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## SELF DENIAL APPEAL 2015



Many children in Rwanda are very poor. Their parents fled the country during the genocide, and are now being told to return to their homeland by the countries that took them in. Food, jobs and housing are in short supply.

Local Salvationists are giving hope to Rwandan children and families by providing housing, meals and education. They need you to provide the funds.





**ABOVE:** Every Friday night, 78-year-old Lyn Harley takes her pub ministry to 17 hotels in Bundaberg. It's her way of giving back to God and The Salvation Army. Read Lyn's story, starting on page 28 of this issue.

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# Making a fresh start in faith

SCOTT SIMPSON, *Managing Editor*

**F**or many people, a new year equates to the opportunity for a fresh start. Resolutions are made to ditch old habits in favour of a new, healthier lifestyle.

This issue of *Pipeline* is full of stories about fresh starts. We bring you a comprehensive coverage of the commissioning of 15 new Salvation Army officers who, later this month, take up their first appointments in charge of corps across the Australia Eastern Territory. We also introduce you to the cadets of the *Joyful Intercessors* session who are about to enter The Salvation Army School for Officer Training to begin two years of study and preparation for officership.

And then there's our special feature on the rebirth of Singleton Corps, in the Hunter Valley region of NSW. On the verge of closure three years ago, the corps, on the back of an

exceptional children's ministry and a lot of hard work led by Captains Peter and Leanne Bennett, is now thriving again.

All of these people are taking giant steps of faith as they head into another year, and yet they can stride out confidently in the assurance that they are following God's will for their lives.

Ah yes, that big question that is so common among Christians – what is God's will for me?

So what is the answer? Well, the Bible doesn't seem to spend too much time on providing specifics on this subject, except to make this crucial summary in 1 Thessalonians 4:3: "It is God's will that you should be sanctified ...". Now that, to me, seems pretty clear – God wants your sanctification. His desire is that you are made holy. God's will is not so much about what you do, but who you are.

## GOD'S WILL

As you flick through the pages of the Bible, you're going to learn that God is passionate about changing the inner you.

He knows that if he can change you into the person he wants you to be, then you're going to know the answers to those "will of God" questions. You'll know where you're supposed to go, where you're supposed to work, whether you should get married and, if so, who to marry.

It is this inner character that Paul is referring to when, in Ephesians 5:17, he writes, "Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is".

So as we enter a new year, let me encourage you to stride out confidently in the assurance of what has been revealed to you in the Bible. Because it is in those pages that you will find God's will for your life.

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# Will you do it?

COMMISSIONER JAN CONDON HAS ENCOURAGED  
SALVATIONISTS IN THE AUSTRALIA EASTERN  
TERRITORY TO JOIN AN INTERNATIONAL  
BIBLE-READING CHALLENGE IN 2015

...

*Commissioner Jan Condon is Territorial President  
for Women's Ministries*



I have fond memories of our family sharing devotions around the meal table. My parents used the *Soldier's Guide* – a short reading of a few verses of Scripture – after breakfast and then a longer one in the evening. How thankful I am for parents who taught us to value the Bible as children and who bought us our own Bible.

My parents lived by the Word of God and set the example for us to follow. The Bible challenges parents to teach the Word to their children. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 states: "Never forget these commands that I am giving you today. Teach them to your children. Repeat them when you are at home and when you are away, when you are resting and when you are working."

If everyone did this, what a strong foundation would be laid for families and individuals.

Our territory's Mission Priority 1 calls us to be people of holiness and prayer. How can we live a holy life if we neglect the book that shows us how to live a holy life? We need to read the Bible to learn about God, how to live a holy life, to see what God wants to say to us, to learn how to deal with life, to be spiritually strong to face the journey and to discover the treasure of the promises of God which give great encouragement and power to us as Christians – plus so much more.

If as Salvationists we believe our Doctrines, number

one says: "We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New testaments were given by inspiration of God, and that they only constitute the divine rule of Christian faith and practice."

How can we exist as a Christian if we are not daily reading the Bible? It is our daily bread.

And as Paul wrote to Timothy in his second letter, "Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another – showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped for the tasks God has for us" (2 Timothy 3:16).

