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Turning spotlight on fair trade

The statistics are shocking. According to the International Labour Organisation, 21 million people around the world are forced to live in slavery. That's equivalent to almost the population of Australia.

They're hidden away in factories, on farms, and behind closed doors in homes and other places in the cities and towns of the world's richest and poorest nations.

Tragically, many of these victims of slavery can be as young as five years old; children who have their childhoods stolen from them. Teenagers are also susceptible, as they desperately reach for a better life only to find themselves tricked into accepting the offer of a job far away that turns into a nightmare.

In this issue of *Pipeline*, in the lead-up to Fair Trade Fortnight which runs from 4-19 May, we turn the spotlight on fair trade through a series of challenging and informative articles. As Christians, we cannot turn a blind eye to injustice – there is a biblical mandate for fair trade. We see this in Proverbs 13:23, "An unplowed field produces food for the poor, but injustice sweeps it away," and in Micah 6:8, "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly ..."

Sadly, modern slavery is a profitable business for the perpetrators of this insidious crime. It generates over \$30 billion in profits every year – more than the entire output of Iceland, Nicaragua, Rwanda and Mongolia combined. And it isn't just a problem in distant, poor countries. Almost half the profit – an estimated \$15 billion – is made in wealthy industrialised countries.

Slave labour contributes to the production of at least 122 different types of goods in almost 60 countries worldwide. It could be diamonds from Africa, bricks from Brazil, prawns from South-East Asia, or, just as easily, the very products we put in our supermarket shopping trolley. Around the world, people are forced to work with the threat of violence for little or no pay, producing dozens of things we use in our daily lives, from shoes, clothing and chocolate to footballs and flowers.

Slavery is our problem and we must be part of the solution.

And another thing ...

The Red Shield Appeal is one of the most important dates on The Salvation Army calendar, the success of the campaign having a major influence on the Army's potential for ministry.

The doorknock component of the appeal will this year be held over the weekend of 25-26 May. It's a time when thousands of Salvationists complemented by a huge number of volunteer collectors, hit the streets to raise money for the Army's vast network of social and community services in Australia.

The Australia Eastern Territory doorknock target this year is \$5.6 million. Whether that target is met, or even exceeded, depends on the willingness of Salvationists to get out there and do their bit.

The equation is simple: more people collecting equals more donations. So let's get out there and knock on some doors.

Scott Simpson
Managing Editor

Equipping soldiers for battle

I want to thank Commissioner James Condon for, and respond to, his TC@Pipeline column in the April issue *Pipeline*.

I agree wholeheartedly with his proposition that all corps (and in the true spirit of the hubs concept, may I be so bold as to suggest every centre) could be expected to be regularly running classes to equip people for Christian warfare as soldiers and adherent members of The Salvation Army. Having said that, may I also suggest that for the vast majority of corps who are regularly running soldiership classes, we are in fact doing nothing of the sort.

As I reflect on the various attempts at material for soldiership classes I have seen over the last 15 or so years, I can't recall anything that has done little more than impart dogma and instill theological propositions, and seek to indoctrinate the students into the rules, regulations, beliefs and structures. Perhaps the "CLASS" material of the early '90s was something that offered at least a little more than that, but I can't say that it has proven to be an effective tool for developing, as the TC says in his article, "active, fully trained soldiers to go into battle".

The *Cause to Die For* DVDs were also a helpful resource, but my recollection is that again it was more "About the fight we are in" and less "This is how we fight, here's

the tools and resources to fight," etc.

The resources provided to us to assist us in frontline soldier-making do not enable or assist us to "strengthen our soldier ranks in the battle against evil". Whilst I understand the need for people to have an understanding of the theological position of the Army, I don't believe that this understanding alone is sufficient to equip our soldiers to "leave the safety of the corps buildings and get out on the battlefield".

I don't by any stretch think that I have the answers or a nice, neat easy set of materials we could present to our people to prepare and equip them to be soldiers. I do wonder, though, whether it would be wise and helpful for us to shift our thinking of soldier-making thinking away from ideology and theology, away from doctrine and dogma, and focus more on matters of disciple making, social justice, social action, soul winning, knowing and telling our story, living full and free in the Kingdom of light. I suspect the list could go on.

I do not have enough knowledge of our early Army to draw comparisons to the style of soldier-making in the early days, but from the little I do understand, it seems it was minimal training and maximum experience. People got out there *being* soldiers with very little time or instruction given to what a soldier subscribes to, or theory about how to be a soldier.

Cross makes an impact every Easter

Each Easter I am again confronted with the cross – the "emblem of suffering and shame" became my symbol of guaranteed redemption and eternal life with him in glory!

I have viewed Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* only once. Enough seen; I cannot bear to watch my sins lash his body and nail him to the tree again! He "set [his] face like a flint" (Isaiah 50:7), and "steadfastly and determinedly set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51), to pay my debt and sprinkled his blood, "the just for the unjust, that he might bring [me] to God" (1 Peter 3:18).

It is overwhelming to comprehend how much it cost God to send his only beloved (the righteous, the innocent) for me, (the unrighteous, the guilty) once and for all! The fact that God's Son gave his life as a ransom to buy me back, is incomprehensible! For one would pay the price should it be for the innocent, but for the guilty? "He Who knew no sin, became sin, that I might be called the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The guilty go free! His blood answers every accusation against me! It is finished!

I am confronted with God and my need for Christ, mediator between God and man, with a deep sense of guilt and simple faith. Without Christ, I am without God in the world, separated by a wide gulf which only he can bridge.

I am not advocating for a "Toss them in the deep end" approach, however I can't help but wonder if we have strayed a considerable distance from the original approach to soldier-making.

Yes, each corps/centre is, in effect, responsible for its own soldier-making and might need to develop its own resources, however, we have in the past been provided with material that has been developed to assist us with the tasks set before us. I hear frequently from our leadership that the role of our territorial headquarters is to equip and resource us to enable us to fulfil our missional calling. So on the assumption that our headquarters does wish to resource us, and the assumption that many of us have developed a sense of expectancy or perhaps even dependency on these resources to fulfil that mission, I would suggest that one area of resource that may require some attention if we are to effectively meet Mission Priority 7, is that of our soldier-making materials.

Additionally, I would suggest that as we communicate to our people the need for and importance of soldier-making, we help ensure they understand that to do so will require more than theology and indoctrination. These, in and of themselves, will not be enough to make soldiers equipped for battle.

**Captain Tim Gittins,
Corps Officer,
Bonnells Bay**

His Spirit is my constant companion. He is the channel of God's mercy and grace to me. His blood, sprinkled on my conscience, brings lasting peace and joy which the world cannot guarantee. "Great peace have they who love thy Law, in whom the Comforter abides, and nothing shall offend them" (Psalm 119:165). Justified by faith I have his peace.

This is the reason for my hope (1 Peter 3:15). Our ninth doctrine states: "We believe that we are justified by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and that he that believeth hath the witness in himself." "For God so loved the world he gave ..." (John 3:16).

**Eloise Rowe,
Maroochydore Corps**

WHY I LOVE THE ARMY ...

Commissioner JAMES CONDON outlines the reasons why The Salvation Army has meant so much to him and to the wider community for more than 130 years

In 1882, an Anglican priest wrote an article titled "24 Reasons why I love The Salvation Army", having observed qualities he had seen in William and Catherine Booth over 20 years of ministry. I share some with you:

- *Because it has the Bible for its basis, both in doctrine and practice.*
- *Because thousands of souls have been brought out of darkness into light by its agency.*
- *Because those who belong to it are the happiest people I know under heaven.*
- *Because they are willing to DO anything and GO anywhere for Christ.*
- *Because they are a PRAYING people and rise early to seek God.*
- *Because, though poor, they are a generous people; they give with both hands, liberally, to the cause of God.*
- *Because they live by faith, stand by faith, conquer by faith, and will yet subdue kingdoms to Christ by faith.*
- *Because they are not ashamed of their religion.*
- *Because they have shaken satan's kingdom, shaken the publican's interests, shaken many of the great towns, shaken the swearer, the drunkard, the infidel, have shaken thousands out of their sins and, "filled with God" they will yet "shake the kingdom".*
- *Because by their instrumentality, bad husbands are turned into good husbands, bad wives into good wives, rebel children into obedient children: the drunkard becomes sober, the liar becomes truthful, and the sinner becomes a saint.*
- *Because it holds aloft the gospel banner, carrying it into the streets and lanes where it would never otherwise be seen, and unfurling it before men and women who are living in the darkness and ignorance of sin, and who, through their testimony, learned to look unto Jesus and live their life through his name.*

I wonder if the Anglican priest would write those same words today about The Salvation Army?

However, I also wondered about my reasons for loving The Salvation Army. Of course, my love for God takes precedence, but I do love the Army.

When I first encountered the Army as a young man, I loved the freedom in worship and the happiness that was evident in the meetings. I really appreciated the corps officers who showed a great interest in me and took time to teach me the Bible and how to grow as a Christian.

God-raised Army

Over my years of service as a Salvation Army officer, I have loved the Army because it has provided me with so many opportunities to share my faith and walk alongside people in many different experiences and situations in life. What a privilege to be able to walk alongside someone in grief and trauma, to share in weddings and the birth of children.

I also love the freedom I have as an officer to do whatever it takes to bring people to Jesus, and to prepare a meeting without being restricted by a specific format. I love the Army because of the wonderful opportunities to use the mercy seat and to share in the transformation of people who come to the mercy seat.

I love the Army because of the acceptance we have in society which provides an open door to serve the community. I love the Army because of our mobility. In times of crisis we are able to mobilise teams very quickly to serve suffering humanity.

We also hear how people "love the Salvos" around the time of the Red Shield Appeal. I've heard that said when I have knocked on doors, asking for donations. When people say this I ask myself, and sometimes I ask the person, "Why do you love the Salvos?" The response is often because of the work we do.

I was at the NSW Government's recent apology to victims of abuse – abuse which occurred in homes run by the government, non-government organisations, and churches. As part of that, church leaders stood as one to apologise to the victims. I remember as I walked off the platform, someone yelled out "we love the Salvos". I later found out that the lady who had spoken these words, and her friend, who was also in attendance at this function, had been in a Salvation Army children's home.

I love The Salvation Army because it is a God-raised Army, empowered by the Holy Spirit, sharing the transforming message of Jesus, bringing freedom, hope and life.

Of course, none of this is possible unless we first of all are in love with Jesus. And today, I am so grateful for the faithful love of God my Father and Jesus my Saviour, shown to me.



Commissioner James Condon is Territorial Commander of the Australia Eastern Territory

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

With Pentecost approaching, **Major PETER McGUIGAN** encourages Christians to examine their spiritual walk with God and fulfil the fundamental call on their lives to be holy

As a child growing up, once every three years I spent four weeks with my family on holidays in Rockhampton, Queensland. This was the town of my mother's birth and where her parents and other siblings still lived. Holidays over the other two years were spent with my father's family in Goulburn, NSW, and on our own at beachside places like Margate on Brisbane's Redcliffe peninsula, and Alexandra Headland on the majestic Sunshine Coast.

But holidays in Rockhampton were particularly impactful upon me and my sister, and for one significant reason. My grandfather, Alf Clanfield (who lived in Clanfield Street), loved to tell us the faith stories of his life. I'm not sure if he did the same with other grandchildren who visited from out of town, but every night after dinner Grandad would insist that we stayed seated at the dining room table so he could give us the very best of his spiritual experience and advice.

He was particularly big on the Holy Spirit and would tell story after story about how the Spirit moved in people's lives, showing them Jesus, taking them to the cross, convicting them of sin, miraculously transforming their lives. Often he struggled to get the stories out because of the accompanying tears and quivering voice.

These Holy Spirit accounts were set in all kinds of places - in meetings at the old Rockhampton Temple, in open-air meetings outside the post office in East Street, in people's backyards, in The Salvation Army's old bush meetings, at the corps' outpost in the outlying village of Kabra where people would come from miles and miles around the district for a meeting once a month. According to Grandad, people were changed as the Holy Spirit led them to Jesus and brought a new sense of love and freedom into their lives.

Grandad also spoke about his own walk with the Holy Spirit; how the Spirit had changed his life, how grateful he was, and how the

Spirit was his constant guide and friend. He would then try and teach us about seeking the Holy Spirit's fullness in our lives. "The Bible says we have to be filled with the Spirit," he would say. "How else can we mere mortals bring glory to God? How else can we beat temptation?"

By the time I was 12, I had spent four months of my life living in Rockhampton. Little did I realise then that Grandad's awesome faith and the powerful presence of God the Holy Spirit in him, had impacted me for life.

Seven years later, when I made a serious decision to follow Jesus myself, I wanted to know the Holy Spirit as well. The desire was already formed in me and I began a "rest-of-my-life" quest to walk in the Spirit, to know the power and the personal presence and nurture of the one the fourth-century Church's Nicene Creed calls "the Lord and Giver of Life". Or, as church doctrine books often refer to him, "the third person of the Trinity".

Knowing the Spirit

Knowing the Holy Spirit as Guide, Counsellor and Empowerer in our lives is just as vital as knowing Jesus as Saviour and Redeemer, and God the Father as Creator and Author of love. Some people might balk at that. It was Jesus who died and who was raised to life to reconcile us to God. We die to our old life and rise with him as new creations, holy and pleasing to God. Shouldn't Jesus be our focus?

Well, yes. But the Holy Spirit journeys with us, gently and lovingly shaping our lives in the likeness of Jesus. He powerfully equips us to lift Jesus up and minister to others in Jesus' name. This is his mission, just as it is ours. We are in partnership with the Holy Spirit to transform the world through faith in Christ. In fact, the Apostle Paul powerfully describes the Church's relationship with the Holy Spirit as *koinōnia Pneumatos* - "participation in the Spirit" (Philippians 2:1, RSV).

So, in terms of knowing God, it's not an either or choice. We know

and love the Father, we know and love the Son, and we know and love the Holy Spirit. As a flesh and blood human being, Jesus himself modelled how to do life and ministry with God. We know he often withdrew from the pressures of his day to pray (Luke 5:16). And he rose early in the morning to pray (Mark 1:35).

His prayer constituted a deep communion with the Father (John 17) and with the Holy Spirit who each Gospel states had "descended" upon him at the beginning of his ministry (Matthew 3:16, Mark 1:10,

"But the active agent in holiness is the Holy Spirit and, as my grandfather had discovered, an intimate relationship with the Spirit is key."

Luke 3:22, John 1:32). John adds that the Spirit remained with him (1:32) and that following his death and resurrection Jesus "breathed" on his disciples and, preempting Pentecost, said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit" (20:22).

If we're seeking clarity on the importance of "knowing the Holy Spirit" or being "in partnership with the Holy Spirit" in our lives, observing Jesus' life, ministry and teaching as it unfolds in the gospels can be a powerful lens for us. Jesus lived in the Spirit; he carried himself in the Spirit and made it a lifestyle. Following his experience at the Jordan River, he was "full of the Holy Spirit", "led by the Spirit"

and faced temptation in the Spirit's power and inspiration (Luke 4:1-14).

The Holy Spirit flowed through Jesus as he healed and as he preached the good news of the Kingdom. He once exclaimed to the crowd when someone needing healing had touched him: "I know that power has gone out from me" (Luke 8:46). And in the synagogue at Nazareth he announced: "The Spirit of The Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour" (Luke 4:18-19). Of course, after Pentecost, this would become the ministry the Church took "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8) and which we participate in still today.

