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WELCOME **These things remain**

This issue of *On Fire* is one of change—and not simply the transition from a fortnightly magazine to a monthly publication. After 30 issues, my secondment comes to an end, and I will be heading back to the ITS Department here at THQ.

It would take an essay to thank everyone who has helped me along this journey. But I do need to say a special thank you to Captain Mal Davies, former editor-in-chief, for giving me this opportunity to serve God, and Craig Tucker, chief information officer, for his flexibility in arranging a secondment. I also need to thank my team here on the magazine—Richard Lewis, Ryan English, Captain Bron Williams and Dawn Volz. I'm really proud of what we have achieved together over the past year, and it is a testament to their dedication. Above all, I want to thank you—our readers—for your support and feedback.

But, in the midst of change, this issue is dedicated to celebrating a remarkable milestone of longevity. A century and a half ago, few people would have believed that a movement that started amongst the slums of Victorian London would go on to outlast the British Empire, and still be a vibrant and thriving movement well into the 21st century. In this special edition, we have tried to give you a small taste of the Boundless Congress where the worldwide Army gathered together to commemorate 150 years of saving souls.

It is a timely reminder that even in times of transition—whether it is the sweeping changes the Army has seen since its inception or on a more personal level—there is something that doesn't change—the enduring promises of God and the fact he has a plan for each of us.

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OUR CELEBRATION KNOWS NO BOUNDS

WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO MAKE THE DREAM A REALITY? That was General André Cox's 'sending-out' message to Salvationists as the five-day international congress—Boundless: The Whole World Redeeming—drew to a close in London last month.

The congress—from 1–5 July at The O₂ arena in London—was held to mark 150 years since William and Catherine Booth started the mission in the East End of London that would go on to become The Salvation Army. The celebration also featured many other highlights including concerts, a musical, international prayer meetings, and sessions for youth and children.

During the congress the latest version of *The Song Book of The Salvation Army* was officially launched and, on Founders' Day (2 July), a statue of Catherine Booth was unveiled in the East End of London. Also on Founders' Day, in a moment particularly poignant for Australian Salvationists, former General Eva Burrows was posthumously admitted to the Order of the Founder—The Salvation Army's highest honour (see page 12 for further details).

The dream General Cox was referring to is his five-pronged vision for The Salvation Army—on which he based the main congress sessions: 'A Joyful Army'; 'A Unified Army'; 'A Caring

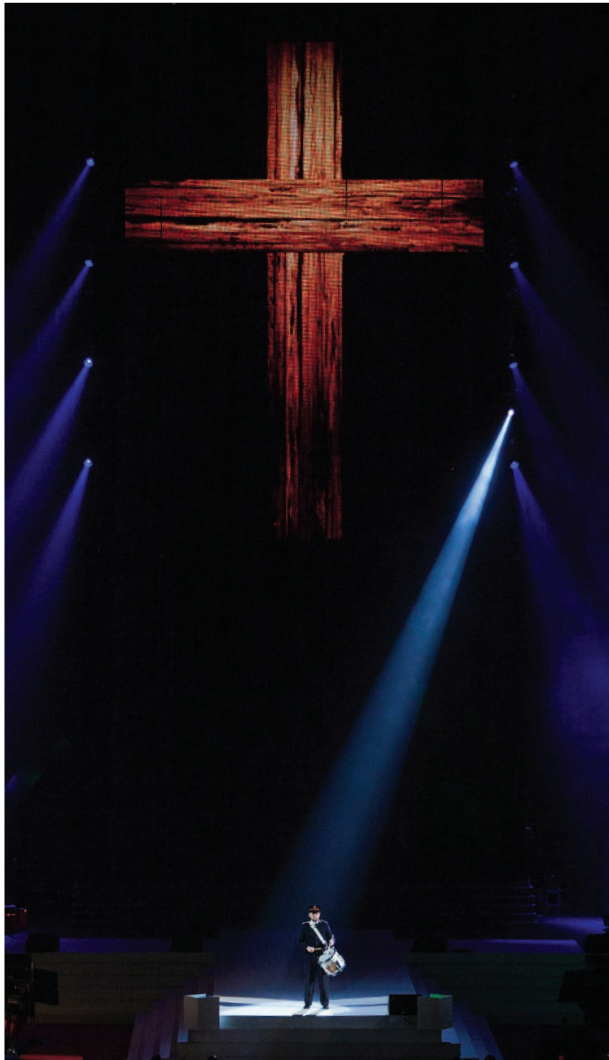
Army'; 'A Youthful Army'; and 'An Army of Integrity'. The final session featured a multimedia display of the General's vision, after which people were asked to consider what they needed to do to make the ideas of the dream a reality.

'What has this celebration been all about?' asked the General. 'What is going to change? What is God calling you to do?' The dream, he said, will only become a reality when lives are transformed by the Holy Spirit, and that holiness is the visible sign of salvation.

'We must be totally committed and dedicated to the task assigned to us,' he added. 'If we're convinced of our call we will live lives fully surrendered to God. Our worship needs to be more than speaking or listening to God. It must be about total surrender. We need a sense of urgency in a world where there is so much injustice and need.'

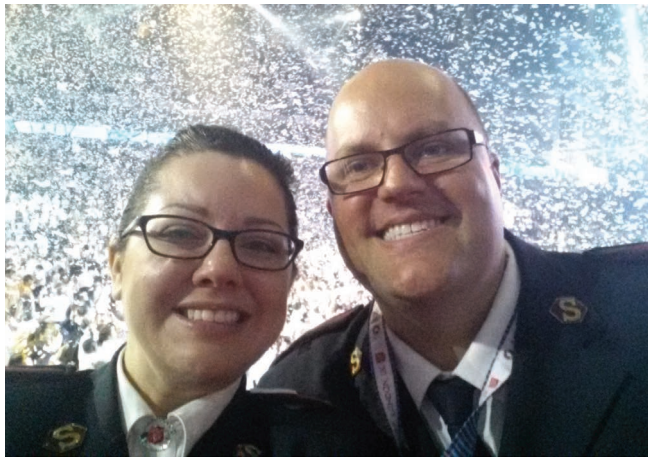
He then referred to Vachel Lindsay's poem, 'General William Booth Enters Into Heaven', with its images of people washed in the blood and the Army at war against darkness and despair, saying: 'This is something that must engage every one of us. I fear we have become comfortable, contented and settled and detached from the reality of world suffering.'

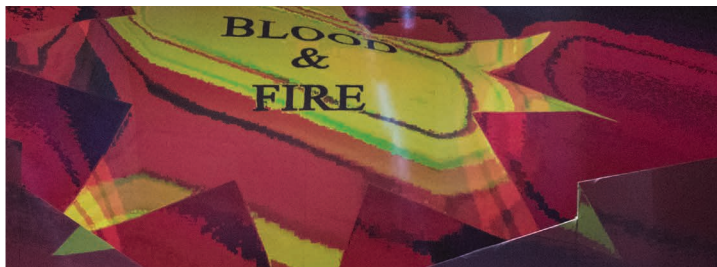
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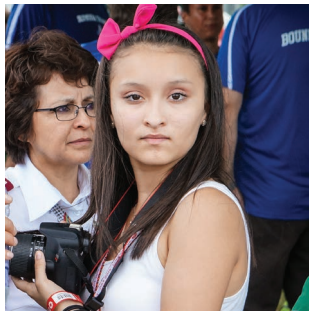












CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3 He reminded everyone: ‘All have sinned—this was why God sent us a Saviour. Too many people are living in poverty and exclusion, too many are lonely.’

The General went on to remind delegates, and the international Salvation Army, that there are no limits to what God can do in individual lives. ‘This is boundless salvation,’ he said. ‘A total surrender of our lives and the total commitment to the mission.’

The stated aim of the event was to make it the largest, as far as international coverage, the Army has ever seen. While all 126 countries in which The Salvation Army has an official presence were represented at The O₂ arena, online participants added a further 31 countries to that tally. From Cyprus to Kazakhstan and Somalia to Saudi Arabia, tens of thousands of people swelled the numbers keen to follow events in London every step of the way.

