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GIVE ALL YOU CAN TO THEIR RED SHIELD APPEAL SUNDAY, JULY 5

WHAT DOES THE SALVATION ARMY DO? IT HELPS ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE IN ALL SORTS OF WAYS. IT HAS HOMES FOR CHILDREN, VILLAGES FOR THE AGED, HOSTELS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, HOMES FOR UNWED MOTHERS, ALCOHOLIC REHABILITATION CENTRES, SHELTER FOR BROKEN FAMILIES, YOUTH TRAINING CENTRES, AID FOR THE DESITUTE, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY WELFARE SERVICES.

FAMILY OF 5 IN ONE ROOM

A deserted Mother with four small children live in a room for which she pays \$12 a week rent. She cooks on an open fire. The husband returns from time to time to beat her. The Salvos bring her food, clothes and understanding.



PROUD MOTHER TOP ALL TO LOOK AFTER CHILDREN

A young woman of 21 and her 6 weeks old baby were turned out on the street by her husband. He had been ill-treating her for some time and did not want to support them. She had nothing but the baby's pram. She had nowhere to go. The Army gave her accommodation and sew clothes. It also went to Court to get her maintenance.

HOOKED ON PILS

Teeth aches she finds relief only in the taking of pill after pill. She was left with a family of four. The father had taught the children to shoplift. They were caught and three were taken from her. She shared a bare, poor flat with her fourteen year-old daughter. The daughter played a mean game of cards because she hadn't any school uniform or text books. The Salvation Army helped the family with rent, fuel, lighting and food. Clothes and books were purchased for the girl. The hope is for a place they can afford, and final re-union of the family.

DRUGS DRINKING PROSTITUTION....

July 18 Barbara was 18 years old and was living on the streets and was a prostitute and was a drunk. This led to her becoming involved with drugs, drink and prostitution. Even so, Barbara came to the Salvation Army for help. She was crying for help. Her hair was matted and tangled. She was dressed in a man's ragged old overcoat. She was a very old woman. She was in need of medical treatment in hospital. She looks forward to seeing him.



Jimmy earns a few dollars tilling lands at the Market. An alcoholic, he can't see any accommodation because he gets wild when he drinks. The Salvation Army is helping him to try to overcome his personality problems.



The Salvation Army practices what it preaches. It cares for people in the midst of their suffering and troubles. But it's getting harder. They need you. Have all you can help all you can in their Red Shield Appeal on July 5.

Salvo mADmen



**Except I am moved with compassion,
How dwelleth thy Spirit in me?
In word and in deed burning love is my need;
I know I can find this in thee.**

— General Albert Orsborn
Salvation Army Song Book #626

It seems to me that, no matter what stage of life we find ourselves in, it is getting busier and fuller. Often, in a particularly rushed day, time devoted to prayer and the Word is the first to go, or is skimped on.

E.M. Bounds first coined the phrase, 'Little prayer, little power, much prayer much power', in his 1913 book titled, *Power through Prayer*. Time spent in conversation with the Lord builds a close relationship that results in possibilities that are beyond our own capabilities.

William Booth often spoke about the need for prayer and the Holy Spirit, exemplifying its importance by regularly holding night-long prayer vigils. In fact he believed it was essential for the work we do.

'We are met this morning to get a baptism of fire to fit us for all this, to qualify us for the accomplishment of the great business before us. We have a great work to do, and a powerful foe to overcome. This one has tried his hand at it, and that one and many a one, and all say with one accord, the enemy is too strong for us; the work cannot be done. All are unanimous in saying that the work is not only difficult, but impossible, and it is this impossible work we have to do. But the things, my comrades, which are impossible with men are possible with God... the baptism of the Holy Spirit means purity...enthusiasm and power.' (*Salvation Soldier* 1889).

As we celebrate Pentecost this month, with the Red Shield Appeal before us and the continual work that we do, we're reminded that we must give priority to the very person that empowers our effectiveness, the Holy Spirit.°



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Word for Word

Commissioner
Floyd Tidd

With its provoking opening sentence, 'It's not about you,' Rick Warren's book, *The Purpose-Driven Life* has become, and remains, the bestselling hardcover non-fiction book in history. It is the second most translated book after the Bible, selling in excess of 32 million copies and has circled the globe in its readership and impact. Warren considers it an anti-self-help book, a manifesto for Christian living in the twenty-first century.

The reality however is that the sheer number of people reading the book speaks volumes! It reveals that within the heart of every human there is a longing to discover and live life 'on purpose'. It has been said, that the only purpose worth living for, is one worth dying for. This universal quest for such a purpose is reflected in the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1, 'He, (God) has set eternity in the human heart.'

This longing for purpose not only leads us to a discovery of a God who loves us and has created us to experience life in all its fullness but continues throughout our lives in our journey as disciples. In discovering our purpose, the invitation is ours to continue to choose how to best live 'on-purpose'.

The territory's strategic vision, '*St!ll Fighting*' identifies 'people' as one of three strategic foundations. People are our core business. We are committed to assisting people in discovering and being deployed in a best fit for mission.

We live with the privilege and the responsibility of choice. How we choose to invest our money, time and energies become critical considerations in living on-purpose. Have the choices I have made to date, in my life and journey as a disciple placed me in the best position to live 'on purpose'? What choices lie before me today?

We are not left unguided in making the best choices in seeking to live life on-purpose. Prayer, including time to listen to the 'still small voice' of God, Scripture and the wise counsel of spiritual leaders and mentors are all helpful resources in seeking best fit for mission, on-purpose living.

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Joshua in his final address to the people of Israel invited them to consider carefully whether they were living on purpose. 'Choose this day whom you will serve' (Joshua 24:15). Choose and live your life on purpose. The invitation echoes today. Are you living on purpose?^o



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Holy Spirit presence and power

I write this column for the last time in my capacity as secretary for personnel. After four and a half years in this role I take up a new appointment as assistant chief secretary (administration) on 1 June.

When considering what to write for this column, I was advised that when this edition of *On Fire* is published it will be near the time of Mother's Day, Pentecost and the Red Shield Appeal! What to choose? Or do I just reflect on aspects of my role over these past four years, or address the issue of 'one territory'?

As I ponder, I realise that inextricably infused in each topic is the presence and empowering of the Holy Spirit. At this season of Pentecost we celebrate the presence and energy of the Holy Spirit in our world and the fact that he is not merely 'with us' but 'within us'—a truth and experience that amazes and humbles me every time I consider it.

...And because of this, as secretary for personnel, I am humbly aware that I have been empowered and equipped by the Holy Spirit beyond my own limited capacities in many and varied settings in this appointment, and all those that have preceded it, to fulfil the demands associated with it.

... And because of this, as a mother of three beautiful adult daughters, I am humbly aware that I have been empowered and equipped by the Holy Spirit beyond my own limited capacities to meet the demands of parenting, which are sometimes even more challenging than being the secretary for personnel!

... And because of this, as I transition to a new appointment, I am humbly aware that I will be empowered and equipped by the Holy Spirit beyond my own limited capacities to meet the challenges of my new appointment.

... And because of this, as we move toward one territory I am humbly aware that we will be guided, empowered and equipped by the Holy Spirit to realise the great opportunity that lies before us.

... And because of this, I am empowered and equipped by the Holy Spirit to stand at an intersection and rattle a can!^o



Lieut-Colonel Vivien Callander
Secretary for personnel

Note: The April byline was incorrectly attributed to Lieut-Colonel Graeme Rigley. It should have read, Lieut-Colonel Bruce Stevens.



The 2nd annual Music and Creative Arts Conference (MCAC) was held over the weekend of 18–19 March. The special guests were Retired Bandmaster William (Bill) Himes and Mrs Linda Himes from the USA Central Territory.

In his unique style Bill inspired music leaders with his teaching through illustration. He charged all present to remember that the music we teach or perform leaves an indelible imprint on those we share it with.

Bill conducted the MCAC choir and held a brass band workshop using South Barwon band and any other interested players. Other guests included Cameron Semmens on writing and spiritual creativity, Judd Field on worship leading and songwriting, John Collinson on the 'Just Brass' program and Ash Doughty on sound production.

An evening concert showcased the myriad of talents of the newly inspired performers. A highlight for many was the enthusiastic Preston Youth Choir (Cathy Christelow and Melissa Grigsby). The always reliable Melbourne Gospel Choir (Judd Field) performed 'Songs of Freedom' and Bill Himes conducted the South Barwon band in his 'To the Chief Musician'.^o





Salvo mADmen

From a fledgling idea in 1969 'Thank God for the Salvos' became our catchcry.



It could have been an episode of the blockbuster US TV series *Madmen*. It was the late 1960s and a large charitable organisation approached a very cool advertising agency to do a marketing make-over of their annual appeal. The agency put their

best creative minds to work and came up with a campaign with 'cut-through'—something radical to hopefully capture the hearts, minds and hip pockets of donors. Something that the agency, the broadcasters and newspapers would produce and show at no cost to the organisation.

It certainly sounds fictional, but that's exactly what happened in Melbourne in 1969 when The Salvation Army public relations department needed to promote the ongoing work of the Army to the Australian public in order to raise vital funds via an annual doorknock appeal.

Head of the public relations department, Colonel Harry Goffin, asked the then Captain, John Smith to approach young Salvationist advertising professional

John Dalziel (Order of the Founder) to promote 'Self Denial', now the Red Shield Appeal, using the resources of the Hayes advertising agency.

