for inundation but escaped major and widespread devastation.

"We had local Salvation Army people in Leeton on standby and also in Forbes and the surrounding area where water was expected to peak," said Bruce Smith, the Army's South NSW and ACT Division SAES Coordinator.

In West Wyalong, Salvation Army Rural Chaplains for Southern NSW, Les and Noelene Barass, provided meals and support to dozens of residents at the evacuation centre there.

The couple says the big challenge will come when the floodwaters recede and people begin to deal with the emotional impact of trying to rebuild shattered lives.

"In the area of Humbug Creek, I

already know of one farmer who has lost almost all his flock and another on The Bland [Shire] who's lost around 13,000 sheep in this recent flood," said Les.

"These are farmers who have spent the last few years recovering from almost 10 years of drought - they've lost their livelihood and now they are completely isolated in their homes by water."

As the floods continued to move south along river systems, the town of Griffith was cut off by water.

"Supermarkets were running out of food and people were getting anxious as the floodwaters rose," said Griffith Salvation Army Men's Crisis Centre Manager, Peter Woodward.

"This year was going to be a cash crop for our farmers but the floods are washing that away."

An SAES team was flown in from Sydney to assist with the relief effort in the area.

"When the water recedes and we see what's left, that's when the real emotional support will be needed," said Mr Woodward.

The Salvation Army also helped serve hundreds of people at evacuation centres in Cooma, Goulburn and Bega, which were among the areas to bear the early brunt of the flood crisis.

"Our teams across the south of the state have done excellent work and where it's needed, it is still continuing," said Mr Smith.

"As always, The Salvation Army will continue to serve as is needed, and for the long term."



## Wollongong, Newcastle celebrate new buildings

By BILL SIMPSON  
and SIMONE WORTHING

Eight years of waiting for completion of a new Wollongong Corps complex is over with the official opening on 17 March.

Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon performed the opening with the words: "What a journey! You must feel like the children of Israel."

Corps property team chairman John Herring also made reference to the lengthy completion time, saying the corps had been on a journey "through the wilderness". But lessons learned on the journey had been invaluable, he said.



Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon officially opens the new Wollongong Corps complex.



Commissioner Condon at the opening with Abby Adlington, who has a direct family line back to great, great, great, great-grandmother Elizabeth Adlington, one of the first soldiers of the Wollongong Corps in the late 1880s.

Territorial Property General Manager Peter Alward reported that the building and surrounding property would be worth about \$12 million. He said it had been eight years since the basic contract for the building had been approved.

It was in 2004 that a developer had proposed buying the then corps building in Burelli St as part of a major shopping centre complex over a much larger area. The arrangement included the developer constructing a new corps complex on vacant corps land used as a surface car park on the other side of the road.

After years of delays, the developer was placed in receivership in 2008 and after further delays, a new builder was found to complete the three-level centre, which includes a 650-seat auditorium, street-front cafe, offices, multipurpose rooms and underground car park.

More than 600 people attended the official opening, including Wollongong Lord Mayor Councillor Gordon

Bradbery, Federal Member for Cunningham Sharon Bird, Wollongong Catholic Bishop Peter Ingram, community representatives, territorial leaders Commissioners James and Jan Condon, divisional leaders Lieutenant-Colonels Peter and Jan Laws, and past corps officers.

In a challenge, Commissioner Condon, referring to Acts 2:41-47, said The Salvation Army enjoyed the favour of the people, but one day would be held accountable for that favour.

"Are we just taking their money? God forbid," he said. "We do what we do because the love of God compels us. I want us to be a Spirit-filled Army of the 21st century."

Two weeks earlier, on Saturday, 3 March, Commissioner Condon officially opened the new Newcastle Worship and Community Centre.

Divisional leaders Major Gavin and Wendy Watts, past divisional commanders, and past and present corps officers joined the crowd that gathered to witness the occasion.

Newcastle Lord Mayor Councillor John Tate, and Member for Newcastle Tim Owen also attended the opening and endorsed the work and the need for The Salvation Army in Newcastle.

The new building sees the coming together of the three corps from Lambton, Mayfield and Hamilton. The main worship centre accommodates 250 people with the capacity to expand to 350 for special events. The centre is also home to the Oasis Hunter Youth Network.

Other features include a fully equipped commercial kitchen and the Olive Branch cafe.

There are an additional 28 rooms for the corps and Oasis, two multipurpose rooms and on-site car parking for 48 vehicles.

Major Elva Banks (ret.) and her late husband, Major Karl Banks, were among the first people involved in the project in the late 1960s. "The then Tighes Hill Corps treasurer, Bruce Harris, alerted Karl to a block of ground for sale ... perfect for a new citadel," Major Banks said.

Major Banks recalled how the Tighes Hill Corps worked tirelessly to fundraise for the land.

