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Hand new year over to God

I was talking to my wife the other day about when it is appropriate to start decorating the house for Christmas. It was actually her who brought up the subject.

You see, she still struggles with how early in December (in some cases it's November) Christmas decorations begin appearing in and on homes in Australia. And then how quickly after Christmas Day they are packed away.

Being from Scotland, she is accustomed to – in households at least – the Christmas tree and other decorations not being put up until about a week before the big day, and then remaining in place well into the new year.

Her theory is that in Australia, Boxing Day signals the summer holiday exodus and Christmas is quickly forgotten. Therefore, in order to "maximise" the festive season, we start our celebrations much earlier. In northern Europe, however, Christmas and New Year is seen as one continuous celebration to help bring some cheer to what is usually a long, cold winter.

In fact, for many people in Scotland, New Year celebrations are considered a bigger event than Christmas. So popular is Hogmanay in Edinburgh that you enter a draw to be allocated a ticket for entry into the city centre on New Year's Eve. As the clock strikes midnight on 31 December, hundreds of thousands of people in the city – and hundreds of millions more around the world – launch into their annual rendition of *Auld Lang Syne*, the title of which might be loosely translated as "for [the sake of] old times". So when we sing the song, we are saying, "We'll drink a cup of kindness for the sake of old times".

Promise and adventure

While there is tremendous value in drawing upon "old times" (and biblically we are reminded numerous times of the importance of it), I'm the type of person who prefers to look to the future. Certainly the apostle Paul held a similar view, declaring, in a well-known passage of the Bible, that "... But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14).

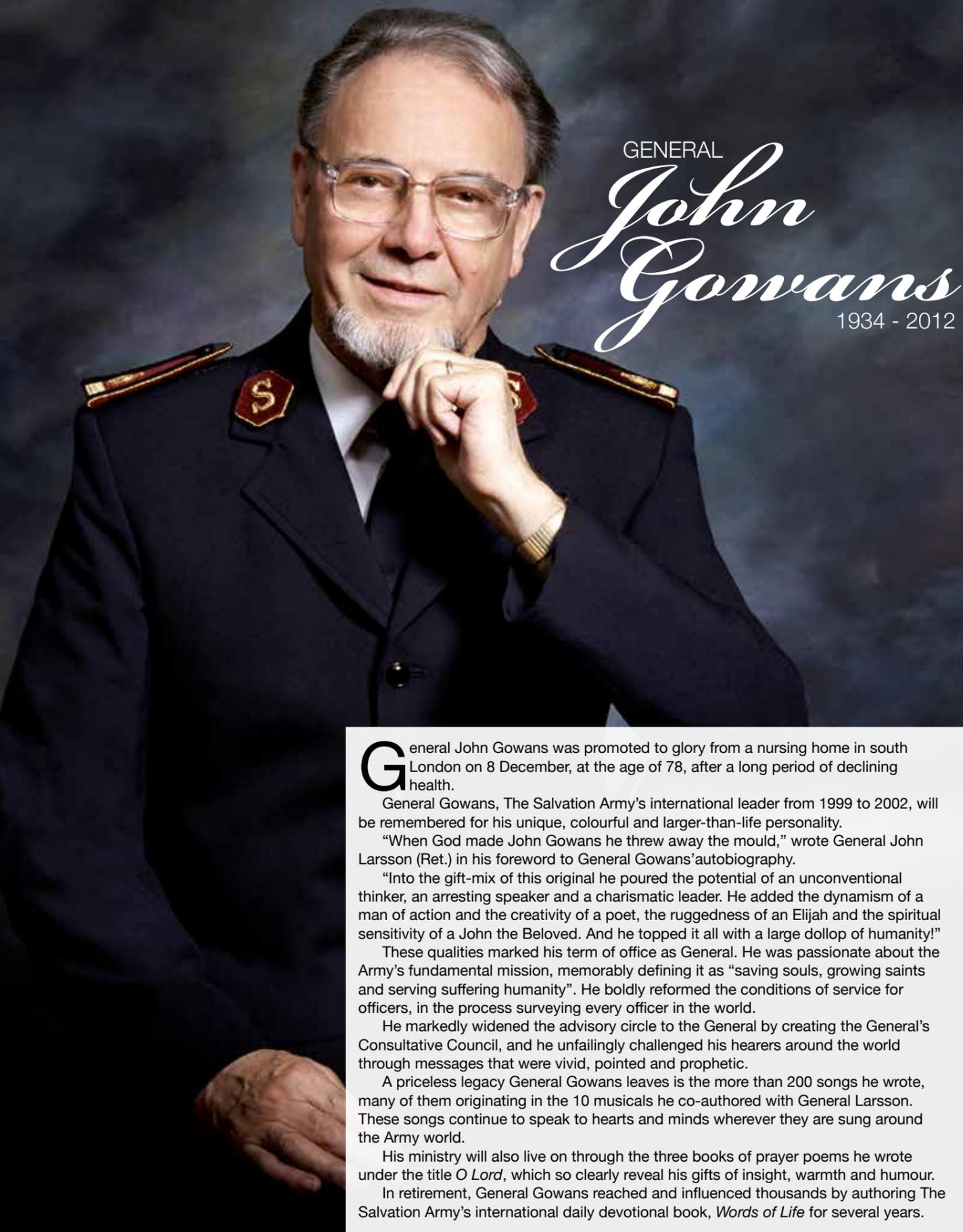
In this issue of *Pipeline*, we feature a group of people for whom the future holds amazing promise and adventure. The 20 cadets who have recently graduated from the School for Officer Training head into a year of the unknown as they take up new appointments in unfamiliar surroundings. The words of King George VI in his 1939 Christmas message, spoken as his nation faced an uncertain future, offer wise and timeless counsel: "Go out and put your hand in the hand of God, this is surer than light and safer than any known way."

How do you view the coming year? Whether we like it or not, time hurls us forward and the new year stretches before us like a blank canvas.

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do and he will establish your plans" (Proverbs 16:3).

Scott Simpson
Managing Editor





GENERAL
John Gowans
1934 - 2012

General John Gowans was promoted to glory from a nursing home in south London on 8 December, at the age of 78, after a long period of declining health.

General Gowans, The Salvation Army's international leader from 1999 to 2002, will be remembered for his unique, colourful and larger-than-life personality.

"When God made John Gowans he threw away the mould," wrote General John Larsson (Ret.) in his foreword to General Gowans' autobiography.

"Into the gift-mix of this original he poured the potential of an unconventional thinker, an arresting speaker and a charismatic leader. He added the dynamism of a man of action and the creativity of a poet, the ruggedness of an Elijah and the spiritual sensitivity of a John the Beloved. And he topped it all with a large dollop of humanity!"

These qualities marked his term of office as General. He was passionate about the Army's fundamental mission, memorably defining it as "saving souls, growing saints and serving suffering humanity". He boldly reformed the conditions of service for officers, in the process surveying every officer in the world.

He markedly widened the advisory circle to the General by creating the General's Consultative Council, and he unflinchingly challenged his hearers around the world through messages that were vivid, pointed and prophetic.

A priceless legacy General Gowans leaves is the more than 200 songs he wrote, many of them originating in the 10 musicals he co-authored with General Larsson. These songs continue to speak to hearts and minds wherever they are sung around the Army world.

His ministry will also live on through the three books of prayer poems he wrote under the title *O Lord*, which so clearly reveal his gifts of insight, warmth and humour.

In retirement, General Gowans reached and influenced thousands by authoring The Salvation Army's international daily devotional book, *Words of Life* for several years.

Godly and gifted man of inspiration, experimentation and innovation

John Gowans was born in Blantyre, Scotland, on 13 November 1934, the third of five children.

His parents were Salvation Army officers, constantly moving around the country as their work demanded. Moving south with them, as a teenager John attended the 350-year-old Halesowen Grammar School in Worcestershire, where he gained a love for drama and English literature, a love which never left him.

At 18, and with plans to train for the teaching profession, like most young men in the 1950s John undertook compulsory military service. Electing to join the Royal Army, he spent his two years of national service in Germany, forming what was to be excellent foundations for his calling in which teaching was to play an important part.

In 1954, John Gowans entered The Salvation Army International Training College (*Soulwinners* session). There he met his wife Gisèle Bonhotal who, before entering officer training college from the Paris Central Corps, was a qualified children's nurse. The couple married in Paris in 1957 and had two sons, John-Marc and Christophe.

In 1967, the then Captain Gowans demonstrated his writing capacity when, with Captain John Larsson, he wrote the musical *Take-Over Bid*. It proved hugely popular in the Army throughout the world and was translated into many languages. Nine other musicals followed this success and John Gowans became renowned for innovation, experimentation and inspiration, whilst always re-endorsing the traditional biblical values on which The Salvation Army rests.

He has written three books of prayer poems under the title of *O Lord!* and an autobiography, *There's a Boy Here ...*

The couple served in different corps in the British Territory over a period of 16 years. When John was appointed National Stewardship Secretary, Gisèle combined her role as organiser of the International Youth Fellowship with work in one of the Army's London maternity homes.

After a period as divisional leaders in Manchester, Lieutenant-Colonel John Gowans became Chief Secretary and Mrs Gowans Territorial Home League Secretary in France. The couple was then appointed to Los Angeles in the USA Western Territory. Here John served as Secretary for Program, and Gisèle as Territorial Secretary of the Nurses Fellowship.

After serving as leaders of the Southern California Division the couple returned to France in September 1986 as leaders of that territory. Seven years later, they were appointed territorial leaders of the then Australia Eastern and Papua New Guinea Territory.

In April 1997, Commissioner John Gowans returned to his homeland to take command of the United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland, and Commissioner Gisèle Gowans became Territorial President of Women's Organisations.

The High Council elected John Gowans as the 16th General of The Salvation Army on 15 May 1999. General Gowans took office on 23 July 1999, with Commissioner Gisèle Gowans as World President of Women's Organisations.

More than 3000 Salvationists and friends packed the London Arena for the retirement meeting of General John Gowans and Commissioner Gisèle Gowans in November 2002. The thunderous applause of the standing ovation honouring their joint active service of 95 years brought a typical John Gowans response: "The Salvation Army doesn't owe me anything. On the contrary, I'm indebted to The Salvation Army for a rich, fulfilling and exciting life in which I was encouraged to discover gifts I never knew I had."



(Photos from top) Then General-elect John Larsson presents General John Gowans and Commissioner Gisèle Gowans with their retirement certificates in 2002.

On behalf of all Salvationists in the Australia Eastern Territory, then Cadet Scott Allen thanks General Gowans for his service during a special celebration in Sydney in 2002.

General Gowans and then General-elect Larsson share the platform during the Gowans and Larsson celebration in 2002.

your say...

Mother's advice

In 1991, I attended a funeral service at Bundamba Salvation Army. Prior to that, I had known nothing about the Army.

The first song in the service was *What a Friend We Have In Jesus*. It was the favourite song of my mother, who died in 1970, and I couldn't hold back the tears. At the same time, I heard a voice in my head; my mother telling me to go to The Salvation Army. I was still in tears, and still being told "go to The Salvation Army", when my husband, Jim, arrived home from work.

Jim went to the local Army officer who suggested I attend the service on Sunday, which I did. After the service, my husband asked me how I got on. "They're all crazy," I replied. "There were soldiers, sergeant majors and captains. A woman sitting behind me shouted 'hallelujah' and I nearly jumped through the roof!" I made up my mind that I was never going back.

However, on the following Sunday I returned. Jim joined me a few weeks later and we both loved it.

A few years later, I finally understood what my mother was telling me. Jim died and I felt I was in a black hole and couldn't get out. Thankfully we had excellent officers and I was never alone.

My story now goes to Aberdeen, Scotland. My brother and his wife were holidaying in a seaside village. The Salvation Army was in the area and invited them to a special meeting where my brother gave his life to Jesus. All this was unknown to me at the time.

Remarkably, Jim and I had become senior soldiers in April, and my brother in May.

I love The Salvation Army and I'm thankful that I listened to what my mother tried to tell me: "Go to The Salvation Army."

**Margaret Lowe,
Caboolture Corps**

Rural relief

After collecting my allocation of Woolworths gift cards from divisional headquarters recently, I visited a dairy farming family in the Scenic Rim region. I knew the family had not been able to buy groceries for months, and had lived largely on milk and the meat of their own animals.

On this particular day, the wife had just arrived home after visiting her 68-year-old father in hospital. He had been badly injured in a quad bike accident a few days earlier. This burden had come on top of her husband's recent heart surgery which had left him with serious complications.

After a short discussion to explain my visit, I gave her a bundle of the gift cards. After a short silence, she suddenly realised the value of the cards. Overwhelmed, she had to grab hold of me to avoid falling to the ground, her sobs shaking her frame for some time.

After she regained her composure, I

explained that the cards could be used at Dick Smiths and Big W, and fuel for the tractor and the family car could be bought at Woolworths Caltex service stations. Now she could purchase school supplies for her children, buy fuel to visit her father, and she could actually buy groceries.

The response of other recipients since then has been a little less dramatic, but the tears of hardened rural women are commonplace (the men just go silent) as each tries to express gratitude for this answer to their prayers.

The multiple needs of families are met for a short time.

Smaller-scale farming families are experiencing extreme hardship, yet I sense there is a better year ahead. My prayers are being answered in amazing ways. The hand of Almighty God is powerful, and he is doing a work in the rural sector.

**Neville Radecker,
Rural Chaplain**

Change process

The gospel message – you plan *to do* God's will or plan *not to do* God's will.

The theological messages at our meetings give sound knowledge. This knowledge has to be put into action.

Doing God's will, is the desire to have the Holy Spirit living daily in our lives. We need to encourage what planning is required to action this knowledge, i.e. daily devotions, Bible reading, prayer etc. You plan to do God's will; if not, you're planning not to do God's will.

We sing devotional songs and listen to challenging messages via a variety of things that take place during our meetings. Our congregations are generally good living, loving, caring, honest and friendly. Unfortunately, if they don't daily plan to want the Holy Spirit to fill their lives, what they receive on Sunday may last until Monday or even Wednesday. Hopefully they come back the next Sunday to be challenged to plan

to have the Lord living daily in their lives.

