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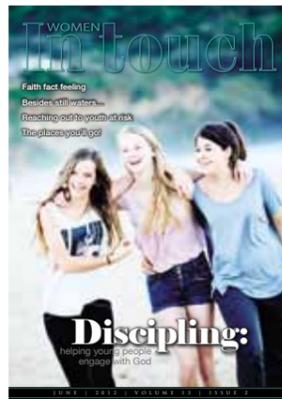
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God-given wisdom fuels General's day

A little over a month ago, I had the pleasure and privilege of interviewing the world leader of The Salvation Army, General Linda Bond.

Sitting in her office at the Army's International Headquarters in London, for almost an hour, in a wide-ranging discussion, I was given an insight into a remarkable woman of God.

The interview is our cover story this month, and you can read it on pages 8-13 of this issue.

One of the questions I put to General Bond concerned whether she ever has moments of reflection, when she considers the tremendous burden of responsibility that comes with leading the global Salvation Army. In effect, does she ever feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the position?

Quoting Scripture initially, she then said: "If I believe I was elected by the Lord's desire and design, then he's not given me something that doesn't fit, or is too heavy. So if I work with him and walk with him and live with him, there should be joy in this."

You see, God, if we are actively pursuing his will for our lives, never places us in a situation for which he won't equip us. General Bond knows this, and her response to the question displayed a God-given wisdom.

Immersed in the Word

Are you facing a decision or a dilemma right now? It's at times like this that you need to go to the same source of wisdom that General Bond taps into.

Solomon knew the infinite value of wisdom. When God appeared to him in a dream and said, "Ask what I shall give you," Solomon responded: "... give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" (1 Kings 3:9).

Take a moment to think of all the things Solomon could have wished for: a long life, wealth, good health. Instead, he asked God for a "wise and discerning heart", and as a result became the wisest man who ever lived.

Wouldn't you love to sit down with Solomon and feed upon his wisdom? Well, you can.

Solomon kept a record of the insights God gave him, writings that we know now as the book of Proverbs. It contains wisdom that deals with the everyday – our jobs, time, money, relationships, what to do when under pressure, what to do in good times ...

God promises to give you all the wisdom you need if you immerse yourself in his Word.

It's why General Bond, in another part of our interview, made it very clear that spending an hour alone every morning with the Lord and reading the Bible, is a priority in her life. She knows it's a smart way to start the day.

Scott Simpson,
 Managing Editor

your say...



God-given gift

My friend Ebony is 10. I've only known her for a few months but already love her gentle character.

Ebony has been gifted with the ability to paint, and to paint beautifully. Drawing since she was 18 months old and painting

for the past two years, her art has already been acknowledged by the wider public as runner-up in the 2011 *Townsville Bulletin* art section.

Ebony with her dad Aubrey, mum Fiona and six-year-old younger brother Levi, make The Salvation Army's Townsville Riverway Recovery Mission their church.

As we approached Easter this year I asked Ebony if she would paint a canvas of a part of the story of Jesus' death and resurrection that meant something to her.

She couldn't wait to get started and within an hour of having her canvas and paints ready the painting of the three crosses on the hill of Calvary was completed. Ebony (pictured with her artwork) was keen to keep going and so eventuated a whole set of paintings, that represented Palm Sunday to The Resurrection.



We placed the paintings in the foyer of the church and it was a delight for everyone to see in the week leading up to Easter. People who came for assistance at our community welfare office could see them, women attending our monthly Memory Makers event (scrapbooking) loved them, everyone attending the combined churches gathering on Good Friday marvelled at the skill of a young girl offering her gift in such a way.

I feel honoured to have a friend like Ebony who in her quiet, gentle way is passionate about using the gift she has been given to paint. I am praying that Ebony will continue bringing joy to others through what she paints – knowing that such a gift is given by God to honour him.

– Major Beth Twivey

Hidden holiness

“Cast your bread upon the waters.” Now we have a column where we can share life's experiences.

As far as I can go back in my ancestors in The Salvation Army, there was always someone who was a committed Salvationist. How many generations? No idea.

I was born into the home of Salvationist parents, so for me there was never a time when I didn't know the presence of God in my life. This posed serious problems later in life. Questions arose as to whether I was really saved, having never experienced any dramatic change ... it just all seemed to happen.

I was a son of the regiment, so to speak. I had sat through many holiness meetings hearing about the “blessing of holiness”. As I looked around the corps I attended, there were many saints, as I saw them, that had this blessing. Why did I not have this blessing or how could I get it?

It was in my mid-40s, when sitting in yet another Sunday morning holiness meeting,

that Major Austin Miller, now promoted to glory, quoted General Albert Osborn: “Holiness is the complete obedience to the known will of God as he reveals himself to your own heart.”

Hello ... the lights came on. Where had this been all my life? Had I not been listening? Now it all made sense. I'd had the blessing of holiness all along and did not know it. Not that this made me any better of a person. Nobody had explained it to me in terms I could understand. I had always sought to know the will of God in my life.

But as with most revelations, the Holy Spirit doesn't give you everything at once. He gives you what you need for that time.

Some years have passed and while I was mediating on the word of God, he revealed more information to me. Unlike the lawyer in Matthew 22:35-40 where he received two commands, I was given two words. What were the words: Obedience and Acceptance. I now had the missing piece.

Holiness is complete obedience to the

revealed will of God to your heart and the Acceptance of it. Nothing else matters. Now I understood.

While I obeyed my God and did only the things pleasing to him, accepting his complete plan and purpose, denying self, I would enjoy holiness. “A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps,” (Proverbs 16:9 *New King James Bible*).

And so my journey continues.

– Warren Ravenscroft, Carindale Salvation Army

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Before and after

For The Salvation Army to have an impact in the community and make a difference, says **Commissioner JAMES CONDON**, we must be people of prayer and holiness, filled with the Holy Spirit

There are quite a few shows on television at the moment that portray the “before and after” shots. For example, *The Biggest Loser*, or home renovation and garden makeover shows. Sometimes it is hard to go to the “after shot” because we are fixed on the “before” shot.

There is a lot of focus on our weight and our looks because they are important to us - we want to be healthy. But do we pay as much attention to our spiritual self and spiritual health?

On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the birthday of the Church – the day that, before Jesus ascended back into heaven, he promised his disciples that he would send a Comforter to them. The Comforter would empower them to do great and mighty things for the kingdom of God. Jesus had told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem, which they did, and after 50 days God's promise was fulfilled, as recorded in Acts chapter two.

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” (Acts 2:1-4).

This day, this event, was the turning point in the lives of the disciples, and for the Church. As you look back over your life are you able to identify a time, day or event that you could say was a real turning point? For some it may be the day you graduated, the day of your wedding, the birth of your first child.

For others the turning point could have been a negative experience such as an accident, the death of a close family member or bad news from the doctor.

Turning points come to all of us at some time or other and these shape or mark our lives in different ways. God wants us to have a real turning point that turns our spiritual world upside down – a kind of personal Pentecost.

We cannot be spiritually healthy – living life to the full

– if we are not being led and empowered by the Holy Spirit of God. God wants us to live a “much more” life, reaching our fullest potential as we are daily filled with the Spirit.

If there's anything The Salvation Army needs more of, it's Christians who are sold out for Jesus and who are filled with the Holy Spirit! This means placing ourselves daily into his hands so we will be the people God created us to be. The Australia Eastern Territory vision statement says:

“I see a Spirit-filled Army of the 21st century, convinced of its calling, moving forward together into the world of the hurting, broken, lonely, dispossessed and lost, reaching them by all means with the transforming message of Jesus bringing freedom, hope and life.”

For this to become reality – for The Salvation Army to have an impact in the community and make a difference – then we must be people of prayer and holiness, filled with the Holy Spirit. Our greatest need is not finances, not buildings, not anything material. What we need personally and for The Salvation Army is another Pentecost.

*O God of burning, cleansing flame,
Send the fire!
Your blood-bought gift today we claim,
Send the fire today!
Look down and see this waiting host,
And send the promised Holy Ghost,
We need another Pentecost,
Send the fire today!*

Lord, send the fire!



Commissioner James Condon is Territorial Commander of the Australia Eastern Territory

Reviving power of Pentecost

Pentecost, in its purest form, was a miraculous moment in history when God poured out his spirit on all believers and, as **Major ALAN HARLEY** writes, continues to be an essential foundation stone on which the church sources its power for the Lord's work

The first Salvationists were a Holy Spirit people. The songs they sang said much about it. Officers and soldiers were expected to be "filled with the Spirit". Their preaching gave the Holy Spirit central place. Instead of sacraments they emphasised "the baptism of the Spirit" (Matt 3:11) and "the communion of the Holy Ghost" (2 Cor 13:12, *King James Version*).

They also made much of what they called "the blessing of Pentecost". For them the evidence of being filled, or baptised with the Spirit was not any of the spiritual gifts, but a cleansed and Christ-like life (see Acts 15:8-9). While not opposed, as some, to manifestations of the Spirit and his gifts, Pentecost was, they taught, designed "to burn up every trace of sin".

Samuel Brengle, their spokesman, stated: "We each and all need the Blessing of Pentecost, not simply for service, but for holy, worthy living." Every Christian life, he preached, should reveal the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23) and he taught that "only the Pentecostal Blessing can produce this fruit unto perfection in our lives".

But pentecostal blessing is not simply

the coming of the Spirit into the lives of individual Christians. When the Spirit came in power at Pentecost, says Luke, "they were all filled".

As the young church spread beyond the confines of Judea and into Gentile territory, the same thing continued to happen. They "were all filled with the Spirit" when the church was born in Samaria (Acts 8), in Caesarea (Acts 10) and in Ephesus (Acts 19).

No distinction was made between "ordinary" churches and "Spirit-filled" churches as is sometimes the case today. Every church was a Spirit-filled church. Any other kind of church was viewed as incomplete and not a true church (Acts 19:1-7). This infilling made possible the carrying out of the church's mission (Acts 1:8). It made it possible for Christians to "worship in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23-24; Eph. 5:18). It enabled them to understand God's revelation (1 Cor. 2:6-16).

The implications are clear. Without the provisions of Pentecost the Church cannot perform its task, worship its Lord, or understand his truth. On the other hand a Spirit-filled local congregation knows what it is to be God's living

witness, please him in worship, and comprehend divine truth.

Reviving presence

Pentecost speaks of completeness. It fell seven Sabbaths after Passover. What was true for the Jewish calendar is true for us.

The Spirit came 50 days after Calvary and the work of Christ was complete. Christ came not only to save sinners but to raise up a Spirit-filled people, his Church. And his purpose was not only to see men and women saved, but to admit them into life in the Spirit – a life marked by holiness and power – a full salvation.

"We want another Pentecost," wrote The Salvation Army's founder, William Booth. The theological purist may argue that it is no more possible to have another Pentecost than to have another Calvary. Happily the story of the Church is a story of outpourings of the Spirit so akin to Pentecost that Booth's song makes sense. We call these events *revival*.

The reviving presence and power of the Holy Spirit is what made our movement different from others. Some denominations exist to perpetuate a liturgical life inherited from centuries past (eg. orthodoxy). Others maintain

their existence by loyalty to an historical doctrinal standard (eg. Lutheranism). Movements born in revival can survive only as the Spirit's presence and power are central to their life. When these wane, so does the movement.

We need Pentecost – God's continual work of reviving – if we are going to be a force for God in the future. We need it in our personal lives if we are going to be effective, power-filled, Christ-like disciples. We need it in our congregations, if we are going to make a significant impact upon our society. We need it in our movement, if we are to be a vital, life-changing force around the world.

Without the Spirit, structured denominations such as ours become like a huge machine from which the oil has leaked out. They have a form of godliness but lack the needed power (2 Tim.3:5).

Signs of renewal

Revival is God's answer to the cry of his people, "we need another Pentecost – send the fire today".

Revival raises the Church to the level of New Testament Christianity. It produces Christ-like Christians. It creates praying, worshipping, witnessing

congregations. It replaces discouragement and frustration with holy and joyful optimism. It sees the community changed by the power of the gospel.

Despite claims that the Church is in its death throes there are signs of renewal. Certainly, some older churches are closing. But all over Australia Christians are meeting in school halls and private homes to worship, study, and encourage one another.

New ways of being the Church are emerging. Across the land, within the denominations, we are witnessing a movement of God led by young Christians with a passion for the things of God.

They may not be too concerned about choirs, liturgy, brass bands and other older ways of worship and witness. But they are concerned to be true people of God in the power of the Holy Spirit.

This may or may not be revival, but it is certainly evidence that what God initiated at Pentecost is still at work.

Let's rejoice in the evidences of new life. Let's not allow ourselves to get left behind if God is doing a new thing. Let's remain open to the Holy Spirit – to all he wants to do in our lives, in our congregations, in our movement, and

in our nation. It may mean opening up our lives and our congregations to new ways of worship and witness. Or it may mean seeing the Holy Spirit giving a fresh anointing to the things we call "traditional".

William Booth's song was reminted a few years ago and the line "We want another Pentecost" was changed. The word "want" was replaced by "need". But God's blessings are known by those who not only know of their need but also want what God is seeking to give.