'I told the creative director that I had the Salvos wanting to raise money,' says Dalziel. 'I'm willing to work after hours on it for nothing and will be approaching other

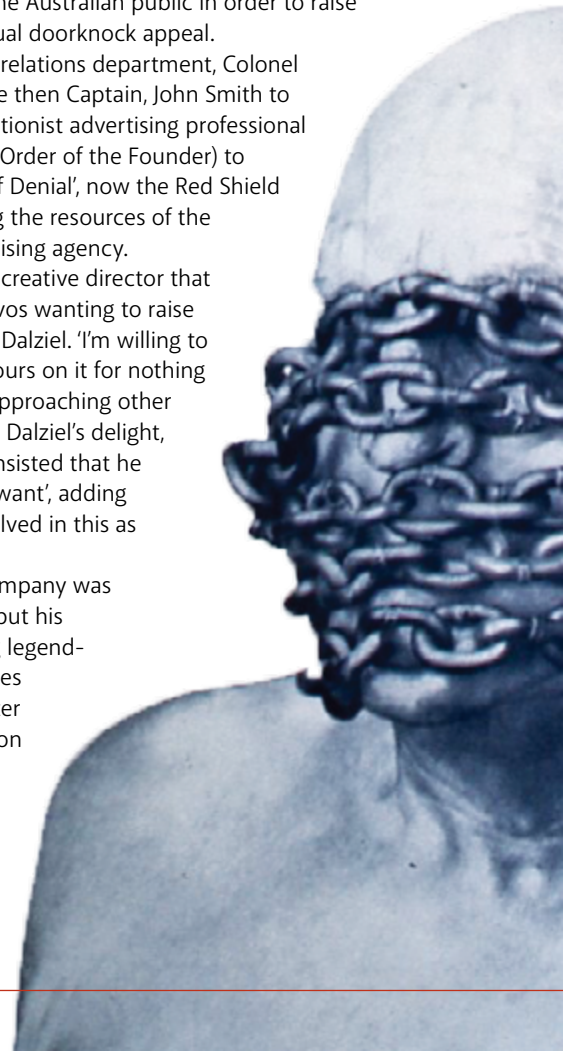
people to help me.' To Dalziel's delight, the creative director insisted that he 'take all the time you want', adding that, 'we must be involved in this as an agency.'

The head of the company was also enthusiastic and put his best people, including legendary graphic designer Les Mason and a copywriter called Eric Macarrow, on

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the project. After a tour of Army's facilities and the streets with Smith, Macarow asked Dalziel, 'What would these homeless, these abused women, these poor children do if there were no Salvos to look after them?' Half an hour later Macarow placed on Dalziel's desk the now famous words 'Thank God for The Salvos'.

Colonel Goffin and Captain Smith were delighted with the slogan, but leadership suggested caution, concerned that we were 'patting ourselves on the back', says Dalziel. Some donated research by Roy Morgan confirmed that 'Thank God for The Salvos' really resonated with the public and the commitment was made to proceed.

With the tagline complete, it was over to Mason to create the design. His first image was of a genuine homeless man called Jimmy who lived in a large fruitbox at the Queen Victoria Market. Jimmy smiled happily as he posed for the photo and Mason created a stark black-and-white image of him with daisies emerging from his head. As predicted, there was much discussion about the deeper meaning, but, as Smith says, it was 'very symbolic of what the Army was trying to do; taking people where they were at and giving them hope!'

Other images that Mason created were even more confronting and included a man whose head was wrapped in chains, and a crucified man in blue jeans. 'This was a top international graphic artist and he had captured the essence of what the Army is trying to do. It was overwhelming, awe-inspiring,' says Smith.

Mason's life and career was recently celebrated at a National Gallery of Victoria exhibition in Melbourne's Federation Square. His stunning



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work, including *Epicurean* magazine, logos and the original ‘Solo’ soft drink, were featured throughout the exhibition and an entire room was devoted to the Salvos’ campaigns that he had created. It also included screenings of TV commercials directed by a young Fred Schepisi (who went on to direct feature films such as *The Devil’s Playground*, *Roxanne* and *Six Degrees of Separation*).

At the exhibition Smith and Dalziel were reunited with Mason’s muse (and later wife) Gail Devine. As they pondered the billboard-size prints of the enduring work, Dalziel reflected on the impact of the campaign on ordinary Salvationists.

‘The people of the Salvation Army didn’t know what to think. There was a lot of criticism of the images themselves and, of course, some of the copy lines were totally foreign to them. We had to spend a lot of time educating the Salvationists. I think for many Salvationists it woke them up to the fact that brass bands and songsters were not what the Army was about, in fact it was about the work that we were doing.’

Smith adds, ‘When we promised (and it was a big promise) that we would raise more dollars than ever before, I think they came to accept it!’

‘Over the long term it had a profound effect,’ according to Dalziel, ‘because they’d knock on the door and all of a sudden people would have the money ready to give them and that was a big change!’ The result was an exponential increase in donations and an adoption of the ‘Thank God’ slogan into the Australian vernacular.

After producing such a bold Army statement on the media landscape almost 50 years ago, Dalziel says that he is disappointed that the cut-through is not present in many of the Army’s contemporary marketing expressions.

‘We’ve slid back to the “safe” area,’ he says. ‘It is not the way to communicate with people; it may be the way to appeal to our larger donors, but we must remember to see that the greater audience in the end are what we are as a Salvation Army are responsible to and want help from.’

Smith agrees, ‘I think that the people of the Army have been very very proud of what has happened in respect of this Red Shield Appeal fundraising... We need to sharpen our focus on why we do what we do in respect of program and also what we are raising that money for.’

Dr Burce Redman

AUE staff move to new Territorial Headquarters

After almost two years of planning and preparation, the much-anticipated relocation of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern territorial headquarters took place last month. Salvation Army officers and employees began moving into the new headquarters at 261–265 Chalmers Street, Redfern, Sydney, in early April.

The Army purchased the former South Sydney Leagues Club site in mid-2014 and began renovating the building after the relocation announcement in August 2014. The new territorial headquarters occupies three floors of the 11,500 sq m, five-storey building. South Sydney Rugby League Club and Woolworths are continuing their tenancy of the other two floors in the complex. The relocation to Redfern has been a move in the making for many years. The Elizabeth Street building, next to Hyde Park in Sydney's CBD, had been the territory's headquarters for 90 years and, despite a major renovation in the early 1990s, had become increasingly cramped and required further extensive upgrades.

'Everybody's worked so hard to bring this to fruition,' says Commissioner Jan Condon, chair of the relocation steering committee. '[I] thank God for this provision to move out of this cramped space and into a brand-new opportunity. Within our Forward Together strategy and the restructure of the territory, I see territorial headquarters as being more than ever a place for resourcing and supporting the front line so they are



⊗ Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon, outside the new territorial headquarters building in Redfern. Photo: Shairon Paterson

better equipped to get on with the mission of the Army.'

The new open-plan complex has space for more than 400 staff, allowing for greater interaction between departments. 'I think the open plan is going to allow for much better collaboration and communication as they work together on the one floor,' says Commissioner Condon. It's a brand-new start and we wait in anticipation of the new things God is going to do through the service and resource we offer to the territory.'

An official opening ceremony was held at the new territorial headquarters complex on 2 April.

Esther Pinn

Salvos protest pornification of children

The Salvation Army has lobbied the Federal Government on the negative impact experienced by Australian children through the normalisation and proliferation of online pornography.

The Salvation Army's national secretary, Lieut-Colonel Sam Pho, submitted a paper to the Australian Government's Response to the Environment and Communications References Committee for Inquiry, into 'Harm being done to Australian children through access to pornography on the Internet'.

The paper cited national and international research detailing that 'the exposure to accidental or unsolicited pornographic images online' is detrimental and that 'children are exposed to unwanted pornographic images as early as 10 years of age'.

Recommendations

The following recommendations were made to assist with future planning regarding harm being done to children through access to pornography on the Internet:

1. The Salvation Army calls for regulatory requirements with tighter restrictions to the Internet Industry and ISPs to reduce children and young people's exposure and accessibility to online pornography and minimise the potential threat of being targeted, exploited and/or harassed.

2. The Salvation supports the national delivery of Victoria's Building Respectful relationships education programs to be delivered in school settings to raise awareness and help young people build and develop healthy and equitable relationship skills.
3. The Salvation Army calls for updated internet safety, and filter software should be free and readily available to be installed in devices to block inappropriate, explicit and offensive material accessed by children and young people.
4. The Salvation Army supports greater public awareness, safety and education campaigns to increase knowledge and promote discussions about some of the exploitative and abusive aspects of the internet for children, young people and parents/carers.
5. The Salvation Army supports further research into the links between exposure to pornography and family and domestic violence.

Online at:

www.salvationarmy.org.au/en/Who-We-Are/Publications-reports-submissions/Reports--Submissions/Latest-Reports/Response-to-Harm-to-Australian-children-through-access-to-pornography-Inquiry/

The Holy Ghost

by Catherine Booth

You remember what Jesus said to Mary—‘Go and tell my disciples and Peter.’ Mary, perhaps, would have left Peter out after his shameful denial of the Lord; for fear of this, Jesus said, ‘Go and tell my disciples and Peter.’



he following are addresses delivered by Catherine Booth during a series of services at the West End of London, in the summer of 1880.

PART TWO

Ah! There are some here saying, ‘But Peter was not so bad as I am.’ Well, we don’t know anything about that, but, whether you are worse or not, the Holy Ghost is equal to the emergency. He can cure you. He can baptize you with his power. You may have denied him, if not as Peter did, yet practically as badly. It makes no difference to God whether you have been a little bad or very bad; whether you have denied him once or thrice, or whether you have denied him with oaths and curses. If you will only come and comply with the conditions, he will look on you, heal you, and baptize you with power.

Did they not all forsake him and flee, except a few poor faithful women? All the world forsook him and fled in the hour of his extremity. ‘Ah!’ You say, ‘Well, I have done the same myself. I would not watch with him one hour. I have betrayed him before my friends and acquaintances in the world, where I have been brought into circumstances that have tested my fidelity. My courage has failed, and I have failed to witness for him.’

Yes, I know and agree with you that it was base ingratitude. You were a traitor, indeed, but still, if you will come back, ‘Peter and repent, and do your first works, he will receive you—baptize you with power.’ Oh! What they were before Pentecost, and what they were after! Poor Peter, who could not stand the questionings of a servant maid, who could not dare to have it said that he was one of the despised Nazarenes, what a valiant soldier he afterwards became for the Lord Jesus Christ, and how tradition says he was crucified for his master at the last. Anyway, we know he was a faithful and valiant soldier to the end of his journey.

Now, this baptism will transform you as it did them; it will make you all prophets and prophetesses, according to your measure.

Will you come and let him baptize you? Will you learn, once and for ever, that it is not a question of human merit, strength, or deserving at all, but simply a question of submission, obedience, faith?

Then we need it because not only are the agents the same, but our work is essentially the same.