"From a tiny block of land, a huge and very lovely building has emerged," she said.

Later this month will see the opening of the new Greater West Divisional Headquarters (DHQ) and Auburn Corps building. As well as the corps and DHQ, this building will also house the Territorial Shared Servers Group, Information Technology and Internal Audit Department.



Nancy Holland, the oldest soldier of Newcastle Corps, officially opens the new centre as Commissioner James Condon looks on.



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## New cadets embraced as future leaders

By Major CAROLYN HARMER

The 2012-2013 session of Salvation Army cadets have been publicly welcomed and acknowledged as the latest to enter the Officer Training College at Bexley North in Sydney. And what an enthusiastic start they have had.

The crowd at Hurstville Corps waited with anticipation to greet the 17 cadets of the *Disciples of the Cross* session - and the cadets were eager to start. The scene was set as Hurstville Corps Band played a rousing march and the celebration began. The cadets entered to a warm reception of a church community ready to embrace its future leaders as they train for a life of ministry and mission throughout The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory.

Major Shelley Soper (Territorial Candidates Secretary) introduced the cadets who had been drawn from all corners of the territory, along with a couple from the Australia Southern Territory. Cadets Brad and Joycelyn McIver (Darwin Corps, Southern Territory) have joined Brad's brother and sister-in-law, Cadets Ian and Suzanne McIver at the college. Ian and Suzanne's daughter, Cadet Cassi Everitt, is in her second year of training with her husband, Cadet Sean Everitt, so it is a real family affair at the college this year.

Cadet Lydia Hong and Cadet Brad Whittle testified to their obedience to God's calling, and how they believe he will equip them in ministry and mission. The cadets led the congregation in a time of worship as they sang *By Faith*, being reminded through this song that it is "by faith the church was called to go".

Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon



(Top) The *Disciples of the Cross* session; (above) the McIver/Everitt clan will make college a family affair; (left) Commissioner James Condon installs the newly appointed officers to Booth College.



installed the new officers who have been appointed to work at Booth College, reminding them of the great responsibility of training others. His prayer was that the qualities of Jesus may be seen in them by others.

Colonel Robyn Maxwell read from Luke 9:1-6 before Commissioner Jan Condon addressed the congregation. She said Jesus' disciples were given the power and authority to carry out their mission, reminding the cadets to preach Jesus and the cross so that lives will be transformed. Commissioner Condon challenged the congregation that we alone are all the equipment needed, that God wants to use us and our gifts for his work.

For the *Disciples of the Cross*, it is their desire to be missional in their ministry, proclaiming the truth and hope found in the cross of Jesus.

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## Australian officer to head International Social Justice Commission

Lieutenant-Colonel Geanette Seymour, who served as chief secretary of the Australia Eastern Territory from August 2006 to March 2008, has been appointed as Director of The Salvation Army International Social Justice Commission in New York.

For the past four years, Lieut-Colonel Seymour has been working as the Senior Policy Analyst and Intern Programme Coordinator for the International Social Justice Commission. In her new role, she will replace Commissioner Christine MacMillan, who was the director for five years and has now retired from active service.

Commencing her new role on 1 July, Lieut-Colonel Seymour said she was surprised to be appointed to the position.

"It was not a type of appointment I thought much about, other than to watch with interest as it emerged and developed," she said.

"I did wonder what would come after my short time as chief secretary ... I find that this area of work is exciting and has incredible potential.

"I am happy ... God is good, the

privileges are enormous and my family and friends make the distance [from Australia] manageable," she continued.

While surprised at the appointment, Lieut-Colonel Seymour has not been caught off guard. She is excited at the prospect of providing fresh vision and strategic direction to the International Social Justice Commission, and tackling some of the existing international social issues including poverty, human rights denial, social infrastructure and climate justice.

"I am looking forward to engaging strongly to build a social justice understanding that emerges from our holiness teaching and impact the how and why of what we do," explained Lieut-Colonel Seymour.

"That advocates with those who need our voice and [are] brave enough to face difficulty and opposition and do it all in the name of Jesus."

Lieut-Colonel Seymour praised the work of Commissioner MacMillan who, she said, has already paved the way for the Army to respond to international social justice issues.



Lieut-Colonel Geanette Seymour is looking forward to starting her role as International Social Justice Commission Director.

## Buy into 'Chick Effect' this Easter

By ESTHER PINN

If you buy a chicken, a pig or a goat this Easter from The Salvation Army International Development (SAID) office, you will become part of the "Chick Effect", says Betsy Pineda, SAID Communications and Marketing Coordinator.

At just \$10 for a chicken, \$50 for a goat or \$60 for a pig, the money you spend will go towards the "Chick Effect", to fund a livestock keeping project in the regions of Mwanza and Serengeti in Tanzania.