Jesus taught his disciples that the Holy Spirit would be their counsellor, comforter, guide (John 14-16) and the empowerer ("power from on high", Luke 24:49) of their lives and of the Church throughout the world. He was able to say these things with absolute integrity, not only because it was true, but also because Jesus himself experienced the Holy Spirit as his guide, counsellor, comforter, empowerer and the source of daily anointing for ministry!

Holiness and the Spirit

There is no question that Jesus intentionally modelled what we later called the life of holiness. Unfortunately, I think we look at the model and can make it more of a goal than an experience, a lofty destination than a journey, a state of being than a day-by-day walk in the Spirit of God. When we do, holiness can be intimidating; we doubt our ability to be holy. But Jesus' version of holiness was organic. It was relational and active. It was the fruit of his powerful relationship with the Spirit as he lived moment by moment, town by town, encounter by encounter for the glory of God.

I'm not saying that holiness, or Christlikeness as we can more

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Captain Phil Inglis and entertainer Stan Walker promote The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. Photo: Grant Turner

STAN A FAN OF THE RED SHIELD APPEAL

Singer Stan Walker tells **ESTHER PINN** that he jumped at the chance to support The Salvation Army

The promotional campaign for The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal will have a different accent this year ... literally! New Zealand-born singer, Stan Walker, 2009 winner of national television singing competition *Australian Idol* and star of the recent Kiwi film *Mt Zion*, has shown how much of a fan he is of the Army's work by throwing his support behind the annual fundraising campaign.

Stan, who will feature in several TV commercials and other promotional material for the Red Shield Appeal, says he has always been a huge supporter of The Salvation Army.

"They're about bringing hope to people," he says. "That's what I love about the Salvos, they do everything for people in need of help."

In particular, Stan says he has enjoyed getting to know some of the Salvos behind the scenes while filming the TV ads.

His new single, *Take It Easy*, will feature in the Red Shield Appeal commercials. The lyric "you and me together" from *Take It Easy* has been adopted as the theme for this year's appeal.

"It's quite self-explanatory," says Stan. "You know, you have your good days and your bad days. It's all about seeing life in a bigger light; just champion each other on, me and you together."

Meteoric rise

Growing up in a family and culture where there was always singing, it's no surprise that Stan's career has gone from strength to strength since winning *Australian Idol*. He has released a succession of top-selling singles including the double platinum *Black Box*, gold for *Unbroken* and a platinum-selling album, *Introducing Stan Walker*.

Having recorded with artists such as Australian

pop singer Jessica Mauboy and New Zealand rapper Young Sid, Stan has an endless list of musical influences he draws inspiration from.

"There's so many people, I couldn't just say one person," he says of the people who have influenced his love of singing. "Just anything and anyone really, I like so many different artists and genres and styles. I just take little bits of everyone."

At the moment, Stan describes his style as pop with a soulful influence. While he never saw himself producing this type of music, he has always been open to the opportunities presented to him.

"I've just gone on a journey as an artist," he

"THEY'RE ABOUT BRINGING HOPE TO PEOPLE. THAT'S WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THE SALVOS, THEY DO EVERYTHING FOR PEOPLE IN NEED OF HELP."

says. "I've grown and explored different kinds of styles and it's just an evolution of music."

Along with his new single, Stan recently featured in a New Zealand film, *Mt Zion*. >>>

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**RED SHIELD
APPEAL**

PEOPLE ARE THE REAL APPEAL

By ESTHER PINN

Seeing the people behind the problem is the focus for this year's Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal, explains Major Bruce Harmer.

Major Harmer, the Army's Australia Eastern Territory Communications and Public Relations Secretary, has encouraged all Salvationists to embrace this theme by volunteering to collect for the National Doorknock Appeal on 25-26 May.

"For our faith movement, it's clear that God has called us as a movement to reach out to the disadvantaged and support them in anyway possible," Major Harmer says.

The funds raised during the Red Shield Appeal are used to help finance the Army's vast network of social and community services in Australia, across both its Eastern and Southern territories.

These include employment services, addiction recovery support, emergency services, crisis accommodation, telephone

counselling, rural chaplaincy and support for families in need.

Without the financial support generated by the appeal, particularly the doorknock component, many of these ministries would struggle to continue.

Major Harmer says the opportunities to work alongside the wider community are endless and he is appealing to the community to support the Red Shield Appeal.

"By making a donation to the Red Shield Appeal you can help change a life and help others who are experiencing tremendous difficulty in all communities across Australia," he says.

Last year, the Red Shield Appeal exceeded its target and raised a total of \$83.8 million nationally.

The national target for the appeal this year is \$79 million. In the Australia Eastern Territory, the target is about \$40 million which incorporates the business, mail and doorknock appeals.

The Army needs 100,000 volunteers to help it achieve the Eastern Territory goal of \$5.6 million from the doorknock weekend.

"The Red Shield Appeal is a God-given opportunity for each and every member of our faith community to get involved in the ministry of service to others through our social services," explains Major Harmer.

"I'm proud to say that [in the past] thousands of our faith community [took the] opportunity to support our social services."

Although Australians have been called upon heavily to give financially to support those who have been affected by recent natural disasters, Major Harmer believes this will not result in "donor fatigue".

"One dynamic that has never changed and has stood the test of time is the way Australians stand together in times of hardship," he says.

"As we continue to bring the needs of Australians to the attention of our wider community, I believe that this character of mateship and standing together in hardship will be displayed once again."

For more information about the Red Shield Appeal or to sign up for the doorknock weekend, go to salvos.org.au



He played the role of Turei, a talented young musician who dreams of being the support act for Bob Marley's 1979 concert in Auckland. The experience has left him eager to continue pursuing a career in acting.

"I loved it, it was fun," he says. "It was something different and a break from my normal day."

God-given talent

Despite his meteoric rise to stardom, Stan remains grounded. He is quick to acknowledge that his talent and subsequent success, are both a gift from God.

"I've given it [his singing talent] all to God and he's given it all back to me and more," says Stan. "To achieve what I've achieved in such a small amount of time, God's been the orchestrator of everything that's happened in my life."

A faithful Christian, Stan tells *Pipeline* that he values his personal time with God and makes it a

priority each day. His Christian beliefs are not only intrinsic to his personal life, but his career as well.

"I want to be used as a vessel [for God], really," Stan says. "Even if I'm not talking about it [his faith] or saying it, just being an example. I've got a responsibility to people and as a role model I want to set the best example that God wants me to set."

With The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal just around the corner, Stan would like to encourage all Salvationists and friends to jump on board and support the campaign.

"Just to get on board with it, not because this is something that gets done every year but because it actually makes a whole lot of difference in people's lives. It just brings hope."

To see video of Stan Walker behind the scenes with Salvos promoting the Red Shield Appeal, go to youtube.com/salvosau □

Generosity overflows at business community launches

SYDNEY

By SCOTT SIMPSON

Fortescue Metals Group chairman Andrew Forrest and his wife, Nicola, pledged an exceptional \$1 million donation to the Red Shield Appeal at last month's official launch in Sydney.

The catch, however, was that for the pledge to be honoured, the business community represented among the more than 750 guests at the launch had to collectively match the Forrests' generosity.

The response was swift with State Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister for Women, Pru Goward, announcing a \$200,000 contribution from the NSW Government. That amount was matched by Sydney Red Shield Appeal chairman Roger Massy-Greene on behalf of his family.

By the time all the pledges from the launch had been tallied, it was clear that the challenge had been met. The Forrests, who in recent years have become well known for their philanthropy, then honoured their million-dollar pledge, bringing the total raised on the day to more than \$2.3 million.

"The Salvation Army plays such a critical role in our communities," said Mr Forrest.

"I feel very privileged to be here with my wife Nicola to launch this year's Red Shield Appeal - an appeal which I encourage all Australians to get behind. Whether you give \$1 or \$100,000, both are to be applauded."

The appeal launch had a deliberate focus on the fight against human trafficking. In thanking the Forrests for their generosity, Australia Eastern Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon, announced a new partnership between Walk Free and The Salvation Army.

Walk Free is a philanthropic initiative of the Forrests that describes itself as "a movement of people everywhere, fighting to end one of the world's greatest evils: modern slavery".

Continuing the theme, Janice, a victim of human trafficking, then told her harrowing story of slavery and how, with the help of The Salvation Army, she was able to escape her desperate situation.

The event was compered by former Australian rugby captain Nick Farr-Jones and featured a live performance by Stan Walker of his new single, *Take It Easy*, which is being used as the theme song for this year's Red Shield Appeal.

The Army has set a national target of \$79 million for the appeal. In the Australia Eastern Territory the goal is \$40.2 million, with the doorknock to be held over the weekend of 25-26 May.



(Clockwise from top left) Pru Goward presents Commissioner James Condon with a \$200,000 cheque from the State Government; entertainer Stan Walker enjoys the lunch; the Glebe Community Gospel Choir performs; compere and former Australian rugby captain Nick Farr-Jones with his daughters, Amy (left) and Jess; and Fortescue Metals Group chairman Andrew Forrest announces his million-dollar Red Shield Appeal pledge. All photos: Shairon Paterson

BRISBANE



By SIMONE WORTHING

"If you want to be a part of spreading justice, hope, compassion and respect for human dignity, then I encourage you to flex your charity muscles and give to The Salvation Army [who are] world leaders in these areas."

With these challenging words, Governor of Queensland Penelope Wensley officially launched the Red Shield Appeal appeal at a business luncheon in Brisbane on 26 March. On-the-day donations totalled \$450,000, plus \$180,000 in sponsorship.

The emphasis on giving hope resonated throughout the launch.

"The Salvation Army stands for hope; hope for the homeless, the cold and the hungry in Queensland, but they can't do it without us," said Phil Kesby, Brisbane Red Shield Appeal Chairman.

Queensland Premier Campbell Newman also encouraged people to get behind the appeal.

"The Salvation Army specialises in optimism, hope, individual care and restoring confidence to those who have none. Let's do our part and support them," he said.

The Salvation Army's South Queensland Divisional Commander, Major Mark Campbell, encouraged the gathering to consider the needy, particularly those living with a mental illness.

Singer Stan Walker, an ambassador for the Red Shield Appeal, gave a special performance of his new song, *Take It Easy*, and spoke about his role helping to promote the campaign.

"It's such a privilege for me to serve in this way and to be an adopted member of The Salvation Army," he said.



Stan Walker with Carindale fimbrel brigade (top) and (above) Queensland Governor Penelope Wensley. Photos: Roger Phillips

The launch also featured two speakers with powerful testimonies.

Mandy Harradine shared about her long battle with a mental illness and her journey from hopelessness to a transformed life with a job, family and confidence.

"The Salvation Army listened to me as a person and took time to hear my voice," she said.

John Kourkouridis told of his journey from a stable family and receiving good education, to becoming a drug and alcohol addict living in despair and hopelessness.

"The Salvation Army saved my life and gave me back the meaning, purpose, identity and hope I had lost," he said.

A number of other Red Shield Appeal launches have also been held at a variety of locations around the Australia Eastern Territory recently.

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Social justice as a lifestyle

Sydney-based Salvationist **CASEY O'BRIEN** recently spent 12 months as an intern at The Salvation Army International Social Justice Commission in New York. While there, she wrote a paper "The Thinking Salvationist" which *Pipeline* will publish as a series of articles over the next few months. To coincide with Fair Trade Fortnight this month, the first article of Casey's we publish is on Western consumerism

I recently attended a Salvation Army youth councils at which the focus was social justice. There were guest speakers and young adults testifying to the importance of fair trade – a form of trade where workers are justly compensated for their work.

I was encouraged by the passion and zeal with which these young people were spurring each other on to care about the things for which God cares, and to pray that

God's justice would prevail. While praying, my eyes fell to the ground and I saw a sea of Nike shoes – a pair on almost every second teenager's feet.

While in recent years Nike has worked hard to increase its ethical production track record, there are still serious questions over some of its unethical business practices, particularly its use of sweatshop labour in the production of the very shoes which these teenagers were

wearing. I shuddered at the thought of the amount of money that these teenagers – whose intentions were good – had given to a corporation which worked against the very thing for which they were praying.

In The Salvation Army of the Western world, there is a significant disconnect between understanding that social justice is important, and actually knowing what to do about it in our day-to-day lives. Social justice is not simply an action

WHAT CAN I DO?

- Download *Jesus and Justice*, the International Social Justice Commission's Bible study resource on understanding social justice as a lifestyle, rather than a series of acts. It can be accessed under resources at www.salvationarmy.org/isjc
- If you find yourself frequenting a certain store, buying from one brand regularly, or purchasing an expensive item, do an internet search on the background and ethical buying practices of that store or brand. If you are still unsure, do some further research. Contact the company or brand and ask them the hard questions yourself.
- Ask questions. Don't be afraid to ask a shop assistant or representative about the origins of their products. They may learn something too!
- Share your knowledge of ethical products with others and encourage them to change their buying practices if needed. While each individual has the autonomy to spend their money how they wish, a person who is uninformed cannot make that choice wisely.
- Reassess your budget. Pray that God would reveal to you what it is that he requires of you in what you do with your money.

which can be undertaken, it is a lifestyle; a way of living.

In looking to Jesus' example we see that he not only performed individual acts of justice, but he lived right – "righteousness was his way of life" (The Salvation Army International Social Justice Commission, *Jesus and Justice*, 2010, New York, p620). Part of this lifestyle includes making wise choices about how we spend our money.

Anna Lappe, in *A Down Payment on our Dream*, Dare to Dream Blog, on 10 January 2008, said: "Every time you spend money, you're casting a vote for the kind of world you want." In striving to live holy, and, therefore, socially just lives, our every action will reflect that desire. As a result, our desire for a world in which God's justice and truth reign must cause us to think

about how and on what we spend our money.

Salvation Army officers and soldiers are encouraged not to wear ostentatious or expensive jewellery when in uniform, so as to avoid the assumption by the public that as an organisation we are spending our money unwisely. So why does this encouragement seem not to apply when the uniform is removed at the end of the day? What is it that makes us think that we must be good stewards of The Salvation Army's money, yet allows us to be poor stewards of our own?

Global view

A youth pastor was recently teaching on tithing and in encouraging the young people to give their regular 10 per cent tithe, he said: "God only wants 10 per cent of what you earn. The rest is

yours to do with as you want!"

While his intention was to portray to the youth that regular tithing is really not that difficult, his comments concerned me. While many would argue that 10 per cent of our regular earnings is what God requires of us, it is important to note that we are called to be good stewards of all that God has given us, not just that 10 per cent.

I recently attended a seminar on the extent of poverty sweeping the world. I heard statistics of children dying of hunger, of elderly people in developing nations perishing due to lack of funds for adequate health care, and of mothers dying during childbirth due to the absence of funds for basic healthcare needs.

Following this meeting, I hurried to a program at the local Salvation Army corps where I was met by a very excited young adult Salvationist. As I walked through the door, she exclaimed: "I just bought my first designer handbag! It was on sale so it only cost me \$640."

My heart sank. What a confused and unjust world we live in where Salvationists – those of us who are called to live lives of sacrifice and care for the lost, the last and the least – can happily spend our money on unnecessary consumer goods, while in some countries other Salvationists are experiencing unnecessary hardships brought on by a lack of funds.

For the sake of good debate, it must be noted that some argue that what we spend is relative to that which we earn. Perhaps this is true. However, no matter which side of this debate you stand, it must be noted that we are hesitant to think of what we earn in relation to what is needed by others. For example, "relativity" means little when an expectant mother in Africa can receive basic maternal care needs for as little as around \$40 in most Western currencies.

Our understanding of what Jesus means by the word "neighbour" in Luke chapter 10 is crucial to this point. We are called to love and serve our neighbour, and as the expert in the law asked on that day, we often ask "who is my neighbour?"