The www.boundless2015.org website attracted more than half a million page views—a quarter of a million heading straight for the live blog. Thousands of contributions from Boundless delegates and those watching from home were incorporated into the coverage. Scores used the website to record that they had committed their lives to Jesus, re-dedicated themselves to God or responded to a call to Salvation Army officership.

The technological advances over the last 15 years are evident in the fact that more than half of the visits to the Boundless website were from users of tablets or smartphones. Live streaming of the main sessions was a popular part of the online coverage, with more than 50,000 viewers having

watched the opening celebration live or via the ‘watch again’ facility (see sar.my/boundlessagain).

Pre- and post-meeting broadcasts by SAVN.tv (a ministry of USA Western Territory) sought further interaction from participants around the world, and facilitated small group discussion through live video links. Meanwhile, *Salvation Army Today* (USA Southern Territory) provided daily bulletins, capturing all the atmosphere and colour from events all around The O₂. The official Boundless program and daily newspaper *Boundless Today* were made available online, to help ‘remote’ delegates feel just as much part of proceedings as those present in London. These international partnerships were vitally important in the promotion of the congress and engagement of Salvationists around the world during Boundless.

A one-off ‘Thunderclap’ (a coordinated saturation of social media) on Founders’ Day reached a million social media users across Twitter, Facebook and Tumblr. Subsequent sharing and retweeting achieved a social reach of 3.3 million people. The #Boundless2015 hashtag, which delegates were encouraged to use in their own social media output, was seen by 16.1 million Twitter users—at one point being a more popular topic of online discussion than the famous Wimbledon lawn tennis championships.

Whether in London, or across the world, this truly was a coming together of the worldwide Salvation Army and a celebration of what has been achieved through God’s power over the last 150 years—and a challenging reminder that we must strive to ensure that the best is yet to come. ■

TRIBUTE **Lieut-Colonel Barend Franciscus Johannes van den Hoek**

Barend van den Hoek was born on 14 April 1929 and grew up in the Netherlands. He worked as an office secretary at DHQ, The Hague, before entering training college in 1951 from his home town of Schiedam as a member of the 'Intercessors' session. His first appointment was as youth officer on a Gospel Ship, which had a crew of 12 officers and sailed the Dutch canals during the summer months. Youth officer assignments at two corps were followed by appointments at another two corps as commanding officer.

Barend fell in love with a fellow Intercessor, Gijssbertha (Bep) Govaars and they were married on 25 May 1955—celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this year. They served at Zierikzeen Youth Centre before a 15 year period as overseas reinforcement officers, first in Hong Kong and Macau Command, serving as corps officer, Wanchai Corps and Social Services Centre, followed by an appointment to the Taiwan Region, becoming the Regional Officer in 1966 assigned to commence Salvation Army work in that country. They were blessed with four children, Barend, Jos, Bep and Elly during these years.

In 1974 they were appointed to the Australia Southern Territory and commenced service at The Anchorage in Melbourne, where Barend served as superintendent until appointed as state social services secretary, Victoria on 11 January 1979. This was followed by two years as divisional commander in Melbourne Central Division and then four years as state commander in Tasmania. His final appointment as an active officer was as the territorial property secretary before he and Gijssbertha entered retirement on 1 May 1994.

Ever keen to help out, the van den Hoeks looked after a



number of corps in Victoria within their first two years of retirement. They soldiered at the Surrey Hills Chinese Corps throughout their retirement.

Lieut-Colonel Barend Franciscus Johannes van den Hoek was promoted to Glory from Caris Christi, Kew (Vic.) on 4 July. He was 86 years old.

A loving husband, father and grandfather, Barend had many talents and skills. He was a great organiser, clever on the computer and an accomplished musician—using his computer skills in a beautiful ministry, making CDs to hand out and touching many people's lives. He was a keen gardener and loved entertaining, and their home was a place of a warm welcome for their many guests.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lieut-Colonel Barend van den Hoek was conducted at the Inala Chapel on 13 July 2015 by Lieut-Colonel Samuel Pho. Major Elma Corfield played the organ prior to the service and Major Colin Leggett, a close family friend, led the song 'At peace with my God' and a prayer. Barend's two daughters, Bep Ginn and Elly Walker, read from Psalm 121 and Ephesians 6:10–13 respectively, and a salvationist tribute was brought by Major Kevin Grigsbey.

Three of Barend's favourite choruses were sung—'I'm in His Hands', 'He is Mine' and 'Living He Loved Me'—and granddaughter Candice Hargreaves brought a tribute on behalf of the grandchildren. Major Pat Willhelme, chaplain to retired officers, delivered the territorial commander's tribute, and son Barend (son) brought a beautiful tribute on behalf of the family. During the service a DVD made ten years ago by Barend was shown—it was specially created to use at his funeral.

TRIBUTE **Brian John Whitford**

Brian John Whitford was born on 22 July 1942 and grew up in a Baptist Church community in the Goodwood area. He was introduced to the Army when he met Christine Steer, whom he later married. Brian was interested in motor vehicles and was a good tennis and basketball player. He graduated from Adelaide University with several degrees and became a high school teacher of maths and science, and later a deputy principal.

Over the years Brian became more involved in Adelaide Congress Hall corps activities, including running their Red Shield Appeal for a number of years, as well as leading a Bible study group and a walker's group. He was also involved in the Adelaide Congress Hall Financial Board and became the chairman of the Finance Committee. In recent years he was a willing volunteer in the kitchen for the City Salvos 'Do Unto Others' program on Saturday evenings, where a large number of homeless people are fed.

After retiring from teaching, Brian became the CEO of Autism, SA and was active on other medical boards. He became property consultant for the South Australian Division of The Salvation Army in his later years.

Brian John Whitford was promoted to Glory on 16 June after a short illness, aged 72.

Brian was an organised man of wisdom and greatly loved by daughters Michele and Emma, along with son-in-law, Darren Golley, and grandson, Jordan—to whom he was affectionately known as 'Grumps'. His family and friends in the corps often sought his advice and quiet counsel.

A service celebrating Brian's life was held at Adelaide Congress Hall on 22 June with corps officer, Captain Matt Reeve officiating. Grandson Jordan Golley read from the scriptures and tributes were presented by daughter, Emma Golley, and friend, Robert Wiseman.

TRIBUTE **Major Thelma Phyllis Webb**

Thelma Phyllis Wynne was born in Maryborough (Vic.) on 6 February 1930, and the Wynne family moved to Melbourne when she was six. There they attended Moonee Ponds Corps where Thelma accepted Jesus as her saviour and friend as a 10-year-old. After completing her schooling at Flemington Girls High School, she became a machinist for Petal in Camberwell.

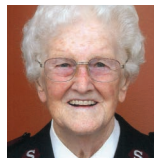
Her spiritual life developed through her teens and, in 1951, she made a lifetime commitment to serve God in full-time ministry. Thelma entered training college as a member of the 'Intercessors' session from Box Hill Corps in March 1952, and was commissioned on 8 January 1953.

Thelma was first appointed back to the Training College as an officer on staff where she met her husband-to-be, Cadet Robert Webb. He became her soul mate in life and in their ministry together. Her next appointments were corps officer, Wodonga and then assistant corps officer at Carlton until they were married in March, 1958. In the ensuing years they were blessed with four children—Geoff, Carolyn, Julie and Russell.

Married appointments included corps officers at Whyalla for just over a year before they sailed for missionary service in the Singapore and Malaysia Territory at Kuching Boys Home, Singapore Children's Home and Balastier Corps—spending over 10 years in that Territory.

Once home again they served as corps officers at Ballarat Central, Northcote, Hobart, Hawthorn and Box Hill. Divisional leadership followed in Northern Victoria with Thelma as the divisional director of women's organisations and divisional home league secretary. They were appointed to the Hollywood Senior Citizens Residence in West Australia, which included a term for Thelma as admissions officer. A move to South Australia Division as leaders of the State Social Services followed before they entered retirement on 1 August, 1991.

Sadly, Bob's health had deteriorated over the previous



eight years and he was promoted to Glory on 26 September of that year.