Already, The Salvation Army has helped 165 households in these two regions, including a woman called Maria. After being given two chickens, Maria raised them to produce eggs and hatch more chickens. Now she has a pen of 10 chickens which she has been inter-breeding with local breeds to sell and generate income.

With this money, Maria was able to purchase two pigs, which have already produced eight piglets, and is now saving up to buy a cow.

Maria can now feed her family, provide her children with school uniforms, and pay for school fees and medicine for her five children.

Betsy says this story is an excellent example of how a chicken can produce a ripple effect.

"This project has been successful in the past and we have definitely seen the transformation first-hand in the lives of people," she said.

"It's a very simple way to continue transformation in these communities because it's cost-effective - a simple donation of \$10 directly goes to funding a chicken project. And these are



skills that the locals can develop easily because they are already agricultural communities.

"It's really easy to be part of something that can have a large impact."

Over the course of the campaign, the "Chick Effect" is hoping to raise \$50,000 through online donations, which will directly assist 400 households and approximately 1200 people.

The campaign began on 12 March and will finish on Good Friday, 6 April. Betsy would like to encourage people to keep giving to the Chick Effect, even after the campaign has ended.

Visit [www.SalvosChickEffect.org.au](http://www.SalvosChickEffect.org.au) to buy a chicken, a pig or a goat this Easter!

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Food festival

More than 70 people attended the inaugural food festival at The Salvation Army's Tarrawanna Corps, featuring a Thai banquet.

Holly, a young Thai mum, gave a food demonstration, parents helped their children make rice-paper rolls, and others enjoyed fellowship around the tables.

"The food festival is our attempt to create a space for our unchurched family and friends," said Captain Emma Moore, Tarrawanna Corps Officer.

"We identified that there are some people in our networks who may not or will not attend our 'traditional' Sunday worship service but would come to a more casual space.

"The festival also helps us to achieve two of our mission objectives: To go out and build relationships with the community in response to God's call; and to create an honest and accepting environment where people can develop genuine friendships."

The food festival also helps to raise funds for international mission projects. Profits from the Thai banquet will go towards the Self Denial Appeal.

### Nowra Show ministry

After a 15-year absence, The Salvation Army's Shoalhaven Corps recently went back to the Nowra Show to spend time with the community and share information about its ministries.

Every facet of ministry was represented, with information available regarding the Bridge Program, Community Services, Moneycare (financial counselling), Salvation Army Emergency Services, Red Shield Family Store, local corps history and church activities.

The corps band attracted many people to its free concert, as did face painting and balloon animals for the children.

"It was a true blessing to spend time in community by coming in contact with over 300 people, sharing information in our showbags and giving bottles of water to those who needed refreshment," said Lieutenant Alice Folan-Foley, Shoalhaven Assistant Corps Officer.

"We are now looking forward to 2013 at the Nowra Show!"

### Vision afternoon

Developing a new corps mission statement and a vision and dream for the future were the goals of a recent

planning meeting at The Salvation Army's Leeton Corps.

"It was inspiring to listen to them [corps members] as they wrestled through what the mission of the corps is, where their passion is, who they are connecting with and what they want to do in the future," said Major Julie Alley, Divisional Mission and Resource Director - Corps, ACT and South NSW Division.

"Great things are happening in Leeton and greater things are still to come."

### Serving together

The Salvation Army's Red Shield Defence Services recently launched its first official Kids Club at Singleton Corps, with 18 children attending.

Six adults led the club - four from the corps and two mothers of defence family children who will be trained as leaders.

"This is very exciting for the folk of Singleton Corps and exciting to see corps and Red Shield Defence Services joining together in ministry," said Captain Leanne Bennett, Singleton Corps Officer and RSDS Military Area Representative.

"The ministry opportunities are fantastic as we work together for God's kingdom."

## NOTE THESE DATES



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More details and registration to follow.

## Salvation Army Korean Corps leads march through Sydney

The Salvation Army's Sydney Korean Corps Band led the Holy City March from Belmore Park to Martin Place in the city, last month.

More than 1000 people of different nationalities and from different denominations marched and prayed together as a witness to the Kingdom of God for those who don't yet know Jesus.

The Holy City Movement began in Korea in 1972 and has since spread around the world. Its purpose is to expand the Kingdom of God through its marches.

The Sydney Korean Corps Band has led all six of the annual marches in Sydney.



The Sydney Korean Corps Band marches through Sydney.

### ENROLMENTS

## Wollongong Corps

Three new senior soldiers were enrolled at Wollongong on 26 February. William Searle (left) came to the corps as a little boy with his mother, Michelle, and sister, Samantha, who are still active members. William has been a junior soldier, corps cadet and youth group member. Courtney Berthaly (centre) has been attending for almost three years. She was invited to youth group by school friends. Her mother, Karla, and sister, Chelsea, now attend Sunday worship services. Judy Oldfield (right) first attended 10 years ago by invitation. Two of her children, Cody (corps cadets) and Dean (junior soldiers), are active members of the corps.