People plan their daily life with the small to large things they wish to do. We take for granted that people know what to do, and that they will make necessary planning to change. We need to encourage, lead and explain how and why the need to plan to change.

The message is for today's living and not only about the light at the end of life's tunnel. We sing and acknowledge that there's joy in following Jesus all the way; I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me; I'm in his hands, etc. We need to help people to not just know and sing about things of God, but put it in simple terms, encouraging people, with the Spirit's help, to plan to want God living daily in their lives, and then explain what action needs to be taken. You plan to do God's will or you plan not to do God's will.

**Len Whittaker,
Hurstville Corps**

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Change is on the way

Commissioner JAMES CONDON encourages all believers to look at ways they can embrace change in 2013 to be more fervent followers of Christ

This year will see significant changes in The Salvation Army leadership team on the 10th floor at Australia Eastern Territorial Headquarters.

Colonels Wayne and Robyn Maxwell are moving to the Philippines, Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas is going to Papua New Guinea and Major Cecil Woodward is retiring. We will welcome in their place Colonels Richard and Janet Munn and Lieut-Colonels Laurie and Simone Robertson.

What changes are on the horizon for you in 2013? How do you embrace change? There is the known and the unknown.

Some people find it hard to make changes, and some resist change. I remember preaching a sermon with the title "Change or Die" which did rattle the cage of some in the congregation. But that was such an appropriate sermon for that particular time.

We can become far too comfortable and inward looking, even becoming quite selfish in our attitude to people and ministry within our area.

I pray that we will never become too comfortable, but be prepared to allow ourselves to become uncomfortable and evaluate our ministry and mission for the future.

I want to encourage us all to become serving soldiers – not sitting back waiting to be served and looking only to our own needs, but looking to serve the people in the community and the church. God has given us each gifts to use to serve him, not ourselves. Let's be the change agent in our communities by identifying the need and then seeking to meet it.

I want to encourage us all to encourage, equip, affirm, empower and prepare our young people. Help them rise up to be all that God is calling them to be. We want to see generations serving and ministering in our Army today and that may mean we need to make some changes in our attitudes towards those who are younger or older or different from us.

I want to encourage all who attend our meetings to become participants and not just spectators. Let us change from being

watchers to worshippers. We are not the audience – God is. We are the choir to sing praise and lift him higher.

I want to encourage every soldier to be actively involved in the battle, not hiding out in the citadel. Change from being defensive to being attackers – attacking Satan and his power. Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers, powers and evil forces in this world. Let's all be warriors of the risen Christ. He has all power and authority.

God dependence

Finally, one other change I would like to see is everyone in every corps and centre belonging to a small group for prayer and study of God's word. In the early church, the believers devoted themselves continually to teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer, had all things in common and the Lord added daily to the church.

No change will come unless we become people of prayer and holy living. We must change or we will die. This change is a non-negotiable. We cannot be an Army without prayer and the Holy Spirit. Whilst change happens all around us – people come and go, programs begin and end – the change that must always be happening is our growth spiritually through our dependence upon God and his word.

Let's be change agents for God – through prayer it will come. This is the change I want to see in 2013.



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

Getting back to basics of holy living

Western society is developing at such a rapid pace that **Envoy SEAMUS CORCORAN** fears the church is getting caught up in a quick-fix gospel lifestyle, when what is needed is a return to spiritual disciplines seeking intimacy with Jesus

It has been some years now since the prolific author and evangelical trappist monk Thomas Merton wrote: "The tragedy of modern man is that his creativity, his spirituality and his contemplative independence are inexorably throttled by a super-ego that has sold itself without compromise to technology."

Perhaps this is why today there is such a growing attention to the practice of Christian spiritual disciplines. No doubt there is a sense of renewed interest and increased attendance at spiritual retreats. Silence is truly golden, it seems!

Requests from across the denominational spectrum for spiritual direction and guidance in the Christian practice of prayer and meditation are constant at many monastic centres. This may be an indication of from where and by what means Christian spirituality is emerging in today's highly material, secularised and morally confused Australian society.

The way forward is definitely in the apprehension of a sacred returning and in the hands and hearts of the ancient

prophets lie the seeds of the Christian community's tomorrow. In other words, the "ancient ways", as the prophet Jeremiah was directed (Jer 6:16), are still the source of true rest and nourishment for the human soul in seeking to move beyond the debilitating confines of a dissatisfying and barren spiritual life.

We all long for the deep experience of a loving God. The shallow end of the Christian pool may be becoming less populated as churches see fewer members each year, however, the "deep" is calling and the "deep" longings of the missional and contemplative souls of many are responding with a great, energising return to Christian spiritual practices.

There is a search among former church-goers for the revitalisation of faith and the sharing of Jesus' life and teachings in a dynamic, authentic, world-challenging community.

It would seem that to be content with non-material, non-technological distractions and symbols of egotistical status is truly radical and alternative, not to mention life-giving ... eternal life-giving, that is.

We do not need more technologically refined and designer churches, nor cleverly devised business plans to secure successful gospel mission. What is needed are those willing to strike out to new horizons of authentic spiritual discipline and pure trust in the teachings of Jesus.

In the words of writer Paul Wilkes: "We are involved in the sea change from piety to holiness. It is a transition fraught with doubt, anxiety, excess, and [for too many] fatigue, confusion and, eventually, a weary abdication. The old subtleties are gone, the new ways are as yet unclear. It is at precisely this point in our human history that the monastery and the monastic values stand uniquely ready, once more, to instruct us - to clear our eyes so that we might regain our bearings and strike off toward the mystical horizon once more."

Horizons are, above all, at once both daunting and beckoning by the yet unknown promise they offer to us by way of a new world. And yet, the world we may discover - the landscapes of the human soul - has always been there, even long before we discovered them.

Journey to belonging

Like CS Lewis, we may say that coming to God is like coming home to a place we have never been and feeling like we have always belonged there. And besides the essential compass of sacred Scripture and the Holy Spirit to guide, one must above all possess courage.

The horizon is also a place of leaving familiar ground and possible danger. The journey must be one of faith, for without faith there is no journey at all.

Our Western world is in a crisis of addiction to comfort, materialism, superficiality and the all-competent illusion of technological mastery over life. We are much more comfortable with a manageable complexity than an unmanageable simplicity, says the Benedictine monk and teacher Thomas Keating.

The rationalists and the economists have imprisoned us on a landscape of fear and imperfect love. But perfect love casts out all fear and the only perfect love is pure oneness with God through prayer and holiness.

However, we must again learn to pray! The shopping list I bring to God is just another consumer trend symptomatic of the shallow, superficial and selfish society in which I participate. Is this the world Jesus calls me to leave behind and the self he calls me to deny?

Prayer is much deeper, wider and ultimately more real than that. As the monks and the mystics teach us; prayer

is work; study is prayer; silence is the first language of God and there God ever speaks Christ Jesus the eternal word into our hearts to create us in newness of spirit and life.

Like Jacob and Moses and David and Elijah and Jesus, we must learn to meditate "day and night" and gaze into the perfect law of love; we must return to the satisfaction of the fast and fellowship of the feast; to reading the Bible for transformation through lectio divina and not for information only with through the Bible-in-a-year schedules and two-minute devotions for busy people. We must withdraw like Jesus to a "quiet place" and rest in finding a retreat centre we may consider our spiritual home.

Way of the heart

We must examine ourselves and discover again the virtuous paths of inner purification so that we will have pure hearts to "see God" as Jesus promises. Seek out those athletes of the spiritual life who are waiting to welcome us across those horizons of the spiritual life, and when we arrive at the doorsteps of the monastery without walls, the hermitage of the heart, they, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, welcome us with open arms and say welcome, welcome home! Now is the time of sacred time and here is the holy ground upon which we stand once we pay attention to the "holy fire" that calls our name.

"The Kingdom of God does not come

with your careful observation," says Jesus in replying to a question of the Pharisees. "Nor can anyone say, it is here, or just over there, because the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:20-21).

The road to divine life in perfect loving union with God, it seems, is the way of the heart. For the heart, according to St Macarius the Great, "... directs and governs all the organs of the body. And when grace pastures the heart it rules over all the members and the thoughts. For there, in the heart, the mind resides as well as all the thoughts of the soul and all its hopes."

The kingdom of God is in our hearts and it is there, through prayer alone and complete surrender to the reality of Christ Jesus in God, that we fall in love with God, over and over again.

And this is perfect freedom, this is contemplation. Again we may listen to Thomas Merton: "Contemplation is a supernatural love and knowledge of God, simple and obscure, infused by him into the summit of the soul, giving it a direct and experiential contact with him."

"Dear friends," wrote the Apostle John the beloved, "let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love, does not know God" (1 John 4:7-8).

Envoy Seamus Corcoran is
Salvos Stores NSW Chaplain

SENT TO proclaim

The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory has commissioned its latest group of officers for service on the front line of mission. **BILL SIMPSON** reports



Twenty-five new officers were commissioned at the annual Australia Eastern Territory Ordination and Commissioning service in Sydney last month.

They consist of 19 cadets of the *Proclaimers of the Resurrection* session, one from the *Bridgebuilders* session and five envoys.

Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon commissioned the new lieutenants at the Sydney Convention Centre on Sunday morning, 2 December. They were officially sent to their roles in an afternoon Sending out to Proclaim service.

From the *Proclaimers of the Resurrection* session, Cassi and Sean Everitt were appointed to Tuggerah Lakes Corps, Beth and Christian White (Glebe), Kate and Matthew Ryan (Queanbeyan), Darryn Lloyd (Cessnock), Bronwyn Burnett (Campsie), Leisa and John Humbley (Nambour), Lesley Newton (Bega), Lydia and Steven Spencer (Warwick), Samantha and Dominic Wallis (Shoalhaven), Myfanwy and Peter Evans (Oasis Youth Support Network), and Debra and Rodney Parsons (Albury).

Wesley Bust, of the *Bridgebuilders* session, was appointed, with his wife, Captain Debbie Bust, to Ballina.

Among the envoys, Thellie Gunder continues as chaplain at Riverview Gardens Aged Care Services, Natalie and Simon Steele with the Outback Flying Service, and Karen and John Jackson as Corps Officers of Blackwater Corps.

Presenting the new officers to Commissioner Condon for commissioning, School for Officer Training Principal Major Stuart Evans said: "In each of the cadets that are before you today, I have found them to have a raging fire in their belly to proclaim the gospel, win souls and make their salvation the first purpose in their life.

"They are passionate students of



Receiving their commissions ... (opposite page) Matthew Ryan; (below left) Christian White; (below centre) Debra Parsons; (below right) Thellie Gunder; and (above right) Simon Steele.
Photos: Shairon Paterson



"IT WAS ONLY WHEN I LET MY CREATOR REVEAL TO ME WHO I WAS ... THAT I COULD LET MY CREATOR GIVE ME THE LIFE THAT GOD PLANNED FOR ME."

NEW LIEUTENANT, DEBRA PARSONS

God's word, with a deep desire to equip themselves for mission.

"They are courageous, with good servant hearts. They have a deep faith and a deep desire to minister and journey with people. They are an enthusiastic, certainly exuberant diverse group, with questioning minds."

In a personal message to the new lieutenants, General Linda Bond, world leader of The Salvation Army, said: "You have been trained to communicate the [transforming] message [of Jesus], with sermon building techniques and public speaking skills. But your own personal experience and witness are crucial.

"People will need to see that Jesus Christ is alive in you, that you live in him and for him, and that you find in Jesus the fullness of life nothing else or no-one else can offer."

New lieutenant, Debra Parsons, delivered a lively testimony in which she revealed that as a 40-year-old elder in a

"mainstream church", she thought she was worthy of the position of minister and offered for service.

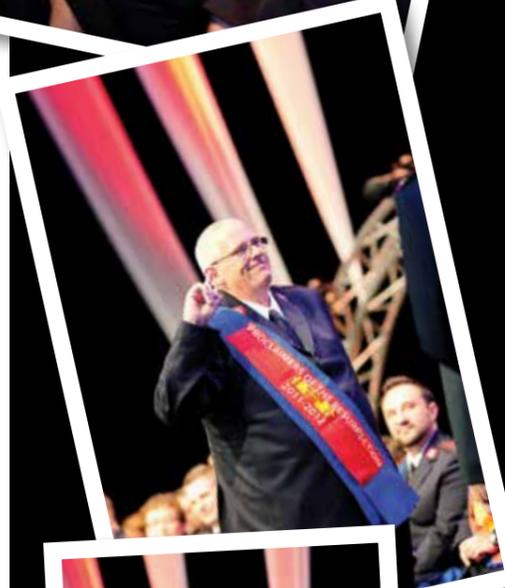
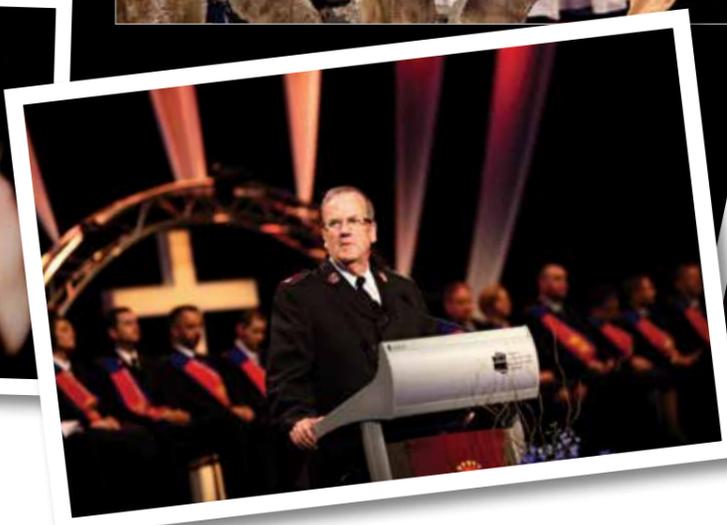
"I went to the elders and the minister and told them that God had called me to be a minister. They were less than excited. I went to the governing body of the church. They were even less excited.