In retirement, Thelma continued a lifetime of service and became vice president of the Retired Officers' Committee, secretary for the Order of the Silver Star in Eastern Victoria Division, and served as chaplain for the Companion Club at Box Hill Corps. Thelma also served in many less formal ways—including pastoral care—and had a lifelong ministry of intercessory prayer for countless numbers of people.

Major Thelma Phyllis Webb was promoted to Glory from Millward Aged Care Facility (Vic.) on 9 July. She was 85 years old.

Thelma lived a Christlike and sacrificial life throughout her officership and her retirement.

She was a great encourager and a blessing to her family, who were a source of strength and love to her. Her gracious spirit won the hearts of many and her friendships were strong.

A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Major Thelma Webb was held at Box Hill Corps on 20 July, conducted by Commissioner Raymond Finger, a former Box Hill corps officer. James Sanders, her grandson, read the scripture and Commissioner Aylene Finger brought a prayer. Commissioner Floyd Tidd delivered the commissioner's tribute, and a recording of 'Just a Little Talk With Jesus' by Quartissimo—which included son Russell—was accompanied by a powerpoint presentation of highlights in Thelma's life.

Granddaughter Breeana Williamson shared memories on behalf of Thelma's grandchildren, and family memories were shared by Major Geoff Webb and Carolyn Williamson, Thelma's son and daughter. After a band reflection, Captain Lennernmo-Beasy presented a corps tribute. Grandson Jarred Webb read Psalm 23—a favourite passage of Thelma's—and Commissioner Raymond Finger shared a message before a final song of affirmation and the benediction.

TRIBUTE **Norma Jean Trewren**

Norma Jean Pearson, was born on 9 October 1929, the daughter of Salvationist parents—and took part in all the activities of the junior corps. She married Fred Trewren and they brought up three sons, Rodney, Richard and Barry, and one daughter, Susan.

Norma spent her life as an active member of Adelaide Congress Hall. She was a songster, timbrellist and, for a time, primary teacher. In later years—owing to health and transport problems—she, along with Fred, attended worship

at Tea Tree Gully Corps, but remained soldiers of Adelaide Congress Hall.

Norma Jean Trewren was promoted to Glory on 30 April, aged 85.

Norma will be remembered by older members of the corps for her kind and mild Christian character.

Norma's funeral was conducted by Major Wanda McKeand on 7 May at Ivan Butler's Funeral Parlour. Her son, Rod, delivered a family tribute.

Have you recently been bereaved? Please don't forget to submit a tribute and, if possible, a photograph, to *On Fire*, PO Box 479, Blackburn 3130, or email: onfire@aus.salvationarmy.org



General Eva honoured at Boundless

On 2 July, General Eva Burrows (Rtd) was posthumously awarded The Salvation Army's highest award, the Order of the Founder, at the Army's 150th celebration in London.

Current General of The Salvation Army, André Cox, presented the award to Australia Southern Territorial Commander, Commissioner Floyd Tidd, on behalf of General Eva's family.

General Cox said that the life and service of Eva Burrows 'would have recommended itself to our Founder. She inspired countless people around the world.'

General Burrows is the first General to be honoured with the Founder's Award, and is the first person to be given the award posthumously.

In 1917—five years after the death of William Booth—his son, General Bramwell Booth, inaugurated

the Order of the Founder 'to recognise Salvationists who had rendered distinguished service, such as would have specially commended itself to the Founder'.

The rarely-given award was first presented in 1920, and, in the 83 years since, only 210 members of The Salvation Army have been recognised in this way.

A video from General Eva's thanksgiving service showed her declaring that 'I never wanted to live my way, I always wanted to live [God's] way.'

General Burrows was promoted to Glory in March this year.



Right: Commissioner Floyd Tidd accepts General Eva Burrows' posthumous Order of the Founder from General André Cox.

WORD WRAP **Who are we?**

Major Brendan Nottle goes back to the beginning to discover the Army's calling

Women being hauled to the cavernous ceiling by white bed sheets.

A forest descending upon our heads in the form of massed ticker tape.

Fireworks emanating from The Salvation Army flag as it was raised above the pulsating crowd.

These were some of the more surreal memories that remain from Boundless—The Salvation Army's 150th celebration of its very humble beginnings in a disused Quaker burial ground in the East End of London on 2 July 1865.

As I stood in The O₂ Arena, London, my mind was swirling with a variety of thoughts and emotions.

However, the most resounding words were from Amos 5:21–24:

'I can't stand your religious meetings. I'm fed up with your conferences and conventions.

I want nothing to do with your religion projects,

your pretentious slogans and goals.

I'm sick of your fund-raising schemes,

your public relations and image making.

I've had all I can take of your noisy ego-music.

When was the last time you sang to me?

Do you know what I want?

I want justice—oceans of it.

I want fairness—rivers of it.

That's what I want. That's *all* I want.'

(The Message)

With these words from the firebrand prophet Amos pounding in my mind, my wife Sandra and I walked to what is now known as Vallance Gardens—the location where William Booth preached in a tent to a gathering of the lost, the last and the least of English society.

As we stood in that park, with a distant yet amplified voice calling people to prayer during Ramadan, I was deeply challenged again by the words from Isaiah 51:1–2:

'Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn.'

The question of, 'who are we, Salvation

Army?', continued to plague my mind during our visit to London.

This profound question was answered for me by another series of profound questions, asked by an old, disconsolate man. We met at a cafe, having never met before. After some preliminary introductions, he looked me in the eye and asked, 'In your work, your ministry, who do you face?'

He went on. 'Do you face the powerful, do you face other Salvos or do you face the poor? My hope is that you, as a Salvo, will always face the poor, because in so doing, you will always face Christ. Christ always, without fail, resides with the poor.'

As we look to the future of The Salvation Army, may we always ensure that in whatever we are doing, we face the poor. And, if facing power or each other, we must always do so on behalf of the poor—by doing this, we will always find Christ.

Major Brenan Nottle is corps officer at Melbourne Corps—Project 614.



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Territorial president of women's ministries

LEADERSHIP TODAY **The whole world redeeming**

Over two years in the planning, and the much anticipated Boundless congress has burst onto the pages of Salvation Army history. There have been eight international congresses in the Army's 150-year history, but Boundless was by far the most international congress of all.

In the earliest days of planning and preparation a conscious effort was made to ensure that there was Salvationist representation and participation from around the entire Army world. The 'Mind the Gap' initiative allowed Salvationists around the globe to join together and provide sponsorship for delegates from developing territories who might otherwise have been unable to attend. This was the first international congress to have the potential to engage participants around the world live as it happened. The webcasts of the sessions have been picked up in over 150 countries, and the participants in worship, concerts, speaking and preaching represented the wonderful diversity of an international Salvation Army.

As I reflect on my own journey to and through Boundless and now back in Australia I am amazed at what God has done through The Salvation Army over the last 150 years—but even more so at what he is continuing to do. God is on the move and his Army is marching on. Imagine the picture of uniforms of all styles and colours as 15,000 Salvationists from every continent made their way to The O₂ arena on buses, trains and on foot each day. The impact of the sense of the dynamic presence of an Army of Salvation was felt by many across London. Time and again spontaneous moments of conversation and prayer happened on street

corners, in restaurants and in transit—not only between Salvationists meeting and greeting each other, but with everyday Londoners encountering Salvationists.

There was so much to take in over the course of Boundless. In addition to the main sessions, there was a variety of concerts, workshops, the women's rally, a reunion event—and so much more—all offered to ensure the greatest experience for everyone. The ministry of the Waverley Temple Timbrels and the Melbourne Staff Band with guest soloist Sylvie Paladino was appreciated by so many, both for their main session contributions and their additional concert performances.

Personal highlights for me included the main sessions as 15,000 Salvationists raised their voices in worship—a multitude of languages filling the arena with praise. The testimonies of lives transformed were representative of the ongoing miracle of transformation that God continues to bring through The Salvation Army. And, the messages brought by Salvation Army officers from around the world were powerfully used by God.

In his closing message, General André Cox called Salvationists to live the mission for which God had raised up The Salvation Army. There was a clear reminder that God had blessed the Army—and continues to do so—that we might be used for his glory. A whole world redeeming!

