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Getting into the spirit of giving

Over the past few years, my wife and I have introduced a new Christmas tradition for our kids. In mid-October, my wife takes our three girls shopping. They buy things like pens and pencils, pencil cases, sharpeners, small toys, perhaps a T-shirt or pair of shorts and some personal hygiene products (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc).

On returning home, they pack three shoeboxes full of the items they have purchased and then, on the next Sunday, take them to our church. The boxes are passed on to Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, which distributes them to children living in desperate situations around the world.

This new tradition has been a wonderful way of helping our daughters learn about the joy there is in giving (although I will admit there were a few touch-and-go moments the first year when the realisation dawned that the gifts weren't for personal consumption), as well as understanding just how much God has blessed our family with.

In this issue of *Pipeline*, we show you several ways that you, too, can focus on the act of giving this festive season. There's the K-Mart Wishing Tree, The Salvation Army Christmas Appeal, and the International Development office's unique and increasingly popular Gifts That Keep On Giving catalogue.

We also tell you how you can give of your time by volunteering to help with the Army's numerous Christmas programs. I've been particularly inspired by the story, which you can read on Page 9, of Bill and Gwen Johnson who stand at a Salvation Army collection point in a shopping centre for four hours every week in the lead-up to Christmas. Bill is 92 and Gwen 90.

Ultimate gift

All this talk of giving has helped sharpen my mind once again on what we, as Christians, believe has been the greatest gift of all – of God sending his precious Son to rescue a broken world.

It can be all too easy to become distracted by the busyness of Christmas and, subsequently, lose sight of what a phenomenal moment in history this was. Of God, in the person of his Son, coming to earth to live among us.

It can also be all too easy to fail to really appreciate the gravity of this phenomenal act of sacrifice. The Father and the Son had existed for all time in a state of perfect union, and yet here was God willing to disrupt that union by sending Jesus to live among a broken humanity. God knew the path of pain and suffering that his Son would have to walk and yet he still gave, willingly. It's an act of giving that surely stands alongside what we view as the ultimate sacrifice, that of Christ on the cross.

May God, this Christmas, take you to deeper levels of understanding the biblical truth (Acts 20:35) that it is so, so much more "blessed to give than to receive".

Scott Simpson
Managing Editor

your
say...

God's gift

Astounded:

God. Girl. Gift.
Entrusted.
Mother of God –
Shrouded in time –
A prophetic voice –
Proclaiming the news –
That spoke life before life
began.

Secured:

Straw. Stall. Son.
Delivered.
One word of God –
Thrust into time –
A baby boy cries –
Bethlehem now wakes –
Christ brought light before
light began.

Invited:

Help. Heal. Hope.
Exalted.
God's gift of grace –
Outpoured through time –
A saviour given –
Redeeming the world –
Through such love before
love began.

**Major Bruce Domrow,
Campsie Corps**

Stand up for Christian comedy

As a fifth-generation Salvationist, I was brought up to be told the benefits of accepting Christ as Saviour and Lord, which I did as a young child.

I learnt an instrument and played in the band, became a senior soldier and senior bandsman and as a young adult felt a call from God on my life. Because of my upbringing I thought it was to become a Salvation Army officer. The only problem with that plan was that I couldn't pass the then-entrance exam. After questioning God about what was going wrong with his plan, he said to me: "It's not my plan, it's yours."

Soon after, I was introduced to the Disciples Christian Motorcycle Club. Things miraculously fell into place and I started Motorcycle Ministries with the club. I

moved to Queensland where I started the state's first Christian Motorcycle Club and, eight years later, I was asked to speak at a Uniting Church religious education (RE) lesson for schoolkids.

Most of what I said they found amusing and when I had finished speaking, 11 out of these 22 kids knelt and accepted Christ as Lord and Saviour. Then the ministers fraternal in Kingaroy asked me to speak at the combined end-of-year RE period at the local high school. Once again laughter was plentiful and more teenagers accepted information about how to become a Christian.

I found myself being very busy as a Christian comedian. Mike Warnke (an American Christian comedian) and I became friends and we shared many experiences together.

Fast-forward 22 years and once again I felt God calling my wife and I to a fuller service for him. So we applied to become envoys in The Salvation Army, but our application was denied without reason. I have since been encouraged to take up Christian comedy again.

After reading in *Pipeline* that our Territorial Commander is interested in hearing from Salvationists about ministries they may be passionate about, I just felt I had to say: "I'm passionate about the need for more Christian comedians. After all, if God's people can't laugh, who can? The Joy of the Lord is our strength." Why should the devil have all the good comedians?

**Kevin Fairhall,
Hervey Bay Corps**

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

Church for the unchurched

In approximately 15 years, North Point Community Church in Atlanta, Georgia, has gone from obscurity to the second-largest church in the United States.

In his new book, *Deep & Wide*, Andy Stanley opens the door to the how and, perhaps more importantly, why behind what North Point Community Church does.

The book is divided into five sections:

Section One, "My Story", and Section Two, "Our Story" (North Point), tell the Andy Stanley story and the events that lead to the start of North Point. It is in these chapters that the story of the idea to create churches that unchurched people want to attend is told.

Section Three, "Going Deep", is where "the secret sauce", as Andy calls it, is revealed. Here he explains and illustrates North Point's spiritual formation model.

Section Four is called "Going Wide" and contains chapters such as "Creating Irresistible Environments", where

Andy outlines the three essential ingredients, "Rules of Engagement", the North Point template that's used when creating environments where unchurched people are present, and "Double Barrel Preaching", a chapter on preaching to unchurched and churching audiences.

Section Five, "Becoming Deep and Wide", is about leading a local church through change into the North Point model. Church leaders are challenged to examine their own hearts and to consider their church's true identity. Is their church for churching people where "people obsess over the most frivolous, inconsequential things" or is it a church that unchurched people love to attend? That's the true heart of this book.

Written with humour, insight and clarity, *Deep & Wide* is a great book for any leader in the wider Christian church.

**Bram Bust,
Tuggerah Lakes**

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The meaning of Christmas

Amid the hurly-burly of the festive season, **Commissioner JAMES CONDON** believes one word sums up what Christmas is all about – life

Have you ever thought what Christmas might mean to a mother who has lost her husband, who must take care of three or four children, working every day, never quite getting everything done, never making ends meet?

What would Christmas mean to an old man living in a hut in Papua New Guinea, who has never seen a large shopping centre or Christmas tree?

What does Christmas mean to personnel from our territory serving overseas, away from family and friends, who are sacrificing so much to take the precious gospel message to others who have never heard? And particularly those personnel experiencing their first Christmas overseas.

For shopkeepers it is the busiest time of the year. Stores stay open longer, extra people are employed to cope with the Christmas rush. They are hoping to make lots of money to carry them through till next Christmas.

For some employees it means a Christmas bonus, a little more money in their pockets to do things they want to do.

For many people, young and old, it is a time of fun and parties. And for children, time seems to go extra slowly as they anticipate the coming of Santa.

In Luke's gospel chapter two we read about the first Christmas for the shepherds. They were not wealthy or influential, in fact just the opposite. They had no power or prestige, they just lived with their animals out in the field.

But the angel came to these men with the great news: "To you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour who is Christ the Lord."

In this one verse in Luke's gospel there are some important truths for us all to be aware of this Christmas and always.

Firstly, God knows you and you are important to him.

Throughout Scripture we see God honouring and using people that the world often overlooks or ignores – just like the shepherds.

A young Jewish boy was sold into slavery by his brothers and taken to Egypt. Yet, when God wanted to deliver a very special message to mighty Pharaoh, it was the slave, Joseph, who was brought out of the dungeon to interpret the message.

God uses the lowly and despised to show his power.

When God decided to select a woman to be the mother of Jesus, he found a peasant girl – a lowly, humble girl.

And when Christ was born, it was not in a first-class hospital with all the mod-cons and best of staff. No, he was born in a stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger.

Life matters

God knows you, and you are important to him. Another truth is that your life matters, because God loves you. Everybody's life counts for something.

A cartoon appeared in a newspaper picturing two farmers in Kentucky, standing in a field as snow fell softly. One turned to the other and asked: "Anything exciting happen today?" "Nah, nothing exciting," said the other farmer. "Oh, there was a baby born over at Tom Lincoln's home, but nothing exciting ever happens around here."

But that baby born in the home of Tom Lincoln one day became president of the United States. He changed the course of history and liberated slaves. One life can make a difference.

Have you ever wondered if there were people in Bethlehem on the night when Jesus was born asking: "Anything exciting happen today?" Maybe they were told: "No, nothing much. Oh, I hear some woman gave birth to a baby in a stable, but nothing exciting ever happens around here." Except that a baby was born – a baby that changed the world.

Life counts. Life matters – your life and mine. Lives of shepherds and lives of kings – all are important to God.

This is the meaning of Christmas – God knows you, and you are important to him.

Your life and faith matter, because God loves you.



**Commissioner James Condon is Territorial
Commander of the Australia Eastern Territory**

A Christmas embrace

The world leader of The Salvation Army, **General LINDA BOND**, celebrates the birth of the Saviour of the world and the arrival of the One who gives people the best sense of belonging they could ever imagine

The small boy was obviously lost. Standing in the shopping mall with crowds of people rushing by, he looked terribly anxious, glancing all around for a familiar face. It was Christmas time and the worst time of year to be in the midst of a rushing crowd, disconnected from a family member.

Yet, standing beside The Salvation Army's Christmas kettle, I could see what he could not – an elderly man standing not far away with eyes fixed on the boy. I thought to myself that this was his grandfather. Sure enough, their eyes met and the older man ran to embrace the boy. "You thought you were lost, didn't

you? Well, I knew where you were all the time." No scolding of the boy for wandering off. No embarrassing lecture in front of strangers. No reprimand of any sort.

Alone in a crowd

For so many people Christmas time only accentuates their sense of lostness – of being alone in the crowd. The emphasis on family, happy memories, celebration and giving just reminds them of their isolation and that life has not been like that for them.

Perhaps that is why The Salvation Army has made Christmas a major focus

of its year. Perhaps that is why we arrange special meals in the community, Christmas assistance and the giving of toys. We want to replace the sense of loss or meet the urgent need and display the spirit of Christmas in the most practical ways.

Yet in spite of all we do, we cannot fix broken lives or heal the deep wounds of the heart. Sometimes we are surprised to discover that the people who feel most lost in this Christmas maze are not the economically strapped. Sometimes the hurting, broken, lonely and lost are actually the ones who appear to have it all together.

The Bible tells a story of such a

"SOMETIMES WE ARE SURPRISED TO DISCOVER THAT THE PEOPLE WHO FEEL MOST LOST IN THIS CHRISTMAS MAZE ARE ... ACTUALLY THE ONES WHO APPEAR TO HAVE IT ALL TOGETHER."

man – Zacchaeus. He was actually very prosperous. However, his profession as a tax collector ostracised him. But Jesus, like the doting grandfather, saw where he was all the time and connected with him in a life-changing way. When criticised by the people because he was having a bite to eat with a "sinner" like Zacchaeus, Jesus declared emphatically that he had come into the world to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10).

Zacchaeus changed from the scheming deceiver that he was to a generous, responsible citizen. Why? Not because he was publicly shamed, reprimanded or made to feel like an outsider, but because Jesus was on the lookout for him. He gave him a sense of dignity. He knew he could be different.

Missing the message

It is so important that we don't get carried away with nostalgia when it comes to the Christmas story. We can romanticise the scene of Jesus' birth and miss the power of its message. God took on human flesh,

moved into our neighbourhood and spent his life in search of those who needed to reconnect with their Maker.

Maybe some of us would never admit to being a lost soul, but we would admit to a loss of our idealism, values, faith or hope. Maybe we would even venture to admit that we have lost much of our love for ourselves or others. It's not something we declare to everyone. We may feel like the young boy, unnoticed by the crowd but frantically needing to be found.

Well, friends, Christmas is about the coming of the Saviour of the world – the loving Saviour – the one who searches out lost people, embraces them, and gives them the best sense of belonging they could ever imagine.



General Linda Bond leads The Salvation Army from International Headquarters in London

AGE SHALL NOT WEARY TIRELESS VOLUNTEERS

Bill Johnson is 92. His wife, Gwen, is 90. For the four weeks leading to Christmas Day, they will spend two hours a day, two days a week collecting donations at a Wollongong shopping centre so that people in need can be assisted.

Bill and Gwen (pictured) are soldiers of the Wollongong Corps. Despite their advancing years, they approach their annual Christmas collecting as a privilege. They have been collecting at Christmas for most of their adult life. Bill started at Cessnock. The couple then collected for many years at Deniliquin before moving to Wollongong.

Only the Second World War interrupted their Christmas service together, according to Bill, who was a navigator in the Air Force, based in Europe.

In Wollongong, they are part of a team that usually collects about \$30,000 from two sites over the four-week period. They encourage anyone with the time to help out this Christmas, wherever they live. "Anyone can do this job," Gwen says. "You don't need special qualifications; just a smile and a 'thank you' will do."

She hands out Salvation Army calendars to donors and small cards with a Bible verse to children.

"People don't need to worry about what to say," says Bill. "You don't have to say anything, except 'thank you,' if you are a bit shy."

"We like doing the collecting because it is vital to raising money for the work of The Salvation Army. People appreciate the chance to be able to give to our work. It's not hard; just a little bit tiring standing for two hours when you get to 90."



George Clarke, a Salvationist from Ipswich Corps, is passionate about putting a smile on children's faces at Christmas.

For the past eight years, George, who is retired, voluntarily spends most of December picking up toys donated to the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal in Brisbane.

George (pictured) is one of many who deliver the toys to storehouses where they are sorted and distributed to children in need over Christmas.

"I enjoy doing that sort of work. When you think of the number of kids whose parent can't afford their toys and they get the toys we go pick up, I enjoy every bit of that," says George.

Visiting eight or nine stores a day, George says he covers a fair distance to reach all the Kmart centres in Brisbane and finds that he is often filling up five or six trolley-loads at each store.

Starting off with three days a week, as Christmas draws closer George says he will complete pick-up trips nearly every day, even on weekends. And even after Christmas, there are still many toys that are donated and need to be picked up by enthusiastic volunteers such as George.

The Salvation Army needs volunteers to help with the many jobs in providing practical assistance to families in need. Contact your local Salvation Army corps or centre for more information about how you can help.



Comedian Hamish Blake promotes The Salvation Army's Christmas appeal. Photo: Shairon Paterson

WHERE WISHES COME TRUE

By SCOTT SIMPSON

Gold Logie Award-winning comedian and actor Hamish Blake has lent his considerable support to this year's Salvation Army Christmas campaign.

Blake will appear in a series of Salvation Army-produced videos promoting the campaign, which incorporates both the Christmas Appeal and Kmart Wishing Tree.

"Unfortunately, for a lot of people Christmas is a time of hardship," Hamish says.

"The Salvos this year will help 300,000 Aussies with their food, accommodation and bills – all the things that can make Christmas a stressful time rather than a happy time."