"I couldn't figure out why everyone seemed so unsupportive. I was an elder and a good one; probably the best they had. I did the most work. I was on all the rosters. I was the most fervent pray-er.

"I was the one who stepped out in faith and I cared about everyone else more than they did. I led the worship. I was the one who had been called to be a minister.

"I was the most righteous, the most committed and the most 'humble'. In my own eyes, I looked like Jesus, I acted like Jesus, I sounded like Jesus, I had loved like Jesus and I loved Jesus. But I loved myself more.

"[Then], God showed me the person he



saw - morally superficial, proud and self-righteous, manipulative and judgmental, a person who thinks they know better than others; a person who thinks they know better than God.

"Today, I am 53 years old. The most important thing that I want to share with you is that God loves you as you are. It was only when I let my creator reveal to me who I was ... that I could let my creator give me the life that God planned for me."

Revealing Jesus

Commissioner James Condon challenged the new officers - and all Salvationists - to be serious about showing Jesus to the world.

"Several years ago, a celebration took place at a municipal pool in New Orleans [United States] to celebrate the first summer in memory without a drowning," he said. Hundreds of people, including 100 lifeguards, celebrated.

"[But] as the party was breaking up and the four lifeguards on duty began to clear the pool, they found a fully dressed body at the deep end. The man drowned surrounded by lifeguards celebrating their successful season."

Commissioner Condon reminded the commissioning congregation that Salvation Army Founder William Booth

had warned that people were drowning while others (including Salvationists) were doing other things.

"I want to say to Salvationists today that people are drowning - and what are we doing about it?"

He referred to Mary's encounter with Jesus after the resurrection (John 20:10-18). "Mary was given the simple message: 'Go tell' [that he was alive]."

The commissioner talked of how the early apostles were empowered to "tell". His key verse was Acts 4:33: "With great power, the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all."

The apostles had been persecuted and punished for their witness, but remained compelled to "tell". Their compulsion came from seeing Jesus - from being with him - just as Mary's compulsion had been. It had come through the power of the Holy Spirit.

"We need the same power of the Holy Spirit to come upon The Salvation Army today," he said. "I am believing for a fresh wind and power of the Holy Spirit in The Salvation Army today."

The morning session concluded with a responsive appeal for more people to offer for Salvation Army officership and commitment of their lives to the Lord, and

signing of a Soldier's Covenant.

Journey of understanding

The Sydney Youth Band supported the commissioning service and the afternoon Sending out to Proclaim session, which was a more informal - and colourful - affair, with music, drama and involvement of children.

New lieutenants' representative speaker Sean Everitt continued the "Jesus is Alive" and "Go tell" themes during the Sending out to Proclaim session, challenging Salvationists to take advantage of new technology, including Facebook and Twitter, to share the story of Jesus' redeeming power.

Lieutenant Dominic Wallis testified to the value of a Christian upbringing and determination to serve God in his own way until his reluctance to become an officer was challenged.

"I am still on a journey of understanding ... I still struggle wanting to live life my way ... [but] I know that God's plans are better than I could possibly choose. He has continued to be faithful."

In his Bible message based on Luke 7:11-18, Chief Secretary Colonel Wayne Maxwell battled undeterred against a series of microphone malfunctions to warn about the dangers of missing out on

the hope and healing that Jesus provides.

Referring to the annoying microphone issues that made his voice inaudible at times, Colonel Maxwell said it was obvious "the enemy" didn't want his message to be heard. "Keep going, brother," somebody called. "I will," the chief secretary said, "because I don't want anybody to miss out on this message."

He told of a personal visit to the Sistine Chapel in Rome and how he had missed out on the one thing he went for - to see Michelangelo's painting *The Hand of God*.

"I missed it because I didn't look up [it was on the ceiling]," he said. "Don't miss the invitation from Jesus to experience his compassion."

Colonel Maxwell said the miracle recorded in Luke 7: 11-18 of Jesus raising to life the only son of a widow, revealed Jesus' compassion for people's needs.

Again, there was a considerable response to his public invitation for people to seek Jesus and his compassion.

Expect the unexpected

The afternoon session included a farewell to Territorial Program Secretary

Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas, who takes up a new appointment next month as chief secretary of the Papua New Guinea Territory.

Commissioner Condon described Lieut-Colonel Gluyas as "a visionary leader who turns vision into action". She had played a leading role in creating and directing the Australia Eastern Territory's seven Mission Priorities and Hubs concept, and had been a strong advocate for social justice, and multicultural and Indigenous ministry.

"Papua New Guinea is known as the land of the unexpected - and now they are getting Miriam Gluyas," he said.

"Land of the unexpected!" Lieut-Colonel Gluyas responded. "I'm looking forward to that." □



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Movement

CALLS YOUNG PEOPLE TO

action

By ESTHER PINN

In response to Matthew Gluyas's sermon, young people gathered at the front of the hall to write down God's individual calling for their lives on a long strip of brown paper, lying on the floor.

"God is calling us all. If you say yes, he'll show you the rest. You're never really ready but our God is," said Matthew, Australia Eastern Territorial Youth Communications Mission Consultant.

The culmination of Commissioning weekend, on the evening of Sunday 2 December, the territory's MORE youth team hosted "The Movement" at the Sydney Convention Centre.

The Movement was an evening of celebration and included the graduation of the six students who have spent the past year at the Army's School for Youth Leadership at Lake Munmorah and the four students who completed the Army's Edify program at Streetlevel in Sydney.

Drew Williams, 20, shared how the School for Youth Leadership had changed his life.

"I came in with low self-worth," he said. "I had this outward confidence but the inner confidence wasn't there and that's one thing I've really gained this year – confidence in myself and value and worth in myself."

Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon, formerly congratulated each student and presented the School for Youth Leadership graduates with their certificates. He also announced the relocation of the



school next year to the Central Coast Recovery Services (Selah) premises at Berkeley Vale. The move will allow the school to accommodate up to 42 young people.

Led by Salvationist Cal Harmer, the worship was run by the Menai youth worship team. A special vocal item of We Pray was also performed by the Gospel Arts Camp vocal group, led by Ash Sellers.

Other creative aspects of the evening included a dramatic reading, performed by a number of Salvationists, of Salvation Army founder William Booth's

"Vision of the Lost", while throughout the night a prophetic painter, Sarah Rowan Dahl, created an artwork of jars of clay seen from a bird's eye view (above), inspired by the biblical passage 2 Corinthians 4:6.

In separate talks, both Matthew and Shandri Brown, Territorial Youth Leadership Mission Consultant, challenged the young people about not being complacent when serving the kingdom of God.

The MORE team hope to put into action the "dreams" that were written down on the brown piece of paper at The Movement.

CADETS HONOUR PARENTS AT PRINCIPAL'S RECEPTION

By ESTHER PINN

In an at times emotional ceremony, cadets graduating from the School for Officer Training had the opportunity to publicly express their gratitude to their parents, at the Principal's Reception and Silver Star Presentation on 2 December.

The cadets, their family members and friends, Booth College staff and members of The Salvation Army's wider leadership gathered at the Victoria House Function Centre in Sydney for the occasion.

School for Officer Training Principal, Major Stuart Evans, welcomed the guests before Colonel Wayne Maxwell, Chief Secretary, brought a greeting and a prayer.

Commissioner Jan Condon and Colonel Robyn Maxwell then presented the parents with Silver Stars. As each was given, the cadets shared how their love of Christ was influenced by their parents' individual walks with God.

Cadet Bronwyn Burnett then shared her testimony, honouring her parents for their godly influence.

"Mum and Dad made the conscious decision to be in the business of building and investing. I stand here testament to the foundation which my parents stand on and modelled to me," she said.

Along with thanking the cadets' parents for their continual support, Commissioner James Condon, Territorial Commander, spoke about the blessing of belonging to a larger family – God's family.

During the ceremony, Lieutenant-Colonel Philip Cairns, ACT and South NSW Divisional Commander, also presented the William Cairns Award which acknowledges cadets who have excelled in three particular areas of training. Cadet Deb Parsons received the Spiritual Formation Award, Cadet Dominic Wallis was given the Field Award, and Cadet Sean Everitt was presented with the Academic Award.



Cadet Sean Everitt chats with Lieut-Colonel Philip Cairns.



Cadet Steven Spencer with his daughter Maegyn.



Cadet Debra Parsons reacts after receiving the Spiritual Formation Award.



Cadet Bronwyn Burnett with her family.



HERALDS of GRACE

ENTER BOOTH COLLEGE

With 20 newly commissioned Salvation Army officers about to take up their first appointments, another 15 new cadets are beginning two years of study at the School for Officer Training in Sydney as part of the *Heralds of Grace* session. The cadets are:

Philip and Donna Sutcliffe,
CAPRICORN REGION CORPS,
CENTRAL AND NORTH QUEENSLAND
DIVISION

**Christopher and Kaylene Ford
(Jessica and Sarah),**
CALAMVALE CORPS,
SOUTH QUEENSLAND DIVISION

Nicola Poore,
PARRAMATTA CORPS,
GREATER WEST DIVISION

Adele Williams,
EARLWOOD CORPS,
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Kate Cathcart,
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**Stewart and Kara Hartley
(Alexander and Chelsea),**
STAFFORD CORPS,
SOUTH QUEENSLAND DIVISION

Christopher and Nichole Maxwell,
BRISBANE CITY TEMPLE CORPS,
SOUTH QUEENSLAND DIVISION

Belinda Cassie,
NORTH BRISBANE CORPS,
SOUTH QUEENSLAND
DIVISION

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DIVISION

Jake and Erin Horton,
LONG JETTY CORPS,
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Watershed moment

SALVOS ENABLE TUN LIN TO PUT FAITH INTO ACTION

SHOBA MANO shares the story of Tun Lin Nuang, a Burmese migrant who was motivated to fund the provision of a water tank in his troubled native country after being given a Salvation Army pamphlet





Photo: Shairon Paterson

The scene was unprecedented. Quiet, unassuming monks in Myanmar (Burma) who normally shunned politics had taken to the streets by the thousands.

Television stations worldwide broadcast live the incredibly moving scene of a dirt road deluged with saffron-coloured robes. It must have taken an extreme injustice to cause thousands of these barefooted monks to march in silent protest. Even the BBC news anchor was in awe as he described the men, "armed with nothing but a prayer".

What followed next was a bloodbath as government soldiers opened fire on these peaceful protestors, with reports emerging of the bodies of the monks being dumped in the jungle. Video footage of the massacre soon surfaced, causing global outcry.

It was late 2007 and among those watching the scenes unfold was 16-year-old Tun Lin Naung who had migrated from Myanmar to Australia with his family more than a decade earlier.

"I grew up in a world far removed from the hardships of Burma," says Tun Lin. "My high

school friends introduced me to Christianity. We started a Christian group called Rabbit Hole, a name inspired by *Alice in Wonderland's* changed life when she fell into a rabbit hole.

"Although she didn't know where she was going, she kept going and discovering along the way. We saw that as a leap of faith into Christianity and living changed lives, at the same time growing and maturing in our walk with God, very much like the journey Alice went on in the rabbit hole."

Tun Lin's church embraced Rabbit Hole as its youth group. Five years later, he watched on television like the rest of the world, the massacre of the monks.

For the first time he felt a bond to his people. Friends would come up to him visibly moved by the horrific images of the bodies of monks floating in rivers and ask him, "Do you care?"

"I thought of my mother's grief when I became a Christian as she took it as her failure as a mother," he says. "She was very proud when I was a monk for a while and served in the temple as a child. So I asked myself, how can my faith be

put into operation to show the love and power of Christ rather than just sit within my comfort zone and wear my Christianity like a badge of honour with nothing to show for it?"

Eyes opened

By this time many of Tun Lin's peers in Rabbit Hole were either studying at college or working. When he shared his dilemma with them, they decided to seek God's direction as to what each of them could do.

Tun Lin was applying for work while still taking a course in Bachelor of Business and Commerce at university. After he prayed with his friends for direction, he decided to shelve plans to work for money and decided instead to volunteer his services at The Salvation Army's Streetlevel Mission in Sydney.

"When I started to give to God, he gave to me more than I could imagine," he says. "I was directly assisting the resident accountant at Streetlevel Mission who taught me so much more than I could learn academically. The practical experience I gained at Streetlevel soon landed me a salaried position



(Left) Tun Lin Naung and the pamphlet which led to his donation; (above) Tun Lin as a child monk in Bruma with his mother and sister; (right) working with youth is a ministry passion for Tun Lin.



Photo: Shairon Paterson

in the finance department of Salvation Army [Territorial] Headquarters in Sydney.

"Here, my eyes were opened to how one's faith can be put to action in the most glorious way under the guidance of God. I had never imagined The Salvation Army had such diverse and extraordinary ministries. I felt God was building my faith by putting me to work at The Salvation Army.

"Then I came across a pamphlet from the [Army's] International Development office that is called Gifts That Keep On Giving. In it there was an invitation to participate in building a water tank in Burma. A gift of \$600 would build one tank or well and make a difference to so many people without access to clean water. I knew right at that moment, I was called to give to that cause."

Power of one

Tun Lin recalls visiting his dying grandmother in Burma when he was eight and experiencing first-hand how hard life was for his family members there.

"I remember water was hard to come by," he says. "There was no plumbing. A man would come to our village on a cart pulled by a horse, to supply water. We stored this water in a huge tin.

"The sewage system was just a hole in the ground with human faeces building up into a small mountain until the person whose

job it was, cleared it. I feel sorry for the man who had that job.

"There were no individual rooms. My relatives slept together in one open space on the floor. There was no fridge nor stove. We cooked over a charcoal fire."

So when Tun Lin saw the opportunity to build a water tank in

for one water tank to The Salvation Army," he says.

"For my 22nd birthday in August, I made a request to friends and family not to buy me presents but instead donate towards my contribution to the well, which they did. My friends from Rabbit Hole did the same for their birthdays, for a water tank to be built in another country."