Let's stay open to God. Let's claim by faith all he seeks to give us.

Let's resolve always to be "filled with the Spirit" (Eph 5:18). Then we'll discover, in our lives and in our congregations, that Pentecost is not just an event of long ago. We will discover that Pentecost, with its empowering, cleansing, renewal and blessing is for us today.



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Q&A



General Linda Bond greets The Salvation Army's Chief of the Staff Commissioner Barry Swanson and his wife Commissioner Sue Swanson, the World President of Women's Ministries, outside International Headquarters.



On the first anniversary of her appointment as world leader of The Salvation Army, *Pipeline's* **SCOTT SIMPSON**, while in the UK, interviewed General Linda Bond

SS: How would you define your first 12 months as General?

LB: As General I would say, honestly, that it's been a joy, a privilege, a real sense of fulfilment. It has been a great adventure.

SS: How have your family and friends responded to you being General? Do people treat you differently now?

LB: My family and friends are very pleased. Some treat me differently now but not my family and friends. They're very supportive and I don't want to be the General to them. To family and friends I've always valued just being who I am and who I've always been as a person. So I wouldn't appreciate it if we had a distance between us because I'm holding an office. Sometimes, I must confess, people I've known for years, when they see me,

they're not as comfortable with me because they're now looking at me as the General.

SS: Being world leader of the Army means you travel a lot. How do you create "sanctuary" in your life - protected time with God - amidst all the travel and the subsequent disruption it brings?

LB: Really, spending time with God is a priority in my life. I've said in interviews before that I try to make sure in the morning that I have an hour with the Lord. I also spend a lot of time beyond that hour on Saturdays, if I'm free, and on planes, and in the evenings. The Word of God is very important to me. I said to someone recently that I don't read the Bible now as a text, I read the Bible because I hear God speak. It's a relational kind of dialogue. And I use The Salvation Army songbook still as my prayer book. The 'sanctuary' to me is the priority of my day.

SS: So what does a Christ-centred life look like for you on a daily basis?

LB: To me, a Christ-centred life means you want to be in the will of God. You want to lead as the Lord wants you to lead. You want to extend grace to people. Sometimes people think that if you're really spiritual you're not practical and I think I am practical. I want to make decisions that I know are not self-promotional or self-centred, and even the difficult ones must be done with a gracious spirit, and in keeping with God's will. And in my travels, a Christ-centred life means I do what Jesus did - I preach and I teach and I spend time with people.

SS: So is that what gets you out of bed in the morning? Is it what motivates you to start your day?

LB: Well, I could say my alarm clock, but I have no trouble getting out of bed, I just love what I'm doing. I just love being an officer, I love being a Salvationist. I also have a sense of duty. That means that even when life is not all that easy, you don't pull the covers over your head and say: "I'm going to give today a miss." I have a real sense that no matter how I'm feeling, there's work to be done, and I've promised that I'll do it even if I don't jump out of bed with a leap and a bound.

SS: When you get free time what do you like doing? Do you get a chance to walk out of your office and onto the streets of London to see what's happening? Do you curl up in front of the fire and read a book?

LB: When I'm here in my office I see London, three of the four walls in my office are glass, two of which look on to the streets of the City of London. Also, I live by Tower Bridge which is London, and just behind my place there's a wonderful walk I enjoy along the River Thames. Sometimes I like to watch a good mystery on TV. I haven't done it for a while but I do enjoy that.

SS: And who or what do you like to read?

LB: We publish a lot of books here at International Headquarters and I generally have to read the manuscripts beforehand. Every year I love to read Brother Lawrence - I'm not considered a mystical person but there's something attractive to me about people who have what looks a simple, yet is actually a very deep relationship with the Lord. So I do read those kinds of people, as well as books on mission. Army history books are also important, just to make sure I understand our roots and I can link what we've done with what we're doing.

"I just love what I'm doing. I just love being an officer, I love being a Salvationist."

SS: If you could choose a handful of people from throughout history to be your guests at a dinner party, who would they be?

LB: I really would like Brother Lawrence, Commissioner Samuel Logan Brengle, Mother Teresa, and some of the mystics. It depends what you would like to happen at this dinner party. If I wanted to just talk to people about their encounter with the Lord, how they've come into this intimacy with God, how >>>



General Linda Bond launches the International Vision – One Army, One Mission, One Message – in Spain last year.



they live it out in very practical ways, I would choose some of those people. Some of the Army saints that I've known like Commissioners Roy Calvert and Ed Read who are two of my heroes would be invited, along with others who I know have really, really have connected with God. That, to me, would be a really great conversation.

SS: Late last year you launched the International Vision for The Salvation Army. In your speech, you said you were aware that if not approached practically a vision could be “only a pipe dream” but that the Mission Priorities make it clear “you have to do something”. Have you seen evidence that the Army world has responded to this call – that Salvationists are “doing something”?

LB: One of the surprises is how this Vision has caught on. When I launched it I was very clear, because I don't think it's a day and age when we can impose something. I could not have said, 'whatever your mission priorities are, scrap them because the General has said 'do this instead'. You can't do that anymore. What I did say was that we gathered the Mission Priorities from the territories and commands around the Army world. So the whole idea was that they would find theirs somewhere in the list of the 12 international priorities. That resonated with territorial commanders. The other surprise is that some corps and divisions are using the International Vision Statement and Mission Priorities in their planning. They love the 'One Army, One Mission, One Message' and its logo. It's almost like, 'yes, this is really what we want to do'. So it's been wonderful. But where those Mission Priorities are already embedded in territories, when we do things like territorial reviews we will be asking, 'so what are you doing?' There's no way any of us will be satisfied if people just think they are nice-sounding words. All Salvationists will expect something to be done.

SS: As General, you are now a significant part of Salvation Army history. What you do as General will be recorded and considered many years from now. Will it be the International Vision you will be remembered for?

LB: I think the vision of One Army, One Mission, One Message will be remembered. The worldwide prayer meeting the Army holds every Thursday, I hope will keep going. I would like to think that getting a curriculum of basic teaching for the world will be important - they're the kinds of concrete things that will need to happen. In terms of the spirit of my generalship, I would like when I retire to feel that the Army is an Army of joy and hope. I want to be a General who keeps promoting what my predecessors have promoted, and that is we've got a glorious future and there is cause for rejoicing.

SS: During the vision launch you also called on Salvationists to see self-denial – sacrificial giving to the Army's world



Being greeted by an enthusiastic community on a visit to Africa.

mission – as a vital part of their service. But shouldn't this call go further; shouldn't our giving be an outworking of a lifestyle of self-denial?

LB: Yes, but I think if you follow this backwards it really is, because service is part of lifestyle for a Salvationist. You can't be a Salvationist and have a lifestyle that is devoid of service. But I want us to even move beyond the self-denial to say, 'I believe that we need to give generously, and not just money'. Salvationists, by lifestyle and service, should be generous people in every way.

SS: General Eva Burrows has described being world leader of The Salvation Army as similar to being a territorial commander but on a wider international scale. A year into the position, would you agree?

LB: Oh definitely, definitely, it's very much like being a TC. The Army does lead you through appointments so there is a familiarity. All the appointments I've had have prepared me for the next. What does change, as I say to people, is your circle of influence. I'm still doing what I did as a lieutenant – I still preach, I teach and I visit, and I still do administration. It's just that now it's global, and it takes me longer to travel across the world to visit people. But I still do that same kind of ministry.

SS: Do you ever have moments of reflection when you consider the enormity of your role and the tremendous burden of responsibility that comes with leading the global Salvation Army?

LB: I have to be honest and say that I haven't had that yet, and maybe I will one day. But again, for one it is a team >>>

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General Linda Bond joins an illustrious list of Salvation Army world leaders which includes the retired General John Larsson (pictured left). Taking the salute (above) at a meeting in the Norwegian capital of Oslo.



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approach. For the other, the vision and Mission Priorities are out there, and we just have to keep that going. I don’t have to wake up in the morning and think, ‘what am I going to do to inspire the Army’. But probably, fundamentally for me, I read Eugene Petersen’s translation of the Bible passage where it says, ‘take my yoke upon you and learn of me’, Jesus basically said, ‘walk with me, learn from me, work with me’, but he also said, ‘I won’t give you anything ill-fitting or too heavy’. That really spoke to me. If I believe I was elected by the Lord’s desire and design, then he’s not given me something that doesn’t fit, or is too heavy. So if I work with him and walk with him and live with him, there should be joy in this. And of course, I am upheld in prayer throughout the Army. So in terms of the office of the General, no, I don’t stop and say, ‘wow, can I do this?’

SS: In an interview you gave shortly after being elected General, you spoke about having “a sense deep in my spirit that God is wanting to do something in the Army, through the Army, that I can’t quite articulate”. Are you any closer to being able to articulate that?

LB: I do have a sense that God will bring revival to the Army. I’ve had that for a long time and it’s been my prayer. I do have a feeling that when that happens we will have a great soul thirst for God. Our reputation will not be uppermost in our minds, we will just long to be God’s people. We will also have this burning passion for the lost. That doesn’t mean that we won’t serve suffering humanity – in fact, revival could come to The Salvation Army because, even though we’re small compared to other churches, we are strategically placed in society because of our social services. What an impact an Army in revival would

make! The Lord wants the Army to speak about grace. The message the Lord wants the Army to proclaim is that Christ can bring transformation; that he can actually save the *worst* of sinners and change their lives, change their homes, change their communities, change society, change the world. And it’s all out of grace. It’s not the Army trying to work something up or make something happen using our ingenuity. I do believe he wants us to recognise that what he wants to do in the world is going to take a power far greater than the Army has. Maybe that’s still quite nebulous, but it’s just in my spirit. He wants to tell the world he’s still in the transforming business and he’s still the God of grace.

SS: In Australia and certainly in the Western world, Christians are struggling with issues like same-sex marriage and climate change. What advice would you give to Salvationists in dealing with such matters?

LB: I think in terms of the environment, climate change, whatever ... I think we always need to go back to Genesis. The intention was that we were to be stewards of the world. So using it, exploiting it to get out of it what we want for our own generation, that’s not what the Lord intends. This is his sacred space, and to violate his sacred space is wrong. We can’t just ignore it. We have to do whatever we can to be good stewards of what he’s given us. In terms of same-sex relationship, we have stated in our Positional Statements: *The Salvation Army affirms the New Testament standard of marriage, that is, the voluntary and loving union for life of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others, this union being established by an authorised ceremony.* We are in step with most churches and many in society on this.

SS: You seemed to foster a genuine fondness for Australia and its people during your time as territorial commander of the Eastern Territory. Now that you look at The Salvation Army from an international perspective, how do we in Australia differ from the Army elsewhere?

LB: I wouldn’t say you differ as though only you have these qualities, because I see them in other places. But some of the Australian qualities that have blessed me and taught me are this great spirit of innovation and risk taking. I think it’s that Anzac spirit that you see in Australia and New Zealand where people are willing to make great sacrifices. They’re daring, they’re courageous, they’ll try anything and I just love that. I’ve seen it in places but Australia has it, to me, in large, large measure.

SS: What would you like to see the Army in Australia doing different?

LB: It’s not that I’d like the Army in Australia to do anything different, but I would just say that we always have to be connected with who we are from our past. I don’t think in terms of methodology and appearance, but I do believe with all my heart the Lord gave The Salvation Army some very central things. The danger in being innovative is to get disconnected from your roots. I would say that we somehow need to look at our roots and see what is it that the Lord has given the Army that we need to always keep in place and not lose. I think that is always a challenge, not just for Australia but for the whole world. They say about parents the best things you can give your kids are roots and wings, and I think it’s true for the Army. You have to be able to say you’re connected to a family heritage

that’s rooted in some values, but you’ve also got to give them wings to let them fly.

SS: And finally, when are we likely to see you back in Australia?

LB: I’m scheduled to visit next year. I’m looking forward to it very much, I had a great experience during my time there. Australia was a ‘love’ appointment for me; it was wonderful. □



Pipeline Managing Editor Scott Simpson interviews General Linda Bond in her London office.

ARMY OF VOLUNTEERS ENSURES SUCCESS OF APPEAL



Federal Senator Matt Thistlewaite, Australian rock icon Iva Davies and former Miss Universe Australia Laura Dundovic show their support for the Red Shield Appeal at the official media launch in Sydney. Photo: Shairon Paterson

By ESTHER PINN

“The doorknock is a vital part of the Red Shield Appeal. It’s very important that money is raised to maintain the vital services that we have,” said Major Jeff Winterburn, The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory Appeals Director.

Thousands of people volunteered to collect over the Red Shield Appeal Doorknock weekend on 19-20 May to raise money for The Salvation Army’s social welfare programs. Coinciding with National Volunteer Week from 14-20 May, Major Winterburn was extremely grateful for all who turned out to collect.

“This year, the week of the appeal was about recognising volunteers – volunteer week across the country,” he said

“Certainly those people who helped the Salvos on the doorknock weekend, we want to thank those people from the bottom of our hearts.

“We couldn’t do without them. And they can be proud that they were able to support us and raise the money. And I guess they know they are supporting the people who come to The Salvation Army needing help.”