So will you do it?

Here is the challenge: join the international Salvation Army family in reading through the New Testament in 2015. A booklet has been prepared to help us all join the challenge and there is even a section for children.

How powerful it would be if every Salvationist and friend around the world committed to read the same Scripture each day for 2015! Contact your corps officer to obtain a copy of the book and get started. Read it individually or join in a group and share the Scriptures.

We can do it! And as we read the New Testament, God will do more than we ask or imagine according to his power that is at work within us as we read his Word and allow it to impact our lives.



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# Doctrine for today

INTRODUCING A SERIES ON THE SALVATION ARMY'S  
11 ARTICLES OF FAITH, WRITTEN BY MEMBERS  
OF ITS INTERNATIONAL DOCTRINE COUNCIL

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*words* **COMMISSIONER ROBERT STREET,**  
*International Doctrine Council chair*

**T**wo thousand years ago, when there were no newspapers, televisions, radios, mobile phones, websites, electronic media or other means of global communication, Jesus said something that may have seemed to some an unrealistic boast. He said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away" (Matthew 24:35). He was utterly confident of the eternal quality of the truth he declared. He knew it would endure because, ultimately, it is the standard by which all other truth must be measured.

His words are still with us. Through the centuries people have lived by them and looked to them for guidance. They still do. Practically anywhere in the world today, we are able to read or hear the essence of what Jesus taught, did and said. His words – as recorded in Scripture – are available in countless languages and dialects. They are relevant to cultural settings of all kinds. They speak to all situations. We find them in the Bible.

The Bible provides us with other words, too. Its truths are presented in many forms. Its messages, in Old and New

Testaments, have been written by a variety of people from many walks of life. Its pages are filled with the recorded experiences of men and women of faith over many centuries. Its divinely inspired teaching enriches our hearts and feeds our souls.

Because God gave humans a part to play in revealing his Word to us, we are given insights into their understanding of faith and the world in which they lived.

We see the development of human understanding of God from early days – when faith in one God, the living God, was new in concept and definition (Deuteronomy 6:4) – to a later time when a wider knowledge of the nature and loving purposes of the Creator were revealed supremely in and by Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately, the different ways in which individuals, groups and cultures have interpreted Scripture through the centuries has meant that division, condemnation of others, violence and even murder have taken place at the hands of those who have used the name of Jesus to justify their actions. At times people's convictions have loomed large and grown out of proportion. The damage caused

to the Church has been shameful and tragically unchristlike.

## RISE OF DOCTRINES

At first, the earliest Christians simply acknowledged one another in the basic confession, "Jesus is Lord" (1 Corinthians 12:3). At the time, it seemed to be all that was needed in the way of creed, but as the Church grew and divisions in belief emerged, it became necessary to formulate agreed statements of faith. It could be said that doctrine is needed to refute error as much as to state the truth about God and his will – and today, with the multiplicity of languages involved in translating doctrine, the task of defining or redefining eternal truth in words that can be globally embraced, demands great care. In some ways it is an impossible task because of the unknowable greatness of Almighty God (Romans 11:33-36). We do well to remember when writing doctrine, that no one actually has the capacity to fully express the truth of God in words – and no one life, apart from that of Christ himself, can manage to worthily show it.

In a world of varied intellects, mixed motives

*"It is possible to deny the truth, to exaggerate it, to ignore, suppress, misunderstand or hide the truth, but we can never destroy the truth."*

and different cultural backgrounds, it isn't surprising that differing interpretations and misinterpretations still occur, bringing dissension and confusion. So it is important to provide a means by which members of a church – especially an international one – can express their basic, united understanding of the faith in ways which honour God.

In 1878, when The Salvation Army took its name, its 11 Articles of Faith were written and verified. These beliefs can be found in The Salvation Army Handbook of Doctrine or any Salvation Army songbook. We call them "The Doctrines". They are similar to those of the Methodist New Connexion (1838), the church in which William Booth learned his doctrine, and are accepted as being in the mainstream of Christian belief.