Today, Tun Lin's mother is willing to listen to her son talk to her about Christianity. She is moved by The Salvation Army's commitment to build wells in her native country and proud that her only son is a part of this venture.

And on Friday nights, when many people of Tun Lin's age can be seen heading to pubs to celebrate the end of the working week, he can be found running a youth group with his friends from Rabbit Hole.

"I don't have this sense of helplessness any more the way I did when I watched the massacre of the monks on television," says Tun Lin.

"God showed me that I may not be able to change a whole country, but I can help one individual, one village and trust God to do the rest." □

... I ASKED MYSELF, HOW CAN MY FAITH BE PUT INTO OPERATION TO SHOW THE LOVE AND POWER OF CHRIST RATHER THAN JUST SIT WITHIN MY COMFORT ZONE?"

Burma, he jumped at it. He told his friends at Rabbit Hole what he was doing and was pleasantly surprised that they, too, had all received confirmation from God as to what they were called to do.

"I had been saving over a period of time and by December I was able to hand over the full sum

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MAXWELLS APPOINTED TO LEAD ARMY IN PHILIPPINES

By ESTHER PINN

After serving faithfully for more than two years as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, respectively, in the Australia Eastern Territory, Colonels Wayne and Robyn Maxwell will head overseas to lead the work of The Salvation Army in the Philippines, starting on 1 April.

Their new appointments as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries, respectively, for the Philippines Territory will be vastly different to the leadership roles they are currently in, says Colonel Robyn Maxwell.

"Our hearts were always open to the opportunity to serve overseas," explains Colonel Robyn.

"Although we will find it hard to leave our family, we're thankful they are all supportive of us."

Both of them are looking forward to spending more time on frontline mission, knowing they will be dependent upon God for their every need.

"In facing unknowns, God will provide what we need, when we need and he goes before us preparing the way," says Colonel Wayne.

"We feel privileged and at peace about the days ahead."

"I want to make a difference. I



Colonels Wayne and Robyn Maxwell, who are excited at the challenge of taking up new appointments in the Philippines in April.

don't know how or what that will look like yet but I want to be an influence for the Lord and make a difference in people's lives," adds Colonel Robyn.

Both Colonels Wayne and Robyn have long family histories of service with The Salvation Army. Interestingly, Colonel Wayne's parents, Commissioners Earle and

Wilma Maxwell, were also territorial commanders in the Philippines Territory, 25 years ago.

Colonels Richard and Janet Munn, officers of the USA Eastern Territory, have been appointed to the positions vacated by the Maxwells. The Munnns have most recently been based at the Army's International Headquarters in London; Colonel Richard as Principal of the International College for Officers and Centre for Spiritual Life Development, and as Secretary for International Ecumenical Relations, and Colonel Janet as Associate Principal of the International College for Officers and Centre for Spiritual Life Development, and as Secretary for Spiritual Life Development.

Commissioner Lyn Pearce, an officer of the Australia Eastern Territory, has been appointed Associate Principal of the International College for Officers and Centre for Spiritual Life Development, and as Secretary for Spiritual Life Development on a pro tem basis.

While Commissioner Pearce is officially coming out of retirement for the short-term appointment, she is heading back to familiar territory having previously spent more than four years as assistant for the International College for Officers.

"I'm quite excited about it, it's a wonderful appointment," she said. "The whole experience of sharing with officers from different parts of the world and looking more closely at how we can fulfil our calling and follow Jesus today."

The farewell service for the Maxwells will be held in conjunction with the *Heralds of Grace* cadets' welcome on 10 February at Parramatta Corps.



Colonels Richard and Janet Munn will move to the Australia Eastern Territory as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries.

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What's coming up on mySalvos this month

LeaderSpeak: We introduce some new faces to the team, with Lieut-Colonel Kerry Haggart and Lieut-Colonel David Godkin joining us.

Happy New Year: Why wait for 1 January to make a new start. Captain Emma Johnson suggests that we can make a fresh start all year round.

inside SALVOSLEGAL

Each month, *Pipeline* goes behind the scenes of Salvos Legal to bring you a story from the not-for-profit law firm owned and run by The Salvation Army. Managing Partner **LUKE GEARY** shares the story of Elena, who turned to the Salvos when her life took a desperate turn for the worse

Under immigration law, if you are sponsored to come to Australia by your husband or wife, it is usually a condition of your visa that you remain in a genuine and continuing relationship with that person for a period of two years from grant of the initial entry visa.

One of the exceptions to this rule is if you have to leave the relationship due to being a victim of domestic violence.

At Salvos Legal Humanitarian we act for free in a lot of cases involving victims of domestic violence – women and men, young and old. We are typically referred these cases either by refugees for victims, hospitals and mental health practitioners, the Department of Immigration or other welfare agencies.

In 2011, I was asked to take on a case for a young Turkish lady named Elena. Her visa had been cancelled because immigration didn't believe that she had left her relationship due to domestic violence. The department thought that she had simply made unsubstantiated allegations of abuse in order to leave a relationship with a man whom she no longer loved.

Elena had lodged an appeal to the Migration Review Tribunal. She was broke, homeless and friendless, and had no prospect whatsoever of obtaining legal representation to help her navigate an extremely complex appeals process. Well, she was all of those things until an older lady from The Salvation Army became her friend and took her in. She cared for Elena, provided food, shelter and friendship and ultimately, a referral to Salvos Legal Humanitarian.

Further investigation

When I was introduced to Elena, I took a critical view of her case similar to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. It was not because I didn't think she was telling the truth, but because I knew that was how the Migration Review Tribunal would look at her case. I needed to understand how I could prove it as the truth.

One of our other lawyers, Matt Evans, and I went on a far-reaching inquiry. We spoke with Elena's former neighbours, doctors, old employers, overseas family members; all who confirmed that her story checked out. We paid for a psychological report from a forensic psychologist which supported Elena's history. It also helped her with a treatment plan to enable her to get the assistance she needed to deal with the trauma and abuse she had suffered. Now all we were waiting for was a hearing date from the tribunal.

In the Migration Review Tribunal it can often take a year or more following lodgement of a case until a hearing date is allocated. Sadly, in the time it took for Elena's case to come for hearing, against our strong advice she travelled to Queensland at the invitation of her abusive husband and went back to live with him. It was during this period of brief reconciliation that Elena suffered further violence and was forced into a period of hospitalisation.

The Salvation Army lady who had previously helped her and with whom she was still in touch, arranged and paid for a flight for Elena to leave her husband and come back to live with her in Sydney. When she returned to Sydney, we re-engaged with Elena and vowed to assist her in her appeal.

Armed with the medical records of her most recent admission to hospital in Queensland, I attended the tribunal and was successful in overturning the decision of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. Soon after, Elena was granted permanent residency to remain in Australia.

Elena is now doing well. She has some complex ongoing issues as a consequence of her trauma but at least she is receiving treatment and has the support of friends. She is also enjoying the certainty of knowing that she doesn't have to return to Turkey, where she would almost certainly suffer cultural shame as a consequence of her divorce, but can remain in Australia and start a new life.

Luke Geary works at the Surry Hills office of Salvos Legal

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VIRTUAL IMMORALITY

Are you the same person online as off? asks **DAVE GOODWIN**

Like most people who work in IT (in fact, probably most people today) I spend a lot of time on the internet. Aside from the work applications, it's my first stop for information and the latest in current affairs. I can read news as it breaks, along with readers' opinions and comments, and there are online communities where I can debate any subject under the sun.

It doesn't take long, though, to discover that the internet has a dark underbelly. There is something about being online that can bring out the worst in people, and cause them to write things that they would never dream of saying in person. I can remember having a deep and respectful two-hour long discussion, in person, with a staunch atheist - only to learn that he had a reputation for reducing Christians to tears in religion discussion forums.

I've lost count of the number of online discussions I've seen that started out as a debate on a particular subject and quickly degenerated into vicious personal attacks, the original topic long forgotten. There was a recent case of a woman, Anita Sarkeesian, who raised the issue of sexism in gaming culture, and was bombarded with threats of physical and sexual violence from people who disagreed with her claims. Sadly, this is not an isolated case.

Cultural pundits have commented on the phenomenon of people engaging in online affairs and not considering it "cheating". What is it about the internet that causes such an aberration in people's behaviour and renders them almost unrecognisable?

Cloak of anonymity

There is no doubt that anonymity plays a part. On the majority of web forums and comment sections, users can employ a pseudonym. Online pot-stirrers can discard their inhibitions along with their real names, freeing them to post things they might not otherwise say.

It is also much easier to treat people poorly when we don't have to look them in the eye and see the hurt we're causing.

This also means many non-verbal cues that guide our conversations - such as body language or tone - are absent. The combination of anonymity and distance can breed an online mindset that strips away some of the normal inhibitions that guide the way we interact with one another.

There is one other factor that I think is often overlooked: we treat the internet as a novelty. Despite the pivotal importance of the internet in our lives, we often still refer to what happens offline as 'real life', as if what happens online is somehow divorced from reality. Treating the online and offline realms as separate and different spheres of our life causes multiple problems.

If we isolate what we do online from our day-to-day life, it is possible to believe

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that insulting someone in an online forum is not the same as doing it in person because what we say online isn't 'real'. We can justify having an online flirtation because it is not like we are actually becoming involved with someone. We can convince ourselves that what we do offline defines our character, but what we do online is harmless or of little consequence. Or so we think.

True state of our heart

In Matthew 5, Jesus says that it is not just an action itself that is a sin - the thoughts and intent that lead to it are equally damning. For example: "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry

with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment" (verses 21-22). Later, in Matthew 15:17, Jesus tells the disciples "the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them."

Jesus may have walked the Earth long before Facebook - and the only twitter may have been that of the sparrows on which God kept his eye - but his message is still relevant to our lives today. While Jesus may have been talking about the words that come from our mouths, I believe that it is just as applicable to the words that come from our keyboards. These words reveal our true hearts, and matter just as much as our actions in the physical world.

Far from being irrelevant, the way we act online - when we can be nameless or don't have to face those we hurt - can be a much more accurate indication of the true state of our hearts than the things we do when we are out in the open and accountable for our actions. Far from being inconsequential, our online actions can have a huge impact on others; consider the growing problem of suicide and mental illness as a result of cyber bullying. As Jesus points out, it is not just others that it affects; our thoughts and words shape us and change who we are. The way we act online can spill over into other spheres of our life, seeping into and contaminating our whole characters.

The internet is not going to go away, and will only become a bigger part of modern life. We can't ignore it. Just like in the "real world", we are called to go out into the wider internet, to be salt in the virtual world and show that character is not turned off when the computer is turned on.



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Miracle Haven group gets taste of monastic lifestyle



By Envoy SEAMUS CORCORAN

Part from perfectly clear sunny days, cool nights, abundant bird life and an unspoilt landscape teeming and bursting with new colour and life, spring at the Franciscan Monastery offers a perfect place to explore the transforming presence and teachings of Jesus.

A group from The Salvation Army's Miracle Haven Rehabilitation Centre, located at Dora Creek on the NSW Central Coast, once again made the journey together, into silence, solitude and simple living to discover the adventure of Christian prayer and meditation at this traditional hermitage community in the foothills of Stroud.

The aim of the retreat is to discover the practices of prayer and meditation and experience the transforming power of deepening our union, our listening and contemplative awareness of God.

The framework follows Step Eleven (prayer and meditation) of the Twelve Step program which is universally known as the method for treating addictive and dysfunctional behaviours.

"Human health", says the well-known mystic St John of the Cross, "consists in the conscious contact with God". Through embracing Step Eleven as a Christian discipline we bring ourselves into alignment to and union with the "will of God for our lives". Once our heart is submitted, our mind clear and honest, we can begin to sense the mystery of God's presence speaking wholeness and directing our steps.

Being an active monastery, the daily office of morning, midday and evening prayer forms the rhythm of the day. Between chapel, participants learn ways of praying and meditation as practised by Jewish believers and Christians over the centuries.

Meals are eaten in silence, and individual rooms within the mud-brick and natural-stone monastery provide a perfect opportunity for solitude in which to discover the "aloneness with God" that frees us from loneliness and draws us into true community and fellowship with others.

Participants also enjoyed the experience of an art therapy workshop in which the concepts of "journeys" and "beginnings and endings" were explored



The group from Miracle Haven (right) with Franciscan Monastery spiritual director Brother Alfred after their Stations of Creation walk; and (above) members of the group take part in a creative activity.



and expressed as a means of gaining greater insight and self-knowledge.

A Franciscan Stations of Creation walk was led and directed by Brother Alfred, resident Franciscan monk and spiritual director. This was a beautiful time of exploring God's presence and the incarnation of Jesus, the creative Word of God, through a meditative reading and contemplation of St Francis' Canticle of The Creatures, as Alfred led the group around the many acres of the monastery grounds.

Mother Pirriall Clift, resident monastic and retired priest, presided over the daily office and variety of chapel styles including a Taize service on the Wednesday evening that created a deep sense of the loving and healing presence of Jesus.

Among the responses of the participants were: "I experienced inner peace, closer contact with God, more love for myself and for others"; "I have experienced more than I ever expected. The new and diverse ways of praying have been exciting and brought me closer to God and to God's creation"; and "I came with an open mind and I feel that within myself, with prayer and meditation, I will achieve my goal of a heart and mind that is at peace."

Perhaps for me, as retreat leader, these comments remind us that the treasures of heaven are very real, always available and, above all, free! The only cost is a little discipline and a little priority in which we place God, as Jesus commands us, first and love him with all our mind, all our soul and all our strength.

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

My Favourite Verse – Lieutenant Tara McGuigan

"The voice spoke to him a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean'."

Acts 10:15
(New International Version)

God seems to give me a favourite verse for a season. I believe he's got good reason for this – it's often when God is working with me through an area requiring personal development! So, Acts 10:15 is my current favourite memory verse.