When *Pipeline* went to print in late May, more than \$4.2 million had been raised over the doorknock weekend in the Australia Eastern Territory. The mail campaign had attracted \$13.8 million, and the business appeal \$5 million. The doorknock had raised \$2.3 million in the Australia Southern Territory.

Major Winterburn said they are well on their way to reaching the national target of \$81.5 million.

Despite the concern of donor fatigue, Major Winterburn was pleased to see that recent disaster appeals have not stopped people from giving to the Red Shield Appeal.

“Donor fatigue – that’s a question that has been asked a lot in recent times where we’ve had disasters,” he said.

“Australians have given incredibly to these appeals and we say thank you for that. But what we’re saying is that those coming to The Salvation Army [for help] are on the increase.

“The demands on our many services are much greater than what they were before.”

Major Winterburn would like to encourage people to keep giving to the Red Shield Appeal, which will remain open until 30 June.

To donate, go to salvos.org.au

DOORKNOCK STRETCHES ACROSS THE WATER



The Salvation Army’s Major Colin Maxwell helps Jenny and Scott Frazer get ready to collect on Scotland Island (above); and (left) Scott pilots the Frazer’s boat to the island. Photos: Shairon Paterson

By ESTHER PINN

If you’ve never heard of Scotland Island, but perhaps thinking that it’s located somewhere in the United Kingdom, well you might be surprised to discover that it’s actually part of Sydney.

More than 800 people live on Scotland Island and the surrounding Bays area, which sit in an estuary called Pittwater in northern Sydney. The only way to access the island is by boat.

The Red Shield Appeal had never visited the island until this year when local resident Jenny Frazer decided to take matters into her own hands.

“I contacted the Salvos to see if the Red Shield Appeal was here, and they said no. So this is a first,” explained Jenny.

“I put an advertisement in our *Pittwater Offshore News* to encourage people to help collect on the doorknock weekend. I also put posters on the ferry.

“There’s the main island but we have bays as well so I can’t get everywhere so I thought it would be good to get other people involved.

“I thought I would just ask people to give an hour or two of their time over the weekend. It’s a car-free zone here so I thought maybe people would just do their street.”

Jenny said she has felt an affinity towards The Salvation Army all her life, having been born at an Army hospital, Boothville, in Windsor, Queensland. (The hospital opened in 1925 and closed in 1994). She is now looking forward to developing stronger ties with Army.

Griffith gets creative

With many people in the NSW Riverina town of Griffith still suffering from devastating floods earlier this year, the local Salvation Army corps decided to take a different approach to the Red Shield Appeal.

Corps Officer Major Karen Smith and her team came up with a creative way to coordinate the appeal this year. Instead of doorknocking homes, they placed static collection points around Griffith which, they hoped, would remove the pressure for people to give, but still provide an opportunity for individuals to support the appeal.

“I didn’t think it was really appropriate ethically or morally to be asking people for money ... when we have so many people here already needing assistance,” said Major Smith.

“There’s been a lot of local appeals here and they’re ongoing. To me, not having the doorknock was an acknowledgment to these people that what they’ve been through is traumatic and will be long term.”

Major Smith has urged ongoing prayer for the people of Griffith and has encouraged people to keep giving to The Salvation Army Flood Appeal and the Red Shield Appeal. To donate, go to salvos.org.au



By ESTHER PINN

Tears glistened in Graeme Press' eyes when he turned and saw his colleague and close friend Marty Parks walk onto the stage at The Collaroy Centre last month.

Marty, who had travelled all the way from Jackson, Mississippi, was a surprise special guest on a night of celebration with the Sydney Staff Songsters which also doubled as a farewell tribute to Graeme.

"Faithful" was the theme on Saturday,

12 May at Collaroy, on Sydney's northern beaches, celebrating Graeme's 14 years of faithful service to The Salvation Army as the Australia Eastern Territorial Music and Creative Arts Coordinator and leader of the Staff Songsters.

For the past 10 years, Marty and Graeme have been a mutual influence on each other's ministry. Last year, Graeme and the songsters blessed Marty and his church with song while on tour in the United States. In return, Graeme was given the opportunity to sit back, enjoy worship

and be blessed as Marty led the songsters in a number of songs at the "Faithful" celebration.

While more than 170 people attended the celebration concert, there were many who would have liked to be present but were unable to be there. Among them were Gavin Whitehouse, a former Staff Songster, Lieutenant-Colonel Geanette Seymour, The Salvation Army International Social Justice Commission Director and former chief secretary of the Australia Eastern territory, and Brian Hogg, Music and Creative Arts Director for the Australia Southern Territory. Each of them presented video messages on the night, expressing their gratitude to Graeme.

While Graeme spent most of the night enjoying music and speeches from colleagues and friends, he was not given the whole night off. Following tradition, he was asked to "fill in" and play piano with the Salvo Country Band.

Lyn Beasy spoke on behalf of children's ministry the Agents of T.R.U.T.H and emphasised Graeme's role in developing these characters.

"I want to recognise you had the courage to dream, the bravery to share that dream and the drive to see it become a reality," she said.

Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon, also shared a few words and honoured Graeme's creative work over the years.



Graeme and Neryl Press with good friend Marty Parks, who came from the US for the event.

A celebration of faithfulness – (top) The Staff Songsters on stage; (above) the moment Graeme greeted good friend Marty Parks; (above right) at the piano accompanying the Salvo Country Band; (right) Phil Butler and Lachie McKay of the Salvos Country Band performing. All photos: Carolyn Hide

"I want to on behalf of the territory tonight, thank God for Graeme Press. I've stood with you on the platform Graeme in a number of different places, but mostly I've sat where we all sit tonight under your ministry and have been blessed, inspired, and encouraged," Commissioner Condon said.

"You've shown skilled leadership and I've seen the Sydney Staff Songsters minister in a way I've not seen of any other songster group."

Lieut-Colonel Miriam Gluyas then spoke on behalf of the territory as Secretary for Program.

"I want to thank you Graeme because you see people and you bring out the best in them. You believe in them and you want that potential to be raised up," she said.

"When you sit with Graeme you get 10 ideas in five minutes and they're good ideas about how people can be changed,

how lives can be changed."

Lieut-Colonel Miriam Gluyas then invited the songsters to sing *Faithful* (Chris Tomlin, Christy Nockels, Nathan Nockerls and Ed Cash) as a blessing to Graeme and his wife, Neryl.

Many tears were then shed as Majors Stuart and Donna Evans, Sydney Staff Songsters Executive Officers, read thank you letters addressed to both Graeme and Neryl from songster members.

Graeme then moved to the stage and offered his own words of thanks.

"To come and be greeted like this and to be thanked like this is beyond my wildest imagination," he said.

"The word service perhaps comes across as something that's hard to do, but I want to say that every aspect of journeying with people like this has been a joy."

To conclude the evening of celebration, Graeme then invited former Staff Songster members present in the audience to join the current group on stage for a rendition of one of his favourite songs, *How Great Thou Art*.



Discovering courage under fire

The Salvation Army's Investa Treks recently hosted two Kokoda expeditions with a difference. **SIMONE WORTHING** finds out what made these treks unique

This year, the 70th anniversary of the Kokoda and Northern Beaches military campaigns in Papua New Guinea during World War Two, is a special year for The Salvation Army's Investa Treks initiative.

All the treks this year will have an emphasis on the anniversary and the particular significance the events of 70 years ago has had on Australia today.

These will include not just the Kokoda Trek, but others offered by Investa such as the Mt Wilhelm, Sepik River Eco Tour and the Bulldog and Black Cat tracks.

This year has also seen the inaugural annual "Courage Under Fire Kokoda Trek - Remembering Our Lost Furies", run in conjunction with the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS).

The NSW Rural Fire Service Association (RFSA) sponsored three children or grandchildren of fallen or seriously injured firefighters, as well as a young member's representative, to complete the Kokoda Trek in April.

ARA Group has also become a partner sponsor, through one of the RFS volunteers who works for the company.

Many RFS members also helped raise funds by selling "Dog Tags" for \$10 each.

"Throughout the trek, the participants experienced the values and qualities that epitomise the Australian soldiers who fought along the Kokoda Track," says RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons.

"These are the very same values and qualities at the core of the RFS and evidenced in our fallen or seriously injured firefighters: courage, endurance, mateship and sacrifice."

Sense of adventure

The Salvation Army's Major Ian Spall, Senior Chaplain to the RFS, accompanied the group.

"The RFS chose Investa Treks as their preferred trekking company due to The Salvation Army's strong linkages into the NSW RFS and the work they do with youth development in Papua New Guinea

and along the Kokoda Track," says Major Spall.

The young people sponsored by the RFS and the ARA Group, and the paying trekkers who accompanied them, were overwhelmingly positive about their experience.

"They were all exhausted but so happy about their incredible feat," says Major Spall. "The sense of adventure and achievement they now have, a sense of 'what else can I do?', has lifted their scope of vision and they are ready for the next challenge.

"Walking along the track, learning about toughness, the four pillars of Kokoda and how what happened here changed the course of history was an experience and education they will never forget. The sense of camaraderie and of mateship, courage, endurance and sacrifice the soldiers had is very similar to inside the NSW RFS."

Unfortunately, on the third day of the trek, one young man fell and was injured

Anzac trek deeply meaningful experience

Salvation Army Captain Jacob Robinson, who founded Investa Treks, recently returned from the Anzac Kokoda Trek that took place from 14-26 April.

"This trip is always an important one for Aussies, and even more so this anniversary year," he says.

"We had individuals and groups from all walks of life, and we concluded the trek with the Anzac Day dawn service at Bomana War Cemetery where Australian and allied soldiers are buried. It was incredibly moving and impacting to be a part of this."

Investa Treks takes individuals and groups to Kokoda with the ultimate aim to help fund Salvation Army work in PNG, assist people who live along the track and develop leadership skills in both the youth of PNG and young trekkers.

As part of Investa Treks building projects, trekkers and volunteers have built a child-care centre and two churches - buildings used for a variety of purposes in the villages. This year, plans are being made for an elementary school, officers' quarters and another church.

The Kokoda Trek begins at Ower's Corner 50km east of Port Moresby, and runs 96km through the Stanley Range to Kokoda. It's a gruelling yet exhilarating journey, with expert guides to inform trekkers on the sites of historical, cultural and spiritual significance along the way.

"Overall, this [Anzac] trip was successful," says Captain Robinson. "There



Investa Treks founder Captain Jacob Robinson with a war relic on the Kokoda Track.

were a few challenging situations with some people not as prepared for the conditions as they should've been, but we worked together to get them through their struggles.

"We are about getting everyone through the trek, not just getting people airlifted out when things get tough or making it easier for the group."

Captain Robinson loves seeing the impact Kokoda has on the trekkers and being able to provide an experience that will help people grow.

"To relate the wartime sacrifice of those

who have gone before us to the sacrifice of Jesus, is deeply meaningful," he explains.

"Kokoda is a spiritual experience, whether you're a Christian or not. People are walking through physical, mental and emotional challenges that will set them up for the future and challenges they will face in life."

For more information on trekking or volunteering for the building projects, go to the Investa Treks website at www.kokodatrack.org.au



The Rural Fire Service group which walked the Kokoda Track.

and had to be airlifted out. "My job as chaplain is to care for people and he was in pain, although not complaining, and I couldn't leave him alone so I escorted him out and back home," says Major Spall.

The young participants who overcame significant obstacles on the trek will receive ongoing training, development,

speaking opportunities and other opportunities.

"We are sowing into the young people's lives for a lifetime," says Major Spall.

At the beginning of the treks, the participants all received dog tags at the Bomana War Cemetery with John 15:13

inscribed on them: "Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." In an unforgettable moment when he returned to Sydney, one of the young participants gave this tag to his grandmother, who had lost her husband in the course of duty with the RFS.

The "Courage Under Fire" trek will be held again next year and Major Spall hopes to be a part of it.

"In the meantime, I'm continuing my training," he says. "I can't let my fitness slide, it was too hard to achieve!"

For information on Courage Under Fire go to www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp_content.cfm?cat_id=3696 or look at the NSW RFS Young Members Group on Facebook.



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Retired Salvation Army officers **Majors ALLAN and FRANCINA FLEMMING**, previously spent three years serving in Japan. Earlier this year, they returned to the country to report on the Army's relief effort since the devastating tsunami of 2011



In May 2001, we arrived in Japan to take up a memorable three-year appointment at The Salvation Army's Territorial Headquarters (THQ) in Tokyo. Little did we know that 10 years later we would return in vastly different circumstances following the most horrific natural disaster in the country's history.

Our experience of living and working in Japan (Allan was appointed Program Secretary and Fran was to assist in the Program Department with the additional appointment of Silver Star Secretary) was a privilege we have never regretted, in spite of the intense isolation we sometimes felt because of language and cultural barriers.

When we returned to Australia in mid-2004 we left a part of our hearts behind us.

On 11 March 2011, the Great East Japan Earthquake hit the Tohoku area of the country. The magnitude 9 earthquake and resulting tsunami devastated the coastal areas. On 12 March 2012, official figures of the Japanese National Police Agency report confirmed 15,854 deaths, 3,155 people missing, 26,992 injured, as well as 129,225 buildings totally collapsed, 254,204 buildings half-collapsed and 691,766 partially damaged.