It may differ in its outward manifestations because we live in an age of greater toleration, but it is just the same in essence, and I do not know, as to the manifestation, when you come to do it in Apostolic fashion, with the Apostolic spirit, whether you do not get very much the same Apostolic treatment. They gnash upon you with their teeth, and do as much as the law will let them, and sometimes a little more, in the way of stoning and persecuting you.

The great thing to be done by this power of God is to subdue the naturally evil, wicked, and rebellious heart of man. Now God alone is able to do that. That is a superhuman work. You may enlighten a man’s intellect, civilise his manners, reform his habits, make him a respectable, honest, industrious member of society, without the power of God, but you cannot transform his soul. That is too much for any human reformer.

That is the prerogative of the Holy Ghost, and I have not a shadow of a doubt that the eternal day will reveal every other kind of work to be wood, hay, stubble. All the sham conversions, all the people whose lives and opinions have been changed by anything short of this power will be wood, hay, stubble. It is the prerogative of the Spirit of God. Therefore, God never pretends to do it by any other means; and all the way through the Bible this power is ascribed to the Spirit of God. Therefore, we want this Spirit to do this work. What! You set yourself to enlighten a darkened human soul, to convince a hardened, rebellious sinner, to convert a rebel in arms against God, with an inveter-

One of my pleasures working in the editorial department has been access to material written by the Booths.

This year we have added a new historical feature, *Basically Booth*, which covers articles by various members of the Booth family on topics pertaining to spirituality and their views on spiritual gifts. I hope you enjoy their insight as much as I have.



June Knop
Editor

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ate hatred in the very core of his soul against God and all about God. You set yourself to bring down that—to transform that evil, wicked heart, to subdue that soul to submission and obedience!—You try it, try it without the Spirit of God. Oh! No, you want that Spirit. You want the same measure of that Spirit, just the same, which Paul had.

And what is our work? To go and subjugate the world to Jesus; everybody we can reach, everybody we can influence, and bring them to the feet of Jesus, and make them realize that he is their lawful King and lawgiver; that the Devil is a usurper, and that they are to come and serve Christ all the days of their lives. Dare any of us think of it without this equipment of power? Talk about ‘Can we have it?’—we are of no use without it. What can we do without it? This is the reason of the effeteness of so much professed Christianity; there is no Holy Ghost in it. It is all rotten. It is like a very pretty corpse—you cannot say there is this wanting or the other wanting; it is a perfect form, but dead. It is like a good galvanic battery. It is all right—perfect in all its parts—but when you touch it there is no effect—there is no fire or shock. What is the matter? It only wants the fire—the power.

Oh friends, we want the power that we may be able to go and stretch ourselves upon the dead in trespasses and sins and breathe into him the breath of spiritual life. We want to be able to go and touch his eyes that he may see and speak to the dead and deaf with the voice of God and make them hear. This is what we want—power.

If we equally need it, is it likely that God will withhold it? Why, the Book, rightly read and understood, is full of promise and exhortation to get it. Is it likely that if we are as frail as they were, if the work is the same, is it likely that the God of all grace, and our father as much as theirs, and as much in sympathy with the souls of men, will withhold it from us? No, no. But our Saviour distinctly told us that he bought it for us—that it was more expedient that his people should have it than that he should remain with them. It is promised to all believers to the end of time. The conditions you know—simply putting



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away everything that hinders, casting aside every doubtful thing, trampling it in the dust; then a full, whole-hearted surrender to him, embracing the cross, embracing his will at all costs and sacrifices, and then a determined march to the upper room at Jerusalem and a determined abiding there until you get it—these are the conditions. Anybody can have it on these terms.

Then, in conclusion, let me remind you—and it makes my own soul almost reel when I think of it—that God holds us responsible. He holds you responsible for all the good you might do if you had it. Do not deceive yourself. He will have the five talents with their increase. He will not have an excuse for one, and you will not dare to go up to the throne, and say, ‘Thou wast a hard master, reaping where thou hast not sown and gathering where thou hadst not strewn. Thou badest me to save souls when thou knewest I had not the power’. What will He say to you? ‘Wicked and slothful servant, out of thine own mouth will I judge thee. You knew where you could have got the power. You knew the conditions. You might have had it. Where are the souls you might have saved? Where are the children that I would have given you? Where is the fruit?’

Oh friends, these are solemn and awful realities. If I did not believe them I should not stand here. Oh, what you might do! Who can tell? Who would ever have thought, twenty years ago, when I first raised my voice, a feeble, trembling woman, one of the most timid and bashful the Lord ever saved, the hundreds of precious souls that would be given me? I only refer to myself because I know my own case better than that of another; but, let me ask you—supposing I had held back and been disobedient to the heavenly vision, what would God have said to me for the loss of all this fruit? Thank God, much of it is already gathered into Heaven, people who have sent me word from their dying beds, that they blessed God they had ever heard my voice, saying that they should wait for me on the other side, prepared to lead me to the throne—what would have become of the fruit?

I should not have had it, anyway. They would never have become my crown of rejoicing in the day of the Lord. Oh, who can tell what God can do by any man or woman, however timid, however faint, if only fully given up to him? My brother, he holds you responsible. He holds you responsible, my

sister—you, who wrote me about your difficulties and temptations in testifying of Jesus—he holds you responsible. What are you going to do? Ask yourself. It is coming. You believe it. You say you do. Unless you are a confirmed hypocrite, you do believe—that you are going to stand before the throne of his glory. You believe you are going to stand before him by and by, when you shall receive according to the things you have done in your body.

What shall you say? The world is dying—souls are being damned at an awful rate every day. Men are running to destruction. Torrents of iniquity are rolling down our streets and through our world. God is almost tired of the cry of our sins and iniquities going up into his ears. What are you going to do, brother? What are you going to do? Will you set to work? Will you get this power? Will you put away everything that hinders? Will you have it at all costs?

We had a letter only on Friday, about a gentleman who had been reconverted in the services of The Salvation Army, telling us that he has relinquished an income of £800 a year, in order to keep a conscience void of offence—this is the result of the power of the Holy Ghost. I heard of another gentleman who was invited to a party. After dinner, the card-table was got out, as usual, and when the cards were all spread and everybody was ready to begin, this gentleman jumped up, and pushed it away, and said, ‘I have done with this for ever.’ The lady who told me said, ‘He was down on his knees before we had time to turn round, and was praying for us and for all the house.’ ‘Oh!’ she added, ‘you should have seen them.’ Yes, of course, every man felt like the people round the saviour. Every man’s own conscience condemned him. ‘They went off home, without any more card-playing, or dancing, or wine-drinking that night.’

Come out from amongst the ungodly. Testify against them. Reprove them. Entreat them with tears. But be determined to deliver your soul of their blood. God will give you the power, and he holds you responsible for doing this—you people who have been coming here who have received the light. Will you do it? If you will, we shall meet again, and rejoice with joy unspeakable. If you do, we shall praise God for ever that he brought us inside the walls of this building, long after it has mouldered into dust. There shall be children and grandchildren, and great grandchildren from you spiritually, if you will only be faithful. ◊

MAJOR ERNEST ROSAMOND JOHNSON



Major Ernest Rosamond Johnson was born on 28 February 1939, the second child of Percy and Myrtle Johnson, brother to Barbara and Frank, and grew up in Coburg, Victoria. He worked in a factory, graduating to factory manager at David Galt Industries following his school years.

Ernest (often known as Ern or Ernie) married Elaine Barclay at Moreland in November 1962. They entered the Training College for Officers together in 1964 as part of the Proclaimers of the Faith session and were commissioned on 8 January 1966. The birth of their first child, Bruce, took place during their time at college and Ernest also undertook additional training at the Gill Counselling Centre.

As newly commissioned lieutenants, Ern and Elaine moved to South Australia where they served as corps officers at Salisbury, Peterborough, Kadina-Wallaroo-Moonta and Seacombe Gardens. During these years, they welcomed Roslyn, Ross and Bronwyn into their family. A move to Victoria saw them as corps officers at Springvale followed by a period of time in the Public Relations Department at Territorial Headquarters and then returning to corps officership at Geelong Central. After two years, they moved to Tasmania where Ern held subsequent appointments as divisional youth secretary, public relations campaign director and then chancellor for the Tasmania Division including a public relations role.

Ern and Elaine enjoyed four years of service in the New Zealand and Fiji Territory as the corps officers at Christchurch City Corps and in the Public Relations Department before returning to Australia as corps officers at Preston. Having gained so much experience in the area of public relations, Ern was appointed as the assistant territorial public relations secretary and later received the additional appointment of territorial director of deferred giving. A move to South Australia divisional headquarters continued his work in public relations, until an extended period of illness led to a return to Melbourne and a season of ministry to retired officers. A passion for seniors' ministries extended to an appointment in the Territorial Corps Programme Department followed by the assistant manager role at Hayville Village. Ern and Elaine entered honourable retirement on 1 March 2004.

Along with his love for his wife and family, Ern was also an avid supporter of the Carlton Football Club, a keen gardener and found delight in tinkering with handyman tasks in his shed.

Major Ernest Johnson was promoted to Glory from Box Hill Hospital on 8 March, after a period of illness. He was 77 years of age.

Our love, sympathy and prayers are with Elaine, his children Bruce, Roslyn, Ross and Bronwyn, their spouses, grandchildren and extended family and friends.

A thanksgiving service was held at The Salvation Army Camberwell Corps, Bowen Street Camberwell, conducted by Major Howard Davies on 16 March.

CAPTAIN GENEVIEVE MAY SMITH



Captain Genevieve May Smith, known as May, was born on 20 February 1924 at Uraidle SA, to Senior Majors James and Hilda Raymond, whose Christian influence led May to accept Jesus as her Saviour at an early age.

After leaving school May worked for Morris's dressmaking firm, making hats and embroidering dresses and later at The Salvation Army Peoples Palace Perth. May attended the Perth Fortress Corps and was sworn in as a senior soldier in 1941.

May met and fell in love with Gordon Smith and they were married in 1943. Gordon had been a Salvation Army officer before enlisting in the services late in the war years. They lived in Western Australia and welcomed four children into their family—Glenice, Raymond, Lynette and Elaine. They felt God was calling them into further service as full-time officers. May entered The Salvation Army Training College from the Gosnells Corps in Perth, joining the Faithful session of cadets. Gordon was re-accepted as Envoy in charge at Williamstown South Corps during her training.