The verse gathers in a nutshell the whole of Acts chapter 10, even some of chapter 11. Catching myself in the act of

casting judgment, like a net that snares, is a behaviour I diligently work at rectifying. It's not easy, however, and I persist in faith knowing that one day God is going to set me completely free from this unwholesome context.

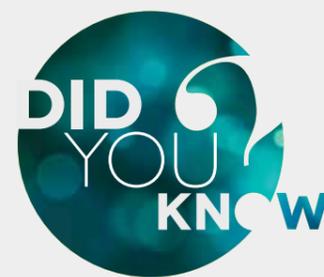
Attitudes towards marginalised people particularly make my hackles rise. These include refugees, people of other faiths, and people who society has labelled "gay". "How dare we demonise these people who God loves as much as everybody else," I storm inside myself. It's then that the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit prompts me to realise I'm doing the same thing I accuse others of doing – just by virtue of that very thought.

Acts 10:34 confirms Peter's new-found understanding: "I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism." God loves everyone, with or without sin. But as theologian Ravi Zacharias

pointed out in a recent radio interview I was listening to, for us to experience the fullness of God's love we must live in the context within which that love operates.

This is what I want to focus in on. In the play *Hamlet*, Shakespeare puts it beautifully: "Know thyself and to thine own self be true." That is the context I work at daily – my own. "Do I know myself and am I operating in God's context for my life?" That's my most frequently asked question these days. As Ravi Zacharias so astutely pointed out, when we live outside of God's context for our life, we cannot fully experience the wholeness of God's love.

This thought ties in neatly for me, with God's command to Peter: "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." See all of creation through the eyes of the Creator – eyes that are unbiased; vision from a context of wholeness.



WORDS AND SAYINGS

Many of the sayings we use in general conversation today come from the Bible, even Jesus himself. Here are a few examples ...

- *Salt of the earth* – In describing his disciples with these words in Matthew 5:13, Jesus was saying that they were valuable, salt being the preferred method of payment in those days. The phrase is still used to describe people we find valuable or important.
- *A wolf in sheep's clothing* – Jesus created this phrase in Matthew 7:15 to describe religious leaders who appear righteous on the outside but are actually evil on the inside. We still use it today to describe hypocrites or those who portray goodness while intending evil.
- *Eat, drink and be merry* – This was a phrase created by Jesus in Luke 12 while telling a cautionary tale about a rich fool who thought the rest of his life was set. The fool died that very night. The words are still used in the sarcastic or pejorative sense.
- *Blind leading the blind* – Jesus coined this phrase in Matthew 15:14, describing false teachers who insist they know the truth but do not, therefore leading the innocent astray.
- *Fly in the ointment* – This is a phrase commonly used to describe something that has gone wrong with a system or procedure. It comes from

Ecclesiastes 10:1, which states "dead flies spoil the perfumer's ointment."

- *Skin of our teeth* – Generally used to mean "just barely" and the imagery comes from Job 19:20: "I am nothing but skin and bones; I have escaped with only the skin of my teeth."
- *We reap what we sow* – Generally accepted as cultural wisdom that means "you get what you earn". The phrase is lifted from Paul's letter to the Galatians (6:7).
- *Drop in the bucket* – Generally used to refer to "a small amount" or "a meaningless portion", the words are from Isaiah 40:15, in which we are told that to the Lord "the nations are a drop in the bucket".
- *Money is the root of all evil* – This popular phrase is actually a mistranslation from 1 Timothy 6:10. The actual words of Paul state that "the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil" (emphasis added).



UNLOCKING THE ARMY'S ARCHIVES WITH MAJOR DAVID WOODBURY

Army assault all in God's timing

One of the great gifts of hindsight is that often we can trace that hand of God working in the world of humanity. **Major DAVID WOODBURY** reflects on God's timing in launching a dynamic movement which was to become known as The Salvation Army

When two English immigrants, John Gore and Edward Saunders, held the first Salvation Army meeting on 5 September 1880 in the Botanic Park in Adelaide, they were probably unaware of how God was working to shape the destiny of The Salvation Army in the emerging nation of Australia.

During the latter part of the 19th century, as The Salvation Army made its appearance in Australia, there were great social, economic and infrastructure changes and development.

There was little doubt that Australia was ready for change. There was a move to throw off colonial shackles and move toward freedom and independence. Events like the uprising at the Eureka Stockade in Ballarat, Victoria, in 1854, were pointers to a rising tide of nationalism and there was disenchantment with British rule and a desire for democracy.

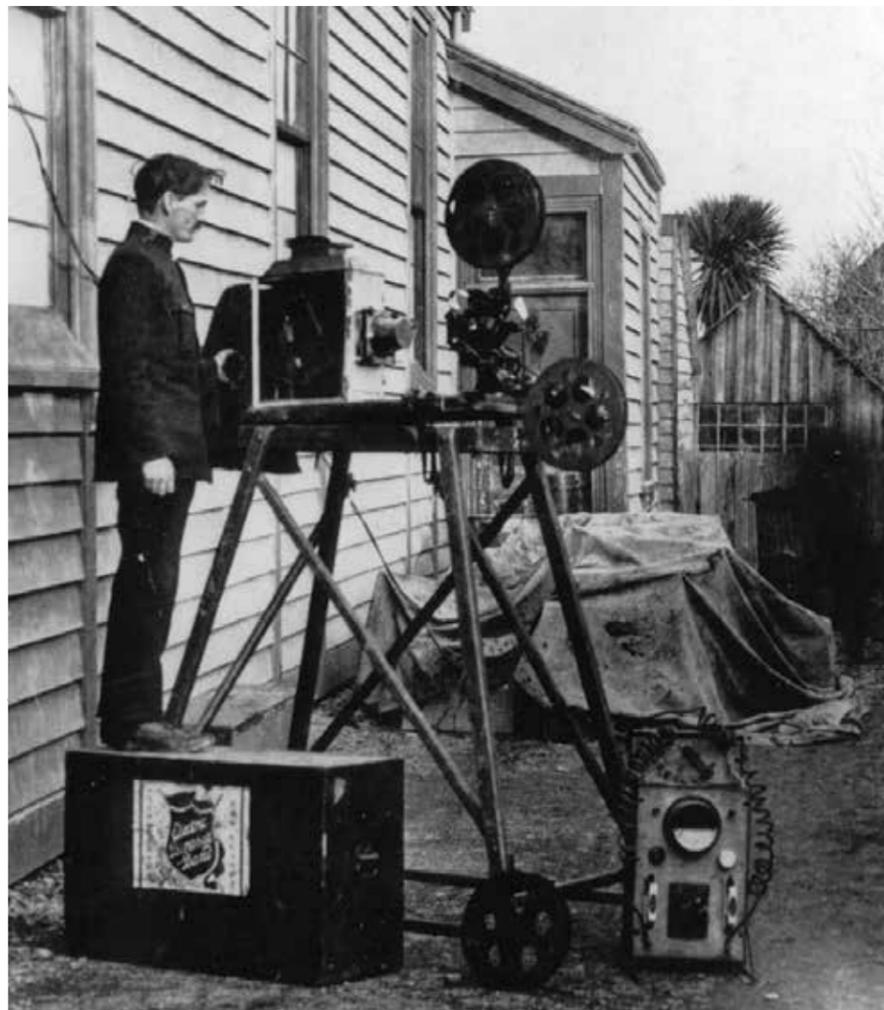
While it could well have been a time of revolution and bloodshed, the noted historian Dr Rob Nicol was to comment that Australia "didn't need a Civil War, or a War of Independence or any form of violence, it was all developed by the will of the people, by peaceful means."

In hindsight we can trace the hand of God moving to establish and build his Salvation Army at an opportune moment in the development of the nation.

There are striking parallels in the spread and development of the gospel in the first century and the spread and development of The Salvation Army in Australia. God does not work impervious of human history; he participates within it to fulfil his purposes.

Perfect timing

The rapid development of the Christian Church in the first century was not just some accidental occurrence. God chose to establish his church at a precise moment in the world's history. Paul alludes to



Early Gaumont projector used by The Salvation Army Limelight Department (Image courtesy of the Alexander Turnbull Library.)

the significance of God's timing when he writes: "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son ..." (Gal 4:4)

During the first century the spread of the Gospel and the development of the Christian Church were greatly facilitated by three factors:

- The Pax Romana (Roman peace) that enabled a secure environment;

- The system of Roman roads facilitating faster and more direct travel;
- The Greek language giving the then known world a common language of communication.
- In the late 19th century similar factors facilitated the commencement and development of The Salvation Army in Australia:



Official opening of Albury railway station, completing the rail link between Sydney and Melbourne, on 14 June 1883. (Photograph, courtesy of the State Records Office NSW). The link was quickly utilised by The Salvation Army as a means to spreading the gospel.

- The Pax Britannica (British peace) enabled a secure environment for The Salvation Army, a British-based mission to establish itself. In 1880, when The Salvation Army made its first appearance in Australia, the British Empire under Queen Victoria was at its peak and British rule facilitated a secure environment.
- New methods of travel such as the steamship and railways were being developed to allow the rapid movement of people.
- Communication reached new heights with the English language being the common language of trade throughout much of the world. The telegraph became an accepted means of communication and a new invention known as the telephone became operational. Photography and the advent of

moving pictures enabled those in Australia to catch visual glimpses of what was happening around the world. The invention of the movie camera, or cinematograph as it was known, in the 1890s was of particular importance to the fledgling Salvation Army as it began to use film to present the Gospel message.

Moving with times

When The Salvation Army burst on to the scene the stage was set for the Army to make a significant impact in this part of the world.

Salvation Army leadership in those early years was bold, innovative and forward-thinking, creating an organisation that was highly mobile and appealing, especially to those of the working class.

Much of the new technology available was quickly utilised by the Army to proclaim and spread its message of God's

love and salvation for all.

As Australia moved towards Federation and nationhood, The Salvation Army, through its evangelical and social initiatives, was to weave itself into the fabric of the community and secure for itself a unique place in the psyche of the nation.

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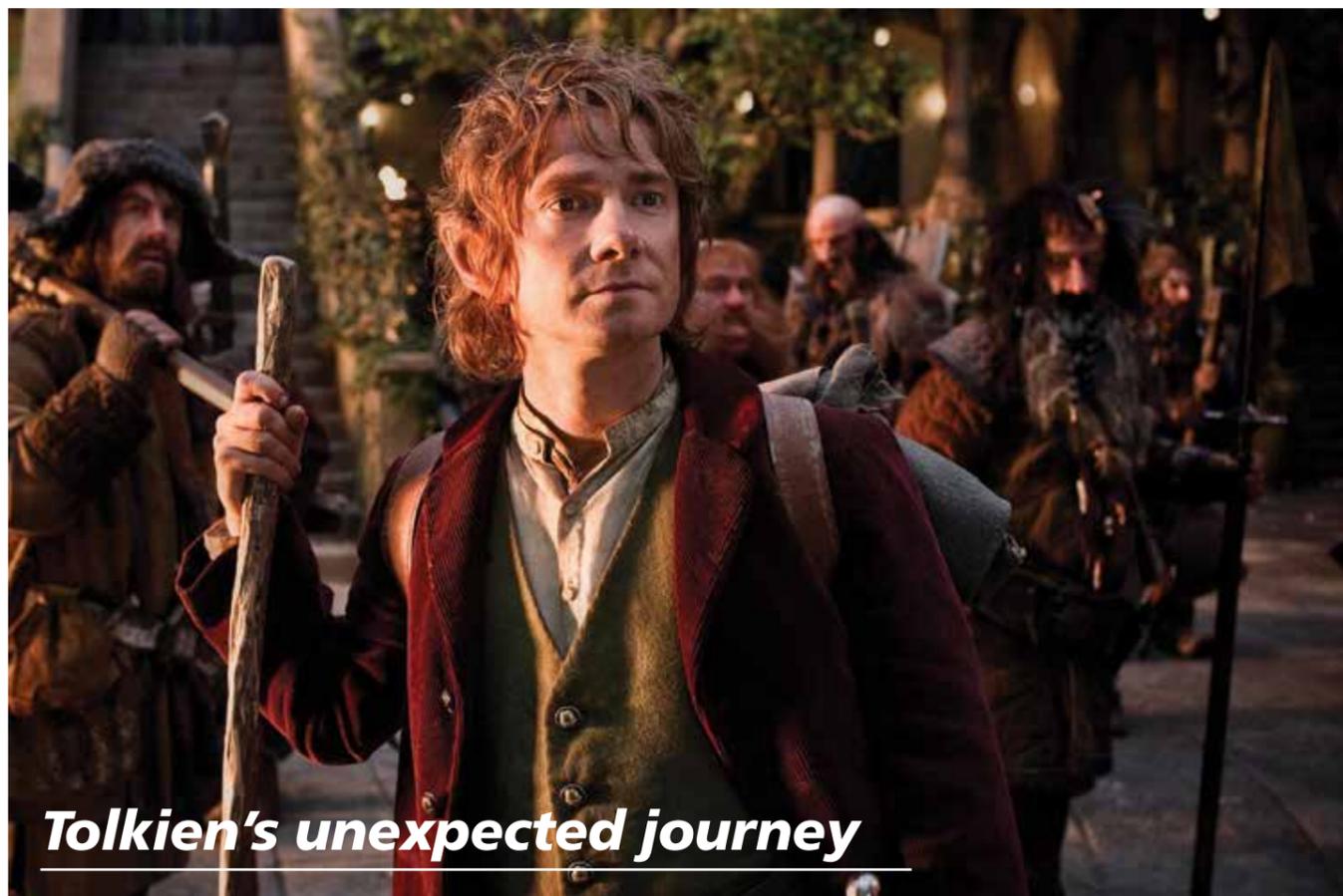


Major David Woodbury is Pipeline's founding editor



What would Jesus view?

With Pipeline culture writer Mark Hadley



Tolkien's unexpected journey



The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey is the tale of Bilbo Baggins, played by Martin Freeman (left), and featuring all the superb imagery movie-goers came to love in The Lord of the Rings trilogy.



