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Going where others fear to tread

In explaining why The Salvation Army engages in the spiritual and humanitarian ministries that it does, we often reassert the words of 2 Corinthians 5:14, where it says, "For the love of Christ compels us..." (*New King James Version*)

There is no doubt that in the 147 years that The Salvation Army has been ministering as a global expression of Christian love in action, we have indeed followed the compulsion of the Holy Spirit to go where others fear to tread and minister to those who have been discarded by societies globally.

We can look back over our rich history and see so many examples of Salvationists meeting the needs of the poor and preaching the gospel of full salvation in every corner of the world.

The spirit that compelled our founder, William Booth, to exclaim to his son, Bramwell, that "we must do something, go and do something" when confronted with countless men sleeping rough in England, is the same spirit that influences the work of the Army around the world today.

The technology of today allows us to be more informed about the humanitarian needs of people wherever they live, yet many still are unmoved by the human tragedy around us. Not so for our Army! We stand ready to step into the gap and provide what we can for those in need.

Standing in the gap

In recent weeks, The Salvation Army in the Australian Eastern Territory has forged ahead and moved into areas of ministry that others have been reluctant to venture into.

I'm reminded of the words of Isaiah when God asked, "Who will go for me?" Isaiah eagerly responded with, "Here I am, Lord, send me" (Isaiah 6:8). It's a hallmark of our organisation that when we are faced with human need and tragedy, we respond with a similar enthusiasm to that of Isaiah and step forward for service.

We are living in challenging times and the need has never been greater for Salvationists to answer the call for service and the challenge to stand in the gap and go where others fear to tread.

In this issue of *Pipeline*, you will find stories that will inspire you, that will move you and that will challenge you to follow the example of Isaiah, to follow the example of our founder, and say in concert with the apostle Paul, "I'll go". Why? Because the love of Christ compels us!

Major Bruce Harmer,
Territorial Communications and
Public Relations Secretary

your
say...

Gifts that can't be returned

Irrevocable. It's one of those words that usually conjures up a finality in the subject upon which you're thinking. Somewhere here is a point of no return. The Australian Oxford Dictionary defines it as "unalterable" or "gone beyond recall".

I am always astounded, and happily so, that as I read the Bible something new leaps out from a passage I may have read countless times before.

So when I came across this word in Paul's letter to the Romans, I had to read the verse again to see what was unalterable or beyond recall.

Here in this portion of the letter Paul is countering the idea that in allowing Gentiles access to the gospel God is bypassing the Jews. Never will this be, says Paul, and then verse 29, Chapter 11, Paul reaffirms this by writing "for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable" (NASB).

Wow! That stopped me. I do not recall this truth hitting me or standing out so markedly as when I read it recently. And when I started to think it through, it was hard to know where to stop.

God's goodness through His gifts to me and His call upon my life are not going to be withdrawn!

God's promise

The gifts of God to me started with life itself, progressing to the promise of eternal life, with a million other wonderful things thrown in along the way for good measure. And they are unalterable, irrevocable, through the grace of God they are beyond recall.

So the promise is that He will not recant on them. The gift of His Son; salvation through His Son on the cross; His victory over death through a resurrected Son; the Holy Spirit's presence; His calling me to join with Him if I in faith believe; His promise to stay with me in this life.

None of these will be ever withdrawn by God.

And what about the gifts of family, friends, food, clothing, shelter, sunshine and rain, practical blessings beyond measure I enjoy every day. Again, wow!

Regrettably in our human frailty we can look at life and reject all of this, pretending we have done it all on our own.

We may ask, what gifts? We take it all for granted and stop counting our blessings or recognising the Source. The good news is that despite our forgetfulness, His gifts he will not take back nor withhold from us.

We may even think at times we are missing out, but God knows what we need and His promise is to supply according to his riches, which are unfathomable. We will not be deprived.

God's call on our lives will not be subject to recall either. We may try all sorts of excuses as to why we shouldn't respond positively but God will not change His mind nor withdraw the call. It is irrevocable!

Abraham had doubts about the Promise, Moses tried diversionary tactics, and so did many other Bible characters so there is nothing new about the idea we all have had at times of saying "that's not for me!"

We may defer, but God's call has been made and it will not be reversed. Put your response off today but the call will be still there tomorrow.

We say "thanks" to God for His gifts, but we also say "thanks" when someone opens a door for us.

Hardly a comparison. The least we can do is to express our thanks by heeding His call and making full use of His presence with us every day.

The promises of God are sure. Let's revel in His grace and mercy knowing it will never be withheld.

**Gordon Burtenshaw,
Wollongong**

Commissioner James Condon wants to hear your story.

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

If you are a first-generation

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

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

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

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

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Be on guard for spiritual pitfalls

Life's journey can take many dangerous roads but **Commissioner JAMES CONDON** says we can set up spiritual guardrails to protect ourselves from falling into sin

I have driven over some very treacherous and unsafe roads in my lifetime. I recall even many roads that did not have guardrails in place on dangerous bends or deep ravines on the side of the road.

I am never sure how secure the guardrail is but it is a comfort to see them in place. They are not the most attractive things and if you were driving and lost control of your vehicle they would make quite a good mess of it if you veered into it. But they are placed there for a purpose.

Guardrails serve a useful purpose – to protect us from danger and in the same way life needs some guardrails in place.

If we are getting out of control in some area of life – for example, overspending, finding ourselves attracted to a co-worker when we are already married, watching harmful things on television or the internet – then we need to set up a guardrail to protect us from

danger before we succumb to it. Unfortunately, so often we go ahead without any boundaries set and we are running headlong into trouble. The wise person erects the guardrails and seeks the help of God to protect them when facing danger.

Proverbs 27, verse 12, says, "The prudent see danger and take refuge. But the simple keep going and suffer for it."

Anglican minister Dominic Steele, who co-founded Christians in the Media, shared at a recent conference that there is a tidal wave of godlessness sweeping through society.

We need to stem the tide by living godly lives; showing what a difference Jesus makes in our lives rather than letting our guard down and then regretting it.

There are many dangerous places in life and I encourage you to build a guardrail at the place where you feel weakest to prevent you from falling and incurring

unnecessary suffering from shame and guilt.

American pastor and respected author Andy Stanley said, "Remember, many of our greatest regrets in life could probably have been avoided if we had put guardrails in place."

Remember the words of the proverb – "the prudent see danger and take refuge". God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in time of trouble.

God help us.



Commissioner James Condon is Territorial Commander of the Australia Eastern Territory

Beware dangers of living in Salvoworld

Captain MAL DAVIES discovered he could only engage with the world and shine God's light once he broke free of The Salvation Army's cocoon of comfort

When I was a child and teen – a fifth-generation Salvationist in a good Army family – I attended Junior Soldiers before graduating to Corps Cadets and senior soldiership. I played an instrument in the junior band then the senior corps band. I sang in the junior singers and then the songsters. I attended youth group and played indoor volleyball in winter and cricket in summer, both for corps teams.

On Sundays I attended knee-drill, an open-air meeting, the holiness meeting, the occasional PSA (pleasant Sunday afternoon) program, the salvation meeting and a “youth crush” afterwards with supper. During the Christmas season the band would go carolling on Sunday afternoons, as well as several times through the week.

My family went to the corps; my friends went to the corps; my girlfriends went to the corps or a neighbouring one if it was a girl I'd met at a divisional event. Speaking of which, I went to divisional meetings, divisional youth rallies, divisional camps, Congress meetings and Commissioning meetings.

Being a keen reader, I looked forward each Sunday to getting the latest issue of

The Young Soldier and then, as I moved through my teens, I began reading *The War Cry*. I enjoyed being a “Salvo”, as members of The Salvation Army have long been referred to in Australia.

In fact, you could argue that I lived in “Salvoworld”. My life was consumed by The Salvation Army. In a typical week, I could be at the citadel or doing Army activities on five or even six days, and this was while attending school and, then, university and – theoretically – living a life “outside” of my Salvationist responsibilities and obligations.

This was what my life looked like in the 1970s and '80s. Then, through the 1990s, I moved out of Salvoworld.

I – perish the thought – began to have interests that weren't Army. I even made some friends who weren't – dare I say it? – Salvationists. I started to show increasing interest in worldly pursuits such as reading newspapers, watching television, going to movies, attending sporting events and even dining out. I confess that on these occasions when I went out publicly, I didn't wear uniform.

Comfortable cocoon

The move out of Salvoworld didn't mean I didn't love God, nor did it mean I

didn't love The Salvation Army. In truth, I worked for the Army for 15 years as a youth worker and employment counsellor before going to college and becoming an officer. It simply meant that I engaged with the world around me rather than existing either physically or mentally only in “the citadel”.

I did not conform to the pattern of the world and was, indeed, transformed by the renewing of my mind in Christ (Romans 12:2), but I felt that to test and approve what God's will is, I couldn't live in the safe and comfortable cocoon of Salvoworld, I had to live in the world and allow my faith to be tested.

I didn't love the world (1 John 2:15); I loved God. And as the Incarnation saw Jesus live in the world, so did I – as a follower of Christ – choose to live in the world. After all, Jesus said (in John 17) that he didn't want God to take Christians out of the world but that He would protect us from Satan while we lived in the world.

In fact, I couldn't insist on continuing to live in Salvoworld even if I wanted, because Jesus has sent me into the world (John 17:18). To live in Salvoworld is not productive for His Kingdom. My mission is not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance (Luke 5:32) and even Jesus said it wasn't the healthy who needed a doctor but the sick (Mark 2:17). In *Servants Together* (IHQ, 2002, revised 2008) we can read: “Even though the [Church] fellowship belongs to the Kingdom of God, it is lived out in this world.”

The text of chapter two, “Community”, continues: “A true Christian community is incarnational. As God brought salvation to the human race by becoming incarnate

(‘enfleshed’) in Jesus of Nazareth, a member of first-century Palestinian Jewish culture, so his community, the Church, continues his saving mission by entering specific cultures and taking on the ‘flesh’ of those cultures. Nineteenth-century British Salvationists effectively reached tens of thousands of working-class people *because they adopted the language, styles and concerns of that culture* [italics mine] and paid the price of this incarnational movement. (p.13).”

So as a young adult, I decided to move out of Salvoworld (with its distinct culture) and live in the world. This didn't mean I stopped attending and supporting my corps or stopped wearing uniform or fell “out of love” with the Army, it simply meant that I lived my Salvationism in such a way that I could relate much better to the world and to those I was trying to reach with the gospel.

Instead of living in an Army culture and club that were stuck in the 1960s, I engaged with the culture of the day and looked for opportunities to relate that culture to Christ for those I witnessed to.

Rather than telling a youth I was working with that he should listen to Staff Band records, I listened to his music and spoke to him about some biblical themes in the lyrics.

Instead of insisting my neighbour come to church and nagging him until he did, I talked to him over the back fence about my beliefs and why the Army did what it did to serve and support people.

In lieu of making some non-Christian work colleagues feel awkward by offering them a Bible to read, I first gave them Christian rock music CDs to listen to.

Yes – I entered into relationships with

non-Salvos and with non-Church culture. My faith was tested and challenged and questioned and grew strong, and I made regular trips into Salvoworld rather than living there.

Step out in faith

In *Called to be God's People* by (then) Lieutenant Colonel Robert Street, he writes, in the chapter “Call to our life in the world”: “The parable of the Good Samaritan reminds us how easy it is for religious people to be so committed to their standards, practices and work schedules that they fail to make an impact in the real world – where their faith and services are most needed. Keeping up appearances, being seen to be doing the right thing at the right time and in the right way can stand in the way of doing what God actually requires. (IHQ, 1999, p.55).”

I love The Salvation Army, but I love God more, and God lives in the world and not only in an Army citadel. To do His work in the world, there are times when I have to step out in faith, leave my Salvoworld comfort zone and enter the world to “be” Jesus to someone not already wearing a navy uniform.

If Jesus were physically here today, would he just hang around church and befriend Christians, or would he engage with the world and seek to be relevant to those who need him?



Captain Mal Davies is The Salvation Army's National Editor-in-Chief in Australia

ARMY CALLED TO ASYLUM SEEKER FRONT LINE

LAUREN MARTIN reports on The Salvation Army's new role at the offshore asylum processing centre on Nauru

The Salvation Army has entered into an agreement with the Federal Government to provide humanitarian support services for asylum seekers who will be housed and processed on Nauru and Manus Island.

Under the agreement, the Army will provide counselling, pastoral care and recreational and other programs aimed at supporting the welfare and mental well-being of those housed in detention.

Major Paul Moulds, the Australia Eastern Territorial Mission and Resource Director – Social, says The Salvation Army is already involved in a significant ministry to asylum seekers through visitation to immigration detention centres and the provision of housing and support under

the Australian Government's Community Detention initiative. The new initiative, he says, marks a major step forward in the Army's involvement in this ministry.

"This is a huge undertaking for our territory," Major Moulds said. "We fully understand the enormity of the task and the challenging environment where we will work."

"Our involvement does not indicate that our territory endorses offshore processing as the best or most appropriate response to asylum seekers. But, compelled by the love of Christ and moved with compassion by their circumstances, we cannot just stand on the sideline as vulnerable people suffer."

"Our history and our calling calls us to the front line, and so we go to be Christ's ambassadors in these places and in his name and

with his heart to serve those who will live there."

The number of Salvation Army personnel on Nauru has been building since 10 September. The first asylum seekers arrived a handful of days later. Work on Manus Island is expected to commence in late October/early November.

The Army is urging Salvationists and employees who have the required skills and availability to apply for a mission secondment to these offshore asylum processing facilities.

"We are urging people who have the availability, qualifications and a heart for mission to asylum seekers to apply for a term of service," said Major Moulds. "This will not be an easy task. Conditions on the island [Nauru]

Major Peter and Lieutenant Tara McGuigan with members of one of the first Salvation Army teams to arrive on Nauru.



are fairly basic and infrastructure undeveloped."

Call for volunteers

The Salvation Army has put in place a field operations coordinator in Nauru who will direct all mission activities. Major Moulds said the team is working quickly to move the mission from "critical response mode" to a more structured program.

"We will be moving new personnel from short-term secondments to a minimum of three to six-month deployments," he said.

"This will provide better opportunities for our people to develop longer-term, deeper relationships with the new residents on Nauru, enabling us to put in place programs and activities that are suited to their needs that will increase their sense of hope and connection while they wait the outcome of their refugee applications."

"We ask all Salvationists and employees to prayerfully consider their availability and to pray and intercede for our first staff team ... and the many who will follow them."

"Please pray for the asylum seekers who will be placed in our care, that they might find a home and experience safety and hope while they wait the outcome of their applications for asylum."

It is hoped that The Salvation Army's work with asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus Island will open up opportunities to develop further work with local communities.

AN OPEN DOOR TO SERVE A DESPERATE PEOPLE

Major PETER McGUIGAN reports from Nauru where he is among the first Salvationists to arrive on the island

From my window seat on a Boeing 737-800, I can see traffic stopping and people coming out of their homes to watch us land. As we touch down, many start waving. The deep and vast blue of the Pacific gives way to this 21sq km island nation and a warm dose of local hospitality.

We have arrived in Nauru, the temporary new home of a growing number of asylum seekers being transferred by the Australian Government from onshore to offshore processing. For a few moments, I wonder whether the locals thought that we were them – another plane-load arriving – and so gave us their very best Nauruan welcome. A spark of hope suddenly lightens my apprehension.

There are eight in our Salvation Army group. It is Wednesday, 19 September. We will join 20 other Salvation Army personnel already working on the island. The first group arrived on Monday, 10 September, the second the following Saturday. Our mandate, requested by the Australian Government, is to

provide humanitarian support services to asylum seekers.