## Driven by hope – CarCare connects with community

By SIMONE WORTHING

From a young age, Brock Saunders (above) had a strong sense of God's blessing upon him as a highly skilled craftsman, talented in using his hands.

Combine this with his pursuit of a Certificate II in Mechanics, a desire to use his gifts in ministry and the encouragement from others and the result is CarCare, a community-focused initiative that aims to bring hope to individuals and families by offering assistance with a variety of motor vehicle-related issues.

CarCare began informally in 2007 in Brock's garage, with no funding but a deep commitment to help those in need.

The new 144sqm CarCare Shed, constructed specifically for CarCare on The Salvation Army's Lake Community Church site, was officially opened on 23 February, by the Australia Eastern Territorial Secretary for Program Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas.

"In the first few years, people would donate old cars and I would fix them up from my garage and give them to needy families," said Brock, who attends the Lake Community Church.

"With CarCare now operating from this new facility we can really increase our effectiveness and efficiency in being able to offer services to the community."

For three days each week, Brock is a sports teacher at a local school for students up to grade six. Two days a week he and his team of volunteers work at the CarCare Shed, sourcing, maintaining and fixing cars, as well as mentoring others who come along to help.

"I would like to acknowledge our Mission Leader, Liam Glover, who mentored me in pursuing this idea as a ministry

and championed me and my passion and gifts in an amazing way," said Brock.

CarCare has received a small government grant which allows Brock to be paid for his work which, until six months ago, was voluntary.

Since the construction of the CarCare Shed in late 2011, the initiative has completed 19 vehicle repairs at little to no cost to the client, and has prepared one vehicle for donation to a local family in need.

In the past few weeks, 16 cars have been donated to CarCare.

"We have also been generously supported with donations and discounts from Bunnings, Blackwoods and Titan Sheds," said Brock. "We have tools, a hoist and plenty of space."

Brock emphasises that CareCar is focused on people.

"This is really what's behind CarCare - bringing hope into the lives of families, refugees, single parents, the elderly and others in need," he said.

In addition to its maintenance and repair work, the other vital element of CarCare is mentoring.

"We provide a men's shed, a place where mainly guys can hang out, catch up and mentor each other and just journey life together," Brock explained.

CareCare is open to anyone.

"We have men from the surrounding suburbs coming in, and we are also pursuing offering work experience to students from local high schools," said Brock.

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## General inspires at leaders conference in New Zealand



General Linda Bond (centre, front row) with delegates to the SPEA Zonal Conference and translators. The inset photos are of Colonels Lazamlova and Nemkhanching, Nu-i (The Philippines), who were unavailable when the main photograph was taken.

By CARLA LINDSEY and  
Major CHRISTINA TYSON

Leaders from across The Salvation Army's South Pacific and East Asia (SPEA) Zone appreciated the opportunity for spiritual retreat, development and the exchange of ideas on how to grow the Army when they met in conference in Rotorua, New Zealand, with General Linda Bond from 21-26 February.

"Gaining from the experience of others was informative and helpful, and the General's teaching was stimulating and inspirational," said Commissioner Donald Bell, Territorial Commander of the New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory, which hosted the conference.

Forty per cent of the SPEA Zone's leaders are serving outside their home territories. Commissioner Bell said there was good discussion on how leaders could better support one another in The Salvation Army's most culturally diverse zone.

Under the title "Leadership in the 21st Century" the zonal leaders conference focused on the spiritual life of the 42 delegates and those they lead.

Each day started with worship, Bible study and prayer, before the General delivered a keynote paper.

"Her teaching, based on biblical insights and her own vast experience as a leader, was forthright and thought-provoking," said Commissioner Alistair Herring, International Secretary for the SPEA Zone (based at International Headquarters in London).

Further papers were delivered by delegates, some focusing

on cultural influences on the leadership of the countries within the zone, one concerning women in leadership and another covering the six principles contained in Commissioner Robert Street's book *Love - Right at the Heart*.

"Plenty of time was given to discussion and prayer, as leaders shared the opportunities and challenges currently being experienced in their areas of The Salvation Army's work," said Commissioner Herring.

The major influence on the week's discussions was the recently launched international vision for The Salvation Army - One Army, One Mission, One Message.

On the conference's last day, delegates, translators and support staff travelled to Hamilton to worship with Salvationists and friends at Hamilton City Corps.

The service began and concluded with stirring singing, accompanied by a combined band and music team.