Language changes, ways of expressing truths differ and the translation of words is not an exact science. There is not always a direct parallel among languages for key words and it is wise to remember that every translation of the Bible is precisely that – a translation. But while these and other difficulties

make the "updating" of any doctrines problematic, they also indicate that the explanation of doctrine in contemporary terms is essential.

### ETERNAL TRUTH

The Salvation Army has kept its doctrines comparatively concise. They express the personal faith of Salvationists, whilst sharing a common emphasis with other Christian traditions. They represent the teaching of the Church in general, and play a positive and wholesome part in the life of an Army that promotes, preaches and practices a gospel of love. They are meant to inspire holy living – and ultimately to point us to Jesus.

When John described Jesus as "the Word" (John 1:1, 2), he was holding him up as the ultimate, eternal standard of truth. John also records Jesus as announcing himself as "the Truth" (John 14:6). The Pharisees refused to acknowledge the validity of Jesus' testimony and wanted evidence from elsewhere (John 8:13). But Jesus knew his own validity. He knew the strength and eternal nature of his words. He knew that what he taught he acted upon. He had no

false standards, just as he had no false words. His teaching would stand the test of time, having a completeness and integrity that is unmatched anywhere.

Without an eternal standard of truth humankind has nowhere to turn for ratification of what is right or wrong, good or evil. In the sacrificial death of Jesus – who spoke the word with his life – we find good and evil in stark, defining contrast. While it seemed to those around that goodness had been humiliated and vanquished by a corrupt and overpowering evil force, the reverse was the case.

It is possible to deny the truth, to exaggerate it, to ignore, suppress, misunderstand or hide the truth, but we can never destroy the truth. Truth will always be truth. God will always be God. The One who is the Truth is the only one to whom we can look for guidance and are ultimately required to answer.

To accept the truth he shares with us about ourselves is to embrace the grace he offers (John 1:12). Whenever doctrine helps us understand this better – and welcome the Word of God to the centre of our lives – it achieves its purpose.

# 2014 HIGH LIGHTS

*It's been another busy and challenging year for The Salvation Army in its Australia Eastern Territory. Here's a selection of just some of the many ministry achievements over the past 12 months*



**1000s**  
of blankets distributed



**500+**  
active officers



**50,000**  
meals for the hungry every week



**174**  
churches caring for  
local communities



**100,000+**  
assisted by financial crisis  
relief services



**4000+**  
assisted with addiction issues  
(alcohol, drugs or gambling)



**500+**  
social services  
and programs



**3700+**  
food vouchers given to people in  
need every week



**11,000+**  
assisted by homelessness  
services, by way of case-  
management support



**4800+**  
employees



**5500+**  
food parcels given to people in need  
every week



**1800**  
people housed in secure  
accommodation





**2800**

young people assisted by youth support services



**2000+**

supported by Salvos Counselling



**130,000+**

assisted with hospitality, in-kind and personal assistance in disaster-affected situations by our emergency services



**10,000+**

contacts with young people through street outreach and drop-in centres



**1500+**

assisted by migrant and refugee services



**31,000+**

contacts made by chaplains



**500+**

crisis beds used per night



**95+**

supported by our Community Detention Program



**5000+**

families assisted in disaster-affected areas



**2500+**

non-crisis beds (transitional housing, long-term, resident-funded services) per night



**6400+**

assisted by financial counsellors (Moneycare)



**270+**

reconnected to their family by our family tracing services



**1100+**

women helped by domestic violence services



**300+**

assisted by the No Interest Loan Scheme



**31,000+**

contacts made with job seekers by Employment Plus



# HERALDS SENT TO PROCLAIM GOD'S GRACE



THE SALVATION ARMY AUSTRALIA EASTERN TERRITORY HAS  
COMMISSIONED 15 NEW OFFICERS, OFFICIALLY SENDING THEM  
OUT FOR SERVICE ON THE FRONT LINE OF MISSION

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*words SIMONE WORTHING photos CAROLYN HIDE*



Fifteen new Salvation Army officers were ordained and commissioned by the Australia Eastern Territory at the Brisbane Convention Centre on Sunday morning, 30 November. The ordination and commissioning of cadets from the *Heralds of Grace* session was conducted by Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon.

The new lieutenants were officially given their appointments in the afternoon Sending Out To Proclaim service.