Thanks to the generosity of the public, the Kmart Wishing Tree, Australia's largest Christmas gift campaign, has collected more than five million presents over the past 24 years. This year, organisers are hoping to see about 500,000 gifts donated, which The Salvation Army will distribute to the needy.

"That means kids who wouldn't have had anything, get to wake up on Christmas morning with gifts waiting for them under the tree," says Hamish.

"It's an amazing thing the Salvos do, they're giving hope and it enables people to know at Christmas that someone – even though they've never met this person – cares about them."

Gifts do not need to be purchased from Kmart. Stores act as facilitators, enabling the Army to reach the wider public.

As an alternative to donating a gift, people can make a cash contribution at any Kmart store register.

These cash contributions are converted into Kmart gift cards which are then distributed by the Army, allowing appeal recipients to choose their own Christmas gift.

Gifts will be collected up until Christmas Eve.

The Army's Christmas Appeal, meantime, raises funds to provide support for people in need this festive season. To donate, call **13 72 58** or go to **salvos.org.au**

The year, as part of the appeal, the Army has overhauled its Christmas website, **salvos.org.au/christmas**.

The new-look site will feature instructional videos by celebrity chef Damian Heads on how to cook a two-

course Christmas meal for only \$10 per person, a how-to guide in making the ideal Christmas present by craft expert Kelly Doust, recipe fact sheets by Maggie Beer, budgeting advice from Nine Network finance reporter Ross Greenwood and listings for local carols and church services.

"Our prayer and hope for the website is for it to be a place where our community can visit and find helpful tips to enhance their Christmas," said Major Bruce Harmer, the Australia Eastern Territory Communications and Public Relations Secretary.

"We hope the Christmas website becomes a place where we can all get great advice and tips that contribute to making this Christmas, for everyone, the most wonderful time of their year."

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The Salvation Army is often at its most visible during the Christmas season with its street ministry, but there are a number of other programs operating behind the scenes which also bring joy to people at this time of year

AGED CARE PLUS

By NAOMI SINGLEHURST

When an extra 90 beautifully wrapped and individually name-labelled presents, signed with love "from Santa", were distributed last Christmas at The Salvation Army Aged Care Plus "Moyne" facility in Orange, centre manager Dianne Cameron says "you could not wipe the smiles off residents' faces".

For the past five years, staff at The Salvation Army's Aged Care Plus head office in Sydney – which administers a range of centres and services including independent living units, low and high-care facilities and community care packages – have chosen to give gifts to residents at one of the centres rather than exchange presents among themselves.

"The ultimate goal is to really make a difference in the lives of our residents during Christmas time, which can be really tough for some," says Maria Fragatti, who works at Aged Care Plus head office.

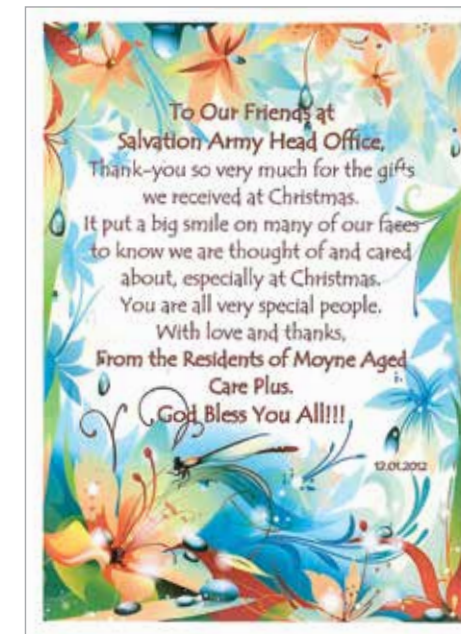
"Many in our centres have lost loved ones, lost their life partners, so they can feel quite lonely. So that's why we decided to give presents to residents rather than each other."

In 2011, head office staff chose Moyne, which has 65 residents in high and low care. "The extra presents from head office were wonderful," says Dianne. "Faces just lit up – it was just absolutely beautiful!"

The service celebrates birthdays, special milestones and involves families in a very real way. At Christmas, it goes all out to create a very special experience including an annual "Carols on the Lawn" which regularly attracts 200 to 300 people. The centre chaplain covers Moyne with Christmas decorations and every year the chef chooses to spend Christmas Day at the centre to cook for residents.



An aged-care centre resident unwraps a present with Santa, and a letter (below) from residents expressing their thanks.



One of the most beautiful moments each Christmas, Dianne says, is seeing the joy, even of families whose loved ones may no longer remember them.

"Where the loved one stops recognising people is really quite heart-wrenching for the families," she says.

"[Because of dementia] some people who [now] don't recognise some of their family members, still recognise Santa. This gives families great joy to see their loved one's face light up."

FAMILY TRACING SERVICE

By LAUREN MARTIN

This Christmas, for the first time in a decade, Jan* and her husband will be surrounded by their entire family. The hole in the family photo – created by their son who went missing for nine years – will finally be filled.

"It's going to be wonderful," Jan gushes. "I'm so grateful to The Salvation Army for everything they have done."

After losing contact with their son Jo – who was a drug addict and in a relationship with a woman Jan disliked – the family spent nine stressful years searching, hoping and praying that one day they would be reunited.

"Our biggest fear was that something had happened to him and we would never ever know what became of him," Jan says. "We had actually gone to the trouble of contacting the register of Births, Deaths and Marriages to see if he was listed."

Then somebody told Jan about The Salvation Army's Family Tracing Service, a program dedicated to locating missing relatives and reuniting families. Within months of submitting her application, Jan received the telephone call she had been praying about for years.

"I was amazed and thrilled," she says, recalling the day that The Salvation Army's Major Lyndal Barker called to tell her that Jo had been found and was willing to be reunited.

It was an emotional first telephone call between Jan and Jo as he apologised for not getting in touch, telling his mother that with all the trouble he had caused in the past he had decided it would be better for the family if he just stayed away.

Earlier this year, the family flew Jo to Queensland for an emotional reunion.

"A really special moment that we had was with my little grand-daughter – my oldest son's little girl," says Jan. "She took to Jo straight away and just loved him. It was the first time she'd ever met him ... she followed him around everywhere!"

But perhaps the thing Jan is most looking forward to is this Christmas, when her entire family will be together.

"You couldn't ask for a better Christmas present – what could be better than to find someone that had been missing for such a long time."

*Not her real name

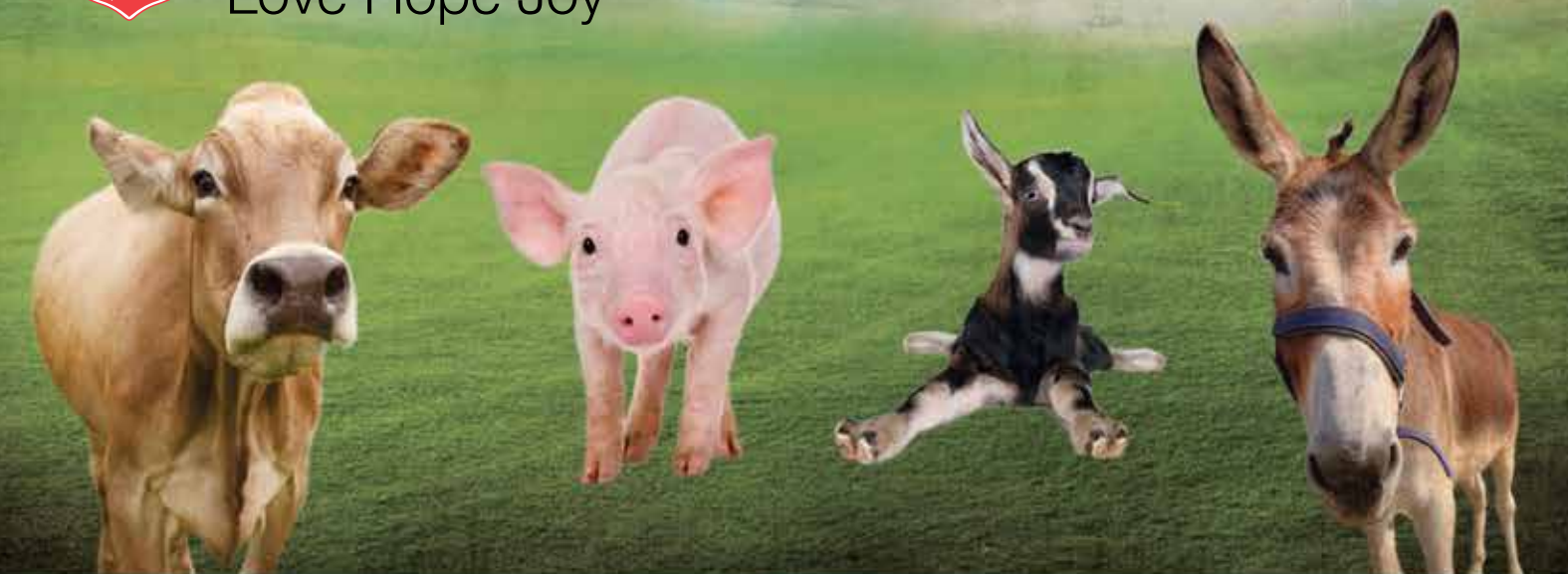
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GIFT CATALOGUE HELPS YOU TO GIVE, AND RECEIVE, AT THE SAME TIME



By SCOTT SIMPSON

How would you like to do your Christmas shopping this year in just minutes and at the same time help reduce world poverty? Well you can, and all without having to leave the comfort of your home.

Just in time for Christmas, The Salvation Army International Development office has launched its Gifts That Keep On Giving catalogue. A flyer promoting the catalogue and explaining how you can find out more information, is included in this issue of *Pipeline*.

The catalogue enables you to select a "gift" for a friend which, in effect, actually helps to improve the lives of some of the poorest people in the world. It's a great idea. It's like receiving, but giving, at the same time.

You can choose to give a donkey, cow, pig or a goat. Or perhaps a mini-garden, a health flip chart, a toilet – even clean water for a community!

This is how it works: You or a person making a gift in your name donate to a project. The International Development office receives the funds and then sends them to the appropriate overseas Salvation Army territory. The overseas territory then distributes the funds through a development project to benefit a local community.

In exchange, donors receive a card. If you are making the purchase on behalf of somebody else, as a birthday or Christmas present, for example, you can give them the card.

Last year, a family living in poverty in a remote rural area in Myanmar received a micro-loan (small loan with no

interest payable) from the International Development office to buy some goats.

Within eight months, the goats had reproduced and the family was able to pay back the loan by selling some of the younger goats.

The family can now support itself financially through goat farming – and the International Development office can offer a new micro-loan to another family in need.

Your purchase from the Gifts That Keep On Giving catalogue is unique because it gives twice. It's a thoughtful present for someone you care about and it's a life-changing gift for someone you've never met.

Shop online at salvosgifts.org.au

Christmas offering

There's also another way to give this Christmas. The International Development office has organised a Christmas Day offering at Salvation Army corps and centres, with money raised to go towards the purchase of a new kitchen for the Army's Begoro Rehabilitation Centre in Ghana.

The centre offers a 35-bed in-patient unit which provides therapy for children with physical disabilities. It also provides community outpatient services to children and adults with disabilities such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, bone disorders, effects of paralysis, hearing and visual impairments.

The aim is to raise \$30,000 from the Christmas Day offering to build the new kitchen.

For more information about the International Development office, go to salvos.org.au/said

SALVOS ON SONG AT MAJOR CAROLS EVENTS

By SIMONE WORTHING

In the Salvation Army tradition of Christmas, two events will stand out in the December calendar – Carols in the Domain in Sydney and the Lord Mayor's Carols in the City in Brisbane.

This year Carols in the Domain, Australia's largest free public event, will celebrate its 30th year with a host of performances by a number of nationally and internationally renowned performers.

Graeme Press, Salvationist and former Territorial and Creative Arts Director and leader of the Sydney Staff Songsters, is, for the fourth year running, Musical Director for the event on Saturday 22 December. The combined Salvation Army choir will again perform.

The Salvation Army and The Salvation Army's Oasis Youth Support Network are the official charities of Carols in the Domain.

For the first time, The Salvation Army is also the official charity of the Lord Mayor's Carols in the City, to be held at Brisbane's Riverstage on Saturday 8 December.

IGA supermarkets will be selling activity books in the lead-up to the event, with \$1 from each book sold donated to The Salvation Army. There will also be a large Christmas tree at the event for donated gifts, which the Army will then distribute.

"IGA and the organisers of carols are very excited about the prospect of a long-term relationship between this event and The Salvation Army," said IGA representative Jessica Davic.

The line-up for the Brisbane carols is impressive and includes Troy Cassar-Daley, Paulini, Debra Byrne, Marina Prior, and Colin Buchanan. The Army's Brisbane City Temple Band will play in the pre-event line-up.



FAIRWAY *to* heaven

As a teenager, Miriam Gluyas was encouraged to pursue a career as a professional golfer. But, as **BILL SIMPSON** discovers, God had a different course for Miriam to walk ... and it suits her to a tee

Golf or God. As a talented teenager growing up in country Victoria, Miriam Gluyas had to choose. Graduating from Clarendon Presbyterian Ladies College in Ballarat, Victoria,

Miriam had set her course on a sports teaching degree at university and life as a professional golfer. She was that good on the golf course! But then God called. It was during a Salvation Army youth councils.

Miriam signed for life. Serious golf was gone. A life of service in The Salvation Army lay ahead.

Thirty years later, Miriam Gluyas is a lieutenant-colonel in The Salvation Army and Secretary for Program in the >>>



Miriam with Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon (left) after being appointed Secretary for Program; and with then-Commissioner and now General Linda Bond and celebrities and guests at a Red Shield Appeal launch in Sydney.

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Australia Eastern Territory. She is one of our chief decision-makers.

In February, she will take up a new appointment as Chief Secretary in the Papua New Guinea Territory.

When *Pipeline* talked with Miriam a few weeks ago, her response to giving up the potential of a glamorous sports life was very much matter-of-fact. It was a thing of the past. There were no regrets.

"I had a blessed childhood," she says. "I grew up in a pretty stunning [Salvation Army] family.

I was always told that I could do anything; be anything. I believed it.

"I was very good at school and at sport. I had lots of friends. I was a keen golfer and pretty competitive. I had a ball."

She had always been a committed Salvationist and, as far as she could recall, Christian.

A great-grandmother started an Army corps in Scotland. A 99-year-old grandmother, Ruth Gluyas, is still "as lively as ever" at Port Macquarie on the NSW North Coast, as are her parents, Les and

May Gluyas. She has two brothers, Wayne and Phil (an officer), and a sister, Leanne.

"I don't remember not being part of God's family," she says. "I think I have probably always loved Jesus and thought he was magnificent."

Her acceptance of the call to officership was similarly matter-of-fact – in the spiritual sense, of course.