When the General took the opportunity to interact with the children, she was asked questions ranging from "Did you fight with your brothers and sisters?" to "Do you think children really matter to God?"

In her Bible address, the General called people to holiness, urging the congregation not to be content to stay where they were, but to go all out for Jesus.

Holiness was about "lordship, love and liberty", she said.

The congregation was then challenged to rid themselves of bitterness in their hearts, to be free from religiosity and to be more like Jesus.

## Encouragement and challenge for Norwegian Salvationists

By MARIANNE KLAEBØE JERNBERG

The congregation at The Salvation Army's Oslo Temple Corps in Norway, was energised, encouraged and uplifted by the recent visit of General Linda Bond.

The General - making her first visit as international leader to the Norway, Iceland and The Faeroes Territory - emphasised the importance of seeking the power of the Holy Spirit and reaching out with the mission of Jesus Christ.

Drammen Gospel Choir set the mood of the evening with the song *It's All About the Love of Jesus*. When General Bond was introduced, she declared: "I love the Lord with all my heart."

Johannes Ystad, from Lorenskog, was presented with the General's Scout Award by the General, and soldiers Marie Othilie Georgsen and Gyda H Hansen both gave their testimonies.

Before the General's Bible message the territory's 16 officer-cadets presented a Scripture recital from Ephesians 6:10-20, using sign language to emphasise the power of the words.

The General emphasised her belief in a Spirit-filled Army energised for mission - the mission of Jesus Christ. She encouraged the Salvationists present to communicate the gospel that gives salvation, adding that she wants The Salvation Army to pronounce salvation not only to keep a sinner out of hell, but so people can live victoriously today.

The mission of The Salvation Army, said the General - pointing out that this should be the mission of every Christian - is to communicate to everybody that the Lord Jesus Christ can change their lives. To do that, she explained, people need the power of the Holy Spirit.

The General called Salvationists to rededicate themselves to God. Many people made their way to the mercy seat.

After the meeting she took time to shake hands with nearly everyone present, a gesture that was greatly appreciated by the members of the congregation.



The General salutes the congregation after receiving a warm welcome in Oslo. Photo: Kjell Hakon Larsen

## Salvation Army granted church status in Hungary

Salvationists in Hungary are celebrating and thanking God for answered prayer after the country's parliament granted The Salvation Army legal recognition as a church.

New legislation, which came into effect on 1 January this year, had cut the number of officially registered churches from 300 to only 14. The Salvation Army was not among this number, despite having worked in Hungary from 1924 to 1950 and again since 1990.

An amendment made to the legislation on Monday, 27 February named The Salvation Army as one of a further 17 organisations to be granted church status. Sixty-five groups were unsuccessful in their applications.

Captain Andrew Morgan, Regional Officer for The Salvation Army's Hungary Region, was delighted with the decision.

"For The Salvation Army this means that our ministries continue unimpeded," he said.

"We continue to enjoy privileges as a recognised church in

areas of taxation, government funding of our social services, and funding of clerical activities such as teaching of Christianity to young people.

"The confirmation of our church status also opens the way for further expansion of our ministry and services with the full backing of the state and - in some areas - with commensurate state funding."

Captain Morgan believes that "the heightened media exposure and parliament's affirmation of The Salvation Army's legitimate status as a church will further endear us to the people and open greater opportunities to present the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Captain Morgan asked for continued prayer for The Salvation Army in Hungary, particularly for "wisdom and guidance in decision making and allocation of resources" so that the current momentum will lead to the further expansion of God's Kingdom.

## PROMOTED TO GLORY

**Faithful soldier**

Gladys May Stace was promoted to glory on 21 November, 2011, aged 77.

Major Noel Reeves (brother-in-law) conducted the funeral at Armidale Cemetery and was assisted by Major Kelvin Stace (nephew) and Lieutenant Ged Oldfield in the leading of a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Gladys at The Salvation Army Citadel at Armidale.

Gladys' three children – Trevor, Lyn and Jenny – gave a family tribute and her three grandsons shared memories of their nan.

Tributes from previous corps officers were read by Envoy Penny Williams, speaking of Glad's and Bert's kindness to them while they were stationed in Armidale.

The songs chosen for the service were *What a Friend We Have In Jesus*, *The Old Rugged Cross*, and *When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder*.

Major Noel Reeves talked about a cup overflowing and likened it to Gladys' life overflowing with the love of Jesus.

Gladys May Tibbs was born in Armidale on 24 February, 1934, the daughter of Walter and Phyllis Tibbs. She was the eldest daughter of eight children. When her mother died Gladys took on the role of mother to the family. Gladys married Hubert (Bert) Stace on 29 November, 1954, at The Salvation Army Citadel in Armidale.