There are two types of story that a Christian author can write: a Christian story, and a story that is told by a Christian.

The first may have characters living in biblical or modern times, chasing the love of their life, investigating a murder or embarking on a life-changing journey -it doesn't matter. What they will have is a distinct position on God, Jesus, the Bible ... etc. In short, Christianity is a visible force directing the story.

The second type is quite different. The characters are not Christian. In fact, they may not even live in a universe where Christianity exists. But the faith of the author still shapes the way the characters live -whatever they consider to be noble, right, pure, lovely. Christianity becomes the invisible force directing the story, and that's the path JRR Tolkien took when he invited children to embark with a hobbit on a journey to the Lonely Mountain.

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey is the technicolour rendering of a world framed by Tolkien's faith. The tale centres on Bilbo Baggins, a miniature of a stay-at-home English gentleman who is persuaded to accompany 13 dwarves and Gandalf the wizard on an alarming quest.

Around 170 years earlier, the dragon Smaug devastated the dwarvish mountain stronghold of Erebor and seized its vast treasure. Thorin Oakenshield is determined to regain his people's gold and needs a "burglar" to assist him. Despite his conservative leanings, Bilbo is persuaded to accompany the dwarves on their perilous journey, and step one is crossing the goblin-infested Misty Mountains. But only Gandalf is aware that an even darker power is lurking behind the dangers the adventurers will confront.

An Unexpected Journey is the first of a three-part retelling of *The Hobbit* by Middle Earth master Peter Jackson.

You won't see anything even vaguely cross-like anywhere in its 166 minutes that might point to Tolkien's faith. Yet reflections of the Christian's journey permeate the plot because they are part of the way Tolkien saw his world.

Consider the motivation for the entire story. We're used to seeing Hollywood characters set out on adventures because they see a reward at the end of the road. If *Skyfall* taught us anything it reminded us that men like James Bond always know what they want and are prepared to tackle anyone to get it. But Bilbo is far more reluctant hero:

Gandalf: "You'll have a tale or two to tell when you come back."

Bilbo Baggins: "You can promise that I will come back?"

Gandalf: ... "No. And if you do, you will not be the same."

Bilbo, like every Christian, is the often unwilling participant in his own

adventure who ends up benefitting despite himself. Tolkien understood we often resist the best things for us, and God is far more aware of what we need than we are.

Bilbo's unlikely travelling companions are another example. Thorin may be a hero well realised by Jackson, but Tolkien's expedition also includes Bombur, a fat and ungainly dwarf, the elderly brothers Balin and Dwalin and a higher than normal proportion of whingers. Yet this was the team Thorin tells viewers he won't do without: "I would take each and every one of these dwarves over the mightiest army!"

Biblical parallels

Tolkien, a regular attendee in his Catholic parish, was familiar with the foibles of the church and the sort of people God has chosen to fulfil his Great Commission. In Tolkien's world it is the weak and

the foolish that shame the wise and the strong.

Finally, think about the epic forces that move behind Bilbo's journey. The darkest force in *An Unexpected Journey* is not the dragon at the end of the road but the Necromancer threatening the safety of all Middle Earth. Tolkien has Thorin suggesting it's time the dwarves took that dark figure to task, but Gandalf responds: "Don't be absurd! He is an enemy far beyond the power of all the dwarves put together. The dragon and the mountain are more than big enough tasks for you!"

It's not for the dwarves to accomplish the salvation of Middle Earth. No, their job, like that of the average Christian, is to apply themselves to the task before them. Tolkien's heroes are forever forgetting the big picture to concentrate on the task at hand, and finding unexpectedly that their personal journey contributes to the salvation of many they never even meet.

Tolkien wasn't interested in allegory, but as a Christian he did provide us with stories that work very much like Jesus' parables. His fantastic tales delight our imaginations, but they resonate with our hearts because in them we catch the scent of something much more significant. Writing about his close friend's art, Robert Murray observed: "A good story need not have a 'message', yet Tolkien often acknowledged that most great stories abound in morally significant features which are applicable to the experience of readers far removed in time and space."

The sheer spectacle of *The Hobbit* may see it become Australia's biggest release in the last 12 months, but its longevity as a film will rest on its unexpected ability to reflect divine truths. And with the whole country trooping off to see this latest quest there's never been a better time to draw their attention to the life-transforming journey they might also embark on.

The Hub Vision statement

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

Captain Mark Bulow, Dalby Corps Officer, is the team leader and flying padre at the Rural Ministry Centre, South Queensland Flying Service.



7 MISSION PRIORITIES

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

Hubs concept worth going the distance

Distance will be one of the main difficulties to getting the South Queensland Rural Hub to work, according to one of its leaders, Captain Mark Bulow.

Mark shares the hub leadership with his wife, Captain Jo-Anne Bulow. They are Corps Officers at Dalby, in Queensland's south-west. He is also Team Leader and Flying Padre at the Rural Ministry Centre, South Queensland Flying Service.

The South Queensland Rural Hub covers 25 per cent of Queensland.

Its eastern border runs from Gin Gin in the north, down through Kingaroy, Toowoomba, Warwick and Stanthorpe to the NSW border just above Tenterfield. The western border is the South Australia and Northern Territory borders. The hub incorporates everything in between.

From a Salvation Army aspect, the hub includes six corps – Lockyer Valley (outpost at Laidley), Warwick (outpost at Stanthorpe), Toowoomba, Dalby, Kingaroy

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

and Roma. There are Family Stores at Lockyer Valley, Toowoomba, Warwick, Stanthorpe, Texas, Kingaroy and Roma, Moneycare offices at Lockyer Valley, Toowoomba and Dalby, a retirement village (Horton Village) and crisis accommodation centre at Toowoomba, and rural chaplains operating from Dalby, Kingaroy and St George.

Dalby Corps also operates as a centre for welfare assistance, family counselling and electricity use education (HESS).

It's the responsibility of the Bulows and their hub team to get all expressions

of Salvation Army service in south-west Queensland to operate as a single unit.

Mark says the South Queensland Rural Hub is really in its infancy. So far, there has been one meeting of representatives from all expressions of Salvation Army work and one follow-up meeting. A strategic team representing the different expressions was recently formed. The current plan is to meet every six weeks to progress the work of the hub team.

"It's a work in progress," Mark says. "Distance is a big thing. Our further most corps is located at Roma, which is about

three hours from Dalby and six hours from Brisbane. We need to plan well in advance. Those who have been around rural ministry understand that travelling is all part of the day-to-day aspect of rural life and, therefore, have no problem in travelling the distance.

"But those who are new to rural work may struggle with distance. Travel safety and Occupational Health and Safety come with that.

"So, distance is the first challenge. Other challenges include taking the work of The Salvation Army out to smaller communities which have little or no services. Isolation is an issue. So is reliability of communication.

"Another challenge is that rural ministry is a unique work. We need to be able to overcome budget restraints. The cost of operating in these communities is often higher and, therefore, overlooked.

"But our vision is very clear. With the right workers, our goals are very realistic."

Over the years these pages have contained many inspiring and challenging articles written by **Lieutenant-Colonel MIRIAM GLUYAS** in her role as Territorial Secretary for Program. As she moves to a new appointment, *Pipeline* offered her the opportunity for a farewell message



A couple prays for over two decades to be re-united with their son. In difficult times, he was adopted out. In amazing circumstances, they find him and what follows is a wonderful reunion for mum and dad, son and a big, big family.

God does answer prayer. Several family members had faithfully prayed each day for years. What a kind, magnificent God!

Young adults attend a "Time to be holy, time to serve" gathering. To one it was the "gift of the year". For others, it was life transforming. Many participants keep in touch on what God is doing in their lives. They are living like Jesus; staying strong. "The fire is still burning".

A lady makes contact with a Salvo. She needs support to manage her developmentally disabled son. She has had a recent car crash, lost her job and is somewhat immobile. Life is "crushing". She says: "I'm in desperate need ...". The Salvo finishes the sentence: "...of Jesus".

The woman says she heard of Jesus when she was a child. But she doesn't know him. She shares with the Salvo stories of loss of self worth, being without any real value, isolation, having to be strong but being broken, and carrying immense guilt and shame. As Jesus is shared with her, she begins to understand that all who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved – to his kingdom (peace, freedom, value from the king, community). She calls on Jesus' name and is now enjoying life as a citizen of the kingdom of God.

A youth pastor at a local corps is mentoring a young guy. The youth pastor picks up that one of the elderly members of the corps has several medical appointments over the next few weeks. He calls the lady, turns up with the young guy and they go to the appointment with her. They live the culture of valuing the generations within corps life. There is mutual love and respect.

A young woman moves with a purposeful smile and an excited sense of anticipation as she arranges a room in her corps building for adventure and exploration by pre-schoolers. As

the children pour in and activity gets underway, her gentleness, inclusion and language are evidence that she knows what kids love.

She teaches, shares the gospel message in the language of a pre-schooler, leaving them with no doubt that they are adored by their creator and by her. At the conclusion, the children are then led to the building foyer to join the whole church community for morning tea. Jesus is present as his truth is celebrated. His people are connecting. The corps is passionate about bringing each other, children included, to Jesus.

After attending a Red Shield summer camp, a young man goes home urging his mum and sisters to go to church at the local corps – Greater Liverpool.

Mum goes along, encounters Jesus and her life is never the same. Transformed by the love and acceptance of a gracious God, she continues to raise her children alone, but with her new "boyfriend" Jesus. Embracing her new church family, she reads the Bible, attends Bible study and wants to serve Jesus with all of her heart. She becomes a soldier and shares the story of God's love wherever she goes.

A couple sign their covenant with God at The Salvation Army training college, on covenant day. They would probably have laughed about that several years ago.

They were asked to take on a ministry suitable to their skill set. They ministered beautifully and now take on the role as Salvation Army officers, still serving in an area of absolute passion. God has done a great work in them and through them.

Stories of Jesus, stories of people who have had their lives transformed by Jesus, stories of passion, love, grace and real community, stories of our DNA, and what really counts ... priorities.

What a huge privilege to have been involved in such a journey. The journey continues. The partnering up with Jesus continues. The keeping the main thing the main thing continues.

And, oh what a journey it is!
Bless you all in the days ahead.
Thank you for who you are and all that you do.

General, Australian officers join retirement

By Major DESLEA MAXWELL

Commissioner James Condon was among the special guests for the retirement salute to Papua New Guinea Territorial Commander Commissioner Andrew Kalai last month.

The retirement service coincided with congress celebrations held in Port Moresby led by the world leader of The Salvation Army, General Linda Bond.

Commissioner Condon, The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territorial Commander, has a close friendship with Commissioner Kalai having previously served with him in PNG.

"The three years I spent as chief secretary in Papua New Guinea, serving alongside Commissioner Kalai, were among the most wonderful and fulfilling years of my service as a Salvation Army officer," said Commissioner Condon.

"So it's been a real honour and privilege to be at the retirement service of a man through whom God has done a tremendous work in PNG."

Commissioner Kalai also has strong links to the Eastern Territory having completed his officer training at Booth College in Sydney. Other Eastern Territory officers to attend the retirement service included Commissioners Ian and Nancy Cutmore, Major Heather Gill, Majors Bill and Bev Mole, Majors Don and Isabel Gates, Majors Colin and Pam Robinson, Majors Bruce and Gwenda Pratt, Lieutenants Stuart and Paula Glover, and Lieutenant Darren Kingston.

The retirement salute was the final meeting of the congress and allowed the country's Salvationists the opportunity to express words of thanks to Commissioner Kalai, the first Papua New Guinean leader of The Salvation Army in PNG.

Commissioner Condon and Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Webb (Territorial Secretary of Women's Ministries), along with Commissioner Hans van Vliet - all of whom had served alongside Commissioner Kalai in PNG - led "this is your life" segments where mention was made of his life as a boy, Salvationist, husband, father and leader.

Officers, soldiers and family members paid tribute to the commissioner and the General presented him with his retirement certificate. A touching moment came when Commissioner Kalai's



celebration for PNG territorial leader



(Clockwise from far left) Before presenting Commissioner Andrew Kalai with his retirement certificate, the General expressed appreciation for his life, ministry and leadership; Lieutenants Sylvia and Richard Raymond and family salute the Territorial Commander before receiving their first appointment; The General is accompanied by a child as she enjoys the youth rally; Commissioners Raymond and Aylene Finger present a new Salvation Army flag to the corps officers from the Solomon Islands.



Commissioner Ian Cutmore (left) and Captain Jackson Suave renew acquaintance and share memories of the early days of Salvation Army ministry in PNG.

son, Pere, played the cornet solo *My All is On the Altar*, reflecting his father's life and service to God.

"I don't know where to start ... but it's good to start with God," said Commissioner Kalai in his response. "I retire with no regrets. I feel satisfied. The Army has been good to me and God has been good to me."

Congress celebration

Earlier, the General had led a weekend of congress celebrations under the theme of "Rejoice in the Lord Always, and Again I Say Rejoice".

More than 3000 officers, soldiers and friends from all over PNG had made the journey to Port Moresby to be part of the weekend, which included the commissioning and ordination of the *Proclaimers of the Resurrection* session of cadets, a celebration of 50 years of national officers being trained on PNG soil.

The Friday evening Salvationists rally set the scene for a God-glorifying weekend. Two cultures were seen working hand in hand: the colourful PNG culture with its array of national dress and dance, and an enthusiastic Salvation Army culture, with flags, timbrels and brass band.

Early the next morning, a men's gathering took place, led by Commissioner Hans van Vliet (Territorial Commander, The Netherlands and Czech Republic) and Commissioner James Condon. Both men are former chief secretaries of the PNG Territory.

Later, during the ordination and commissioning of the *Proclaimers of the Resurrection* session, Cadets Bagu Leana and Sylvia Raymond testified to the goodness and faithfulness of God throughout their training. In her message, the General challenged the newly commissioned lieutenants to keep true to their calling and to preach Jesus wherever they go.