Without delay we are thrust into a four-hour briefing led by Contract Director Adrian Francis. Here, language is important. The asylum seekers on Nauru – numbering 97 at time of writing but expected to grow to 900 within three months – are not to be known or talked about as such. They are "residents" of their new home, not a "camp" but simply "Topside". That's what Nauruans call this part of the island. It is the higher point of the island where locals know to go during a tsunami warning.

The Salvation Army is the lead agency working with the residents. Others include Transfield, a large supply company that resources Topside with everything from meals to board games to administrative supplies, and Wilson's Security, for obvious reasons. The Australian Defence Force has also been present, working fast, hard and efficiently to prepare Topside, and the International Health and Medical Service is providing medical and >>>

QUICK FACTS – NAURU

- Located north of Solomon Islands in the South Pacific, 4000km from Australia
- Nauru's land size is just 21sq km
- Nauru is one of the world's smallest nations with a population of just approx. 10,000
- Official language is Nauruan, but English is also widely spoken
- Nauru uses the Australian dollar as its currency
- Temperatures range from 24–33 degrees, with an average humidity of 80 per cent

QUICK FACTS – MANUS ISLAND

- Manus Island is part of the Manus province of Papua New Guinea
- It is the largest of the Admiralty Islands at 2100sq km
- Manus Island has a population of approx. 43,000
- Locals speak Melanesian Pidgin and English
- Currency used is the Papua New Guinea Kina



“Despite all the politics and opinions surrounding asylum seekers, it hits me that the bottom line for us is being Jesus to them.”

health supervision. The Department of Immigration and Citizenship is the Government's overseeing body.

Tragic plight

The briefing continues outdoors where the residents are. It is stinking hot. Security heightens. No cameras, including phone cameras, are allowed. We sign in. After more discussion, we're left alone to meet the residents, at this stage all Sri Lankan Tamils. The circumstances are far from ideal. They are living in tents with no air-conditioning and Nauru is only 40km south of the equator. Meals are good though, and improvements are not too far away.

I feel at home among them, having been to Sri Lanka several times. But their plight is tragic. They have lived in fear for their lives during war and have suffered the dismantling of so much that is close to their hearts. Both their dignity and their identity have been eroded. They are among the most marginalised people in the world.

Now, on Nauru, they are also realising that their hope for a better life in Australia has been frustrated by an abrupt and formidable delay. They have been sold a lie by people smugglers seeking to cash in on their circumstances. It will take years for them to be approved for Australian residency, if at all. Some of them consider they may have been better off staying put.

I feel an overwhelming sense of privilege being able to sit with them, hear their stories, sense their grief and observe them starting to smile.

The Sri Lankan Tamils are a beautiful people. Despite

all the politics and opinions surrounding asylum seekers, it hits me that the bottom line for us is being Jesus to them. That's the privilege really. It is the privilege of all 28 of us. Jesus loves them; we love them.

God's presence

The first Sunday on Nauru will be one our first team on the island will never forget. Some of the residents came to The Salvation Army asking if they could have a worship service. Of course, we said yes. They quickly prepared an area, including a careful arrangement of chairs.

Despite their Hindu religion, one of them made a cross out of coconut palms and this became the backdrop for the service. Another wrote a Christian song dedicated to Jesus and then sang it as part of the service. Another said that he wanted to worship Jesus because he felt that Jesus had loved him through us. They all learnt and sang with great heart *This Is The Day*, and one of our team brought a simple message from God's Word.

These are very early days, but our program of support services continues to grow. It ranges from case management of residents to English language classes to developing recreational activities to being available to listen and talk. We also oversee and organise residents' phone calls to home and their computer time.

Should The Salvation Army be in Nauru? That's a question we shouldn't have to ask. These are people who others think of as the last and the least. The door has opened for us to help them.



Salvation Army personnel on Nauru (top); the entrance to the compound (middle); and some of the tents housing asylum seekers (bottom).



Prayer is vital and Salvationists are encouraged to join as one in prayer for the Army's Nauru mission.

Please pray for:

- A more creative and compassionate solution to the asylum seeker issue
- Stamina, spiritual and physical, for our team
- More workers as the number of asylum seekers on Nauru increases
- Peace and good relationships between residents
- Creative and engaging ideas for our community building efforts
- For the love and message of Jesus to break through and have pre-eminence in this far-from-ideal situation



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Adrian Kistan,
Territorial Indigenous Ministry Coordinator

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Making a *difference* in the life of a *child*

LAUREN MARTIN introduces Young Hope, The Salvation Army's new foster care program which ultimately aims to bring a sense of identity and belonging to children in need of a home



Young Hope director Captain Michelle White with the all-important certificate of approval for The Salvation Army to provide foster care services. Photo: Shaïron Paterson

With The Salvation Army set to begin operation of its new out-of-home care service, Young Hope, Salvationists are being urged to prayerfully consider how they can contribute to providing healthy communities for children and young people in foster care.

"We're not asking everyone to foster a child," says Young Hope Director, Captain Michelle White. "Salvationists can make a big difference in their contribution just by supporting the integration of carer families or becoming part of the pseudo extended family of a foster child."

The Salvation Army is using a model of care called "Mirror Families" which asks the question: "Who's going to love the grandchildren?" In other words, who will children and young people in foster care turn to, as adults, for help and support – who will walk down the aisle with them when they get married, who will help them snag their first job, who will love and babysit the grandkids?

The model encourages carers and supporters to create "pseudo nuclear families" (the foster care family) and – just as important – "pseudo extended families" which are made up of people who make a commitment to support the child or young person just as an aunt or uncle or family friend would. The creation of pseudo extended families means that even if children or young people in foster care transition to different carers, they still have a stable support network.

"The thing that a lot of kids in care face is social isolation because they transition from placement to placement and they have no

SALVOS GET GREEN LIGHT TO PROVIDE FOSTER CARE SERVICES



Pru Goward, Minister for Family and Community Services, with Captain Michelle White after the official ceremony.

The Salvation Army has been officially handed a certificate for provisional accreditation from The Children's Guardian to begin providing foster care services to vulnerable children and young people in NSW.

The certificate was presented by The Minister for Family and Community Services, Pru Goward, during an official ceremony on 5 September at The Salvation Army Oasis Youth Support Network in Sydney.

The announcement of the Army's out-of-home care program, called Young Hope, coincided with Child Protection Week, reinforcing the Army's determination to provide an effective program.

"Our out-of-home care support service is actually going to add something to young people's lives. We absolutely make that commitment to the Minister," said Major Paul Moulds, Australia Eastern Territorial Mission and Resource Director – Social.

The Salvation Army is just one of 38 non-government organisations

that will run foster care programs and is part of the NSW Parliament's initiative to transfer this work to the non-government sector.

"We want to work in absolute partnership with you," said Minister Goward, referring to The Salvation Army.

"You've been doing this sort of thing for over a hundred years and understand every level of the system ... your reputation goes before anyone of us."

At the ceremony Captain Michelle White, Director of Young Hope, said she felt honored to be given this opportunity and then recognised the important role foster parents will play in Young Hope.

"We feel the responsibility and we take that very seriously. We're committed to ensuring that the networks we create for these children and young people are safe, that they have a sense of belonging and that people are empowered," she said.

For further information about Young Hope visit salvos.org.au/younghope

extended family," says Michelle. "So when they turn 18 they're out of the system, and they're on their own.

"Let's bring some identity and some belonging."

"I BELIEVE THAT THE SALVATION ARMY ... CAN ACTUALLY EMBRACE CHILDREN AND GIVE THEM A PLACE TO BELONG."

Care for carers

Young Hope is committed to supporting both the child or young person in care, as well as the carers. Case workers will focus on the child or young person, visiting them a minimum of once a fortnight. A caring-for-the-carers network will be created by Majors Jeff and Sue Winterburn who have been appointed Carer Recruitment, Training and Support Officers.

Since the NSW Government announcement that The Salvation Army had been successful in its tender to provide foster care services in the Hunter and Sydney

regions, Michelle has received a number of enquiries from people interested in becoming carers. But more are still desperately needed.

"We need 25-30 carers by January," she says. "If people realise the supports that are in place ... financially they're supported and emotionally they're supported ... I think that they'd realise that they do actually have the capacity to make a difference in the life of a child."

Anyone who is an existing foster carer can transfer to Young Hope with their foster child. And volunteers are also needed to support the children and their carers.

"I believe that The Salvation Army with our corps and our centres and our people capacity can actually embrace children and give them a place to belong," says Michelle. "We have the hope of the world and we get to share that with these children. We get to bring them more than a placement, we get to bring them a life. And I think that's really exciting."

If you are willing to consider becoming a carer and would like to know more, please email Young Hope at: younghope@ae.salvationarmy.org or phone them on 02 9266 9796.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

RESPIRE CARE

This involves care being provided for regular short stays (eg. one weekend a month). It gives families a break and provides a positive experience for the child or young person. Respite foster carers are asked to make a commitment to a child or young person for 12 months.

EMERGENCY CARE

Emergency care is limited in time, usually overnight to a few days. At the end of emergency care, the child or young person may return to their family or be placed in short-term care.

SHORT-TERM CARE

This is care for children or young people for a period of up to 12 months. At the end of short-term care, the child or young person may return to their family or move into long-term care.

LONG-TERM CARE

This is care for children or young people who need a family until they turn 18 or their family circumstances change.

Fostering hope



Pipeline's **BILL SIMPSON** spoke to Majors Jeff and Sue Winterburn about their personal experiences as foster parents and their new role overseeing The Salvation Army's Young Hope program

Tianna Lee was 16 months old when a Salvation Army officer couple rescued her from a miserable life.

It was 1995. She couldn't walk. She couldn't talk. She couldn't eat. She was stricken with emotional issues which were to last for many years.

Her life boundaries were the perimeter of a playpen. She was being raised by an 11-year-old sister. Tianna's mother was drug dependent.

The Department of Community Services (DOCS) asked Sue and

Jeff Winterburn if they could take care of Tianna for a few weeks. The Winterburns were young captains with three children of their own.

Fostering wasn't new. They had fostered dozens of children over the previous decade for a few days or weeks at a time. It's something for which they have always had a heart.

It soon became obvious to the Winterburns, though, that Tianna was somebody special. "We believed that God had placed this little girl into our care for a reason," Jeff told *Pipeline*.

"I HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO COME INTO SUCH A SAFE, CARING HOME."

A few weeks turned into a few months, then a few years. Sixteen years later, Tianna is officially a Winterburn. She was legally adopted this year.

She is now 18, studying a nursing degree and has offered for Salvation Army officership. Tianna is a soldier at Hurstville Corps in Sydney.

In her personal testimony, she says: "Although I've grown up in a Christian family, I wasn't born into one.

"My mother was a prescribed drug addict and abandoned me in hospital when I was 16 months old.

"Shortly after, Sue Winterburn, who I have always known as Mum, came along and picked me up. She says she can even remember the day she first saw me.

"Ever since then, there's been no turning back. It amazes me that God has always had that plan for me. Even when I was born, he knew where I belonged and what was in store for me.

"I have been blessed to come into such a safe, caring home."

But there were still major emotional issues to overcome in the early years. When Tianna was

six, a close relative demanded she be returned to her original family. The matter went before the courts. DOCS supported the Winterburns.

"It was the worst two days of our lives," Jeff says. "I was asked if I wanted to be in court for the decision. I couldn't do it. I sat in a room at the court and just prayed my heart out. It was the most beautiful moment when a DOCS worker came into the room and said: 'We won!'

"We believed that God had placed this little girl in our care for a reason. We went through the valley. But God had a plan and we stayed faithful to that plan."

New caring role

In 2000, Jeff and Sue applied for readmission as officers. They are now majors and recently were appointed to influential positions in a new Salvation Army program to encourage Salvationists and the community, generally, to foster through The Salvation Army's Young Hope program.

Their territorial roles will involve promoting, recruiting, training and caring for foster parents.

"Who would have thought in 1995 when we fostered Tianna and through the dark days of fighting in the courts for her, that in 2012 we would be responsible for promoting fostering and supporting carers in a Salvation Army program," says Jeff.

"Fostering can be difficult. Children do come with baggage. Sometimes it's not easy; it's hard, at times. But, you know, when we look back at the experience with Tianna and see what she is today, well, it's been wonderful. When I preach, I have often said that if I was the only person on this earth, Jesus would still have died for me. It's the same with Tianna. If she had been the only child, we would still have fostered her."

Tianna says she is so fortunate to have been raised by Jeff and Sue Winterburn and encourages other Salvationists to foster children.

"I've had a lot of opportunities in life that I know many foster kids may not have been so lucky to have. I've travelled, lived in another country, finished school, been on a mission trip to Africa, and now I'm doing my university degree.

"I think that these are chances that every child deserves." □

Tianna Winterburn (above) says being brought up in a loving home by her foster parents Majors Jeff and Sue Winterburn (far left) has defined her life. Photos: Shairon Paterson



Olivers fly the flag for restoration

The international flavour of Stafford Salvation Army was given a boost when the Olivers arrived as the new corps officers this year. **SIMONE WORTHING** found out how they are settling in and what they hope to offer to the corps in Brisbane's inner north-west



The Olivers and their children (from left) Liam, Caleb and Giselle have settled into life in Brisbane as officers of Stafford Corps.

Captain Deon and Major Michelle Oliver carried the flags of the United States, South Africa, Canada and Australia into their ministry at Stafford Corps in Brisbane. Photo: Shairon Paterson

“God is doing his work of restoration here, this work with no geographical boundaries, and I am focusing on how he is calling me to do this in the corps, the community, the country, and the world.”

Australia, South Africa, Canada and the United States are all part of the international family background for Major Michelle and Captain Deon Oliver. Despite this multi-cultural influence, their life and ministry focus is the restorative and transforming work of Jesus that knows no ethnic, cultural or national boundaries.

“This mission of restoration is the overarching theme for us,” says Deon. “I am convinced that God has and continues a work of restoration within me and within those I encounter. We are all broken people and God is transforming us

and, for that, I am deeply grateful.

“We are in Australia now and are committed and invested in being here but, because God is not limited by any boundaries, we are not sure where he will call us to in the future, and what that will look like.”

Michelle, who grew up in Albury-Wodonga, is also grateful for God’s blessings and for placing her in the right locations at the right times. “God has been very faithful in the past,” she says. “This gives me the assurance that he will be with us tomorrow and into the future, wherever that will be.

“For now, this is where we are at!”

Michelle attended both the Wodonga (Victoria) and Albury (NSW) Corps as a child and teenager, before moving to Sydney to study history and teaching. “During that year, the gradual awareness of God and faith that had begun as a child really deepened and grew,” Michelle explains.

“I was figuring things out as a young adult and my faith became my own, not that of my parents’. I was ready to respond to God and his plan for my life.”

In 1992, Michelle entered the College for Officer Training as part of the

Heralds of Jesus session of cadets. After commissioning, Michelle served in the Gosford Corps as an assistant officer and at the Kurri Kurri Corps (Maitland) as corps officer before being appointed overseas to Vancouver, and then Vancouver Island, Canada.

“Canada is a lot like Australia,” explains Michelle. “It was a great opportunity to see a bigger picture of the Army, without it being too different.”

Meanwhile, in Cape Town, Deon started going to Sunday school at the age of six when his grandmother, with whom he lived, took him to church with her. He

was introduced to, and accepted Christ, at the age of seven.

