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WELCOME

Thank you, Australia

For many of us, the Red Shield Appeal has always been there. As inexorable as Christmas, each year at the same time we prepare for the monumental task of knocking on as many doors as possible as we seek to raise the money required to enable The Salvation Army to continue to assist millions of Australians in need. Every year we witness the generosity of the average Aussie as we encounter them at intersections, in shopping centres and on their doorstep—and they gladly give, often more than they can really afford.

It might be hard for me to imagine a year without the Red Shield Appeal, but many readers might remember a time before its establishment in Australia. In this issue, we look at its origins and discover how it became such an integral part of Army life. As you will see, it was a daring and revolutionary idea in its time, and something that is now a given might never have taken root without the hard work and perseverance of those who saw its potential.

As we prepare for a week that presents so many opportunities, let's consider why it is that we go out collecting. It is only through your efforts, and the giving of the Australian public, that we can do many of the things we do and make such a positive difference in this world. Much of what we take for granted—our ministries and infrastructure—would not be possible without the Red Shield Appeal, and the vision of people like Commissioner Donald Campbell.

The weekend offers the public the opportunity to work with us in helping others. Echoing Colonel Peter Walker in his column this issue, we thank all those who will give up their time to go out into the streets and help the Army with its appeal. People from every walk of life—many with no other link to the Church—will join with Salvationists to help us meet our targets because they see the vital importance of the work we do. Let us continue to be worthy of their time—and their trust—as we seek to grow these relationships and change this world for the better.

David Goodwin
editor



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'Thankyou' changes lives

The Salvation Army's Hamodava Cafe in Melbourne's CBD is the first Australian project of social enterprise 'Thankyou'.

Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Robert Doyle; managing director and co-founder of 'Thankyou', Daniel Flynn; CEO of 7-Eleven Australia, Warren Wilmot; and Major Brendan Nottle gathered with volunteers as they served breakfast and barista-made coffee to Melbourne's homeless and disadvantaged at the cafe.

Many guests of the cafe are experiencing long-term homelessness, living in rooming houses or struggling to make ends meet. The cafe provides an environment where Salvation Army caseworkers can connect with people requiring support.

'Thankyou' is a movement that empowers consumers to give every day, through purchasing water, body care and food



Daniel Flynn, Major Brendan Nottle, Lord Mayor Robert Doyle, Warren Wilmot.

ranges that fund safe water access, hygiene and sanitation programs and immediate as well as long-term food solutions for people in need.

The Salvation Army's Major Brendan Nottle said, 'The Salvation Army is excited

by the power of the "Thankyou" movement. It is an honour for Hamodava Cafe to be their first Australian project.'

'Thankyou' CEO Daniel Flynn said, 'We're proud to partner with The Salvation Army—this is a big milestone for us.'

Hidden Others film competition

A short film competition is being held for 12–18-year-olds to highlight the complexity of issues surrounding youth homelessness.

The 'Hidden Others' brief is to create a short film that breaks stereotypes and raises awareness of youth homelessness.

This is an opportunity for young people to put their film-making skills into action, while developing an understanding of this significant social justice issue.

It gives youth a platform to take action by raising community awareness around this issue that impacts all socio-economic groups.

For further information, head to salvationarmy.org.au/hiddenothers



End extreme poverty by 2030

General André Cox has joined more than 30 leaders from major world religions and heads of global faith-based organisations to launch a call to action to end extreme poverty by 2030.

The joint statement, *Ending Extreme Poverty: A Moral and Spiritual Imperative*, notes that progress has been made in reducing extreme poverty. Over the past 25 years, the world has gone from nearly two billion people living in extreme poverty to fewer than one billion.

The statement goes on, 'We in the faith community embrace this moral imperative because we share the belief that the moral test of our society is how the weakest and most vulnerable are faring. Our sacred texts also call us to combat injustice and uplift the poorest in our midst.'

The Moral Imperative statement seeks to generate the necessary social and political will by inspiring greater commitments from others to join in this cause, tapping into many of the shared convictions and beliefs that unify the world's major religions around the call and responsibility to combat poverty.

The statement closes by framing the imperative in stark terms: 'Poverty's imprisonment of more than a billion men, women and children must end. Now is the time to boldly act to free the next generation from extreme poverty's grip.'

On the 50th anniversary of the Red Shield Appeal, Bill Simpson talks to retired Commissioner and former Southern Territory officer **Donald Campbell** about the process which led to the appeal being established as a major source of donated funds for The Salvation Army in Australia.

Knocking on Australia's door

THE MIND IS STILL WILLING but the body isn't so sure any more. If the two can agree on the day, then one of the pioneers of the Red Shield Appeal in Australia will be knocking on doors again during this month's 50th anniversary collection.

It's not as easy now for Donald Campbell as it was when the first appeal was conducted in the mid-1960s.

He was a 40-year-old major in Melbourne then. Now, he's a 91-year-old retired commissioner living in an aged-care facility in Sydney, close to his daughter, Helen Drew.

'I will know on the day whether I'm good enough to go out collecting,' Commissioner Campbell said during a recent conversation. 'Oh, mentally I think I'm still up to it, but physically, well, that's another story, I suppose.'

The Commissioner last year missed his first collection in 49 years. 'My support staff let me down,' he said. 'But I am keen to get out for the 50th.'

The then Major Campbell was divisional youth secretary based at Ballarat when he received a call to Southern Territory headquarters in late 1962. His appointment was a special mission with the then Major Charles Cross (later Brigadier) of the Eastern Territory. Brigadier Cross was promoted to Glory in 2004.

They were to travel to Canada to investigate that country's Red Shield Appeal, which had been operating since 1942, as well as other Canadian fundraising initiatives.