A women's rally included many examples of PNG culture. Each division and district was represented through testimony, dance, drama or singing. The General challenged the women to stand firm and to encourage their daughters to obtain an education and make a difference in the world. Many women knelt at the mercy seat, rededicating their lives to Christ and uplifting their children before him.

A praise-filled youth rally gave the territory's young people a special opportunity to express their faith. The rally included the appointments meeting for the new lieutenants, enabling the

young Salvationists of PNG to see people who have given their lives in full-time ministry receive their first appointments as officers of The Salvation Army.

Many items, both traditional and contemporary, expressed the young people's love for Christ and his power within their lives. Following the General's Bible message, many flocked to the altar, reaffirming their commitment to Christ.

A highlight of the holiness meeting on Sunday was a vocal item by Salvationists from the Solomon Islands. Commissioners Raymond and Aylene Finger (territorial leaders, Australia Southern) presented, on behalf of their territory, a new Salvation Army flag for the Solomons. The enrolment of 37 soldiers stirred the congregation, which heard testimonies that spoke of the goodness of God in difficult times.

The General, in her Bible message, spoke about the "one message" aspect of The Salvation Army's ministry as being the message of salvation - a full salvation - and a life of holiness. She went on to define holiness as "a heart that is true and clean" and a love like the Lord's love. At the conclusion of the meeting the altar was the place of first-time decisions, rededications and a deepening commitment to the work of Christ. □

Aged Care Plus chief takes on asylum seeker role

By ESTHER PINN

Sharon Callister, Aged Care Plus Chief Executive Officer, has been appointed for 12 months as CEO of The Salvation Army's Humanitarian Mission Services.

Ms Callister officially commences her role on 1 February, and will oversee the humanitarian support services provided by The Salvation Army for asylum seekers being housed on Nauru and Manus Island. Her job will be to provide strategic direction and support to all personnel involved with the mission.

"I hope to work with the team to provide the best possible humanitarian care and support to the asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus Island," Ms Callister said.

"There are already many passionate people on our team wanting to do God's work in this challenging and complex area. I feel an enormous privilege in being called to be part of this important area of ministry."

Ms Callister will be based in Australia, but will travel regularly to Nauru and Manus Island.

Earlier this year, the head of The Salvation Army's Social Program Department, Major Paul Moulds, was appointed as regional director of offshore processing. He is based on Manus Island. His wife, Major Robbin Moulds, the former head of the Oasis Youth Support Network in Sydney, was appointed as island client services coordinator.

The Salvation Army entered into an agreement with the

Federal Government in September to provide humanitarian support services for asylum seekers sent to Nauru and Manus Island.

The Salvation Army is still seeking applications for people who are skilled and available to work with asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus Island. Enquiries and applications can be sent to: offshoremision@aue.salvationarmy.org



Aged Care Plus chief executive officer Sharon Callister will oversee The Salvation Army's Humanitarian Mission Services.

Red Shield Defence Service puts new programs on the offensive

Two new initiatives of The Salvation Army Red Shield Defence Service that began last year are set for expansion.

Sunday School on Thursday began at the Puckapunyal Military Area after a group of mums on the base asked for Christian teaching for their children, aged five to 12.

Captain Di Lawson, RSDS Senior Representative at Puckapunyal, runs the group in school terms with more than 35 children now registered.

Captain Lawson also responded to a Facebook conversation between some of the mums talking about getting a women's Bible study started on the base.



Some of the older children made a nativity star advent chain during a craft activity run by the RSDS at Puckapunyal.

"I now run this group, called SolidRock, under the Military Christian Fellowship banner and support the military wives with a biblical fellowship," she said.

Captains Di and Russell Lawson also run a kids drop-in centre at the Donovan Joynt VC Community Hop-in Centre on the base.

More than 100 children and youth use the centre on Friday and Saturday nights, with their parents often joining them for dinner and to use some of the facilities.

"The rapport we build there has enabled us to minister to the children on Thursdays because the parents know their kids are safe with us," said Captain Di Lawson.

For the past six months, Captain Bryce Steep, RSDS Representative at the School of Military Engineering in Moorebank, has been running a pilot Positive Lifestyle Program (PLP) at the Holsworthy Military Correction Centre. He has introduced the program at the request of the centre's commanding officer.

"The pilot program has been very well received by the inmates and the initial results have been very encouraging," explained Captain Steep, who is also a qualified facilitator of the program.

Once the inmates leave the centre, the RSDS can, with their permission, put them in contact with RSDS representatives in their local areas who can offer ongoing support and assistance."

The centre has also approached The Salvation Army regarding assistance in drug and alcohol recovery programs.

"Initial discussions are looking into how The Salvation Army can help members of the Australian Defence Services with a substance or addiction problem," said Captain Steep.

North Brisbane Corps finds helping kids is child's play

BY SIMONE WORTHING

Preparing children for success and significance is the purpose behind a new playground at The Salvation Army's North Brisbane Corps that was officially opened on Sunday 25 November.

Brian Andrew - Christian storyteller, author and speaker whose book *I Grow in Grandad's Garden* is the inspiration for the playground - spoke during the morning church service at the corps, before cutting the ribbon at the playground's opening. He was helped by Lexie Desmond from the corps.

During the opening, Brian explained the "Stop Spots" in the corners of the playground. They are a direct reflection of the spots mentioned in his book and are inspired by his own garden in south-east Queensland where he walks with his grandchildren.

Both in the playground and in the book, the spots are designed to prepare children for emotional and spiritual growth and significance in the world today.

Readers of the book and visitors to the playground can, "take a break at the Think and Thank Seat which shows us the value of gratitude and helps overcome complaining; the Let Go Log shows us the value of forgiveness which helps overcome hurts; the Cross Over Corner shows us the value of courage which helps overcome fears; and the Dream Table shows us the value of generosity which helps overcome selfishness," said Brian.

At each stop spot in the playground, interactive questions and activities provide opportunities to communicate with children about spiritual and emotional topics on a level they can both understand and be challenged by.

"It's a great missional opportunity to engage with children and could help provide a bridge from some of our programs into the life of the church," said Captain Donna Todd, North Brisbane Corps Officer.

"As a church, we wanted to provide families with more than just 'play equipment'. We wanted to use this space as a ministry for God, to provide families with a place that could be used for them to spend quality time with their kids and to utilise the four Stop Spots to speak life and positive encouragement into their kid's lives."

For more information, go to www.grandadsgarden.com.au



Brian Andrew explains the motivation behind the new playground at North Brisbane Corps.

Army says thank you to its 'honoured friends'

More than 60 "honoured friends" gathered for a special morning tea on 6 December hosted by The Salvation Army Wills and Bequests Department at Territorial Headquarters in Sydney.

"Honoured friends" refer to those people who have generously left a bequest for The Salvation Army in their will. The purpose of the morning tea is to say thank you to them for their financial support of the Army.

"They say out in our society, 'thank God for the Salvos', and that's a real honour for the Army. But the reality is the Army

exists and operates in this country because of the way it's held in esteem in this country," said Tim Hood, Territorial Wills and Bequest Director, in thanking the honoured friends for their support.

"We'd say thank God for you and the way you support us, to help to enable us to do what we do."

Special guests, Majors Alwyn and Deborah Robinson, Parramatta Corps Officers, provided the morning's entertainment singing three songs, *Shepherd of my Heart*, *Forever in his Care* and *Offering*.

Territorial Commander, Commissioner James, Condon shared a number of stories reflecting the work of the Army and explained how the generosity of the honoured friends has and will continue to impact the wider community.

"In the Bible it says we are more blessed to give than receive. Thank you for what you give to The Salvation Army," he said.



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Unsung hero recognised with carer's award

"I think what got me through was a lot of prayer and strength from above," said Nita Walkom, a Salvationist from Raymond Terrace Corps who was recently recognised with a NSW Carer's Award.

"It's just amazing what you can do and learn when you have to."

In 2009, Nita's husband, Glen, was diagnosed with motor neurone disease and told he had 12 months to live. Nita questioned whether she had the strength to fulfil Glen's wish to live the rest of his life in their family home, but she took on the challenge and learned how to use medical equipment and assist her husband with his mobility and medical needs.

Nita cared for Glen for almost three years until he was promoted to glory in August last year, just before the couple's 50th wedding anniversary.

Nita said she felt honoured to receive the award but emphasised that she wasn't the only one who looked after Glen.

"I had a lot of professionals and family around me who helped," she said. "My son would come and help me put Glen to bed each night and stay with him every Monday while I ducked out to get the groceries and do a few things."

State Member for Maitland, Robyn Parker, congratulated Nita, calling carers the "unsung heroes" of the community.

"They put their life on hold and it's important we recognise



Nita Walkom with her carer's award and order of service from her husband Glen's funeral. Photo courtesy The Maitland Mercury

their vital role in enhancing the health and wellbeing of others," Ms Parker said.

Nita was one of the 53 individual carers and 10 organisations across the state to be presented with carer's awards.

Armidale building upgrade key to future growth

By SIMONE WORTHING

The Salvation Army's newly renovated building in Armidale has been dedicated into active service for the community by Major Phil McLaren, North NSW Divisional Commander, on Sunday 25 November.

Richard Torbay, State Member for the Northern Tablelands, attended the dedication and opened the building's new community kitchen that has also been renovated and upgraded. More than 75 people attended the service.

"The meeting was one of celebration to thank those who have been faithful over the years and to welcome new members of our congregation," said Lieutenant Ged Oldfield, Armidale Corps Officer. "We have been in the community for 126 years and we need to ensure that we will be here for another century doing what it is that we are known for, which is linking with the community and providing support and programs that meet the needs of those who find themselves in distress."

The renovation of the building, which includes an expansion of the church hall and upgrading of the kitchen and Family Store, will enable the Armidale Corps to expand its services in the community and cater for future growth.

"Much-needed space has been provided in the Family Store which puts this service all under one roof," said Lieut Oldfield.

"We can now also extend our service providing meals to those less fortunate or facing difficult times, to the elderly living alone and those who are lonely and invite them to this fellowship outreach."

A generous donation from Kleenheat funded the upgrading and expansion of the kitchen.

The renovation of the Family Store and community hall were funded equally from corps funds, a generous government grant, and the local community.

"Our plan for the future is to grow our church as we continue to link closely with the Armidale community," said Lieut Oldfield.

Wills Day a record-breaking success

The Salvation Army's local Wills Day on 13 November provided NSW Central Coast residents with the opportunity to have their wills professionally prepared, as well as raising almost \$20,000 for the Army's Emergency Services on the Central Coast.

Almost 40 local solicitors gave their valuable time to the cause, with a total of 493 wills prepared.

The 2012 Wills Day was the biggest yet, with the amount raised an increase of more than \$5000 on the 2011 total. These funds will greatly assist the Emergency Services department in being ready to respond in times of local emergency or disaster.

"Assisting in the future of the community whilst raising funds at the same time is a perfect match," said Rodney Dibley, Newcastle and Central NSW Divisional Communications and Public Relations Secretary.

"We are overjoyed with this result and I would like to specially thank the 37 local solicitors who gave up their time to be involved.

"I believe the Salvos have cemented the Wills Day as a great way to support a reputable charity which in turn, gives back to the local community as well as provide an important service at a discounted rate."



Solicitor Mary Butcher helps prepare a will during The Salvation Army's annual Wills Day on the Central Coast.



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Special service celebrates ministry of Thornton Outpost

More than 100 people have attended a special celebration meeting to share memories and give thanks for the legacy of the Salvation Army's Thornton Outpost.

After almost 15 years of ministry, a decision was made to close the outpost late last year.

"Thanks again on behalf of leaders past and present, for all you have done. Only eternity will reveal the full extent of your influence in the community. To God be the glory," said Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon, in a message that was read out during the meeting.

Major Annette West was the guest speaker for the service, accompanied by Newcastle and Central NSW Divisional Commander, Major Gavin Watts.

A team of Salvationists has managed Thornton Outpost since it started in February 1998. During that time, it has enjoyed a small band and run programs including Sunday School, junior soldiers, corps cadets, youth group, kids club, women's ministries and regular Bible studies.

The outpost, though always small in numbers, has reached out to other corps with band and songster trips and has hosted other corps in return. The band and other members of the outpost have also been frequent visitors at the local aged care facility. Community outreach has included outdoor meetings on the streets of Thornton, and Christmas carolling, with many contacts made being brought into the fellowship of the Army. Six of the eight junior soldiers enrolled at the outpost came directly from the local community.



Some of the faithful members of Thornton Outpost are honoured during the celebration service.

Marion honoured for faithful service

The South Queensland Division of The Salvation Army recently recognised Marion Deighton for her long-term service to the organisation.

Marion has been working in for the Army's Family Tracing service for the past 25 years, beginning her service at the People's Palace in Brisbane.

"I've only worked in Family Tracing, it's an awesome work and I love it," she said.

"This ministry brings a lot of emotion as you share people's lives, but it is an amazing privilege to see hurting and broken

Divisional men's camp makes life count

"Making your life count" was the theme of the ACT and South NSW Divisional Men's Camp held late last year at the Adventist Alpine Village in Jindabyne.



Hikers enjoy the view from Mt Kosciusko.

More than 40 men from around the division attended the weekend. Divisional Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Philip Cairns, and Captain Dale Murray, Divisional Communications and Public Relations Secretary, led a teaching session and devotions on the Saturday morning, before delegates joined in electives including a hike to Mount Kosciusko, four-wheel-driving, fishing or simply relaxing.

Captain Mark Everitt, Tuggeranong Corps Officer, then hosted the inaugural "Jindabyne Olympics", featuring events such as bobsledding, figure skating and synchronised swimming!

On the Sunday, Major David Eyles, Divisional Secretary, led delegates in a prayer walk before the weekend concluded with worship and teaching.

"It was great to see men from different corps and centres interacting with each other, reading their Bibles, praying aloud and having fun," said Captain Murray.

"Delegates clearly showed they want the camp to be an annual event and have regular activities for men throughout the year. The divisional leadership team is discussing the way forward for men's ministries in the division and planning for the coming year."

families being restored and reconciled.