If we understand our >>>

WISING UP TO CONSUMERISM

1. What is consumerism?

Everyone everywhere must consume to live. Consumption helps us stay alive and keeps economies working. But a problem emerges when consumption is excessive, harmful or addictive. Then it becomes consumerism. Consumerism describes a drive to accumulate more, competitive comparing of what we have with what others have, and equating worth with the material goods or services we possess, purchase and use rather than who we are.

2. How does consumerism impact people?

Consumerism impacts people in various ways. Some people only feel valued when they have the latest versions of everything and are surrounded by lots of things. Other people become compulsive about buying; they must shop to feel worthwhile. This can lead to unsustainable personal indebtedness and unequal concentrations of wealth and power in communities. It can also lead us away from doing something about the millions of people without basic necessities.

Consumerism can drive those who cannot afford the luxuries of life to engage in illegal, harmful or unethical activities to get money to enable them to emulate those who live in excesses.

3. Does the Bible say much about consumerism?

The Bible encourages us to be unselfish and to care for others (Philippians 2:3).

It is difficult as Salvationists to justify over indulgence or excessive spending sprees while our neighbours in the world go hungry or are without clean water.

The Bible also says contentment is not found in buying or consuming more (Matthew 6:19-21).

No longer are we encouraged to live within our means. Philippians chapter 4:11-13 reminds us that contentment does not come from the accumulation of more stuff. Jesus reminds us of this (Matthew 6:34).

The Bible reminds us that creation is a gift to be responsibly used.

In Genesis, creation is described as a gift to enjoy, care for, develop and treasure (Genesis 2:15). If we concentrate on the accumulation of

material wealth regardless of the need or usefulness of that wealth then this creation gift of God is undermined and the creation is treated as an "asset" that can be cleared, harvested, or mined for our own selfish purposes. This contrasts with God's purposes, which is that our use of resources will be balanced to bring increase that can be shared in the human family and that resources are preserved for future purposes and future generations (Acts 2:44; Acts 3:32). God intends us to live as stewards of creation, not users or abusers of creation (Genesis 2:15).

The Bible gives us clear guidance on God's purpose for human life.

The Bible suggests that our human purpose is to give of ourselves spiritually and materially, instead of being obsessed with consuming things. We are requested by God to use earth's resources to add value to the world. We should not be focused on accumulating wealth and consuming our way into happiness. Proverbs suggests consumerism is a poor imitation of God's purpose for human life (Proverbs 21:26).

The prayer Jesus taught his disciples is helpful (Luke 11:1-4), showing us an attitude that can curb the excessiveness of our consumerism. It says, "give us each day our daily bread".

4. As Salvationist consumers, how can we avoid being trapped by consumerism?

- By learning to be grateful for what we have

We need to look at our possessions, our energy use and our money and decide whether we have enough. To keep adding to our pile of things takes up resources. We must learn the art of being content.

- By focusing on our relationship with Christ.

Building a strong relationship with Christ brings internal security. A person with a strong inner life that is centred on Christ won't be obsessed about buying things and won't have trouble sharing or giving away things they own (Acts: 2:44-46).

- By seeing ourselves as stewards of the earth

The Army believes that God, as creator, calls us to be stewards of the world's resources (Genesis 2:15). We are aware that excessive consumerism and scarcity can create unnecessary depletion of natural resources, the unjust polarisation of the poor and rich and the unacceptable death and suffering of millions. Salvationists need to live as though we are stewards of creation, finding practical ways of living simply and adopting a sharing and caring lifestyle (Acts 2:44-46).

- By accepting responsibility for our own behaviour

People can be tempted to blame advertising, as though it is the cause of consumerism, rather than admitting our own personal choice to respond to advertising messages. Let's not excuse advertisers who use deceit and manipulation, but let's also realise that we are not passive recipients of their messages.

- By taking some practical actions

- We can discuss and study with other Salvationists the use of our finances, goods, capital and the earth's resources.
- When we are purchasing or investing we should make sure our decisions are wisely considered and ethical.
- We can learn which products are made in an ethical, fair and sustainable manner, and support companies that produce products in this way.
- We can ensure we recycle and reduce waste.
- We can choose to limit our excessive personal consumption and make personal and communal pledges to live as simply as possible.
- We can take time to understand biblical teaching on what is important for our living.
- We can dispose of some of our accumulated wealth to the needy.

In this regard, the best protection against the incessant demands of consumerism is biblical literacy. When we clearly understand the biblical principles of consumption, we have God's guidance on how to live wisely and ethically in the world as consumers.

Further discussion of consumerism and our response

- How was self-centeredness and competition disrupting the fellowship of the Corinthian church? (Acts 5). How did Paul counter those distortions?
- What changes in our consuming habits could better serve the interests of the world's poor?
- What criteria should we use to determine what we truly need and what is not essential?
- What can governments do to limit the impact of consumerism?
- Do you see evidence that personal consumption is increasingly competing with caring for the environment and meeting social needs, especially in developed countries? How can this be minimised?
- How can I be more reliant on my relationship with Christ and lessen the need for material props in my life?

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neighbour to be "those within tangible reach of our compassion", then love of neighbour seems to have little effect on the way in which we use our money. However, the challenge from Jesus is to redefine just how "widely our compassion can reach" (The Salvation Army International Social Justice Commission, *op. cit.*, p25).

Buying ethically

Today, access to the internet and communication between countries allows us to have a greater understanding of the ways in which our spending affects other people in the world. The transaction need not end when we leave the store - we can quickly and easily learn where that money is going.

A quick Google search of

"ethical buying" followed by the name of your country will most likely reveal a list of companies which are known to be ethically unjust in the production or sale of their goods. Giving our money to these companies, despite our knowledge of their unjust practices, is not only poor decision-making but it is poor stewardship.

It is true that, in many cases, we will never truly know the origin and incidences involved in the products we buy, yet this is not an excuse to simply turn a blind eye to such questions. We must do our best to find out what we can in an effort to make the best possible impact through our spending choices.

Similarly, many companies are affiliated with political movements,

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not only in the Western world but also in countries we may never have imagined them to be involved in.

At times our new-found knowledge may mean we have to alter our buying tendencies. We must search for alternatives, perhaps finding a company with a similar product that employs good business practices. If we find that there is no alternative, perhaps we are being called to create one!

While it may be uncomfortable at times to be socially just in our spending choices, this discomfort will, in most cases, not measure to the discomfort experienced by those on the other end of the supply chain whom the unethical practices affect.

The most common response to

this point is, "But what difference will it make if just one person stops buying from this store?" Let us not forget that we are part of an organisation of over 1.5 million members, established in 126 countries.

While the redirected spending of one may seem to be a drop in the ocean, we must not underestimate the effect that 1.5 million people redirecting their spending could have on the decisions made by a company.

It is time for us as individuals, and as The Salvation Army, to become more aware of where our money goes after it leaves our hands, and therefore what it is funding. However, awareness is not the end point. Brooke Fraser sings "Now that I have seen, I

am responsible," and poet Maya Angelou states, "I did then what I knew how to do. Now that I know better, I do better".

Let us choose to "do better" when we become aware that our spending may not be wise. Let us be informed, pray intelligently and give money strategically. In seeking to be a holy people, let us allow that desire to permeate every element of our everyday lives ... right down to the change in our pockets. Let us be "Thinking Salvationists".



Casey O'Brien is a Salvationist who attends Sydney Congress Hall



Photo: Shairon Paterson

EYE ON THE LITTLE SPARROW



The Little Sparrow's children's products are seriously fun. Behind each bright and quirky design is Allison Holland's deeply held vision to see women and their children escape the devastation of poverty. **ANNE HALLIDAY** reports on a fair trade vision which has become a reality

Allison Holland can't remember a time when she didn't care about the plight of those in need. Even as a small child, it was always her dream to grow up and make a difference.

"I remember being about four years old and questioning my mum that if Santa went around the world delivering presents, how come there were children without food and clothes," Allison (pictured left) laughs.

After finishing school, she signed up for The Salvation Army's School for Youth Leadership near Newcastle and later spent some time working with HIV/AIDS orphans in Zimbabwe with husband Liam.

Over the years she became passionate about the victims of human trafficking and issues of ethical consumerism. Becoming a mother to sons Elijah and Asher only deepened her conviction.

"Back in 2008, I was looking for

fair trade products for my boys and couldn't find them. I had always had a heart for social justice, and at that time God really pressed on my heart to bring those two things together," says Allison.

And so The Little Sparrow, a business dedicated to creating ethically produced children's toys and accessories, began to take shape. At the heart of the business is a commitment to addressing poverty through practical means such as fair wages, health care, microcredit, literacy programs, anti-trafficking education and skills training.

"Our name comes from the verse, 'not one sparrow falls from the tree except that the Father knows,'" she says.

The business was just getting underway when she and Liam went through the heart-wrenching agony of the sudden death of Elijah when he was just 21 months old. Genetic testing after his passing revealed >>>

Allison and Liam Holland with their son Asher (right); Allison (below) with some of the products that make up The Little Sparrow fair trade business. Photos: Shairon Paterson



he had a rare genetic disorder called MECP2 Duplication Syndrome.

It wasn't long before testing revealed their second son, Asher, then 10 months old, also suffered from the same syndrome, which results in intellectual and physical disabilities.

"It was a traumatic time," she says gently. "But the business was part of what carried me through my grief."

Wings to fly

Allison started designing a range of children's toys and accessories,

all the while looking for an international producer group with whom she could partner. Allison's passion for victims of human trafficking led her to Bangladesh, one of the countries targeted by traffickers.

"What I discovered was that many of the co-operatives did not have consistent orders," she says.

"Many women work for a few months but then have no more work and find themselves with loans they can't repay and end up in things like prostitution. I really wanted to work with woman at risk

and help them to break the cycle of poverty."

It was during this research stage that, through a friend, she met Megan Johnston, a fashion designer in Melbourne.

"I originally met Megan to get some advice on the industry but just had a feeling that she was meant to be involved," she recalls.

"By 2009 I had come to a point where I needed to step out and go and meet the producers and on a whim I emailed her and invited her to come with me.

"We met for the second time on the plane to Bangladesh!" Allison laughs.

Allison and Megan discovered in each other complementary business skills and the same passionate commitment to the cause that drives their business. The partnership gave The Little Sparrow wings to fly.

"We found ourselves in a local church where there were women with sewing machines but no business plans and us with a business plan but no producer group. God was just in it," Allison says.

Building partnerships

The Little Sparrow was launched in February 2010 at the Surrender Social Justice conference in Melbourne. Their timing was perfect, catching the wave of Fair Trade growth that has swept

GOD'S JUSTICE AT HEART OF FAIRTRADE

More than 1.2 million farmers and workers in 66 countries participate in Fairtrade. Along with at least another 70,000 members of affiliated organisations that also benefit from Fairtrade, it is estimated that over five million people directly benefit from the universal system.

Fairtrade works to empower small groups of farmers to organise themselves into more economically viable co-operatives and secure a stable minimum price for their produce, reducing the crippling effects of a fluctuating produce prices.

In addition, it provides farmers with the Fairtrade "premium", money paid on top of their produce price to invest back into their community through social, environmental or economic projects such as education programs and health care.

The Fairtrade movement also

works to reduce exploitation by securing decent working conditions for plantation and factory workers who would otherwise endure low pay, unsafe work practices and poor living conditions.

It's no wonder The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory has committed itself to support Fairtrade.

"Our foundation as a church is social justice and Fairtrade is a way we can practise God's heart for justice," says Robyn Evans, Territorial Social Justice Co-ordinator.

"It is a step towards justice for people who would be exploited. The Fairtrade movement is about bringing a better quality of life to those who are most disadvantaged."

But while The Salvation Army endorses Fairtrade principles, Robyn says it is up to individuals to make their own choice to support the movement.

"It comes back to us being responsible for the choices that we make," she says. "And it takes individuals to model support of Fairtrade, but our hope would be that each team, department, group or corps would be doing what they can do within their means to be intentional in choosing Fairtrade."

Salvos on board

Some Salvation Army corps, departments and welfare stores, such as Canberra City Oasis Corps, have taken the step of becoming a Fairtrade Faith Group, part of the Fair Trade Association's Communities program, which encourages universities, schools, workplaces, places of worship and community organisations to start using Fairtrade products and promoting awareness of Fairtrade.

The corps actively promotes Fairtrade by serving Fairtrade Certified tea and coffee. On special occasions it runs a Fairtrade stall on Sundays after the morning service, offering tea, coffee, chocolate and hot chocolate for sale.

Fair Trade Fortnight - 4-19 May - will celebrate the continuing growth of Fairtrade in Australia and New Zealand. For more information about Fairtrade go to www.fairtrade.com.au and www.facebook.com/FairtradeAU



Australia and New Zealand in the past five years.

They worked hard to establish themselves through markets around Sydney and Melbourne and online. However, it was gaining a retail spot at the annual Colour Conference in 2011, a large women's event run by Hillsong church, in Sydney's Baulkham Hills, that really gave them a national profile.

Behind the scenes, they worked with their producer groups in Bangladesh to expand and develop their product range and build partnerships with new co-operatives in Nepal and India.

"You need flexibility if you are going to work with international producer groups," says Allison.

"One of our shipments was delayed because a copper pot used in production was broken and it took them quite a bit of time to replace it."

She says it can also at times be hard not to get caught trying to solve the community's problems.

"There is such a huge need and its easy to become caught up in all the problems and how big it is," she says. "It's also important we don't think we have all the answers but work with the community to help them find their solutions."

Seeing the possibility for change in women's lives continues to fuel Allison and Megan's desire to see the business thrive.

"One of our producer groups is located across the road from a brothel. We've been able to offer the women work. They come between clients and do screen printing. It's a way to help them pay off their debt and get out of the life they are caught in."

Allison, Liam and Asher, now five, have recently moved from Sydney to the NSW South Coast to take up an appointment as team leaders at The Salvation Army's Ulladulla Mission.

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THE 'OTHER PREACHER' – THE WORSHIP LEADER

In part two of a two-part series, **Reverend MIKE RAITER** continues to explore the history of singing in a congregational setting and the ongoing impact music has in evangelical worship



Both Colossians and Ephesians say that we teach and admonish one another as we sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. The psalms, of course, is a reference to the book of Psalms. Hymns may be the other songs of the Bible; like the songs of Moses, Deborah, and Hannah. And spiritual songs are any other songs inspired by the Spirit.

We talk of hymns, choruses and Christian songs but by these three terms Paul is covering the whole gamut of Christians songs; those songs that, ultimately, have their origin and inspiration in the Holy Spirit.

In summary, Paul is saying that there are two dimensions to our singing – the horizontal and the vertical. His first point is that there's a horizontal dimension to our singing; we sing to one another in order to teach and encourage one another.

Let me make clear that I'm not making a case for hymns over choruses, or old songs over new. I'm not talking about the age of a song or its length.

There are theologically dodgy, unsingable old hymns and there are

vacuous, impossible-to-sing new ones. I'm making a case for good songs, sung well. Powerful songs can be a powerful medium for teaching.

We've already mentioned men like Isaac Watts and Charles Wesley.

Wesley was part of the great Evangelical Awakening of the 18th century that produced so many great songwriters. Under the power of the Spirit the gospel had spread across Britain and North America and gripped the hearts of thousands. As we have seen, when one's heart is inflamed, spontaneous singing flows.

But it was much more than just an overflow of praise to God. It was a clear and calculated strategy to educate and disciple large congregations of biblically illiterate believers.