Other statistics included 22 million tonnes of rubble and a rebuilding budget to date of 20.5 billion yen (\$240.77 million).

Christians make up a mere 0.8 per cent of the 128 million population of Japan, and The Salvation Army just 1 per cent of that

small number. However, they "punch well above their weight".

Huge need

The Salvation Army response to the earthquake and tsunami was swift and began immediately the news of the disaster became known. The THQ building in Tokyo became an emergency shelter for some hours following the earthquake, when all public transport came to a halt and people could not return to their homes.

Meals were served and the TV news was broadcast from a large screen to keep people in touch with what was happening. Salvation Army officers and employees at THQ were fully involved as a result and that same evening three teams set out with emergency supplies for the centre of the disaster area that was several hundred kilometres from Tokyo.

From our home in Tweed Heads on the NSW-Queensland border, we watched the horrific scenes on TV and we knew there would be huge needs following this disaster. We offered to go and assist and were booked to fly out of Sydney at the end of March 2011. However, as the damaged Fukushima nuclear plant created a radiation problem, this was cancelled due to concerns from Japan, although we reiterated our desire to help any time they wanted us.

Almost a year later, on 20 February, we

flew to Tokyo following a request to come and write an English-language report on The Salvation Army relief work since the disaster. This was a most meaningful experience.

Arriving at our former quarters, now kept for visiting guests, was rather surreal. It felt like we had returned home. The temperature might have been considerably cooler at the end of a Japanese winter compared to late summer in Tweed Heads, but the warm greetings received on a brief visit to Territorial Headquarters, assured us of our welcome.

Captain Kazuyuki Ishikawa, the officer-in-charge of relief operations, was our guide as we headed north for a five-day tour of the affected areas and it was our privilege to see the impact of The Salvation Army over the past 12 months.

We toured the disaster area, met many people and had a growing awareness of the earthquake and tsunami's devastation on both the land and its people. We were welcomed and acknowledged, not only as representatives of The Salvation Army, but also as Australians, citizens of another country who had come to share their pain. So often we were greeted with the words, "Thank you for coming to Japan".

Respect for Army

Japan is a country that has experienced the force of nature in earthquakes, typhoons and tsunamis throughout its history >>>



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Rebuilding broken lives and communities

It is difficult to comprehend at a distance just how devastating this disaster has been, but our visits to many towns revealed compelling evidence. It also gave us a glimpse into individual stories. Here are a few examples:

In Onagawa

The Chairman of the local Chamber of Commerce, Mr Aoyama, was in his office when the earthquake struck. Aware of what follows an earthquake, he and several others immediately made their way to the top floor of the four-storey complex.

The tsunami, however, was higher than anyone could have expected so they escaped to the roof. This also was not sufficiently high to avoid being swept away. Mr Aoyama climbed onto a ladder and then from that to the higher water tank. The tsunami water reached his knees, but he clung on for life as huge amounts of debris and destruction swirled all around him.

It was several hours before he was able to climb back down to the wrecked fourth floor. He described for us the horror as 20 times during the blackness of night, he heard the surge of water coming again and was sure he would die. "I thought of my little daughter," he said, "and I wanted to live for her." It was the following morning before he was able to escape from the building.

But 900 others weren't so fortunate in this area, perishing in the disaster.

Mr Aoyama is now working hard to keep his community going and he took us to the place where he is supervising, on The Salvation Army's behalf, the building of 30 new shops. These are being financed by SAWSO (Salvation Army World Service Office) and built from local cedar by local tradesmen. This stimulation to the local economy is very important as the community seeks to rebuild. The



Captain Kazuyuki Ishikawa (left), Major Francina Flemming and community leader Mr Aoyama view the construction of new buildings in Onagawa.

government has provided temporary buildings that house a police station, post office and banks as well as another 20 shops. Previously there were 270 shops, now there will be only 50! The decreased number is an indication of a dramatically changed community, but one seeking to regain some sense of normality while living in temporary homes and shopping in temporary shops.

In Minamisanriku

This area was one of the worst hit. More than 8000 people, half the town's population, died in the disaster. Twelve months later, we were attending the opening of another set of temporary shops in this coastal town, sharing green tea in an officials' room with Mayor Jin Sato.

Through Captain Ishikawa's translation, he related to us the visit of Australian Prime

Minister Julia Gillard in April 2011. She was the first international leader to visit the area and is remembered very warmly. He told us how she put her arm around his shoulder. This is not uncommon as a sign of support in Australia, but unusual in Japan! He thought to himself, "If she did this, so can I", and he did the same to her. He told us how a photographer from the *Washington Post* snapped them from

behind and the photograph was published. This was for him a warm memory and one year on, he, along with many others, related their appreciation to us as Australians. Jin Sato himself has a dramatic tale of survival. He was in a disaster meeting following the earthquake when the tsunami struck. He ended up clinging to a communications tower on top of



Majors Allan and Francina Flemming inspect all that remains of the railway station at Ofunato which was devastated by the tsunami.

these issues or providing for ongoing counselling. Counsellors that have been there are understandably emotionally and physically tired. We always hoped to revisit Japan but never dreamt it would be under such circumstances. Our prayer as The Salvation Army reaches out to those in this time of great need in Japan is that they will understand that our "Heart to God, Hand to Man" response is motivated by faith in God who is the source of eternal hope. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9). □

children, temporary shops and electrical goods for temporary homes, a small truck for a handicapped persons facility, bikes and student requirements, are examples of help given. Support from the international Salvation Army and others made this possible. The psychological impact and subsequent post-traumatic stress cannot be measured and the typical stoicism of the Japanese people means they will encourage the "Gambaru" attitude, that is, "Do your best!" This, however, will not satisfy their emotional, psychological and spiritual needs, and there are few resources and personnel addressing

and individuals. One government official stated to us as we visited the Miyagi Prefecture office: "Before, we did not know The Salvation Army, but now we know it very well." The welcome and respect shown by all to Captain Ishikawa and ourselves as we travelled over 600km throughout the area, indicates how appreciative people are of The Salvation Army's help. Help in many different ways such as emergency feeding, personal requirement kits, boots, small fishing boats, mesh for broken school windows to keep out insects brought to the area by dead fish or rotting matter, hand-generated torches for primary school

the building to save his life as the water washed over him.

On 25 February this year, as we stood in the snow, which continued to fall around us, and watched the opening ceremony for this temporary shopping area in Minamisanriku, we sensed a desire to move on with life and hope, but were also aware that underneath the smiling exteriors of the people, deep grief and sadness remained.

In Namie

The Salvation Army Namie Corps was located in what became the exclusion zone around the Fukushima nuclear plant, and is no longer able to function due to the radiation problems.

One Territorial Headquarters employee personally affected is Keiko whose family home is also in that area and now she is unable to retire there. Recently she returned for a brief visit when official permission was given to residents, all of whom had to wear protective clothing. Her retirement plans now have to change.

The impact of this disaster on Japan, more particularly on the people of the Tohoku region, is ongoing. The physical damage is obvious, homes gone, and their livelihoods and businesses destroyed. Temporary solutions have been found to some of these problems but more permanent solutions will take years to establish; for example where to relocate homes and businesses when the risk of future disasters makes rebuilding in the same flat areas impossible. However, rebuilding will eventually happen.

but nothing could prepare them for the height of the tsunami that resulted from this earthquake. In areas where high concrete walls had been erected to protect the seaside towns, the height and power of the water far exceeded the safety barriers, heights of 10 to 40 metres, depending on the topography of the area.

The mountains of rubble are evidence of the damage done to whole communities. Visitors are greeted by a barren moonscape where once existed thriving businesses and family homes. Few structures remain standing and those that do are beyond repair.

Our visits to Hiroshima Peace

Memorial in 2004, and to the Nagasaki Atomic Museum on this recent trip, showed photos of scenes not dissimilar to what we saw in the Tohoku area. One retired Salvation Army officer, Major Akiko Sakamoto, confirmed this for us when she told us: "Japanese people are saying it's just like after the war."

The Tohoku area, where the disaster was centred, has a smaller percentage of Christians than areas like Tokyo, but the work of Salvationists and other Christian groups among victims has brought them into previously untouched areas, earning the respect of many officials at all levels of government as well as business leaders



Majors Allan and Francina Flemming, along with Captain Kazuyuki Ishikawa, meet a family living in temporary accommodation.

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What's coming up on mySalvos this month

- **Salvos resources:** Watch the mySalvos resource page, as we continue to add excellent resources from around the Australia Eastern Territory.
- **Social Justice blog:** A new series with contributions from a range of people involved in social justice, including Nathan Moulds, Adrian Kistan and Robyn Evans.
- **The Chick Yuill interviews:** In this three-part series, Captain Nesan Kistan chats with Chick Yuill about the Salvos' purpose and movement, and Chick shares about his resignation from officership.



UNLOCKING THE ARMY'S ARCHIVES WITH MAJOR FRANK DURACHER

Tale of two roads diverged

Charles and William were the best of friends. They met in seminary, were room-mates throughout college, and after ordination they set out as a dynamic duo for Christ – preaching at revivals and crusades across the United States. Their fame in Christian circles was fast spreading.

Of the two, Charles was definitely the better public speaker. Although William's southern drawl flowed as thick as honey, and his sermon structure was simple and honest, Charles had a certain charisma.

The two young evangelists had everything going for them. Both were handsome, intelligent, and both possessed a presence behind the pulpit any preacher would love to have.

Their careers as evangelists were so promising, but then something happened to Charles.

Not overnight, mind you, but it was a slow, growing doubt about the believability of even the existence of God.

It became a steady erosion of Charles' faith. And despite all of William's efforts, Charles drifted into what later became a confirmed agnosticism.

The result was inevitable. With less and less in common – especially theologically – the two friends drifted further apart. Finally the break came. Charles could no longer preach a gospel he stopped believing.

It's a sad thing, really, when a man – especially one called to a dynamic preaching ministry – falls away from that glorious calling. Charles began a personal agnostic campaign, far less obscure than the one arguably he had been destined to follow.

Sadder still that many years later Charles Templeton would admit with a tear in his eye that though he still doubted God's existence, there was something about Jesus.

"I ... miss ... him!" he admitted during an interview with Christian author Lee Strobel.

Two paths toward a God-honouring ministry abruptly changed when one path took a godless turn. But what about the other path, you ask?



Charles Templeton (left), and Billy Graham (second from right) with fellow evangelists George Wilson and Torrey M Johnson at a Youth For Christ rally in 1946.

Oh, you know that evangelist. In fact, you know him well.

Global evangelist

The world may little remember the agnostic rantings of Charles Templeton. But heaven will forever celebrate the thousands, perhaps millions of redeemed souls who streamed forward in crusades around the globe.

A seemingly endless line of seekers coming *Just As I Am* in response to a simple sermon faithfully preached by William ... later to be known globally as Billy Graham.

It is highly likely that at least one person reading this account can be counted among the millions who've come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, under the global ministry of Dr Graham.

His links with The Salvation Army were strong, such that during the 1950s he was honoured by the Army with the Distinguished Service Medal and in

1989 received the Army's William Booth Award. This award, one of the highest honours conferred upon an individual by The Salvation Army, is given annually to a deserving individual for outstanding service to the community though the donation of time, talents and energy, as well as dedication to the Army's goal of service.

Until now, you were likely not aware that while Billy was faithfully serving God, a once-close friend, who instead of becoming a "Pastor for World Leaders", chose instead the wrong road that led him to obscurity. Now that you know this story from the Army's archives.



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



What would Jesus view?

With Pipeline culture writer Mark Hadley



Machine Gun Preacher

RATING: MA15+
DISTRIBUTOR: DVD / Blu-ray
RELEASE DATE: Available now

The first child soldier I ever met was aged somewhere in his 30s. I was working on a documentary in Uganda and we were visiting a World Vision facility which aimed to restore the lives of those forced to serve in organisations like The Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). I thought I was going to see young boys and girls. But the returned adults I met revealed a whole other side to this tragedy – decades lost to horrific acts they'd been brainwashed to believe in. I wondered what might have happened if someone had stepped in before those years had been snatched away. *Machine Gun Preacher* is the true story of a man who sought to do just that.

Gerard Butler plays Sam Childers, a man who enters the film sinking in a sea of drugs, robbery and violent crime. His anger overflows on anyone fool enough to get in his way. However, his wife, Lynn, suffers his rages patiently because she's discovered a way out of addiction and the sex industry:

Lynn: "I ain't dancing any more because it ain't right – in the eyes of God."
Sam: "Oh you found God now?"

Lynn: "He found me ... and he's there for you too, baby."

Sam: "You're a junky stripper and that's all you'll be."

But his wife's transformation earns Sam's grudging respect and when he finally hits rock bottom, it's her he turns to. Lynn takes him to church where the Holy Spirit begins a conversion that will culminate in Sam becoming the head of his own construction company and a committed Christian. That combination takes him to Uganda to build houses. However, a side trip to the Sudan reveals the shocking pain caused by the LRA, in particular the crippling, killing and enslaving of children. Childers determines to do everything he can to care for thousands of war orphans, even if it means taking up arms himself.