Commissioner Campbell was highly organised, and kept a diary for every day of his officership. His 1963 diary records him travelling by the Spirit of Progress overnight train from Melbourne to Sydney on 8 January. He had afternoon tea with Eastern Territory leaders in Sydney on 10 January and, with Major Charles Cross, flew from Sydney on 12 January, via Suva and Seattle, arriving in Vancouver two days later.

They met the Canadian leaders on 17 January, arriving back in Australia six months later to report to their own territorial leaders.

John Smith records that Lieut-Colonel Peter Lucas (Eastern

Territory public relations secretary at the time), commented: 'Like Caleb and Joshua, they returned with favourable reports.'

A former Salvation Army officer, John Smith has intimate knowledge of the starting of the Red Shield Appeal in Australia. He was Southern Territory information officer from 1965–75, serving in the early years with Major Campbell.

'While the two territories may mark 1965 as the official start of the Red Shield Appeal in Australia, it was not until 1968 that it was truly national,' he says.

'In the Southern Territory, it was still called the Self Denial Appeal in 1965 and then became the Annual Appeal and then the Red Shield Appeal, with the slogan "Thank God for the Salvos" coined in 1969 and adopted nationally after that.'

CONCEPT ADOPTED

Pilot appeals were tried in several corps in 1964 in both territories. The Eastern Territory launched the appeal officially in 1965, while the Southern Territory continued with trials for a few more years.

The recommendations of Majors Campbell and Cross from the visit to Canada were adopted 'pretty much', according to Commissioner Campbell. The Canadians had a sound concept.

'There were just a few minor modifications,' Commissioner Campbell conceded in our chat.

While Majors Cross and Campbell visited Canada in 1963, history notes titled *Origins of the Red Shield Appeal* and filed at the Australia Eastern Territory Heritage Centre in Sydney disclose that Colonel John Cugley, as territorial public relations secretary, heard of the Canadian model while attending the International College for Officers in London in 1959.

'On his return to Australia, he persuaded territorial authorities to introduce this [Canadian] concept on the basis that as much of our social services were of benefit to the community, the community should assist in the fundraising,' the notes reveal.

The notes were provided by Colonel Cugley's son, Ray (also an officer), based on an interview with his father some years

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ago and revised in 2004. Major Ray Cugley was promoted to Glory in 2006.

It was to be another four years after Colonel Cugley's suggestion (1959) before Majors Campbell and Cross were dispatched to Canada to investigate.

The Origins of the Red Shield Appeal notes also contain recollections from Charles Cross—given to Major Ray Cugley in 1999—in which he recalls that pilot appeals were conducted by Dulwich Hill, North Sydney (now Chatswood), Hurstville and Parramatta Corps in 1964.

Charles Cross recalled the first 'national' appeal took place in 1965 and that 'for several years the doorknock was held on the first Sunday of the new financial year when it was felt that purse strings would be more relaxed'.

STEELY DETERMINATION

The War Cry of 9 January 1965 reported the first national doorknock would be held on 4 July 1965.

John Smith's recollection from working in the Southern Territory public relations department at the time was that the Southern Territory trialled the appeal in some corps before joining the appeal in 1968.

A report in *The War Cry*, dated 23 October 1965, recorded that Charles Cross had visited 51 corps in the Eastern Territory to introduce the Red Shield Appeal concept, an achievement publicly lauded by then territorial commander Lieut-Commissioner Bramwell Cook.

At a thanksgiving service for Brigadier Cross in 2004, his son Warren said his father had a sharp mind, fierce resolve and entrepreneurial skills, with an ability to communicate with people from all walks of life.

It was those skills and persistence which persuaded the Eastern Territory to introduce the Red Shield Appeal concept.

Brigadier Cross received the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1977 for services to the community.

John Smith remembers Donald Campbell for similar steely determination and organisation.

'He was an alert and energetic character. Because he saw the process as change and himself as an agent of change, and with his driving personality and accent on getting things done, he did encounter considerable resistance from all levels of Army administration.

'I believe that without the knowledge, zest, vision, energy and entrepreneurship of Don Campbell, the process of the establishment of the Red Shield Appeal in the Australia Southern Territory would have taken so much longer.'

Commissioner Campbell today recalls a similar workload in the Southern Territory to that attributed to Brigadier Cross in the Eastern Territory.

'We were away from home a lot. There were a lot of people to convince,' he said.

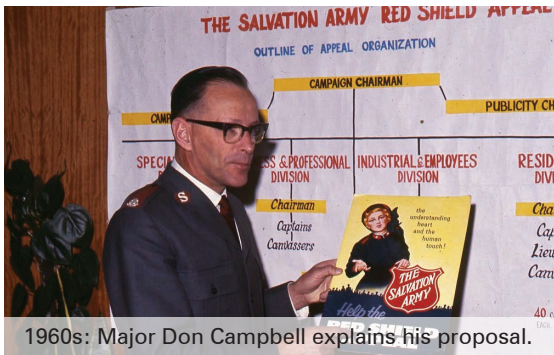
PUBLIC SUPPORT

The first people to persuade were his territorial leaders. It was an awesome experience for a 40-year-old 'reasonably junior officer' to give advice to his 60-year-old superiors.

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'THIS WAS A RADICAL CONCEPT FOR AUSTRALIA THEN AND IT TOOK SOME EXPLAINING AND CONVINCING. WE HAD TO BE PATIENT AND RESPECTFUL.'



1960s: Major Don Campbell explains his proposal.

‘The Army was different back then,’ he said. ‘Speaking to your superiors in those days could be a daunting task for a young officer.

‘We tried to be loyal. This [Red Shield Appeal] was a radical concept for Australia then and it took some explaining and convincing. We had to be patient and respectful.

‘As I saw it, lots of privileges were given to me to speak with the territorial leadership. I suppose I wasn’t so much fearful as challenged. We knew we were on the right track and we needed to show great respect as we took our leaders with us on this journey.