You see, men like Watts and Wesley wrote and encouraged hymn singing because they saw hymns as effective vehicles for teaching the great truths of the faith. The hymns not only expressed the personal, saving experiences of these new Christians, they were memorable essays on doctrine.

All of our songs, no matter what stable they come from, fail us when it comes to teaching the whole counsel of God. It's striking that when we open the Psalter, we find that there is a variety of songs. Where, for example, are our modern songs of lament? "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" "How long, O Lord?" "O Lord, the God who saves me, day and night I cry out before you."

We can be sure that when God's people gather together at church there are as many who are heartbroken as there are those who are rejoicing.

The Bible recognises, in its songs, that doubt, frustration and suffering is the lot of the believer. "By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept when we remembered Zion." Yet our modern songwriters haven't given us the songs to sing.

Where are the songs of judgment? The word "hallelujah", which adorns so many of our songs, only appears four times in the New Testament. They're all in Revelation 19 and they're all in the songs of judgment.

Where are the songs on the sovereignty of God and his

predestined grace? Songs on mission, songs on the second coming? There are a handful, but we need more. Because songs teach.

Music to the Lord

But if music has a ministry to one another, it also has a God-ward dimension. We give thanks in our hearts to the Lord. God delights in the praises of his people.

John Piper, the Calvinistic Baptist Christian preacher and author, makes the observation that we sing because the truths about God are so wonderful, so sublime, and so majestic that they demand more than prose.

We sing not just because we're commanded to or even because it's something that people filled with the Holy Spirit are instinctively prompted to do, but because the realities of God and Christ, creation and salvation, heaven and hell are so great that when they are known truly and felt duly, they demand more than discussion and analysis and description.

Some truths, Piper says, are so wonderful that only poetry and song does them justice. Singing is the Christian's way of saying: God is so great that thinking will not

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suffice, there must be deep feeling; and talking will not suffice, there must be singing.

It exhorts us to sing songs of thanksgiving in our hearts, with every part of us, with every fibre of our being.

Singing is a physical, emotional, intellectual, volitional, psychological activity.

We don't switch off our minds and just let the words and music flow over us. Conversely, we don't stand there emotionally detached from the whole event and reflect upon the theology of the words. We engage the whole person.

Of course, what makes singing so effective in praising God is that it enables us to remember what he has done for us.

Ever since I became a Christian I've been encouraged to memorise Scripture. I've read and heard about missionaries who found themselves in remote places without a Bible and were able to sustain themselves spiritually because they'd memorised large portions of Scripture.

I've been told that devout Muslims memorise the Qur'an and devout Jews memorise the Torah. So how much more, then, >>>

should we hide his word in our hearts.

I have a good short-term memory, but a lousy long-term memory. But put the Bible verse to a tune ...

In 1991, my brother-in-law was kidnapped by the Mujahideen in Afghanistan and spent six months in captivity in the central part of the country.

For much of the time he was largely alone and he sustained himself by singing over and over the many choruses and hymns he'd learnt as a child. Incredibly, he could remember the words to some 600 spiritual songs. It was by meditating on these songs that he fed his troubled soul.

Maybe we couldn't all remember that many songs, but when words are accompanied by music then the ability to remember is greatly enhanced.

One of the great imperatives of Scripture is "Remember". And so those over the years who have exhorted me to memorise Scripture have done the right thing, but those who have taught me psalms, hymns and spiritual songs have done much more to aid my remembering.

Huge responsibility

One of the distinctive features of singing is that it's a communal activity. Sure, people sing solo, but it's always been something that communities have done together.

And for Christians, congregational singing is one of the few things we do in church where we all actively participate. Very few churches now have any formal liturgy. If there is public prayer in church - and often there isn't any - it's now spoken entirely by an individual from the front.

In very few places do we say the creed together.

Growing up in an Anglican church we said prayers together: psalms, creed, various responses, confession. But now, about the only thing left we do corporately is sing. And one of the great things about congregational singing is that when we do that for a few minutes we forget our individuality. In fact, one of the features of congregational singing is that no one voice dominates.

As one guy says, "We agree, in effect, not to be soloists, or competitors, but to compromise with each other, keep the same tempo, and thus love each other in

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the act of singing". I've got to say that, sadly, with the advent of the dominant song leader, whose voice is strengthened and magnified by the microphone, that communal dimension can be lost.

The song leader may think they're encouraging congregational participation by their leading, but unless the volume is lowered their amplified voice overwhelms and smothers the community.

Look, I love instrumentation in worship. I love the guitars, drums, electric piano, sax, violin. But you know my favourite instrument? The human voice.

Get 50, 100, 500, 1000, 10,000 voices singing and it's a goosebumps-on-your-arms, shivers-down-your-spine, taste-of-heaven moment.

In the light of what we've just heard I want to say one thing to those of you involved in the music ministry of your church. And that is to remember that you're the congregation's other preachers.

People hear the word of God from the mouths of the pastors and the Bible expositors but they also hear a sermon in the time of singing.

Someone said to me recently that we think that of John and Charles Wesley, John was the greater preacher. But he wasn't, because 250 years later no-one is still reading any of John's sermons

but we're all still singing Charles' songs, which were his sermons put to music.

Because the songs you sing and select - the songs you write - they teach us about God, about the way of salvation, and about life and death.

And, where we'll forget the words of most sermons, 10, 20, 30, 50, 80 years later, we can still recall the words of a song. Please ensure they're very, very good words.

You have a wonderful role to play in the life of the people of God. May God deliver you from the temptations we all face, to make yourselves great in the eyes of men and women, and may he empower you as you prophesy, as you teach us and lead us as we praise the One who is worthy of all praise, worthy of all honour, worthy of all glory, wisdom and power.

This article is an edited version of Mike Raiter's keynote address at the Assembly of Confessing Congregations (Uniting Church) 2012 National Conference.



Mike Raiter is a Christian preacher and trainer of preachers and a former principal of the Melbourne School of Theology in Melbourne.

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clearly think of it now, isn't our aim. It is a fundamental call on our lives. "Just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do," wrote the Apostle Peter to first-century Christians struggling under the weight of persecution (1 Peter 1:15). But the active agent in holiness is the Holy Spirit and, as my grandfather had discovered, an intimate relationship with the Spirit is key.

Perhaps this Pentecost, we can let the late Christian statesman and author John Stott speak to us through his writing: "The Christian life is life in the Spirit. It would be impossible to be a Christian, let alone to live and grow as a Christian, without the ministry of the gracious Spirit of God ..." (From *Baptism and Fullness: The Work of the Holy Spirit Today*)

And also this: "It is by the Spirit of Christ that we can be changed so that we become more like Christ, as we continue to maintain our focus on him. Yes, we have our part to play, in turning from what we

"The Christian life is life in the Spirit. It would be impossible to be a Christian, let alone to live and grow as a Christian, without the ministry of the gracious Spirit of God ..."

know to be wrong, in the exercise of faith and discipline. But making us holy is essentially the work of the Holy Spirit." (From *Basic Christianity*)

Holy Spirit, thank you for being my adviser, my empowerer and my

constant companion and friend. I'm sorry for the times I have forgotten you and sought to head out alone in my life. I give myself afresh to our journey together and to our mission to bring the face, the hands and the voice of Jesus to the world.

As you filled Jesus, I pray you will fill me and make me an instrument for his glory and for sharing the Father's amazing love. And Holy Spirit, fill my church, The Salvation Army. May Jesus be high and lifted up through us. May you renew us day by day and give new energy to our mission.

Thank you, Holy Spirit. I receive you fresh into my life this day, your strength, your wisdom, the mind of Christ in me. I welcome you and the fullness of your presence.



Major Peter McGuigan is Corps Officer at Dulwich Hill. In March, he was awarded the Master of Arts (Writing) degree from James Cook University.

EASTLAKES TEAMS FORGE SISTER ACT WITH FIJIAN CORPS

By ESTHER PINN

Eastlakes (NSW Central Coast) and Lomaivuna (Fiji) have become sister corps of The Salvation Army after building a strong partnership over the past 18 months.

After the success of last year's service trip, a second Eastlakes team was sent to Lomaivuna, located 90 minutes from the capital Suva, from 28 February to 11 March.

The team furthered the partnership with Lomaivuna by assisting with both practical and spiritual needs.

"It was a lot easier this time when they met us at the airport. The rapport was already there," says Janet Davies, Lomaivuna Corps team leader.

"Last time they had to build that [rapport] before both sides felt comfortable. It was more like visiting family this time."

Four Salvationists from Eastlakes Corps aged between 30 and early 70s, assisted with the Lomaivuna Corps' ginger harvest which involved pulling, cleaning and cutting the stalks of 1.5 tonnes of ginger.

"It was a fairly muddy, dirty job but lots of fun," Janet says.

The team also completed

hospital visits, ran a reading and singing program at a local school, led Bible studies, hosted a pamper evening and one of the team members, Liz, also coordinated the corps' Friday night youth program.

Having renovated the corps' kindergarten building and playgroup equipment during the last trip, the two male team members, Geoff and Trevor, continued the renovations by building an undercover walkway from the kindergarten building to the toilet block.

Geoff was also part of the original team which has helped build the relationship.

"He just slipped into things so easily. It's so important to have a cross-over of people who have been before. He was able to fit in with the community so easily because the people remembered him," says Janet.

Blessings abound

Major Mark Brooks, Eastlakes Corps Officer, says the partnership has turned out to be different from what they anticipated.

Major Brooks says Lomaivuna Corps is proficient at creating a community atmosphere, something he believes our own society struggles at times to accomplish.

"They are more of a blessing to



us than we are to them," he says.

"We're going to be the greater recipients by seeing a genuine New Testament community. We feel a strong privilege to come alongside to serve with and under them."

In an attempt to build further rapport with the corps, another team will be sent out later in the year for the launch of the new water system at Lomaivuna Corps. It will provide fresh water for the community and assist the corps with its farming endeavours.

The water system is a project supported financially by Eastlakes Corps and The Rotary Club of Belmont, which has made a commitment to support community work at Lomaivuna Corps.

At the launch later this year, the new water system will be dedicated to Eastlakes Salvationist, Margaret Ansons, who passed away before this partnership began.

Having a heart for those who are faced with difficult life situations, Margaret and her husband, Mark, were part of establishing the Hope House community housing estate in their local area. Before she passed away, Margaret was also hoping to assist Fijian communities by being part of a service team.

Assisting with the ginger harvest was one of the top priorities of the Eastlakes team's latest trip to Lomaivuna in Fiji.

ZERO TOLERANCE SEXUAL ABUSE

The Royal Commission Into Institutional Responses to Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse will inevitably focus at times on past abuse within The Salvation Army.

I want to reaffirm at this time our total commitment to our child protection policies. It is vital that all who work with children follow these policies, as spelt out in our *Caring for Kids/Safe Salvos* manual. In keeping with that policy, all allegations of sexual abuse must be reported to the authorities.

I also want to reaffirm our commitment to persons who suffered sexual abuse in the past within a Salvation Army corps or children's home. If you were abused, please tell us. Any persons who come forward with complaints of abuse will be received with compassion. A careful restorative process will then be followed.

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Constructing the undercover walkway from the kindergarten to the toilet block.



BUILDING A LEGACY

The Salvation Army recently established a taskforce to consolidate the mountains of paperwork associated with the hundreds of properties it owns across the Australia Eastern Territory. Part of the team has been **SHOBA MANO** who has found the experience a fascinating history lesson on why the Army exists

Lost and forlorn in a new city, I looked up and saw the words emblazoned across a tall building: “Christ for the world, the world for Christ.” My heart felt lifted as I was reminded that God was in control. Soon the right doors would open for me.

Months later, the very building that had “spoken” to me would beckon to come and see what it was nurturing inside. The Sydney-based headquarters of The Salvation Army’s Australia Eastern Territory. The nerve centre overseeing God’s noble work that began in this country in 1880. It

was called simply THQ (Territorial Headquarters).

In the property department, on the fifth floor of THQ, a revamp was taking place to make operations more tech savvy and less reliant on paper filing.

For 125 years property had been bought, sold and leased for one of the most comprehensive and organised welfare services the world has seen. With services ranging from ministries for the homeless, prisoners, recovering addicts, legal aid and the world’s first recycling, job search and missing persons’ services, countless buildings had been sought by

The Salvation Army to facilitate these works. Now, in technology-saturated 2012, the question arose: “How do we keep track of what we own and how to retrieve information more quickly?”

This became my quest when I set foot on THQ to join the taskforce established for the clean-up. The vault had been opened!

Historic documents

An array of titles dating back to the first purchases made by The Salvation Army in Australia began to emerge from dark chambers to see the light of day.

Intrigued colleagues would

hover over my desk, marvelling at the strange archaic font and name of the Army’s founding Booth family on some of the titles.

As I held in my hand ancient envelopes still bearing their red seals, I became intrigued by the vision behind all these buildings that came to be bridges of hope for thousands. I became curious. Who exactly was this man, William Booth, who dared to take up the challenge of Jesus in Matthew 25:40?

I obtained Booth’s book, *In Darkest England and the Way Out*. I learned that he lived during a time of great need in England.

The early officers Booth enlisted took reports from scores of men and women sleeping on the streets in tattered clothes, even in winter, sick and starving yet pushing their beaten bodies every day to find work. Only early graves met them, not gainful employment.

This great need affected entire families. Women turned to prostitution. Children grew up hungry and destitute with parents too sick or drunk to care for them. If they survived their childhood, they perpetuated their parents’ legacy of vice. Booth knew he was not dealing with lazy people. Many of the destitute were skilled and came from decent backgrounds. He was determined to help.

Booth set up the world’s first job agencies. He managed to get thousands of people employment but many more were still out of work.

My forays into the property department vault continued to fascinate me. The ancient title of a property purchased in Temora in 1887, showed it was bought for just 10 pounds! The work of the Army continues in Temora where today

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there is a corps, welfare centre and Family Store.

Major Russell McLeod, who works in the property department at THQ, remembers a photo his father still has of the humble shed that was the corps in Temora. “My grand-aunt was the first white baby to be born in Temora,” he recalls.

The Salvation Army’s Collaroy Centre too, which is today one of the leading Christian campsites in the world, was mainly swampland when it was first purchased, encompassing Dee Why and Collaroy.

The Stanmore campus of >>>



Stanmore House (opposite page) in 1910 when it was known as “The Harbour”, and as it looks today (top) as “The Lodge”, the Stanmore campus for Booth College. Titles for Salvation Army properties bought in Armidale in 1905, in William Booth’s handwriting (above), and Temora in 1887 (left).

Booth College, another Army property, was once the home of Alexander Stuart who became premier of NSW in 1883.

The commitment and dedication of the early Salvationists sent out to minister in these places can be said to be the guiding force of them becoming thriving suburbs today. Some of these places now bear the names of these early pioneers.

All these buildings stand testament to Booth's almost audacious cry 125 years ago: "We who call ourselves by the name of Christ are not worthy to profess to be his disciples until we have set an open door before the least and worst of these who are now apparently imprisoned for life in a horrible dungeon of misery and despair. The responsibility for its rejection must be theirs, not ours."