Machine Gun Preacher is a distressingly

honest film but it deserves the attention of mature Christians. The ravages of the LRA are displayed in a way that will – and should – prove disturbing. Childers is also a man who struggles to find the best way forward, sometimes employing dubious methods, at others fighting with the very God he hopes to serve. Yet for all that, it perfectly displays the necessity for every believer to do more than just deal with sin in their own lives. Butler preaches to an American congregation: "In your actions you give service to the Lord. He's not interested in your good intentions, your good thoughts. No, he wants your backs, your hands, your sweat, your blood to pour into the foundation that will build up his kingdom."

In a recent interview, the real Sam Childers admitted many Christians have criticised the theology behind the film. At times *Machine Gun Preacher* seems to

suggest that social and political goals matter more than the spiritual claims of the gospel, and sin can be employed to end the suffering of others. However, he says the story is aimed particularly at unbelievers, who need to understand that Jesus is still alive and doing miracles in this world. "I don't want people to think that this movie is about Sam Childers or about rescuing children in Africa," he says. "This movie, after you watch it, is all about you. What are you going to do now?"

Machine Gun Preacher is not a film to be taken lightly; the MA15+ rating is well deserved because the subject matter is serious, and just as worthy of serious consideration. But few stories since *The Cross and the Switchblade* have so well demonstrated the power of God to change a life, or his ability to use it to bring the hope of his Kingdom to the most hopeless situations.



Gerard Butler plays Sam Childers in the high-intensity drama *Machine Gun Preacher*.



Men In Black 3

Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith renew their on-screen partnership in *Men In Black 3*

RATING: M
RELEASE DATE: 24 May

There are so many people on this planet, and so many more that came before us and will come after. Have you ever wondered just how lucky you are to meet those individuals who've made the biggest impact on your life? And when you think about it, just how much luck can a single person expect to have? *Men In Black 3* is a playful sci-fi romp that, amidst the aliens, neutralisers and wise-cracks, asks viewers to spend a moment appreciating the miraculous nature of a happy life.

The third installment in this comic book-to-film franchise picks up 14 years into the extraterrestrial partnership between Agent J (Will Smith) and Agent K (Tommy Lee Jones). For those who haven't followed the *Men In Black* storyline, both work for a top-secret, non-governmental agency charged with protecting the earth from alien influence. Enter Boris The Animal (Jemaine Clement), an intergalactic assassin and prison escapee. He was put away by Agent K 40 years ago and lost his arm into the bargain. Now he's travelling back in time to kill K before he can be

arrested, and allow an invasion of planet earth to succeed. All that stands in his way is Agent J's determination to follow him back to the 1960s.

There are very few films with a "3" in the title that can claim to work as well as this one. Director Barry Sonnenfeld has taken a story that began 15 real years ago and managed to inject as much humour and energy as the original 1997 venture. New jokes, new plot devices, and new actors add up to *Men In Black 3* being one of those films you won't be checking your watch through.

In dealing with its time-travelling trials, *Men In Black 3* draws our attention to just how much has to happen in life for any good thing to occur. Michael Stuhlborg plays Griffin, a fifth dimensional being who sees all the potentials in any given moment simultaneously, and is always aware of just how many of the paths we choose are dead ends. But his realism doesn't result in pessimism. When life on earth hangs on the slimmest of chances he tells Agent J, "Miracles always seem impossible - until they happen". That, in essence, is why they're called miracles. Not because they're impossible, but because they are extremely unlikely

given the circumstances we're used to observing. As the clock winds down on the time left for Agent J to save Agent K's life, we begin to see just how miraculous their friendship is - how many small things had to come together for them to meet and grow to care for each other. Looked at that way, every good thing we enjoy is a miracle waiting to be realised.

The classic objection to believing in miracles is their unlikelihood - "Someone rising from the dead? How often has that happened?" However, the film's realistic approach suggests the very unlikely nature of the good things we enjoy should drive us to take them more seriously. In a film about the vast number of things that could go wrong, it's worth asking ourselves why they go right. *Men In Black 3* stops short of suggesting that someone is orchestrating these positive results for our benefit; Christians, by contrast, suggest the gifts we enjoy imply a Giver.

So, will you be sitting in that cinema seat enjoying Will Smith's antics because of the random juncture of a positive review, a free afternoon and some spare cash? Or will it be because Someone wants you to learn something about where good comes from in this often faulty world?

A challenge: Less than 10% of Australians attend church

Generations of Australians are not regular church attenders. Many have never heard of Jesus. Lieutenant-Colonel MIRIAM GLUYAS asks what are we doing about it

David Bosch, author of *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology and Mission*, says: "Mission is not primarily an activity of the church, but an attribute of God. God is a missionary God."

The church is a missional community. We exist to bring God's order, peace, joy - wherever we can. And it's a big mission!

There's a challenge in the nation in which we live. Ninety-two per cent of the nation does not attend church.

National Church Life Survey (NCLS) tells us that the proportion of the Australian population present at church in a typical weekend in 1996 was 9.9%. In 2001, it had fallen to 8.8%.

At the same time, the proportion of people claiming to identify with a Christian denomination fell from 71% in the 1996 Census to 68% in 2001.

We are now living with generations who have never been to church and some who have never heard about Jesus.

The people of God need to be the "sent" people. We gather to worship and learn how to be disciples. We scatter in order to share Jesus in our world that so desperately needs him.

We need to be careful that we don't just count those sitting in the pews.

Reggie McNeal, a consultant to local churches and author of several books on leadership and mission, has just been to Australia to share with us. He talks about "scorecards" - what we value is what we measure and what we measure we tend to do.

Chick Yuill, a retired officer from the UK and now working at the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity, reminded a group of Australian Salvos recently that when we start just measuring those who "sit in the pews," we never get past the ABC:

- Attendance.
- Buildings (take up a lot of time and money. They are important, but...)
- Cash (...but that isn't our mission).

If we only concentrate on the ABC, we are in trouble!

There are four dimensions of church life:

- Gathered community on Sundays and other times.
- Activities and outreach programs.
- The big issues of today's world.
- The daily context of our lives.

Most of our hours are spent in the daily context of our lives. So what will we do with those hours? How will they count for the Kingdom?

Chick reminded us that we need to add a D to the ABC. D is for disciple-making; equipping men and women to live like Jesus.

Flicking the default switch, Matthew 16:18: "I will build my church..." That's God's business. Therefore, "go and make disciples...." (Matthew 28:19-20). That's our part; people who make a difference.

Graham Cray, team leader of Fresh Expressions in the UK, says we can't re-evangelise the nation apart from the impact of the daily lives of ordinary people living like Jesus.

Quality disciples are the key.

Imagine a Salvation Army where we do life with people, engage in faith journeys with them and inspire them to serve alongside us.

Then, in response, they say: "I'll have what she's having". "I want what he's got." They find out that it's Jesus. They find intimate relationship with him and become disciples who give their life to the King and the Kingdom.

Live well in the street where you live or the place where you work. Be the worker or neighbour that everyone knows and trusts.

Alan Roxburgh, a pastor, leader, author and consultant with more than 30 years experience in church leadership, says: "Discipleship emerges out of prayer, study, dialogue and worship by a community learning to ask questions of obedience, as they are engaged directly on mission."

Chick Yuill asked some great questions. We could ask them often.

1. Where is your frontline?
2. What might God be doing there? If God is the God of mission, he has to be doing something where we are.
3. What is it?
4. What part do I have to play? Join him where he is at work.
5. How can we resource and release you for that?

The world needs the people of God, gathered and scattered. The sending God sends each one of us to partner with him,

where we are, to see his kingdom come, bringing God's reign to this world.

Wherever we do God's work, we are bringing God's reign. ➤



Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas is the Australia Eastern Territory's Secretary for Program

Crystal, 8, invites friends to church and teaches story

By BILL SIMPSON

She is an amazing little girl. Her mother says she is leading the church by example and inviting her friends to The Salvation Army at Tenterfield Corps in north NSW: "... a little child will lead them (Isaiah 11:6).

Crystal is the eight-year-old daughter of Tenterfield Corps Leaders Joel and Yolande Soper. Single-handedly, she is on a mission that meets almost every one of the Australia Eastern Territory's seven Mission Priorities.

Early this year, Crystal was concerned about a shortage of children in her corps. She talked with Mum and Dad. They encouraged her to pray about it.

Crystal did pray. As a result, she invited friends to church. They came. The Sunday school has grown and 18 are now connected to children's ministries.

When Crystal started her recruitment drive, Tenterfield didn't have any Sunday school teachers. So, Crystal learned some Bible stories, prepared craft work and led Sunday school classes herself.

She has been leading Sunday school - with the help of a couple of older girls - ever since. During the week, Crystal prays - for her Sunday school and that more children will come - learns a Bible story and prepares craft.

The school friends are still coming. So are their parents and, in some cases, grandparents. "We have three generations of some families now attending," Crystal's mother says, "and it's all because Crystal invited them."

There are five children plus mum and dad in one family. Another family chose to attend the corps and become involved because of Crystal's compassionate heart.

"A little girl - younger than Crystal - was being bullied at school. Crystal stood up for the little girl," Yolande tells us. "She protected and supported the little girl. It was a case of one little girl (Crystal) standing up against injustice."

"Because of Crystal's stand, the little girl, her mother and father started attending our corps. Mum had been a soldier in another territory some time ago. She is now back in uniform. Dad has been enrolled recently as an adherent and the little girl has become a Junior Soldier."

Crystal also gives copies of the Bible to her school friends.

"It's been interesting for us," says Yolande. "As adults, we get a bit reserved about asking people to come to church. Children don't have that reservation. They just ask."

"So, what we have now is a child - Crystal - changing the culture of our corps. Many more children are coming through Crystal's invitation."



Tenterfield Corps Team Leaders Joel and Yolande Soper (right) with newly-enrolled soldier Monica Freeman and adherent husband Bruce, and Junior Soldiers Crystal Soper, Jaynee Soper and Grace Freeman. Junior Soldier "mascot" Olivia Soper is in Dad's arms.

That is bringing their parents and because we have the children singing out the front during the church service, their grandparents are coming to see them.

"Joel and I are so proud of Crystal. She has a real passion for God, The Salvation Army and people. She is bringing people to Jesus."

We had a brief chat with Crystal about her mission.

Hello, Crystal, how are you?

Good, thank you.

Crystal, why do you invite your friends to church?

Because it's important

Why is it important?

To know God.

Where do you get your stories?

From books and the Bible.

Do you read the story to them?

No. I learn the story and tell it myself.

Are the children good listeners?

Yes.

Do they behave for you?

Yes; well most of the time.

You must be a good story teller?

I guess so.

Thanks for talking with me.

You're welcome.



Eight-year-old Crystal Soper, who is leading by example and inviting school friends to her church.

Maroubra: a church for all nations

Maroubra Corps in Sydney is making progress through use of the seven Mission Priorities. **Captain LENORE LEA JOHNSON** reports on how that is happening

As the world's dispossessed people come to our shores, they search with questioning eyes for a place of safe refuge.

There is a changing landscape within many of our towns and cities in Australia and this is no less evident than on the streets of Maroubra and its surrounding suburbs in Sydney's south-east.

Those seeking a new start in our area enter into a cultural mix with people from prison, many tenants of government housing and those afflicted with mental illness, homelessness and addictions.

How does a very small, aging congregation with a busy community welfare centre become not just a place for 'handouts' where material needs may be quickly met but also where understanding and compassion is extended with the hand of friendship in the name of Jesus?

General Evangeline Booth, daughter of our Founder William Booth, wrote words that cross the boundaries of generations and even centuries, for the multiple needs of humankind change little.

There are lines from this song that depict Maroubra today.

*The world for God!
I see forsaken children; I see the tears that fall
From women's eyes, once merry, now never laugh at all;
I see the sins and sorrows of those who sit in darkness;
To multitudes who struggle with crime and want and strife.
Go with your songs of mercy; show Christ in loving kindness,
Make known the sufferings of the cross, the sacrifice of God;
For behold! On a hill, Calvary!*

Implementation of the One Army One Mission vision allows a Team Leader/Corps Officer to become intentionally inclusive of all The Salvation Army mission expressions in the immediate area.

With this in mind, we now have people who visited our community welfare centre worshipping as part of our congregation. Our community welfare centre clients have linked with the corps through the very simple act of having a Prayer Request Box on the counter.

By now, we hope to have the Maroubra Family Store operating - a further vital link to the existing intertwined mission expressions.

The store manager and volunteers naturally are an additional component of the overall vision for not just Maroubra but the surrounding suburbs that are part of our corps area.

The Seven Mission Priorities are an excellent reminder and



Captain Lenore Lea Johnson and members of her congregation meeting for Breakfast Church, which is held to mark special events in the national calendar.

monitor. They draw us back to our Salvation Army values.

With a corps family of originally 10-13 regular worshippers, only a small number of mission priorities could be put into practise - these being Mission Priorities One, Two, Four and Seven.

Now, as our corps family has quickly grown to just on 30 members, renewed emphasis is placed on evangelism, discipleship and community.

The Maroubra Corps congregation consists of nine nationalities, the majority living with personal challenges that are flagrantly evident in any social setting that reflects the underprivileged and struggling within its community.