‘It was arduous, I suppose. It took a lot of persuasive talk—not only with our leadership, but also out in the corps. It took time for some corps to be convinced, because we were inviting the public in to collect; to help us raise the funds.

‘That was a radical concept back then. Until then, Salvationists were the only ones collecting in public through what we called the Self Denial Appeal. Now, we were asking the public to help us collect.’

But Salvationists quickly caught on as the money came in. And the public not only gave their donations; many donated their time to help with the collecting. Public participation in doorknock collections, in particular, became a vital part of the appeal.

‘There have been excellent refinements to the appeal structure over the years. The results speak for themselves. They are excellent,’ Commissioner Campbell said.

‘We made the right decision.’

He does, however, have one regret about recent changes.

‘I’m not happy about some corps cancelling their Sunday morning worship service on doorknock day.

‘That, I think, is a sad outcome. It wasn’t our intention. I hope corps can give some more thought to that.’

This article originally appeared in the May 2015 issue of Pipeline.

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You may have noticed that The Salvation Army is promoting the #UpForSchool petition—one of the largest petitions in history—the brainchild of A World at School (www.aworldatschool.org) and is campaigning for world leaders to prioritise education.

Including the excluded Despite the Millennium Development Goals and the push to achieve universal primary education, 58 million children are still out of school. The reasons for this are complex and context specific, but it is clear that education is out of reach for millions of children around the world. Furthermore, not only are people being excluded from education, their lack of education leads to exclusion. When an individual misses out on valuable schooling, they are excluded from participating in society in a variety of ways.

Challenging cultural practices Many cultural practices, such as child marriage, act as barriers to children completing their schooling. According to the ‘A World at School’ website, 15 million girls under the age of 18 become child brides every year. Child brides are often denied education as their responsibility lies within the domestic realm (www.girlsnotbrides.org/about-child-marriage). Improving children’s opportunities to participate in education will involve mediation by people who understand the culture in which these harmful practices take place.

Confronting the powerful The powerful include people who deliberately exploit the vulnerable—for example, human traffickers. In a recent report released by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes, it is estimated that a third of detected human trafficking victims are children.

However, the powerful also include those in positions of power who have the opportunity to seek justice. The United Nations reports that a decline in aid threatens the education of individuals in the poorest countries. Meanwhile, the Australian Government is decreasing the amount in our budget set aside for foreign aid.

Advocating for the oppressed There are particular groups of people who are more likely to experience exclusion from school. If an individual is a female in a rural area or from a family experiencing poverty, they are more likely to be out of school. Additionally, children with disabilities are more likely to experience exclusion from the education system.

We can advocate for those who experience marginalisation, by signing the #UpForSchool petition (<http://www.salvationarmy.org/isjc/upforschool>), but we shouldn’t let our advocacy end there. Providing an education is not as simple as getting a child into a classroom. Half of the children out of school currently live in a conflict-affected region and many developing countries lack qualified teachers. The implementation of successful and safe education will require specific and localised responses, which means we all have a role to play in educating ourselves regarding our personal responses to seeking justice for those experiencing injustice in the world. You can find out more about these, and many other, issues at www.justsalvos.com

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Avenues for service

In response to a changing world, The Salvation Army is creating **new pathways to leadership**.

Observant readers might have noticed an unusual listing in *On Fire's* appointment bulletin in a previous issue—the commissioning of Alan and Amy Wu as auxiliary-lieutenants. This was no misprint, but instead marked the first fruits of an initiative by the Army to take advantage of the vast pool of talent among Army rank and file, and allow new opportunities for people to serve in full-time ministry.

BUILDING ON SUCCESS Territorial envoys have been a longstanding tradition in the Army, often providing full-time leadership when no officer was available for smaller or more remote corps. Many envoys were older soldiers who had retired from their professional careers, meaning that not only did they have a lot to offer in terms of skills and experience, they now had the time to do so.

Under General John Gowans, the Army experimented with a change to lieutenantancy, taking it out of the normal rank structure. Cadets were commissioned as captains, and the rank of lieutenant was instead applied to Salvationists who signed up for a three-year term of full-time ministry. This program was a huge success—with many lieutenants making the transition into officership—and saw exciting work being done for the Kingdom in many different ministries that might not have been otherwise possible.

However, recognition of the importance of the rank as a step between training college and captaincy, and occasional difficulty when dealing with sections of the international Army that still utilised the rank, saw lieutenant reinstated as a stage in full officership, and the retirement of its use for fixed-term ministry. But, having been proved in concept, this idea was not going to go away, and The Salvation Army in Australia—both Eastern and Southern Territories—has instituted the new rank of auxiliary-lieutenant to build on its success.

PATHWAYS TO LEADERSHIP The new scheme will bring both envoys and the old lieutenant concept under the same umbrella, and is initially aimed at filling specific ministry needs across the Army—like Alan and Amy Wu becoming corps leaders at Surrey Hills Chinese Corps (Vic.).

Major Kelvin Merrett (assistant secretary for personnel) says that, while the first wave of lieutenants will be commissioned with particular roles in mind, it will eventually expand to encompass people who put their hand up to be considered for

full-time service wherever they might be needed.

‘We recognise that the world is changing, and that there is no “one size fits all” when it comes to full-time ministry,’ Major Merrett says. ‘We remain committed to upholding the primacy of officership, but this new program will allow people who are called to full-time ministry to serve for a fixed term. Some may

go on to officership, or extend their terms, but this flexibility opens up opportunities for people who may not be called to the lifetime commitment of officership.

‘It might be that for a very good reason, such as family commitments, they are not in a position to move anywhere in Australia but are called to serve in a particular place, or that they are older Salvationists who are looking to dedicate some time after retirement to serving God and the Army. Auxiliary-lieutenancy means that many more who want to serve full-time will have the opportunity to do so.’