May and Gordon's first appointments were at Swan Hill and Balaclava in Victoria. They then returned to WA as corps officers at Bussleton. Appointments followed in Boulder, Bassendean, Northam, Albany and Fremantle before Gordon suffered heart problems which limited future service. After serving as corps officers at Stawell (Vic.), Bassendean again, and Collie WA, Gordon retired due to ill-health in 4 July 1974.

May was a wonderful support to her husband throughout difficult times and continued health concerns. Captain Gordon Smith was promoted to Glory July 4, 1980.

Throughout life May maintained a steady faith in her Lord. She knew everything was in his control and her trust was firmly placed on his promises. She found strength and independence after Gordon went to be with the Lord, travelling extensively overseas with family and friends.

Her love for her family, including her aging mother, reflected a warmth of heart which carried through into her life of service. She had an infinite amount of patience with the grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom she dearly loved. She really enjoyed craft, especially knitting, and was able to use this in her ministry through the Home League and other ventures. For many years in retirement she continued to knit for family.

May lived independently at home until she had a stroke in December 2015 and had to move into care. She was promoted to Glory from Aegis Balmoral Aged Care facility in Como, Perth on 18 March. She was 92 years old. A funeral service was held on 1 April at Melville Baptist Church, conducted by Major Wayne Pittaway and Pastor Neil Brandon.

Our love, sympathy and prayers are with her children Glenice and Lindsay, Raymond and Margaret, Lynette and Keith, Elaine and Lew, and extended family and friends.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM ROBERT HENRY GOODIER

Commissioner William Robert Henry Goodier was born on 23 May 1916, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, the son of William Norbury Goodier and Ethel Annie Hargrave. His great-grandparents were among the earliest pioneer officers of The Salvation Army dating back to its founding in 1865.

He married officer Renee Laura May Tilley on 16 September 1936 and entered officer training in 1940 in Atlanta, Georgia.

In 1975, Commissioner Goodier was appointed as territorial commander of Australia's Southern Territory, and in 1977 he was appointed by General Arnold Brown as territorial commander of the USA Eastern Territory.

The Goodiers retired in 1982 after 41 years of active service and moved to North Redington Beach, Florida, where they lived for 28 years. They continued to serve others through their volunteer leadership at the Clearwater and St. Petersburg Corps. In 2010, they moved to Largo, Florida, and the following year celebrated 75 years of marriage. Renee was

promoted to Glory in February 2012.

Commissioner Goodier became well-known as a cornet soloist with the Montreal Citadel Band. He taught for many years at the southern Territorial Music Institute and was solo cornetist and later bandmaster of the territorial band. He operated multiple music camps/clinics and conducted leading Salvation Army bands.

Commissioner William Robert Henry Goodier was promoted to Glory on 3 February. His funeral was held on 6 March at the Clearwater, Florida, Corps.

Commissioner Goodier is survived by daughter Joan E. R. (Campbell) Robinson, son Lieutenant-Colonel William R. N. (Mary Lee) Goodier, son Robert G.E. (Christine) Goodier, four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, one great-great grandson, nieces and nephews and their families.°



about people

GOOD NEWS

The following officers have recently graduated from the University of Divinity:

Graduates of Catherine Booth College: Graduate Diploma Systematic Theology: Captain Rhys **Spiller**. Graduate Diploma Theology: Captain Richard **Parker**. Bachelor of Ministry: Lieutenant Amy **Stobie**. Bachelor of Theology and Advanced Diploma in Ministry: Captain Joanne **Brookshaw**. Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry: Lieutenants: Kimberley **Ashmore**, Melanie **Cop**, Nathanaël **Münch** (Denmark and Greenland Territory), Carol **O'Leary**, Samantha **Oldfield**, Zoe **Schatz** (Dec. 2015), Gail **Sweeney** (Dec. 2015), Peter **Sweeney** (Dec. 2015).

Advanced Diploma in Ministry: Captain Adam **Peterson**, Lieutenants: Karen **Agnew**, David **Allman**, David **Jones**, Marie **Kovacs**, Heather Joy **Stamp**. Advanced Diploma in Theology: Lieutenants: Phuong **Reynolds** (Vice Chancellor's Scholar), Judy **Shaw**. Diploma in Theology: Aux.-Lieutenant Caleigh-Anne **Kennedy**. **Graduate of Sentir Graduate College of Spiritual Formation:** Graduate Diploma in Spirituality: Major Catherine **Elkington**.

Graduates of Stirling Theological College: Master of Arts (Theology): Captain Railton **Hill**. **Graduate Certificate in Supervision:** Captain Brenda **Young**. **Graduates of Whitley College:** Master of Theological Studies: Major Sandra **Crowden**,

Lieutenant Colin **Reynolds**.

Bachelor of Theology: Captains: Dianne **Hobbs**, Peter **Hobbs**.

Higher Degrees by Research: Master of Theology: Major Kalie **Webb**.

The following officers have recently graduated from:

Eastern College of Victoria: Graduate Diploma in Arts: Captain Karin **Lennermo-Beasy**.

Tabor College of Higher Education (Adelaide): Bachelor of Education (Primary): Cadet Jodie **Jones**.

BIRTH

Majors John and Wendy **Freind** (TAS) are grandparents again. Estelle Juliette Bruce was born on 28 February, the first child to their eldest daughter Emma and husband Chris. Captain Mike **Kemp** (WAD) (and Captain Ruth **Kemp** (Ret) as step-grandmother). Charlie David Casey was born to Mike's daughter Anna in Wollongong, NSW on 17 March.

Majors Mike and Annette **Coleman** (SSCV) have a new grandson, Asher Zadok Coleman, born to Lieutenants Xander and Vanessa Coleman in Banbury, UK on 21 March.

BEREAVED

Captain Nigel **Platts** (VSSC) was bereaved of his mother in WA, Eva Platts, who was promoted to Glory on 28 March (mother-in-law to Captain Lilian **Platts** (CVD)).

MAY 2016

Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd

- 8 Next Level Leadership
- 12 Red Shield Appeal launch breakfast Adelaide
- 14 Commissioners James and Jan Condon retirement meeting
- 18 EVD Silver Star Luncheon
- 27 Red Shield Appeal Doorknock weekend

Colonel Graeme and Karen Rigley

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- 27 Red Shield Appeal Doorknock weekend

Melbourne Staff Band

- 21 Morwell Corps (EVD)
- 22 Morwell/Moe Corps

Melbourne Staff Songsters

- 14 Recording session
- 15 Sunbury Corps (CVD) 10 am and Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

PROMOTIONS

To Lieut-Colonel, effective 1 June: Major Winsome **Merrett**.

To Major, effective 9 April: Captains Graham and Kathleen **Stanley**.

APPOINTMENTS

Effective 1 June: Lieut-Colonels: Ian **Callander**, assistant chief secretary (operations); Vivien **Callander**, assistant chief secretary (administration) and assistant territorial secretary for women's ministries; Ronald **Clinch**, assistant to the chief secretary (strategic research); Robyn **Clinch** assistant secretary for personnel (officer development); Kelvin **Merrett**, secretary for personnel; Winsome **Merrett**, secretary for programme; Majors: Barry **Casey**, divisional commander (SAD); Rosslyn **Casey**, divisional director of women's ministries and divisional secretary for officer personnel (additional appointment) (SAD); Bram **Cassidy**, divisional commander (EVD); Jean **Cassidy**, divisional director of women's ministries and divisional secretary for officer personnel (additional appointment).

Effective 29 March: Major Julie **Grant**, chaplain, Moorabbin Justice Centre (additional appointment); Captain Christopher **Footer**, divisional resource officer (pro tem) (WAD). **Effective 1 September:** Captains Kevin and Judy **Lumb**, corps officers, Box Hill Corps (EVD).

IN THE *Public Eye*

**Territorial
Public Relations
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Greetings

You may already be well aware that it's Red Shield Appeal time. Maybe you've seen an outdoor billboard or heard a radio ad while driving. Maybe a commercial has aired while you've been watching TV. Or perhaps you're even gearing up to volunteer for the Neighbourhood Appeal at the end of May.

Our role in the PR department is to engage the community to build awareness of The Salvation Army's work in Australia. It's also to raise financial resources to keep fuelling some of this work.

The Red Shield Appeal is the main way we do this and each year we aim to raise over \$74 million to keep operating more than 1,000 services across Australia. This includes crisis accommodation, refuges for women and children escaping family and domestic violence, drop-in centres for the homeless and support centres for individuals and families struggling to keep up with the cost of living.

Aside from donating funds, another valuable way people support The Salvation Army is by contributing their time.

During the Red Shield Appeal, our army of volunteers are critical to us reaching our fundraising target. We're grateful for the thousands of people who rally to 'rattle tins' for The Salvation Army in the cold, rain and, in some places, snow!

Even now, we're still trying to recruit more volunteers to stand at static collection points like train stations, shopping centres, traffic intersections (where state legislation allows), or walk from street to street in their neighbourhood knocking on people's front door. You can read more about these volunteer opportunities inside.

This year we have an exciting new way for people to raise money for The Salvation Army—the 'Digital Doorknock'. In addition to

walking door-to-door raising money, we're inviting people to set up their own fundraising page and ask their friends to support them. You can find all the details on our website now!

There's no denying the fundraising climate out there is tough, but it hasn't dampened our passion for why we do what we do. We know it's important to raise this money because it means lives can be changed for the better.

Recently I visited one of our donors, thanking them for their support. They were thankful for the visit but said, 'We know what we give isn't world changing...'. I waited for them to finish talking before saying, 'With all due respect your gift is world changing, because it's changing someone's world.'

You see, no matter how big or small the support you give might seem, we see firsthand how it can make a big difference in someone's life.

On behalf of The Salvation Army, I want to thank you for caring and helping to transform lives.

May God bless you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P.L. Hateley".