Into this neighbourhood, there is emerging a congregation of Christian people, incredibly diverse in background but united in love for one another and God. Their passion is the salvation of their community; sharing Jesus with whoever will pause to listen to their salvation story.

Within our congregational setting, great emphasis is placed on 'community' and 'family'. Our corps family consists of predominantly single people, many of whom live isolated, lonely lives and so our congregation is quickly becoming a safe place of unconditional love and acceptance; a place to belong regardless of the past.

Our corps family shares in prayer, Bible study and deliberate mission endeavours, such as Breakfast Church, Harmony Day, luncheons and morning/afternoon teas for our visiting welfare clients.

Any special calendar event is an opportunity for the



(From left to right) Douglas Mori (New Zealand), Nuttiken Mori (Thailand), and Miro Bunjevac (Bosnia), were among the Maroubra congregation at Harmony Day, which celebrates the corps' cultural diversity.

celebration of our faith and the sharing of the gospel with friends or future friends.

For example, Easter Sunday morning was a time to express our joy and celebrate our risen Lord. Thirty blue balloons were arrayed in the front of our corps building for all who passed to see that we are a church that celebrates its faith in Jesus Christ.

Positive Lifestyle Program and Christianity Explained will become a feature of our mission in the months ahead as there are a number of outside groups that use our facilities and could be drawn into our circle of Christian influence.

In the last 12 months, five adherents and one soldier have sought membership. As this year progresses, ownership of the mission compels a sense of responsibility to the cause of Christ.

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 9:19: "Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible."

Our goal and our mission is the salvation and discipling of our community. The world for God.



Captain Lenore Lea Johnson is Team Leader/Corps Officer at Maroubra

FREEDOM STORIES

Corps and centres are encouraged to send regular reports of changed lives to the Territorial Mission and Resources team under the heading Freedom Stories. Pipeline will pass on a selection of stories each month.

Taree:

In Kids Church, I really felt led to give a gospel message and invite the kids to respond. Five children gave their lives to the Lord - four from one family. All five kids will be starting discipleship classes. We have enjoyed challenging and fruitful conversations with their parents. We believe for their parents' salvation in the near future. Praise God!

- Melanie-Anne Holland

Casino:

It was a real move of the Holy Spirit. The last few weeks, we have been feeling that something was about to happen. I spoke about how out of hurt you can see Christ's hope. Captain Grant did a great message on the living waters. Three quarters of the congregation came forward. It was a special morning and I believe the first great steps forward for Christ in Casino. - Marcus Young

Hannam Vale:

Three children made commitments following the Easter story at a combined Hannam Vale/Moorland KidZone meeting. The children will be starting discipleship classes. Also, our church has been praying for a few years for the salvation of the daughter and son-in-law of a lovely couple in our church. They had no interest in Christianity, had dabbled in witchcraft and would not allow any conversation about God or Jesus in their house. A few months ago, the son-in-law was involved in a car accident near his home in southern NSW. He called his father-in-law and asked about "this God stuff". Our team has been talking to the son-in-law via emails and phone calls. He made a trip to Hannam Vale and prayed the salvation prayer. His wife also prayed the prayer a few days later. They are continuing their discipleship via email and phone until they can find a church in their area. They are also doing daily devotions with their three young daughters.

- Hannam Vale team

Silverwater Correctional Service:

God is doing some amazing things here. On a recent Sunday, 12 inmates asked for prayer to receive Jesus into their lives. Sometimes it just blows me away. - Wayne Cook

Greater Liverpool:

At the age of 12, a country girl accepted Jesus into her life at the local Salvation Army Corps. Over the years, she stopped attending church. But, later in life, as the Lord stirred her heart, she began "church shopping". Now 51 and having resided in the local Liverpool area for many years, she felt the Holy Spirit's leading to Greater Liverpool Salvos. Eight weeks after first attending, she has become fully committed to the church and is about to commence soldiery classes. Her husband and four adult children have also attended. Her husband brought his 90-year-old parents. The Word was brought, a salvation call was made and both the precious 90-year-olds accepted Jesus to be their Lord as a salvation prayer was prayed. - Belinda Spicer

Colonels lead weekend of celebration and challenge

If we have a problem with our living for God or our giving to God or our forgiving [of others] then it will take away from our passion for God," was the challenging message that resounded throughout a packed worship auditorium on Palm Sunday at The Salvation Army Capricorn Region Corps. "It will become drudgery - it will be work and not passion. You'll be a different person on Sunday to the rest of the week."

The meeting was also Capricorn Region's Self Denial Appeal Altar Service. Speaking was Colonel Wayne Maxwell, Chief Secretary of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory, who was in the Central Queensland town of Rockhampton on an official corps visit with Colonel Robyn Maxwell, Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries.

In his Bible message, the Chief also reminded the crowd of the sacrifices made by Salvationists serving in Developing World nations. In one country, he said, every officer holds two appointments to try and meet the abundant needs facing the Army there. In another, goals are being far exceeded and the Army can hardly contain the numbers of both adults and children becoming senior and junior soldiers.

"They are passionate about their love for the Lord," said Colonel Maxwell. "... It's a passion that comes from God. It's the heart of God in us."

Following his message, people streamed forward to place their Self Denial Appeal gifts at a specially prepared altar. Many took the opportunity to kneel at the Mercy Seat to seek God and his passion for their lives. Following these moving scenes, Colonel Robyn Maxwell dedicated the gifts to God, praying they would be used to help alleviate poverty in the world and draw people close to the heart of God.

At the end of a meeting that was inspiring from start to finish, Lieutenant Tara McGuigan (Corps Officer) prayed for the Maxwells and thanked them for their ministry. The crowd then gave everything it had to sing its sending-out song, *I'll Go In The Strength Of The Lord*, helped by the Capricorn Region band and a worship ensemble.

Harmony Day celebrations

The previous day, the corps partnered with local cultural associations to celebrate Harmony Day 2012. About 400 people from many different cultural and national backgrounds attended



Major Peter McGuigan, Colonel Wayne Maxwell, Colonel Robyn Maxwell and Lieutenant Tara McGuigan with Katherine and Jenny Christopher who presented an Indian Dance at the Harmony Day concert at Capricorn Region Corps.

an outdoor concert and dinner held in the corps' grounds.

Major Peter McGuigan (Corps Officer), who had chaired the Harmony Day Organising Committee, welcomed the crowd and Local Indigenous Elder Isabel Cora brought a heartfelt Welcome to Country. "Everyone belongs," she said. "Everyone is welcome. Although many, we are one in this great land of Australia."

Spirits were high as singers and dancers brought songs and presentations from Liberia and Cameroon, Bangladesh and India, and The Philippines. The corps band supported throughout and the timbrels brought a special cultural presentation. Mayor Brad Carter and President of the Ethnic Community Council of Queensland Agnes Whiten spoke, and Colonel Wayne Maxwell brought a Harmony Day address.

During a 45-minute break in the concert, the crowd enjoyed a feast of international food. The event concluded with everyone joining to sing *Waltzing Matilda*.



African children dance (above) and a Liberian group (right) sings at the Harmony Day concert hosted by Capricorn Region Corps.

CUA and Salvos join forces in Rockhampton

More than 50 people have been recognised for their work in the Salvation Army Emergency Services (SAES) arm of the Capricorn Region Corps.

The Chief Secretary, Colonel Wayne Maxwell, presented certificates to many who had recently updated their training and to those who had undertaken training for the first time.

A highlight of the presentation was the unveiling of a new SAES four-wheel drive vehicle for the corps.

Corps officer Major Peter McGuigan explained that it was the result of a \$30,000 donation from Credit Union Australia (CUA). Local CUA Manager Julieann Wardrop explained that following the devastating floods in late 2010-early 2011, CUA had wanted to find a way to help Australia face disaster situations.

"I phoned Major McGuigan and then submitted the idea of a four-wheel drive vehicle for The Salvation Army in the Capricorn Region," she said. "We were ecstatic when, about six months later, the submission was approved."

Colonel Maxwell dedicated the vehicle to the work of God in the region.



Capricorn Region Corps' new SAES vehicle, made possible by a \$30,000 donation from Credit Union Australia.

Memorial for Montevideo Maru

On 1 July, 1942, Australia experienced its worst maritime disaster when more than 1000 prisoners of war and civilian internees died onboard the Montevideo Maru.

The unmarked Japanese prison ship was hit by a torpedo off the coast of the Philippines by an American submarine, which was unaware of the Montevideo Maru's human cargo.

Among the victims were Salvation Army bandsmen of the 2/22nd Battalion, predominantly from the Brunswick Citadel Band (Victoria), including renowned bandmaster Arthur Gullidge.

On 1 July 2012 it will be 70 years since the horrific incident. In remembrance, the Australian War Memorial in Canberra will be unveiling a monument on the weekend of 30 June-1 July. As a way of recognising The Salvation Army's loss in the disaster, the Melbourne Staff Band of the Army will be taking part in the events.

The band will be involved in an outreach in the centre of Canberra, a Rabaul and Montevideo Maru Society luncheon and a Saturday evening festival. It will also perform on Sunday 1 July at the Australian War Memorial for the commemorative ceremony, the recital in the Pools of Remembrance and an afternoon concert at the local Tuggeranong Corps.

For many years, there has been a memorial at Simpson Harbour in Rabaul, Papua New Guinea - the site of departure for the Montevideo Maru - and at Subic Bay in the Philippines.

The new memorial, titled, "Passage", was designed by noted Melbourne sculptor James Parrett and funded by the Rabaul and Montevideo Maru Society. It commemorates those Australians who died in the defence of Rabaul and those who later died as prisoners in the sinking of the Montevideo Maru.

For more information about the weekend events, go to the Tuggeranong Corps website: www.salvos.org.au/tuggeranong



The band of the 2/22 Battalion (above) which included members of the Brunswick Citadel Band; the ill-fated Montevideo Maru (above right).



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Commissioner Maxwell awarded CPA honour

By SIMONE WORTHING

Commissioner Earle Maxwell (Ret) has received the honour of being elevated to Fellow status of CPA Australia. The Commissioner will receive his official certificate at a special ceremony in September.

CPA Australia is one of the world's largest accounting bodies with a membership of more than 139,000 finance, accounting and business professionals across the globe. To become a Fellow of CPA Australia, nominees must be highly experienced in this field. They must also have at least 15 years full-time work in accounting, finance or business, including at least five years' experience in an executive position or as a public accountant.

Joycelyn Morton, life member of CPA Australia and past NSW and National President of the organisation, nominated Commissioner Maxwell for Fellow status.

"Given Earle's position, his years of distinguished service and the impact he has had on CPA Australia and its members, I felt it was appropriate for him to be a Fellow," Joycelyn explained.

"Earle also conducted the funeral for my father, Major Stan Morton, in 2007 and a number of CPAs who attended were very moved by the sensitive and caring way Earle conducted the funeral and what a wonderful man he was."

Commissioner Maxwell admits that, when it comes to education, he was a "late starter". He left school at 14 and worked for the Bank of Australasia (now ANZ) before God called him to Salvation Army officership in 1952.

"Several years later, while attending a conference in Sydney, my attention was quickened by an announcement from the Territorial Commander, Commissioner Frederick Coutts, that a cable had arrived from IHQ London [the Army's International Headquarters] asking urgently for a young officer couple for overseas service," Commissioner Maxwell explained.

"On inquiries I learned that the need was for a couple with qualifications, and whilst I was ready to go and my wife Wilma was a qualified nurse, I did not have the necessary educational requirements. This disappointment motivated me to ascertain if I was eligible to commence accountancy studies. A positive response meant six years of study by correspondence."

Commissioner Maxwell was then accepted as an Associate of the Australasian Society of Accountants and, after further years of study involving three nights a week at technical college, as an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries and Administrators (now Chartered Secretaries Australia).

During Commissioner Maxwell's service as The Salvation Army's Chief of the Staff (1993-1999), the President of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries and Administrators approached him and made him a Fellow of that organisation.

"Any study programmes I have undertaken have been motivated for the purpose of being better equipped to serve," said Commissioner Maxwell.

"Any educational achievements I have realised have been dedicated to God for his direction, and in so doing, some underserved yet wonderful opportunities for fulfilment have been mine both here and abroad."

Aged Care Plus raises funds for Auburn project in Africa

Sharon Callister, The Salvation Army's Aged Care Plus Chief Executive Officer, recently presented a cheque for \$40,000 to Captain Nesan Kistan, Auburn Corps Officer, to go towards a project to build a school in war-torn Sierra Leone.

The generous donation is the result of the organisation's 2011 Walkathon.

Every year the walkathon is held to raise awareness and funds for disadvantaged communities locally and internationally.

"The impact of the walkathon is very exciting," said Ms Callister. "Residents and staff in all our centres take part and members of the community support them by joining in and raising money."

"Thanks to the support of our sponsors and the Australian community we were able to raise far above our target. We are delighted to be part of the project in Sierra Leone."

The Auburn Corps, in western Sydney, is a multicultural congregation, with many members from Sierra Leone who have experienced first-hand the conflict, turmoil and poverty of life in the west African nation.