Major Winsome Merrett with Aux-Lieutenants Amy and Alan Wu.

ONGOING DEVELOPMENT While the auxiliary-lieutenant program looks to take advantage of the existing skills and gifts of

prospective candidates, the Army is committed to supporting them through training. During their term of service, auxiliary-lieutenants will take part in regular ‘boot camps’—weeks set aside for intensive sessions on various subjects relevant to ministry. These sessions will cover everything from how to handle corps financials to developing ministry skills such as preaching and theology, and ensure that leaders will constantly be improving and upgrading their skills in response to an evolving world.

THE NEXT STEP So, how do people find out more, or embark on the journey to auxiliary-lieutenancy?

‘Applications for auxiliary-lieutenancy will still go through the same process as that for officers, and come under the candidates board,’ Major Merrett says. ‘You can speak to your corps officer to find out more, and discover whether this is a way that you can serve in full-time ministry.’

There are many people, both young and old, whose gifts and talents could be of great use to corps and programs in desperate need. This initiative from Army leadership means that they will now have avenues to service that might not have once existed, and shows that, like the Army of Victorian England, we continue to respond to the changing needs of the world around us.

DAVID GOODWIN

An hour with God at sunset

David Parker reflects on God's presence through a difficult time.

Fighting tiredness as I pulled off the freeway, I hoped that the sights and sounds of the beach road would revive my energy. Then, just minutes from home, I made a sudden decision to turn into a popular car park by the pier. It was one of those magic Saturday evenings in early autumn with people everywhere enjoying the seaside environment, and I found the last vacant parking space overlooking the water. All I needed was just five minutes to sit and reflect on the emotional rollercoaster of the past eight days.

More than an hour later—as the afterglow of the rich orange sunset fully surrendered to the advancing darkness—I reluctantly started the engine to complete my journey home. This had been an unforgettable time of stillness in the presence of God. The beautiful setting sun over the bay was merely a backdrop for the calming conversation I had just had with my creator. Tears had flowed, along with praise and gratitude rising from the depths of my being: 'Thank you God!'

For eight nights I had slept alone, rising early each day to drive an hour to where my wife was being cared for by a dedicated and skilled intensive care medical team. Thankfully she would only remember brief moments of that week—heavy sedation protecting her from the traumatic experience of being totally reliant on a trachea breathing tube.

Yesterday had been her worst day as sedation was reduced, bringing her back to full awareness of this unexpected health predicament. It was my lowest time too. No sleep at all last night, just a constant wrestle with God: Why? Why us? Will she pull through this? Then this morning—without warning—she had sat up, and was breathing independently when I arrived. A long recovery was ahead, but she would make it!

Sitting in my car I had recalled the many messages of love and support from so many friends and family all over the world. For all the silly stuff on social media, it is still an amazing way of keeping people in touch and sending encouragement and prayers to each other. But the overwhelming feeling of joy during that hour at sunset was remembering God's promise to be with me in every part of life's journey—the good times and the bad.

The words of Psalm 46 summed it all up: 'God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not fear...'

I remember reading something once about a red sky at night being a shepherd's delight. This hour with God, watching the setting sun, was my own time of awesome and refreshing delight.

David Parker works in education and attends Mornington Corps (Vic.)



Major Jean Margaret Bradshaw

Jean Margaret Bradshaw was born in Tasmania on 18 May 1922. After finishing school she became a printer and bookbinder for Tas-Gor Printing Office. Jean stated that, as a schoolgirl, she fell in love with The Salvation Army and it was there she gave her heart to Jesus on 29 November 1937. Feeling deeply convicted that God was calling her into full-time service, she entered the Salvation Army Training College from Hobart Corps as a member of the 'Liberty' session in 1944. She was commissioned on 11 November 1944.

Jean was first appointed as an assistant corps officer at Kyabram and then Wedderburn, both in Victoria. After a bout of ill-health she was appointed to The Lodge Hostel, and then as assistant corps officer at Thornbury East and Kensington. Moving to Tasmania, she became a divisional helper, before moving to Western Australia and the Maylands Girls Home. She had a series of appointments in social work at Tower House, East Camberwell Girls Home, The Harbour, Weeroona, Allenby Lodge—then back to Weeroona prior to retirement.

In retirement, Jean continued to offer faithful service in her local corps, first while living at Weeroona and then in Hobart. Always supportive of her corps officers, Jean offered encouragement and helpful advice when called on.

Jean cherished her time as an officer and found a deep sense



Gwenda Florence Trembath

Gwenda Florence Brudenell was born on 13 October 1927 to Leslie and Amelia, sister of Douglas and Joan and the eldest of the three children.

Early in her life she would walk a distance of two miles to Sunday school at the West Footscray Corps. Later she transferred to Malvern Corps and, at the age of 16, was enrolled as a senior soldier by Major Harold Maunder. She then joined the songsters and the timbrel brigade.

Gwenda first met Norm Trembath at youth group at Malvern Corps in 1942, and transferred to Hawthorn Corps to soldier with him. They were married in 1948, and had three children, Judith, Graeme and Daryn.

Gwenda worked in the office at The Salvation Army printing works in East Melbourne, and was also a member of the Hawthorn Corps Tennis Club, valuing the time spent with other members of the corps.

Gwenda was incredibly supportive of her husband of 66 years, Norm, who held executive positions in the corps as corps sergeant major and band secretary for many years. Family was very important to Gwenda, and she took a real interest in all their activities and was very proud of their achievements. She enjoyed travelling and spent many holidays in Australia and overseas, and loved

of joy that, through God's grace, she had been able to fulfil her vows right through until retirement. Her sense of commitment extended to taking time out to lovingly nurse her elderly widowed mother. Service to the God who had called her was of paramount importance and retirement did not stop her witnessing and taking every opportunity to be of help to others. She was loved by those around her as a humble servant of God. Jean was also a devoted aunt to Keith and Antony and great-aunt to Juliet, Eliza, Donald and Jack. She was a quiet achiever and a positive thinker.