Major Paul Hateley
Territorial Public Relations Secretary

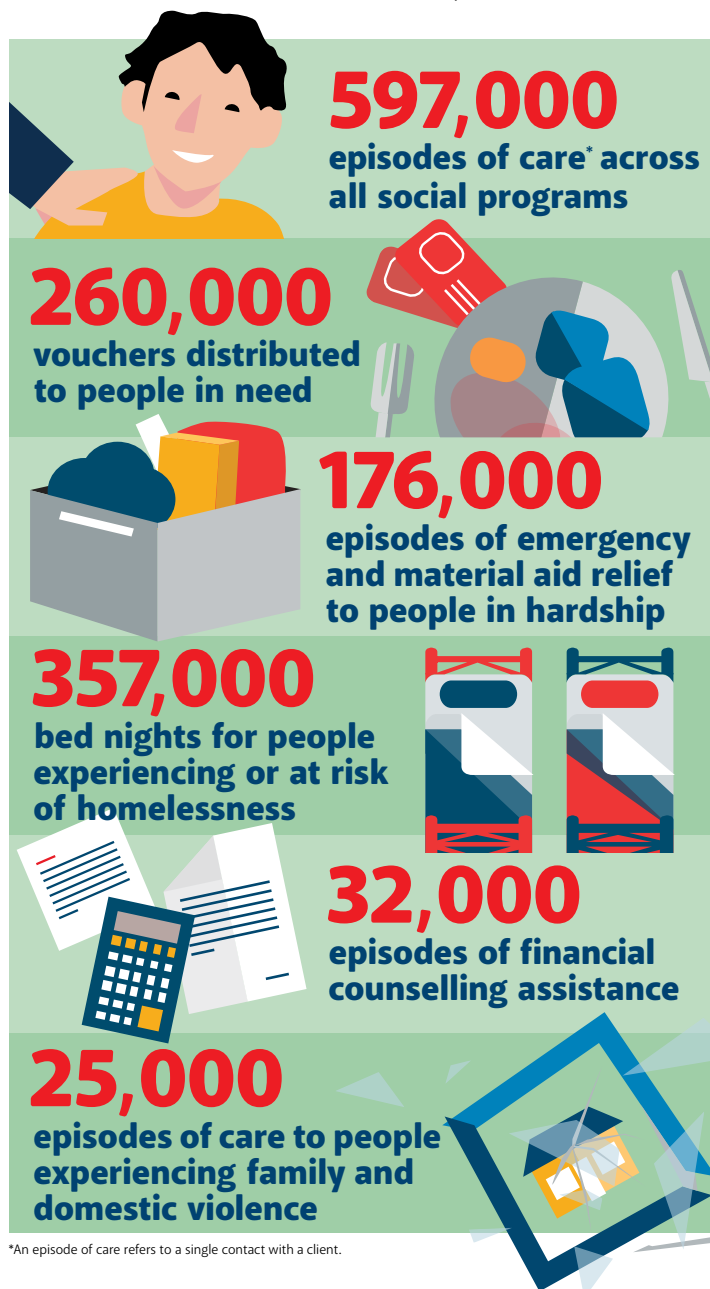


HELP END HOMELESSNESS NOW

The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal aims to raise more than \$74 million across Australia to help vulnerable and disadvantaged Australians.

What does the money from the Red Shield Appeal do?

Here's a glance at what last year's Red Shield Appeal helped The Salvation Army across Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory achieve:



*An episode of care refers to a single contact with a client.



Why 'Help End Homelessness Now'?

This Red Shield Appeal, we're asking Australia to help end homelessness now.

Homelessness is a significant social issue in Australia. Tonight more than 105,000 people won't have a safe and secure place to sleep. The Salvation Army, as the largest provider of homeless services in Australia, is uniquely placed to make a significant impact on ending homelessness.

Even our services that don't focus on homelessness are still about preventing it. For instance, our community support centres provide material and financial aid to families so they can keep up with the cost of living and enabling them to keep paying the weekly rent. Our financial counsellors work with people to make their money go further or get out of debt. And our alcohol and drug rehabilitation centres help people break free from addiction so that they can keep working and lead productive lives.

But we can't do this without the help of Australia.

Who does the Red Shield Appeal help?

During the Red Shield Appeal, we'll be sharing real stories about people The Salvation Army has helped find a safe and secure home—in our mail-out campaigns, across social media and on our website. There can be many pathways and causes of homelessness, and below is just one of the featured stories.

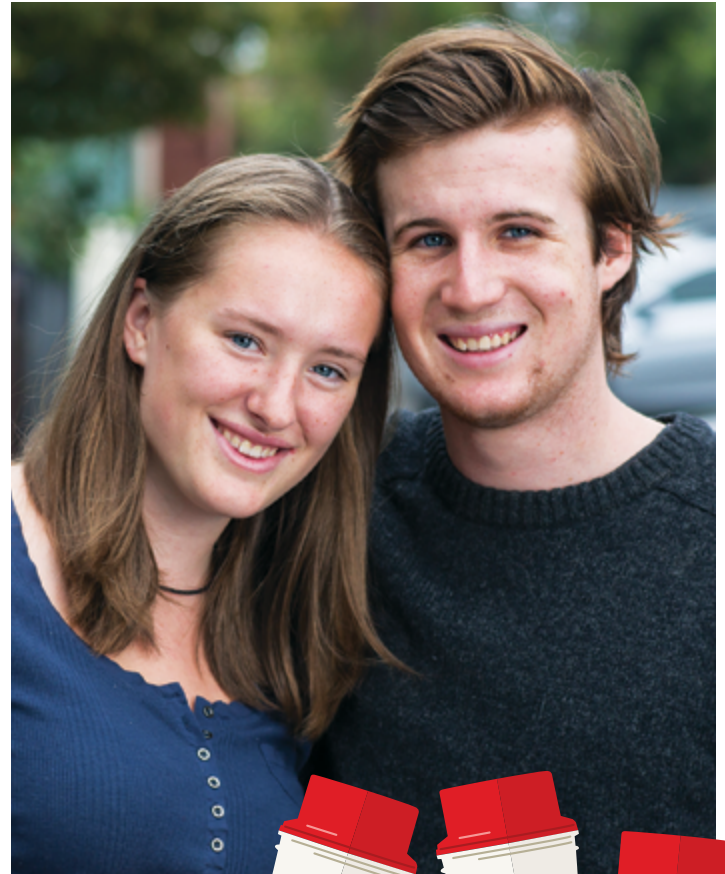
Zak and Hayley

Zak and Hayley were just 16 when they found out Hayley was pregnant. Unfortunately, they didn't have a stable home. They were living with Zak's mum in a small unit, made smaller still by his mum's long-running battle with severe depression and anxiety. Already Zak's mum was struggling and, with their baby on the way, this was only going to get worse. Fortunately, Zak and Hayley were referred to The Salvation Army and we helped find them a safe place to live in our support units. There they were surrounded by support networks and a range of life-skill programs. We helped Hayley complete her VCE with a baby and also helped Zak secure an electrical apprenticeship, where he now works five days a week to support his family.

To read more about the people the Red Shield Appeal helps:

 salvationarmy.org.au/redshieldappeal

 facebook.com/TheSalvationArmyAustralia



We need your help!



The Red Shield Neighbourhood Appeal is on 28–29 May and we're asking you to give up a few hours of your time to help make the work of The Salvation Army possible. There are several ways you can get involved:

Door to Door Collector: Work in pairs to engage with the local community by knocking on people's doors in an allocated area.

Static Site Collector: Collect at a point allocated to you, such as a shopping centre, outside a Bunnings store or at a train station. This is a fun opportunity for people who enjoy connecting with others, but prefer not to approach people directly.

Intersection Collector (Victoria only): Work in teams and approach people in their cars while they are stopped by red traffic lights.

It takes an army of volunteers to look out for people in our communities doing it tough—please consider joining us! To find out more and to register visit salvationarmy.org.au/doorknock



Did you know more than 44,000 Aussies aged 24 and under are experiencing homelessness?

Only 6% of them are sleeping rough on the streets. When home isn't safe, young people tend to stay on the couch at a friend's place. This is the most common form of homelessness for young people. Just because they have a roof over their head does not mean they are safe. All it takes is one night without a couch to sleep on and they may have to move on to unsafe rooming houses or even sleeping rough.

The Salvation Army invites students to shine a light on this serious, but often hidden issue, through the creation of short films.

This is the second year of the Hidden Others short film competition, which is open to young people aged 12–18 years living in Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

The entry brief is simple:

- Explore and answer the causes and nature of youth homelessness in Australia
- Keep your film under 5 minutes long
- Submit your film no later than 5.00pm AEST on Wednesday 20 July, 2016.

The winner or winning team will receive the opportunity to participate in a film-maker's course in their capital city. The winning film will also be featured on The Salvation Army website and social media channels as well as become part of the Salvos' Schools education program.

For more information contact Schools Development Manager, Jayne Campbell, on 03 8878 2362.

 salvationarmy.org.au/hiddenothers

 facebook.com/YHShortFilmCompetition



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BE A SOUPERHERO

**CHANGING THE WORLD
ONE BOWL OF SOUP AT A TIME**

The Souperhero challenge (should you choose to accept it) is to eat soup for every meal for five days to raise funds for people struggling to get by. Set up your own donation page and invite friends to financially support you to complete your challenge. Register as an individual Souperhero or form a team!

SOUPERHERO WEEK IS 25 – 29 JULY

After paying for accommodation, the average person helped by The Salvation Army lives on just \$18 a day to cover things like groceries, bills, clothing, travel and school and medical costs. Thousands of people in our community are forced to go without 'the basics' every day. Souperhero funds will support people experiencing hardship and disadvantage.

ANYONE CAN BE A SOUPERHERO!

If the five day Souperhero soup challenge is too much for you to stomach, there are other ways you can get involved, such as holding a Souperhero fundraising lunch at your school, workplace or corps.

For more information and other ideas:

 salvationarmy.org.au/souperhero

 facebook.com/BeASouperhero





Making music

Bron Williams explores Kingston Gardens' sensory garden and new outdoor music shed.



Over the past five years, Kingston Gardens Salvation Army has

transformed a disused tennis court into a wonderland for the senses.

The garden consists of eight vegetable plots (taste) plus three main garden beds constructed using brightly painted old tyres filled in with reclaimed topsoil. One plot is filled with native plants (sight), another with scented plants (smell) and the third with plants with different types of foliage (touch).

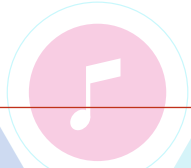
An extensive pre-fabricated play area with multi-coloured equipment can be climbed on and around as well as being used for imaginative play by younger children.