"Our community here is the driving force behind the project to build a school and other infrastructure in Jui, Sierra Leone," said Captain Kistan.

"We are so excited that now - with the help of the Aged Care Plus Walkathon - we can begin building the school to help educate children in Jui."

The 2011 walkathon would not have been possible without major sponsors Grindley Construction Pty Ltd, IT Harbour, Catering Industries and TLB Engineers.

Money raised from the event has also been used to give children affected by the devastating Queensland disasters in 2011 a week-long holiday on Sydney's northern beaches.



Aged Care Plus CEO Sharon Callister presents Auburn Corps Officer Captain Nesan Kistan with a cheque for \$40,000.

Retired General's brush with famous painter

By Captain MAL DAVIES

A new portrait of Retired General Eva Burrows, by renowned artist June Mendoza, was unveiled on 27 March during a ceremony at The Salvation Army's iconic 69 Bourke St property in Melbourne.

The retired General said she was honoured to have Ms Mendoza complete a second portrait of her. She added that it was fitting to have one portrait hanging in the United Kingdom, representing her years of service there, and now one in Australia, at 69 Bourke St, where she is an active member of Melbourne 614 Corps.

Ms Mendoza's first portrait of General Burrows was completed at the beginning of 1993 to mark her retirement as world leader of The Salvation Army. The two had met at a lunch at Buckingham Palace and have been firm friends since.

Australian-born Ms Mendoza is one of the world's leading portrait painters. She has completed portrait commissions for royalty, foreign dignitaries and arts, music and business figures.

Her works include five portraits of Queen Elizabeth II as well as portraits of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, Diana, Princess of Wales, Earl Mountbatten of Burma and Baroness Margaret Thatcher.

While conducting the unveiling ceremony the Army's Australia Southern Territorial Commander, Commissioner Raymond Finger, especially thanked the anonymous donor who sponsored the portrait and was present at the unveiling. He reminded the guests that General Burrows was the 13th international leader of the Army and held office from 1986-93, becoming popularly and affectionately known as "the people's General".



The new portrait of General Burrows, painted by good friend and renowned artist June Mendoza.

Encouraging start for Indigenous house program

After launching the Indigenous Community House program in January this year, Adrian Kistan, The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territorial Indigenous Ministry Coordinator, said the past few months had been quite successful.

The program supports three Indigenous students from Moree as they complete their high school studies at Northern Beaches Christian School.

After finishing her first term in Year 8 at the school, Ida-Rose achieved an 87 per cent average in both her science and geography assessments. She was also picked to represent the school in netball.

Similarly, Buddy, who commenced Year 11 at the beginning of 2012, received the top mark of 75 per cent in business studies and an overall above-average mark. He has been asked to be part of the student leadership group and has also initiated a

conversation with the principal about coordinating NAIDOC week activities at the school.

Kyle also achieved an overall grade assessment of above-average and also excellent results in two sports subjects, PDHD and SLR. He has been selected to represent the school in touch, rugby union and he also recently played in the national under 20s touch tournament in Port Macquarie.

The Indigenous Community House also supports Jess, who has been engaging in youth work and has commenced her Certificate Four in youth work with The Salvation Army Edify program.

"While I am pleased to report these outstanding results, I am mostly excited to announce that Buddy recently recommitted his life to Jesus and Kyle also invited Jesus into his life for the first time," Adrian said.

Session unites for golden anniversary

Sixteen members of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory's 1961-62 *Soldiers of Christ* session of cadets met for an informal weekend of thanksgiving and reminiscing at the Canaan School for Training and Development in mid-April.

"Some of us hadn't seen each other for 50 years, so it was quite amazing," said Major Elaine Spence who organised the event.

"Everyone was just so thankful for the opportunity to meet, share our life's journey, family stories and just catch up.

"There were some remarkable stories of God's grace and protection over the years, showing the many ways God uses and equips those he calls. It was just beautiful to hear."

Major Hilton Harmer, who also serves as a Chaplain with the Sydney Airport Chaplaincy, led the Sunday morning thanksgiving service.

Sessional members, with their husbands and wives, came from all over the territory to attend the reunion.



The 1961-62 *Soldiers of Christ* session proudly display their sessional flag at the reunion in April.

Cafe church captures the right recipe

Good food, fellowship, worship and teaching are the key ingredients to the growth of Cafe Church at The Salvation Army's Redcliffe Corps.

"We are serving cafe-quality food, offering solid teaching, heartfelt worship and such a warm atmosphere that our



Cafe church has proved popular at Redcliffe Corps.

numbers are increasing," said Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Hood (Ret) who runs cafe church with his wife, Lieut-Colonel Elaine Hood (Ret), and a team of volunteers.

"The great thing is that those who come are not all regular Sunday attendees. We have a retired couple who have attended the Friendship Club but were invited to cafe church by Salvationist neighbours, people who haven't attended for a long time and others."

The first cafe church, held last year as an experiment, attracted 35 people.

"I took this as an encouragement as attendance at regular Sunday meetings had dropped," said Lieut-Colonel Hood.

New corps officers, Captains Ed and Yvonne Henderson, decided to continue cafe church in 2012. In February, 72 people came and by May, the numbers were over 90. Attendance at regular Sunday night meetings is usually 25-30.

Cafe church takes place on the first Sunday evening each month for around two hours. A light meal is served in two parts, there are two 20-minute teaching segments, worship, and wrap-up. Costs are covered by donations.

"Cafe church is opening up new channels for people on the fringes to come to church," Captain Ed Henderson. "It's also opened up an avenue for people within the corps to be involved.

"People can come to the Army in a non-threatening way and develop relationships within the corps family. It's set up for saved and non-saved and we have a great mix of both."

High tea with Silver Star seal of approval

By Major CAROLYN HARMER

When about 40 men and women from The Salvation Army Sydney East and Illawarra Division gathered last month at Sydney Congress Hall, they were treated to a special afternoon of sophistication at their annual high tea.

Hosted by the Divisional Silver Star Secretary, Major Gweneth Woodbury, the Fellowship of the Silver Star recognised these dedicated men and women for supporting their Salvation Army officer sons and daughters.

As guests enjoyed a variety of savoury finger foods and assorted ribbon sandwiches, the Silver Star parents were asked to share where their family members were appointed and what they were doing. The parents represented their officer children scattered throughout both The Salvation Army's Australia Eastern and Southern territories, as well as some who are serving internationally.

In between musical items brought by Marion Wallace of Hurstville Corps, the Vice Principal of Booth College, Major Donna Evans, shared as the guest speaker. Anticipating the day when she will receive her own Silver Star (her son will be ordained and commissioned as an officer in December this year) Major Evans shared a recent story of transformation that had an impact on her. While travelling in the United States, she visited a community renowned for its high incidence of criminal activity including violence, drug trafficking and the trade of firearms. Through the determination of a dedicated Salvationist living in the area, the worst houses in the most dangerous part of this community have been transformed into a safe, desirable place to live. The Salvationist responsible for coordinating this transformation had actually grown up in that same community,



Commissioners Earle and Wilma Maxwell (Ret), who have four children serving as Salvation Army officers, at the afternoon tea.

having himself been transformed from a life of drug addiction.

Major Evans reminded the afternoon tea guests that their officer children were also involved in the work of transformation, giving them every reason to feel proud. Prayers were then offered for both officers and their parents.

Grafton installs new corps sergeant-major

Grafton Corps has commissioned Darryll Smidt as the new Corps Sergeant-Major.

Darryll has spent most of his life at Grafton, with his father, Merv Smidt, being a previous CSM a number of years ago. Merv proudly held the flag as his son was commissioned by Captain Keith Atkinson.

Darryll, with his wife Kristy and their three young sons, play an important role in the corps family in Grafton.



Grafton Corps Officer Captain Keith Atkinson commissions Darryll Smidt as the new Corps Sergeant-Major.

SAGALA achievements

Divisional Envoys Lucas and Angela Cairns recently presented three young people with their SAGALA Awards at Taree Corps.

Caitlin Lannoy received her SAGALA Commissioner's Sunbeam Challenge Award, Kiah Griffiths was presented with her Junior Soldier Bronze Award and Nina Tisdell received her Junior Soldier Crest Award.

While Nina has received all her junior soldier awards, she still continues to help the five to seven-year-old junior soldiers with their reading and Bible search skills.



Pictured (left to right) are Envoy Angela Cairns, Caitlin Lannoy, Envoy Lucas Cairns, Kiah Griffiths, Nina Tisdell, and Taree Corps Officers Captains Melanie and Roscoe Holland.

Hope finds a home for Gunnedah's needy

By ESTHER PINN

The Salvation Army's Gunnedah Hope House, a facility that offers community members somewhere to turn in times of need, was officially launched on 28 April.

Offering a number of services including programs for newborns and mothers, carers, schoolchildren and anyone who needs help, Hope House Coordinator, Major Joy Wilson, believes the facility will have a positive impact on the Gunnedah community.

"It will benefit those participating in programs that will assist their everyday life," she said.

"Hope House is in an area of deep need and simply building relationships with people is the beginning.

"When they accept to participate in some of the programs they already have established trust and confidence. Hope House is where the Army was raised to be."

North NSW divisional leaders, Majors

Phil and Nancy McLaren, attended the launch, at which Major Wilson thanked Homes North Community which has offered the Hope House property to the Army for just \$1 a year rent.

Among the guests were representatives from all the companies who sponsored Hope Houses including Melanie Layton from Shenhua Watermark Coal which gave the Army a significant grant; Tim Mildoon on behalf of Whitehaven Coal Mining company which donated Hope House's playground equipment; Zonta Club of Gunnedah which donated crockery and cutlery; Jim and Gloria Coombs from Active Minds who gave a barbecue and microwave; President Rodger Lucas from the Rotary club of Gunnedah which laid the grass and donated two tables; Santos which contributed the children's indoor equipment; and Jac's Auto Electrics which provided a sausage sizzle at the Hope House launch and featured a old Chevy which in 1949 was owned by The Salvation Army in Gunnedah.



(From left to right) Major Phil McLaren, Melanie Layton, Marie McKenzie, Major Joy Wilson and Mayor Adam Marshall officially open Hope House. Photo supplied by the Namoi Valley Independent.



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ENROLMENTS

Hurstville Corps

Hurstville Corps Officer Major Trevor Nicol enrolled James Callaghan and Bree Malkki (pictured) as senior soldiers on Sunday, 29 April. James and Bree, with support from family and friends, signed their Soldier's Covenants at the Mercy Seat and shared their testimonies of the saving grace of Christ and the impact their families have had upon their lives.



Stafford Corps



Corps Officer Captain Deon Oliver enrolled five new junior soldiers at Stafford Corps on Sunday, 29 April. Captain Oliver enrolled each child separately, giving each a verse of Scripture chosen especially for them. "We praise God for the lives of these young people," said Captain Oliver. "May they always know his presence in their lives." Pictured are the newly enrolled junior soldiers, with Colonels Wayne (back row, left) and Robyn Maxwell (back row, right), Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, and Corps Officers, Captains Deon and Michelle Oliver (back row, middle).

(Front row, left to right) are Randy Tang, Montana Holley, Sarah Liew, Thomas Ralston and Liam Oliver.



Maroochydore Corps

Maroochydore Corps family celebrated and gave thanks to God as Bridget MacDougal and Thomas Starr (pictured holding their Junior Soldier Promise) were enrolled as junior soldiers. They were supported by their prayer pals and fellow junior soldiers Amber MacDougal, Kharn Tonzing, Thomas Barkmeyer, Ella Angell, Colour Sergeant Mary Murray, and Junior Soldier Sergeant Glenys Bennett, who was also commissioned in her new role by Corps Officer Lieutenant Ashley Barkmeyer on the day.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Army opens fire in Greenland

Congress celebrations in Denmark last month included the historic appointment by General Linda Bond of officers to begin The Salvation Army's work in Greenland.

Lieutenants Magnus and Petura Haraldsen - who had been in training in Norway - were commissioned as Salvation Army officers (pictured with their sons Daniel and Adrias) before being presented with the Greenland flag.

The General told the lieutenants: "The next flag you receive will be The Salvation Army flag."

The family will move to Greenland in time to begin work there on 1 August.

Also commissioned was Lieutenant Maria Larsen, who had been trained in London. In taking up her appointment as corps officer in Nyborg she became the youngest officer in the Denmark Territory - representing the growing influence of young people, as reflected in the congress and also in the territory's recent past. The General encouraged the congregation to recognise the great work God is doing in Denmark and described the young people as a "revival generation".

Her words were given greater meaning during the last



meeting of the congress when she challenged the young people present who were willing to serve God unconditionally to move to the platform - and a large crowd responded.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

General encourages Salvationists in Moldova and Estonia

By Captain SOPHIA SIDOROVA and Lieut-Colonel AINO MUIKKU

From muddy village roads to Spirit-filled meetings, General Linda Bond experienced the breadth of Salvation Army ministry during her visit to Moldova.

Meetings took as their theme the International Vision - One Army, One Mission, One Message - and Moldovan Salvationists grasped the opportunity to celebrate being part of the global Salvation Army.