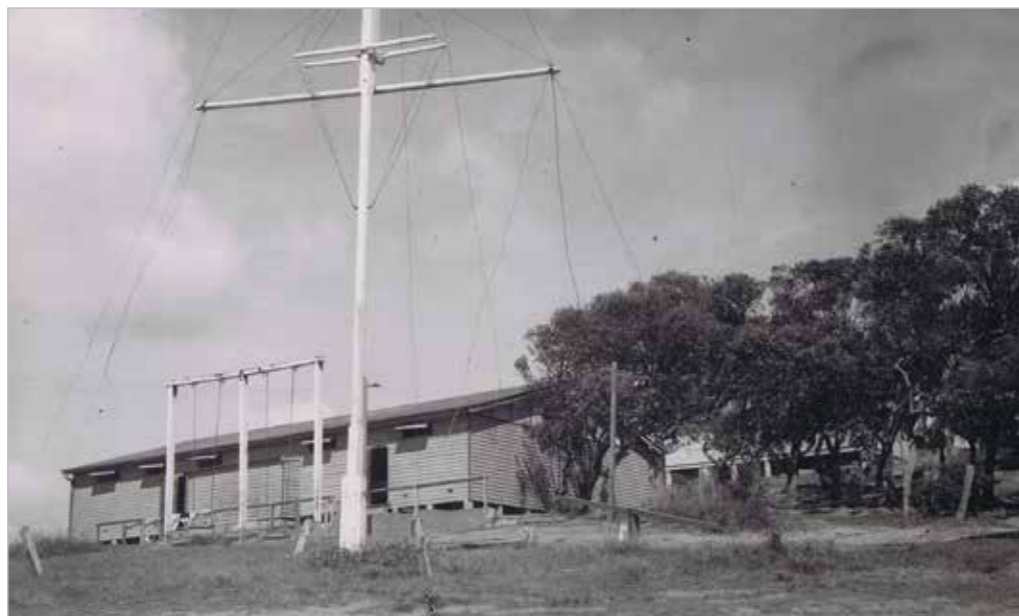
God's hand

From a practical point of view, the massive scale on which Booth launched all his projects in such a short space of time should have meant their failure. How, then, did he succeed? The answer probably lies in Booth's own words.

"There is no gain saying the immensity of the problem," he says. "It is appalling enough to make us despair. But those who do not put their trust in man alone, but in One who is Almighty, have no right to despair. To despair is to lose faith; to despair is to forget God. Without God we can do nothing in this frightful chaos of human misery. But with God we can do all things and in the faith that He has made in His image all the children of men, we face even this hideous wreckage of humanity with cheerful confidence that if we are but faithful to our own high calling He will not fail to open a way of deliverance."

Many pioneering spirits have even lost their lives for this cause. Booth himself would come home bloodied and clothes in tatters after preaching because liquor store owners sent people to beat him up for converting many who managed to kick their alcohol addiction after giving their lives over to Christ.

Therein lies the success of his scheme - that the passion and fervour displayed by the early Salvationists were probably due to the fact that many of them were people who were once vile and considered by society beyond redemption, but became the most dedicated, trustworthy souls



after conversion. The Army was successful in helping hundreds of people secure jobs and earn a decent livelihood where they could afford to pay for greater comfort and more privacy at other lodging houses, but many refused to go. They gave as their reason for remaining at the Army's shelters: "Here there is prayer and meetings and kind influence every night that helps to keep us straight. We would like a better place, but if you cannot find us one, we would rather stop at the shelter and sleep on the floor as we have been doing than to go to something more complete, get into bad company and fall back again to where we were before."

Ongoing legacy

So while the food and clothes and lodging and other materialistic things were needed, it was the feeding of the soul in the end that has borne these lasting fruits we have been seeing in Australia for more than a century.

As the buying and selling of property continues on the fifth floor of THQ, old titles are giving way to new making the few ancient originals, especially those bearing William Booth's name, more precious.

As someone who emigrated to a new country to begin the next chapter of my life, The Salvation Army has given me a job at a time when my lack of Australian work experience has made other employment in chosen area of expertise - public relations and communications - hard to come by.

A legacy Booth started has even touched my life long after he left this world.



Images from earlier last century of The Salvation Army's camp at Collaroy (top) and the Territorial Headquarters building (above) in Elizabeth St, Sydney.



Shoba Mano worked in the Property Department at The Salvation Army's Territorial Headquarters in Sydney.



Back to the Beaches



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

My Favourite Verse – Major Robyn Smartt

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don’t copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

Romans 12:1-2 New Living Translation

As a young person I struggled with the confidence to follow God’s call for a vocation in ministry. I so wanted to know God’s will for my life and to be able to step out and follow his plan for me. I would pray and ask God

to accept me, but wasn’t convinced that I would be acceptable.

I learned these two verses at university and they have become both a favourite scripture and foundational core truths that God has used to help me grow and to understand myself better as I seek to follow Jesus.

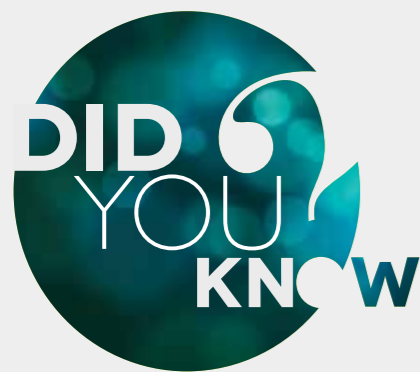
The phrase that jumped out at me was “let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think”. My thinking about myself, about the world around me and about God, was a barrier to being free to follow God’s plan for me. As I discovered more about God, I also discovered more about myself. I discovered that God is in the business of transformation and he does this by transforming how we think about what is happening, about ourselves and about God.

I discovered that my thinking began to change as I presented myself to God

wholeheartedly and allowed his Holy Spirit to “change my mind” – to transform the way I thought and what I thought. I began to ask “How would God think about this?” or “Is there another way to think about what is happening?” or “who does God say I am?” This helped me understand my identity in Christ and helped me begin to believe that God’s will for me is good, pleasing and perfect.

I discovered that this is part of my following Jesus as his disciple. Discipleship was not just learning the Bible, it was allowing God’s Spirit to transform me within – to have these truths connect with my heart and mind. Not only this, these truths began to impact how I acted and reacted. I discovered a growing confidence to share what I had experienced with others.

Many times over the past 30 years in ministry I have returned to the truths of these verses.



RED SHIELD APPEAL

The “Red Shield” wording is in reference to the Red Shield emblem used by Salvation Army chaplains and support workers during the two World Wars, for which The Salvation Army was well recognised.

The national fundraising target for 2013 is \$79 million.

The Red Shield Appeal is The Salvation Army’s major annual fundraising campaign and helps to support more than one million Australians each year.

The Salvation Army was the first charity to hold a national doorknock, the first to have a national advertising campaign and the first to have a national TV campaign.

One of the challenges of a doorknock appeal to arise in recent years is that more than 50 per cent of people are not at home on appeal Sunday. This has meant more focus being placed on those who donate through the mail, via the internet and through regular monthly donations.

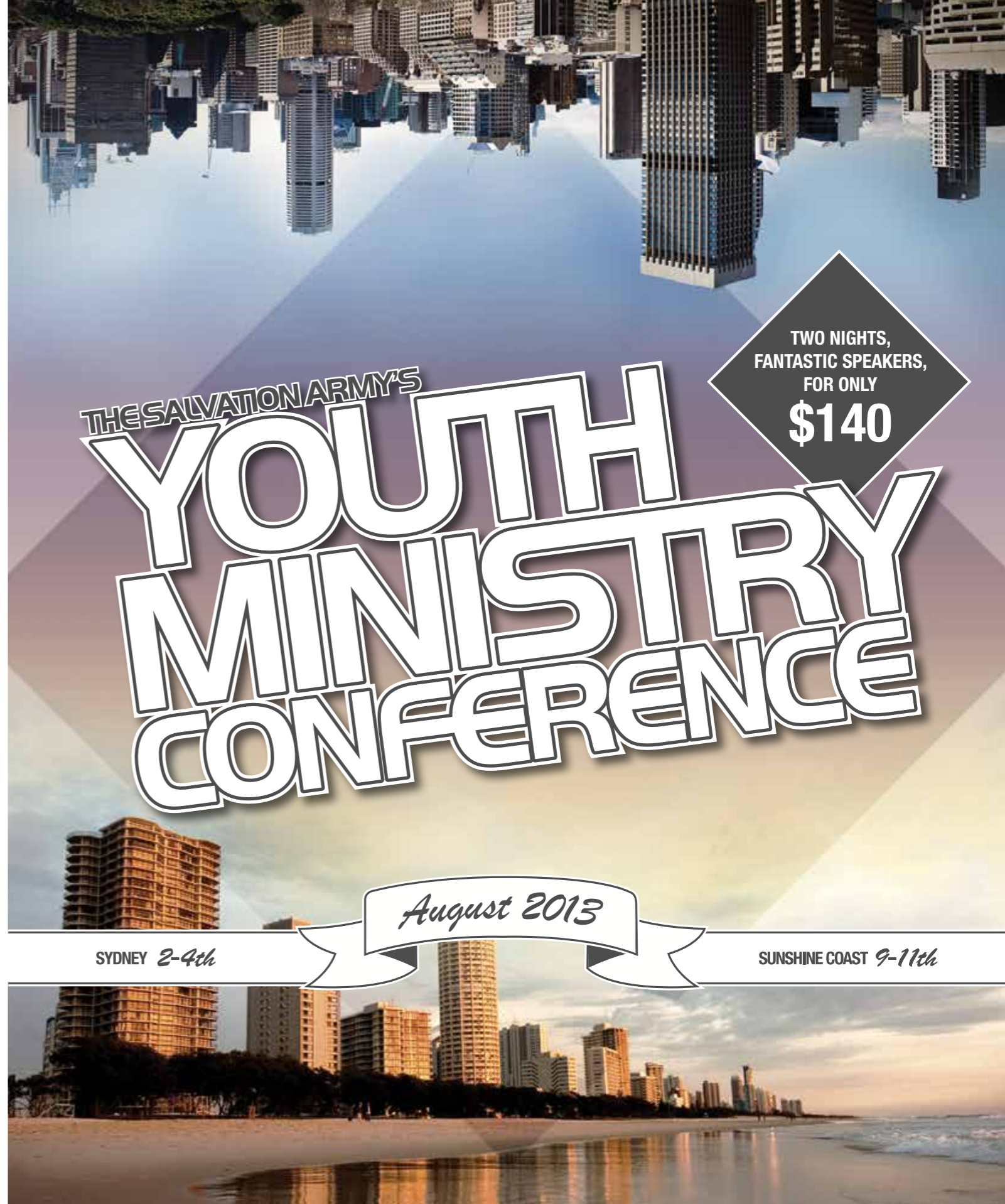
The Red Shield Appeal idea came from Canada where The Salvation Army has used the doorknock method and name since the late 1940s.

Two Australian Salvation Army officers, Majors Don Campbell and Charles Cross, went to Canada in 1963 to investigate the idea and returned with a positive report.

The first Red Shield Appeal doorknock was conducted in the Sydney area in 1965 and the first nationwide appeal was held in 1970. The appeal raised \$1 million across Australia.

Approximately 82 cents in every dollar donated to The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal goes directly to those in need, which is one of the most efficient administration rates of any charity in Australia.

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Each month, *Pipeline* goes behind the scenes of Salvos Legal to bring you a story from the not-for-profit law firm owned and run by The Salvation Army. **LUKE GEARY** and **JOSH McKAY** share the story of their battle with Jim, whose drug problems led to a downward spiral of depression which was masking a myriad of psychological issues

When Jim sought our help at the age of 19, he had been charged with several counts of drug possession and supply and had been a drug user for many years. Since the age of 15 he had a history of binge drinking, constant cannabis use and had started experimenting with ecstasy and cocaine.

He would spend his nights playing the pokies at various pubs in inner-Sydney while hanging out with, in his own words, “the bad” crowd. His drug use soon soared out of control. He sold drugs to finance his addiction.

When Jim sat down with us at our Sydney office in June 2010, a tragic picture of a lost youth was laid bare. Jim was living on his own after being estranged from his parents.

He spoke of a mother who could not cope with a gambling and abusive husband. He also spoke of a father he had no contact with, whom he reported as having physically abused him on many occasions as a child.

Jim had repeated Year 11 twice and had recently been expelled from high school as a result of his drug charges. This was his second expulsion.

He was unemployed and surviving on the little money his mum would send him. He said he wanted to move to Melbourne to study and to escape his Sydney influences. He was a young man who was pretty lost in life.

Jim had committed serious drug offences. He had been caught selling ecstasy tablets to undercover police outside a city hotel. He had approached the police himself and was then found with a significant number of tablets in his possession. He admitted guilt but was confused and terrified at the consequences of his actions. Jim was first due in court only days after our initial meeting.

Private battle

We formed a view that Jim wouldn’t get assistance from anywhere else which could meet his multi-dimensional needs, namely his police matter, unemployment, education challenges, relationship issues and of course, his drug addiction. Knowing it would be a very hard case, we agreed to take it on and to walk with Jim through this difficult time of his life.

As we began assisting Jim our first impressions

were not encouraging. He continually missed appointments and at times hung up the phone when we tried to contact him.

He failed to provide character references and a letter of remorse when requested and he continually failed to report to probation and parole. He would say he was sick but would never produce a medical certificate.

With increasing desperation we tried to make Jim understand the severity of the charges against him. This was a surprisingly difficult task – all in all, Jim failed to attend in excess of 30 appointments with us ... and we were trying to help him, for free!

Initially it would seem that Jim was simply a young man who did not care about his actions. He appeared despondent and lazy. This was very frustrating. How could we help someone who did not want to help himself? However, from early on we had a sense that there was more to Jim than

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simply a disillusioned, drug-dependent boy. So we looked a little further.

It soon became apparent that Jim was fighting his own private battle. We learned he had significant mental health issues.

Jim reported that he regularly heard someone else’s voices in his head directing him to do things. He spoke of one incident in 2009 where he had followed members of the public and assaulted them after coming to the belief that they were carrying bombs. We also found out that the abuse Jim had suffered at the hands of his father when he was a child was much more extreme than we had been led to believe. It’s little wonder with this background that Jim had such complex mental health issues in his teenage and early adult years.

We became aware that he had a string of

involuntary hospital admissions to try and treat symptoms of psychosis and depression. He had seen a long list of health-care professionals but had never maintained regular appointments.

Psychiatric reports suggested he was suffering from significant emerging mental illness. He would abuse substances to escape and quell the noises in his head and this would induce further psychosis. Specialists suggested that his failure to attend meetings was a product of his underlying psychological problems.

Making progress

Salvos Legal Humanitarian took an active role in facilitating Jim’s contact with support services. This has been a long journey with a fair share of bumps along the way. We acknowledged that this, like many similar stories, involved a process of recovery.

We supported Jim in his drug abstinence, helped him engage with mental health professionals, arranged his bail conditions so that he could continue his schooling and through our chaplain, helped him start to mend the torn relationship with his mother.

Almost two years after the offence was committed, Jim finally came before the court for sentencing.

Jim had changed dramatically. The court accepted that he was drug-addicted during the time of the offences and that he acted on impulse, not in a premeditated manner.

Significant weight was given to a psychologist report stating that his psychotic disorder was drug-induced and he had significant symptoms of distrust that resulted in self-destructive behaviour.

The starting point for cases like this is full-time gaol; do not pass GO – straight to gaol.

Despite the seriousness of the offences the court recognised the progress Jim had made over the previous two years and gave him a suspended sentence with a 12-month good behaviour bond. This was a fantastic outcome. He had avoided a

custodial sentence and most importantly, could continue his mental health treatment.

Jim first came across as a young man who was annoyed he got caught and wanted it all to go away. However, our first impressions were misleading and did not tell the whole story. We now look back at him as a young man who was extremely anxious, disturbed, isolated and withdrawn. A long period of mental health treatment has proven effective for Jim. He is still far from an ideal place in his life but has come a long way and there is much hope.