Sculptured fantasy figures are placed at strategic locations to add to the playful spirit of the garden and to illustrate different themes, such as bushman, clowns, Tin Man and the Mad Hatter flanking the protected 'Story Corner' with seating for storytelling. An important feature is the central gazebo which provides shelter and shade for parents while providing them with a clear view of activities throughout the garden.

Most of the materials were donated, with some grant money coming from Kingston Council and significant support being given by three local Bunnings stores. Labour was provided by volunteers, local school students and staff, and work experience participants, with supervision by an experienced tradesman.

The garden aims to encourage greater personal connection within the community in support of better individual health by providing opportunities to strengthen personal and social networks. It has been well received, not only by pre- and primary-school children but also by other local groups including a number from supportive residential care centres.

In seeing this garden through from concept to completion, staff and volunteers have developed extensive experience in project work over a number of years. In particular, Work for the Dole participants have been involved in enhancing the facilities available for use by the community.





As part of this development, Work for the Dole participants acquire skills by working in teams which contributes to productive working relationships and outcomes. They learn problem-solving skills and have opportunities to exercise initiative and creativity which leads to an increase in self-confidence. Positive relationships with the Kingston Gardens Salvo community aid their social inclusion and help participants learn communication skills.

Along with these benefits, participants are involved in planning and organising which will enhance 'buy-in' to the project as well as time to reflect on and celebrate achievements. In such a learning environment, ongoing improvement is an achievable outcome along with the chance to engage with technology to effectively execute tasks.

Experienced supervisors pass on their knowledge to a broad range of participants and volunteers and teach a wide range of skills including planning, design, garden development and maintenance as well as construction work and the use of basic tools.

Regular attendance and participation in this project each week also helps to instil a stronger work ethic and sense of accomplishment in participants and greatly assists them to become 'work ready' for other fields of employment.

Following the success of the sensory garden, a new Work for the Dole group project was established in partnership with WorkSkil as the lead provider. The new project was to establish a music shed or room as a feature of the sensory garden to provide the final sensory experience of hearing. This project will be undertaken by a group of approximately 12 Work for the Dole participants.

Research has found that a brightly coloured display of sound instruments appeals to adults, as well as children, who can have fun in the room as well.

Constructed using matching materials to those in the existing bush-themed gazebo and story corner, the shed provides a solid, weatherproof structure to house drums, chimes, and pots and pans for making a wide variety of sounds. These elements are securely mounted to walls and benches so that sounds will only be made within the structure and items will not go missing from the collection.

Many participants have benefited from this worthwhile experience and have gone on to obtain employment in the wider community, or chosen to volunteer at the corps after they have completed work experience. Some have connected into the life of the corps in various programs and activities or by becoming part of the congregation.

This project was managed by David Williams, a dedicated and reliable contract supervisor who is widely experienced and qualified in design and construction, with 20 years' experience as a qualified project manager. The project received federal funding from the Department of Employment.

The official opening on 30 March was a time of celebration for all who had been involved in the project. Parents and children from Kingston Gardens mainly music put the outdoor music room to good use, singing favourite songs from the program. Divisional commander, Major Winsome Merrett dedicated the shed and garden to God with prayer before the official ribbon-cutting by Kingston mayor, Councillor Tamsin Bearsley.



Over the past five years, Kingston Gardens Salvation Army has transformed a disused tennis court into a wonderland for the senses."





2016 DIGITAL DOORKNOCK



This year the Public Relations department is launching a new digital platform which will enable corps to use an online platform to help generate donations for this year's doorknock. Each corps will be able to set up a corps team page and church family and friends will all be invited to join. When an individual has joined the corps page they can then communicate with all their online networks to ask them to support. All of the money raised through the corps page will go towards their overall goal.

'People are engaging online and we know that this is an opportunity for us to be where people are—online,' says territorial public relations secretary, Major Paul Hateley.

The system uses a secure online payment gateway and

when a person makes a donation they are emailed a receipt immediately. Many other organisations use a similar program which has proven successful in providing donation options of supporters.

Major Hateley goes on to say, 'This is an exciting development as we provide an opportunity to connect with our community online and allow our corps communities the vehicle to offer their friends, work colleagues or online connections the ability to support our appeal.'

Corps and individuals will be able to see their tallies increase in real-time as people make donations.

Brian Hallet | territorial community relations officer

No cash—no worries

Westpac has been The Salvation Army's bank for over 135 years and this year they are making it even easier for people to donate to the Red Shield Appeal. Westpac are providing more than 100 'Tap and Pay' EFTPOS terminals at no charge for us to use throughout the appeal. As more and more Australians are carrying less cash, Westpac has offered us the use of the terminals to help address this problem. The terminals are very easy to use and connect to Westpac's system through Wi-fi. People will be able to use their normal cards and can either use their Pin or 'Tap and Pay'—it's as easy as that.



Salvos' school animation

Salvo Studios and our schools team have launched an animated clip specifically for primary school children. The aim of the clip is to introduce young people to the history of The Salvation Army and help them understand how and why we assist people. This will be a great resource for corps and officers to use when talking to children. The clip can be viewed and downloaded via these links

YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0bcfcst47U

Download page: www.sarmy.org.au/en/Resources/Videos/salvo-clips/primary-schools

Red Shield Ride

In 2015 Captain Johnmark Snead joined his two passions of cycling and The Salvation Army and launched Tasmania's first Red Shield Ride. Johnmark's idea was to use the ride as a way of raising funds for the appeal and also drive some media attention in the lead-up to the appeal. The 2015 ride finished in the Hobart mall for the appeal launch.

This year's ride will take place from 29 April–4 May with riders covering 564 kms, with an elevation of over 7,500 metres.

'The Red Shield Ride is about reminding people that life often isn't easy and we [The Salvation Army] don't take for granted the support we rely on from the public in order to keep on helping others. The need continues to rise, that's why we're riding further and climbing high in order to meet the challenge. The ride isn't supposed to be easy plenty of Australians are doing it tough and, in the smallest way, this ride will hopefully reflect that,' says Johnmark.

The riders raised \$6000 last year and the goal for 2016 is \$10,000. If you're interested in joining the ride register at www.salvationarmy.org.au/redshieldride or www.redshieldride.blogspot.com to follow the riders' progress. Registrations are open until the ride begins.



ARMY OF VOLUNTEERS

The success of the Red Shield Appeal relies on our volunteers. Some have volunteered for many years and some are participating for the very first time this year. Our volunteers are a valuable asset and we should do our very best to make them feel welcome and valued for the support they provide. It's always a great idea to personally thank everyone who has helped, or send them an email with the appeal results, letting them know how much was raised and how they helped make a difference. A celebration is a great way of bringing everyone together to reconnect and build on those connections.

MARK 15:21-39

The abandoned 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.

When Jesus dies, his abandonment is complete. There is no explicit mention in Mark of the disciples being present at the cross. Some female disciples are seen at a distance, but their appearance is commented on after Jesus has died—almost as an afterthought.

The crescendo of mockery from Jewish leaders, bystanders—even the bandits being crucified—culminates in Jesus crying out his total abandonment, using the opening words of Psalm 22.

The onlookers—knowing Hebrew or Aramaic—should have heard this clearly since Jesus speaks in a loud voice. Their 'misunderstanding' may not be mis-hearing, but a deliberate twisting of Jesus' words. The person offering the wine was probably a soldier who appears sympathetic to Jesus, offering a gesture of kindness. However, his speech indicates more mockery: the offer of sour wine will prolong Jesus' life, not so that he can be rescued by Elijah, but so the mockery can continue.

God remains silent—except to tear the temple veil as Jesus dies. In response to Jesus' death, the centurion makes an ambiguous comment—'Surely this man is

the Son of God'. Some have seen him declaring Jesus was divine and therefore assume that at least someone recognises Jesus, but this seems unlikely in Mark. It was not uncommon for Romans to consider someone to be a son of a god—that is, a righteous man. Luke shows the centurion's comment in this way (Luke 23:47).

Some have considered that, in Mark, the centurion is portrayed as gloating over one whose charge has been associated with kingship—who has called on God to save him and yet who now hangs dead on the cross. The incongruity of the situation causes the centurion to state ironically that this was truly a son of god! Even if the centurion's declaration concerning Jesus is uttered with heavy irony, it is more true than he knows and hence is doubly ironic.

We realise that in Mark, Jesus suffers total abandonment by everyone at the cross. Whenever we may feel the desolation of loneliness, we know that Jesus understands because he has also experienced it in even greater measure.°



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child sponsorship

Upholding girls

Apple lives in The Philippines and needs support to help complete her education. She has recently started on-the-job training and hopes to graduate from her Bachelor of Science course in financial management this year. Daily travel expenses are quite a burden as her dad lost his job. Her mum works as a body masseuse, but with three girls still at school, there isn't enough money. If you are able to make a once-off donation to help support Apple, or another senior student, with their final years of education, we would love to hear from you.



Mary is 12 and lives in Uganda. She cannot walk and uses her wheelchair to get around. She has serious health problems and the meagre income her parents generate from their small portion of land is not enough to provide for their daughter's needs as well as support three other children.



Only \$35 per month can make a difference in Mary's life. If you can help, either as part of a group or as an individual, please contact the child sponsorship team on 03 8878 4543 or via email on childsponsorship@aus.salvationarmy.org.°

review

DVD Spotlight ★★★★★

Award-winning film *Spotlight* (available on DVD and Blu-ray 4 May) portrays the real events in the exposure of the systemic abuse of children within the Catholic Church.

Winning the 2016 Academy Award for best picture and best original screenplay, the 2016 Screen Actors Guild Award for outstanding performance by a cast in a motion picture, the 2016 Spirit Award for best feature, and snagging three 2016 Critics Choice awards, this 'David and Goliath' story is told with clarity and power.

The brilliant ensemble cast, including Mark Ruffalo, Rachel McAdams, Liev Schreiber and Michael Keaton, shines as the investigative reporters on the *Spotlight* team of respected newspaper *The Boston Globe* bring to light the decades-long cover-up of abuse. Abuse survivors' lawyer, Mitchell Garabedian (Stanley Tucci), summed up the situation succinctly, 'If it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a village to abuse one.' No-one, no institution, group or church is outside the scope of responsibility for the safety of children.