Boundless is the love of God. Boundless is his Salvation. Boundless we must continue to share the message of hope, freedom and life that is found in Christ.



Major Dr Geoff Webb
is the Western Victoria divisional commander and vice-chair of the Army's International Theological Council

MARK MY WORDS **The hyperbolic 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 10:17–31 ~

In this strange exchange, the man asks what he must *do* to inherit eternal life. Jesus asks the man what he has *done*, and the man claims to have observed the rules of conduct in the Hebrew Bible. For the first time in Mark, Jesus is described as showing affection: he looks at the man and loves him. Now Jesus sets before him the one thing the man has *not* done: he is to give the proceeds of his goods to the poor and follow Jesus. The demand is too high, and the man leaves sorrowfully.

Jesus then teaches about the problem of cherishing possessions—their owners are bound by them. Though riches may provide opportunities that the poor lack, they also make it hard to be a disciple of Jesus.

Jesus uses hyperbole—obvious exaggeration for effect—to show how hard it is for anyone following the 'rules' to enter God's realm. Some have sought to explain the saying by suggesting that the 'eye of a needle' referred to a narrow gate in Jerusalem. Camels needed to be

unpacked of their goods to go through it. But this is hyperbole, as Jesus makes clear that eternal life is reserved for the poor, and for those of the rich who give to the poor as Jesus commands.

Jesus reminds the disciples it is not possible to earn your way to salvation. Only God can save. Peter claims they have left everything to follow. Jesus' response is again hyperbolic: it is hard to imagine a person gaining one hundred sisters, brothers and children—far less one hundred mothers (notably, a disciple doesn't receive one hundred wives!).

Then follows the strange phrase: 'along with persecutions'. Discipleship may bring rewards, but 'persecutions' are an inevitable part of the experience, too. Still today, in some places, Christians experience persecution. Even in the affluent West there is still a cost in being Jesus' disciple—we must be prepared to relinquish in the way the man would not.

OTHERS



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WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

The Salvation Army fights spiritual and material poverty.

Poverty—which affects mind, body and spirit—has many underlying causes and potential consequences. Perhaps the most pressing of these is homelessness, and a nation-wide lack of social housing.

Added to the problem is the abuse of power through family and domestic violence (FDV), which can start in utero, proceed through the earliest days of a person's childhood and sever someone's links to friendship and safety.

Then there is the need, often after a lifetime of hard work and many obstacles, for people to seek care as they age; The Salvation Army provides compassion and service to individuals who literally cannot care for themselves.

Unemployment, underemployment and a lack of opportunity, support or capacity to participate in education and training; these factors contribute to the struggle many people face to live their lives.

And day after day spent without adequate food, without clothing, without a roof overhead, without the resources they need to participate in society, means that adults and children can slip into cyclical patterns of behaviour and intergenerational poverty.

A century and a half of experience has taught The Salvation Army that the mental health issues, the psychological concerns and damage, and the spiritual malaise that can impact on people's lives are difficult if not impossible to alleviate until the more pressing material needs of people experiencing poverty are addressed.

That's why The Salvation Army finds beds for those who do not have a place to sleep.

It is why the Salvos distribute food and essential resources through ER (emergency relief) programs, and FC (financial counselling) and financial advocacy on behalf of Salvation Army clients to companies, to help keep the electricity and gas switched on.

After those initial crisis needs are

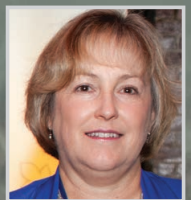
met, Salvation Army staff work with people to try to help engender changes in circumstances, approach, opportunities and the choices that can last a lifetime.

The desire to see long-term transformation in people's lives motivates Salvation Army personnel to engage in research and advocacy to politicians and public servants (see page four).

This is expressed in the articulating of the needs of those who are often rendered voiceless; men, women and children who are largely forgotten in the face of a rapidly changing society and under-resourced community sector.

The Salvation Army joins with its fellow churches, charities and NGOs in seeking to support our fellow Australians. It is a vital endeavour, and you are invited to participate in the work.

Elli McGavin
Territorial social policy and programme development manager



IN AS MUCH...

COUNTING THOSE HELPED, AND THOSE TURNED AWAY

From 1 July 2014–17 June 2015, The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory helped:

- 102,541 distinct clients, through 568,185 episodes of care
- 216,492 'supported case persons', through 804,190 episodes of care
- 237,637 'distinct persons', through 804,190 episodes of care.

In the same period, the territory had:

- 43,803 'total turnaways*', with 25,773 unmet needs**
- 11,469 'known distinct clients', with 69,576 'total unmet need instances'.

*Turnaways are unassisted persons, adults and children, 'whether or not the person is known to SAMIS'.

**Unmet needs are instances 'within a case where a particular service was requested but deemed undeliverable'. Unmet needs can be considered 'partial unmet demand because of the possibility of some concurrently delivered services successfully delivered'.

Figures from Salvation Army Mission Information System (SAMIS), reflecting all data types received from all territorial service streams.

rejecting violence is a

A new territorial Family and Domestic Violence (FDV) reference group started in March this year, with 14 members bringing together practitioner wisdom and experience from across the Australia Southern Territory's 10 FDV programs.

The Salvation Army recognises that one in five women in Australia are affected by family and domestic violence at some point in their life, and is alarmed at the increased incidence of FDV violence across the Australia Southern Territory. It is focused on the best means to develop the capacity of its FDV services to respond to demand in this economically and politically constrained climate.

The Salvation Army is dedicated to supporting adults and children who are experiencing and have experienced family and domestic violence. It demonstrates an ongoing commitment to inform policy direction, standards, consistency of practice and therapeutic practice models. This is to ensure quality program and service delivery responses.

Among its main reasons for being brought into being, the FDV reference group exists to advocate on behalf of the Army's clients and to provide information to the Army, to governments and the community as a whole.

Its main objectives include: disseminating information about FDV issues and raising awareness; mapping service provision and reviewing practice models; and promoting capacity building and skill development opportunities.

By forming the group, The Salvation Army may benefit in the foreseeable future through developing media content, and developing initiatives such as an FDV forum, fostering communities of practice for FDV staff, and providing learning opportunities for staff members.

WHAT CAN BE DONE, AND WHEN?

The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory (AST) runs 10 Family and Domestic Violence (FDV) services and programs throughout the territory, with the types of models ranging from independent living to refuges that offer a safe place.

In 2014 The Salvation Army spent more than \$6 million nationally to help more than 2,000 women who survived FDV, and additional support was given to more than 8,700 women and children who were affected.

Men, women and children are impacted by FDV, and there are no simple answers or quick fixes.

'It may be impossible to eradicate FDV completely,' notes Melbourne Central divisional social programme secretary Major Jenny Begent, 'as recidivism is prevalent, and abuse may be

part of human nature.

'That said,' Major Begent adds, 'Research in Seattle* suggests that coordinated domestic violence intervention may "have a statistically significant but small impact on reducing domestic violence".'

'We have to get real about criminalising FDV behaviour; it has to be non-negotiable, because women and children are dying.

'We get real by investing in families—and working with small children; that is money well spent.'

In partnership with some dedicated researchers and academic institutions, the Tasmania Division has pioneered work on the impact of FDV on children, and come up with ways to successfully address that impact.

A central message delivered by The Salvation Army across the country, and the world, through the Safe from the Start resource and training, is that 'your child does not have to be hit to be hurt—children have the right to live free of violence—seeing, hearing and feeling violence changes the way your child's brain grows.'

Safe from the Start is an evidence-based Australian project developed by The Salvation Army, in partnership with the University of Tasmania and Swinburne University Victoria.

Researchers Dr Erica Bell and Dr Angela Spinney conducted the initial research into the effects of domestic and family violence on children, which demonstrated that young

children being exposed to violence can suffer severe effects on brain development and increase the risk of adopting violent behaviour, addiction to alcohol and drugs and mental health issues later in life.

The resulting training module and resources has won numerous awards such as the top National Crime & Violence Prevention award (2011), the NAPCAN award (2013) and the HESTA award (2015), and has spread globally.