On the Saturday morning of her visit, the General - accompanied by Colonels Kenneth and Paula Johnson (territorial leaders, Eastern Europe Territory) - visited the village of Cucuruzeni, that day's location for The Salvation Army's mobile medical clinic which has operated in Moldova for 13 years. The project provides free medical care to residents of remote villages. The General was met by the village's mayor, Petru Cocerva, and Dr Nikolai Caraman, who works in the mobile clinic.

Prior to a tour of the clinic, the General gave a Bible message to 200 patients. She reminded them that God works through the hands of earthly physicians. Mayor Cocerva thanked the General for the outstanding work of the Army in Moldovan villages and then escorted her, across a muddy road, to the homes of two needy families.

Twelve senior soldiers and 25 junior soldiers were enrolled by the General during the soldier's rally in the afternoon, which began with a traditional Moldovan welcome of bread and salt. She described soldiery as "radical discipleship" and told the new senior soldiers that it will cost them a lot - all their time and each of their tomorrows - to be radical disciples.

The Sunday morning holiness meeting included a powerful call from the General for people to lead holy lives. She challenged her listeners to have a personal relationship with the Lord, to be eager to be holy, to believe it's possible to be holy and to be ready to dedicate their lives totally to the Lord. It was a time of worship and dedication, with 20 seekers kneeling at the mercy seat.



The General in Cucuruzeni, Moldova, with Mayor Petru Cocerva (right) and villagers in front of Colonels Kenneth and Paula Johnson (territorial leaders, Eastern Europe Territory).

On the Sunday evening, the General participated in a question-and-answer session at a young adult fellowship. She shared from her heart, talking about key issues of Salvation Army doctrine and policies.

Prior to travelling to Moldova, the General visited Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, spending a day with delegates to the Nordic Leadership Development Institute.

The institute gave a week's training to Salvation Army officers from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Estonia, Latvia and Romania. The General spoke to delegates about leadership and Salvation Army standpoints on many important topics.

In the evening, a public meeting was held in Tallinn United Methodist Church which attracted Salvationists from all of the Estonia Region's corps.

The meeting was led by Commissioners Dick and Vibeke Krommenhoek (territorial leaders, Finland and Estonia Territory) and Chief Secretary Lieut-Colonel Arja Laukkanen.

Olav Parnamets, Senior Pastor of the Tallinn United Methodist Church, gave the opening prayer. He mentioned that 78 years ago an Estonian Salvation Army soldier had led his mother to faith and to church fellowship. Today Pastor Parnamets still praises God for this event.

In her Bible message the General challenged Salvationists - and all Christians - to follow Jesus and do his will in their lives.

At the end of her message she invited people to the mercy seat. Dozens of people knelt at the altar in front of it, showing a willingness to serve God.



The General (front row, left of centre) with delegates to the Nordic Leadership Development Institute in Tallinn, Estonia.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

In tune with God



William Frederick Gott was promoted to glory on 19 February, aged 91.

A thanksgiving service was held at the Parramatta Citadel and led by Major

Edwin Cox (former corps officer). More than 80 current and former bandmen assembled to play and contribute to the service. Warren Freeman gave a tribute representing many bandmen who had been touched by Fred's life and example.

Tributes were also given by his three children - Barrie Gott, Janet Muir and Susan Bailey. A compilation tribute by the grandchildren was given by Duncan Muir, Karen Bailey and Stewart Gott. Lieutenant Peter Gott (grandson) was involved in the committal service led by Major Cox.

Although he was named William Frederick, a family tradition, he was known to all as Fred.

Fred was born in Sheffield, Yorkshire, to William Frederick and Florence Gott on 5 March 1921. He attended the Sheffield Citadel Corps where he was involved in the young people's sections. He learned to play the trombone and later played euphonium in the corps band.

His mentor and chief encourager was Bandmaster Herbert Mountain, who took a keen interest in Fred's musical and spiritual development. At the age of 19, Bandmaster Mountain appointed Fred as his deputy of the Sheffield Citadel Band.

Fred saw service with the RAF in World War II as an aircraft fitter. He was involved firstly in Singapore and made a hasty departure with his squadron prior to Japanese invasion and saw the next four years serving in India. During this time he found and maintained many Salvationist friends.

Following his return from the war he met Jean Blackman who had been taken into care by Fred's parents. They fell in love and were married in January 1947.

Fred and Jean had three children - Barrie and Janet, who were born in Sheffield, and Susan, born in Sydney.

The Salvation Army corps at Petersham had been searching for a bandmaster and Fred applied for the position. Fred was accepted and in 1951 the family arrived in Sydney to take up the position at Petersham. Fred remained bandmaster at Petersham for 25 years and his relationships with "his" bandmen are legendary as he was not only interested in their musical development, but also their spiritual welfare.

Fred also commenced the songster

brigade at Petersham, and subsequently handed over the leadership to Vern Whittaker.

Following his retirement from Petersham, Fred fulfilled temporary bandmaster roles at Auburn, North Sydney, Hurstville and Parramatta. He was appointed the Divisional Music Director of the then Sydney West Division and, at the request of the then Chief Secretary, Commissioner John Clinch, his greatest joy and achievement was the establishment of the Sydney Veterans Band.

Fred arranged and wrote many scores for the Veterans Band to use in ministry at various venues. He retired from the leadership of the Vets Band with a total of 59 years in ministry as a Salvation Army bandmaster.

His life brought blessing to many people and even though in later years his health deteriorated, and Jean was promoted to glory, his spirit remained strong and he was adamant that he attend the Sunday morning service at Parramatta each week.

Fred was a strong family man and very proud of his children, their achievements and development of their spiritual gifts in service to the Lord. This encouragement he carried through to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is now at peace with the Lord.

Faithful servant



Gordon John Pack was promoted to glory on 25 February, aged 76.

Family and friends gathered at Mackay Family Crematorium, Ourimbah, where Captain Laithe Greenaway

(Tuggerah Lakes Corps Officer) led the committal service. The service was a God-honouring time where many of Gordon's favourite songs were sung to the accompaniment of grandson Matthew Pethybridge on the piano. During this time friend Warren Freeman prayed and daughter-in-law Captain Lenore Pack read from the Scriptures. Gordon had left a beautiful message outlining his love for God and his wife, Colleen, which was read by son-in-law Philip Eades. Colleen also shared and thanked everyone for the love and support she had received during Gordon's illness. A recording of *In The Secret Of Thy Presence* was played as a time of reflection was held.

Afterwards, the Tuggerah Lakes citadel was filled to capacity for a service, led Captain Greg Pack (son) and Major

Kelvin Pethybridge (son-in-law). The time of celebration and thanksgiving included music and tributes. Gordon's youngest daughter, Roslyn Eades, read from Revelation 21.

Again the songs were all favourites of Gordon. The band played Len Baxter's arrangement of *Beautiful Isle of Somewhere* (Gordon had been influenced greatly by Bandmaster Baxter when a youngster at Brisbane City Temple), and Matthew Pethybridge played *At Peace With My God*, on the piano, whilst a collage of family photos that included Gordon was shown.

Stories about Gordon were shared by Major Cheralynne Pethybridge (daughter), Ashleigh Pethybridge (granddaughter) and Gaye Wagner (niece). Tributes were shared by his lifelong mates, Ken Palmer and Major Raymond Pethybridge.

In his message, Major Kelvin Pethybridge talked about Gordon's love for God and challenged the congregation regarding their relationship with God.

Gordon was born to Norman and Ethel Pack at Dulwich Hill, where his parents were the corps officers, on 1 April 1935. At that stage he was the third child of what was to become five - Norman, Gwen, Clive and Joan.

In 1949, Gordon commenced work with the clothing retailer Thomas Brown & Sons of Brisbane. In 1953, he began National Service and was based at Puckapunyal. It was during this term he served in the Southern Command Military Band.

Gordon served as a senior bandsman of The Salvation Army for 61 years. For the last 18 years he enjoyed being part of the Veterans Band.

Gordon also loved to sing and was often called upon to bring vocal solos. He used his musical ability to commence the songster brigade at Goulburn Corps in 1953, and later was the songster leader at Port Kembla Corps for 11 years. He also led the Sydney Festival Male Choir for two years in the mid-1990s.

In 1956, Gordon entered The Salvation Army Training College as a member of the *Swordbearers* session.

Even after he and Colleen had concluded their officership they continued to be faithful local officers in the corps where they soldiered.

Gordon married Colleen Moore on 3 January 1959 in the Wollongong Citadel. They have been blessed with three children, 13 grandchildren and, two years ago, a great-granddaughter, Riley.

Gordon will be missed by all who knew and loved him, but there is great joy in that he is now in the presence of his Lord and Saviour.

about people

Appointments

Effective Immediately: Envoy Ronda McIntyre, Territorial Community Services/Doorways Coordinator, Australia Eastern Territory.

Bereaved

Cadet Steve **Spencer** of his mother Mary **Spencer** on 26 April; Major Fran **Flemming** of her mother and Captain Karen **Flemming** and Envoy Angela **Cairns** of their grandmother Rita **Copp** on 25 April; Major Heather **McKeown** of her sister Shirley Ford on 23 April.

Marriage

Lieutenants Philip and Rachael **Farthing** on 24 March.

Promoted to glory

Lieut-Colonel Peggy **Stephens** on 17 April.

SAGALA Awards

The following people have received the General's Award: Nicole **Shillam**; Alyssa **Dicinoski**, both Capricorn Region Corps. The following people have received the Commissioner's Challenge Award: Bianca **Drury**; William **Robinson**, both Campsie Corps; Laura **Jelovic**, Corey **Hodson**, both Springwood Corps; Petria **Nagle**, Tuggeranong Corps.

time to pray

27 May - 2 June

Commissioner Andrew Kali, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands Territory; Umina Beach Corps, Coffs Harbour Corps, Broken Hill Social Programs, all NSW; Territorial Mission and Resource Team - Systems, THQ; Lake Cargellico Rural Mission, NSW; Pentecost (27); Central and North Queensland Division Men Officers' Retreat (28-30); World Wide Prayer Meeting (31); Newcastle and Central NSW Division Local Officers Boot Camp (1-2); ACT and South NSW Division Kid's Camp (1-3); South Queensland Division Kid's Camp (1-3).

3-9 June

South Queensland Division Chaplaincy Service, Indigenous Ministries Divisional Headquarters Outpost, Inner City West Mission, all Qld; Belmore Corps, Greater Liverpool Corps, all NSW; Territorial Moral and Social Issues Council (MASIC), THQ; World Wide Prayer Meeting (7); Central and North Qld Division Youth Councils (8-11).

10-16 June

The Cairns Aged Care Centre, Warwick Corps, both Qld; Belconnen Corps, ACT; MacLean Corps, Montrose Residential Aged Care, Shekinah - Campbelltown, all NSW; Officers Kids Retreat (10-11); Central and North Qld Division Youth Councils (10-11); World Wide Prayer Meeting (14); Central and North Queensland Divisional Review (14-15); Children and Families Matter Conference (15-17).

17-23 June

Dubbo Corps, Thornton Corps, Cooma Corps, all NSW; Samaritan House Mackay, Central and North Queensland Division Chaplains, both Qld; The Salvation Army Employment Plus, Australia; Single Mothers' Camp, Collaroy (18-22); Newcastle and Central NSW Division Fellowship (18-22); World Wide Prayer Meeting (21); Candidates Board (21); Sydney East and Illawarra Division Youth Councils (23-24).

24-30 June

Katharine Dale, Ghana Territory; Leeton Corps, Byron Bay Streetlevel Mission, Tamworth Corps, all NSW; School for Leadership Training, THQ; Boonah Corps, Qld; Candidates Sunday (24); Certificate in Spiritual Formation Intensive, Stanmore (25-29); The Greater West Division Women Officers Retreat (25-27); The Greater West Divisional Review (28-29); Postvention Conference (29 June-1 July).

1-7 July

Women's Ministries, THQ; Yeppoon Mission, Wynnum/Capabala Community Welfare Centre, God's Sports Arena, all Qld; Glebe Corps, Faith Cottage, both NSW; QPAS (1-7); ACT and South NSW Snow Mission (2-21); World Wide Prayer Meeting (5).

engagement calendar

Commissioners James (Territorial Commander) and Jan Condon

Kingsgrove: Fri 1 June - Sydney East and Illawarra Division Review
#Canberra: Tue 5-Wed 6 June - Conference - Building Partnerships between government and not-for-profits
Collaroy: Wed 6 June - 12-15 Year Officer's Review
Bexley North: Thu 7 June - School For Officer Training Retreat Day
Yeppoon: Sat 9-Mon 11 June - Central and North Queensland Youth Councils
Campsie: Sat 23 June - Corps Anniversary Dinner
Wollongong: Sun 24 June - Sydney East and Illawarra Youth Councils
Auburn: Thu 28-Fri 29 June - Greater West Division Review

*Commissioner Jan Condon only
#Commissioner James Condon only

Colonels Wayne (Chief Secretary) and Robyn Maxwell

Rockhampton: Thu 14-Fri 15 June - Central and North Queensland Divisional Review
Canberra: Sat 30 June-Sun 1 July - Memorial Service and Dedication of Montevideo Maru Memorial

Colonel Robyn Maxwell only
* Colonel Wayne Maxwell only

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