The final punch of this film is delivered in the credits, by the list of more than 200 towns and cities around the globe where abuse scandals in the Catholic Church have been exposed.°



Bron Williams

Spiritual mothers

Heather Ellis tells June Knop that spiritual mothering does not depend on biology or age.

For many years, Major Heather Ellis, executive support officer at THQ, has been a spiritual mother to a number of young people from Benalla Corps (Vic.) breakfast and homework clubs, along with several other women willing to spiritually nurture the children.

Reflecting on spiritual mothering, Heather comments on how much she grew in this area during her time at Benalla. 'The children were a blessing and a gift to us there. They brought life, energy, fun and enjoyment into the church and worship,' she says.

'Even though I am not a mother, God blessed me by bringing the children into the church family and my heart went out to them.'

How does spiritual mothering differ from mentoring?

It's more than simply meeting at predetermined times and developing that young person, and wanting to see growth in a particular area of their life. You're operating primarily in—and out of—love for the person's entire wellbeing and wholeness. You want their home, school, emotional and social life to be better. It's meeting the immediate need while preparing them for a fuller, richer life—inner, outer and overall. If that child encounters Christ, then that improves life for them in every area.

It's about being family, rather than retaining professional distance, and not being embarrassed to let your real self be seen. It's about informalities. It's certainly on call, not by appointment. It's primarily an investment of your heart into the person and doing life, in all areas, together. It can be messy.

What's required?

Patience: the ability and allowance to be inconvenienced, being there when they need you, flexibility in your day—allowing love to reorganise your schedule, discerning the opportunity in an unexpected circumstance and seizing the moment because it simply might not be there again.

In a sense it's also intrusive, and there needs to be willingness to be intruded upon. Eight-year-old Emma*, from a disadvantaged background, would drop in on her way to the shop and ask me to come with her. I would stop what I was doing and be attentive, regardless of what I had planned.

Often I would receive a knock at the door at 7.30 am when I was getting ready for work, with Emma saying, 'Heather it's me', and her cheery tone saying, 'I know



you'll be pleased to see me'. Then she would come in, by herself or with friends sometimes, and they would explore every part of our home, opening the cupboards, going into every room, because that's what they do in each other's homes.

On one of these early morning visits Emma came into our office and saw my prayer stool. She asked what it was and I explained. 'Show me how you use it,' was her response. So I hopped on and showed her and then she asked if she could have a go. It's opening yourself up to their intrusion and turning it around to be an opportunity—more than that, a God appointment.

Discerning the need

Emma regularly called in on her way to school. On this particular morning, she asked if I would drive her to school. I said, 'Emma, school is just across the road; by the time I get the car out of the garage, we will be at school, but I can walk you there if you like.' She remained silent for a few moments, and then said, 'If I came with you in your car to the post office to pick up the mail (which I did each morning), you could drop me off at school on the way back to your house.' So I agreed—this was before the days of SP3 training!

As we were approaching the school, Emma, who was sitting in the back seat of the car, asked, 'Heather, are you wearing lipstick today?' Somewhat curious about her question, I replied that I was. Another moment of silence, then she said, 'Well, I suppose you will want to kiss me when you drop me off.' I replied, 'Yes, I suppose I will,' sensing that this was important.

When we pulled over at the school gate, she jumped out of the car, I put down the window, she raised her face to me and I kissed her on the cheek. She quickly checked in the side mirror of the car to see if there was lipstick on her cheek.

I sat and watched her as she entered the school yard. She skipped all the way up the school path into her classroom. I saw a little girl who just wanted to be like others in her class—to experience life like them—being dropped off at school by a parent, being kissed goodbye and going into class with lipstick on her cheek.

Children model what they experience

Often the young people we came into contact with found Jesus and they in turn took that back to their family. They were the influence of Christ in the home and in the street. They therefore have a great need to be nurtured and strengthened by someone who is investing in more than a small part of their life—investing in the whole person.

When they go home they can grow in a different way to what is being offered and withstand the influences that home surrounds them with—maybe drugs, violence, bad language, abuse/aggression. This may be the family's norm. The children are learning a new norm, a new way and bringing it into the home—making a difference in their world, to bring about change.

It was apparent that Emma not only intently observed every aspect of corps life—Sunday worship and missional activities—but wanted to be included in them and do what she saw. She often copied me, standing at the pulpit and practising her preaching. Consequently, she was the bringer of people to church; she was being influenced and then influencing others.

'Get to know you' interviews were a regular part of our Sunday worship service. One morning Emma asked me if I would interview her during the Sunday meeting. I said, 'Yes, I would love to do that.' I worked out some questions and gave her a couple of days to think about her answers. The following Sunday she skipped up to where I was standing on the platform.

One of the questions I asked was, 'What would you like to be when you grow up?' She replied, 'I want to be a Salvation Army officer like Heather and I will look after a church like this, and Heather and Peter will be sitting in the front row.'

This was the beginning of children being interviewed as well as the adults, as part of the Sunday morning worship service.

Giving children a platform

We can tend to overlook children and their input in a corps, but God endows gifts to us at a young age and corps have a wonderful opportunity to help children mature in those areas. Experience has shown me also that children think a lot about what they observe. If we give them opportunity to speak, we can be richly blessed.

One Sunday following church Emma asked me if we could spend the afternoon together. I said I wasn't free, because we were going to Coinda to conduct a service. She asked, 'What's Coinda?' I told her that it was an aged care centre, where we conduct a monthly church service, then conclude by serving the residents afternoon tea.

She asked if she could come along and I agreed, if her parents didn't mind. Before I could say anything, Emma ran off and invited other junior soldiers to come along as well, which they did. Emma is a born mission director and possible evangelist. This was commencement of the junior soldiers ministering to the residents of Coinda each month and helping the residents with afternoon tea.



Point your kids in the right direction—when they're old they won't be lost.”
Proverbs 22:6
The Message Bible



▲ ADELAIDE CITY, SA

CAPTAINS CLARE AND MATT REEVE

More than 30 ladies gathered on Friday 11 March for a Citywomen shoe-cutting party to support Ugandan-based charity, Sole Hope. This wonderful cause helps children live free of diseases related to 'jiggers' (a parasite that infests bare feet and causes multiple health issues) by providing shoes made from recycled jeans.

Women of all generations worked together to cut up jeans into enough shoe pieces to make 117 pairs of toddler shoes, which will be sent to Uganda along with \$200 the ladies donated.



▲ BUNBURY, WA

LIEUTENANT HARRIET FARQUHAR

On Sunday 13 March, Jason Walker was enrolled as an adherent and David Burbidge signed his soldier's covenant. Jason Walker testified to the changes in his life since coming through the Harry Hunter program while David spoke of his encounter with the Holy Spirit.

L-R: Jason Walker, David Burbidge, Jason Hine(CSM)



▼ PERTH FORTRESS, WA

MAJORS ANGELA AND BRAD WATSON

On 31 January, Riccardo Haddow, Charlotte Tyrrell, Hamish Ineson and Lucy Langley were enrolled as junior soldiers by Charlotte's grandmother, Major Helen Tyrrell from the United Kingdom Territory.

Each junior soldier was joined by their big bud as they signed their pledge. Major Tyrrell then led the children's segment in which she encouraged the young people in the corps to be part of God's team.

On 21 February, Joel Gibson was enrolled as a senior soldier by his grandfather, Major Arthur Gibson. It was a special day for Joel and the corps, with family members travelling thousands of kilometres to be present. During the ceremony, his other grandfather, Tom Falloon, sang and his brother Samuel held the flag. Joel testified to the ongoing work that God is doing in his life and, although he is often seen as the 'nice guy', is aware of his shortcomings and the work of holiness God still needs to complete in him.



L-R: Major Helen Tyrrell, Lucy Langley, Charlotte Tyrrell, Riccardo Haddow and Hamish Ineson. Richard Gilchrist is holding the flag



L-R: Major Arthur Gibson, Joel Gibson and Samuel Gibson (holding the flag)



L-R: Commissioner Floyd Tidd, Sandon Brown, Joshua Snead, Commissioner Tracey Tidd

◀ TASMANIA DIVISION JUNIOR SOLDIERS

CAPTAIN NICOLE SNEAD

In February, Sandon Brown and Joshua Snead were presented with their Crest Awards by Commissioner Tracey Tidd at the Divisional Welcome Meeting held in Launceston, after having worked hard to complete all four junior soldier levels. Over the weekend of 11–13 March, 22 junior soldiers from across Tasmania gathered for our first divisional junior soldiers camp at Camp Clayton, Ulverstone. Based on Psalm 139:14, the theme for the camp was Marvellous Creations.

Over the course of the weekend the junior soldiers discovered that God made them special and unique, and that he made them for a purpose, which begins now. The stories of David and Gideon showed that you don't have to be big, grown up or even a giant, that you don't have to have any extravagant talents—all you need to know is that you have God on your side. During the weekend the junior soldiers also worked on badges in their passports and two children completed their preparation classes. New friendships were built, there was time to play and explore the local scenery, and opportunity to conquer our fears by going on the giant swing and flying fox.



Blessings of the Righteous

For Jo Brookshaw, art speaks to the heart and helps people connect with God.



With a background in the design field—having worked for The Salvation Army in that field prior to officership—Jo Brookshaw finds being creative to be personally rewarding. She believes that art gives people different options for connecting with God, as it bypasses logic and thinking and hits the heart, helping people to get away from words.

'I've done a painting during a worship service,' she says. A lot of prayer and preparation goes into the work beforehand, but, even though she has a pretty clear idea of what God wants her to paint, the painting is never quite the same as what she plans, as there's more movement or freedom in it or the colours are different.

A mother of three and full-time corps officer who is ramping up for the Red Shield Appeal with husband Peter at Craigieburn Corps, Jo has designed a colouring book, *Blessings of the Righteous*, based on Psalm 112, recently published by Salvo Publishing. Jo began designing adult colouring sheets as a creative assignment for one of her final subjects, Psalms, for a degree through Catherine Booth College. The colouring book craze was in full swing and she was interested in doing some for her congregation. Also,

there was interest on Facebook for the snippets she posted, so she approached Salvo Publishing.

She is very intentional as she makes her designs and begins each new design by meditating on the Scripture verse which inspires the colouring piece and thinks about how the picture will work on the page. Jo also thinks about the person who'll be colouring the design and creates spaces where they can express themselves.