Safe from the Start is proof that there are positive ways to engage with children, women and men.

The Salvation Army does not simply want to pick up the pieces following FDV instances; there is research currently being undertaken to establish the best time to intervene and offer services when people are facing FDV.

Every day across Australia there are numerous counsellors and staff working to help try to prevent the next generation of abuse; the next cycle of improper use of power to control and coerce others in intimate relationships.

Discussing the abuse of power and the consequences of that abuse is paramount if Australians are to raise awareness for

'We have to get real about criminalising FDV behaviour; it has to be non-negotiable, because women and children are dying.'

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themselves, their neighbours and their children. It's never too early or too late to take FDV seriously, and education is crucial to arresting abuse.

The Tasmania Division's development and research manager Nell Kuilenburg points out that 'the majority of FDV survivors that Salvation Army staff work with are women and children, but FDV occurs in all family scenarios and relationship dynamics. There is a misconception that FDV only happens in lower socio-economic situations, or in rural locations, but it is manifest across the board, in all kinds of locations and situations.

'In a preponderance of situations,' she adds, 'the abuse of alcohol and other drugs plays a large part in FDV.'

If you are going through FDV abuse, or if you are concerned that a friend or neighbour is going through a FDV experience, The Salvation Army encourages you to seek assistance, either on your part or theirs. If you are facing physical danger, please call 000. If you wish to speak to someone about your situation, please phone LifeLine on 13 11 14 (www.lifeline.org.au) or the National Sexual Assault, Family & Domestic Violence Counselling Line on 1800 RESPECT, 1800 737 732 (www.dvrcv.org.au/1800-respect).

*FDV perpetrators were followed over two years, 'some being court-mandated into domestic violence (DV) group treatment and chemical dependency treatment, some incarcerated in lieu of treatment' ([\psycnet.apa.org/journals/fam/13/1/46/](http://psycnet.apa.org/journals/fam/13/1/46/)).



putting our hand up

As well as contributing regularly to senate inquiries—and at times joining in research projects from Australian universities—Salvation Army staff and officers from both Australian territories periodically join with the Army's Canberra-based national secretary to meet with politicians, political staffers and public servants to advocate on behalf of Salvation Army clients.

It is part of The Salvation Army's broader advocacy for Australians as a member of ACOSS* and the NCCA** and it is essential to the Army's pursuit of social justice and holistic health for all people.

Respectful, informed advocacy is not without its challenges, as The Salvation Army manages the creative tension between being a service provider and an advocate—an entity that undertakes work on behalf of the federal government (and thus Australians) and petitions the same government to consider, assess and possibly change the policies it implements.

One of the most effective means of advocating for people doing it tough is to accurately present their experience to Canberra's decision-makers, and that has been facilitated for four consecutive years by the Army's national Economic and Social Impact Survey (ESIS) which delivers a snapshot of Salvation Army clients, their quantitative needs and their qualitative experiences.

'I can't continue to live like this' is the title of the 2015 ESIS, which collected data from more than 2,400 clients across more than 260 Salvation Army centres across the country. The resultant data paints a bleak picture of entrenched and persistent poverty and disadvantage. The report shows that, on average, respondents paid \$180 per week on accommodation expenses and then had just \$125 to live on—that's only \$17.86 per day.

Newstart allowance respondents had the least amount of money to live on after expenses were paid (approximately \$27–\$50 less per week), leaving \$9.57 per day to pay for utilities, food, transport, health, medicine, education, clothing and basic entertainment.

Not surprisingly considering legislative changes, 56% of respondents felt financially worse off than this time last year and 29% felt negative about their future financial prospects. Of those surveyed, 91% said they had less than \$500 in savings in case of an emergency and 75% of respondents indicated they have had to cut down on basic necessities.

The survey also reveals:

- 78% of respondents in private rental experienced extreme housing stress (59% of income was spent on accommodation expenses)
- 51% of those were looking for work for at least 12 months
- 25% went without at least one substantial meal a day
- Children went without out-of-school activities (65%) and a home internet connection (62%)

The clients are representative of many thousands of Australians helped by The Salvation Army each year.

*The Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS).

**The National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA).



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Jashryd is a creative young boy from the Philippines. Born with health problems—including the asthma he suffered from as an infant—he is growing stronger each day and loves playing the drums and singing. His family recently joined The Salvation Army and now he enjoys Sunday school each week. His father works hard but the repair business he runs has no permanent clients and the family are often without food.

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Mark is eight years old, a healthy boy who lived in a happy home by the sea—until a typhoon swept in, destroying everything the family owned, changing his life forever. His family attend the local Salvation Army Corps, and his parents pray for a better life for their children.

[BOOK] THROUGH THE YEAR WITH WILLIAM BOOTH ★★★★★

STEPHEN J POXEN (EDITOR) ★★★★★
In this 150th year of The Salvation Army it seems timely that someone should produce a daily devotional book comprising extracts of William Booth's writing. Stephen Poxon, the community mission administrator for The Salvation Army in Luton, who has edited this collection, has done just this.

As Poxon notes in his introduction William Booth's writings provide a 'glimpse [into] the mind of a genius who viewed everything in the context of eternity' and, as you read this book, this is exactly the impression you are left with. Here in this collected work the reader is given the opportunity to see the breadth of Booth's writing ability and his willingness to tackle almost any subject from the raising of children to the evils of harlotry.

Within these pages you hear the voice of Booth the social reformer calling for change in the systems that support social ills as reflected in extracts from *In Darkest England and the Way Out*. Present also is the voice of Booth the General, urging his soldiers and officers onto greater purity of heart, personal salvation and involvement in social change. And in contrast you have the whimsy of Booth's writing in *Sergeant Major Do Your Best*.

In *Through the Year* Poxon has, in his own words, 'dusted off inspirational teaching that should never have been allowed to become dusty in the first place' and given a new and expanded audience the chance to be inspired by the words of the Founder.

Tracey English

Available at Koorong; \$22.99 paperback, ebook \$19.81

[BOOK] LIKE A MIGHTY ARMY? ★★★★★½

DAVID W TAYLOR ★★★★★½
The Salvation Army is known for its practical, evangelical missional engagement to the last, the lost and least. When this relatively young denomination stands against historical and theological enquiry, our nature, our identity is challenged. How do the essential marks such as militant hierarchy, abstinence, non-sacramental aspect and ordination stand as the Army lives in the reality of God's world-wide Church?

Karl Barth, a highly renowned, pipe-smoking and respected theologian, challenges all churches unity.

Taylor, who is a Salvationist, sees The Salvation Army as a tangled cord of mission, army and church. He seeks to untangle these strands to deepen the reader's understanding of the nature, form and mission of a church. He questions and discusses the obstacles to reconciliation, the inherent dangers of the 'Yes Sir! No Sir!' mode of operation and impact of the beautiful regulative life of personal holiness for Salvation Army soldiers.

There is hope. Amongst Barth's dialogue with The Salvation Army, there is a call for a more profound communion with God, a sacramental life, a sense of immediacy in our search for God's heart and a joyful liberated willingness to serve and witness in word and in deed.

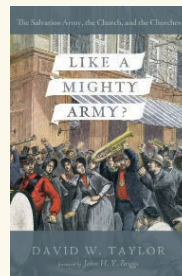
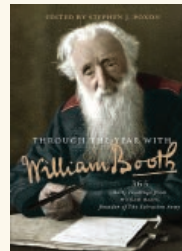
Taylor says the Army needs to evaluate its militant visible form, so that they may indeed remain an expression of the one, holy, apostolic and catholic Church.

Kat Dent

Available online at BookDepository.com \$47.49 (free shipping)

[BOOK] FURIOUS LOVE HEIDI BAKER ★★★★★

We can read about the love of God in the Scriptures. We can hear preachers speak passionately on that love. Though sometimes we've heard it so often, that our spirits have been inoculated from understanding the depth of the love of God. *Furious Love* will shake up any calloused Christian who has forgotten the incredible experience of God's love. It will light a fire in the belly of those who already hunger and thirst for righteousness.



Far from simply hearing about God's love, we are taken on a journey to witness God's love.