Major Jean Margaret Bradshaw was promoted to Glory from the Queen Victoria Nursing Home (Tas.) on 10 March. She was 92 years old.

A thanksgiving service for the life of Major Jean Bradshaw was held on 16 March at Clarence City Corps, conducted by corps officer Lieutenant Katherine Dent. A family tribute was delivered by her nephew, Keith, while the territorial commander's tribute was read by Major Ritchie Watson (divisional commander). Janice and Roger Goss brought the corps tribute, and the congregation sang 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness', 'My Life Must Be Christ's Broken Bread' and 'My Jesus I Love Thee'. Great-niece Juliet Bradshaw shared a reading from Philippians 4:4–9, and there was a message on the theme of 'A soldier, a sister, a friend'—the service concluding to the strains of 'Abide With Me'.

camping, caravanning and touring with Norm.

Gwenda's love for God was ever present. Her inner strength was an inspiration to all, and she cherished her service for God in the Army.

Gwenda was promoted to Glory on Friday 17 April, after a long illness. She was 87 years old.

A service of praise and thanksgiving to God was held at Waverley Temple, conducted by corps officers Majors Brad and Katrina Potter. Family tributes were given by Judith Legg (daughter) and Graeme Trembath (son), and a poem, *The Dash*, was read by Kylie Leavy (granddaughter). Nathan and Ben Trembath (grandsons) presented their own tribute, and Psalm 121 was read by Jessica Trembath (granddaughter).

A group of Waverley Temple bandsmen provided music for the service, and the corps tribute was delivered by Pam Warr, who spoke of her early association with Gwenda at both Malvern Corps and Waverley Temple. Prior to the service at the corps, a service of committal was conducted by Major Brad Potter at Springvale Crematorium.

Following the singing of the Founder's Song, the corps' flag preceded the family out of the hall and many balloons were released in memory of Gwenda.

The gift of service

I would like to take the opportunity to express my thanks to all of you who will give of your time and energy to raising funds for the annual Red Shield Appeal.

The hours spent in doorknocking, standing in the main street or shopping centre with a collection tin, or at a busy intersection are not only a means of providing over a million Australians with vital assistance in the coming year—but also hours spent in sacrificial service to God.

We who understand the reality of all that Christ has done for us in our lives, and of his amazing grace, are so grateful that, like the psalmist, we ask, 'How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?' (Psalm 116:12).

Our service should not be a burden, but a way of saying 'thank you' to God, especially for blessings that we have—and sometimes take for granted—that so many others in our community do not.

Some years ago, former federal treasurer Peter Costello spoke at a Red Shield Appeal launch in Melbourne, and made the comment that helping people in need through organisations such as The Salvation Army ennobles the giver as well as the receiver.

When we reach out to people and give them an opportunity to donate, there is a sense in which we are helping them at the same time. We are presenting them with an opportunity to serve the needy in their community and reach beyond themselves, and by doing so we enable them to contribute and to feel good about themselves in the giving.

Beyond that, each small act of service and generosity acts as an example and influences others, and all these caring acts taken together can help transform our communities into more loving places in which to live.

Thank you for helping. May Jesus be seen in you through your service this Red Shield Appeal.

Peter Walker

**Colonel
Peter Walker**
Chief secretary



The conflicted Jesus

Geoff Webb shares a series on Mark's Gospel, focusing on special words or phrases that give insight into Jesus, his mission, and his call to be his disciples.

~ MARK 7:24-30 ~

After several attempts to cross to the Gentile side of the lake, Jesus decides to go the long way round via Tyre, a wealthy seaport city. Jesus encounters a woman from that region, who begs him to heal her daughter. What follows is one of the strangest exchanges in the Gospel, with Jesus appearing to rebuff her harshly.

She shows faith in the possibility of a healing miracle but the obstacle to healing exists because of her socio-cultural status: on the basis of gender, she as woman contrasts to Jesus as male; her religious and cultural status as Greek contrasts with his Jewishness; her ethnic background is Syro-Phoenician. Her question relates not to Jesus' ability to heal, but his willingness to do so.

Instead of responding positively, Jesus distances himself from the woman at every level—male/female, Jew/Gentile—and forces her instead to engage in the ensuing dialogue. Referring to Gentiles as 'dogs', Jesus makes clear that his primary mission is to Jews. Is he using a common saying to 'set her up' so she can respond well to his challenge? We cannot know for certain, and wonder what will happen with this unclean woman—how will she respond?

As it happens, she shows remarkable debating skills, and turns Jesus' metaphor back to him. She acknowledges that she is a 'dog'—an outsider—yet suggests even dogs wait patiently at the children's table for crumbs to fall, and that there should be some scraps of grace for Gentiles coming in faith to Jesus. As readers, we recall the earlier clean/unclean conversation concerning externals, and wonder whether Jesus will judge her by externals or by her heart.

Jesus responds positively, healing the woman's child from a distance. Perhaps the woman, in holding her ground with Jesus, helps him in his humanness to confirm his wider mission. For from this point on, Jesus expands his kingdom mission to include outsiders/Gentile 'dogs'. Good thing too—when the Gospel 'went to the dogs' we were among those who benefited! We, in turn, need to open ourselves to others in sharing God's mission—there is grace for everyone.

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[BOOK] THE CASE FOR CHRISTIANITY:**ANSWER BOOK** LEE STROBEL ★★☆☆½

For the past decade or so, Lee Strobel has made his mark in Christian publishing by using his award-winning journalistic skills to investigate matters of Christian belief and faith; these have resulted in bestselling books like *The Case for Christ* (1998), *The Case for Faith* (2000) and *The Case for the Real Jesus* (2007).