'Broad, open spaces get scary for people so I put in lots of detail,' Jo says. 'Other than deciding which colour to use, you don't need to do much thinking when you're colouring,' she adds.

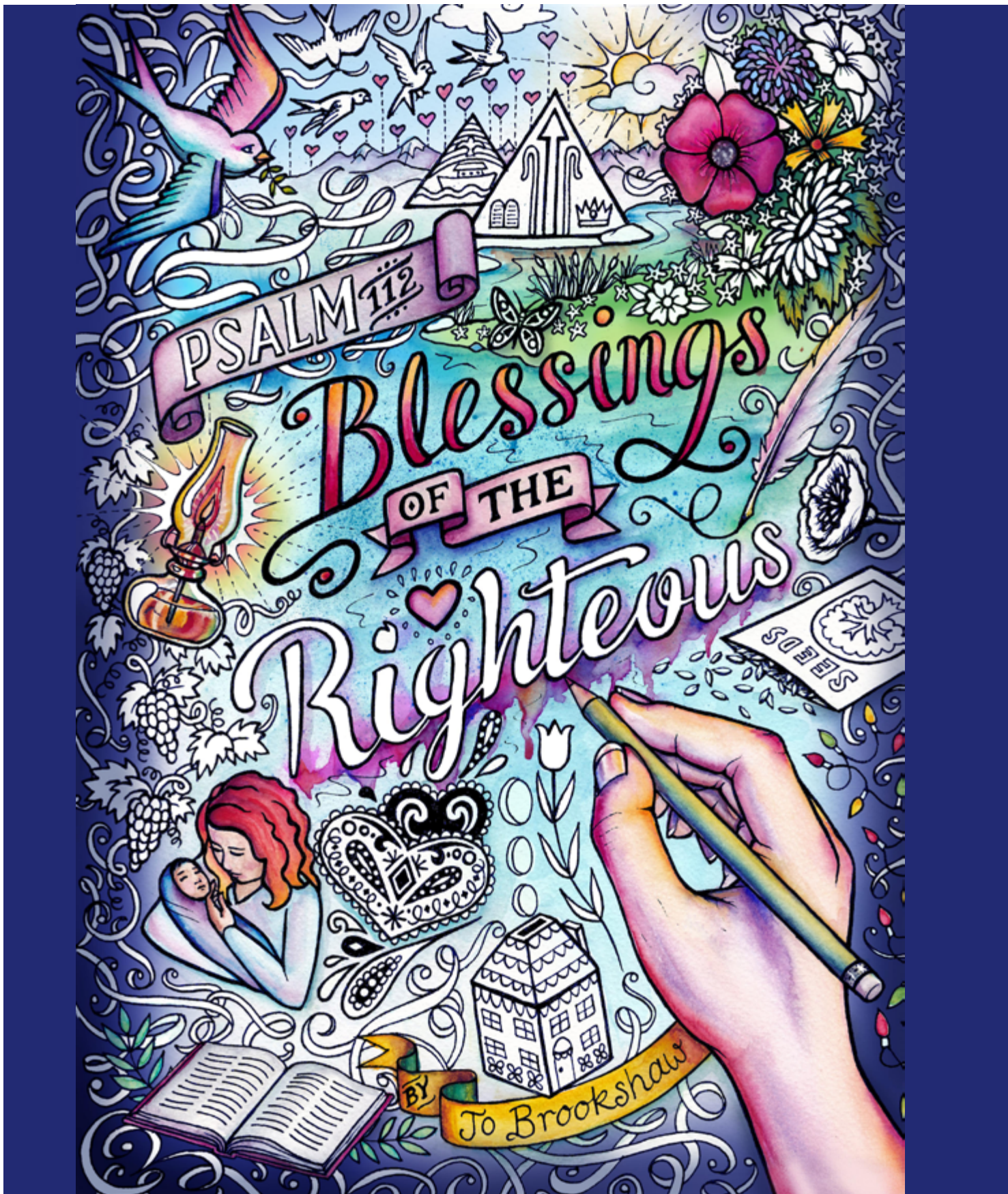
Jo is also trialling different ways of making books. Over Easter, she and Peter gave out packs of six business cards with colouring designs to reinforce the new vision for their corps church with the words life, hope, joy and freedom. Also included were two designs around the cross and the resurrection.

'People can then colour them in, maybe frame them and be reminded of what we're doing at our church and why we do it,' adds Jo.

Blessings of the Righteous is available from *Salvationist Supplies*, 1800 100 018, www.salvationarmy.org.au for \$10 plus postage. ◻



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A friendly word from the dept. of youth

We need heroes. Sure, there are already superheroes like Superman and Wonder Woman, Iron Man and Black Widow. But these heroes aren't real. No, we need heroes who will act here and now in our own world. We need heroes who can dream big ideas and offer good news. We need heroes who work to make things fair and kind. We need heroes who can work together to show the love of God to those in need. We need heroes who follow Jesus and want to change the world. We need Corps Cadets action heroes! The good news is the Corps Cadets Action Projects are here.

>What are the Corps Cadets Action Projects?

The Corps Cadets Action Projects is a discipleship resource consisting of four minimags aimed at older Corps Cadets. It may be that you are older and need a challenge, or have gone through the existing Corps Cadets minimags. Regardless, we believe that we learn best by doing, so developing habits and skills is the desired outcome of the Actions Projects material.

>What is action and reflection?

Corps Cadets started in the Australia Southern Territory in 1898 with the aim of getting young people active in their corps and community. Therefore, the Action Projects have a focus on action and reflection. When Jesus sent out his disciples to serve in ministry, he made time afterwards for the disciples to tell him what they had done and discuss how it went (Mark 6:7-10, 30-31). These minimags focus on a topic over eight weeks and lead up to a group task with a built-in reflection process. Jesus used action and reflection when he was discipling young people and so do we.

We need heroes—we need Corps Cadets action heroes. If you are interested in the Corps Cadets Action Projects, then talk to your youth leaders, corps officers and contact us at corps.cadets@aus.salvationarmy.org.

The Department of Youth



What do hamburgers have to do with it?

'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God' (Matthew 4:4).

Jesus taught that 'man does not live by bread alone,' but he probably didn't think the odd hamburger hurt that much. Well, seeing that Jesus was Jewish, he probably wouldn't have been a big fan of hamburgers unless they were kosher (no bacon, keep the cheese separate from the meat).

Religious dietary requirements notwithstanding, most agree that a hamburger doesn't hurt. Too many hamburgers might lead to health issues though. Also, you wouldn't want to overdose on them and have burgers become boring. How many hamburgers would it take to ruin hamburgers and your waistline? Like, one a day maybe? Two? Either way, we don't want you to do the hard science on this. Just one hamburger is fine. Wait. What? Why are we ranting about hamburgers? Because it's Red Shield Appeal Doorknock time, that's why.

The Salvation Army always helps those in need and every year they provide assistance to over one million Australians through emergency relief and support programs. As the Salvos meet people's physical needs, they can also provide spiritual support, offering both the 'bread' and the 'word' of God that Jesus spoke about.

The Red Shield Appeal Doorknock is a key way to raise funds for this important work. It involves a variety of fundraising approaches, including knocking on the doors of a community and asking for donations. This year the

Doorknock will take place over the weekend of 28–29 May and The Salvation Army needs 100,000 volunteer collectors to help make the doorknock a success.

Knocking on the doors of strangers and asking for money might sound a little intimidating, but many people are happy for the chance to give to The Salvation Army. It can also be a fun way to engage the community, with the added benefit of knowing it's for a good cause. When you volunteer for the Red Shield Appeal Doorknock, you aren't just raising money but also helping those in need.

And what does The Red Shield Appeal Doorknock have to do with all this talk of hamburgers? Well, all volunteers are presented with a voucher for McDonald's when they finish, as well as a certificate of appreciation. This voucher can be exchanged for a McDonald's hamburger, possibly a Big Mac or a cheeseburger—we're not telling you what to order though. If you want to waste your voucher on a salad or that fish burger, then feel free (Jesus probably would have gone the fish, after all).

Remember, while man does not live by bread alone, The Salvation Army does work to meet the physical and spiritual needs of others. We can assist this important work by volunteering with the Red Shield Appeal Doorknock this year. And the odd hamburger doesn't hurt after all, especially when you earn it helping those in need.

For more information, check out: <https://salvos.org.au/get-involved/help-us-fundraise/red-shield-appeal/doorknock-registrations/>



Selfie



PAIGE WILSON

< 19 < Warrnambool (Vic.)

What has God been teaching you lately?

That he doesn't bless us without laying down a solid foundation.

Do you have a favourite Bible verse?

Joshua 1:9 is my favourite verse because it is so empowering and reaffirms that with the Holy Spirit on my side, I can accomplish anything.

Who inspires you and why?

My mum. She suffers from a lot of physical illness, yet she is able to remain joyful and falls more in love with God every single day.

What are you passionate about?

Reaching out to those who are marginalised, healing those who are unwell and saving the environment!

If you could change one thing about Australia, what would you change and why?

Our policies on asylum seekers—especially regarding children. Everybody has the right to seek asylum and we have more than enough resources for everybody. Also, I wish our government would take more of a stand against issues impacting our beautiful environment.

What does it mean to be a Christian?

It means to lay down your life just as Christ laid down his life for us.

What is it like being a teenager in today's society?

It's really hard. There's so much pressure to be secular and of the world but God calls us to sow into his Kingdom and be not of the world.

What are the biggest challenges you face in life?

Keeping my mental health in check and succeeding at university and my career aspirations.

What's the next big thing for you?

I'm getting a pet bearded dragon soon, so that's big for me!

Who is your favourite superhero and why?

Sailor Moon. She's such a dork but she always sticks up for justice and puts herself on the line for others.

What would you say if you had the entire world's attention?

Listen to the story of the person next to you without any preconceived ideas or judgment. We're all the same and God wants us to love one another, regardless of who we are and what we have done.

News

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Guys, we have great news for you! *On Fire* is now online at www.onfiremag.com and the site includes a special Department of Youth section. Make sure you check it out to catch up on the latest Corps Cadets news each month and stay in the loop. You'll also find a ton of pics on there from events, reviews of the latest books, music and movies, plenty of Salvo news, plus free downloads. Does it get much better than that? (Obviously not.) Head on over now and get clicking!

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