"I probably always knew I would be a Salvation Army officer. At a youth councils in Ballarat many moons ago, I felt it was time to do it. It was never a big deal. It was just the next part of my life.

"I have always seen myself as a leader. God has been very kind to me. God knows what's coming up next in my life [so] he gives me an indication of what's next before it happens. Some people find that weird. But he does give me a picture of the future. He doesn't give me dates, but he does give me a picture of the future. I have known for a while that my next appointment would be overseas.

"God told me to watch. He said he would send me to a place that would be hard, but he also said that I was to watch and see what he would do. And now, I'm off to Papua New Guinea and very much looking forward to it.

"My heart is for the people of the world. That's why I was involved at Auburn [strong refugee ministry] and now with The Salvation Army's work among asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus Island.

"This is where The Salvation Army needs to be."

Tree shaker

Lieut-Colonel Gluyas has built a reputation within The Salvation Army as a "big-picture person".

"Am I a visionary? Yes," she says. "I am most certainly a big-picture person; always have been. I see the big things. My gifts are leadership, administration, faith and teaching."

She is also a tree shaker. "Visionaries always shake trees. I have never been a person who has felt the Army wouldn't let me do things. I love innovation. I think we have a big God. I love big challenges.

"Yes, that does scare some people. But, yes, I shake trees and I love it when God comes though.

complicated," she says. "We need to focus on prayer, evangelism and discipleship, built around community. We must serve the poor and marginalised. They are 'our people'.

"So, what does that look like today? The old wells will still be there. I am not saying that we do away with those old wells; the things we have always done. But in Western society, it is easy not to need God because we think we have everything. We can depend on us.

"This was heightened for me when an African said we [in West society] could wonder why we need God. He said that in his country, people cried out to God for everything – food, housing, whatever. But in the West, everything was provided. We're not conscious of that.

"We need to get back to relying on God for what we need in The Salvation Army. We need to be asking God what is it that he wants us to do. Only seven per cent of people go to church in Australia.

"I DON'T REMEMBER NOT BEING PART OF GOD'S FAMILY. I THINK I HAVE PROBABLY ALWAYS LOVED JESUS AND THOUGHT HE WAS MAGNIFICENT."

"I'm also very passionate. So I like to get things done. Getting the administration done leaves me the time to actually do the things I am passionate about." That's why her work day starts early and finishes late. There's a lot to be passionate about!

"I'm not here to mark time," she says. Nor is The Salvation Army. On that, she is emphatic. It's a passion. She wrote about it in the September issue of *Pipeline*. "Old wells and new wineskins" was the heading to her article.

"I am not one to look back," she wrote. "Most of my thinking time is spent focusing on the present or the future. But there are things to be learned from the past. Old wells that need new wineskins."

What does that look like for her?

"I don't think the gospel is

That's a massive issue. We need to be asking God how he wants us to reach people. There are people coming [to Australia] from all over the world. How do we reach them? We need to be asking God that question. We get caught in the trap of doing the same old, same old. We've got to disturb the past otherwise we will lose our relevancy."

Disturbing the present

Disturbing the past – even the present – is a Miriam mantra, at the moment.

She is deadly serious about that. Even her email sign-off trumpets the message. "There is no improving the future without disturbing the present," the sign-off says. Miriam attributes the quote to Salvation Army co-founder Catherine Booth. >>>





“WE NEED TO RELY ON GOD RATHER THAN OUR REPUTATION AND WHAT HAS GONE ON IN THE PAST. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE ANY MORE GENERATIONS.”

“I saw this quote several years ago and said ‘yes’. There must be a Joshua and Caleb spirit. We can ‘take the land,’ but not by doing the same old, same old. I reckon it’s about ‘old wells and new wineskins’. With only seven per cent of Australians going to church, there will need to be some disturbing.

“I love pioneers. I love church planting. Things need to be disturbed in a good way – to create urgency but also to create hope.”

Her report card on the Australia Eastern Territory is hopeful. We are in “turn-around days,” she says.

Good things are happening. Statistics have been concerning for years, but they are turning around. Hubs are happening. They will change the way we do things.

“We have great young people. We have good leaders. We’ve got the right people and the right programs in place,” she says.

“We’ve got to ask [ourselves] the hard questions.

“There are some danger signs. We need to rely on God rather than our reputation and what has gone on in the past. We cannot afford to lose any more generations. And we have to be a multicultural Army.

“We have to rediscover our brilliance in the priesthood of all believers. We need to see people who are soldiers, adherents, etc, engaging in what we were born for.

“We must not be seen as a red epaulet [officer] Army. We [The Salvation Army] were brilliant in our early days. The officers kept the Army moving and the soldiers were fully engaged. I think we’ve got away from that. We have to involve our laity.”

This, she says, is frontline stuff for an Army needing to survive for the sake of others.

Golf can wait a little longer.



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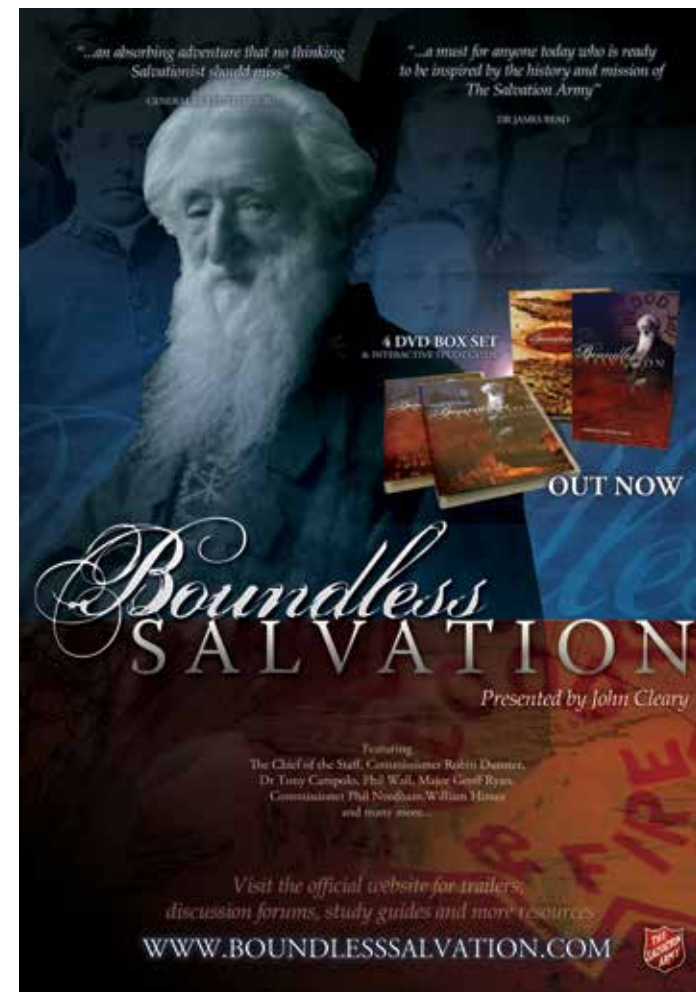
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ESTHER PINN explores the impact that chaplaincy can have in a variety of settings and speaks to three Salvation Army officers who count this work as one of the most vital aspects of their ministry

Chaplains are often the first Salvation Army contact for people in crisis, according to Australia Eastern Territory Chaplaincy Coordinator Major Robin Pullen.

They are the face of The Salvation Army, she says; the first link that someone has to start thinking about The Salvation Army and Jesus. "We might be [the] little seed that starts the journey for someone."

There are 164 chaplains in the territory and everyone plays a significant and vital role.

They are, says Major Pullen, the unsung heroes because they are often not recognised. Yet, they are always first on the ground connecting people to other Army services.

"Chaplaincy is providing one-on-one support to many different people within their community and so they make referrals; they're a presence [and] they provide a listening ear.

"They should be acknowledged because they're at the frontline and many of them do it without desiring recognition.

"I really believe they are making a difference. Sometimes they're just a presence and they don't have to say anything because they wear their uniform. They can walk into an area and it becomes calmer."

From Salvation Army Aged Care to school chaplaincy, prisons, Salvos Legal, airports, Employment Plus, Salvos Stores, retired officers, territorial headquarters and rural chaplaincy, every role is different.

"You can't compare hospital chaplaincy to prison chaplaincy and you can't compare rural chaplaincy to what happens at a court house because they're different people [with] different needs," Major Pullen says.

Recently, The Salvation Army partnered with Clubs NSW to commence a chaplaincy program at Mingara Sports Club on the NSW Central Coast.

While The Salvation Army is covering a significant amount of ground in the chaplaincy world, Major Pullen, however, still sees the need for further expansion.

"I would love to expand into the mining community. I'd like to see if we can have people in our mining communities, especially in the real remote areas where people fly in and fly out and have chaplains based there. That's just one area I think there's a need."

Pipeline spoke to three chaplains – Major John Thorley, Major Judy Knight and Major Christine Stiles – about their individual journeys as chaplains.

Major

JOHN THORLEY



"Every day's a new adventure," says Major John Thorley about his 15 years as a chaplain.

At the end of January Major Thorley will officially retire as a Salvation Army officer and as a chaplain at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney.

For the past 31 years, Major Thorley has devoted his life to service in The Salvation Army, but a huge part of that role has been as a chaplain.

Major Thorley began his career in chaplaincy at Long Bay Jail, followed by a few years at Parramatta Bails Court and for the past 11 years at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in the oncology, transplant and emergency departments.

While he has plenty of experience being a chaplain, Major Thorley believes all his chaplain appointments have been very different.

"You can't compare the three. They're totally different. You can't sort of take what you've learnt from one and go into the other. The Bails court, the jail court and the hospital, it's not just for everybody. You've got to have a temperament to deal with trauma, drama, death and dying."

For Major Thorley, his appointment at the Royal Prince Alfred has been the most rewarding, having the opportunity to minister not only to those who are unwell, but their family members and the staff at the hospital as well.

"I love being able to help people. In the hospital, people are very vulnerable in the hospitals and so I come alongside people, hold [their] hand and help walk them through that part of their life. For me it's been the most rewarding part of the 15 years as a chaplain. It gives me a purpose; a real sense of fulfilment in my officership."

While a challenge at times, Major Thorley has received many opportunities to share the gospel.

"Often it gets to the point where the person knows they're not going to survive [and] we talk about what happens when somebody dies. So it's good to be able to say, Jesus is the reality of what happens after you die."

Major Thorley's wife, Major Phyllis Thorley, also works at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital as a chaplain in the maternity department and will continue to work there until she retires in 2014.

Major

JUDY KNIGHT



Working as a court chaplain, Major Judy Knight comes across as a strong person – someone who could handle anything that is thrown at her. But as a smile appears across her face, you quickly realise that she is also filled with deep compassion.

"We support anyone who comes through the front door, whether it's the person who has committed the crime, whether it's the victims or the families," she says firmly.

For the past 10 years, Major Knight has devoted her life to helping others, having spent her first five years in a chaplaincy role at Juvenile Justice and the next five at the Downing Centre in Sydney.

"The main purpose of a chaplain is to support people in court and to help them. It was much more taxing in the juvenile because you see young people committing crimes. But then again, I've seen about three or four people here [at the Downing Centre] who I've seen in juvenile court, come through this court."

Major Knight describes her role as challenging, having learnt to put her personal feelings aside and not be judgmental.

"Being human, in the back of your

mind, you think, he's guilty, or not guilty. But we just have to support and just treat everyone the same."

While a difficult role at times, Major Knight says there are plenty of opportunities to share about Christ.

"After court finishes, you don't see them again. So you never know what seed you've planted and what it's going to grow like," shares Major Knight.

Major Knight believes she couldn't have done chaplaincy work without God.

"It's all guided by the Lord. Normally I wouldn't be able to go up to someone and just talk to them.

"When I come through a door of a morning, we don't know what's happening and I just say, 'Lord, just point me in the direction you want me to go. Just bring people to me that you want me to talk to.'"

After 36 years as an officer, Major Knight will retire from officership on 1 February. However, due to her passion for chaplaincy, Major Knight is choosing to continue in chaplaincy work two days a week until her husband, Major David Knight, Salvation Army Positive Lifestyle Program Coordinator, retires in four years.

CHAPLAINS

– the unsung heroes

Major

CHRISTINE STILES



Court chaplaincy was never her preferred profession, says Major Christine Stiles. But Major Stiles has grown to love her chaplaincy appointment, believing God has guided her every step of the way.

"I've walked into a court, sat down and something's happened so they close the court. I stand up to walk out and the judge says, 'No Major, please stay, I want you here'. I have found that God led me to a court that I exactly needed to be in," she says.

For the past six years, Major Stiles has been working at the Parramatta Family Court ministering to families dealing with property settlements, divorce cases and custody battles.

The family court wasn't Major Stiles' first chaplaincy position. Major Stiles says she "fell into it" while working as a corps officer at Ryde in 1988 by helping people in the hospital maternity and emergency departments.

Ryde was followed by a number of other chaplaincy roles at Liverpool Corps, Sutherland Hospital and Maryborough, while working as corps officer alongside

her husband Major Innes (ret.).

Major Stiles says much of her role at Parramatta is just sitting next to people, listening to them and offering them a handkerchief.

"I was asked to sit in the witness box once with the lady because she was very upset. I sat with her until she finished her evidence with my hand on her, supporting her and just telling her to break. It's just being there.

"I think chaplaincy in a lot of ways is not a ministry where you're out to save people, but you're out there to witness by your presence and your behaviour, not by what you say."

While working at Parramatta, Major Stiles has encountered a number of challenges, particularly when watching custody battles and becoming accepted by the staff at the family court.

Through all the trials and joys, whether working at a court, hospital or at a corps, Major Stiles has thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to simply work with people.

Major Stiles will retire on 31 January and continue to attend and serve with her husband at Springwood Corps.

EQUIPPED FOR THE FIGHT

Sydney-based Salvo **MATT GODKIN** was recently among a select group to attend The Salvation Army's inaugural International College for Soldiers. He has recounted for *Pipeline* his experience of an unforgettable fortnight in London

What an amazing privilege and experience it was to be selected as The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory delegate for the first International College for Soldiers (ICS) in London.

Twenty-five young adult Salvationists from all over the world gathered at "The Cedars", home to the Army's International College for Officers and Centre for Spiritual Life Development, to undertake a curriculum that was broken down into three themes: Knowledge, Being and Doing.

My experience at the ICS was an unexpected one. Due to the initial delegate from Australia Eastern Territory having to pull out, I was asked to "fill in" 10 days before the actual session started. Obviously I said yes, because it seemed an opportunity of a lifetime. I believe this was no accident and that God arranged me to be there. Little did I know that the two weeks spent at the ICS would profoundly change my life.

If I were to share everything that I learnt during my time at the ICS, this article would be pages long. So here are the three main things that God revealed to me while I was in London.

1. THE SALVATION ARMY ON A GLOBAL SCALE

God is, and will always be far greater than The Salvation Army. We are his vessels and are part of a massive global movement. He is raising up a new generation of revivalist Salvationists and the Army will do "even greater things!"