Have you wondered what the love of God looks like in a community where witchcraft is more prominent than coffee shops? What does the love of God look like in a district known for its sexual promiscuity? Have you ever heard a testimony of a Satanist committing her life to Christ?

Furious Love puts God's love to the test; that is,

followers of Jesus go into weird and wonderful places, knowing God is already at work, and they take a movie camera. See, it's one thing to hear about God's love, but it's another to witness that love in action and to be visibly inspired to further our own relationship with the Lord.

Peter Brookshaw

Available at Koorong \$19.99



BENTLEIGH, VIC.

CAPTAINS AINSLEY AND PETER MCMASTER // Margaret Lee, Kim Stephens and Michael Crichton were enrolled as adherents on 24 May.

All three came into the corps via community connections and have been attending services as well as participating in other local corps and community ministries.

Above (L–R): **Captain Ainsley McMaster**, recruiting sergeant **Don Ellis**, **Margaret Lee**, **Michael Crichton**, **Kim Stephens**, **Captain Peter McMaster**



ALICE SPRINGS, NT

CAPTAIN MICHAEL JOHNSON

// On Friday, 12 June, the group Mums & Bubs celebrated Thomisha's 3rd birthday. It was a great time for Thomisha (left) and her playmates.

Mums & Bubs is held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

ARNDALE, SA

MAJORS JENNI AND LINDSAY FROST // Arndale has launched a Just Brass program, with 20 students from Seaton Park Primary and Brompton Primary Schools attending the first session (right).

Each student received a new brass instrument, which they took home to continue their music practice.



EAGLEHAWK, VIC.

LIEUTENANTS CHRISTOPHER AND MELISSA MARSH // Every Wednesday afternoon, primary-aged children attend the Kidzone Program—an afternoon of games, eating, stories and craft.

This term, the focus has been on some of the superheroes found in the Bible, such as Noah and Joseph.

The kids interacted with pets during the 'Noah' week, sewing lessons were given after learning about Joseph's coat, and a mini slumber party was held to help learn about Pharaoh's dreams.

The breakfast program continues to run each weekday at Eaglehawk Primary School. Volunteers from the corps, the local Baptist church and the Uniting Church minister, help out each week.

The number of children attending has steadily increased to more than 80.

TASMANIA DIVISION DOORWAYS

DAVID PRIDDLE // On 25 June, more than 30 people attended the official opening of the new Doorways to Parenting centre at Burnie.

Divisional commander Major Ritchie Watson and Mayor of Burnie Alderman Anita Dow commended the work of The Salvation Army in assisting people in need, especially those having difficulty with parenting.

Alderman Dow cut the ribbon to open the building and Captain

Belinda Smith of Burnie Corps offered the prayer of dedication.

The premises—formerly a loading bay and warehouse—is the latest major renovation at the Burnie site. Designed by architect Peter Gaggin and built by Stubbs Constructions, the facility is purpose-built for the Doorways to Parenting program, while flexible for use by other programs.



KANIVA, VIC.

LIEUTENANTS CHRIS AND TRACY SUTTON // After many years of planning, and considering a number of options, building renovations are now in progress at Kaniva.

Builder Hayden Kuchel and team have removed the roof tiles and replaced them with colourbond roofing, removed bricks from the east wall to prepare for the new foyer/toilets, demolished the old Sunday School building, removed plaster and taken out the kitchen.

Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd will open the newly-renovated building on Sunday, 13 December.

Above: Kaniva hall before (left) and during construction



KINGS MEADOWS, TAS.

LIEUTENANTS GLENN AND KERRY SMITH // On Sunday, 28 June, Kings Meadows Corps celebrated Junior Soldier Renewal Day by enrolling three new junior soldiers—Lydia, Noah and Harry—and witnessing junior soldiers—Alex, Harrison, Rebecca, Johnathon, Tiara and Zara—renew their promises (above).

Lieutenant Glenn used clips from *Toy Story* to illustrate teaching from Romans 1:12. The junior soldiers participated in the meeting by leading songs, introducing people, reading scriptures and assisting with the interactive message.

MOOROOLBARK, VIC.

MAJORS CHRISTINE AND STEPHEN BLACK // On 24 May, Josh Hardstaff was enrolled as an adherent, and Seb Gray, Maureen Ralph and Michael Portelli were enrolled as senior soldiers.

Seb, Maureen and Michael are all new to The Salvation Army, and their testimonies gave insights into their journeys of faith.

Below: **Lorraine Hardstaff** (grandmother), **Josh Hardstaff**, **Alan Quantrell** (big bud).



MARION, SA

CAPTAINS CHERIE AND CHRISTOPHER CLARKE // On 21 June, Emma Clarke was enrolled as a junior soldier supported by her big bud Dawn Hein.

Trudy Sampson, Miah Deugarde, Sarah Smith-Ellis, Noah Clarke and Josh Sampson renewed their junior soldier promises, along with their big buds.

Left: Marion (L-R) **Trudy Sampson**, **Miah Deugarde**, **Sarah Smith-Ellis**, **Noah Clarke**, **Emma Clarke** and **Josh Sampson**; **Dawn Hein** at rear.



Hobart's new junior soldiers with their big buds, L-R: **Amy Applebee** (big bud: **Marj Rava**), **Bianca Natoli** (big bud: **Natalie Roddam**), **Jewel Hurst** (big bud: **Envoy Thelma Purdue**), **Chris Lenga** (big bud: **Dan Bahr**)

HOBART, TAS.

LIEUTENANTS PAUL AND ROBYN LORIMER // Amy Applebee, Bianca Natoli, Jewel Hurst and Chris Lenga were enrolled as junior soldiers on 21 June.

Hobart Salvos Recovery Church congregation celebrated its third birthday on 28 May. As part of the celebrations, congregational leaders Leigh and Margie Brown-Thomas suited up in the armour of God (right).



MILLICENT, SA

New people from the Millicent community (above) have begun attending Sunday meetings, led by Dulcie Wilson.

A craft group started earlier in the year, with proceeds from sales of the articles going to the Self Denial Appeal. The Gospel Singalong—started two years ago—continues to do well with new people attending.

Several people are doing preparation sessions for becoming adherents.



TASMANIA DIVISION YOUTH AND CHILDREN

CAPTAINS JOHNMARK AND NICOLE SNEAD // Nearly 30 children and eight leaders attended the annual Kids Camp over the June long weekend at Camp Clayton, Ulverstone (above).

The weekend was based on 'U', who wanted to become a 'glorie'—someone who follows Jesus and lives like him.

Teams had creative names such as Glorious Spuds, Dream Team, Purple Pandas and The Salvo Tsunami. Teams were given points for manners, encouragement, team work, participation and inclusion of others.

During the weekend, children had the opportunity to make different decisions.

Three children made salvation decisions, four decided they wanted to become junior soldiers, five were determined to make good choices and find a mentor to help them, four wanted to help others through service, six decided to learn ways to read their Bible, and another six children wanted to learn how to pray.

MARYBOROUGH, VIC.

CAPTAINS ANDREW AND KELLY WALKER // On Sunday, 31 May, Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to Cliff and Margaret Jacobs who, between them, have served God through The Salvation Army for more than 170 years.

Both Cliff and Margaret went to The Salvation Army Training College as single cadets, Cliff in 1943 and Margaret the following year, as the college would not, at that time, accept an engaged couple in the same year.

After college, they served as single officers until their marriage at Warrnambool in December 1946, then were appointed as married officers to Jamestown (SA) in 1947.

Due to Margaret's ill-health, both left officership at the end of 1948, but returned to active soldiership with various commissions in Warrnambool Corps.

Upon retirement in 1985, Cliff and Margaret moved to Maryborough (Vic.) where, both now 94, still serve with son Graeme and daughter-in-law Aileen.



WAVERLEY TEMPLE, VIC.

MAJORS BRADLEY AND KATRINA POTTER // The Australian New Goldberg Orchestra (ANGO) performed to a packed house at Waverley on 20 June, in an evening of 'East Meets West' and raising money for The Salvation Army.

Conducted by Thaddeus Huang, ANGO performed seven pieces with a 15-minute interval, woven into a medley by composer Julian Yu.