Deon’s grandmother passed away in 1990, (his mother and father had already passed away) leaving Deon to care for his younger siblings. He had to conclude his education and go into full-time employment to look after his family.

“These were the days of apartheid in South Africa with turmoil everywhere as rallies and strikes took place all over the country,” Deon explains. “I lost relatives and friends during that time of unrest and had to safeguard myself and my family.

“A key part in all this was that at the

time, God provided the nearby Athlone Corps who gave us the safety and support that was absent in our own lives.

“The Salvation Army also gave me exposure to people of other races, such as at divisional events, which wouldn’t have happened otherwise. And, although the Army has apologised for silently endorsing the apartheid regime by not speaking out against it, through interacting with other people groups in the Army, I learned that we are all the same.”

Deon worked in a shipping company and then in optometry before committing to enter the Officer Training College. >>>



Captain Deon and Major Michelle Oliver have invested a lot of time meeting people in their community. Photo: Shairon Paterson

“Once I knew God’s will for my life, I was determined to follow it,” Deon says. “I knew that nothing would compare to knowing and doing God’s will and I was committed to entering training college in South Africa in 1996.”

Prior to entering the training college, Deon was invited to work at a summer camp in the United States. At the conclusion of the summer, the Divisional Commander encouraged him to train instead in the USA. Aware of his responsibilities at home, Deon declined, but when he shared the opportunity with his younger siblings they “released” him to return.

Deon worked as a candidate helper at the Minneapolis Parkview Corps for a year before entering the training college as part of the 1997-1999 *Faithful Intercessors* session.

During her first Sunday meeting in Vancouver, a soldier told Michelle that she should meet her cousin who was a cadet at the training college in Chicago. That same evening the soldier called her cousin, then Cadet Deon, and told him all about the new lieutenant from Australia at her corps. She arranged for the two to meet in December 1997, and they were married in June 1999 – two weeks after Deon’s commissioning as a Salvation Army Officer in the Central Territory of the United States.

The Olivers’ first appointment was to Iowa City, Iowa, as corps officers.

“It was difficult for us both as we

had to adjust to a clashing of cultures – Australian, South African, Canadian and American,” Michelle explains. “I had to also work through what it meant to be an officer wife after being on my own.

“The corps was perfect for us though, as there were a lot of other foreigners in the town which helped, as a mixed marriage like ours doesn’t sit well with everyone.”

God’s timing

The Olivers added a son, Caleb, and daughter, Giselle, to their family before moving to Springfield in Illinois, where their third child, Liam, was born.

Other appointments included being on the staff of the College for Officer Training in Chicago, and as divisional youth and candidates secretaries in the Eastern Michigan Division.

Both have also had the opportunity to study during their service in the USA – Michelle has a degree in Biblical and Theological Studies from William and Catherine Booth College, and a Masters in Christian Leadership from Greenville College. Deon holds a degree in Practical Ministries from Olivett Nazarene University and a Masters of Theology from Wheaton College.

Although the Olivers’ original plan was to return to Australia after five years in the USA, it didn’t quite work out like that!

“In 2008 we clearly felt God calling

us to return and we made that known to leadership. It took a few years but we are back now, in God’s timing, and after a challenging six months, are settling in to the corps, and to school for the children,” says Michelle.

“God has always blessed us greatly with the right people, time and places, and I am so grateful.”

For Deon, coming to Australia has shown him yet again that God is not limited by continental boundaries.

“God can and does work in all places and circumstances,” he says.

“That helped me in my understanding, relocating to a third country.

“The fact that we were out of corps work before coming to Stafford allowed us to come in with a broader experience of Salvation Army expressions; so God has prepared us for what he would call us to do here at Stafford.

“God is doing his work of restoration here, this work with no geographical boundaries, and I am focusing on how he is calling me to do this in the corps, the community, the country, and the world.” □



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Heart and soul for EAST TIMOR

PIPELINE'S BILL SIMPSON SPOKE TO A STRAIGHT-TALKING SALVATIONIST FROM GRAFTON WHO NOT ONLY HAS A BURNING DESIRE TO SEE THE SALVATION ARMY'S WORK BECOME OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED IN EAST TIMOR, BUT IS PAVING THE WAY

I wasn't expecting Samuel Bacon's question. Samuel is pretty much a tell-it-like-it-is, what-you-see-is-what-you-get type of person; a man of compassion, conviction and action. He seems confident.

His answers to my questions are always direct. Sometimes they are, as the saying goes, blunt as a meat axe. Let's just say you are never left wondering.

His passion is impressive and he expects the same from others.

When I last wrote about Samuel in 2008, he said: "I think Salvation Army soldiers should be banned from wearing their uniforms unless they are actually doing something constructive for the kingdom while wearing it."

At the time, Samuel was in East Timor helping locals rebuild

their lives after years of Indonesian occupation and brutal civil war. It was something he had been doing "off and on" in East Timor since 2004.

Although not Salvationists, Samuel and his wife Cynthia were regular worshippers at Grafton Corps on the NSW North Coast.

For them, being part of The Salvation Army meant more than sitting in a church pew on Sundays. They had to do something. East Timor's reconstruction was their something.

They - with their two young children - have spent a lot of time in East Timor since 2008 doing what they can to improve the lives of the locals and telling them about Jesus.

It has been sometimes dangerous work. There is still widespread lawlessness. East



Samuel and Cynthia Bacon and their children Serenity and Israel.

Timor, says Samuel, is still a fragile state.

Poverty is everywhere; sometimes in the Bacon home. Road travel can be perilous because of landslides. Disease is ever present. Independence from Indonesia is still in its infancy.

After years of itinerant-style living, the family now has a permanent home in the capital, Dili. Samuel built it himself. It's humble - by Australian standards - but it's home.

Even their home was built with others in mind. There are rooms for people who visit East Timor to help.

Nobody can point the finger at Samuel and Cynthia and accuse them of not doing enough. Sometimes, they may do more than enough.

Yet, there was Samuel's

daunting question: "Do you think that God gets tired of rescuing dreamers like me?" he asks.

"I really do think that I make blunders sometimes and I wonder if God mixes a chuckle with a sigh before despatching another angel to sort out my mess.

"I know that God is backing me because if he wasn't, there's a fair chance I would be dead by now or at least stony broke."

And right there, I suggest, is the answer to Samuel's question.

ARMY PROPOSAL

Although living most of the time now in East Timor, Samuel this year became a soldier of the Grafton Corps. Cynthia is still sorting through some issues.

Samuel hasn't had time to come home for an enrolment service, >>>

"I DID NOT JOIN THE ARMY BECAUSE I THINK IT'S WONDERFUL. I JOINED BECAUSE I THINK THAT BY JOINING, I CAN MORE EFFECTIVELY BUILD THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

Samuel with Apoli and Sinta and their children outside their house that is being built with assistance from The Salvation Army.



Samuel Bacon with local corn farmer Lino at Los Palos. They were there to install air-tight silos donated by a local Rotary club for corn storage.

but Corps Officer Captain Keith Atkinson says that Samuel has been approved. So, as far as Captain Atkinson is concerned, Samuel is a Salvation Army soldier.

He says Samuel hasn't anything to worry about being constantly rescued. "We all make mistakes and maybe God finds all of us amusing, at times. Samuel and Cynthia both have a great heart for God and serve him in very practical ways as well as spiritually ministering.

"They are faithful and generous stewards. I share Samuel's desire

for a Salvation Army presence in East Timor."

Although The Salvation Army is not officially established in East Timor, Samuel wears an Army tee-shirt when "on mission" to show the East Timorese people that the Army and God care for them.

His dream is for The Salvation Army to establish officially in East Timor and for him to be a member of the first team. He has sent a proposal for consideration.

It was at The Salvation Army that Samuel, as a young boy, began to learn of the possibilities of a "missionary" journey.

"A nice old man came to my home town when I was eight years old and told me about Jesus. And I believed. When I was about 12, I went to the Lismore Salvation Army Corps and grew in my faith.

"Since that time, I have always been committed to God and have no story of wandering away from him.

"I like the idea of The Salvation Army being a group of believers who are prepared to put their faith into action and help someone else. I am prepared to fight for that idea.

"I did not join the Army because I think it's wonderful. I joined because I think that by joining, I can more effectively build the Kingdom of God. I really don't

think that I am special. I think I just see something that I should do and I go and do it."

ULTIMATE COMMITMENT

Samuel's background is teaching. He was raised on a farm, so he is a bit of a handy man. Cynthia grew up on a hobby farm and worked in fashion design and production.

Their experience is useful in East Timor. Samuel has fixed toilet cisterns, built water and drainage systems, fences, small houses and other buildings, helped with teaching, distributed thousands of Bibles and talked to people about Jesus.

Cynthia has worked with women, setting up sewing centres, helping with child nutrition programs - that sort of thing - and raising a family. The sewing centre has developed into a small business, employing four women and making enough to provide the workers with home loans.

Samuel and Cynthia work mostly with locals, including churches, and have had help from corps at Tweed Heads, Lismore and Grafton. Tweed Heads Corps sent a team in 2010 to help erect a church hall roof. Lismore and Grafton Corps have sent material assistance.

The Bacons have lived off and operated on the generosity of

friends back in Australia. Samuel says they "wait on God and live simply".

They are also the main distributors for Wycliffe Bible Translators. Samuel estimates they handed out 2000 Bibles last year and were aiming for 4000 this year.

In the last few months, Samuel has boosted his income with engagement as a climate change advisor with an Australian-funded organisation. The program is helping to improve food security.

Cynthia is expecting their third child in February.

Samuel's passion and straightforward style of speaking has not diminished since our first article in 2008. In fact, it seems to be strengthening.

In Australia, he suggests, we are becoming soft. Danger is always present in East Timor in a way, he says, that Australians can't imagine anymore.

"From a philosophical point of view, I think Australian society is getting too pre-occupied with Occupational Health and Safety, litigation and insurance. It's important to try to be safe, but you have got to keep a perspective.

"Many people used to think that it was unwise to go into a dangerous situation like East Timor. If my mission in life was to stay

alive, then I suppose (going to East Timor) was unwise.

"But I don't think it's what Jesus called us to. I remember him saying something about 'losing your life' for others and the Kingdom.

"So, come on, Bill. Jesus tells us to go. It should be the exception to stay (uncommitted)."

"This is a really important message that The Salvation Army needs to get. It's not about having rosy corps set up in every town wondering why we lost the odd soldier to some mission field.

"Corps should be pushing their soldiers out the door, supporting them and feeling the lifeblood flow back through the testimonies of those people.

"If I am the only one here (East Timor), it's only because there's nobody else (prepared to come)."

For more information: www.baconsbatimor.blogspot.com

A mission team from Australia recently visited East Timor to support the Bacons.



Bill Simpson is a staff writer for Pipeline and supplements

Corps helps Lorie realise her dream

By LAUREN MARTIN

For most her of her life, 79-year-old Lorie Burkitt has dreamed of being able to provide water to impoverished communities in Africa. That dream recently became reality after she dared to share it with others.

A member of The Salvation Army’s Albury Corps, in southern NSW, for more than 20 years, Lorie is one of those women whose quiet, reliable acts of service form the backbone of the corps and its ministry.

“Lorie is awesome,” says Albury Corps Officer Lieutenant Bindy Lupis. “She has an extremely servant heart and is always working hard behind the scenes and in the kitchen... she has a beautiful spirit that everybody loves.”

What many people didn’t know about Lorie is that she has always harboured a passion to ease the hardships that many African communities face.

“It broke my heart to see children carrying water and I always believed that children have the right to clean water,” she says. “And I had this dream that one day I would have enough money to put a well or water tank in one of their villages. But I couldn’t actually see that eventuating because I’m an aged pensioner now.”

So when Lorie shared her long-held dream of building a well in Africa with Albury Corps Officer Lieutenant Marco Lupis, he was confident that the entire corps would get behind the project.

“He was wonderful,” remembers Lorie of the conversation. “He said, ‘maybe as a corps we can do this’.”

The corps then contacted the Salvation Army International Development (SAID) office at Australia Eastern Territorial Headquarters and found out that they could purchase a water tank for an African community for \$600. Enthusiastic members set up a wishing well display in the foyer of the corps building and before



Lorie Burkitt with Salvation Army International Development Office Director Major John Rees.

“THE WHOLE CORPS MADE MY DREAM COME TRUE. I JUST COULDN’T BELIEVE IT, IT WAS LIKE A LITTLE MIRACLE TO ME!”

long Lorie’s dream of providing water to some of the world’s poorest people had captured the imagination of everyone who heard about it.

“Before we knew it we had the money

for the water tank,” says Lorie. “The whole corps made my dream come true. I just couldn’t believe it, it was like a little miracle to me!”

Lieutenant Bindy Lupis says the corps had set a goal of raising the money in a year, but reached the target in five months.

“We are now planning to buy another one before the end of the year,” she says. “All because one lady dared to dream big.”

For further information about the Salvation Army International Development office (SAID), go to: salvos.org.au/said/

Burning passion for education

By NAOMI SINGLEHURST

Helping to educate close to 60 homeless young people each year through The Salvation Army Oasis Youth Support Network, full-time teacher Rebecca is adamant about the power of learning.

“I truly believe education is the key to changing your life,” she says. “I’m proof of that. The most important advice I give young people is get educated – knowledge is power. Education levels the playing field and once you have skills and a qualification, no-one can ever take it away from you.”

Although Rebecca is very careful not to superimpose her experiences of homelessness and foster care onto her students, she says it does give her a deeper sense of understanding, and explains that her own childhood wasn’t always smooth sailing.

“We moved around a lot so my early life lacked structure and security. Bills wouldn’t get paid, so we were just constantly moving, and always in the dead of the night,” she says.

When Rebecca was 11, her mother passed away and so began an even more painful journey through a range of various foster carers, culminating in homelessness.

After high school, she worked hard but still struggled to find some stability in life.

Her turning point came when a workmate told her about The Salvation

me the chance to feel that security I had been craving,” Rebecca says. “It allowed me to start making a future for myself which was one of the greatest gifts I’ve ever been offered.”

It was while living at Vera Loblay House that Rebecca decided she would become a teacher.

“Education levels the playing field and once you have skills and a qualification, no-one can ever take it away from you.”

Army’s Vera Loblay House in Sydney, which offers long-term accommodation for homeless young people committed to pursuing their education, training or employment.

“Being able to live in the house gave

With no family or financial support, the road ahead was challenging, but, in 2008, she realised her ambition and proudly graduated from university with a double degree in education and arts.

Not surprisingly, in 2010, when the teaching position to help young people struggling with pain, poverty and disadvantage became available, Rebecca jumped at the opportunity to teach at The Salvation Army Oasis Youth Support Network. As well as teaching, she is also now a passionate advocate for further official recognition of alternative education and an advocate for youth homelessness.

“With more than 32,000 young Australians having no place to call home, youth homelessness remains a largely hidden issue, requiring urgent attention,” she says.

“Oasis has a profound understanding of the needs of homeless people. It holistically addresses all of the issues of the young person – right from their education to mental health, to housing. It is just extraordinary.

“The young people who access this school have been cast aside in so many areas, it is unthinkable that education wouldn’t be available to them!”



Rebecca is a passionate advocate for education. Photo: Shairon Paterson



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Pipeline introduces a new occasional column which will highlight the work of Salvos Legal, the not-for-profit law firm owned and run by The Salvation Army. Salvos Legal Managing Partner **LUKE GEARY** shares the story of a recent case

In all the years I've been doing this work, the case of Jonathan (not real name) was one of the most disturbing and difficult I have faced.

It was difficult from a legal perspective but also disturbing for personal reasons.