Our journey with Jim was an involved and enlightening one. He developed insight into his actions and an understanding of the importance of his treatment.

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With the assistance of Salvos Legal Humanitarian and The Salvation Army’s other services, Jim found the support he desperately needed to help him along the path of rehabilitation.

Jim still attends counselling, is now on Centrelink disability support and is completing his HSC through TAFE. His completion of the HSC is a reward he never believed would be obtainable before he came to us.

It is a reward we share with Jim.

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A man of many faces

Arthur Smith Arnott – son of the legendary biscuit maker and pioneer Salvation Army officer William Arnott – was to forge for himself a significant place in the history of The Salvation Army in Australia. **Major DAVID WOODBURY** shares his story

Arthur's father, William Arnott, emigrated to Australia from Scotland, along with his brother David, where they had been apprenticed to a baker and confectioner. Arriving on the Sir Edward Parry on 17 February 1848, they joined their family in the Maitland area and worked as bakers and pastry cooks.

In 1894, William purchased a factory in Sydney and the biscuit maker was to go on and build a company which became one of the great icons of Australian

industry. A committed and sincere Christian, William was active in the Wesleyan Church. No doubt it was this heritage that was to influence the young Arthur Smith Arnott in his search for God.

It was this search for God that led Arthur to a park in North Sydney in 1893, to listen to a group of Salvationists holding an open-air meeting. There was no doubt that Arthur stood out among the crowd of listeners that day. Tall, handsome and well-dressed, he spoke with the corps treasurer, who engaged

him on the fringe of the meeting, in a cultured and well-educated manner. This conversation was followed by a dinner invitation from the corps treasurer and a meeting with an officer. It was at the treasurer's home that Arthur Arnott committed his life to Christ. It was to be a decision that not only changed his life forever, but was to have a significant impact on The Salvation Army.

Never one to do things by half-measures, the following day Arthur made his way to Salvation Army headquarters in Sydney and purchased a complete uniform, which he immediately put on and wore to his place of business. As manager of his father's biscuit factory in Forest Lodge, Sydney, Arthur lost no time in declaring his new-found faith to his employees, often witnessing to them and holding prayer meetings at the factory.

Fundraising ability

The call to officership in the Army began to exercise Arthur's mind. It was during the conversion of a young man to whom he had been witnessing, that this call was confirmed.

Following training, Arthur was appointed to the Field Department at Territorial Headquarters, however, soon afterwards, he found himself appointed as the private secretary to the Army's dynamic leader, Commandant Herbert Booth.

It was during his time as secretary to Commandant Booth that Arthur's ability as a fundraiser became obvious, having been given the responsibility to raise funds for the new training garrison in Melbourne. Arthur's philosophy on fundraising became sacramental to him and was based on good theological common sense. He was reported to say: "Christ bids us feed the hungry and clothe the naked; it cannot be done without money. He bids us go to all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; it needs money to do this. Therefore, raising money is an essential part of the work of the kingdom."



"The Saveloy Club" was the name given to this influential group of territorial headquarters officers who met regularly for lunch. (From left): John McMillan, later to become the Chief of the Staff; Arthur Arnott, songwriter and fundraiser, George Carpenter, later to become the Army's fifth General, Walter Suttor; later to become the Chief Secretary in the Australia Eastern Territory, and William McKenzie, famed as "Fighting Mac" ANZAC Padre.

In 1904, Arthur married Ensign Lucy Tucker, a cultured young woman from New Zealand. She was to become his greatest supporter. Two daughters, Margaret and Florence, soon completed the Arnott household. It would appear that home life was at times a little chaotic. One of his daughters was heard to comment to her mother when Arthur was missing: "Well, mum, he's either in the commissioner's office or chasing a drunk." When Arthur found the "drunks", they were more often than not accommodated in the Arnott's tiny two-bedroom quarters.

Arthur Arnott was to become a pivotal member of a group of officers which included George Carpenter (later to become the Army's fifth general) and Gallipoli chaplain William McKenzie (known as Fighting Mac) who were to not only influence The Salvation Army in coming years but also to lead it. Commissioner James Hay spoke of him as "a humble man with big ideas – the essence of humility and service to the least, yet possessed with the most expansive ideas of the place of the Army,

the work it could do, the impressions it could make and the forces it could release that would travel on through the centuries".

Heart for children

Arthur Arnott was a multifaceted man. His love and use of music was to stamp him as one of the leading Salvation Army composers of his day. His participation in arranging young people's demonstrations over 30 years provided him with the platform necessary to demonstrate his great songwriting skills. Some songs, like *Tell Them in the East and in the West*, have become firm favourites and survive in the current *Song Book of The Salvation Army* (song 829).

Arthur's love for children and the work among them was to become legendary. A centennial salute to pioneers in *The War Cry* of 24 May 1980 commented that: "Arnott's message was typical of the man. As always he made Jesus seem so real and so near that even the smallest child might touch him."

His visits to children's homes and his


fundraising activities to build and support such establishments were to mark him out as an officer who clearly comprehended the eternal value of a child.

Arnott and his wife retired to the Melbourne suburb of Thornbury, where they supported the local corps. Even in retirement Arthur was active in seeking souls for God's kingdom, often visiting local dance halls to give a brief message and an invitation.

Colonel Arthur Smith Arnott was promoted to glory on 1 May 1941. Those to whom he had ministered did not fail to appreciate this service, and when news of his passing was received at the local dance hall, dancers stood for two minutes' silence – a tribute to a man who loved their souls.



Major David Woodbury is *Pipeline's* founding editor



Since 1906, the Arnott's SAO cracker has been one of Australia's favourite savoury snacks. The light texture of the cracker is achieved by rolling the dough into thin sheets and carefully layering it to give it the distinctive bubbles.

Much speculation surrounds the origin of the name SAO and legends abound as to its source. The favoured explanation of Salvationists is that the name stands for Salvation Army Officer.

It was reported that Arthur Arnott added to his signature on his letters, the initials S.A.O. (Salvation Army Officer) and it was from this abbreviation that the name was derived.

Another account attributes it to the name of a ship that called regularly at Newcastle harbour, whose master was a friend of the Arnott family.

Another idea is that it was the name of a sailing boat that was seen on Lake Macquarie in NSW, where William Arnott had a house.

Still another attributes it to the initials of another Arnott son, Samuel.

We shall probably never really know the origin of the name SAO, but regardless, it still remains one of Australia's favourite savoury snacks.



What would Jesus view?

With Pipeline culture writer Mark Hadley



The Reluctant Fundamentalist

RATING: M
RELEASE DATE: 23 May

The events of September 2011 gave the world a whole new way to see itself. On the one hand it became clear that postmodernism was a bankrupt philosophy. No-one could maintain the right for all people to be guided by their own truth in a world where thousands of innocents died at the hands of terrorists. On the other hand, the same events cautioned us about the pursuit of absolute beliefs. We may hold that there are “rights” and “wrongs” after all, but how we go about protecting and promoting them says important things about their legitimacy.

The Reluctant Fundamentalist is a film that has risen out of this tension, opposed to fundamentalism but sincerely concerned with finding the “fundamentals”. It is based on the Mann-Booker Prize nominated novel by Mohsin Hamid and is primarily set in Lahore, Pakistan.

Changez, a young university lecturer, sits in a cafe being interviewed by a journalist called Bobby, who is working for the CIA. He is accused of espousing anti-American rhetoric and of being involved in the kidnapping of a US professor. Changez asks Bobby to withhold his judgment until he has heard his entire story. He proceeds to tell him that, “Looks can be deceiving. I’m actually in love with America.”

Changez grew up in a prestigious Pakistani family that has since fallen on hard times. By grit and determination he puts himself through Princeton University and eventually gains a position at a prestigious Wall Street firm. Changez’s determination to apply the fundamentals of economics to the businesses around him sees him rise quickly to the position of associate, and his personal “American Dream” seems assured.

But 9/11 rocks Changez’s world, resulting in racial profiling at the airport, a false arrest and racism in the workplace.



Kiefer Sutherland (left) and Riz Ahmed star in the political thriller, *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*.

He realises different fundamentals are now being applied and they begin with the colour of his skin. He eventually resigns his position and returns to Pakistan, where he becomes embroiled in the kidnapping that begins the story.

The Reluctant Fundamentalist is a political thriller and I’ll leave it to the filmgoer to work out whether or not Changez’s brush with American fundamentalism sends him into the arms of Islamic fundamentalists.

However, his peril raises a serious question for every denizen of the 21st century. No sooner do we reject postmodernism and rediscover a belief in something, then we have to ask ourselves what we actually believe?

Changez realizes that the Islamists who aim to recruit him have something in common with his Wall Street partners, a black and white way of seeing the world: “These men were engaged in their own evaluation, moving people in and out of binary columns. Faithful – infidel. Alive – dead.”

For Changez it’s this binary way of seeing the world that causes all of the

problems in New York and Lahore alike. Seeing the world in terms of them and us only breeds inequality and injustice. He tells his students they have to decide how they will come together as a nation, rather than embrace division.

Christians have been responsible for causing similar pain in the world whenever we have encouraged Jesus’ followers to see themselves as separate, even superior to the people around them. We should remember that benefiting from Christ’s grace does not make us superior, only saved. But Changez overreaches when he encourages his friends to improve themselves and install unity as a new fundamental. There is a fundamental that links all human beings; it is the reason Jesus went to the cross.

If *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* demonstrates one thing it’s that we are incapable of redeeming ourselves. Anger, suspicion and selfishness always intervene. The fundamental that Christians should promote first and foremost is that we are desperately in need of help, and Jesus has died that we might have it.

A Place To Call Home

CHANNEL: Seven Network
RELEASE DATE: May 2013
RATING: M

A Place To Call Home is a gorgeously produced picture of 1950s Australia complete with kids skipping in the streets and vintage Holdens hugging the curbs. But along with the quaint clothes and hairstyles is a sad mistruth – the suggestion that the church was an institution only worth escaping from.

A Place To Call Home begins in 1953, with Marta Dusseldorp as Sister Sarah Adams, coming home to Sydney after a 20-year absence. She’s nursed her way through Europe, including the Spanish Civil War, and now returns to take care of her grief-stricken mother. On the voyage home Sarah becomes acquainted with the Blighs, a wealthy pastoralist family. In particular, she catches the eye of widower George (Brett Climo) and so raises the formidable ire of the family’s matriarch, Elizabeth Bligh (Noni Hazelhurst).

But Grandma Bligh has to bite her tongue when Sarah prevents her grandson from committing suicide. He’s newly married but desperately unhappy. When Sarah’s homecoming doesn’t work out as



Marta Dusseldorp stars in the new Seven Network series, *A Place to Call Home*.

planned, she writes to George regarding a job offer in the local hospital. Grandma Bligh is furious and hopes to run our heroine off, but Sarah is made of sterner stuff having survived a terrible time during World War II that appears to relate to her Jewish faith. And so their secrets settle down together in the country town of Inverness, where they’re likely to prod each other towards a spectacular conclusion.

A Place To Call Home is brought to the screen by Bevan Lee, the creator of *Packed To The Rafters*. Lee’s latest production is as unavoidably religious as 1950s Australia,



A scene from the new Seven Network series, *A Place to Call Home*.

but confines its attention to two distinctly unchristian types of Christian. The first is the hypocrite, an all-too familiar face in the pews of country towns where respectability alone required weekly attendance. It’s sad given that 1950s Australia was actually a period of great spiritual revival, culminating in the 1959 Billy Graham Crusades with more than 130,000 people choosing to follow Christ.

A sadder picture than *A Place To Call Home*’s hypocrite, though, is its hard-hearted Christian. Sarah’s mother refuses to allow her to return home because she won’t repent for abandoning her family and her faith. She could offer her daughter the same openness Jesus offered anyone who came to him, and he dealt with much worse than a daughter who embraced another religion. But for Sarah to benefit from that forgiveness, she’s still going to have to repent. That’s the condition most likely to stick in a 21st century craw.

Sarah’s journey is easy to appreciate because we’d all like to come home, a place where belonging is synonymous with approval. We’d love to have the acceptance – we might even desire the forgiveness – we just don’t want to change.

By contrast, Jesus welcomes us, stands ready to forgive and is determined to bring about a complete restoration of our characters. Otherwise he knows we’ll never be able to enjoy the home we’re destined for.

Lake Macquarie opening doors to

Major DENISE PARKINSON is a member of the Lake Macquarie Hub. She compiled this report in conjunction with other hub team members

The vision of the Lake Macquarie Hub is summed up in two words – “One Door”. Let me explain. Within the Lake Macquarie Hub area, if there is a Salvation Army shield on the outside of a building anyone entering should be able to connect with any sphere of Salvation Army work. There is one door and it opens to all our services run locally.

While still in the early stages, this means that each centre has the “One Door Directory,” allowing all centres to be easily accessed and customers/clients can be referred to any other service.

The Lake Macquarie Hub in the Newcastle and Central NSW Division has been operating since January 2012. It comprises all Salvation Army expressions which surround the beautiful Lake Macquarie, south of Newcastle, NSW.

These expressions include five corps – Bonnells Bay, Cardiff, Eastlakes, Westlakes and Northlakes – three community centres, two Employment Plus branches, Oasis Hunter Nourish youth training café, Sal’s by the Lake Café, four Salvos Stores shops and the Dooralong Transformation Centre. While Lake Macquarie is a beautiful place to live and the socio-economic demographic is very broad, there are places of real despair alongside places of affluence and luxury.

There is a great need for employment. Oasis Hunter at Westlakes is part of the solution to this huge problem.

Oasis Hunter Westlakes is probably more correctly named the Oasis Hunter Nourish Café Youth Training Centre. It trains young people in hospitality, fitting them with experience and qualifications to apply for jobs elsewhere in the hospitality industry.

Sal’s by the Lake is a Lake Macquarie City Council-owned café, run by The Salvation Army and situated in Speers Point Park, right on Lake Macquarie. It is a fully accredited café, employing people of all ages who have skills in hospitality.

This missional opportunity is central to the Lake Macquarie Hub. It gives us



Sal’s by the Lake cafe (top) is a successful arm of the hub. Photo: Newcastle Herald



Leaders within the Lake Macquarie Hub gathered recently for a discipleship training weekend. Participants were from all five corps within the hub – Bonnells Bay, Cardiff, Eastlakes, Northlakes and Westlakes.

another doorway through which people can approach us and ultimately find freedom.

Our hub has a strategic team, which meets every six weeks and is comprised of two corps officers/leaders, the area manager of Salvos Stores, the manager of Employment Plus Belmont and a divisional support team member.

By the time this goes to print, we will have two more members on our strategic team. One will be a young person with a passion for mission. The other will concentrate on prayerful support of the hub.

As a team, we come together to learn, encourage, challenge and support each

other in “Opening Doors to Freedom.”

Our unity is based on:

- Healthy interdependent relationships among equals
- An active willingness to share
- A shared vision and clear direction
- A functional team in oneness and cohesion.

There is a real sense of unity emerging among the leaders of the expressions in our hub area. Naturally, all expression leaders are busy people and it often requires much juggling of other commitments to be a part of this journey.

Commitment to unity is what stirs us and the fact that like any relationship-based venture, we are never going to get

‘freedom’

7 MISSION PRIORITIES

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

better at it without communication and spending time together.

Where relationships are strongest, willingness to share and support is also evident. So it’s better to be really involved as part of the Lake Macquarie Hub family than to go it alone.

We are learning that like any family, it takes give and take. We love to celebrate together and support each other when the needs seem too great.