I saw this while I was at the ICS and it encouraged me to see the potential that lies in the future of the Army worldwide! We have only scratched the surface in terms of what God is going to do in The Salvation Army.

Over the fortnight at the ICS, we had the privilege of sitting under the teaching of Dr Roger Green, a professor of biblical and theological studies. As we looked deeply into the history of The Salvation Army, and were able to see where it all began, God stirred up a new gratitude and heart in me for the mission and vision of The Salvation Army.



Delegates to the International College for Soldiers (Matt Godkin is in the third row, fifth from left) with college staff and General Linda Bond (front row, centre).

2. PRAYER

"Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 6:12). Therefore, prayer is our greatest weapon!

Our first call as Christians and as The Salvation Army is to be people of prayer, who seek God's face above all else and fight for his Kingdom through prayer and petition. We are soldiers in a spiritual Army.

A highlight of my time at the ICS was the 24/7 global prayer day as well as the half-night of prayer. Prayer is the responsibility of every Christian. It's a privilege, not a chore.

When we are devoted to prayer, we begin to enter a greater, more intimate relationship with the Father so we can determine his will in the matter and call his will into existence upon the earth.

3. GOD IS GOOD

Although there were 25 delegates from different countries, cultures, backgrounds and experiences, one thing remained constant: God's grace and freedom in each person's life.

As every delegate had the opportunity to share their story, I was overwhelmed by God's goodness and faithfulness again and again.

As you earnestly seek God's face and without the distractions of "the real world", you hear God's voice much clearer. As he began to speak to me, I began to see more of his heart and his character, and it was nothing but good. "He is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love" (Psalm 103:8).

All God wants is for willing servants who surrender and die to themselves and take up their cross to follow him every day. Living and ministering out of a daily encounter with God's love and faithfulness is much easier than doing it in your own strength.

I'm so thankful and feel so honoured to have been even considered to be a part of the ICS. It will be something to remember forever and my life is significantly different because of the experience.

Matt Godkin is the youth leader at Menai Corps in Sydney



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This month we get festive

- mySalvos offers you some tips on surviving the Christmas season; we give you access to your local Salvos carols events; and we profile some Salvationists on the front line this festive season.

Also this month in LeaderSpeak

- Commissioner James Condon talks about regrets and the importance of maintaining emotional health in leadership, and Lieut-Colonel Miriam Gluyas shares some insights into doing missional church.

inside SALVOSLEGAL

In a new column which highlights the work of Salvos Legal, the not-for-profit law firm owned and run by The Salvation Army, **MICHAEL ANGLIN** shares the story of one woman's desperate fight for custody of her son

I thought it was going to be an easy day. That all changed, however, when I answered the telephone. On the other end of the line, The Salvation Army employee was pleading with me to talk to a woman who was sitting in her office. When she handed her the phone to speak to me, it all poured out.

Dianne was living in crisis accommodation as a result of losing her mother some months earlier to cancer. She had spiralled into depression and was now at the end of her tether. Not knowing what to do, she sought refuge at The Salvation Army.

In her distress, Dianne told me that her ex-partner had taken their son, for whom she had custody, and vowed not to return him. She had gone to Legal Aid, had sought the assistance of other legal practices and now, with no money to pay for a lawyer, she was asking Salvos Legal to prepare a recovery application for her.

Already dealing with an urgent matter which would take me away from office, I was able to give Dianne limited advice and promised her that if upon my return she still needed legal assistance, I would assist her.

About a month later, I received another call from Dianne who proceeded to tell me that she had the recovery application prepared. However, she needed someone to represent her in court. I agreed to assist her.

Heartbreaking setback

When I finally met Dianne, I was impressed with her degree of preparedness.

Throughout her transient accommodation and subsequent depression, she had managed to keep her son at the same school, he had rarely missed class and had remained with his circle of friends.

Now, living with his father, his school attendance began to suffer. Dianne received letters from her son's new school stating that he had missed the first 16 days of the new term. She was determined to get her son back.

On the first court date, we presented our case and much to Dianne's disappointment the court ordered that her son remain with his father pending all three of them meeting with a family consultant. This was for the purpose of determining what would be in the best interest of the child.

Dianne had been so sure that her son would be returned to her care and it was clear that not seeing him for 62 days was heartbreaking.

Following the outcome of the report from the family consultant, Dianne was given immediate access to her son, spending every weekend with him for the three weeks leading up to the next hearing.

Tears of joy

On our next court appearance and with more time to prepare, we presented a clearer picture of what we believed would be in the best interest of the child.

Dianne was sworn in under oath and spoke eloquently and passionately.

After the family consultant presented her report, the court ordered that the child be returned immediately to the mother. Dianne was again in tears, but this time they were tears of joy. Her son was so delighted to be with his mother that he wore a huge grin from ear to ear.

Dianne's son is back with her. They are in permanent housing and the son is back at his old school spending time with his friends again.

He still sees his father on a regular basis over the school holidays and the arrangement seems to be working. I still call Dianne once a fortnight to make sure things are still going well.

The saga for Dianne and her son will be ongoing.

For now, however, the role we have played in helping her has been worthwhile. Salvos Legal will continue to support Dianne, in matters of law as well as other areas of her life, to ensure that she is able to be the best parent she can be.

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ZAMBIAN HOSPITAL TRANSFORMED BY GENEROUS DONATIONS



Peter is always kept busy visiting people and places during his mission trips to Zambia.



By PETER TRICK

As I write this, I'm sitting under my mosquito net at Chikankata Mission Hospital in Zambia, reflecting on my last three months here. It's my fourth visit to the hospital in the past four years.

I'm so thankful for the generous assistance of my friends and fellow Salvation Army soldiers at Tuggeranong Corps (Canberra) and in Germany, for supporting my mission to Zambia so well.

The biggest task again has been the painting of the hospital wards. During my time here, my colleagues and I have managed to transform a tired old ward into a lilac princess. We replaced toilets, baths, windows, doors and curtains and painted lockers. Six weeks later, the ward was rededicated in a simple, yet moving ceremony.

How a hospital can function effectively with broken toilets is beyond me, but the team carried on and shifted its focus to two male wards.

Again we transformed the bathrooms, windows and wards. Our final task was to paint the Bethany tuberculosis ward, again in very poor condition. The locals would greet me often with "busy, busy, busy".

So many times during my visit my heart has gone out to worthwhile causes of people with so little and needing so much. It has been a thrill to meet just a little of this need through the generous donations from so many supporters. We were able to achieve the following:

- A donation of one million kwacha (K1 million) for the expansion of the Dundo Corps citadel. An Army bursting at the seams in a bustling rural area.
- K1 million for the Dundo Womens' Widows Association to enable it to buy maize at a reasonable price and then sell at a profit, making funds available to support widows and orphans.
- Nanzelle community K400,000 for a care and prevention community to purchase day-old chickens and then sell then eight weeks later at a significant profit. These funds then going to support 100 orphans. In Zambia, more than a million people have HIV-AIDS and so many parents die leaving orphaned children behind. Most community villages, as well as local churches, support these children. One church alone supports 100 orphans.
- K5 million to repair hospital pumps. The main pump was destroyed during the last rainy season.
- Further donations have been used to support a student nurse through his training; a student in his graduation from teachers college; K2 million to support a local business; and K300,000 for a young lady to commence a cake business.

I have also enjoyed attending the nurses chapel service every morning and hearing the hymns sung so beautifully in the harmonious Zambian style. I've been

blessed in preparing and leading some of these services.

Sundays at the local corps have also been interesting, with the Holiness and Salvation meetings following each other, extending the duration of the service to over four hours!

One of the thrilling tasks was to sell the idea to my friends in Australia, of purchasing bicycles for Salvation Army officers in Zambia. In discussions with the Army's training principal in Lusaka, we decided that cadets would receive a new bike upon being commissioned as an officer. Many of these new officers are sent to rural areas and have to walk many kilometres to carry out their ministry. I was able to present the training principal with two bicycles and a cheque to purchase more before commissioning.

A group of retired ladies in Australia also donated 1000 sets of knitted clothing for newborn babies. The new mothers received these gratefully including in the main maternity ward at Lusaka where there were 10 beds with patients in them but sadly, another 20 women packed around the floor because there weren't enough beds. Again it was a reminder of how fortunate we are in Australia.

On reflection, will I do this again? To the glory of God and with support from my friends, I would love to return and I'm already making plans to fundraise for next year.

*5000 kwacha = AUS\$1

Peter Trick is a Salvationist at Tuggeranong Corps in Canberra.

The Pilgrimage of Peter

By Major Fred Limpus

Review by MAJOR MARK CAMPBELL

Major Fred Limpus handed me a copy of his book *The Pilgrimage of Peter* a couple of months ago and I have been quoting and preaching about the life of Peter ever since.

This book will take you on your own personal pilgrimage as you read through the short 44 chapters. I found myself encouraged to read of the journey of this much-loved disciple of Jesus who went from a "... rugged, inebriate and profane Galilean fisherman into a vibrant apostle, church leader and world evangelist".

It is the type of book that compels you to read every word of every sentence. It is not for the faint-hearted, as the book is written in pictorial language and paints an excellent picture of this, at times, fragile human being.

The theology is challenging, pragmatic and caused me to think about elements of Peter's life that I have not considered before. The events of Peter's life and ministry are very detailed, including dates, distances and time frames.

The author takes the reader on a journey with Peter, from when he was first called by Jesus, spending a great deal of time around the circumstances of the cross and resurrection until he depicts the early church period with Peter's critical leadership skills.

The chapter titled "Unexpected Developments" portrays Peter after his personal denial and the crucifixion of Jesus in this way: "We have already noted the enormity of guilt exacerbating his grief and the collapse of his glowing expectations that made him the most miserable man

in Jerusalem." This is not the end of the pilgrimage of Peter! He is on the recovery trail. Jesus' conversation with him on the seashore after his resurrection and the upper-room experience and the empowering of the Holy Spirit, enabled him to be the recovered, refined and rejuvenated man of God that we admire.

In Peter's first letter he writes about the impact of the person of Jesus on his life. "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade," (1 Peter 1:3-4). This is the testimony of the vibrant apostle, church leader and world evangelist that Peter had become.

I enjoyed *The Pilgrimage of Peter*, a true hero of faith.

The Pilgrimage of Peter is available from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney (salvosuppliesyd.com) for \$14.95.

A Field For Exploits – Training Leaders for The Salvation Army

By General Eva Burrows (Ret.) and Major Stephen Court

Four times in its history, The Salvation Army has organised international training councils which gather the best leader-trainers from around the world to discuss and learn about best practice for training leaders in the movement.

After each event the presented papers, containing the very best perspectives on training Army leaders, were published for limited circulation.

A Field For Exploits brings together a selection of these papers, including chapters by Generals Bramwell Booth, Albert Orsborn, Erik Wickberg, Arnold Brown, Eva Burrows and Paul Rader and makes them available to a wider readership for the first time.

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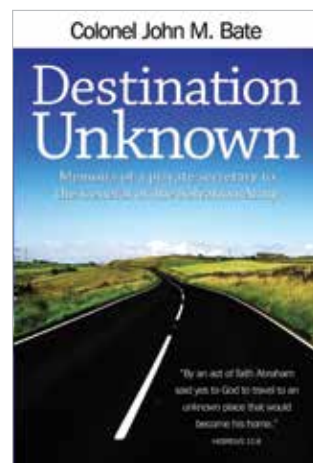
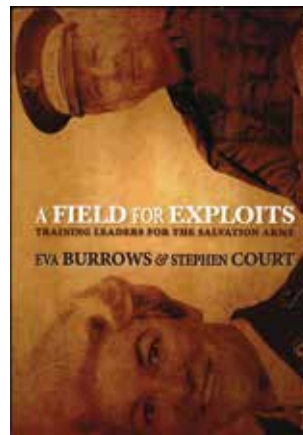
Destination Unknown: Memoirs of a Private Secretary to the General

By Colonel John Bate

Colonel John Bate, born in Napier, New Zealand, saw the worldwide mission of The Salvation Army in a way that few have, as private secretary to two Generals. His experience, travel and observations are a unique story of God's leading in a young man's life.

Among numerous endorsements for the book, General John Larsson (Ret.) says, "If you want to be inspired and feel good about life and the Army, just sit down for a moment with John Bate and listen to him as he tells of the amazing adventures he has had in the Lord's service. He makes the events come alive, his sense of fun and zest for life lift the spirit, and his sensitive insights warm the heart. I know, for I have often been there myself. And now all of that potential for enjoyment and uplift is right here in the pages of *Destination Unknown* for every reader to share. Marvellous!"

Destination Unknown: Memoirs of a Private Secretary to the General is available from the USA Western Territory website: www.tradewest.com.



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

My Favourite Verse – Captain Robyn Black

"Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him ... Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge."

- Psalm 62:5,8
(New International Version 1984)

My "favourite verse" changes frequently, and I guess that's because God always has something relevant for today. God speaks through his Word, which is living and active, to speak into whatever situation we face.

For the past three years, I have been

the primary carer for my mother, who has a diagnosis of Lewy Body Dementia. Bez (as we call her) has lived with us and it has been our privilege to care for her. Bez had been a very active and creative person, however she has gradually lost most of her capacity for activities of daily living.

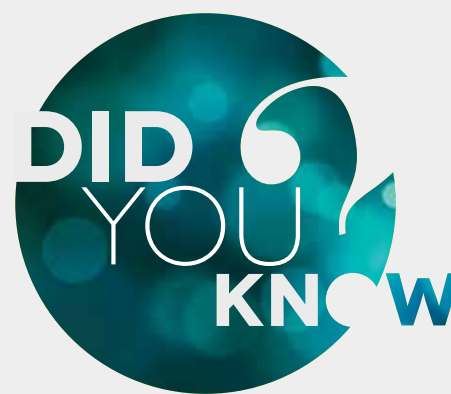
Even though caring for her had become more and more time consuming, I loved having her around. This year, however, I felt that the time was coming when she would need to go into permanent residential care. Accordingly, I put applications in to aged care facilities.

I received a call offering a bed in a dementia unit for Bez. Truthfully, I was worried. Bez has had a full and varied life, being dragged around to Salvation Army activities (honestly, she's liked it!). She also has a child-like trust and dependence on me and I knew it would be a huge adjustment for both of us.

The night before she left, I opened my Bible randomly and read from Psalm 62: "Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him ... Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge," (Psalm 62:5,8).

Such beautiful words! Such a promise! The words "Trust in him at all times" leapt out from the page. I poured my heart out to God just as the psalmist said, writing about my sadness for Bez and her situation. But the words "Trust in him at all times" really stuck with me, and seemed like a personal word from God for that moment.

It has been a big adjustment, but each day, Bez seems a bit better and a bit happier. You know, I'm hopeless at memorising verses, but this verse has stuck in my head. It turns out that even I can remember "Trust in him at all times" and I'm relying on it!



SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS KETTLE

In 1891, a Salvation Army officer in San Francisco by the name of Captain Joseph McFee resolved to provide a free Christmas dinner for the area's poor. But how would he pay for the food?

From his days as a sailor in Liverpool, England, the captain remembered a large pot, displayed on the Stage Landing, called "Simpson's Pot," where passers-by would toss charitable donations.

The captain presented his idea to city authorities and received permission to place a similar pot at the Oakland ferry landing at the foot of San Francisco's Market Place.

He suspended a large cooking pot

from a tripod and placed a sign above it that read: "Keep the pot boiling." In its conspicuous position, the pot drew the attention of people going to and from the ferryboats.

Another urn, in the ferryboat waiting room, also attracted donations. Thus, Captain McFee launched a tradition that spread throughout the United States and then around the world, including Australia.

Kettles have changed since that first cauldron in San Francisco. Today, some kettles have such devices as a self-ringing bell, a booth with a system that broadcasts Christmas carols, even the capability for donors to use credit cards!



UNLOCKING THE ARMY'S ARCHIVES WITH MAJOR DAVID WOODBURY

Army foundations built on Newtown site

The inner-Sydney suburb of Newtown will celebrate its 150th anniversary this month.

Major DAVID WOODBURY says the suburb is also an area of historical significance for The Salvation Army, with Newtown the site of the first purpose-built Army building, constructed by pioneer Salvationist Edward Saunders

The suburb of Newtown has its origins in the early distribution of land by Governor Phillip to the Superintendent of Convicts, Nicholas Devine, in 1794 and 1799.

It takes its name from a store owned by John and Eliza Webster in 1832, which carried a signboard that read New Town Stores. Although the area was unofficially known by that name, it was later officially declared Newtown.

Newtown was often referred to in the early years as Sydney's "Romantic Town" where wealthy residents built substantial homes that overlooked the city. Often seen as similar to a London village, it was noted for its clean air and genteel lifestyle.

By the time The Salvation Army arrived in Sydney in 1883, Newtown had become an overpopulated working-class suburb and the clean air had been polluted by the brickworks in neighbouring St Peters. Many of the grand houses had been replaced by rows of terrace homes and the suburb had deteriorated into a slum area.

It was the type of area in which the Army thrived and on 1 April 1883, one of Sydney's first corps was established among its blue-collar residents. Like most Salvation Army corps of the time, it received a nickname and became known as the Newtown Nuggets.

The arrival of pioneer Salvationist Edward Saunders as officer-in-command, who along with John Gore had commenced The Salvation Army in Australia, enabled the organisation to construct its first purpose-built Army barracks in Sydney.

Saunders, a fully qualified stonemason, was responsible for many of the early Salvation Army buildings including Newtown, Junee and Wagga Wagga, as well as the 1900 Officers' Training Garrison in Melbourne, the facade of which still stands today in Victoria Parade, East Melbourne.



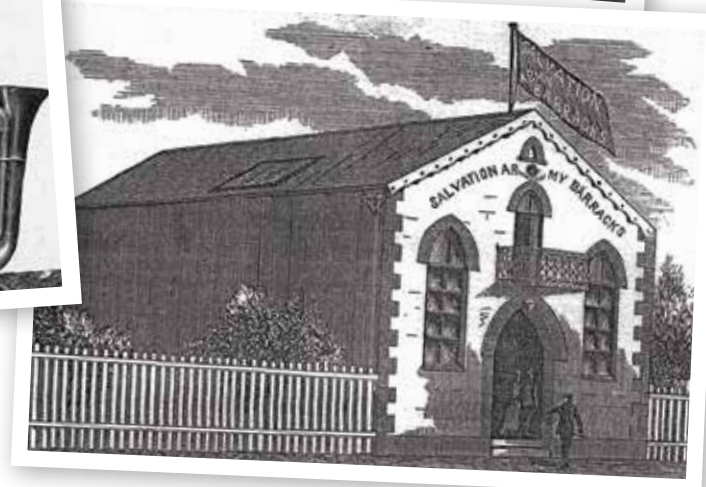
The rebuilt Newtown Citadel which is now the home of the South Sydney Branch of the City of Sydney Library. Photo courtesy of John Smith.

Drawing on his building background, Saunders set about constructing the much-needed hall in Newtown. It was officially declared open on 15 March 1884 by the pioneer of The Salvation Army in Sydney, Major Thomas Sutherland.

The *Sydney Morning Herald*, on 20 March 1884, reported that Major Sutherland "said that the building was dedicated in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and of General William Booth, of The Salvation Army, for the salvation of souls and the glory of God. Every brick that had been laid, and every nail that had been driven were consecrated to God's services. The work accomplished by the Army was that which none of the sects had even attempted."

Although the Sydney press had been

openly hostile to the commencement of The Salvation Army in Sydney, it was obvious that its attitude had changed significantly over the intervening period. The *Herald*, in the same 20 March 1884 edition, further reported on the "commodious barracks for the Newtown contingent of The Salvation Army". The article gave a detailed account of the building and its opening meeting. It reported that "Mr N Melville, MLA, on taking the chair, was warmly applauded. He referred to the early days of the Army in Newtown. The few have multiplied and had become a thousand. The Army had accomplished what other organisations had failed to do; they had taken the Scriptures to the fallen, and had been the means of raising them up."



Clockwise from top left: Newtown possessed strong youth sections in 1928 such as the Newtown Life Saving Guard Troop; Pioneer Salvation Army Officer Edward Saunders, builder of the original Newtown Citadel c1890; A line drawing of the original Newtown Citadel; the Newtown Citadel Band in 1922.

New building

In June 1922, a substantially rebuilt building was opened by the Territorial Commander, Commissioner Hugh Whatmore. Boasting a gallery, wide aisles and a large platform, the building was capable of holding 700 people and was filled to capacity three times during the opening weekend.

In early 1924, the new building sustained significant damage when the adjoining premises, the four-story emporium of Marcus Clarke and Co, was destroyed by fire.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* of 15 January 1924 reported the damage to the Newtown citadel. "Next to Marcus Clark's, and separated from it only by a four-foot right-of-way, is the Brown Street Salvation Army citadel, consisting of three halls - primary, senior, and junior halls. The main hall alone cost something like

£3000 to build. All are badly damaged. With the collapse of Marcus Clark's wall the roof of the citadel gave way."

The hero of the day was Commandant Mathers who was conducting a Monday evening meeting when the fire broke out. Quickly moving his congregation of around 60 people from the building after a quick prayer and benediction, he dispatched one of the women to notify the fire brigade. Some 60 young people involved in youth activities in the YP hall were also quickly moved out.

Once all were safe the commandant returned to the building with a group of soldiers to rescue the piano, organ and most of the band's instruments. Although a small fire did break out under the platform, this was quickly extinguished by firemen. The main damage to the complex resulted from falling masonry from the emporium next door.

Although the Newtown Corps flourished for many years with strong sections, during the latter half of the 20th century the demographics of the suburb changed and numbers declined significantly, resulting in its closure.

The building was eventually sold and today houses the Newtown Branch of the City of Sydney Library. Its typical Salvation Army facade is still visible in Brown St and the structure remains basically unchanged from the days when it was the home of one of Sydney's first corps.



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What would Jesus view?

With Pipeline culture writer Mark Hadley



Once upon a time, an Aussie Boxing Day meant doing the rounds with the relatives, packing the car for the beach or settling down to a game of backyard cricket. These activities haven't entirely been clipped from our calendars, but a trip to the cinema is fast becoming the new Christmas tradition. This year, three of Hollywood's biggest contenders will line up for our consideration and, surprisingly, they all sell a similar spiritual theme

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey

It's amazing how many stories of personal transformation also involve a journey – consider *Little Miss Sunshine*, *The Beach* and *Castaway*. Long before Tom Hanks went looking for his volleyball, English author JRR Tolkien wrote about a little person looking for adventure.

The Hobbit is the book that set the stage for the acclaimed epic *The Lord Of The Rings* and tells the story of how Frodo's uncle, Bilbo, actually came to possess the Ring Of Doom.

Helmed by Peter Jackson, the director of that aforementioned trifecta, this Boxing Day release is the first of three films that will encapsulate Bilbo's miraculous journey. You might think it a bigger miracle that Jackson managed to turn a 256-page manuscript into another trilogy, but his new adventure also bundles in darker storylines developed in Tolkien's history of Middle Earth, *The Silmarillion*.

In *An Unexpected Journey*, Martin Freeman plays a hobbit who is more homebody than hero. But the wizard Gandalf (Ian McKellan) decides he would be the perfect addition to a party of 13 dwarves setting off to rob a dragon. This is a case of unwilling redemption, where a wiser head sees more in someone than they can see themselves. God does this every time he dips into creation to catch up a fallen human being.

Bilbo is initially horrified by the dwarves disturbing his happy existence but discovers there is a part of him that longs to change. As Tolkien put it: "He suddenly felt he would go without bed and breakfast to be thought fierce." And though he has many chances to regret his painful journey, he emerges a wholly different person on the other side.

Of course, cinemagoers will have to be patient waiting for the new Bilbo. *An Unexpected Journey* only takes him halfway. He'll need till next Christmas to arrive at the dragon's mountain in *The Desolation of Smaug*, and the end of his tale won't emerge till *There And Back Again* in July 2014.



Martin Freeman plays the role of Bilbo Baggins in *The Hobbit*

Les Misérables

The film adaptation of a novel that has plumbed the depths of human cruelty and kindness and a musical that has moved audiences for 32 years, was never going to be a small affair.

Les Misérables stars Australians Hugh Jackman as reformed convict Jean Valjean and Russell Crowe as his nemesis, Inspector Javert. They are supported by the considerable talents of Anne Hathaway, Amanda Seyfried, Helena Bonham Carter and Eddie Redmayne.

Director Tom Hooper took the unusual decision of asking his cast to sing every take live rather than in the safety of a studio. The overall result is emotive performances that reveal the heart of Herbert Kretzmer's lyrics. But the best thing *Les Misérables* has to offer is still its story.

Escapee Valjean decides to rob a

kindly Bishop Digne, who has given him shelter and food. When he is discovered by the local gendarme, the bishop maintains that the missing silverware was in fact a gift. The police depart and what then takes place is one of the most profound moments of redemption ever to be captured on page or stage: "Jean Valjean, my brother, you no longer belong to evil, but to good. It is your soul that I buy from you; I withdraw it from black thoughts and the spirit of

perdition, and I give it to God."

Transformed, Valjean goes on to lead a kindly life, redeeming others even as he has been redeemed.



Emotive performances fill the screen in *Les Miserables*.

Wreck It Ralph

In *Toy Story* we learned about the secret life of cowboys and Barbies; in *Wreck It Ralph* we realise what video games get up to when the power goes off.

Ralph, voiced by John C Reilly, is a ham-fisted home wrecker who has to be

defeated every time a kid pushes a coin into his arcade machine. But decades on he's tired of being a "bad guy". "It's really hard to love your job," he tells the audience, "when no-one appreciates you for doing it."



American actor/singer/comedian John C Reilly is the voice of Ralph in *Wreck It Ralph*

Ralph travels down his game's power cord to mingle with the off-duty characters of a dozen other amusements. He decides to earn a gold medal so people will see him differently and heads off into a string of games. But when gaining his goal leads him to cross paths with a malfunctioning girl racer called Vanellope, his values begin to shift. Will he become the hero he wants to be, or the friend she needs?

Wreck It Ralph is more than just a fun cartoon; it's a superbly subtle consideration of success. When Jesus transforms someone, the outside may stay the same but the inside changes forever. Ralph learns a similar lesson.

Vanellope is Disney's version of a child with disabilities. Everyone normal considers her a glitch in an otherwise perfect world. Rather than hide her away, Ralph comes to realise through accepting her differences that he can also accept who he was designed to be. Or as my eight-year-old put it on the way out of the cinema: "You don't have to try to be someone else. You are good how you were made."

Hub wheels turning in far north

A new approach to the delivery of Salvation Army services is taking shape in the Australia Eastern Territory. It's a Hubs concept and means corps, centres, stores and other programs are working together rather than separately

Lieutenant Karyn Kingston is the strategic team leader of the Far North Queensland Hub. She and husband Darren work together as Hub Leaders.

They are Corps Officers at Cairns, the Far North Queensland base for the new concept of uniting Salvation Army services in the Australia Eastern Territory.

Karyn and Darren were appointed in January to "take up the challenge of developing a pilot hub".

"Our brief was to bring together all expressions of The Salvation Army in Far North Queensland and to begin to work together to achieve the Army's missional outcomes," Karyn says.

"Change is never easy and it is easy to get jaded and negative about the next great idea. But we live in a time when we are not as effective at seeing souls saved as we once were.

"When our corps are shrinking rather than expanding and, in many areas, we are fighting for our very existence, then, well, we have to do something about that."

The Hubs concept is that "next great idea" and Karyn is looking well beyond the negatives to see what it could achieve.

"One of the most helpful statements I heard came from the last hub leaders' meeting. The statement was: 'When we've built the hub, you won't see a hub. You will see people finding freedom'".

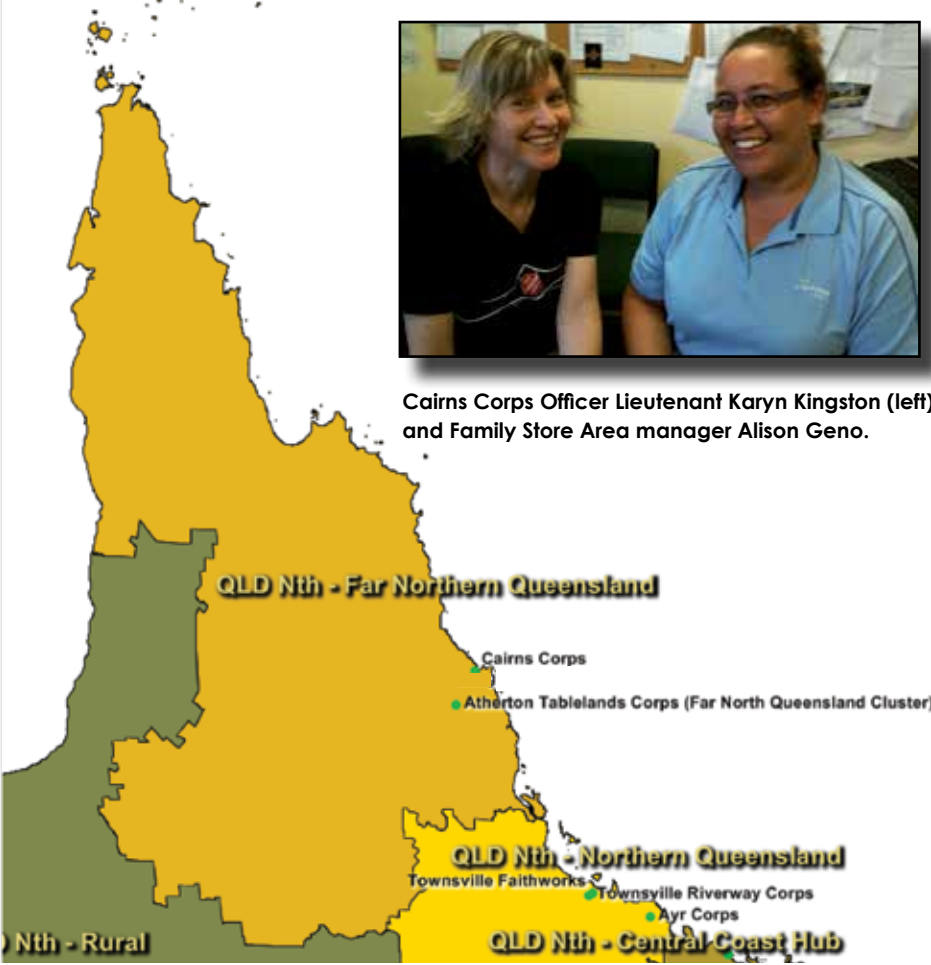
Expansion plan

The Far North Queensland Hub takes in an area from Cardwell (between Townsville and Cairns) to the tip of Queensland and west to the Northern Territory border.