Jonathan came to see me at Salvos Legal Humanitarian Parramatta office late one evening. He was clutching a letter from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

The letter related to his application to be reunited with his wife and three children from Guinea in West Africa.

He had assumed they were dead, but now he was being told they were alive.

A refugee from Sierra Leone, Jonathan had been settled in Australia by the United Nations about five years ago.

While fleeing persecution in Sierra Leone, he became separated from his family and was given assistance to resettle in Australia.

He tried unsuccessfully many times to trace his family, causing him to reach the sad conclusion that they were no longer alive.

In my experience in acting in thousands of these cases, this is not an uncommon thing for many refugees to endure and assume.

But, now, there was information that his family was alive and living in a refugee camp in Guinea. He filed papers with relevant authorities for approval to have his family come to Australia to rejoin him.

The application process had been going well until it hit an unexpected hurdle.

As I read through the Immigration Department

letter with Jonathan, it became clear there were serious concerns about the health of family members.

The letter was unusually silent about the exact nature of the concerns. I contacted Immigration Department officials in South Africa to see what I could discover on Jonathan's behalf.

Below is my recollection of the telephone conversation with an immigration officer at the Australian High Commission:

Me: "Hi, I'm just wondering why the letter regarding the health criteria is so generic and doesn't specify the concerns?"

AHC: "This is a pretty bad case. His wife is unwell. She has HIV."

Me: "That's awful. Does he know?"

AHC: "No. It gets worse. His eight-year-old little girl also has HIV and it's quite severe."

Me: "I'm assuming he doesn't know that either."

AHC: "No, we didn't know how to break it to him. We were hoping you could tell him."

Me: "You're kidding me."

AHC: "No, seriously. You're the Salvos, can you do it?"

I suspected that sort of approach wasn't mandated by any formal governmental policy. However, the position being as it was, I had little choice. It was better he heard the news from me in person, than in an email from some stranger at immigration.

As a lawyer, I didn't expect to ever have to give this sort of news to a client. However, Jonathan had no friends, no family, no contacts whatsoever here in Australia. Nobody else was able to do it.

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Midnight at Oasis, by Trevor Fearnley

On a recent long-haul flight, Commissioner James Condon read the autobiography of a man who has spent much of his life serving The Salvation Army. Commissioner Condon was so impacted by the story he has reviewed the book for Pipeline

A young man grows up in a wealthy family in the United Kingdom and has every opportunity that a young person could possibly have. But, he drops out of school.

He is an adventurous young man and so decides that he will go his own way in life.

He takes every opportunity that comes along and somehow manages to land on his feet.

He gets married when young and even though he did not have much at the time he feels he has everything and lives a lucky life.

He gets involved in two very different jobs – marketing and renovating houses – and excels at both.

Then he comes to Australia as a “ten-pound Pom” where he continues to renovate houses. His wife takes up teaching and they make their way in life.

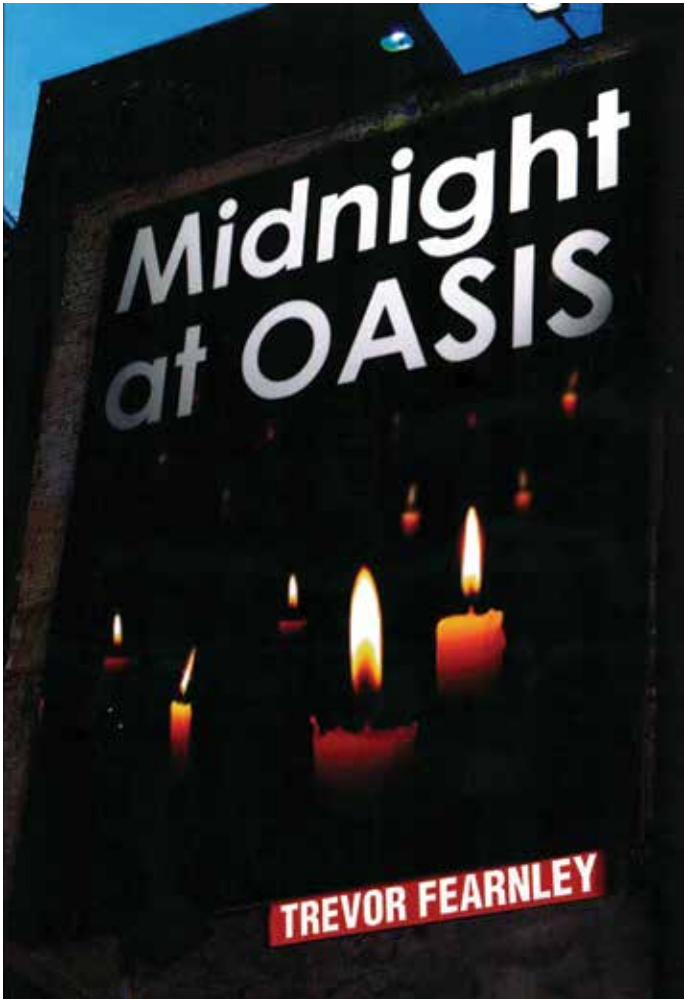
He comes in contact with Envoy Alan Staines and begins to fulfil an exciting vision, raising money for the dream. But what he does not realise is that there are no “permissions” in place. However, this did not stand in the way and he pushes forward and pursues his dream.

Trevor then assists the Army in many ways in Australia and other areas and then becomes a key player for Oasis, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, and shaping fundraising in New Zealand.

He has a heart for people and is an entrepreneur and philanthropist. He always views himself as being lucky and living a blessed life.

I thank God for Trevor Fearnley and for every contribution he has made to The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory. May God send many more Trevors our way.

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

My Favourite Verse – Major Peter McGuigan

“And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God”

Micah 6:8 NIV

Micah 6:8 is not exactly my favourite verse from the Bible. In fact, I once didn’t like it simply because everyone else did.

Late last century, as Christianity rediscovered its calling to give voice to the voiceless, to advocate for the marginalised - “to act justly” - Micah 6:8 rose from the dust of Old Testament obscurity to be lifted high on the placards of advocacy rallies around the world. But organised events and promotion around justice

issues often lacked the foundation of long-term planning and sustained follow through with local, state and national decision-making bodies. For a while, Micah 6:8 became a mantra and its true power was submerged beneath the loud but often uninformed social justice cry.

I discovered this power myself one day, quite unexpectedly. I was seeking God for more spiritual power and insight in my life, my ministry, and in the life and ministry of God’s people. It was one of those watershed times in your life when there is no holding back - full-on pleading, full-on tears, full-on knowing that God’s Spirit is touching your life “right now”. For me, it always seems to happen when I’m wanting breakthrough ... and the breakthrough comes when I’m on my knees.

God led me to this verse, the one that I didn’t really like because everyone else did!

“And what does the Lord require of you, Peter?” he said tenderly into my spirit.

“To act justly?” I said back.

“Yes, anything else?”

“To love mercy?” Where was this leading, I wondered through my tears.

“Yes, anything else?”

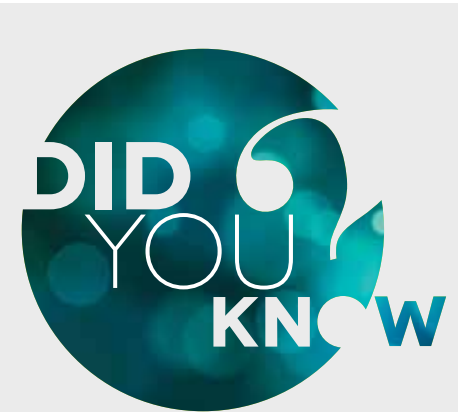
“To walk humbly with my God?”

“Yes, Peter. If you can rise up every morning and step into me and walk with me, I will cause you to see through my eyes, hear through my ears, touch with my hands and speak with my voice. It is about me in you, my strength in you, my ideas for my world in you.”

I was broken that morning and knew that there was no other way for me.

Micah 6:8 has become the guiding light of my life.

“Walking humbly with my God” has turned me upside down from the inside out.



ANGELS

- Angels, which mean Messengers, are mentioned 279 times in the Bible, 15 times by Jesus.
- Gabriel, Michael, and Lucifer are the three angels mentioned by name in the Bible.
- In Christian theology there are nine choirs of angels. From highest to lowest, they are: seraphim, cherubim, thrones, dominions, virtues, powers, principalities, archangels, and angels.
- The seven archangels are Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Chamuel, Jophiel, and Zadkiel.
- Only cherubim and seraphim are identified in the Bible as having wings.
- Angels never age. This is seen by the fact that the angel Gabriel appeared to Daniel (Daniel 8:16) then approximately 500 years later he appears to Mary (Luke 1:19 and 26).
- Many Christmas songs have lyrics indicating that the angels sang when Jesus was born (and we suspect that angels have the ability to sing) but the Bible never states that angels sing.
- Angels are so strong that it took only one to kill 185,000 Assyrians (II Kings 19:35,36).
- Angels do not marry or have children (Matt 22:30).

Founder's favour falls on quiet achiever

The Order of the Founder is The Salvation Army's highest award which, in 1925, was given to an unsung hero of a tiny corps in country NSW. **Major KEN SANZ**, of the Army's Heritage Centre at Booth College in Sydney, relates the story of Envoy William Shephard

On 20 August 1917, on the fifth anniversary of the death of General William Booth, his son General Bramwell Booth instituted The Order of the Founder.

The award marks distinguished or memorable service such as would, in spirit and achievement, have specially commended itself to the The Salvation Army's Founder.

Today, people who are given this award are usually very well known in Salvationist circulars, but that was not always so.

The date of one of the early awards was 11 April 1925, and it was given to Envoy William Shephard, of Dorrigo Corps in the then Armidale Division.

In those days the award was given at the corps of the recipient. It was announced in the Official Gazette in *The War Cry*, Sydney, on 9 May 1925.

The actual report of the investiture was not published until 15 August of that year, when it was stated that Major Richards, the Divisional Commander, had come from Armidale with Mrs Richards and Captain McDowell.

On the Saturday night, the investiture took place followed by a concertina recital.

Now the odd thing is that this was not reported in the corps history book until the divisional commander, on an inspection in July 1958, wrote an addendum on the 1925 page which stated that Envoy William A. Shephard had been awarded the Order of the Founder. We still do not know the actual date of the investiture!

Who, we might ask, was William Shephard, who, "singlehanded, kept the flag flying for nine years of desperate conflict until the re-establishment



"The Dorrigo Corps undoubtedly owes its existence to the influence, sacrifice and untiring efforts of Envoy William Shephard."

of an Army corps at Dorrigo, New South Wales". Then, Dorrigo had a population of around 800.

In *The War Cry* of 5 April 1952, he wrote his testimony revealing that when he was 16, through the personal dealing of a Methodist minister, he accepted Christ as his Saviour. "My prayers and Christ's incoming to my heart took place on top of a tank which my father and I had built for water storage." Was this the blessing of holiness, so often talked about then?

On 3 January 1896, he walked 25km from Woolgoolga to Coffs Harbour where he married his love, Ellen Joanna Davis. While in Coffs Harbour the Shephards ran a non-denominational Sunday school. A few years later, through the influence of his sister, he joined the Army at Grafton, but was enrolled by proxy, as he lived too far away to attend the ceremony in person.

Many hardships

The Shephards moved to Bellingen for a year where William worked in Hammond and Wheatley's store. He stood alone every Saturday night to testify to his Saviour's love. At that time the Army had moved its corps from Bellingen to Fernmount, where he was a soldier.

When aged 32 the opportunity came for the family to have their own farm in the newly opened Dorrigo District and they took a piece of land in the middle of thick scrub six miles from the town. William later wrote: "A bullock team dumped all our goods on the ground and I pitched a tent and set to work. I had to leave my wife and family behind, and the loneliness of it all nearly beat me. But work is the best remedy for depression, and I felled trees and split logs, working with might and

main, until a hut was built. It had no floors or fireplace, and was only 20x10 feet, but to this I brought my fearless wife and our four children. Then it rained and rained! A fifth child came, difficulties were many, money was scarce, but the beautiful spirit of my wife and the goodness of God made it possible for us to keep on."

Having to find something to do for the Kingdom of God and remembering earlier Army meetings and there being no other Salvationists in the town, William held non-denominational open-air meetings in the town and surrounding areas.

"... if there was any honour due it was mainly due to my dear wife ... if it had not been for her I could not have done what I did."

Sometimes he did three meetings in the course of walking 23 miles on a Sunday.

Then an outpost of the Fernmount Corps was opened at Dorrigo, and the Shephards found their true spiritual home.

Often William went to meetings alone on horseback, but later when his boys grew up they all went in a sulky. Having a very hard-working wife and five sons and five daughters was a great help to the little corps.

When World War I was declared his eldest son, Clifton, enlisted and paid the supreme sacrifice at Messines in June 1917.

His place was taken by the next son Aubrey. In World War II, sons Herbert and William served with the AIF overseas.

Deserved honour

In 1918, William was made an envoy, which, he said, added to his responsibilities.

These included open-airs, hospital and hotel visitation, Sunday school and adult meetings. Then a corps was opened at Dorrigo and all the soldiers from Fernmount were transferred there, even though it was difficult to get there by a bad mountain road.

The railway did not come to the town until late 1924 and then via Coffs Harbour and Glenreagh.

As the milking was done by hand, one wonders how much was done by his wife Ellen to release him for Army duty.

At least 10 Salvationists became officers from the little country town whilst William served there. When the Shephards retired from dairying, leaving the property to two sons, they settled in a house in Kurrajong St.

Ellen was promoted to glory in February 1948 and William was promoted to glory in August 1958.

Reflecting on his lifetime of service which included the award, William wrote: "an honour which I could never see I deserved. But I would like to put on record that if there was any honour due it was mainly due to my dear wife, now in the glory and, for if it not had been for her I could not have done what I did."

At his death the corps officer wrote in the corps history book: "The Dorrigo Corps undoubtedly owes its existence to the influence, sacrifice and untiring efforts of Envoy William Shephard."





UNLOCKING THE ARMY'S ARCHIVES WITH MAJOR DAVID WOODBURY

The Collaroy story – a cup of compassion

In part one of a two-part series, **Major DAVID WOODBURY** reveals how a cup of tea for a sick, lonely old lady was the catalyst for what has become an iconic Salvation Army ministry centre

One simple act of kindness, performed, ignorant of its extraordinary outcome, established on Sydney's northern beaches a substantial real estate holding for the organisation which was to become not only a centre for Salvation Army ministry but a valuable resource which would financially empower the fledgling organisation.

The Army's presence on the northern beaches has a connection back to James Jenkins, a convicted thief sentenced to be transported to NSW, who arrived on board the *Coromandel* on 13 June 1802. On obtaining his release, James was involved in ship building and farming and was successful in gaining land grants at Kissing Point.

After his death, much of his landholding came to his daughter, Elizabeth, who had already inherited land from Alexander McDonald, a family friend.

By 1825, the Jenkins family owned most of the foreshore land from Mona Vale through to Dee Why, around 1800 acres.