In this new 'answer book', 60 key apologetic questions and answers are provided, drawing on the material in Strobel's earlier books. Questions about Jesus, the Bible, God, faith and other challenges to belief are recorded.

This could be either a handy resource for when you need a quick response to someone's questioning of faith, or it could be an encouraging present for a seeker who has lots of questions and needs intelligent and logical responses.

After all, if someone says to you: 'Is there any historical evidence from outside the Bible to show it's true?', it may not appease them if you say, 'Don't know', or 'What does it matter? Who cares?'

A helpful little book to have handy as a quick resource.

Mal Davies

Available from Koorong for \$16.99.

[DVD] FATHER OF LIGHTS ★★★★★

Who is God? That's the question the director (Darren Wilson) sets out to answer. I mean, is God judgmental or forgiving towards sinful people? Is God inherently loving or hateful? What role does grace play in the Christian faith?

Through eye-opening stories of people of God right around the globe, the nature of God is revealed; not in deep theological discourse, but in the radical expressions of healing and salvation found in Christ. This is not an average run-of-the-mill kind of Christian movie.

This movie goes where you don't think it would. Whether it be a witchdoctor encountering Jesus in southern India, or the vibrant faith-filled life of a persecuted Christian, or the dramatic healing of an influential Muslim in Israel. *Father of Lights* holds nothing back.

In this movie the nature of God can be viewed in the acts of God in creation. Who Jesus is can

be seen through his followers. We are taken on a journey, to see, that even the Hindu, the Buddhist, the Muslim and the atheist are loved by Almighty God. If you're willing, strap yourself in, and get ready to visually witness the Holy Spirit at work within his people, and transforming broken communities into communities of faith with Jesus at the centre.

Peter Brookshaw

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[BOOK] EXPERIENCE THE IMPOSSIBLE BILL JOHNSON ★★★★★

I was once told by a Bible college lecturer, 'If you

were to ascribe one dollar to every quote or new piece of enlightening information you find in a book, and when you add them all up and the total equals the price of the book, then that is a book worth owning indeed.' If I were to apply the same reasoning to *Experience the Impossible* then I would have bought this book more than three times.

It is a compilation of thoughts gravitating around the subjects of faith, hope and love, with the intention of drawing the reader into a fuller experience with God and what is contained within his word, the Bible.

Johnson unpacks these three great topics with life-giving insights and depth, and continually lays a challenge before the reader to make sure we do not settle for less than what God has revealed in his word.

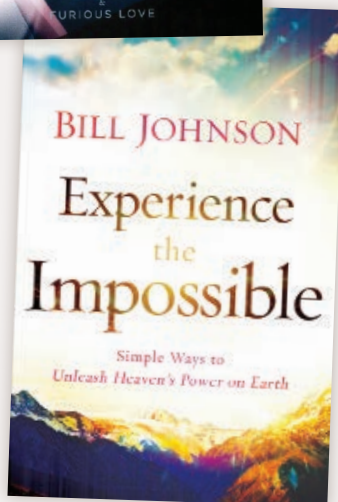
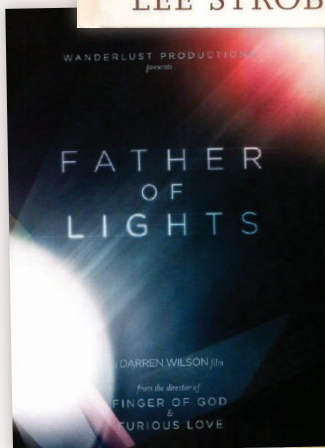
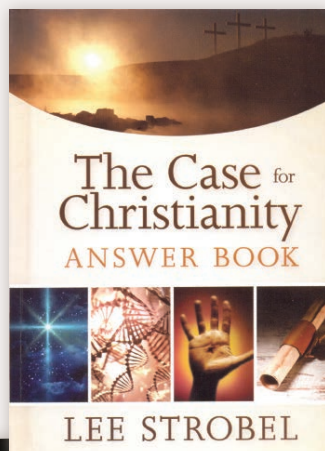
Written in short, bite-sized sections, this

book can readily serve as a daily devotional, a quick reference guide or as a topical study. It is enhanced with contemplative questions and prayers at the end of each section.

It is not often I find a book I will read in one sitting but the practical examples and pastoral tones continually bound this book to my hands. Well worth your time and investment.

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BEECHWORTH, VIC.

CAPTAIN PAULINE MIDDLETON //

A series of events celebrating Easter commenced on Maundy Thursday with a Passover meal. On Good Friday, a moving 'The Garden to the Grave' meeting—based on Matthew 26 and 27—was held at the citadel. After morning tea the congregation joined a combined churches Stations of the Cross walk.

Saturday was the monthly garage sale and BBQ. Easter Sunday began with a combined churches dawn service followed by a meeting at which the theme was the marvel and the mystery of the empty tomb. Following this celebration of Jesus' resurrection there was a community lunch.

ST MARYS, TAS.

DIVISIONAL ENVOY
MELANIE NORTON //

To keep the meaning of Easter simple and meaningful for the children who attend JAM—Jesus and Me, the children's ministry at St Marys Corps for children aged 5–14—they were each given a set of Resurrection Eggs.



To buy a set for each child was prohibitive—\$26 each—so the children painted their own egg cartons, and the 11 items needed to go inside were sourced by the corps (the 12th egg is empty to represent the empty tomb).

The plastic eggshells were found at Spotlight. Items included gambling dice (casting lots for Jesus' clothes), a strip of leather (the whip), a miniature donkey (for the ride into Jerusalem), a goblet or cup (for the last supper), praying hands (Gethsemane), electrical detonation wire (crown of thorns), silver coins (three 10-cent pieces), the linen and the stone.

For some items, technology came to the rescue with photos of pieces from the commercial products being printed and laminated.