Together Bert and Glad served in the Armidale and Uralla Corps, taking on various positions. After Bert's death in 2001 Gladys became involved with The University of the Third Age and joined different groups in the community including croquet, mah-jong, and craft classes. Gladys continued to be involved in the Armidale Corps helping out in the cafe' and leading a craft group.

Together the craft group assembled packs, including homemade quilts, to be sent out with the rural chaplains, to those who were in need. Gladys was well known for her gift of hospitality and her cooking skills.

Those who knew her were also familiar with the beautiful craft work she did.

She remained a member of the Home League and the Ladies Fellowship group while ever they were functioning.

To sit around Gladys' table at breakfast time meant to be involved in a quiet devotion before the day began. At night, she would also be seen to open her

Bible on her lap. What better tribute could be given to a faithful soldier of Jesus Christ? Servant of God, well done.

**Special servant**

Major Lila Pearse (ret.) was promoted to glory from Weeroona Village Nursing Home, Bass Hill, on 11 November, 2011, aged 84.

Major Keith Hampton conducted the Thanksgiving Service for Lila's life at the Dulwich Hill Temple Corps on 17 November, 2011.

Selected congregational songs included *Victory For Me*, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* and *How Great Thou Art*.

The Bible reading was taken from John 14:1-14 and a vocal solo *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* preceded the committal, also conducted by Major Hampton.

Tributes were paid by Neville Pearse (brother) on behalf of the family and Lieut-Colonel Peggy Stephens (ret.) on behalf of the retired officers. Major Hampton read a tribute prepared by the Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon. Major Hampton also delivered a fitting message.

Lila, nicknamed Pearsey, was born in Dulwich Hill, Sydney, on 7 February, 1927, the second daughter of Herbert and Eileen Pearse, a loving Salvation Army family. Lila accepted Jesus as her Saviour at the age of 10 and following her call to officership entered the *King's Messengers* session at The Salvation Army Training College in 1948.

Field appointments as assistant at Kandos and Thornleigh preceded a return to the Training College to join the staff in 1951 for a year. An in-charge appointment at Laidley was followed by two years at the Samaritan Corps, Surry Hills, which was the territory's last Slum Post.

Two years at Arncliffe's Girls Home and one year at Territorial Headquarters in the Social Service Department preceded an appointment at Stanmore Girls' Hostel whilst successfully undertaking a Diploma of Social Studies Course at Sydney University. Lila then became Matron at Toowoomba Girls' Home before transferring to Samaritan House with special duties at Territorial Headquarters.

This was followed by six years in the Women's Social Services Department with special responsibilities for unmarried mothers and adoptions, working closely with Bethesda Hospital and becoming principal officer of The Salvation Army

Adoption Agency. In 1970 Lila, at the request of the Federal Government, in part, attended the International Conference of Social Welfare (in particular poverty) in Manila, The Philippines, despite a health problem and learning of the passing away of her father, Herbert, only the night before she was due to depart for Manila.

An appointment in Brisbane for two years as State Social Worker provided Lila with a brief interlude before a return to Territorial Headquarters, becoming Director of Family Welfare and Children Services in 1977 until 1984.

On 7 June, 1977, an honour was bestowed on Lila by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, a silver medal to be worn in commemoration of Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee.

Congratulatory letters from the Territorial Commander, Chief Secretary, Social Services Secretary and the Town Clerk, Municipality of Marrickville, acknowledged Lila's award.

Lila retired from the position as Territorial Headquarters Research and Evaluation Officer in the Territorial Social Services Department, taking with her the respect and high esteem of her leaders and comrade officers and the love and warmth of all those lives she had touched in a special way.

After retirement Lila kept busy at Dulwich Hill Temple Corps helping at the Welfare Centre and in other corps activities. She also gave diligent service to the Retired Officers Fellowship.

Lila indeed was a very special servant.

**Caring heart**

Eric Ernst was promoted to glory on 16 January, aged 75.

A Thanksgiving Service was held at Revesby Uniting church.

Born in India, Eric was greatly impressed as

a young man by the life and mission of Commissioner Frederick Booth-Tucker.

Eric became deeply interested in the local mission of the Salvation Army in India and became an envoy in the East India Territory.

During the East Pakistan border conflict, which saw millions of refugees flood into India, Eric served as central coordinator for finance with the Army's aid work. Following the emergency, Commissioner Robert Bath recruited Eric to manage finance and administration for the Army's social services in Calcutta. These included a paper-recycling factory,

men's hostel, open-air dispensary and feeding program. Not far away worked a still-unknown Mother Teresa.

Eric, his wife and three children, later migrated to Australia and joined the Rockdale Corps in Sydney.

In his final months, Salvationists at Panania Corps provided unfailing support to Eric and his family.