It encompasses Cairns and Atherton corps, Cassowary Coast Mission, seven Family Stores, Moneycare, Freedom Communities (community detention), counselling, welfare, public relations, Centennial Lodge (homeless centre) and court chaplaincy.

There are plans for expansion, including appointment of a Indigenous development worker.

The hubs principle is simple. It's about getting all people in all expressions of Salvation Army ministry involved to work together to achieve the mission. That mission is to introduce people to Christ – basically Save Souls, Grow Saints, Serve Suffering Humanity.



Cairns Corps Officer Lieutenant Karyn Kingston (left) and Family Store Area manager Alison Geno.

The Hub Vision statement

Unify all expressions of The Salvation Army in defined missional areas, supported by local frontline leadership for holistic mission

In the new language of the Hubs concept, it means helping people to find freedom through faith, community and service.

Doing it together is the key. It starts with leaders of each Salvation Army expression (corps, centres, stores, etc) coming together to understand how each operates and how they can use and assist each other's operation.

Staff and volunteers are then included in the process, with soldiers, adherents and supporters encouraged to also participate – to see The Salvation Army as

a whole rather than just their own entity.

"As I looked more closely at what a hub is," says Karyn, "I began to see that it really was a strategy to take us back to the heart of (Salvation Army founder) William Booth. It is not new thinking. Really, it's a way to get us structured so that it's easier for us to be effective at mission right across the Army. A hub is not a physical place or thing. At its essence, Hubs is a strategy with a structure attached.

"It's primarily a relational model. It's not about writing a memo and making it so. It relies on building relationships

Ali seeks and finds a future

Although the Far North Queensland Hub is still in its infancy, team leader Lieutenant Karyn Kingston says she has already seen enough to know that it is working.

She identifies Ali Nazari as evidence of the value of the Hubs concept.

Ali is an asylum seeker. He arrived in Cairns with a group of asylum seekers last Christmas and is now employed fulltime at the Army's Family Store.

During the past year, Ali has been the beneficiary of several Salvation Army services working together to support his case.

Ali was born in Afghanistan 38 years ago. He and his family fled to neighbouring Pakistan 15 years ago.

He searched for a better life for his family and extended family of six. He arrived by asylum seeker boat at Christmas Island in 2010. He and a group of other asylum seekers were transferred to a detention centre in Weipa (for 16 months), then Tasmania (for two months).

Last year, The Salvation Army and Federal Government agreed on a sponsorship program. Under that program, 17 asylum seekers were flown from Tasmania to Cairns to become part of the local community.

With the help of local Salvationists, the group was provided with housing and other support.

Ali began work as a volunteer at the Family Store. The Salvation Army assisted him in getting a visa to stay and work in Australia.

between Salvation Army services and into the wider community.

"Like any relationship, it takes time to develop and it requires constant maintenance. But the benefits make the efforts worthwhile."

Network support

Leaders of each Salvation Army expression within the Far North Queensland Hub area meet monthly to discuss each other's programs and how they can be used and assisted to advance the Army's united mission.



Ali Nazari works full-time as warehouse supervisor at the Cairns Family Store.

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

He worked so well that when a fulltime position as warehouse supervisor came up in March, Ali was offered the job. Store manager Alison Geno says Ali goes well beyond his

employment commitment. "He often works after hours and comes in at weekends. He is just so keen. We're lucky to have him," Alison says.

While The Salvation Army has assisted Ali with his initial housing under the Government program and supporting his visa, and Family Stores has provided a fulltime job, other sections of the Army have assisted in other ways.

Cairns Corps Officer Lieutenant Darren Kingston is helping Ali with Christianity Explained classes and including him in corps programs.

Ali says: "The Salvation Army is supporting me in all of my life. I could not be here if it wasn't for The Salvation Army helping me."

He is in contact with his family in Pakistan through letters and telephone calls. He hopes to visit his family in a few months. Ali is also working on bringing his family to Australia to live with him. "It is a very long and hard process, but The Salvation Army is helping me and I hope one day that we can all be together again in Cairns."

access to the wider resources the Army has to offer."

For example, clients are now, in appropriate cases, being case-managed for their issues. Welfare centres, Moneycare and counselling offices are combining to assist clients.

Relevant support staff in city centres like Cairns are travelling to rural towns like Atherton to assist Salvation Army services and clients there.

"It takes time and trust – something we haven't always been good at doing in the Army," says Karyn.

Quilts remember and honour lives of loved ones

By ESTHER PINN

As bereaved friends and family members fought back tears, two NSW State Lifekeeper Memory Quilts, each bearing the faces of 30 Australians who have taken their own lives, were unveiled at The Salvation Army's Territorial Headquarters in Sydney on 23 October.

Staines said these five new quilts are much smaller, making them more portable and easier to use. The NSW Minister for Mental Health, Kevin Humphries, attended the unveiling in support of the Army's Hope For Life program.

The Army's Australia Eastern Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon, also spoke about the important role memories play throughout the grieving process.

"We didn't expect to lose our loved ones, we expect them to be with us forever," he said.

"We thank God for the memories we have and the things that prompt our memories."

Several relatives with loved ones who appear on the quilts also shared their testimonies at the launch. Susan Beck bravely stood up the front and spoke about her son Daniel, who died by suicide.

"This wonderful

quilt is a lasting memorial that acknowledges this and in doing so, assists us on our journey through grief. I would like to thank The Salvation Army for their generosity and support in giving us this unique and special means of honouring our loved son and brother Daniel," she said.

For the special remembrance and healing part of the ceremony, Commissioner Condon read out a number of comfort verses from the Psalms. This was followed by the reading of a poem by Diane Gaddin, which was written by her daughter, Tracey, whose face appears on the NSW Lifekeeper Quilt.

The ceremony concluded with a time of reflection for family members and friends. They were invited to light a candle to honour the lives of their loved ones.

In an emotional moment, relatives and friends sang *Happy Birthday* to Darren, whose face is on the quilt, to honour his life and celebrate what would have been his birthday.



Susan Beck shares her story about the loss of her son Daniel.

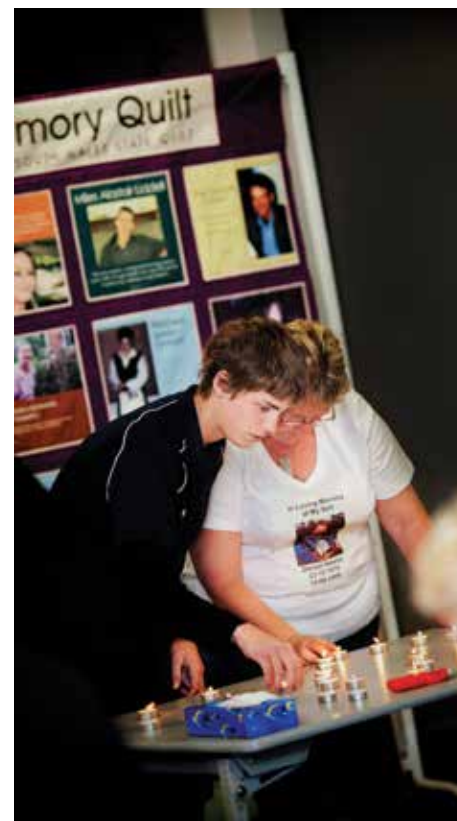
The quilts are just two of five quilts that exist – the others representing Victoria, South Australia and Queensland – and are part of an initiative of The Salvation Army's Hope For Life program that aims to create awareness about suicide.

The quilts will be taken on tour across the country to not only create awareness about suicide but also provide a place for families to grieve for their loved ones.

"For every suicide there's at least six or seven people who are quite affected by the grief of a loved one," said Envoy Alan Staines, Director of the Hope For Life Suicide Prevention and Bereavement Support Services.

"These quilts will bring a greater awareness in the community that we've got to do far greater work for those who are left behind. What these quilts do, it brings alive the memory of the loved one who we've lost. We're honouring their life."

While a national Lifekeeper Quilt already exists (launched in 2009), Envoy



Friends and family of suicide victims light candles in remembrance of loved ones. Photos: Shairon Paterson

Hundreds converge on Dulwich Hill for anniversary

More than 300 people, many of them travelling from interstate and overseas, were at The Salvation Army's Dulwich Hill Corps on 3-4 November to help celebrate its 125th anniversary.

The Army's Australia Eastern Territory leaders, Commissioners James and Jan Condon, were the official guests for the weekend, supported by Sydney East and Illawarra divisional leaders Lieutenant-Colonels Peter and Jan Laws.

On the Saturday afternoon, a high tea was held to honour the service of previous officers of the corps. Among those able to attend were Majors Albert and Joy Everitt, Brigadier Ruby Walker, Major Dorothy Hosking, Majors Edwin and Dawn Harmer, Majors John and Narelle Rees, Lieut-Colonels Brian and Elaine Hood, Major Glenys Holley and Lieut-Colonels Philip and Jan Cairns. They were each introduced by Colonel Cec Williams and spoke about highlights of their time at Dulwich Hill.

Commissioner Jan Condon brought a challenging Bible message from Habbakukk during the Sunday morning meeting. She spoke of "Recapturing Your Vision", reminding all present of



Dulwich Hill songsters, featuring many former members of the brigade, perform at the 125th anniversary weekend in November.

what you see depends on where you are standing.

Assistant Corps Secretary Frances Hayward and Corps Sergeant Major Rhondda Kingston testified about how God and Dulwich Hill Corps had impacted their lives. Both spoke of their close and growing relationship with God and their enjoyment of worshipping at a loving and supportive corps.

An hour of music was provided by groups at the corps during an afternoon

program. Former members of the corps band and songsters were invited to join these groups and well-known pieces were conducted by previous bandmasters and songster leaders. Impressive solo highlights of the afternoon included Margaret Ross, on piano, playing *Three Meditations*, Graeme Press singing *Through It All* and Gareth Lewis, on trombone, performing *I'd Rather Have Jesus*. A PowerPoint presentation and historical memorabilia was also on display.

Past, present and future celebrated at Gosford

The Salvation Army's Gosford Corps recently marked 30 years of worshipping and service at its current site in Erina.

Colonels Wayne and Robyn Maxwell

were the special guests for the weekend as the corps celebrated, under the theme of "Respecting the Past, Representing the Present, Reaching for the Future", in its newly refurbished building.

On the Saturday night, Hurstville songsters presented a wonderful program of rich entertainment through song, sharing, dance and Scripture. The night culminated with Gosford songsters joining the group from Hurstville to sing *We Declare Your Majesty*.

On the Sunday morning, the Maxwells led worship with the theme being "May the Lord find us faithful". Rachel Hope and Connor Hall were enrolled as senior soldiers by Corps Officers Majors David and Lea Palmer.

At the conclusion of his message, Colonel Wayne Maxwell invited people to stand next to anyone in the congregation who they had seen as faithful in loving, caring for and encouraging them in their walk with God.

At the conclusion of the meeting a cake with the wording "The Love of Christ Compels us!" was cut and enjoyed for morning tea.

On the Sunday afternoon, a celebration of music and various other talents was presented by Gosford Corps members.



The hall at Gosford was packed for a weekend of celebration.

Book details history of Army care homes

By ESTHER PINN

Caring For The Children, a book produced by The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory's Professional Standards Office, has been officially launched in Sydney.

The book offers an explanation as to why children were placed in care with both government and non-government agencies, and talks openly about how children were abused in these homes including those run by The Salvation Army.

More than 30,000 children lived in more than 55 Salvation Army homes between 1893-1995. These centres were staffed by more than 3000 Salvation officers and employees in that time.

"This [book] is not meant to minimise what occurred to care leavers [people who were cared for in Salvation Army homes]. It's meant to give it some context. It's giving some perspective as people look through the lens of what they know today at what was reality at that point in time," said Colleen Morton, Australia Eastern Territorial Child Protection Coordinator.

Caring For The Children gives context by explaining why Australian children were placed in these homes, the poor social understanding of children during the 20th century and the lack of mandatory government reporting processes at the time.

The book firmly asserts the Army has learnt from its past and now, in line with government legislation, has developed appropriate policies and procedures to prevent the abuse of children and teenagers happening under its care.

The Salvation Army has apologised on a number of occasions to the care leavers who suffered abuse and deprivation. Ms Morton hopes the book will support the apologies already expressed to care leavers.

The book is written by Dr Sharon Cleland, and Ms Morton is appreciative that a Christian researcher and writer who isn't a

Salvationist took on the challenge. She says it was important to avoid any conflict of interest.

"I was pleased to take on this project and I hope it is helpful to Army people and to care leavers," said Dr Cleland at the book's launch.

Caring For The Children is available for \$10 and can be purchased from the Professional Standards Office by phoning 02 9266 9781.

The Salvation Army also encourages care leavers who wish to share any personal concerns about their time in care, to contact the Professional Standards Office by phoning the Territorial Integrity Officer, Peter Hatte, on 02 9226 9779.



Dr Sharon Cleland and Colleen Morton at the launch of the book *Caring for The Children*.

Oasis Wyong launches 'freedom' chapel service

The Salvation Army's Oasis Youth Service at Wyong held its first chapel service on Sunday 4 November as part of its "freedom" weekend celebrations.

More than 150 people attended the service during which Bridge program participants and local corps members shared stories of freedom found in Jesus.

Cadet Sean Everitt gave the main message, encouraging everyone to seek the freedom that comes from an encounter with Christ.

"This new service, to be held weekly at 6pm, is a combined effort from Oasis Wyong, Tuggerah Lakes and Bonnells Bay corps and Recovery Services," said Lieutenant Vanessa Kohler, Mission Director at Oasis Wyong.

"It ties in with the 'freedom' message that has been recently launched within the Central Coast Hub."

The Army's Central Coast Hub identified the need for a new expression of a Salvation Army faith community to be established in Wyong.