Consisting largely of students from the Xin Jin Shan School, run by Lin Liya and Sun Haoliang, ANGO featured Chris Lin on grand piano and soprano Emily Wang.

Following 'The Xin Jin Shan Symphonic Poem', which depicted the hardships faced by pioneering Chinese migrants to Australia, the evening ended with 'Waltzing Matilda'.

At the end of the concert, a cheque for \$20,000 was accepted by Major Paul Hateley and Major Jenny Fan on behalf of The Salvation Army.

Above: Waverley soloist **Emily Wang**



SPRINGVALE, VIC.

CAPTAIN MARY LIU // On June 2, Shiyang Cao accepted Jesus as her saviour. Shiyang has been attending the corps for three months and has been touched by the love of the people there. She was enrolled as an adherent on 7 June.

Ping Wang, a new immigrant from China, was enrolled as an adherent on 21 June. A Christian for many years, Ping accepted the invitation to commit to Springvale Corps, and she and her daughter regularly attend the Sunday meeting.

Above, left, L-R: **Joseph Liu, Ping Wang, Mary Liu**

Above, right, L-R: **Mary Liu, Shiyang Cao, Joseph Liu**

VICTOR HARBOR, SA

CAPTAIN AMANDA HART // On Sunday, 14 June, Samantha Bartlett and Jackie Wyngooost were accepted as adherents.

Samantha, and her daughter, Maddie, began attending the corps early in 2014 when they moved to Victor Harbor with her parents, Majors David and Fiona Bartlett. Jackie was invited to attend the Sunday meetings by her neighbour, Glad, later in 2014.

Jackie and Samantha have both spoken of their deep desire to be part of God's family, of their long journey to get where they are today—and see adherent membership as another step in this journey.

Above: Victor Harbor adherents (L-R) **Amanda Hart, Samantha Bartlett, Maddie Bartlett**



WYNDHAM, VIC.

CAPTAIN LANCE JEFFREY // On Sunday, 14 June, Brett and Susan Stobie (above) were sworn-in as soldiers of Wyndham City Corps.

The ceremony was conducted by Brett's sons, Captain Aaron and Lieutenant Ronald Stobie.

God has been working in the lives of Brett and Susan, who both made public statements of faith.

MOONAH, TAS.

LIEUTENANT AMY JONES // For this year's Red Shield Appeal, the Honourable Elise Archer, Federal MP, joined as the city chair.

On 23 May, a Red 'Fundraiser'

Game, between Glenorchy and Devonport football clubs, was a great success.

Right: **Lieutenant Amy Jones** and the **Honourable Elise Archer**



ABOUT PEOPLE

Accepted Michael Brinkley of Adelaide Congress Hall, South Australia Division, and Caleigh-Anne and Graham Kennedy of Hamilton Corps, Western Victoria Division, have been accepted as Auxiliary-Lieutenants. Gavin and Jodie Jones of Gawler / Tea Tree Gully Corps, South Australia Division, have been accepted for training for officership in the 'Messengers of the Gospel' session (2016).

Appointments *Effective 20 July:* Major Jenny Craib, assistant officer (pro tem), divisional headquarters, SAD. *Effective 28 July:* Commissioner Roslyn Poke, assistant secretary for personnel (pro tem), office of the secretary for personnel, THQ. *Effective 1 August:* Major Judy Lumb, chaplain—territorial headquarters, office of the secretary for personnel, THQ; Major Stephen Miller, chaplain, Employment Plus—Strahan, TAS; Auxiliary-Lieutenant Michael Brinkley, representative, Red Shield Defence Services, SAD; Auxiliary-Lieutenant Graham Kennedy, corps officer, Hamilton Corps, chaplain, Ararat Prison (additional appointment), WVD; Auxiliary-Lieutenant Caleigh-Anne Kennedy, rural outreach chaplain, WVD. *Effective 14 September:* Major Ron Cochrane, divisional project office (pro tem), Doorways, EVD. *Effective 1 September:* Major Heather Ellis, executive support officer, executive office, THQ. *Effective 14 September:* Major Ron Cochrane, divisional project office (pro tem), Doorways, EVD.

Bereaved Lieutenant Di Size (TAS) of her mother, on 19 June. Major Kirsty McKenzie (WVD) of her mother, Maisie McKenzie OAM, on 5 July. Major Geoff Webb (WVD) of his mother, Major Thelma Webb, on 9 July. Cadet Ben Hollis (CBC SFOT) of his grandmother, Ivy Hollis, on 18 July. Lieut-Colonel Warren Golding and Major Brian Golding of their brother, and Major Lyn Lindstrom and Major Julie Grant (EVD) of their uncle, Colin.

Birth Lieutenants Rachel and Sean Attard (NVD), a son, Lewis Gordon, on 5 July.

Promoted to Glory Lieut-Colonel Barend van den Hoek from Caris Christi (Vic.) on 4 July, aged 86. Major Thelma Webb from Millward Aged Care (Vic.) on 9 July, aged 85. Major Wilma Pilley from Box Hill Hospital (Vic.) on 20 July, aged 90.

ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

Melbourne Staff Band
29–30 August
Corps Visit, Leongatha,
Eastern Victoria Division

Melbourne Songsters
16 August
Corps Visit, Traralgon,
Eastern Victoria Division

17 August
James Barker Oration,
Melbourne

‘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

Stepstoeffective soul-winning

‘What must I do to be saved? (Acts 16:30)

I propose to show the instructions that should be given to sinners, with a view to their speedy and effective conversion.

What are *not* proper directions for anxious sinners?

When a sinner asks in earnest, ‘What must I do to be saved?’ it is vitally important that he should receive the right reply.

■ No direction should be given that will leave him in his sins. No answer is proper with which, if he complies, he would not go to heaven the next minute if he were to die.

■ No direction should be given that does not imply a change of heart, a right heart, a hearty obedience to Christ, or actually becoming a Christian. Anything that falls short of this is of no use. It will not bring him any nearer to the Kingdom, but will lead him to defer the very thing he must do to be saved.

Sinner, whatever you do, so long as you remain in rebellion, is sin. Whether you read your Bible or not, go to meetings or not, pray or not, it is nothing but rebellion every moment. If an armed rebel refuses to surrender, but reads the statute book, would that be considered a reason for pardoning him? So you, sinner, are only insulting God so long as you remain impenitent and unsaved.

PROPER ANSWER

What is a proper answer to the inquiry, ‘What must I do to be saved?’

Anything that includes a right heart, if understood and done, will result in his salvation. The object of the Spirit of God in striving with sinners is to dislodge them from their hiding places, and compel them to submit to God then and there. But the errors, conditions, and characters of sinners differ, and you need in each case to find out what is their particular error, and what the Spirit is pressing them to do.

The following are the most common directions to give:

■ Repent. This is generally a suitable direction. But sometimes the Spirit may be bearing down on some other point. In the times of the apostles the great question was the acceptance of Jesus as the Son of God and Messiah. Thus we find them constantly saying, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus.’ At other times it may be found that the sinner has some other controversy,

such as family prayer. He must submit before he can be saved.

■ But even when the right instruction is to repent, it is often necessary to tell the sinner both what you do and do not mean by this word. Sinners are often befogged. They may think remorse is repentance. If so, then hell is full of repentance, for it is certainly full of remorse, unutterable and eternal. Others imagine that regret at having sinned is repentance, or the remonstrances of conscience, conviction of sin, or strong fears of hell. Sinners must be shown that the devil himself may have all of these, and yet remain a devil.

REPENTANCE

Repentance is a change of mind, views and feelings in regard to sin itself. When we hear that a man has changed his mind, we know that this means a change of views, feelings and conduct. This is repentance. It always implies:

- Abhorrence of sin. Feeling towards sin just as God feels, and
- Forsaking sin.

The sinner who really repents does not feel towards his sins as impenitent sinners imagine they would feel. They think they would be obliged to stay away from cinemas, parties, amusements, and other things that they now delight in; whereas, when they truly repent their mind is changed, and they abhor the things they once delighted in, and love the things they once disliked. It is true there are some professors who would like to go back to these things, and who are only deterred from doing so by the fear of what others may say. But if they feel so it is because they have no religion. They do not hate sin. If they were really converted they would loathe these things. Instead of lusting for the flesh-pots of Egypt, they would find their highest pleasure in pleasing God.

BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Here again it is necessary to explain to them what faith is. They will often say that they do believe it, whereas the careless sinner does not believe the gospel at all. It is a mistake to say that he is even an intellectual believer. The devil is, and that is why he trembles. What makes a sinner anxious is that he begins to be an intellectual believer, and this makes him feel. The man that does not feel at all on the subject of religion is an infidel, be

his professions what they may. He feels nothing, does nothing, believes nothing.

Faith does not consist in an intellectual conviction that Christ died for you in particular, nor in a belief that you are a Christian, or that you ever will be, or that your sins are forgiven. But faith is that trust or confidence in the Bible that leads the individual to act as if it were true. This was the faith of Noah, Abraham, Moses. They believed and acted accordingly.

GIVE YOUR HEART TO GOD

Here again it is necessary to make the sinner understand what this means. I have asked more than a thousand sinners this question, and they would always say that they were willing and even anxious to do it. But when I asked them what they understood this to be, they have seldom given me a correct answer.

- Ask a woman what it is to give her heart to her husband, and she will at once reply, 'It is to place my affections on him, and to try to please him in everything.' Very well, strive to please God in everything, place your affections on him, love him supremely.
- Submit to God. Sinners will often say that they are willing to submit, when really they do not understand what it means. True submission is yielding obedience to God. A rebel submits when he lays down his arms, and obeys the law. So the sinner submits when he consents in his heart to be and to do whatever God shall require.

REPARATION

Confess and forsake your sins. A sinner must both confess and forsake. If he has wronged men, he must confess and make reparation to man. If he has robbed God of time, talents, and money, he must confess and make reparation to God. If he continues to regard his money as his own, to spend as he likes on himself and on his family, and refuses to recognise his stewardship to God, he is like a clerk robbing his master's till. Has that man forsaken sin? Is that man going to heaven? I tell you 'No.' If he has not surrendered himself and all he has to God, he has not taken the first step on the way to heaven.

■ 'Choose ye this day whom ye will serve.' This was the common direction to sinners in the Old Testament times. It was easier for them to understand than a call to believe on the distant Messiah. It is just as good now as it was then. Sinners are called to choose. What? Whether they will serve God or the world; whether they will follow holiness or sin.

Any of these directions, if complied with, will lead to true conversion. It is a mistake to suppose that faith or submission or repentance must come first.

TO BE CONTINUED...

To read the original lecture in full visit • www.charlesgfinney.com/1868Lect_on_Rev_of_Rel/68revlec03.htm

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Happy birthday Salvation Army!

You're 150 years old (though you don't look a day over 149) and it's been party time!

There was a big family get-together in London, Boundless 2015, with plenty of loud music and lights (there may or may not have been cake). Among the celebrations, many considered what it might mean for this movement to be a century-and-a-half old. We reflected on the life-work of William and Catherine Booth, the great songs that fed the vision of those first soldiers and the great things accomplished in the name of Jesus across the world.

Our mission hasn't changed, but it certainly looks different with time and that raises questions for us. We know what the past looks like, but how will the future look? How will our work look moving into the 21st century? How can we throw off obstacles of nostalgia while holding our meaningful heritage close? How do we reach out to the lost in relevant ways? How do we serve the least with innovative methods? How do we reform unjust structures in society today? How do we grow our love for God and our neighbours?

Many of us might ask these questions, but only the young people of The Salvation Army will come to know the answers. Young people might be a minority in our territory today, but they're 100% of the future. We might be 150 years old now, but we need to think younger than ever before. Now the party's over and the clean up has begun, it's time to consider what's next.

Over to you, youth of The Salvation Army.

The Department of Youth



THREE WAYS TO
SALT YOUR TALK
AND KEEP HEATED
CONVERSATIONS
GRACEFUL

Salted

'Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt.'—Colossians 4:6 (NLT)

Salt! Just imagine, fries, roast potatoes or hash browns (any form of processed potato, really) without salt in the mix. People have used salt for cooking and religious celebrations for thousands of years (Leviticus 2:13) and it has come to represent purity and flavour. When Jesus taught that we are 'the salt of the earth' (Matthew 5:13), he was describing how we can offer the same purity and flavour to the world. Scripture urges us to season our conversation with salt, so here are three ways to keep spiky discussion full of grace.

No|labels,|names|or|categories

If disagreement pops up in conversation, make sure you avoid labels, names or categories. It can be tempting to try and minimise someone's position and point of view by describing it a particular way, but it can often make matters worse. Don't make it personal—avoid labels, names or categories.

Dispose of your buts

We often enter a prickly conversation thus: 'Well, I do think that (insert agreeable statement here), buuuut...'

See how that works? The 'but' renders the initial statement meaningless. Next time you're having a spiky conversation, consider stating your position positively and dispose of your buts.

Keep Jesus in the loop

Imagine that Jesus is present in any conversation you have...because he is! Jesus is with us, and within us, so when we're having a conflict, remember that God is listening in. Have godly conversation and keep Jesus in the loop.



Want to know more?

Check out corps cadets minimag 4D for small group resources on holiness and being the 'salt of the earth'.



National basketball carnival hits Sydney



Almost 400 youth from around the country headed to Sydney in early July to battle for supremacy at the national Basketball Carnival.

The carnival began with a church service on Sunday, 5 July. Tom Coenrad, from the Illawarra Hawks talked about God's place in his life and his faith journey.

'Tom spoke about how he strives to use his influence through his sport and in life to show Christ to all,' says carnival organiser Major Trevor Nicol. 'He challenged everyone to always be prepared and to work hard in all areas of life so that we can take any opportunity God throws our way with both hands.'

The competition began the next day, with 41 teams over eight divisions playing throughout the week. The event saw teams from every state competing, along with several teams from Papua New Guinea.

'There was a lot of good competition in all the grades this year,' says Trevor. 'There were lots of close games for the finals.'

The Men's A Grade final, between Sydney and WA, saw the lead pass between both teams before Sydney came back in the final quarter for a six-point win.

In between games, members from different teams shared their testimonies with each other.

'There was a really great atmosphere,' says Trevor. 'There was good fellowship among players and spectators. The basketball carnival is a great avenue for building relationships with non-Christians and seeing them walking a little closer on a faith journey. It's a great avenue for evangelism.'



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BASKETBALL

Under 14s

Victoria 55 > Sydney 33

Under 18 Boys

Queensland 45 > Sydney 42

Men's A

Sydney 58 >

Western Australia 52

Men's B

Sydney 32 > Tasmania 16

Women's A

Western Australia 34 >

Tasmania 29

Women's B

Sydney 51 >

South Australia 23

NETBALL

Women's A

South Australia 32 >

Sydney 27

Women's B

Papua New Guinea 37 >

Victoria 25

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Under 14s

Cameron Hallsworth (SA)

Under 18 Boys

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Men's A

Alex Shepherd (NSW)

Men's B

Marco Bach (Qld)

Women's A

Gabby Mann (Tas.)

Women's B

Natalie Sheehan (NSW)

NETBALL

Women's A

Nikkia Westhoff (SA)

Women's B

Barbara Arivusu (PNG)

Eastern Victoria division Rev Camp

The last weekend in June saw youth from across the eastern and northern Victoria divisions gather at Campaspe Downs resort near Kyneton (Vic.) for the division's Rev Camp.

The camp began with an afternoon of ice-breaker games. 'The atmosphere of community among the youth and leaders grew rapidly,' writes Captain Craig Exon, Eastern Vic's Divisional Youth Secretary.

From there, camp attendees were encouraged to explore the camp's theme, 'Freedom', in a series of group sessions and messages from the camp's speakers, Jarrod Newton (from the Eastern Territory) and Phil Messenger (Box Hill Corps' youth pastor).

'Every group session saw more youth responding to the power of Jesus in their lives,' writes Craig. 'Youth and leaders alike testified to the tangible presence of Holy Spirit throughout our time at camp.'

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