Eric was a keen musician and enjoyed playing the accordion, organ and piano. His devotion to his Lord was expressed in Salvation Army founder William Booth's song *O Boundless Salvation* which was played to him during his final days, and played again at his funeral service.

**Trusted friend**

Beryl Godkin was promoted to glory on 21 November, 2011, aged 69.

Beryl was born on 2 March, 1942, at West Wyalong, the third child of May and Boy Godkin.

After completing school Beryl moved to Sydney where she found a job at Sunset Lodge. Later she worked at St Vincents Hospital in the sterilisation unit, another job she found to her liking.

Beryl lived and cared for her father for many years until his death. She then moved to Shaftesbury Court at Burwood and enjoyed the fellowship of the other residents. She was also near her faithful friend Flo Kelly.

Beryl worked diligently in the corps at Dulwich Hill, doing behind-the-scenes jobs which covered a lot of duties. She and Flo would travel by public transport to visit local nursing homes up until two years ago when her illness took over.

Beryl also loved street ministry, particularly at Ashfield Mall, and made many contacts with old and young alike. In former years, as a community care worker, she visited many nursing homes,

again travelling by public transport.

Family gatherings with the family, they were highlights for her, especially Christmas time, and she blended well with them all, no matter what their age. She loved to watch her nieces and nephews enjoy their presents and delighted in their excitement.

Beryl had a strong and evident faith in God and she loved to serve him, worship him and fellowship with his people. Her favourite verse was Psalm 46:1 and it epitomised her life: "God is my refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

**Soldier of Christ**

Amy Maud Jenkins, known as Maud, was promoted to glory on 4 February, aged 73, after a short battle with cancer.

Her funeral was conducted by Broken Hill corps officer Major Brenda Stace at the citadel on Thursday, 9 February, where there was standing room only. This service was a powerful witness to the hope Christians have in the saving power of Jesus Christ and was a testimony to Maud's life of witness and service. It was followed by a guard of honour and a march of witness as the hearse was escorted down the street.

Major Max Smith (son-in-law) proudly carried The Salvation Army flag, flanked by Major Brenda Stace and Major Kelvin Stace (Manager of the Broken Hill Social Programs.)

Maud Jenkins was born in Broken Hill on 23 July, 1938, and lived in the mining town all her life.

She was enrolled as a senior soldier at the corps, along with her husband Brian Jenkins, on 16 October, 1983. She was commissioned as Welcome Sergeant in February 1985 and continued in this role until her illness stopped her from

attending the corps.

Maud served in various roles at Broken Hill Corps. She held warrants and commissions for the following positions: young people's sergeant major, guard leader, guard examiner, Sunday school leader and junior soldier sergeant. Maud also carried out the duties of Ladies Evening Fellowship convenor, although she was never commissioned as such.

Maud's service also included being a faithful member of the Home League, where she quietly encouraged the ladies who attended, participating in Bible studies and prayer meetings and general cleaning duties around the corps.

Maud was a private person but had a huge heart for helping people. She could be relied upon in any situation to give support and encouragement wherever it was needed, and this was always done in a quiet and humble manner.

Maud's love of God was foremost in everything she did and this love was expressed in ways which were unknown to many people because of her quiet and unassuming nature. Maud simply put her head down and got on with the tasks at hand in service of her Lord and Saviour.

She is survived by her husband Brian (corps secretary), daughter Major Karen Smith (corps officer at Griffith), sons Paul and Bradley, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is sorely missed by all who knew her.

Soldier of Christ – well done!

**Reports**

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### Additional appointment

Captain Marriane **Schryver**, Corps Officer, Narwee Corps, Sydney East and Illawarra Division, effective 5 March.  
 Captain Kathy **Crombie**, Director, School for Leadership Training, incorporating School for Multicultural Ministry, Booth College, effective 2 April.

### Appointments

*Effective 5 March:* Major Glenys **Page**, Chaplain, Youthlink Network, The Greater West Division; Lieutenant Tammy **Rees**, Manager, Samaritan house, Sydney East and Illawarra Division.  
*Effective 1 July:* Lieut-Colonel Geanette **Seymour**, Director of the International Social Justice Commission, International Headquarters.

### Bereaved

Lieutenant Peter **Gott** of his grandfather Fred **Gott** on 18 February; Lieut-Colonel Walter **Greentree** of his brother Neville **Greentree** on 25 February; Captain Greg **Pack** and Major Cheralynne **Pethybridge's** father Gordon **Pack** on 25 February; Major David **Eyles** of his mother Norma **Eyles** on 1 March.

### Promoted to glory

Major Dean **Fairhurst** on 18 February.

### Resignations

Captains Andrew and Paula **Hambleton** on 9 February; Captain Peter **Godkin** on 3 February.

### Retirements

Captain Keith **Atkinson** on 11 March; Majors Bill and Judith **Hutley** on 18 March; Major Mavis **Humphreys** on 18 March.