"It is hoped that Oasis Chapel will be an integrated faith community where those who pass through Salvation Army centres on the Central Coast during the week will feel comfortable attending, and will find a place to belong and freedom in Jesus," said Lieut Kohler.

A community outreach on Saturday 3 November was part of the weekend's celebrations. Volunteers spent time in the Watanobbi and Wyong communities and washed cars, mowed lawns and provided a free barbecue and games in a local park,



The inaugural chapel service at Oasis Wyong in November attracted a large congregation.

with the aim of bringing hope and building relationships within the community.

"It was great to see some community members from this outreach attend Oasis Chapel," said Lieut Kohler.

"We look forward to all that God has in store for Oasis Chapel and believe that the best days are yet to come!"

Salvos offer prayer at Sydney spiritual festival

By LAUREN MARTIN

Salvation Army volunteers had the opportunity to share prayers of blessing with seekers at Sydney's Mind, Body, Spirit Festival last month.

More than 10,000 people attend the festival every year for herbal healing, psychic readings, body detoxification supplements ... the list goes on. In the thick of it all is The Salvation Army's stall, offering prayer and hope to people looking for spiritual answers.



Lauren Howes and Lieutenant Craig Sutton at the Mind, Body, Spirit Festival. Photo: Shairon Paterson

"When people came and talked to us we would offer to pray a blessing on them," said the Army's Sydney East and Illawarra Division Resource Director - Corps, Major Dean Clarke.

"Many people took up that offer and we were able to pray for them and their families. It was just a great privilege to be there in the name of Jesus and to be praying that Jesus would do something wonderful in their life. It's just another connection point for them in their journey towards salvation."

On the Friday morning of the festival one of the Salvation Army team members led a woman to Christ. She is now being connected with a local corps. Another man who had been through The Salvation Army's Recovery Services has been connected with a Salvationist for one-on-one discipleship.

"It's a great opportunity for The Salvation Army to be there amongst people who are spiritually searching," says Major Clarke. "People are so open to prayer and we have a wonderful opportunity to be influencing their life through the power of prayer. And there are opportunities to engage with them in conversations about how to find a future."

Major Clarke is hopeful that more Salvationists with the gifts of either evangelism, prophecy, prayer or intercession will volunteer to attend the festival next year.

"My dream would be to see that next festival we have, our stall is filled with those with the gift and heart for evangelism," he said.

For further information, or to volunteer for next year's festival, contact Major Clarke at: dean.clarke@aue.salvationarmy.org

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Coffee and canapes with the Governor-General

The Governor-General of Australia, Quentin Bryce, with her husband, Michael Bryce, recently visited The Salvation Army's Cafe Horizons at Cabramatta in Sydney's west.

"The couple met with staff and young people from the FYRST (Follow-On Youth Recovery Support Team) Fairfield youth, drug and alcohol service," said John Drew, General Manager for Youthlink, The Salvation Army's specialist youth service in Greater Western Sydney.

"On their visit they heard first-hand how young people had been helped to address their substance abuse and establish a positive lifestyle for themselves in the local community."

Trainees participating in the Cafe Horizons' full-time Certificate II training program then served the Governor-General and Mr Bryce coffee and canapes which they had prepared earlier in the day.

Ms Bryce spoke with the trainees and commended them on their service, encouraging them to make the most of this training opportunity.

The Governor-General also commended Cafe Horizons staff on their passion and commitment to the young people and the training program which, she said, was evident in all that she had seen and heard.

"The staff and young people at the cafe were thrilled by the



Governor-General Quentin Bryce meets some of the young people training at Cafe Horizons.

whole visit," said Mr Drew. "To be recognised for what they are doing was motivating for everyone and lifted their spirits."

FYRST is a support service for young people aged 16-25 years who would like to address their drug and alcohol issues. The service also offers support to those who are completing, or have completed detox, rehab or are leaving detention.

New publication puts Army film company in the limelight

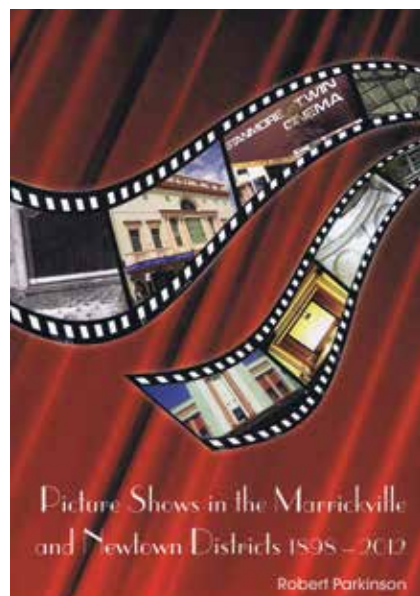
Representatives of The Salvation Army's Heritage Centre in Sydney recently attended the launch of a book titled *Picture Shows in the Marrickville and Newtown Districts 1898-2012*, written by Robert Parkinson.

In its first chapter, the book contains significant information and photographs of the The Salvation Army's Limelight film company and its ground-breaking work in the fledgling motion-picture industry in Australia more than a century ago.

The invitation to attend the launch was extended to the Heritage Centre in recognition of the assistance it provided to the author in the collation of the material on Limelight.

Representing The Salvation Army was Major Reta Brown (Heritage Centre coordinator) and Joan Pack (Heritage Centre administrative assistant) who also received a complimentary copy of the book.

It is now in the Heritage Centre library and available for people to read.



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Recording opportunity music to ears of Streetlevel band

By NAOMI SINGLEHURST

A number of staff and community members from The Salvation Army's Brisbane Streetlevel Mission recently joined Inner City West Salvos musicians in an urban studio to record an original composition titled *The Streetlevel Song*.

"We're not quite rock stars, but sitting in a recording studio, singing along, sure makes you feel like one," laughed Streetlevel manager Major Bryce Davies.

The experience, according to Major Davies, created "a buzz" for weeks around Streetlevel, which works to transform the lives of people who are struggling with homelessness, loneliness or mental health issues.

The songwriting and recording process began when one of the Streetlevel regulars, Hans, joined a group from the mission on a Fraser Island fishing expedition. During the trip, Hans mentioned his love of playing guitar and, on returning to Streetlevel, was encouraged to start playing again. Others soon joined in and then helped co-write the song.

Major Davies said the transformation in Hans and others had been inspiring. "The music is like therapy," he said.

Another band member, Simon, was also homeless and living temporarily in The Salvation Army Pindari Men's Hostel. A gifted artist, he hadn't played the guitar for more than 10 years.

Both Hans and Simon are now



Hans and Simon get busy in the recording studio. Photo: Matthew Seaman

adherent members of The Salvation Army and are regularly involved in serving the community through Streetlevel.

Major Davies said the joy and sense of community connection brought about through ventures such as the band and recording are designed to build relationships, which are essential for people who often are very lonely. And, he said, gaining a sense of achievement is critical in beating the downward spiral.

"If you have been given the message all your life that you're no good and not talented, and you have that message

playing in your head, it can seem like you are destined to keep failing," he said.

"But we [Streetlevel] keep saying, 'no, God loves you and you are special. You are part of his Kingdom, part of the body of Christ and you have a unique mission'. And the more evidence we have to show the negative message to be a lie, the more they can begin to live from the perspective of, 'I have got potential, I can be committed to things. And, as part of a community of loving people around me, I can pull off stuff I never dreamed was possible!'"

Parents honoured at Silver Star fellowship meetings

Bundamba and Maroochydore Corps recently hosted Silver Star fellowship meetings for parents of officers.

At both meetings, parents shared news about their officer children before Major Glenys Holley, South Queensland Divisional Silver Star Secretary, brought a short devotional message and prayer.

At Bundamba Corps, Lieutenants Marty and Kylie Herring, Corps Officers at Coolum Mission, spoke about their missionary work before they became officers, as well as their current ministry. At Maroochydore Corps, Lieutenants David and Lara Sutcliffe, Noosa Corps Officers, presented musical items and shared about life before officership and their first months at Noosa.

Major Julie Campbell, South Queensland Divisional Director of Women's Ministries, prayed for the parents and their officer children.

At both corps, some officer children were able to attend the meetings with their parents.



Three generations of officers at Bundamba: Commissioner Alistair Cairns with his daughter Lieut-Colonel Christine Rees, and grand-daughter Lieut Kylie Herring.

Mission team brings blessings to remote communities

The Salvation Army's South Queensland Divisional Mobile Mission Team took in Ipswich, Gympie, Blackwater, Emerald, Sapphire and many isolated areas in between on its latest outreach.

The team has a desire to minister and bring blessing and encouragement to the communities it visits and was in turn welcomed and blessed by the encouragement it received.

The first stop was Ipswich, where team members were guests as the Ipswich Home League celebrated its 100th anniversary.

The team then travelled to Gympie Corps for the weekend, where it had a great time of fellowship with a fun night and meal on the Saturday. On the Sunday, the Holiness Meeting was led by Major Sue Hopper (Divisional Seniors Ministry Coordinator), with Lieutenant-Colonel Wally Greentree preaching the message.

The team then headed further north, with a meal and program at Blackwater Corps, staying at Cania Gorge and Bedford Weir on its way to Emerald. The weekend at Emerald Corps included a Saturday night program and Sunday meeting on the theme of "Forgiveness" led by Lieut-Colonels Wally and Joyce Greentree. After the morning meeting, the team travelled to the opal mining town of Sapphire for an afternoon concert.

Two verses of Scripture became the team's mantra as it travelled: "We are all God's people working together" (1 Corinthians 3:9); and "That we may be mutually strengthened, encouraged, comforted and blessed by each other" (Romans 1:12).



The South Queensland Divisional Mobile Mission Team singing group performs during its outreach trip.

IHQ editorial team takes full ownership of *Words of Life*

For the first time in 45 years, The Salvation Army's daily devotional *Words of Life* has been fully published by International Headquarters (IHQ).

Previously published by Hodder and Stoughton on behalf of The Salvation Army, the editorial department at IHQ has now taken full responsibility for its production.

The January-April issue of *Words of Life* is now available and can be accessed in a number of ways. It is available from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney (www.salvosupplieasyd.com), or readers can organise an annual subscriptions online at sar.my/wolsubo.

It is also available in electronic format, with content accessible on e-readers as well as through the Kindle application which can be installed on many mobile phones or tablets such as the iPad.

It can be purchased as a Kindle e-book from amazon websites (www.amazon.com).

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Churches unite in prayer and fasting for Syria

The plight of the Syrian people was a point of concern for church leaders as the National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA) met in Sydney last month.

Archbishop Malki Malki of the Syrian Orthodox Church told the council that many Christians had been forced to flee their homes in search of safety and peace. The NCCA executive, representing 19 Australian churches including The Salvation Army, issued a statement of support recognising the presence and witness of indigenous Christians in Syria, their contributions to Syrian society and their desire for a society based on mutual respect, justice and peace.

"We have real concern for the people of Syria in light of the

current violence, increasing loss of life and the destruction of places of worship," said NCCA general secretary Reverend Tara Curlewis.

"We are very concerned for those who have sought refuge in Syria as they have fled other areas of conflict in the Middle East."

As an act of solidarity and support for the Syrian people, the member churches of the NCCA are requested to consider a time of prayer and fasting for peace and reconciliation. They are also asked to pray for the strengthening of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians in Syria and among the members of the Australian churches whose heritage is Syrian.

Greater Liverpool Corps

There was much to celebrate and thank God for as four new soldiers were enrolled at Greater Liverpool Corps. The four (pictured from left) Aminata Koroma, Lukkhana Ingram, Oanh Lilley and John Keegan (Shane Thomas is holding the flag) are all first-generation Salvationists and represent four different nations - Sierra Leone, Thailand, Vietnam and Australia. This reflects the multicultural demographic of not only Liverpool City but the corps. Each new soldier had a beautiful testimony of God's love and transformation in their life.



Glen Innes Corps



Commissioner James Condon enrolled five new soldiers - James Delkou, Chris Pears, Bryan Stone, Janelle Proctor and Judy Wright - at Glen Innes Corps on Sunday, 11 November. Commissioner Condon also enrolled 12 adherents, significantly adding to the growth the corps has recently experienced. More than 100 people attended the special service where Commissioners James and Jan Condon were the special guests. Pictured (left to right) are James Delkou, Chris Pears, Bryan Stone, Janelle Proctor and Judy Wright, with Commissioner James Condon and corps leader George Dobbie.

Wynnum Corps

Corps Officer Major Kevin Hentzschel re-enrolled Gary and Glenda Lopez as senior soldiers of the Wynnum Corps on Sunday 11 November. After a 20-year absence from The Salvation Army, Gary and Glenda (pictured sharing a lighter moment with Major Hentzschel during their enrolment ceremony) testified that they had never left the Lord and are now ready to be used for the extension of God's kingdom in the place he has called them back to. The enrolment was also significant as it fell on Remembrance Day. A returned Vietnam veteran, Gary stood with the corps for a minute's silence to remember the comrades with whom he had fought.



Gosford Corps

Rachel Hope and Connor Hall were enrolled as senior soldiers at Gosford by Corps Officers Majors David and Lea Palmer. These two young people testified to the time being right for them to make the commitment to soldiership. Both play in the band and are very involved in ministry within the corps. Rachel and Connor have grown up in the corps family at Gosford and are much loved and appreciated.



Gold Coast Temple Corps

Corps Officer, Major Andrew McKeown, enrolled 10 junior soldiers on Sunday 4 November, coinciding with Grandparents Day. Seven of the new junior soldiers are from a non-Salvation Army background and have come to the corps through the SAGALA programs or friends at the afternoon meeting. "It has been a great blessing to see the impact the new junior soldier ministry is having in our Corps," said Maree Southall, Children's Ministries Coordinator at Gold Coast Temple. Pictured (back row from left) are Sunday School leader Brian Peters, Erin, Anne-Marie, Aliya, Lauren, Bella and Children's Ministries Coordinator Maree Southall, and (front row from left) Major Andrew McKeown, Ewan, Ryley, Keely, Alex, Sebastian, and junior soldier leader Julie McCorriston.



Salvation Army on front line of Hurricane Sandy relief effort

Salvation Army emergency services teams have been at the centre of relief efforts after the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy, one of the largest storms the Caribbean and the east coast of the United States has experienced.

Initially, shelter, food, water and counselling were the main forms of assistance provided and this has continued since the storm struck in late October.

Throughout the Caribbean, the unceasing torrential rain and 150km/h winds decimated homes and crumbled structures, as fallen trees and power lines made roads impassable and destroyed crops, livestock and farmlands. Assessment by Salvation Army disaster relief teams indicated that the category one hurricane had left many parts of the islands of Jamaica, Haiti and the Bahamas in ruins.

In Haiti, where many people were killed, this latest disaster has stretched the resources of local Salvation Army personnel who are still serving those impacted by the earthquake (2010) and Hurricane Isaac (August 2012). In the Bahamas, Hurricane Sandy's driving rains and heavy winds knocked out power, flooded roads and cut off inter-island communication.