There was great excitement as the children filled their eggs with the truth of Jesus' death and resurrection. Scripture references were also placed inside each egg carton so that the JAM families might be encouraged, with their children, to read about how each item in their egg was part of the Gospel story.



KANIVA, VIC.

LIEUTENANTS CHRISTOPHER and TRACY SUTTON // Over the last few months, Kaniva and Broughton have celebrated a Harvest Thanksgiving at which Captains Claire Emerton and Karyn Wishart were guests, catered for a clearance sale and held a sausage sizzle run at Easter to raise money for 'Making It Happen'—as well as holding Good Friday and Easter Sunday meetings.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION

LIEUT-COLONELS ROBYN and RON CLINCH // Fifty-one ladies, aged from 12 to 89, attended the inaugural CreateSA15 at Victor Harbor—a retreat for ladies interested in expressing themselves through creativity.

Electives involved photography, painting, scrapbooking, quilting, exploding treasure boxes, cake decorating and one-hour projects.

Throughout the weekend ladies were involved in activities they had not attempted before and surprised themselves by what they were able to accomplish.

There was a strong social justice theme on Saturday morning with a presentation by Susanne Harris from 'Days for Girls' (an organisation which provides sustainable sanitary products for women around the world), plus an opportunity to help make these practical packs.

Major Marj Ellis (THQ personnel officer) developed the theme 'Created in His Image' over the three days, leading to some special, significant and sacred moments on Sunday morning.

One of the successes of this event was the different generations coming together, learning from and encouraging each other.

UNLEY, SA

MAJORS RENO and ROSLYN ELMS

Chris Cochrane and Shauni Pridham were accepted as adherents on Easter Sunday morning.

Shauni started attending through Messy Church and also helps with Coffee2Connect. Chris connected to the corps through his mother—who is an adherent—when she asked him to play Santa Claus at the corps Christmas function.





RINGWOOD, VIC.

MAJORS GARY and JULIE GRANT // Twenty-four ladies from the Ringwood Craft Group met at the El Kanah guest-house in Marysville for a four-day retreat in April.

Special guest, Vicki Cameron-Tootle, taught the art of needle felting, which resulted in some very strange and funny teddy bears.

Electives included smocking, embroidery, T-shirt painting and suffock puff bags, and the lovely little chapel at El Kanah was made available for use during the stay.

MORELAND CITY, VIC.

MAJORS CATHY and DARREN ELKINGTON, MAJOR JENNIFER MUNDY // To commemorate the centenary of the Anzac Day landing, a multi-media presentation sponsored by Victorian State Government was hosted by the corps on 7 May.

Commissioner Floyd Tidd spoke about the Red Shield Services ministry to troops that began during the Boer War. He highlighted the military chaplaincy of 'Fighting Mac'—Commissioner William McKenzie MC, OF.

The event combined video, live theatre and narrative on the Anzac centenary and Victoria's involvement in the First World War. Attendees received an information pack, courtesy of the Government, along with a memorial medallion that is a replica of the 1919 Children's Peace Medal.

An RSL representative spoke and guests included Cr. Helen Davidson, deputy mayor, City of Moreland. Members of the audience were loaned tablet computers to view the Anzac centenary website database to read details of family members who served in WW1.



PORT LINCOLN, SA

LIEUTENANTS ADRIAN and LYDIA HAMOND // Home League ladies experienced a rekindled passion for caring for the most marginalised in the community as they served 21 meals at the very first community breakfast—which was also attended by many children.

Feedback has been positive: 'Breakfast was lovely, also catered for the babies, not very often you see that. Felt comfortable, ladies made us feel real welcome.'

This fresh expression of Home League has seen the corps begin to engage with the community in a new way.



VICTOR HARBOR, SA

LIEUTENANT AMANDA HART // Ivan and Jeanette Dohnt were sworn in as senior soldiers on Sunday 12 April. After being away from the Army for quite a long time they felt God was drawing them towards Victor Harbor to retire.

Twelve months ago they attended a meeting and experienced the love and compassion the people in the corps had for each other. The Dohnts feel they have come full circle.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Appointments Effective 4 May: Captain Catherine Spencer, administration officer (pro tem), MCD; Lieutenant Marie Kovacs, associate corps officer (pro tem), Thornbury Corps (additional appointment). **Effective 1 June:** Captain Judith Brown, corps officer, Swan Hill Corps; Lieutenant Heather Stamp, corps officer, Seymour Corps. **Effective 1 August:** Major Kelvin Merrett, secretary for programme with the rank of Lieut-Colonel, mission resources department, THQ. **Bereaved** Lieut-Colonel Edwin Hayes of his wife, Lieut-Colonel Elsie Hayes, on 9 May. **Birth** Captain Pauline Middleton (NVD), a granddaughter, Sophia, on 29 April. **Promoted to Glory** Lieut-Col Elsie Hayes on 9 May, aged 96.

ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd

- 1 June**—Divisional Review, Eastern Victoria
- 4 June**—Divisional Review, Northern Victoria
- 13 June**—MSB: Pre-Tour concert, Melbourne

Melbourne Staff Band

13 June—Pre-Tour Concert, Melbourne

Melbourne Staff Songsters

6–8 June—Interstate Visit, Brisbane City Temple



FINNEY'S REVIVAL LECTURES - EDITED BY COMMISSIONER FREDERICK BOOTH-TUCKER

'During the earlier half of the nineteenth century, Charles Finney, the well-known American Evangelist—described by the General as a Presbyterian Salvationist—delivered a series of lectures on "Revival of Religion" to his own congregation in New York.

'Upon publication the lectures attained wide circulation, and, although wellnigh a century has since elapsed, they still exert a far-reaching influence, the principles they set forth being little affected by changing conditions.