### Promotion

Glenys **Page** has been reaccepted into officership with the rank of Major.

## time to pray

### 1-7 April

Ghana Territory; Bankstown Corps, Sydney Streetlevel Mission, both NSW; Mackay Corps, Lake Community Church Mission, Townsville Faithworks, all Qld; Territorial Candidates Department, THQ; Self-Denial Appeal Altar Service (1); World Wide Prayer Meeting (5); Good Friday (6); SAGALA Territorial Guard and Ranger Camp (6-9); Red Shield Easter Camp (6-7).

### 8-14 April

Pine Rivers Corps, Qld; Carinya Cottage, Chifley Mission, Dee Why Corps, all NSW; Salvos Legal, both THQ; Easter Sunday (8); SAGALA Territorial Guard and Ranger Camp (6-9); Red Shield Easter Camp, Collaroy (8-13); World Wide Prayer Meeting (12).

### 15-21 April

Commissioners Kashinath and Kusum Lahase, India Northern Territory; School for Christian Studies, THQ; Carpenter Court Residential Aged Care, Temora Corps, Upper Blue Mountains, all NSW; Stafford Corps, Maryborough, both Qld; The Greater West Division Discovery Camp (15-20); Sports Ministry Forum (17); World Wide Prayer Meeting (19).

### 22-28 April

Atherton Tablelands Corps (Far North Queensland Cluster),

Life Community Church Mission, Riverview Gardens, all Qld; Narellan Corps, Singleton Corps, Auburn Corps, all NSW; Anzac Day (25); World Wide Prayer Meeting (26); Candidates Board (26); Junior Soldier Bootcamp, South Queensland Division (28);

### 29 April – 5 May

Major Eva Phillips, Australia Southern Territory; Brisbane Recovery Services Centre (Moonyah), Kalbar Corps, both Qld; Salvos Stores, THQ; Taree Corps, Grafton Corps, both NSW; World Wide Prayer Meeting (3); ACT and South NSW Division Red Shield Launch, Canberra (3); Sydney East and Illawarra Division Strategic Planning Day (3); DFL Weekend – Sydney East and Illawarra and The Greater West Division (4-6).

### 6-12 May

Commissioner Marie Willermark, Sweden and Latvia Territory; Salvation Army International Development Office (SAID), THQ; Ballina Corps, Goulburn Corps, Sydney Congress Hall, all NSW; Emerald Corps, Qld; DFL Weekend – Sydney East and Illawarra and The Greater West Division (4-6); One Army, One Mission Sunday (6); Community Support services Forum (9-12); World Wide Prayer Meeting (10); Sydney East and Illawarra Division Red Shield Launch, Illawarra (10); Sydney College of Divinity Graduation (12); MASIC Meeting (12).

## encorement calendar

### Commissioners James (Territorial Commander) and Jan Condon

Port Stephens: Fri 6 Apr – Good Friday  
 Port Stephens: Sun 8 Apr (am) – Easter Sunday and official opening of new building  
 Newcastle: Sun 8 Apr (pm) – Divisional rally  
 #Townsville: Thu 12 Apr – RSA official opening  
 \*Bexley North: Thu 12 Apr – SFOT Retreat Day  
 #Cairns: Fri 13 Apr – RSA official opening  
 \*Bexley North: Fri 13 Apr – Women's Ministry Seminar, SFOT  
 #Cairns: Fri 13 Apr-Sun 15 Apr  
 \* Canberra: Tues 17 Apr – ACP Chaplains Retreat  
 #Brisbane: Wed 18 Apr – RSA official opening  
 Collaroy: Fri 20 Apr – Property Conference  
 Collaroy: Fri 20 Apr – Salvos Legal Retreat  
 Auburn: Sat 21 Apr – Official opening  
 Auburn: Sun 22 Apr – Worship meeting  
 Sydney: Wed 25 Apr – Anzac Day Service  
 \*Lindfield: Fri 27 Apr – Aglow Meeting  
 \*Commissioner Jan Condon only  
 #Commissioner James Condon only

### Colonels Wayne (Chief Secretary) and Robyn Maxwell

Capricorn Region: Sun 1 Apr – Corps visit  
 Sydney: Thu 5 April -- Easter Meditations  
 Homebush: Sat 7 Apr – Chaplaincy at Royal Easter Show  
 \*Bexley North: Fri 13 Apr – Training Day, School For Officer Training  
 Collaroy: Fri 20 Apr – Salvos Legal Retreat  
 Fairfield: Sun 22 Apr – Corps visit  
 Campsie: Mon 23 April – Service of Remembrance  
 Bexley North: Mon 30 Apr: Leadership Lecture, School For Officer Training

\*Colonel Robyn Maxwell only