"Not all endings are happy though, and it's sad to see people hold on to bitterness and unforgiveness."

Marion is grateful for the two directors she has worked under during her years of service: Major Lyndal Barker, current state director for Family Tracing Service Brisbane, and former director, Betty Brown.

"I was and am so blessed to have these two women of God who have helped and mentored me and whose faith and strength have had a great impact on me," she said.



Ipswich Corps

Captain Lenore Pack re-enrolled Suzanne Bressington as a senior soldier, and Captain Greg Pack accepted Paul Bressington as an adherent, on Sunday 25 November. Paul shared a moving testimony of how God had never left him throughout some difficult times. "He has walked this road of life with me and although I have fallen many times, he was right there, moulding me and pointing me in the right direction," he said. "I blamed him for many things but he has not faltered, he has waited for the right time and has told me that I am his son." Pictured are (from left) flag bearer George Clarke, Captain Lenore Pack, Suzanne and Paul Bressington, and Captain Greg Pack.



Gold Coast Temple Corps

Corps Officer Major Andrew McKeown enrolled Felicia Palmer (right) as a senior soldier on Sunday 11 November. Felicia, a former Buddhist nun, shared her testimony, giving thanks to God for his "brilliant" gifts of salvation, unconditional love and freedom. "Since Jesus Christ entered my life last year, I have felt that I am finally free," she said. "He has given me such direction in my life and such happiness. I can only describe it as complete peace."



Armidale Corps

Corps Officer Lieutenant Ged Oldfield enrolled Gemma Corcoran as a senior soldier on Sunday 25 November. The enrolment was part of a welcome to new members during the dedication of the newly renovated Salvation Army citadel and reopening of the upgraded and expanded community kitchen. Gemma is pictured with Lieutenants Ged and Jeanie Oldfield.



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Adrian Kistan,
Territorial Indigenous Ministry Coordinator

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Salvos helping to rebuild Haiti

A recent visit to Haiti has given General Linda Bond an insight into the progress of The Salvation Army's rebuilding work in the country after the devastating 2010 earthquake.

The General toured the construction site at The Salvation Army's College Verena and new Haitian Divisional Headquarters. The site will eventually become facilities

incorporating a kindergarten, primary and secondary school, health clinics, offices and a conference centre.

Earlier, more than 1000 people had crowded into a banquet hall in Port-au-Prince to welcome the General with song, dance and united worship. During the meeting, 50 senior soldiers and a further 20 junior soldiers were enrolled.



General Bond with flag-waving students from College Verena in Port-au-Prince. Photo: Yves Montoban

General leads anniversary celebrations in Caribbean

By Lieut-Colonel VEVENE JONAS

The Prime Minister of Jamaica joined thousands of Salvationists from the Caribbean Territory, under the leadership of General Linda Bond, to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Salvation Army work starting in the Caribbean.

The Army "opened fire" in Kingston, Jamaica, in 1887 and over the years its ministry has spread to a further 15 countries that together, comprise the territory.

Celebrations began with the arrival of the General. She was greeted at the airport by music from the Caribbean Territorial Band, with flag-waving officers, cadets and soldiers singing *Joy in The Salvation Army*.

On the Saturday morning, downtown Kingston came alive to the sights and sounds of the New York Staff Band and the Caribbean Territorial Band leading hundreds of Salvationists in a grand march of witness. The event was a tremendous time of witnessing to the saving grace of Jesus. The General took the salute and also spent time with children from The

Salvation Army's School for the Blind.

The Saturday evening extravaganza was a tribute to the talents of Salvationists. The sweet sound of the steel pan was joined by music from the New York Staff Band and the powerful presentation of the musical *Spirit! II: Empire*.

On the Sunday morning the Jamaica College Auditorium was transformed into hallowed ground as nearly 2000 Salvationists and friends gathered to worship God. The General encouraged her listeners to cultivate a healthy appetite for the deep things of God, assuring them that it is possible to live holy lives in the 21st century.

Salvationists danced in true celebratory style in the closing meeting, which was attended by Prime Minister Portia Simpson-Miller. She praised the Army for its significant contribution to the people of Jamaica.

Thanking the prime minister for her government's generous support of the Army's work, the General promised an ongoing commitment to serve suffering humanity.

Army expands

Cambodia has become the 126th country in which The Salvation Army has an official presence.

The Army's Korea Territory first expressed interest in an outreach mission in Cambodia in 2008. Later, a declaration of vision was made to plant a corps in the country.

Legal registration of the Army in Cambodia has now been completed and the inaugural meeting and opening was held in Phnom Penh in late November. It was conducted by Commissioners Park, Man-he and Kim, Keum-nyeo (territorial leaders, Korea Territory) who were accompanied by Captains Shin, Jin-kyun and Lim, Hyang, who have been appointed in charge of the work, and the Korean Ambassador to Cambodia.

Historic congress

The France and Belgium Territorial Congress, held in Paris in November, was a significant event, being the first such gathering since the two countries were combined into a single territory in January 2009.

Guest leaders for the event were the The Salvation Army's Chief of the Staff, Commissioner Barry Swanson, and Commissioner Sue Swanson, the World President of Women's Ministries.

The congress theme was "The Mission Continues: Let's Dare for God!" and each major event over the three days drew crowds of more than 1000.

There were separate workshops and studies for men, women and children as well as family events at which many people gave their lives to Christ and moved forward for prayer.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Faithful servant

Rita Copp was promoted to glory on 25 April 2012, aged 93.

A thanksgiving service was held at Taree Salvation Army and conducted by her son-in-law, Major Allan Flemming. A feature of the service was the singing of *Amazing Grace* in which 23 of her grandchildren participated.

Rita's children – Fran, David, Peter, Christopher, Jeremy and Janine – honoured their mother's faithfulness and her prayers over the years.

In the corps tribute, Jean Emerton quoted from Proverbs: "Charm is deceptive and beauty disappears, but a woman who honours the Lord should be praised. Give her credit for all she does. She deserves the respect of everyone" (Proverbs 31 verse 30-31).

Jean continued: "Rita Copp always reminded me of these verses. She was truly a faithful servant of the Lord Jesus whom she loved and served for so many years."

Rita's desire in her final days had been to go to heaven and to "greet all her loved ones who have gone on before", having been part of a remarkable, loving family with a strong Christian heritage.

Rita Elsie Copp was born on 9 September 1918 in Manning St, Taree, next to where The Salvation Army's Taree building now stands. She was the fifth of eight children to David and Elizabeth Hopper.

Rita grew up in Hannam Vale where her father had gone to live in response to God's call to help establish the work of The Salvation Army among the children in the area some years before she was born.

Like other members of her family, she, in turn, was fully involved in working with the children and families in the area. This included riding her horse to Lorne, rain, hail or shine to teach the children about Jesus.

Rita commenced her training as a nurse in Newcastle but after two years she married Arthur Copp in August 1945.

After marriage, Rita was involved in children's ministry at Hurstville Corps until moving to Blackheath in 1964, worshipping at Katoomba Corps and Blackheath Outpost. She continued in Sunday School ministry and was the Home League Secretary at Blackheath until moving to Taree where she became leader of the Silver Threads group in her retirement.

Rita was an encourager, showing

God's love and compassion to many through her work as a nurse, to her neighbours and through her corps ministry. She was noted for her generous hospitality.

When Arthur was promoted to glory in 1993, Rita continued her ministry of encouragement. She recorded the weekly newsletter for a blind lady at the corps for a number of years.

Her love for children saw her providing Sunday lunch in her home for up to 10 children every week for many years.

In recent years, bouts of ill health did not deter her resilience and determination. Though bed-ridden in her last weeks she still managed to bring blessing to those who visited, thanking each who have helped in any way and testifying to her strong faith.

"Well done good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the Lord."

A dear friend

Joy McCarthy was promoted to glory on 9 November 2012, aged 92, at the Canberra Hospital with her daughter Olive by her side.

Her funeral was held at The Chapel in Canberra's Norwood Park Crematorium on 15 November, led by Sally Midgelow who attends Queanbeyan Corps and is the hospital chaplain.

Olive, who is a soldier of Goulburn Corps, gave a tribute to her mother and read from John 14:1-6.

Paula Barker, an adherent from Woden Valley Corps, gave the corps tribute while Barbara Haslehurst, also from Woden Valley Corps, played the organ as the congregation sang *Amazing Grace*. Woden Valley soldier Kevin Shaw held the flag during the service.

Winsome Joy McCarthy was born on 31 July 1920 into a family steeped in Salvation Army tradition, with her mother and her grandparents all Salvationists.

Joy spent some of her childhood in a Salvation Army home and in 1933, at the age of 13, was a junior soldier at Ryde Corps. Over the years, she attended various corps including Fairfield, Canberra South and Mawson Outpost, which became Woden Valley Corps in 1984 with Joy raising the first flag.

Joy was a very faithful and caring member of the Woden Valley Corps and wore a number of hats over the years, including flag sergeant and birthday sergeant, and was a prayer pal to junior

soldiers. At the time of her passing Joy was the longest serving member of the corps.

Joy was a bit of a character and those who knew her will have a knowing smile when it is said that she wasn't always "Joyful Joy".

Tact was not one of her virtues. As birthday sergeant she was known to tell people (new to the corps or not) to "Sign it" while placing the birthday card in front of them.

She had a wicked sense of humour and often combined this with her dislike for changes to the corps. Her oft-repeated expression was "I don't like it" and both young and old members were aware of this.

Joy was an enthusiastic and valued member of the Woden Valley Ladies Time Out group, formerly known as Home League, taking part in many community projects. Her experience of working in a factory came to light during one memorable event when the ladies group packed 300 lolly bags for Carols By Candlelight and 300 collection bags for the Red Shield Appeal. She would tell you if you were moving too slow on the line, saying, "You'd never get a job in a factory!".

Joy was also part of the team at Missionary Mornings, hosted by the corps, and helped with the pre-sorting for the corps' annual jumble sales.

Joy will be missed by all from Woden Valley Corps. We will all miss her in our own way, and if I can borrow a friend's words: "We have lost our dear friend Joy; God has her in his keeping; we have her in our heart."

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Appointments

Effective 26 November 2012: Major Daphne **Cox**, Assistant Secretary for Personnel (Administration), Personnel Administration; Captains Roscoe and Melanie-Anne **Holland**, Chaplains, Territorial Headquarters (pro tem), Personnel Administration; Major Jeff **Winterburn**, Territorial Red Shield Appeal Committee Development Coordinator, Communications and Public Relations Department; Major Sue **Winterburn**, Assistant Territorial Red Shield Appeal Committee Development Coordinator, Communications and Public Relations Department.

Effective 17 January: Captain Louise **Beamish**, Corps Officer, Cowra Corps, ACT and South NSW Division.

Effective 1 April: Colonel Wayne **Maxwell**, Territorial Commander, The Philippines Territory; Colonel Robyn **Maxwell**, Territorial President of Women's Ministries; Colonel Richard **Munn**, Chief Secretary, Australia Eastern Territory; Colonel Janet **Munn**, Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, Australia Eastern Territory; Commissioner Lynette **Pearce** (ret.), Principal of the International College for Officers and Centre for Spiritual Life Development (pro tem).

Bereaved

Captain Shirley **Spooner** of her grandmother, Marge **Durkin** on 20 November, 2012; Major Heather **Drew** of her mother and Major Ross **Brown** of his aunt, Olive **Lewis** on 27 November, 2012; Captain Mervyn **Dovey** (ret.), Major Glenys **Anderton** (ret.) and Major Isabel Beckett of their mother, Maud **Dovey** on 1 December, 2012.

Retirements

Major John **Thorley** on 31 January; Major Christine **Mayes**, 31 January; Major Mel **Stephens**, 31 December 2012.

time to pray

30 December -5 January

Captain Zane Haupt, Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar Territory; Shoalhaven Corps, Northside Women's Services, Newcastle and Central NSW Divisional Headquarters, Chatswood Corps, Chatswood Community Welfare Centre, Oasis Youth Support Network Youth Connections at Chatswood Campus, all NSW; Pastoral Care and Officer Well-Being Team, THQ; Greenslopes Community Welfare Centre, Qld; New Year's Day (1); Decision Week (4-11); Red Shield Summer Camp, Collaroy (5-11).

6-12 January

Office of the Territorial Commander, THQ; Upper Blue Mountains Corps, Hill Corps, Bankstown Corps, Forster/Tuncurry Corps, Central Coast Recovery Services Centre (Selah), all NSW; Tri-Territorial Take time to be Holy/Take time to Serve (7-13); Change of Appointment (10).

13-19 January

Office of the Chief Secretary, THQ; Calamvale Corps, Kalbar Corps, South Burnett Region Corps, North Brisbane Corps, Youth Outreach Service, all Qld; Sydney East and Illawarra Division Officers Fellowship (14-17).

20-26 January

Pindari Women's Accommodation, Dalby Corps, South Queensland Flying Service, South Queensland Rural Hub, all Qld; Broken Hill Corps, St Marys Corps, both NSW; TCC Wired Senior Camp, Collaroy (21-25); Australia Day (26).

27 January -2 February

Hornsby Gateway Corps, Macquarie Lodge Aged Care Services, Woodport Retirement Village, all NSW; Program Administration, Personnel Administration, Finance, all THQ; Entry of the Heralds of Grace Session of Cadets (30); Rural Chaplaincy Retreat (30 Jan -Feb); Planting/Multiplication Conference (1-2).

3-9 February

Territorial Moral and Social Issues Council (MASIC), Salvos Stores, both THQ; Central West Aged Care Services, Panania Corps, both NSW, Cairns Corps, Qld; Captivated Day, Sydney (9).

engagement calendar

Commissioners James (Territorial Commander) and Jan Condon

*London: Sat 26-Thu 31 Jan -General's Consultative Conference
#Gold Coast: Sun 27 -Majors Barry and Pam Nancarrow retirement

#Commissioner Jan Condon only

*Commissioner James Condon only

There are no January Engagement Calendar dates for Colonels Wayne and Robyn Maxwell.