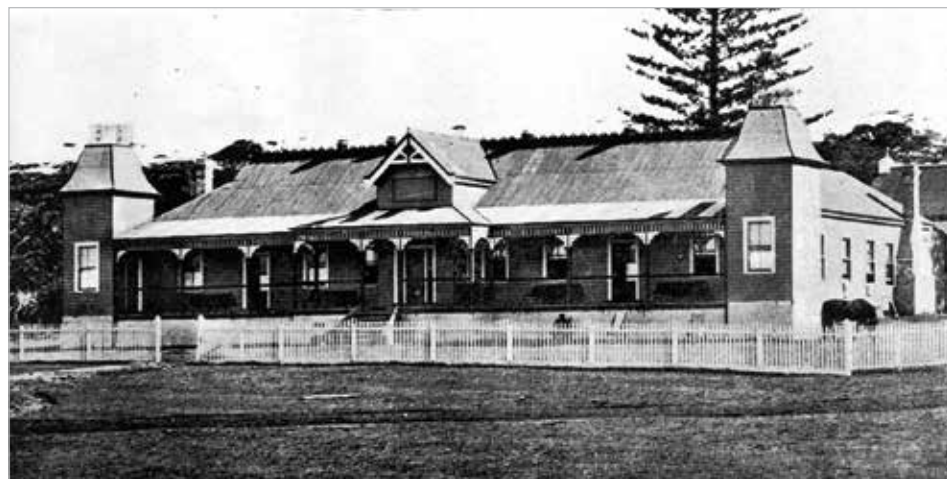
It was a visit to Elizabeth during her later years that was to set the scene for a substantial bequest to The Salvation Army. Having never married and being advanced in years, Elizabeth was discovered, sick, by a Salvation Army officer.

A simple act of compassion, making the elderly lady a cup of tea, resulted in Elizabeth joining The Salvation Army and gifting various parcels of land on the northern beaches to the organisation.

In return for the gifts, the Army agreed to provide lifetime financial support to various members of the Jenkins family.

Salvation Army history records that Elizabeth Jenkins was converted at one of the early corps, possibly Newtown or Waterloo, where she became a senior soldier.

She was promoted to glory on 26



Two images of The Men's Home at Collaroy at different stages of its history.



June 1900 and buried at what is now The Collaroy Centre.

The remaining part of her vast estate was bequeathed to The Salvation Army.

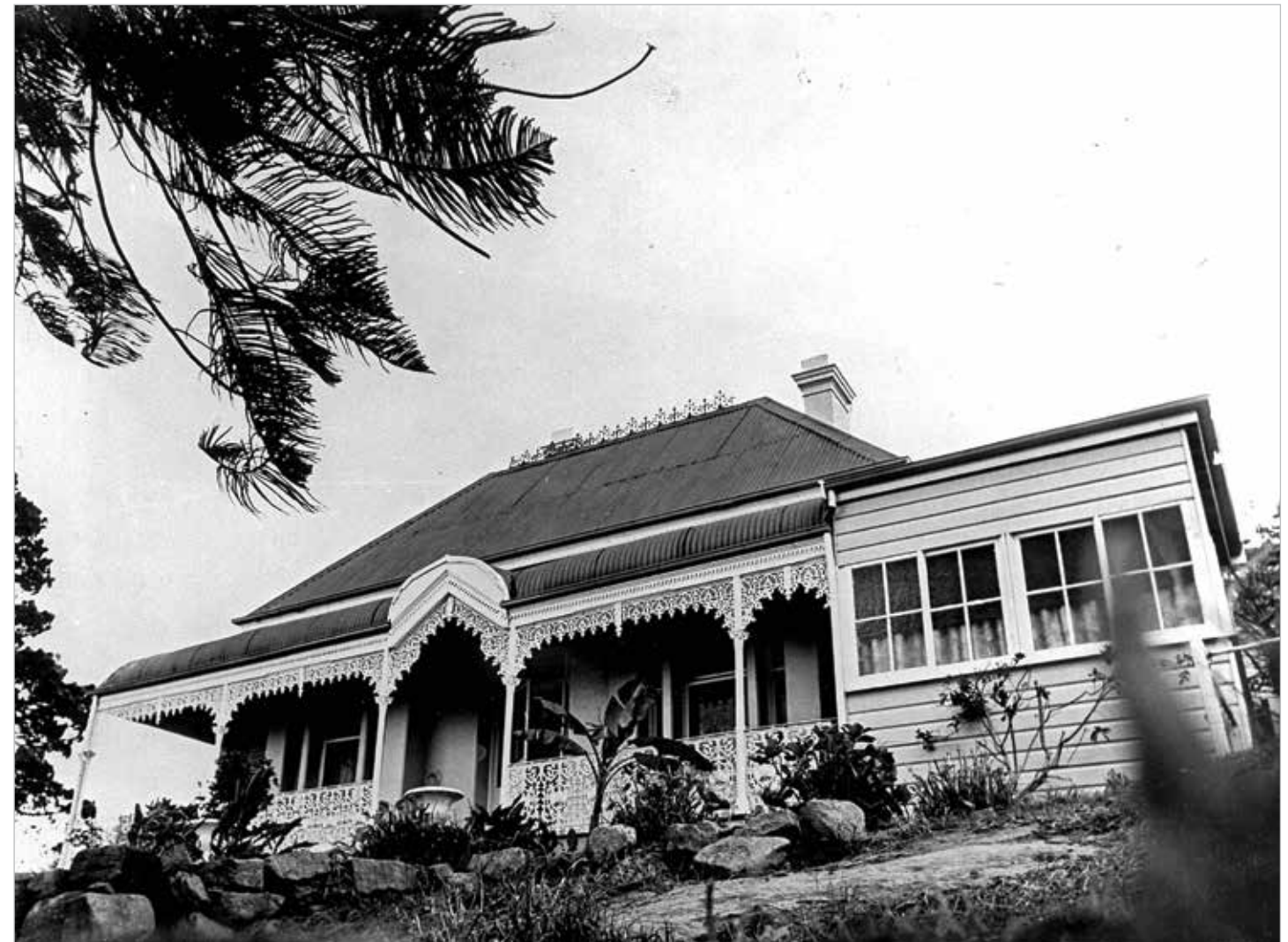
The will was contested by members of the Jenkins family, however, following lengthy court proceedings, The Salvation Army claim to the estate was upheld.

A number of social initiatives were commenced on parts of the estate by the Army, including a farm for recently released prisoners, an alcoholic's rehabilitation centre and homes for abandoned or orphaned children as well as homes for elderly citizens.

Rapid progress

The first gift from Elizabeth Jenkins in 1885, of 30 acres of land on the shores of Narrabeen Lagoon, is now the site of Pipeclay Point Park. There followed further gifts of land in the Dee Why area and a donation of £400 for The Salvation Army to build in 1892, a Home of Rest for officers who had become unwell.

This building still stands on the site of the Pacific Lodge Aged Care Facility. Obviously the Home of Rest was in operation soon after as the *Illustrated Sydney News* reported on Saturday 25 November 1893: "The Salvation Army



The Home of Rest at Collaroy, built by funds donated by Elizabeth Jenkins. Photograph courtesy of the Warringah Library.

have a resting house for their hard-worked officers, which is beautifully situated on the side of a hill overlooking the sea."

It appears that some social ministry was already underway in 1891, with an article in the *Australian Town and Country Journal* of Saturday 3 January, of that year reporting that "a four-acre plot of land is being cleared, it is said, for the purpose of supplying a reformatory in connection with the Salvation Army. The land, it is further understood, is the gift of a philanthropic maiden lady residing in the district".

By 1896, an industrial farm had been

established and further expansion was well underway. The *Sydney Morning Herald* of Saturday 2 May 1896 reported: "During the week Colonel Estill paid a visit of inspection to the labour industrial farm at Pittwater, between Manly and Narrabeen. He found that rapid progress was being made with the work, and that several new departures were about to be made, the most important of these being the establishment of a dairy. There are now six men at work on the farm, and it is hoped that there will soon be 20."

From a *War Cry* report in early 1912 it appears that there was significant

Salvation Army social enterprises in operation including a Sanatorium for Inebriates, Home for Boys, Ladies' Holiday Home, Industrial Farm and Florence House, a home for girls.

Part 2 will appear in the November issue of Pipeline



Major David Woodbury is the founding editor of Pipeline.



What would Jesus view?

With Pipeline culture writer Mark Hadley



Safety Not Guaranteed



RATING: M
RELEASE DATE: 13 September

There's a certain type of film that sidesteps the publicity of the blockbuster, but still ends up being recommended years later. Moving insights like *The Fourth Grader* and *Precious*; comic gems like *Little Miss Sunshine* and *Being John Malkovich* fall into this category.

When you finally see them you wonder why no-one told you earlier. Well, here's an opportunity to skip a year of waiting. *Safety Not Guaranteed* is my pick of the fringe films for the year.

Now I hesitate to tell you what this film's about because the moment some people read the phrase "time travel" – oops, I hear the sound of receding footsteps already – the suggestion of science fiction sends them running for the door.

So let me assure you ahead of time *Safety Not Guaranteed* is an offbeat comedy about a man who has supposedly invented a time machine but don't expect anyone with pointy ears to appear. There's barely a glimpse of special effects and no-one even breathes "1.21 gigawatts!"

The story begins with a Seattle magazine staff struggling for interesting

stories until one of its journalists points out a strange advertisement that appeared in their previous issue: "WANTED: Someone to go back in time with me. This is not a joke. You'll get paid after we get back. Must bring your own weapons. I have only done this once before. SAFETY NOT GUARANTEED."

The editor sniffs an opportunity to turn some hapless schmuck's delusion into an interesting people story and so dispatches journalist Jeff, and interns Darius and Arnau. After days of staking out the post office they finally identify Kenneth Calloway as ad-owner and potential fruit loop.

Kenneth is clearly paranoid so Darius dons a similar attitude to weasel her way inside his home. However, the better she gets to know him, the more she finds to like, and the less she wants to profit from his mania. But the line between psychosis and sanity becomes blurred as *Safety Not Guaranteed* rolls on and Darius begins to wonder who's actually the fool.

Time travel is the plot device that won't go away because it's everlastingly linked to regret. So long as we can look back on our lives and see things we lament, we'll daydream about the possibility of changing them.

Both the bigger and smaller plotlines

reveal that even if we were able to go back and re-write our pasts, there would be losses along the way.

The unalterable truth of time travel – real or imagined – is that your safety can't be guaranteed.

In order to alter our future we have to be prepared to sacrifice our present. There's no way to have your cake and eat it, too. Imagine you stand on the brink of the final Judgment Day.

The Almighty is about to pass sentence and you realise things might not go the way you'd hoped. But there's a last-minute opportunity to turn back the clock, to present God with a life that would satisfy his requirements. Does anybody actually believe that you could keep your old life and the new one, too?

Safety Not Guaranteed suggests some costs are worth paying.

Quirky Kenneth eventually gives up on his plan in favour of one that involves Darius. He tells her there's no point having the, "Awesome power of time travel at your disposal," if you don't have someone who "... has your back when the heat gets hot".

The same idea should shape our own thoughts of the future. Surely our present independence is worth giving up for a secure eternity.

House Husbands

CHANNEL: Nine Network
TIME-SLOT: Sundays, 8.30pm
RATING: PG

House Husbands has all the hallmarks of a middle-of-the-road Australian drama including slightly larger than life storylines and a cast of the usual suspects. However, the producers may have hit on one anxiety that will keep Sunday audiences switching on: the male fear of parenting.

The Nine Network's new series centres on the lives of four men with some tenuous work-life connections but primarily united by being responsible for the care of their children. However, the reasons for having ankle-biters attached are as varied as Australia's social landscape. Gary Sweet plays Lewis, a retired builder who's been divorced twice already and keen to ensure that this time around he gets to know his children. Rhys Muldoon is Mark, a part-time marketer holding down the fort while his wife's medical career blossoms. Gyton Grantley is Kane, a gay baker who's caring for his boyfriend's niece. And completing this motley crew is Justin, a disgraced footballer played by Firass Dirani, who's hoping to prove he's responsible enough to gain joint custody of his children. But do they fairly represent the parenting struggles of the average Aussie male, or is Nine simply trying to cobble together every audience group it can think of?

It should come as no surprise that the "traditional" family unit – housebound mum, working dad and their 2.4 kids – has been dissolving for decades. In May this year, the Australian Bureau of Statistics reported that male participation in the workforce is also on the slide, from 82 per cent in August 1961 to 72 per cent in August 2011. Alongside other factors the ABS pointed to the increased employment of partners as one reason why men find themselves at home. *House Husbands* certainly reflects that trend, though the series just as readily mirrors the lives of everyday fathers as it does stay-at-home dads.

The expectations we place on fathers

have probably changed more than any single employment statistic. As Gary Sweet's character arrives to take part in a classroom activity, he comments: "There was a time when you dropped your kids off at school and picked them up when they were 12."

And if there was a place where fathers were more involved, it was probably a sporting field. Now dads are expected to take a much more hands-on approach to homework, they need to know their child's dietary requirements, be on deck for nightly reading and lend a hand with an increasing number of after-school activities.

Parenting is one of those activities that can often challenge our self-worth because it brings us into contact with families that seem to be doing it so much better. More than once we dads have confessed to each other that we feel like we're "making it up as we go along".

House Husbands hits the nail on the

head when it shows just how helpless dads can feel, like Justin on the outside of a bedroom door wondering why his daughter just won't sleep.

The truth is, though, that we don't tend to make much up. We either do what our dads did for us (sadly even the bits we hated), or we choose a different direction. This is why I think that Christianity has so much to offer fathers.

Parenthood provides a real opportunity for men to find themselves in church. That's where we'll meet the Father who shows us what we're supposed to be like. Do you want to know what discipline looks like? Look to God.

Need an example of generosity without spoiling? He's there.

Most of all, do you need to know the lessons your kids really need to learn? Those begin with God, too.

Take on God's example and you'll follow the model of a father who Jesus was proud to call his dad.



Firass Dirani plays the role of Justin, a disgraced footballer, in *House Husbands*.

Going bush for the Lord



Teams of Salvationists and supporters are preparing to go bush again this Christmas to provide practical and spiritual assistance to rural communities.

Arrangements are being handled by divisional mission and resource (social) directors and rural chaplains.

They will take their teams into outback areas of NSW and Queensland for up to two weeks in early December.

Some divisions were still finalising their programs at the time of publication.

ACT/South NSW Mission

In the ACT and South NSW Division, applications have been invited from people willing to be part of a 9-16 December Christmas Bush mission, to be led by rural chaplains Les and Noeleen Barrass.

The mission emphasis this Christmas, according to divisional director Captain Christine Gee, will be on the practical.

"The aim of the ACT and South NSW Division is not so much to entertain but



to provide practical hands-on assistance to people in the south-western districts of Balranald, Hay, Boorooban, Maude, Booligal and Clare," she said.

"These acts of kindness may include things like repairing fences and verandahs, painting homes, cleaning driveways and general handyman jobs."

Team members will also join with local communities in their Christmas celebrations. This may include assistance with music and singing groups.

"The Christmas Bush Mission is about bringing hope to the bush through the Gospel of Jesus," said Captain Gee. "It's about being Jesus in their midst."

"We will be befriending those in the bush and sharing with them in a simple, no-fuss way, our faith in the living God."

Rural chaplain Les Barrass said he was hopeful of having a team of about 10 couples, although families and singles were welcome.

"Mostly, we get interest from retired people with caravans," he said. "But we are open to all kinds of interests. We're not doing a whirlwind Christmas musical tour. Our plan is to work with the rural people in practical ways during the day and join them in their Christmas celebrations at night."

Team members will be responsible for their own transport, accommodation, breakfast and lunch. Dinner will be provided each evening.

Central West Mission

Dubbo-based rural chaplains Majors



Trevor and Maree Strong are finalising a Central West NSW Christmas Bush Mission from 5-16 December to include Cobar, Warren, Quambone, Coonamble, Gulargumbone, Nyngan and Tottenham.