Since the hub concept was introduced, Employment Plus has set up one day a week at two of our corps buildings. At one of the corps, Employment Plus staff identified that a woman seeking a job had other needs.

They referred her to a welfare officer. She went home that day with the hope of a job, food and ongoing support. She now volunteers at a Salvation Army Family Store and attends church.

“One Door” opened to another opportunity – and another.

This is just one example of a person being reached through the integrated approach to The Salvation Army’s mission.

We are also running discipleship classes to prepare our corps members to assist those who come to our centres for help. We rely on the word of God and hold on to the promises of Jesus. As people come to our doors, we have one desire which is to lead people to Jesus, who is the door to freedom, both now and eternally.

“I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved.” (John 10:9).

Major Denise Parkinson is Newcastle and Central NSW Divisional Mission and Resources Director – Corps.

FREEDOM STORIES

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

Oasis Wyong

The team at Oasis Wyong sent Talia (name changed) with 14 other children to the Red Shield Summer Camp at Collaroy in January. Talia had a great time and made a decision to follow Jesus! At a following camp for girls aged 11-14, Talia told me she had prayed every day since the Red Shield Camp. “And it works,” she said. She told how her family had been evicted from home and that she prayed for a new home. “God answered my prayer. It was a miracle,” she said. Then, she said: “Since I decided to follow Jesus, I’m a different person on the inside. I don’t get into trouble like I used to!” – Vanessa Kohler.

Prison Ministry

Thirteen men raised their hand in response to an invitation to “give God a go” in their life during a recent chapel service. I have seen, in a number of them, a change in their personal living amongst the other inmates. This has been shown by the way they treat them and the way they interact with the Corrective Services officers. In some of the men there has been a transformation that could only come from God and His indwelling in their lives. – Wayne Cook

Samaritan House

We are celebrating freedom at Samaritan House. Recently, a client told me how much she loves living at Samaritan House. She says she is finding freedom from violence, homelessness and alcohol abuse. With her improving health and self-awareness, she says that she loves the person she is becoming here. This lady often has friends ask her why she looks so good, and she proudly says that coming to The Salvation Army has changed her life. She is finding freedom and loving it! – Captain Melanie-Anne Holland

Greater Liverpool

We ministered to a young boy and his family many years ago. This included many nights sitting in the dock at

the local police station after he had been arrested. Six months ago, he reconnected and started to attend Greater Liverpool Corps on Sunday with his wife and two young boys. As part of his freedom journey has given up a 20-year smoking addiction and wants to become a soldier. His wife recently received the gift of salvation and will also join him in exploring soldiership. – Major Belinda Spicer

Warwick Farm (Greater Liverpool)

A new congregation has recently been launched out of Greater Liverpool at Warwick Farm. Church in the Market is an outdoor expression of church and extends to reaching people in a disadvantaged community ear-marked by God for total transformation. At a recent service, three people received salvation and another asked for prayer for physical healing. – Major Belinda Spicer

Prison Chaplaincy

When I ministered to an older man in prison, he expressed concern that his son, too, was on the way to jail. The father asked me to keep an eye on his son. When I located the son, I told him of his father’s concern and that he had found faith in Christ. Sometime later, the son asked for salvation. The son was released from prison. I met him and his new girlfriend. She told me that she had been rejected by her family. I shared with her that Jesus doesn’t reject people and actually wanted to welcome her into his family. She immediately responded by asking Jesus into her life. I recently followed her up. She is excited about her new relationship. She says miracles have happened with the issues that she had struggled with in the past. Freedom has come. – Daniel Korrel

Renovated building unites Campsie

By ESTHER PINN

Campsie Corps and Welfare Community Centre celebrated the reopening of their recently renovated building on Sunday 14 April.

Almost 200 people from both the corps and community attended the ceremony, including Federal Member for Watson, Tony Burke, State Member for Canterbury, Linda Burney, and Canterbury Mayor, Councillor Brian Robson.



Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Laws, Sydney East and Illawarra Divisional Commander, spoke during the ceremony, explaining that the building will serve the needs of future generations. The regular Sunday morning meeting followed the ceremony.

For many years, the Campsie Community Welfare Centre has been located separately from the corps. Using plans formulated in 2008, Campsie Corps Officers, Majors Bruce and Glenys Domrow, believed that The Salvation Army's vision of "One Army, One Mission" could be achieved by joining the two buildings in one location.

"We're working together holistically to bring people to know Jesus," explained Major Glenys. "The aim is to work together to bring people to a knowledge, an understanding and a love for Jesus."

Major Glenys also runs the Campsie Community Welfare Centre which helps around 25 people per day from surrounding communities with financial and emergency assistance. The Salvation Army Moneycare and Salvos Legal programs are also available.

"The new building is more open and accessible and will be vital to our future ministry work," said Major Bruce.



The Salvation Army flag is carried into the newly renovated building at Campsie by Des Pearse (above); Lieut-Colonel Peter Laws (left) speaks at the opening ceremony. Photos: Carolyn Hide

Army's commitment to asylum seekers continues

By SIMONE WORTHING

It has been just over six months since The Salvation Army entered into a fully funded contract with the Federal Government to provide humanitarian support services for adult asylum seekers awaiting processing in Manus Island and Nauru.

"We provide educational and recreational activities as well as counselling and communications services to support the welfare and emotional well-being of the asylum seekers," said Sharon Callister, Chief Executive Officer, Humanitarian Mission Services (HMS).

This includes the provision of English classes, a communications room with internet access, fitness and exercise, excursions, case workers and case managers.

"We monitor the progress of the asylum seekers, make sure they are eating well and involved in activities and if we see anything adversely happening to them we will refer them to the medical services provider," said Ms Callister.

"In doing this we are drawing on The Salvation Army's 150 years' experience in helping the world's suffering and needy."

The program is 100 per cent funded by

the Government. No funds donated to The Salvation Army for providing services to disadvantaged Australians are being used to undertake this work.

Last month, HMS launched its new website www.hms.salvos.org.au

"This site is designed to inform Salvationists and the public about what we're doing in Nauru and Manus Island, how the program is funded, and how people can get involved," explained Ms Callister.

The site includes a video interview with the Director of Humanitarian Mission Services, Major Paul Moulds, staff profiles, media releases, job opportunities and frequently asked questions.

Lifesaving program

The Salvation Army has also helped establish a program with Surf Life Saving Australia in Nauru. Locals are trained in surf-lifesaving techniques, to the level of bronze medallion.

"The trained Nauruans will then supervise the water activities of asylum seekers, many of whom are from landlocked countries and aren't familiar with the ocean and swimming," said Ms Callister. "Their safety is vital."

"The program is also an opportunity

for us to invest in the local community by training and employing locals and giving them skills and experience they can use well."

The program is underway in Nauru and HMS is hopeful that it can also be established in Manus Island.

The role of HMS in both Nauru and Manus Island is the same. Although there are families and children in Manus Island, they are looked after by Save the Children Australia, an independent emergency relief and development organisation for children.

"At the moment Nauru has more permanent structures and is more developed and advanced in the RPC [Regional Processing Centre]," said Ms Callister.

"As Major Moulds confirms in his video interview, The Salvation Army is accepted and appreciated in both places and we are focusing on our role to help the asylum seekers."

"It's a massive undertaking and a long-term one, but we understand the vulnerable and the marginalised, that's our history and as long as these centres are operating we should be there."

"As long as people are in need, we will be there."

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ENROLMENTS

Sydney Korean Corps

Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Laws, Sydney East and Illawarra Divisional Commander, enrolled 20 new senior soldiers (pictured) at the Belmore (Korean) Corps on 10 March.

This significant and joyful occasion took place on the 17th birthday of the corps. The committed new soldiers were delighted with their enrolment and are active in service within the corps and community.



Parramatta Corps



Majors Mark and Julie Campbell, South Queensland Divisional leaders, enrolled their son, Joel, as a senior soldier at Parramatta Corps on 17 March.

Joel's grandfather, Major Errol Woodbury, prayed during the meeting that was attended by family, friends and the corps community.

Joel (pictured with his parents) will be serving as the youth pastor at Parramatta Corps two days per week, under the leadership of Corps Officers Majors Alwyn and Deborah Robinson.

He has been searching for God's will for him for several years and, through a series of events, believes that this is where God wants him to be, including his commitment to the mission of The Salvation Army as a soldier.

Mackay Corps

Corps officers Lieutenants Jeff and Terri Goodwin recently enrolled Sarah Jane Scott and Ashley Cox (pictured) as senior soldiers.

"Sarah Jane walked into our church after attending Mainly Music with her daughter Olivia," said Lieutenant Terri. "She is now heavily involved with the church in various ministries. She is passionate about growing in Christ and doing all she can to help the body of Christ."

Ashley and her family have been attending The Salvation Army at Mackay for more than 18 months.



"Ashley loves youth work and sees her passion and love for that area in ministry," said Lieutenant Terri. "Ashley is also passionate in her continued journey growing in Christ and we pray that she and Sarah Jane will be used in a big way by God for his Kingdom."

During the meeting, two junior soldiers, Sarah and Alison Greham, were awarded their bronze level certificates - the first junior soldiers in 24 years at the corps to complete this level.

Tuggeranong youth join Relay for Life

Young people from Tuggeranong Corps, youth leaders and a number of supporters took up the challenge recently to walk for 24 hours around the Australian Institute of Sport track in Canberra as participants in the ACT Cancer Council's Relay for Life 2013.

"The relay became a very special and meaningful event for the whole corps family, as several of our church community have been touched by cancer," said corps member Miriam Angus.

The 35 team members ensured that a baton was carried throughout the 24-hour period, circling the track 318 times. Between them, the team members walked an estimated collective total of 600km and raised almost \$7000 for the ACT Cancer Council - the fourth highest total out of 150 teams.

The Tuggeranong Corps band, timbrels and other corps members led 10,000 people from the community on the last lap of the track.

"The Relay for Life focuses on celebrating cancer survivors and carers, remembering those who have lost their battle with cancer and standing with those who are still battling the disease," said Miriam.



Tuggeranong Corps members celebrate completing the 24-hour Relay for Life.

Territorial Mobile Mission wins over the west

Generous media coverage and requests to return were two of many highlights of the recent Territorial Mobile Mission to western NSW.

During the 10-day mission through Dubbo, Bourke and Moree, over 60 retired Salvationists travelled in 28 caravans to spread the gospel message in word, music and song to audiences in the street, rest homes, hospitals and churches.

"The contacts made in the caravan parks and on the street saw people attending praise and worship services, as well as special musical programs in all of these centres, and opportunity was taken over refreshments afterwards for personal follow-up," said Kevin Elsley, mission team member.

The mission's musical program included a songster brigade, male voice party, soloists, band and timbrel brigade.

In Dubbo, the team presented a morning outdoor concert, an evening concert in The Salvation Army hall, and played during the Sunday meeting.

In Bourke, locally based rural chaplains, Envoys Lloyd and

Vicki Graham, had promoted the mission team's visit. During the well-attended program in a local church building, a small choir made up of local youth gave an impromptu performance. The team also visited the local hospital and rest home.

On the way to Moree, they called into the Brewarrina District Hospital to present a program to patients and families there.

In Moree, the mission team visited Fairview Retirement Village and gave a concert on the Saturday night.

"During this program, Don Archer, band leader, handed the baton to a young local boy for the playing of *Onward Christian Soldiers*, and a makeshift youth percussion group accompanied the band in another number," said Kevin.

The team shared a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon program with the Moree Town Band which invited Noel Druery, mission leader and euphonium player, to play with them.

"There were many highlights, but what impressed me was the extent of friendship and cooperation in such a large group," said Noel. "It was like one big happy family."



Carolle Batchelor, Heather Grice and Jean Archer, as the Three Sopranos, sing to band accompaniment at Dubbo Salvation Army.



Dubbo Corps Officer, Major Colin Young, and mission members Barry Cantrill and John Cocking, inspect an old instrument.

Nambucca holds first church camp

By the banks of the river whose name they bear, the Nambucca River Corps recently held its first church camp. Captains Grant and Sharon Sandercock-Brown were guest leaders for "Camp Freedom", leading people to discover freedom in Jesus.

In true country style, those attending camped, fished and enjoyed archery, waterskiing, craft and a night of karaoke.

"Not even rain or cold showers dampened people's enthusiasm as they learnt how to embrace lives free from the chains of this world," said Captain Nicole Viles, Nambucca Corps Officer.

"As the sun broke through, the children delighted in Sunday school in the paddock while the adults went on a prayer walk to the symphony of cows and birds."

Camp Freedom concluded with a vibrant time of worship under the "big top", where the congregation symbolically broke through paper chains that were entangling them as they sang *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*.



Camp Freedom proved popular with Nambucca River Corps members.

Korean Corps turns 17

The Salvation Army Korean Corps at Belmore celebrated its 17th birthday on 10 March.

A day of celebrations marked the occasion, including a special meeting during which 20 new senior soldiers were enrolled and Corps Officers, Captains Lee and Captain Heo, were promoted to the rank of major.

Lieutenant-Colonels Peter and Jan Laws, Sydney East and Illawarra divisional leaders, attended the meeting, which featured a traditional Korean fan dance, and the lunch that followed.

Also on 10 March, the Korean Corps' brass band and timbrel brigade led the seventh annual Holy City March through the Sydney CBD. A Shofar (ram's horn) and traditional Korean instruments were also played as people sang and chanted, proclaiming the word of Jesus.

The main purpose of the march is to spread the gospel and to pray that Sydney may be cleansed of its sins and become a holy land of God.

The march concluded with a concert at Martin Place, featuring an 80-piece orchestra and soloists.

Corps members perform a traditional Korean fan dance (right) and (above) the Korean Corps band marches through the streets of Sydney.



Heralds hold 60-year reunion

The *Heralds* session of cadets recently celebrated its 60th anniversary at Cardiff, Newcastle, with people travelling from Melbourne, Queensland's Sunshine Coast, Sydney and rural NSW for the occasion.

"Although over the course of 60 years several staff and cadets from the session have been promoted to glory, and others were unable to travel, each person was recalled and messages shared," said Mary Vaughan (Organ), who organised the reunion.

The *Heralds* shared dinner followed by an informal evening of fellowship and enjoyed photographs and memorabilia from their cadet days.

In 1953, 40 young men and women came together at the Officer Training College in Petersham - a time that would change their lives forever.

Then college-principal, Brigadier Harry Warren, was remembered with affection and appreciation.

The following morning marked Palm Sunday. During the meeting, Majors Gavin and Wendy Watts, Newcastle and Central NSW divisional leaders, joined those celebrating the reunion.

Commissioner Ian Cutmore led choruses from the *Heralds'* training days that also focused on the Palm Sunday message: "He Shall be King!"



Then and now: The *Heralds* (top) during their training 60 years ago; and members of the *Heralds* session (above), flanked by Majors Gavin and Wendy Watts, at their reunion.



Major Mavis Stevens carries The Salvation Army flag from the Mudgee Corps building, marking the closure of the corps.

Mudgee Corps closes its doors

After 128 years of active service in the community, the Mudgee Corps held its final meeting on Sunday 17 March.

Many officers and soldiers who had been a part of the corps over the years, joined the small congregation and volunteers to celebrate the work done and lives changed for well over a century in this close-knit town.

"We wish to thank the people who have served faithfully as officers, soldiers and volunteers of this corps over the past 128 years and the outstanding difference they have made in the community," said Major Denise Parkinson, Newcastle and Central NSW Divisional Mission and Resource Director - Corps, who led the closing meeting.

"Please be in prayer for those who remain in Mudgee and for the mid-western region of NSW."