Salvation Army properties also suffered damage. In Jamaica, the School for the Blind lost the roofs on several of its dormitories and walkways and all of its banana and plantain crops were destroyed. The Salvation Army headquarters in Haiti also reported that its buildings in Poirrier, Lafosse, Vieux Bourg, Fond-des-Negres and Campeche were severely damaged.

But even in these moments of distress, Salvation Army teams set aside their own problems to assist others. During the eye of the storm, Army officers and volunteers were out on the streets transporting homeless men to shelters, serving food to those evacuated and providing pastoral care and counselling to those traumatised by the disaster.

Cuba was also badly affected by the hurricane with numerous



A Salvation Army officer surveys a scene of devastation in the United States.

people killed and widespread flooding and damage. The Salvation Army has supplied food, shelter and water to those who have been displaced and provided temporary shelter for those who lost their homes.

Long-term recovery

Hurricane Sandy then moved violently along the east coast of the US, leaving mass destruction and power outages in its wake. Even before it arrived, The Salvation Army was preparing for a long-term disaster response and recovery operation. Feeding of displaced people commenced immediately at shelters in the north-east and mid-Atlantic regions and mobile canteen units were deployed to the areas of greatest need.

New York City officials appointed The Salvation Army as the lead agency for the city's food access plan which has coordinated feeding programs at city shelters.

Elsewhere in New York, the Army provided food and shelter assistance at two locations in Albany and on Long Island, and also assisted the American Red Cross with distribution of supplies to eight shelters.

In New Jersey, the Army served meals, snacks and drinks to hundreds of evacuees at 11 shelters in five counties. This emergency work was not without danger. At a shelter in Union Beach, a Salvation Army canteen and a volunteer vehicle were flooded when waters rose unexpectedly.

Meals were also provided to people in shelters in Pennsylvania and Connecticut and the Army also ran shelter and feeding programs throughout parts of Maryland and West Virginia where more than 60cm of snow left thousands of people without power in freezing temperatures.

Relief teams were also active in Ohio, New Hampshire, North Carolina and Virginia, serving within shelters and from mobile canteens.

"Residents of the impacted areas can rest assured that The Salvation Army will be with them for the long-haul, providing practical, physical and spiritual support at the areas of greatest need," said Major George Hood, National Community Relations Secretary for The Salvation Army.



A Salvation Army emergency services team is filmed by the media as it assists people in the Hoboken area of New York.

European gathering a step forward for unity

By Lieut-Colonel JAYNE ROBERTS

The Salvation Army's European Congress in the Czech Republic brought together 1300 Salvationists from 30 countries in a weekend of witness and worship under the leadership of General Linda Bond.

"Forward! In Confidence, Unity and Power" was the theme of the gathering in Prague which celebrated what God is doing in the lives of his people throughout Europe. The three main sessions each picked up on an aspect of The Salvation Army's International Vision: One Army, One Mission, One Message. The General was supported by Commissioners Robert and Janet Street (Europe Zonal leaders, International Headquarters) and Commissioners Hans and Marja van Vliet (territorial leaders, The Netherlands and Czech Republic Territory).

During the opening meeting, Commissioner Robert Street held up a piece of the Berlin Wall, serving as a powerful reminder that until recent years, The Salvation Army was banned in 12 countries in Europe in which it is now operating. It was a miracle to see uniformed Salvationists from those countries participating in the congress.

Following the General's stirring Bible message, an invitation was given to people to move to the platform and join hands. They went immediately, including Salvationists from Poland, Russia, Latvia and the former East Germany.

In the evening, "One Mission - Celebrate what God is Doing" was the theme. There was great excitement as all the territorial and command leaders of the Europe Zone marched in with their Salvation Army and national flags. The 150-strong Europe Choir made its debut, led by Commissioner Dick Krommenhoek (Territorial Commander, Finland and Estonia).

The Sunday meeting, "One Message - Forward in Faith", was a challenging and inspiring conclusion to the celebrations. In her final message the General challenged the congress delegates to go forward with faith that God will bring revival to Europe. Many people knelt at the mercy seat.

As *O Boundless Salvation!* was sung in full, flag bearers went forward spontaneously and Army colours from many countries were waved in unison across the platform; a wonderful finale to a God-glorifying event.



Salvation Army flags from many countries being waved in unison across the platform at the European Congress.

Tap into General's vision

Salvationists around the world are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to access General Linda Bond's regular "Sharing the Vision" messages.

Each month, General Bond, the world leader of The Salvation Army, writes a letter to the international Army. It is her desire that as many Salvationists as possible access the letter.

You can read these messages by going to the General's website salvationarmy.org/thegeneral where you can also sign up to receive it direct to your email address.

Meantime, the General has received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Tyndale University College in Toronto, Canada.

An alumna of the college, the General was introduced by Gary Nelson, college president and vice chancellor, who stated that she had been chosen to be honoured in this way because she exemplifies the values, commitment and leadership represented by graduates of the institution.

"She is committed to the history, theology and mission of The Salvation Army," he said.

Following the conferring of the honorary doctorate by Stephanie Ling, college chancellor, the General addressed those gathered.

"I receive this honour as General of The Salvation Army," she said. "The glory belongs to God."

London to host 2015 international congress

The Chief of the Staff, Commissioner Barry Swanson, has confirmed that an International Congress of The Salvation Army will be held from 1-5 July, 2015 in London.

The congress will coincide with the 150th anniversary of the founding of The Salvation Army in the East End of London. It will be held at the O2 Arena, which is also in the East End, and will have as its theme "BOUNDLESS: The Whole World Redeeming". The theme verse is taken from Ephesians 3:8: "Preach to the nations the boundless riches of Christ."

In January 2013, The Salvation Army's international website (salvationarmy.org) will add a link that will lead you to the congress web page where information about the event will be constantly added and updated. Registration will open approximately 18 months before the congress.

A planning committee will be appointed under the chairmanship of Commissioner William Cochrane, International Secretary to the Chief of the Staff.

Loyal servant

Frederick James Gorringe was promoted to glory at Ipswich on 13 August, aged 89.

The funeral service was held at Bundamba Citadel and was conducted by Captain Ed Henderson, a former corps sergeant major. Major Russell Adams, the Associate Officer of the corps, conducted the committal service.

A large congregation of family and friends attended the service, along with a number of bandsmen who gathered to honour Fred. He had been a bandsman all his life, his preferred instrument being G trombone.

Fred was born on 15 January 1923 at Parramatta, to Frank and Vera Gorringe. He was the eldest of 12 children.

At the age of 18, he was called up to serve in the military and during the early part of his training, played in the Perth Fortress Band. From Perth, he was posted to Moratai where he served during the Second World War as a stretcher bearer.

Following the war, Fred returned to Orange, but later moved to Ipswich where he was to meet Grace Cox and marry in 1960. Two children were born in the coming years, Margaret and Cheryl.

In 1962, the family moved to the West End Corps in Brisbane where Fred played G trombone, serving also as band secretary and member of the male voice party. In 1970, the family moved back to Bundamba and then, following a number of years at Ipswich Corps, returned to Bundamba Corps in 1986.

As a prelude to the service of thanksgiving, the band played the march *Montreal Citadel*, obviously chosen because of the trombones!

The corps tribute was given by Corps Sergeant Major Brad Strong, along with other tributes from family and friends. Returned servicemen had the opportunity to participate in the special memorial segment arranged by the Returned Services League.

Fred had a wonderful sense of humour and a deep love for God, his family and The Salvation Army.

Generous soldier

Phyllis May Salter was promoted to glory on 23 September at Ipswich, aged 88. The funeral and committal services were conducted by Bundamba

Corps Officer Lieutenant-Colonel David Rees.

The youngest child of Henry and Florence Miller, Phyllis lived most of her life in the Ipswich-Bundamba area, but spending the war years working in Brisbane at the Ammunitions Factory in Moorooka and then Brisbane Hospital.

Born into a Salvation Army family, she attended Bundamba Corps for almost her entire life, being actively involved in most sections including the band, timbrels and string band. For 63 years Phyllis was a Home League member and still regularly attended until her illness in July this year.

Family tributes were given by Michelle Imhoff and Shari Bellingham. The corps speakers were Elsa Harlow, on behalf of the Home League, and Barry Rule.

Phyllis will be missed by her family and many friends and remembered as a kind and generous soldier of the corps.

**Caring friend**

Following a period of ill health, Shirley "Coral" Rule was promoted to glory on 1 October, aged 83.

Born in Brisbane to Linda and Stan Schasser on 13 September 1929, she was the eldest of six children.

As a young nurse she met Norm Rule at a Salvation Army youth camp, with marriage following at Coorparoo Corps on 20 September 1952. In the following years, Wendy, Michael, Robert and Gary were born.

The funeral and committal services were held at Bundamba Corps, conducted by Major Rod Strong, a former corps officer. A moving family tribute was given by Norm, her husband for 60 years. Major Glenda Towerton brought a tribute on behalf of the corps. Also involved in the service were grandsons Lee Rule and Nicholas Rule.

A soldier of Bundamba Corps for 59 years, she will be remembered as a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and good friend to many.

True gentleman

Leslie Warden was promoted to glory on 28 September, aged 90. He had been a senior soldier Brisbane City Temple for 75 years, having grown up through the young people's sections of the corps.

The funeral was held at Brisbane City

Temple on 5 October and was conducted by Captain John Tatters. A family tribute was brought by Graham Warden (son) and a Bible reading was given by Barry Warden (son). Colin Crawford presented a tribute on behalf of Brisbane City Temple Corps.

Born on 4 July 1922, Les played an active role in the life of the corps. He was an accomplished vocalist, singing in the songster brigade and male voice party, and was a member of the Brisbane City Temple band for more than 50 years, playing tenor horn. He was also a member of the renowned JJ Kelly Band during the Second World War, and played French horn in the Queensland Symphony Orchestra.

Les was corps secretary for 21 years, and for many years also had the responsibility of organising and leading the prayer meeting prior to the holiness meeting. After his retirement from work, he took on the responsibility of the corps' tape ministry.

He was a keen sportsman, playing cricket and tennis, but his passion for music and outstanding musicianship was where he stood above the rest.

Les married Evelyn Fry, who he grew up with at Brisbane City Temple. They were married for 69 years and had three children, Graham, Jeanette and Barry.

Les will be remembered as one of God's special people and one of life's true gentlemen.

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Appointments

Effective Immediately: Major Chris **Cohen**, seconded for a six month period to Nauru as Island Services Coordinator: Recreational and Educational Programs; Major Julie **Radburn**, seconded for a three month period to Nauru as Island Services Coordinator: Casework and Cultural Adviser.

Effective 1 January: Major Mark **Watts**, Under Secretary for International Personnel, Administration Department, International Headquarters.

Effective 1 February: Lieut-Colonel Laurie **Robertson**, Secretary for Program, Australia Eastern Territory; Lieut-Colonel Simone **Robertson**, Family Resource Officer (Women's Ministry team), Australia Eastern Territory.

Bereaved

Major Christine **Stiles**, Major Ron **Whitehouse**, Captain Pam **Pattison** of their aunt, Marjorie **Jarrett** on 24 October.

SAGALA Awards

The following people have received the Commissioner's Challenge Award: Hayley **Moy**, Kathryn **Moy**, Lydia **Bizabishaka**, Rebecca **Jones**, all Dubbo Corps; Tarleisha **Bayliss**, Springwood Corps; Jemimah **Perry**, Campsie Corps, Matthew **Wallace**, Pine Rivers Corps; Amber **Moman**, Bundamba Corps; Matthew **Clements**, Gold Coast Temple Corps.

The following person has received the General's Award: Zac **Hope**, Gosford Corps.

time to pray

25 November-1 December

John and Wendy Evans, Rwanda and Burundi Command; Macquarie Lodge Aged Care Services, Port Macquarie Corps, Narrabri Corps, all NSW; Salvo Care Line Brisbane, Glen Haven, both Qld; World Wide Prayer Meeting (29); Covenant Day (29); Principal's Reception and Silver Star Luncheon (1).

2-8 December

Captain Elizabeth Garland, Southern Africa Territory; Illawarra Community Welfare Centre, Casino Corps, Wellington Corps, all NSW; Canberra Recovery Services Centre, ACT; Family Tracing Service Brisbane, Qld; Commissioning (2); DYCS Conference (4-6); World Wide Prayer Meeting (6).

9-15 December

Majors Norm and Isabel Beckett, Sweden and Latvia Territory; Woodport Retirement Village, Burwood Corps, Campbelltown Corps, Nambucca River Corps, Oasis Youth Centre Wyong, all NSW; World Wide Prayer Meeting (13).

16-22 December

Majors Robert and Leanne **Duncan**, Taiwan Territory; Pindari Men's Hostel, Qld; Forster/Tuncurry Corps, Dulwich Hill Corps, Macquarie Fields Mission, all NSW; Burrangiri Aged Care Services, ACT; World Wide Prayer Meeting (20); Candidates Board (20).

23-29 December

Majors Kim and David Hawke, Zimbabwe Territory; Eastlakes Corps, North West NSW Mission Cluster (Barraba Corps, Bingara Corps, Glen Innes Corps), Earlwood Corps, all NSW; Outback Flying Service, Townsville Riverway Recovery Mission, Townsville Recovery Services Centre, all Qld; Christmas Day (25); Boxing Day (26); World Wide Prayer Meeting (27).

30 December-5 January

Captain Zane Haupt, Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar Territory; Shoalhaven Corps, Northside Women's Services, Newcastle and Central NSW Divisional Headquarters, Chatswood Corps, Chatswood Community Welfare Centre, Oasis Youth Support Network Youth Connections, Chatswood Campus, all NSW; Pastoral Care and Officer Well-Being Team, THQ; Greenslopes Community Welfare Centre, Qld; Recovery Services Network Conference, Wollongong (1); New Year's Day (1); World Wide Prayer Meeting (3).

engagement calendar

Commissioners James (Territorial Commander) and Jan Condon

Bexley: Sat 1 Dec – Principal's Reception and Silver Star Luncheon
Darling Harbour: Sun 2 Dec – Commissioning and Ordination Service

Sydney: Mon 3 Dec – Officers Councils

THQ: Thurs 6 Dec – Wills and Bequest morning tea

Long Jetty: Fri 7 Dec – Hub meeting

Auburn: Sun 9 Dec – Corps visit

THQ: Mon 10 Dec – Missionary Fellowship

Canberra: Wed 12 Dec – National Church Leaders meeting

Collaroy: Thurs 13 Dec – Staff Christmas Party

Sydney: Sat 22 Dec – Carols in the Domain

Commissioner Jan Condon only

Colonels Wayne (Chief Secretary) and Robyn Maxwell

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Sydney: Sun 2 Dec – Commissioning and Ordination Service

Sydney: Mon 3 Dec – Officers Councils

Townsville: Fri 7-Sun 9 Dec – Hub meeting and corps visit

Sydney: Sat 22 Dec – Carols in the Domain