'Finney was strongly of the opinion that spiritual harvests can be gathered with as much certainty as harvests of wheat or rice or potatoes, and that it is wrong in soul-saving to work to cast upon God the responsibility of our failure. "He that winneth souls is wise," not, he that tries to win them and fails. The causes of failure, also the conditions of success, are herein fully explained.'

~ Frederick Booth-Tucker, August 1926

To win souls requires wisdom

HOW TO DEAL WITH THE CARELESS SINNER

The most common definition of wisdom is the selection of the most appropriate means for accomplishing an end. God says, 'He who wins souls is wise' (Proverbs 11: 30)

The present chapter is to direct God's people in their personal efforts for the conversion of sinners. Public preaching and the labours of ministers will be dealt with in another chapter.

TIME

It is important to select the right time. Due regard should be paid to this or failure may result.

- Address the careless person, if possible, when he is disengaged from other business. For instance, a farmer, merchant, clerk or housewife, engaged in unlawful [non-work related] business, will often be offended if called off. He ought to postpone everything, but if he did, he would not be careless. We must take him as we find him, careless, impertinent, and treat him accordingly.
- Get hold of him, if possible, at a time when he is not excited about some other subject, which may prevent his giving due attention to the question about his soul's salvation.
- Try to get him when sober. It is difficult to create conviction of sin when a man is under the influence of liquor.

THE RIGHT TIME

- Try to get him when in good humour and not when excited, irritable and angry. The truth is, sinners hate God, and though their hatred may be dormant, it is easily aroused.
- Try to get him alone. The man who before others will resist the truth or laugh it off, will often break down when alone. In regard to families and groups, it is best to deal with each one individually and not when all are together. Example: 21 young men in a boarding house, dealt with one by one, all hopefully converted.



- Put forth effort when events have created a serious impression, such as death, sickness, bereavements, misfortune.
- Seize the earliest opportunity for dealing with those around who are careless. Don't keep putting it off. If no opportunity offers, make one. Let it be a matter of business.

Follow the person up until you succeed, or are satisfied nothing at present can be done.

SPECIAL PRAYER

If you have a feeling for any particular person, make an opportunity of seeing him while the feeling is on you. If you have a benevolent feeling and desire for such a person's salvation and you have reason to believe the Spirit of God is moving you, and that God is ready to bless the movements

you make, let it be a subject of special and importunate prayer. Seek an opportunity for pouring out your heart to him and leading him to Christ.

MANNER

Much will depend on the manner in which you approach a careless sinner.

- Let it be kind. If you are harsh and dictatorial, you will probably offend and drive him away. Make him feel you love his soul and are seeking his highest welfare.
- Be solemn. Avoid all lightness and levity of manner or language. You are engaged in a very solemn work, which will affect your friend or neighbour for time and eternity. Who can trifle under such conditions?
- Be respectful. A rude, rough, harsh manner will arouse opposition. Paul says: 'Be pitiful, be courteous, not rendering railing for railing, but contrariwise blessing.'
- Be very plain. Don't cover up. Lay open character and life, not to wound or offend, but because necessary. Must probe before able to heal.

BASIC TRUTHS

- Address conscience. In public can work on emotions, and awaken soul through feelings, but in private conversation unable to pour out soul in impassioned way. Must get hold of conscience.
- Stick to great fundamental truths necessary for salvation. Don't allow him to run off into sectarian arguments. Tell him his present business is to save his soul, not to settle theological controversies.
- Be very patient. If he has a real difficulty, clear it up. If it is a mere put off, don't argue, but show him that he is not sincere, and that he is sinning in making excuses.
- Guard your own spirit—don't get angry or excited. Nothing will please some sinners than to be able to say they have made a saint mad.
- Don't take sides with him if he is making false excuses. If he says he can't do his duty, don't say anything to encourage him in the falsehood. Show him he can. If he finds fault with Christians, don't take his part against them. Tell him he has not to answer for their sins—he has enough sins of his own. Show him his spirit is wicked and censorious.

DIRECT APPROACH

- Deal with his particular sins. Don't beat about the bush. Make him feel that you mean him. Some people are afraid of hurting a sinner's feelings. This is wrong. If you know his history, bring up his particular sins, kindly but plainly.
- Usually best to be short. Bring things to a point. Avoid creating the impression that you don't want him to repent now.
- Pray with him, or you leave your work unfinished.

HOW TO DEAL WITH THE AWAKENED SINNER

- Distinguish carefully between those who are awakened and those convicted of sin. Persons are often awakened by some providential circumstance, such as sickness, bereavement, misfortune, or by the Spirit of God. They are willing to listen. Pour in the truth. Show the strictness of Divine Law, and how it condemns the heart and life. Once attention is secured, conviction and conversions are often the work of a few moments. Can often do more in five minutes with an awakened sinner than in years with the careless and indifferent.
- Amazing cruelty of those who neglect to speak to such and deal thoroughly, when they are perhaps anxious to be helpful. Blaze of light should be poured in. Try to bring to immediate decision.

HOW TO DEAL WITH THE CONVICTED SINNER

- By a convicted sinner is meant one who feels himself convicted by the law of God, understands that law, realises his guilty condition, and knows the remedy. Often requires great wisdom to deal with such.
- When a person is convicted and not converted, but remains in an anxious state, there is generally some reason, some particular difficulty to be overcome. If a doctor finds his general and usual remedies fail, he must try to find out the cause. Often known to the individual. Sometimes it may have escaped his attention.

RENUNCIATION

- Perhaps some heart idol which he will not give up such as money, companions, worldly amusement.
- Possibly has injured someone in property or character. Must confess, forsake, and make resolution.
- Often some particular sin which he will not give up. He may excuse it as being a little one or argue that it is no sin, for instance tobacco. Many condemned, but will not give this up, though know it to be injurious to health and waste of God's money.

TO BE CONTINUED...

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