Major Gavin Watts, Newcastle and Central NSW Divisional Commander, said that closing the corps was a difficult decision, based largely on a lack of trained personnel and limited financial resources.

"It is with much sadness that for the time being, The Salvation Army must say goodbye to Mudgee," he said. "It has been The Salvation Army's sincere privilege to serve Mudgee and the surrounding towns."

Major Watts encouraged corps members and volunteers to put what they had learned to use, either in another church or through The Salvation Army in another town. He also read a letter from Commissioner James Condon, Territorial Commander, commending Mudgee Corps for its service.

"As the corps is now officially closed, I pray you will recall memories and fellowship shared over the years," Commissioner Condon wrote.

During the meeting, Major Parkinson spoke from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5), focusing on the many ways the corps has served the community and in turn, been supported by them.

"There is much to be thankful for and to celebrate as we now look forward," she said. "It's the life and teaching of Jesus that is the rock upon which our faith is built."

Major Warren Parkinson, Newcastle and Central NSW Divisional Secretary, also spoke, reminding those gathered that the ministry of God through The Salvation Army was not limited to a building, but flowed from the hearts of those who love Him.

Major Parkinson thanked Major Mavis Stevens, who came out of retirement to lead Mudgee Corps. Volunteers who have worked with The Salvation Army in recent years were also recognised.

At the end of the service, Major Stevens carried The Salvation Army flag from the citadel.

Faithful servants retire after four decades of service

By SIMONE WORTHING

Family, friends, colleagues and corps members gathered to honour Majors Chris and Laurel Witts, and to thank them for their many years of active service as Salvation Army officers, at their recent retirement service at Campsie Corps.

Janine Lucas, one of the couple's daughters, spoke on behalf of the family and Major Graeme Ross addressed the congregation on behalf of the Witts' officer colleagues.

During the occasion, Lieutenant-Colonel Jan Laws, Sydney East and Illawarra Divisional Director of Women's Ministries, read from Psalm 139 and Campsie songsters and band provided a message.

Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon presented retirement certificates to Major Chris, who served as an officer for 40 years, and Major Laurel, who served for 42 years.

In her response, Major Laurel acknowledged their three adult children, Katrina, Janine and Michael, and grandchildren, and also thanked her parents for their great Christian examples in her upbringing.

Major Chris gave the message, "God's Amazing Plan", emphasising that everything you do for God is worthwhile and his timing is unique.

"God spoke to me in 1968, turned my life around and gave me a wonderful privilege in serving him as a Salvation Army officer," he said. "I am amazed at his leading, for I have learned in his economy nothing is wasted".

Major Chris entered the School for Officer Training in 1970 as part of the *Victorious* session of cadets. Major Laurel joined the *Lightbringers* session in 1971. They were married in 1973.

Their appointments included corps leadership positions in Murwillumbah, Penrith, Gold Coast, Canberra, Auburn, Parramatta and Campsie. They also served at territorial headquarters in editorial and communications and trade, respectively.

In 1995, Major Chris was seconded to the management of 2CBA FM Christian radio for four years, while Major Laurel served at territorial headquarters for 12 years in the Chief Secretary's Office. She moved to her most recent appointment, in the personnel department, in 2008.



Majors Chris and Laurel Witts with their retirement certificates.

Major Chris was appointed Assistant Secretary for Communications in 2000, working alongside Major David Woodbury and then Major Ken Sanz to develop a Salvation Army radio ministry as well as publications such as *Pipeline*.

Major Chris regularly presented *Sunday at 7.30* on 2CH as well as daily morning devotions on Hope 103.2 FM, which continue today.

Majors Chris and Laurel conclude their active service with gratitude to God for his calling on their lives and an awareness that he has always been faithful.

St Mary's Corps hosts Sydney Staff Songsters

The Sydney Staff Songsters (pictured) were special guests at St Mary's Corps in Sydney, for the Self Denial Appeal altar service last month.

Major Stuart Evans, Training Principal at the School for Officer Training, spoke about the communities that benefit from the self-denial offering, and shared some of his own experiences of relief work and ministry in Haiti, Sri Lanka and Africa.



Chief of the Staff presents Order of the Founder to Silfverbergs

By Major LEVI GIVERSEN

Two historic events took place when The Salvation Army's Chief of the Staff, Commissioner Andre Cox, and Commissioner Silvia Cox, World President of Women's Ministries, visited Denmark recently. The awarding of the Army's highest honour was followed by the installation of new territorial leaders.

The international visitors admitted Erik and Anne-Lise Silfverberg to the Order of the Founder, in sacred moments that the Chief described as "making history". The citation revealed



The Chief of the Staff admits Erik and Anne-Lise Silfverberg to the Order of the Founder. Photo: Major Levi Giversen

that the award was bestowed on the couple for "lifelong faithful and Christ-honouring ministry in The Salvation Army, unselfishly investing [their] gifts in God's Kingdom, supporting and caring for especially young people and setting the highest standard for Christian service".

The Silfverbergs are an institution in The Salvation Army in Denmark and have been active in youth work and music ministry for more than 60 years. Erik has composed in the region of 150 pieces of music, bringing praise to the Lord through brass band ministry all over the world. As a team they have published almost 200 songs and hymns.

Later, Salvationists, friends and church leaders looked on as Colonels Knud and Lisbeth Welander were installed as leaders of the Denmark Territory. The festive event had elements of praise and celebration as well as sacred moments when the colonels were installed, and the Chief led the congregation in prayer.

For the past three years the couple has served in The Philippines Territory, which the Chief of the Staff described as good preparation for leadership in Denmark!

The event was completed with a special welcome from corps leaders, who brought culinary specialities from across the territory to literally give their new leaders a taste of the task before them.

The Chief of the Staff expressed his hope for the future progress of both The Salvation Army and the Body of Christ in Denmark.

"We hear many good things about Denmark and are convinced that God longs to bless you more," said Commissioner Cox, emphasising that this requires willingness to serve Christ and make sacrifices for him.

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Sweden blessed by General Bond's visit

By Major BERT ABERG

Salvationists and friends in Sweden were encouraged by the visit of General Linda Bond to their country in late March.

The General visited the city of Jonkoping where a public meeting was held, followed the next day by meetings in the capital Stockholm.

The meeting in Jonkoping took place in Kungsporten Church, which overlooks Lake Vattern, and was well attended. The focus was firmly on Jesus Christ and what he can do in the lives of all who follow him.

Music items by Nassjo choir and Jonkoping band, as well as compassionate praise and worship songs, led to the General's Bible message, which was simple, warm, full of love and guided by the Holy Spirit.

The General reminded the congregation of the importance of seeking to know the Lord in a new way, and to understand his will for their lives. She explained that only by doing this could they be firmly grounded in him. The importance of the centrality of God's Word in the life of the believer was also stressed.

Many Salvationists and friends responded to the message. Some knelt by the altar while others stood with hands raised.

The next day, Sunday, the General led worship more than 320km to the north-east at Stockholm Temple Corps.

Sweden and Latvia Territorial



The General is welcomed to Stockholm by Wilma and Astrid. Photo: Isac Ericsson

Commander, Commissioner Marie Willermark, introduced the General, and Chief Secretary, Lieutenant-Colonel Joao Paulo Ramos, questioned her about The Salvation Army's International Vision - One Army, One Mission, One Message.

"The Salvation Army was raised for marginalised people," said the General, reminding listeners the Army still needs to fulfil its mission among the marginalised, challenging social injustice as a means of demonstrating God's love to others.

In her Bible message, the General reminded the congregation that resurrection power was within each one of them.

She urged them to follow the example of the apostle Paul, who moved away from arguing with people about faith and instead chose to speak about who God is and to show it in his life.

The General concluded with a challenge to every Salvationist to testify to Christ's work in their lives.

Salvos respond to Argentine flood disaster

The Salvation Army in Argentina has responded after storms and flooding caused devastation around Buenos Aires, with the city of La Plata being particularly badly hit.

Reports put the death toll at 52, while more than 100,000 homes have been made uninhabitable by the storms which struck the city in early April.

The Salvation Army joined forces with a local food bank to serve those people impacted by the disaster, especially in the Villa Elvira neighbourhood where the Army was already present.

The Army's property in Villa Elvira served as an emergency shelter for more than 100 people, while hundreds more were provided with food.

"The Buenos Aires Divisional Emergency Team has been working hard and will continue to do so," said South America East Territorial Commander Colonel Susan McMillan as the Army's relief response swung into action. A group of training college cadets has also helped the team.

"Communications have been difficult as the area is without power, water, telephone service and even cellular phone service," Colonel McMillan added.



Salvation Army trucks prepare to distribute aid in the badly hit La Plata area of Buenos Aires.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Humble servant



Muriel Windolf, of Kalbar Corps, was promoted to glory on 20 December, aged 97. Following a graveside ceremony at Kalbar General Cemetery, a large congregation of family and friends gathered for a thanksgiving service, conducted by former Kalbar corps officer Major Dennis Bryant.

Major Bryant spoke in glowing terms of Muriel's contribution to the corps over many years. Heather Pennell spoke on behalf of the corps and as Muriel's friend of many years.

Muriel's daughter, Margaret Windolf, gave a lovely family tribute. Many of those who attended the service would have been prepared to stand and speak of Muriel's impact on their lives. She was incredibly loving, amazingly loyal and not a little bit determined. Even in her 90s she remained a truly remarkable woman.

Muriel was born at Boonah in south-east Queensland on 28 July 1915, the fourth child of Jeffrey and Bertha

Maddick. Her mother died when she was only seven.

Muriel and her sisters, along with their father, did the milking before and after school and kept the house as well as walking three miles each way to Frazer View School. The family attended Sunday school and church at the Methodist Church in Kalbar and later at the Lutheran Church in Teviotville when their father remarried.

Muriel began to attend The Salvation Army with her soon-to-be-husband Alf Windolf and quickly made it her spiritual home and a place to contribute with her significant musical skills and industrious nature. She became a soldier in September 1935. She married Alf in 1936 and lived on the Windolf family farm where they raised their three children.

Muriel had no formal musical tuition. She learnt by copying her sister who was having lessons.

Muriel became the church organist shortly after arriving at the corps, a position she held until she turned 90. She was able to use her musical talents in the community even in her 80s, playing for

the residents of the local retirement village and nursing home.

Muriel also had a heart for the women of the district and was involved in women's ministries at the corps for more than 50 years. In 1974, with Alf, she helped start the seniors group, "Silver Threads". She continued her involvement in this ministry until 2010.

Muriel and Alf moved into Kalbar township in 1974 and this allowed her to become more involved in community activities. She regularly entered cooking in the Kalbar Show, often winning numerous prizes. Her pikelets were quite famous. In 2005, Muriel was awarded the Boonah Shire Council "Senior Citizen of the Year" in the Australia Day awards.

Despite her many gifts and the huge contribution she made to her church and community, Muriel remained a humble and unassuming woman. She didn't like a lot of fuss and bother but she loved a hug.

More than that, she loved her Saviour, shining Jesus into the lives of many. Those who knew and loved her will miss her greatly. We are poorer for her passing but richer because she touched our lives.

about people

Additional Appointments

Major Peter **Farthing**, Territorial Royal Commission Response Coordinator, effective 4 April; Major Annetter **West**, Director of Mission and Personnel, Humanitarian Mission Services, effective 4 April; Captain Brett **Mitchell**, Adjunct Lecturer Booth College, effective 8 April; Captain Grant **Sandercok-Brown**, Lieutenants Training Coordinator, School for Officer Training, effective 8 April.

Appointments

Effective 15 April: Major Raewyn **Grigg**, Salvation Army International Development Department, Territorial Headquarters.

Effective 6 June: Captain Vanessa **Garven**, Corps Officer, Woden Valley Corps, Act and South NSW Division; Lieutenant Bronwyn **Williams**, Chaplain - Humanitarian Mission Services Religious Liaison Officer Nauru.

Bereaved

Captain Patsy **Shadbolt** of her sister, Venus on 17 March; Majors David and Reta **Brown** of their daughter-in-law, Lieut-Colonel Patricia Egan of her niece and Major Joan **Brown** of her niece, Lyndall **Brown**; Aux-Captain Fay **Hart** of her mother Gwyneth **Ruskin** on 26 March.

Promoted to glory

Aux-Captain Dot **Jones** on 2 April; Captain Russ **Green** on 10 April.

Retirement

Major Colin **Lingard** on 31 March.

Study Success

Major Gail **White** recently graduated with a Bachelor of Law through the University of New England.

time to pray

28 April - 4 May

Lieut-Colonel Miriam Gluyas, Papua New Guinea Territory; Pine Rivers Corps, Bayside Community Church, Gladstone Corps, Riverview Gardens Aged Care Services, all Qld; Inverell Corps, NSW; Communications and Public Relations Department, THQ; Desire for Life, Central and North Queensland Division (3-6).

5-11 May

Greenslopes Community Welfare Centre, Qld; Gunnedah Corps, Lismore Corps, Grafton Corps, The Greater West Divisional Headquarters, Byron Bay Streetlevel Mission, all NSW; Tri-Territorial Divisional Youth Secretary Conference, New Zealand; Sagala Leaders Training Weekend (10-12).

12-18 May

Hervey Bay Corps, Mount Isa Corps, The Cairns Aged Care

Centre, all Qld; Territorial Mission and Resource Team - Recovery, THQ; Coffs Harbour Corps, NSW; Spiritual Life Development, Qld and NSW; Mother's Day (12); Central and North Queensland Division Review (17); Red Shield Appeal Media Launch (22).

19-25 May

North New South Wales Divisional Headquarters, Port Macquarie Corps, Auburn Corps, all NSW; Blackwater Corps, Mackay Corps, both Qld; School For Leadership Training, THQ; Red Shield Appeal Doorknock (25-26).

26 May - 1 June

Majors Philip and Deslea Maxwell, Papua New Guinea Territory; Parramatta Corps, Tuggerah Lakes Corps, Goulburn Corps, Sydney Congress Hall, Youthlink, all NSW; Territorial Advisory Board (30); Sydney East and Illawarra Division Review (31); SAES Conference, Collaroy (31 May-2 June).

2-8 June

Captain Elizabeth Garland, Southern Africa Territory; North West NSW Mission Cluster, Oasis Youth Network Hunter, Rockdale Corps, Belmore Corps, all NSW; Boonah Corps, Qld; Single Mothers Camp, Collaroy (3-7); Healthy Larger Corps Conference (6-7); ACT and South NSW Division Youth Councils (7-10); North NSW Division Youth Councils (7-10); Newcastle and Central NSW Youth Councils (7-10).

engagement calendar

Commissioners James (Territorial Commander) and Jan Condon

*Gold Coast: Wed 1 May - Red Shield Appeal Launch
*Wollongong: Wed 8 May - Red Shield Appeal Launch
Dooralong: Sat 11 May - Official Opening of Dooralong Transformation Centre

#Greater West: Wed 15 May - Women's Rally

*London: Sat 18-Thu 23 May - General's Consultative Council
Greater West Division: Sun 26 May - Red Shield Appeal Doorknock

*Commissioner James Condon only

#Commissioner Jan Condon only

Colonels Richard (Chief Secretary) and Janet Munn

*Canberra: Wed 1 May - Red Shield Appeal Launch
Rockhampton: Fri 17 May - Central and North Queensland Division Review

Emerald: Sun 19 May - Corps visit

Sydney: Sun 26 May - Sydney East and Illawarra Division Red Shield Doorknock

Sydney: Fri 31 May: Sydney East and Illawarra Division Review

*Colonel Richard Munn only

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