Major Maree Strong said because 2012 was National Year of the Farmer, the Central West team would provide "a gift" of practical support to farmers.

"The aim of these farm hubs is to connect our mission volunteers to farms for a day and, at night, gather with their farmers and their families at one property for a barbecue and Christmas celebration."

"A group of Rotarians and their partners from the Canberra East club will be participating with us in farm hub days. We also invited them to join us in the more traditional-style Christmas

mission of community carols in other towns."

Far West North Mission

Far West North NSW rural chaplains Envoys Vicki and Lloyd Graham are organising a 3-10 December Christmas Bush Mission based around Bourke and including Brewarrina, Weilmoringle, Enngonia and Wanaaring. They will visit schools, hospitals and nursing homes and join with community celebrations.

North NSW rural chaplains Majors Peter and Jean Ridley are planning a similar mission in northern towns.

People interested in joining one of the Christmas missions should contact their local divisional headquarters for more details.

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

Harrington

We befriended a lady in the community and she came to one of our Ladies Nights Out. One morning, in a coffee shop in Harrington, this wonderful lady gave her life to Christ. She is eager to begin discipleship and to see what God has in store for her. She left today saying that she felt a huge burden has lifted off her and that she is "walking on air". Praise God. – **Harrington Team**

Hannam Vale

Each week we have a team of people who deliver bread to disadvantaged families in our area. Stephen, one of our team, had a lady ask him for a Bible a few weeks ago. He gave her a prayer card that day and took a Bible for her the following week. A few weeks later, the lady told Stephen that she had prayed the prayer on the card and asked Jesus into her life. I am discipling the lady. – **Glenda Brown**

Camden Haven

Brett, a member of the ministry team, misplaced his phone. As a result, he was using an old prepaid phone that he still had. He received a phone call on the old phone from one of our Mainly Music dads saying that he thought he had found God and would like to meet with Brett. The meeting was arranged and the man gave his life over to Jesus. Brett will be discipling him each week. – **Glenda Brown**

Far North Queensland hub

A lady came into welfare looking for food. We were able to give her spiritual food as well as physical food. She accepted Jesus. A guy invited me to his place to discuss worries about people in his life dying. He became assured of his salvation. One of our soldiers preached at Centennial Lodge and a lady accepted Jesus. Another three for Jesus! – **Darren Kingston**

7 MISSION PRIORITIES

1. A territory marked by prayer and holiness

2. Our whole territory, in every place, involved in evangelism

3. Corps – healthy and multiplying

4. Our people equipped and empowered to serve the world

5. The territory passionate about bringing children to Jesus

6. Youth trained and sent out to frontline mission

7. Significant increase of new soldiers and officers

Doing whatever it takes

Court chaplaincy continues to produce positive outcomes. Campbelltown Region Courts chaplain **Major CHERYL HALL** reports on some of her cases this year

An Indian couple was referred to me by a magistrate a few months ago. The couple had the most beautiful three-year-old old son.

The parents had a gambling problem, although they didn't see it. One afternoon, they went to a club. Their son was asleep in the car. Not wanting to wake him, they went into the club to play the pokies and place their bets on the horses.

Although they could see the car and kept checking on the child, somebody reported it and they were charged. I was asked to work with them for six weeks to see how they accepted help.

We worked through different issues, including the possibility that their car, with son inside, could have been stolen. After a couple of weeks, the couple came to the point of acceptance that they had a problem.

They had also lost a child to stillbirth in December and still needed counselling for that. I was able to link them to the church they once attended in their area.

The couple gave me permission to speak with their pastor about their gambling problem and grief and loss issues. As a result, they re-established themselves in the church community.

They are both now employed and

in our regional courts

never go near a hotel or club. They received a conviction and fine from the court, but, praise the Lord, found God for themselves at their church.

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One of the first people I had contact with at Campbelltown was a Pakistani man who could speak very little English.

His Australian wife, whom he married while at Villawood Detention Centre, heard about the Positive Lifestyle Program (PLP). They came to see me.

You may recall that after the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, a number of boxers and wrestlers defected from their teams. This man was one of them.

Unfortunately, he got involved in fraud after fears for his life. He was detained at the Villawood centre awaiting a decision on whether he would be deported – or granted a visa to stay. He was released during this

time and started the PLP with me. He was very frightened and suffered major depression. I persuaded him to see a psychologist.

His wife called me late one night to say that he was in a mental health hospital because he threatened to throw himself under a train. After his release from hospital, we spent hours together just talking and encouraging him.

A few months ago, he was advised a decision had been made on his future status in Australia. He and his wife came to see me. The result was obvious in their faces. They were beaming from ear to ear. He had been granted permanent residency. Weeks later, they returned to my office with an invitation to attend a ceremony at which he became an Australian citizen.

Although it would be too dangerous to return to Pakistan to reunite with his family after 12 years, he is able to meet them in another country.

Rare Indigenous honour for Ipswich soldier

By SIMONE WORTHING

In a unique act of reconciliation, “Aunty” Ruth Whybird, a senior soldier at The Salvation Army’s Ipswich Corps in Queensland, was made an honorary Purga elder on 8 September.

During the ceremony, held at the site of the Army’s former Purga Mission, Aunty Gail, from the Purga Elders and Descendants, presented Aunty Ruth with a plaque recognising her “support, encouragement and love for Aboriginal people” that has been so evident for over 80 years.

She also thanked Aunty Ruth for her part in handing down some wonderful Aboriginal stories she had learned at Purga so that today, these stories can continue to be told.

“It is just wonderful to be accepted as part of this beautiful family,” Aunty Ruth responded.

Aunty Ruth, 96, lived on the Purga Mission from 1930-1933 with her parents, Captains John and Ruth Tunstall. With her sisters, she played with the children on the mission and has remained close friends with them and their families.

“Although she lived here for only three years, it had a tremendous influence on her and impacted the rest of her life and family, including her grandchildren who are here today,” said Aunty Ruth’s son, Glenn, who spoke on her behalf during the presentation.

“I would like to thank all the Purga people, past and present, for accepting my mother into your family. This acknowledgement of her love for the people of Purga, and the significance this place has for her, is very humbling.”

The Purga Board of Elders and Descendants, chaired by Aunty Lilly Davidson, was keen to confer the honour on Aunty



“Aunty” Ruth Whybird with family friends at the Purga ceremony.

Ruth and approached Brooke Prentis, ministry leader at the Army’s Indigenous Ministries Outpost at North Ipswich.

“This is an initiative between the Purga Elders and Descendants and The Salvation Army Indigenous Ministries, in partnership with Ipswich Corps,” Brooke said. “This is a great act of reconciliation and unity.”

Glittering ball marks 20 years of Oasis

By LAUREN MARTIN

The Salvation Army’s Oasis Youth Support Network recently celebrated its 20th anniversary at its annual Oasis Ball, raising tens of thousands of dollars to further its work with homeless and disadvantaged young people.

The ball, hosted by Australian TV and radio presenter James Kerley, was held at the Crystal Palace in Sydney’s Luna Park. More than 400 guests enjoyed dinner, took part in auctions and



Majors Paul and Robbin Moulds chat with guests at the Oasis Ball.

heard about the serious issue of youth homelessness and how they can help.

Major Robbin Moulds, Director of the Oasis Youth Support Network, reflected on the history of Oasis when she spoke about the importance of partnerships between the organisation and individuals, corporations and government agencies.

“Oasis from the very beginning started because of a partnership, and we have held strong to this all along. It is in the fibre of our foundation,” she said.

“I have found that when we embrace and pull wounded young people into the centre of Oasis and into the centre of our partnerships, that a surprising phenomenon called ‘synergy’ is developed.

“Synergy is where the weak and the strong come together in ways they could never have imagined. I am forever surprised by the creativeness of our partnerships and what we achieve in continuing to work together to meet the challenges that are before us.”

Major Moulds went on to outline how various businesses have partnered with Oasis to provide job placement and training for young people connected with the network, leading to lasting change in their lives.

The ball itself was a training ground for a small team of budding photographers who are participating in the PALM project – the Oasis photography course. They interacted with the guests to produce high-quality photographs of the event.

For more information, go to: salvos.org.au/oasis/

Walkathon strides past \$70,000 mark



Thanks to the generosity of Salvationists and the community, The Salvation Army Aged Care Plus Walkathon has raised more than \$70,000 for social justice programs in Australia and overseas.

The event, held on Friday 14 September at venues across NSW, the ACT and Queensland, involved Aged Care Plus centre residents, family members, employees, volunteers and people from the local community.

In Sydney, hundreds of participants walked a 5.4km return journey from The Salvation Army’s Australia Territorial Headquarters in Elizabeth St to Mrs Macquarie’s Chair on Sydney Harbour.

Aged Care Plus Chief Executive Officer Sharon Callister expressed her gratitude to all those who supported this year’s walkathon.

“This wouldn’t have been possible without the support of the community,” said Ms Callister. “We had friends, family members, employees and volunteers all join in. It was a great community day out.”

Money raised will go towards supporting The Salvation Army’s Streetlevel centres in Sydney and Brisbane. Streetlevel empowers people to bring lasting change to their lives.

“We are so thankful to Aged Care Plus,” said Brisbane Streetlevel Mission Team Leader, Major Bryce Davies. “The money raised will greatly assist Streetlevel in providing a safe, calm and healthy outdoor space for our community.”

A portion of funds raised will also be used to purchase bush ambulances for remote districts in the impoverished African nation of Malawi. The ambulances will help prevent about 80 per cent of deaths which are related to a lack of emergency transport.

Hundreds of participants stepped out to raise money during the Aged Care Plus walkathon in Sydney last month.



Riverview opening heralds a new beginning

By SIMONE WORTHING

Former Governor General Sir William Deane officially opened the Riverview Farm Chapel on Wednesday 22 August.

The chapel, built in 1912 and formerly The Salvation Army hall and corps building in the nearby town of Blackbutt, was moved to Riverview Farm in 2010.

"This new Riverview Farm Chapel, in an important sense, is not new at all," said Sir William in his address to more than 160 people who had gathered for the opening. "It's also celebrating 100 years since its first opening in 1912. Then, it was under the jurisdiction of the Ipswich Corps so today, Ipswich and Blackbutt join in today's celebration of an old beginning and a new one, of old life and new life.

"In years to come, the chapel will remain a repository of celebrations; of joys and sadnesses. It will be a centre of Christian worship and witness to the Ipswich district and enjoy a special association with the wonderful work of The Salvation Army with the vulnerable and disadvantaged in the Riverview area."

After reading Matthew 25:34-45, Sir William explained that he identified with the mission of The Salvation Army and

admired its members because of what he found in these verses. "I firmly believe that the ultimate test of worth of us all, both individually and as a community, is how we treat the most vulnerable and disadvantaged – the hungry, homeless, weak, imprisoned," he said. "And, as we Australians sometimes need to be reminded, this includes the stranger or refugee."

Carpenters, painters, volunteers and Work for the Dole clients have been involved in restorative work on the chapel since it closed as the Blackbutt Outpost of Bundamba Corps in 2005.

"For a long time at Riverview Farm we have wanted a place for chapel services, and for our workers and clients to be influenced by the gospel," said Envoy David Griffin, who spoke about the history and purpose of the chapel.

"We now have a place for worship, and one with a rich heritage of serving God. God's work still goes on inside these walls and we feel privileged to be the custodians of this hall so that God's work can continue."

Ipswich City Councillor Bruce Casas, representing Ipswich Mayor, Councillor Paul Pisasale, also presented a plaque for the chapel as a gesture of support for The Salvation Army and in recognition of the official opening of the chapel.



Sir William Deane with some of the team that worked on restoring the chapel.

Partnership protects endangered bushland

A partnership between The Salvation Army and the Hunter-Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority (CMA) has ensured that an important area of native bushland will be protected for future generations at the Army's new Dooralong Transformation Centre (DTC).

The Salvation Army has signed up for a Property Vegetation Plan (PVP) that covers almost 50 hectares at DTC. This plan is a voluntary agreement between the landholder and the CMA and secures areas of high-quality vegetation for conservation and rehabilitation.

Funding has been made available through the CMA from the Australian Government's "Caring for our Country" program which funds projects across the country that improve biodiversity and sustainable farm practices. The funding is part of a joint project with Wyong Shire Council to help improve water quality management and environmental outcomes for Tuggerah Lakes and its catchment.

"The signing of this PVP is a significant gift to future generations," said Major Jeanette Stoltenberg, DTC Team Leader.

"Protection of the high-quality vegetation on our property has given us the opportunity to provide a secure healing sanctuary for the participants in our Bridge Program. Participants will also learn values such as preservation and protection of their environment.



Major Jeanette Stoltenberg on site at the Dooralong centre.

"We have been entrusted with God's creation; it's crucial that we get the best outcomes for the community and our environment and that our animals and plants are protected."

Defence chief encourages Sallyman's spiritual work

General David Hurley, chief of the Australian Defence Force, gave his full support to The Salvation Army during the Red Shield Defence Services biennial conference held on the Gold Coast on August 6-10.

General Hurley and his wife were the special guests at the conference dinner which was attended by RSDS representatives from all over Australia.

"The general spoke about the RSDS and the value the military put on our services," said Major Barry Nancarrow (pictured), Chief Commissioner, RSDS. "He encouraged us to make a spiritual application at every opportunity, and to even create opportunities where none exist. The general mentioned our focus on 'saving the soul of the soldier', and said that the 'Sallyman' is never to take a step backwards in any spiritual work.

"We appreciated hearing these words from him – there is nobody more powerful in the Australian Defence Force and this was definitely a highlight of the conference."

Major Nancarrow said the conference was a time of fellowship and team bonding as it was the only time the 26 RSDS representatives get together as a group. "We also focus on spiritual development, encouragement and equipping the team for the tasks ahead," he said.

Special guests for the conference included Major Kelvin Alley, National Secretary, who was the Bible teacher for the week; Major Chris Reid, South Queensland Divisional Mission and Resource Director – Corps, who spoke about emotionally healthy spirituality; Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas, Territorial Secretary for Program; Commissioner Jan Condon, Territorial President of Women's Ministries, Lieut-Colonels David and Sandra Godkin from the Territorial Personnel Department, Lieut-Colonel Ian Hamilton from the Australian Southern Territory; and Majors Mark and Julie Campbell, South Queensland divisional leaders.

Grant awarded to Safe From the Start

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs has awarded a large grant to Safe From the Start, an innovative project initiated by The Salvation Army in Tasmania to educate the community on the devastating impact that exposure to family violence has on children aged from birth to five.

The grant will enable Safe From the Start staff to conduct national training throughout Australia at no cost, and to provide free resources to those working therapeutically with children. A Safe From the Start website will also be constructed. Training sessions began at Salvation Army centres throughout Australia in August and will continue until the end of November.

"I have been so encouraged and touched by the amazing support of all Salvation Army centres in every place we have been to," said Nell Kuilenburg, Development Manager for The Salvation Army in Tasmania whose passion for social justice, background in domestic violence, and experience working with children in women's refuges, formed the catalyst for the project.

"It's a great testament that the Australia Eastern and Southern territories work really well together."

Salvos Housing launched in ACT

By LAUREN MARTIN

The Salvation Army has become a community-housing provider, launching "Salvos Housing" in the ACT to provide low-cost housing to people in need.

The launch took place at the Narrabundah Social Housing Complex in Canberra – a joint venture between The Salvation Army and the Australian and ACT governments which comprises 23 units and a community room.

ACT Government dignitaries and Salvation Army representatives, including Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon and Commissioners Alistair and Astrid Herring, International Secretaries for the South Pacific and East Asia Zone, attended the launch.

During the launch, Commissioner Condon spoke of the true meaning of "shelter", quoting from Psalm 91: "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty."

"Salvos Housing was founded to further address the issue of homelessness and housing stress," he said.

Residents of the complex in Narrabundah live independently, but have access to a resident Salvation Army representative who offers support and referral to other Army services if needed.

Residents at the launch spoke to dignitaries and guests about the positive impact living at The Salvation Army complex has had on their lives, with one woman testifying that she no longer lives in fear after relocating from a larger public housing complex. "This woman said that The Salvation Army saved her life," said Major Julie Alley, Second in Command, ACT and South NSW Division.

"This is just one of the stories ... this is the kind of housing that we want to see – we want these homes to change people's lives."

The Salvation Army has recognised the need for affordable, safe housing and is in the process of registering Salvos Housing in NSW with a view to potentially building more community housing complexes.



Commissioner James Condon and Commissioners Alistair and Astrid Herring with ACT Minister for Community Services Joy Burch at the launch.

News in brief

CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER

Congratulations to Major Noela Fanshawe on being made President of the Queensland Institute of Clinical Pastoral Education, in addition to her role as Hospital Chaplaincy Coordinator at the Princess Alexandra Hospital.

CENTRE MARKS 10 YEARS

The Salvation Army's Tom Quinn Community Centre celebrated its 10th anniversary last month. The celebration included family markets which helped raise money for the centre which has recently seen its state funding reduced.

TGIF IN GOSFORD

The Gosford Corps have introduced TGIF – Thank God its Friday Night! This is an informal hour of praise and worship, Bible readings, humorous video clips, sharing, prayer and devotions, held every second Friday night. "This is a wonderful time of worship and a lovely way to end a busy week," said Corps Officer Major Lea Palmer.

MISSION TEAM MOBILISED

The South Queensland Mobile Mission Team recently travelled to Gympie, Cania Gorge, Bradford Wier and Blackwater as part of their mission trip for 2012, concluding their tour with a visit to the Sapphire Outpost. The team feels blessed to serve God and focuses on bringing encouragement to the corps they visit and the communities where they stop throughout their journey.

CELEBRATION OF MUSIC

The Temora Salvation Army celebrated the first birthday of its Mainly Music program last month. Organiser Margaret Wilkens said the popular program had reached its limit of 20 families earlier this year, with those now wanting to get involved being placed on a waiting list. "Mainly Music is a program which has really resonated among young families in town," she said.

Corps celebrate anniversary milestones

WOONONA 125

The weekend of 8-9 September was an emotional one for Woonona Corps, in Wollongong's north, as its 125th anniversary celebrations coincided with the closure of the corps.

Australia Eastern Territorial leader Commissioner James Condon, supported by Lieutenant-Colonels Peter and Jan Laws, Sydney East and Illawarra divisional leaders, were special guests for the weekend.

The corps celebrated the anniversary with a concert featuring the Sydney Composite Band, warm fellowship, a display of corps history dating back to 1887, and the opening of a time capsule planted by SAGALA members in the corps ceiling 25 years ago.

There was also an array of memorabilia on offer for people to look through.

Commissioner James Condon led the Sunday morning meeting where more than 70 people gathered to thank God for 125 years of faithfulness to Woonona Corps.

"The Commissioner's message of 'Looking Forward, Looking Back' helped us to reflect on learning from the past, the need to let go and focus on Jesus, and that God indeed has a plan," said Corps Officer Captain Phil Cardew.

Captain Cardew remains positive for the future of The Salvation Army's work in the area.

"We are assured that God never leaves us and as we look forward we wait with



Captain June Cardew and Max Rawlinson look at some of the history of Woonona Corps during the 125th anniversary

eager anticipation to see what new thing God is going to do in our lives and in the lives of the people in Woonona," he said.

Major Peter Sutcliffe, Divisional Communications and Public Relations Secretary, said: "Our current expression of work with our church will cease, however that does not mean that The Salvation Army is leaving the area.

"We are working closely with The Salvation Army Illawarra Advisory Board and also The Salvation Army Integration group to identify new opportunities in the northern Illawarra."

MANLY 100

The spirit of community was evident at the thanksgiving service and lunch celebrating 100 years of the current Salvation Army building in Manly, with more than 60 people from the community joining the corps for its festivities.

Mike Baird, Member for Manly and NSW Treasurer, attended and spoke about The Salvation Army's commitment to its faith and how that has shaped what it has done, and continues to do, in the local community.

Mayor Jean Hay also addressed the audience and emphasised that the Manly community affirmed the well-known words, "Thank God for the Salvos".

Deb Casey, the New Life Community Centre office manager, shared her love

for her work and Kerry Lingard, a young graduate of the Bridge program, spoke of how the last few years at Manly had drawn him closer to God and the community at Manly Salvos.

Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Laws, Sydney East and Illawarra Divisional Commander, encouraged the Army to not become a club for its members and challenged the community for commitment to the mission.

"His words were well received and not lost on a gathering of Salvos, volunteers and supporters who each contribute to the ongoing ministry on the Northern Beaches," said Manly Corps Officer Captain Brett Mitchell. "It's a real community here."

The Manly Corps officially opened in 1894.

WARWICK 125

Major Mark Campbell, South Queensland Divisional Commander, kicked off the Warwick Corps' 125th anniversary festivities on 25-26 August with the official reopening of the now renovated Family Store in Grafton St.

The Territorial Mobile Mission Team band and timbrel brigade played in the car park at the front of the store, their music and energy attracting many onlookers.

The celebration dinner that evening hosted over 70 people, including two grandsons of John Charming-Head who established the Warwick Corps in 1887. A grand-daughter of William Sleyer, one of the corps' first converts, previous corps officers, and friends were also guests at the dinner.

The Territorial Mobile Mission Team band, songsters, and timbrels presented the evening concert. Corps Officers Captains Mark and Cathryn Williamson also spoke about a book on the history of the Warwick Corps they, and Captain Cathryn's parents, had spent many weeks researching, editing and printing. The book is available for \$20 from Captains Williamson.

Focusing on the great things God has done in Warwick in the past, is doing now, and will do in the future, was the theme for the Sunday morning celebration meeting, led by the corps officers.

The celebration weekend concluded with a "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon" program at Stanthorpe, where there is an outpost and Family Store.



Captain Mark Williamson displays the draft of the new book on the history of The Salvation Army in Warwick, and a scrapbook used to compile the content (Photo courtesy of the Warwick Daily News)



At the Manly celebrations were (from left) Captain Louanne Mitchell, State Member for Manly Mike Baird, Mayor Jean Hay and Captain Brett Mitchell.

Program puts youth in the driver's seat

The Salvation Army's Oasis Youth Support Network on the NSW Central Coast has launched a driver-training program designed to help disadvantaged young people access transport and job opportunities.

Many young people don't have family or other social support to help them to accumulate the required hours behind the wheel to gain their provisional driver's licence.

Robyn Bust, manager of the Oasis Youth Centre in Wyong, believes many doors will be opened to the young people who complete the Drive For Life program.

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

"The aim of the program is to help disadvantaged young people on the Central Coast get their driver's licence so they are more employable and able to apply for jobs that require personal transport."

Naomi Goddard, 18, is about to start the program and says it will be a life-changer for her. "It will give me a sense of independence, I will be able to go where I want when I want."

After the death of her mother 18 months ago, Naomi was struggling to cope. She connected with Oasis in Wyong and through the youth centre has been studying a Certificate III in Business Administration.

The Drive For Life program will pair young people with a trained volunteer mentor who will support them through a series of lessons.

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

The program is being backed by Skoda, EFTPOS and Carsguide.com

Streetlevel fishermen camp out in style

Participants in the annual Brisbane Streetlevel Fraser Island fishing trip enjoyed a week of great fishing, spectacular weather, and warm Christian fellowship from 25-31 August.

"We ventured over the sand in our 4WD vehicles, along with our new trailer," said Major Bryce Davies, Brisbane Streetlevel Mission team leader. "We caught more fish than we have any other year, our equipment was much improved, and everyone just loved the experience. Some of the guys had never been fishing or camping before."

A new camping trailer was constructed and fitted with support from the Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise.

The trailer incorporates a four-burner BBQ hot plate; two small stove gas burners and one wok burner; freezer and fridge (LPG gas-powered); a two-bowl kitchen sink; a large storage area; two gas bottles; a 60-litre water tank with pump; and LED lighting throughout.

The club also donated \$1000 towards the costs of the trip for Streetlevel participants.

Technology One, an enterprise software solutions provider, also made a generous donation for Streetlevel's outdoor recreation equipment. This purchased a refrigerator, crockery, gas lines and other much-needed equipment.

The Streetlevel group camped with 30 other Christian men



The group from Brisbane Streetlevel on Fraser Island.

on the island. "Being around solid Christian males gives our guys the opportunity to learn life skills from other men and provides good role models for them," said Major Davies.

This year, Simon Raby won the award for the most successful fisherman with a catch of 30.

Rising to challenge the rally cry

By SIMONE WORTHING

Rising to the challenges around us in the hope and strength of Christ was the theme of Commissioner James Condon's message at The Salvation Army's Queensland Rally on Sunday, 16 September.

The Australia Eastern Territorial Commander spoke to a packed auditorium at the Life Community Centre, which included people who had travelled from all over Queensland and northern NSW.

The Divisional Fellowship Band and a group of musicians from the 2012 Queensland Performing Arts School provided music for the evening.

A snapshot of the territory was first on the agenda. Commissioner Condon shared how the Mission Priorities, launched in 2008, are starting to bear fruit in corps and centres, social programs, hubs and various new initiatives.

He spoke about the success of Salvos Legal; The Salvation Army working with asylum seekers on Nauru; and the establishment of a taskforce of Muslims saved by Christ in The Salvation Army who will advise on how to reach other Muslims.

Commissioner Condon also discussed some of the challenges facing the territory, including looking after the rural poor, finances, and the need for leaders and officers.

During the evening, a group of ladies from the Fairhaven Recovery Centre presented a creative dance to the song *Not Too Far From Here*. Carmel, from the group, shared how she had found God at Fairhaven after a life of fear and desperation. Presentations were given on the Townsville Hub and Caboolture Corps and centres, illustrating how the various expressions of The Salvation Army are working together for their communities.

Commissioner Condon also made several presentations to recognise people's service to God.

He commissioned Scott Frame, who serves with his wife, Natalie, leading the Bayside Corps, as a territorial envoy, and David Howell, from Pine Rivers Corps, as a divisional envoy. He also thanked Liam and Rachel Glover for commencing the work at Lake Community Church and for their years of dedicated service as leaders in that community, as they now move on into other areas of ministry. Commissioner Condon also recognised Marion Deighton and Gweneth Klee for 25 years of service as employees of The Salvation Army. Reading from 2 Kings, Commissioner Condon spoke about the opportunities available to The Salvation Army and the need for courage.

"We need to see the power and greatness of God and look beyond the despair and challenges of our modern society," he said. "Do we still believe in John 3:16? Do we still believe the Great Commission? Do we still believe Acts 1:8 and being filled with the Spirit?"

Commissioner Condon spoke about society moving against The Salvation Army as it "stands strong against public issues and cleans up our act within".

"We have had a blessed period of not being persecuted. As society moves against Christ, it's inevitable that it will move against us," he said.

"We stand for Christ and Christ alone, and when the storm is all around us, we stand united in prayer and mission."

Casting his vision, the Commissioner concluded: "I see a Spirit-filled Army of the 21st century, convinced of its calling, moving forward together into the world of the hurting, dispossessed, lonely and empty, reaching them with the transforming message of Jesus, bringing hope, freedom and life."

Miranda sets pace for Kenyan school



Participants received an enthusiastic welcome on completing the Big 50: Walk for Wheelchairs at Miranda Corps.

Thirty-five participants walked up to 50km around Sydney's Sutherland Shire as part of the Miranda Corps' Big 50: Walk for Wheelchairs on Saturday 1 September.

This endurance event, now in its second year, raises money for children with disabilities at the Joytown Primary School in Kenya. The Miranda Corps actively supports the Joytown School through The Salvation Army International Development department.

The running total for this year's event stands at \$7500.

"We have a good connection with local gyms and fitness centres and this event really engages community support," said event coordinator Nate Brown. "This is a great example of a corps engaging the community to help resource The Salvation Army mission in developing nations."

The walk covered both urban and bushland settings with

mostly local participants covering 25km or 50km. There were official "pit stops" along the course for refreshments and bathroom breaks.

All walkers celebrated their achievements – and the funds raised for the Joytown School – with a barbecue at the end of the course. For some, "the end" meant 8-10 hours of walking.

"It was physically demanding but everyone had a fantastic time," said Nate.

Joytown School is a Salvation Army-run centre in Thika, Kenya, that houses, feeds, and educates 330 children. In Kenya, where there is no health-care system for children with disabilities, families must rely on schools like Joytown in order to give their children an opportunity at life. These schools must then rely on external support in order to maintain the school's facilities and programs.

Tarrawanna Corps has spring in its step

Tarrawanna Corps joined more than 30,000 people from across the Illawarra at the one-day "Spring into Corrimal" festival last month, participating in the event and promoting the services of The Salvation Army.

"We gathered as many resources as we could so that we could hand them out for free, much to the surprise of many," said Corps Officer Lieutenant Matthew Moore.

"As we handed out our giveaways, we also had the opportunity to have conversations about Jesus and The Salvation Army."

One of the corps' mission objectives is to go out into the community and build relationships in response to God's call.

"Spring into Corrimal was a great opportunity to connect with people and to move them one step closer to Jesus," said Lieut Moore.



Just some of the many giveaways provided by Tarrawanna Corps.

ENROLMENTS

Raymond Terrace Corps

Susan Bodnar and Grant Brown have been accepted as adherents at Raymond Terrace Corps.

On Red Shield Sunday this year, Susan (pictured right with Corps Officer Envoy Ron Petterson) offered to assist by being on a static collection stand. She was overwhelmed with the kindness and warm attitude of those giving donations, so much so that she announced that she wanted to become a soldier like her brother, Kevin, who also attends Raymond Terrace Corps. Her first step has been to become an adherent and she proudly wears her adherents badge on street ministry which she does every week.

Grant, who is profoundly deaf, accepted an invitation to come along to the corps. The highly visual meetings have meant he can enjoy and participate each week which he does with enthusiasm. Grant (pictured right with Corps Officers Envoys Ron and Susan Petterson) has made a commitment to God and his first step in becoming a soldier has also been to become an adherent. It was a significant moment watching him use sign language to make his declaration in front of the corps.



Gold Coast Temple Corps

Major Andrew McKeown accepted Susanne Pratt as an adherent on Sunday 9 September (pictured right).

Susanne testified to the saving grace of God in her life.

Susanne came to Still Waters, adjacent to the Gold Coast Temple Corps, for emergency accommodation after a family breakdown left her homeless. She began attending Faithworks, a Bible study group led by Still Waters chaplain, Captain

Robyn Collins (pictured holding flag).

"After several weeks of sitting there stony-faced and silent, one week she started to cry and continued to cry throughout the study," explained Captain Collins. "I asked her after the group if she would like to have a chat and it was during this time that she accepted that she was a sinner in need of a saviour. She accepted Jesus that day and her face went from 'stoniness' to 'the face of Moses'."

Warwick Corps

The recent Warwick Corps 125 anniversary celebration was the scene of the enrolment of three brothers.

Major Mark Campbell enrolled Zakary Sorenson as a senior soldier, and his two younger brothers, Jens and Peter-James (PJ), as junior soldiers.

Pictured (back row, left to right) are Corps Officers Captains Mark and Cathryn Williamson, Mark Sorensen, PJ Sorensen (on dad's shoulders), Margaret Sorensen, and Majors Julie and Mark Campbell. Jens Sorensen and Zakary Sorensen are in front.



Palm Beach-Elanora Corps

Kelly Hampson and Neville Hanns were sworn in as senior soldiers and Betty Law and Tanya Jecny were accepted as adherents during a special celebration service on Sunday 12 August.

Kelly testified how she had lost hope in life until she began attending the Mainly Music program at the corps with her 10-month-old son. This link with the corps brought Kelly closer to God and she one day gave her heart to the Lord on her way to picking up her daughter from school. "And I haven't looked back," she said. "In God's timing he has brought me this far and he has big plans for me."

Neville also testified to the continuing work of God in his life and thanked the corps for their support of him. A Christian for many years, Neville has held on to Psalm 86:11-13 during his walk with the Lord.

Neville ministers at the local shopping centre twice a week and testified to God's grace as he ministers. "The street ministry

is where God wants me, getting involved in people's lives, reaching out to them and assisting them. God has truly blessed me in this area. I chose to put on the uniform and become a soldier of God and it puts me out there. It is highly respected and it is an honour to wear it. It opens so many doors into people's lives. Praise God!"



Tanya Jecny, Kelly Hampson, Neville Hanns and Betty Law following the enrolment service at Palm Beach-Elanora.

Tuggeranong Corps

Commissioner Lyn Pearce enrolled Jaycee Byers as a junior soldier during a special service for the International Day of Prayer for Children.

Commissioner Pearce had also enrolled Jaycee's mother, Jayne Diehm, as a junior soldier, many years ago when she served as the Divisional Youth Secretary.

Jaycee is involved in SAGALA and Kids Church on Sundays. Kids Church leader, Mel Nagel, says that Jaycee is full of fun, enthusiastic and loveable!

"Being a Junior Soldier means that I have asked Jesus into my heart," says Jaycee. "I pray to Jesus, and I am a kind person."



Commissioner Lyn Pearce enrolls Jaycee Byers as a junior soldier at Tuggeranong.

Taree Corps

Corps Officer Captain Roscoe Holland had the privilege of enrolling his daughter, Tierney Holland, as the corps' newest junior soldier, on Sunday 19 August.

Tierney made a public declaration that she knows Jesus saves us, and she loves Jesus "because he lives with me".

All junior soldiers at the corps are given a mentor who will help disciple them. Sammy Selby disciples Tierney and prays for her every day.



Captain Roscoe Holland introduces new junior soldier, Tierney Holland, and her prayer pal, Sammy Selby.

Dubbo Corps

Sunday 5 August was a big day for the Jones family of Dubbo with Major Colin Young enrolling Rebecca and Charlotte Jones as junior soldiers, and their parents, Katherine and Brenton Jones, as adherents.

"Katherine and Brenton are valuable helpers at SAGALA in Moonbeams and Adventurers respectively, along with being involved in other corps activities," said Major Kate Young.

On the same day, Major Kate Young enrolled Meg and Mel Fenton as senior soldiers.

"Mel leads Sunday School with Meg's help; she is also our Guard Leader, and this year has begun leading youth group."

More than 70 people witnessed the enrolments, including family, friends, and volunteers from the family store.

"God continues to do great things here at Dubbo, and we praise him for it," said Major Young.



Meg and Mel Fenton with their senior soldier covenants, supported by Corps Sergeant Major, Lindsay Foggon, holding the flag.



Katherine and Brenton Jones with their children (from left): Hamish (being held), Mitchell, William, Charlotte and Rebecca.

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General leads anniversary celebrations in Ghana

Almost 7000 Salvationists of the Ghana Territory recently gathered in Accra to celebrate – under the leadership of General Linda Bond – the 90th anniversary of Salvation Army ministry in their country.

The anniversary weekend also included the commissioning of 30 new lieutenants, the largest session of new officers in the history of the territory.

Three consecutive rallies – women's, men's and youth – took place on the Friday of the General's visit, which was followed by an evening event included a pre-commissioning drama by cadets of the *Friends of Christ* session and a special welcome to more than 150 Salvationist delegates from neighbouring Togo, which is part of the Ghana Territory. The mercy seat was crowded as many responded to the altar call and dedicated themselves for future service.

On the Saturday, the General commissioned and ordained 30 cadets in a solemn and dignified ceremony. She challenged them in the name of Jesus Christ to continue to follow his call.

Early on the Sunday morning, more than 4000 Salvationists and representatives from Salvation Army sections marched along the main road towards the college, saluting the General and the territorial leaders. The international leader was then escorted to the training college campus in the largest and most extensive Salvation Army march in Ghana in living memory.

The anniversary celebration meeting included an acknowledgement of more than 90 new senior and junior soldiers being enrolled during the year and a celebration cake cut jointly by the General and a 90-year-old daughter of the Ghanaian Salvation Army pioneer Lieutenant King Hudson.

In her Bible message, the General talked candidly about the need to live holy lives. In response to her words of challenge and prayer that God would bring about a great revival within The Salvation Army in Ghana, hundreds of people flocked to the mercy seat. The General joined those kneeling on the ground in dedication.



The General (centre, saluting) takes part in the march to the training college campus in Accra, Ghana.

Africa Development Centre opens

The Salvation Army's newly renovated Africa Development Centre in Nairobi, Kenya, was opened and dedicated to God by Commissioners Amos and Rosemary Makina (Africa Zone leaders, International Headquarters) on 27 August.

This is the first permanent home of the centre, which was established on 1 January 2010 and comprises two units – the

Africa Development Office and The Salvation Army Leadership Training College (SALT College) of Africa. The centre is a satellite unit of the Army's International Headquarters.

The Africa Development Centre provides support to Salvation Army territories, commands and regions throughout Africa, aiding with the formulation of policies and strategies for growth and development, and coordinating and providing in-service training for officers and local leaders.

Salvationists killed in Indonesian earthquake

Salvation Army "Compassion in Action" teams in Indonesia have been supporting communities affected by an earthquake in the Central Sulawesi Province.

One of the worst-hit areas was the Lindu District, where five Salvationists lost their lives. The Salvation Army corps and a school were among many buildings to suffer significant damage.

The teams visited Lindu District to give support and encouragement, and to pray with people who had lost loved ones, homes and possessions.

"Salvationists are in good spirits, have a strong faith and are coping well with this situation," said Colonel Mike Parker, Chief Secretary of the Indonesia Territory. "Our Compassion in Action teams are working well and the logistics are in place to provide support and goods. The bigger challenge will be the rebuilding of homes and halls."



One of the five Salvation Army corps buildings damaged by an earthquake in Central Sulawesi Province, Indonesia.



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Woman of God



Mrs Brigadier Sadie Dunster was promoted to glory on 8 August, aged 99.

Sarah (Sadie) Robina Miles was born to Salvationist parents in Grenfell, NSW, on 24 May 1913.

Together with family members, Sadie was deeply involved in the spiritual life and social activities of the then vibrant Grenfell Corps. Upon leaving school, she managed the town's newsagency on behalf of several owners. Returning many years later, she found the her meticulously labelled storage cases and boxes were still in evidence.

Just prior to the commencement of World War II, Sadie joined her widowed mother, Gertrude, and youngest sister, Alice, at Hurstville where the two young women were members of the well-known "All Women's Songster Brigade". During this time she worked as a cashier in the Sydney People's Palace cafeteria.

In 1940, she joined the *Holdfast* session at The Salvation Army training college in Sydney. After only 10 months of training she was appointed to corps work in Kurri Kurri and Singleton Corps, with special ministry to the Salvationist soldiers in the Australia Regular Army camp.

Marriage to Captain Nelson Dunster in April 1943 saw the commencement of a life-long, distinctive shared ministry in corps, divisional and media appointments, but most notably in editorial work in the Australia Eastern, Southern Africa and Caribbean territories and finally, in territorial education work. In all their appointments, Sadie provided competent secretarial support.

During the year when Nelson was appointed first as travelling ADC to the General's representative (Commissioner John J Allen) and then to the first "Editors and Writers Session" at the International College for Officers, Sadie maintained the work of the Sydney editorial office.

Despite long periods of inclement health, Sadie was a woman of resolute spirit, with an astute business sense and impeccable commitment to stewardship of resources. In this respect, she achieved the seemingly impossible in many challenging situations.

In retirement, "The Dunsters" frequently travelled internationally; a practice that Sadie continued, alone, following Nelson's promotion to glory in 1994.

In her 93rd year she attended the final "Retired Officers Retreat" at Balvonie in Scotland prior to the closure of that much-loved Salvation Army Centre. Hence she was, conveniently, just a train journey away from London when her only child, Commissioner Robin Dunster, was publically welcomed as The Salvation Army's first woman Chief of the Staff. Sadie is still well known throughout the United Kingdom with the Republic of Ireland Territory to the many people that she encountered while staying in Salvation Army holiday and aged care facilities.

In the years spent in residence at Macquarie Lodge, Woodport (Erina) and finally Bethany, Port Macquarie, Mrs Brigadier Sadie Dunster's independence of spirit, determination of will and maintenance of her own "space" were complemented by a personal faith that sustained and prepared her well for her ultimate promotion to glory.

Godly servant



Owen Patrick Weir was promoted to glory on 8 May 2012, from Booth House, Sydney, aged 82.

Better known as Patrick, he was a much-loved soldier of the Campsie Corps whose special ministry was street ministry, involving collecting at stations and hotels. He had a special way with the community, and the community

came to love and care for him.

Patrick was enrolled as a senior soldier of the Campsie Corps in November 1997. He became involved with Bible study, seniors group and was always ready to help. He could always be found setting up tables and chairs for Home League.

Patrick was born on 29 September 1929 in Edinburgh, Scotland, the only child of Owen and Emma Ann Weir. As a boy, he was moved around during the Second World War, travelling throughout England and Ireland, living in many places and learning different skills, including farming. At the end of the war he obtained an apprenticeship as a brass moulder.

In 1950, he was called up for National Service and served in Egypt for three years.

On 27 February 1956, Patrick arrived in Australia and worked as a brass moulder for six months before applying to the post office. He was appointed to the Chief Telegraph Office and remained in the public service for the rest of his working life.

Patrick's enthusiasm was infectious and retirement didn't stop him. He loved any sort of musical event and loved telling stories, especially tales about the north of England in the 1940s and 50s.

When Patrick entered Booth House, he felt that he had come home, with soldiers of Campsie Corps caring for him there.

Campsie Corps has lost a great Christian man of God, for Patrick loved his God, his Bible and his corps.

REPORTS

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about people

Appointments

Effective 3 September: Lieutenant Christelle **Pearson**, Assistant Team Leader, Glebe Corps, Sydney East and Illawarra Division (pro-tem).

Effective 10 September: Majors Jeff and Sue **Winterburn**, Carer Training, Recruitment and Support Officers, Young Hope Out of Home Care, Territorial Mission and Resource Team – Social; Captain Michelle **White**, Director, Young Hope Out of Home Care, Territorial Mission and Resource Team – Social.

Effective 21 September: Captains William and Susanne **Geracia**, Associate Corps Officers, Blacktown City Corps, The Greater West Division.

Effective 15 October: Major Reta **Brown**, Coordinator for Heritage Preservation, Heritage Centre, Booth College; Major Kelly **Mulligan**, Overseas Service Personnel Officer, Personnel Administration.

Bereaved

Major Pauline **Staples** of her brother Donald **Staples** on 21 August; Major Bob **Garven** of his mother, Major Genness **Garven** of her mother-in-law and Captain Vanessa **Garven** of her grandmother, Nola **Garven** on 23 August.

Deployment to Nauru

Effective 9 September: Major Kelvin **Stace**, Lieutenant Tara **McGuigan**, Captain Keith **Atkinson**, Lieutenant Bindy **Lupis**, Lieutenant Alice **Folan-Foley**, Major Ross **Brown**, Major Darren **Esley**, Major Darrell **Slater**, Major Keith **Hampton**, Captain Peter **McGuigan**, Major Julie **Radburn**, Lieut-Colonel Pamela **Hodge**.

International College for Officers (ICO)

Major Stephen **Briggs** has been accepted as an ICO delegate for Session 215 from 10 October to 3 December.

Married

Captain Jennifer **Wheatley** and Glendon **Stringer** on 22 September.

Promoted to glory

Major Elwyn **Sandercock** on 21 August; Major Roy **Unicomb** on 11 September.

Retirements

Majors Kevin and Glenda **Hentzschel** on 30 September; Major Sandra **Lesar** on 30 September.

time to pray

7-13 October

Narelle Gurney, Malawi Command; Bonnells Bays Corps, Miranda Corps, The Greater West Divisional Headquarters, all NSW; Lockyer Valley Corps, Brisbane City Temple Corps, both Qld; World Wide Prayer Meeting (11); Booth College Gala Day (13).

14-20 October

Westlakes Corps, Bowral Corps, Oasis Youth Network Hunter, Broken Hill Corps, all NSW; Inala Corps, Roma Corps/ Indigenous Ministries, both Qld; Tri-territorial Leaders Conference, New Zealand (15-18); World Wide Prayer Meeting (18); Newcastle and Central NSW Division Kids Camp (19-20).

21-27 October

Majors Philip and Deslea Maxwell, Papua New Guinea Territory; SAILSS (Salvation Army Individual Lifestyle Support Services), Noosa Shire Crisis Housing Program, Caboolture Corps, Brisbane Streetlevel Mission, all Qld; The Collaroy Centre, THQ; World Wide Prayer Meeting (25); Candidates Board (25); SAGALA Family Camp and Picnic Day (26-27); Newcastle and Central NSW Division Women's Weekend Ingathering (26-28).

28 October – 3 November

Major Kelvin Alley, National Secretariat, THQ; South Burnett Region, Youth Outreach Service, both Qld; Port Stephens Corps, Hunter Region Recovery Services, both NSW; Northside Corps, ACT; World Wide Prayer Meeting (1-2); The Greater West Division Adventurer/Sunbeam Camp (1-3).

4-10 November

Samaritan Services, Foster House Complex and Waterloo Community Ministries, Samaritan House Women's Programs Sydney, Maroubra Corps, all NSW; Emergency Housing workers (Caboolture, Logan/Ipswich, Sunshine Coast), Bundaberg Corps, both Qld; Mountain View Aged Care Services, ACT; World Wide Prayer Meeting (8).

engagement calendar

Commissioners James (Territorial Commander) and Jan Condon

Bexley North: Sat 13 Oct – School For Officer Training Gala Day

New Zealand: Sun 14–Thu 18 Oct – Tri-Territorial Leaders Conference

THQ: Tues 23 October – Lifekeeper Memory Quilt, The Salvation Army Suicide Prevention – Bereavement Support

Dulwich Hill: Wed 24 Oct – SEI Divisional Women's Celebration

***Newcastle:** Fri 26–Sun 28 Oct – Divisional Women's Weekend

Parramatta: Sun 28 Oct – Generation Salvation

**Commissioner James Condon only*

#Commissioner Jan Condon only

Colonels Wayne (Chief Secretary) and Robyn Maxwell

Goodna: Thu 4 Oct – Opening of Goodna centre

Dalby: Sat 6–Sun 7 Oct – Corps visit

Bexley North: Thu 11 Oct – Retreat Day

New Zealand: Sun 14–Thu 18 Oct – Tri-Territorial Leaders Conference

**Colonel Wayne Maxwell only*

Colonel Robyn Maxwell only