"This is a sacred moment as I commission and ordain you as Salvation Army officers," Commissioner Condon told the cadets, giving them each a specially selected verse of scripture.

All the new lieutenants were appointed to positions in the Australia Eastern Territory. Kaylene and Christopher Ford were appointed as corps officers at Gladstone; Kara and Stewart Hartley (corps officers at Westlakes); Erin and Jake Horton (corps officers at Emerald/Blackwater); Nichole and Christopher Maxwell (corps officers at Canberra City); Donna and Philip Sutcliffe (corps officers at Broken Hill and managers of Broken Hill Social Services); Belinda Cassie (corps officer at Coomera Mission); Kate Cathcart (assistant corps officer at Cairns and oversight of Atherton Tablelands Corps); Nicole Park (mission director at Oasis Youth Network, Wyong and chaplain at Wyong Courts); Nicola Poore (corps officer at Hawkesbury City); and Adele Williams (assistant corps officer at Hervey Bay).

Commending the *Heralds of Grace* to Commissioner Condon, Colonel Janet Munn, Principal of the School for Officer Training, spoke about the session's dream to focus deeply on hospitality and, with intentionality, be always open and welcoming to the Saviour, the Holy Spirit, each other, the wider campus and the world beyond.

Colonel Munn wove tributes to each cadet into her presentation, giving personal examples of how they had each contributed to the spiritual maturing of their session, their prayer and worship community, and their wider mission field.

"How greatly does the world need people – human beings, officers – with a blood and fire spirit who are certain of the accomplished work of Jesus Christ and allow him to give energy, purity and power to their lives?" she asked.

"The *Heralds of Grace* have responded to God's calling on their lives ..."

### MOMENTS OF GRACE

Preceding the actual commissioning segment of the morning service were three "grace moments" which featured cadets Donna and Philip Sutcliffe and Kaylene Ford. "What is this grace that I herald?" asked Cadet Ford. "I can't see God's grace but I'd be lost without it. It has allowed me to be myself, it enables me to learn and grow through my mistakes, and it transforms me daily as I walk in the freedom it brings."

*"I was pushed and tested further than I thought I could go as God challenged me to find him, intentionally, in everything I do."*

– Lieutenant Stewart Hartley



The theme of grace saturated the morning's ceremony in every song, prayer, Bible reading and message. The public testimony from Cadet Stewart Hartley was no exception.

Stewart shared his experience of the School for Officer Training as not just a place to learn about practical ministry and Salvation Army teachings, but a place to be challenged and changed by God.

"Over these two years, God began to break down my guard and build me up to who he wants me to be," Stewart shared. "I was pushed and tested further than I thought I could go as God challenged me to find him, intentionally, in everything I do."

Stewart knew he was still holding on to some control of his life, and that God wanted him to release that fully into his care.

"God continued to reveal himself to me and now, I no longer want to fit God into my schedule but rather, follow my God who sets my schedule," he said.

Speaking with deep conviction, Commissioner Condon began his Bible message with a story of a man who had experienced a harsh and abusive childhood followed by years of loss, grief, addiction and pain. For the first time in his life, the man had found a loving and accepting community at a Salvation Army recovery centre.

Sometime later, when the man was at church, his house was broken into and his possessions stolen. The next day, a member of the local Salvation Army corps brought him brand-new goods to replace the stolen ones.

"This man was shown love and care and he experienced grace," said Commissioner Condon.

The commissioner then challenged the new officers – and all Salvationists – to build communities of grace – amazing grace – wherever God had placed them.

"To do this we have to be an Army on our knees, praying, heralding the good news, displaying peace and holiness and welcoming everyone who walks through our doors," he said.

"We have to live a life of grace so that people >>>





**ABOVE:** During the Sending Out session, Commissioner James Condon prayed for the newly commissioned lieutenants; **BELOW LEFT:** New lieutenant, Nichole Maxwell, spoke on God's enduring love and mercy during her "Celebration of Learning" message; **BELOW RIGHT:** Colonel Janet Munn presented the Bible message.





will be attracted to that life and to the Saviour."

Commissioner Condon used material from two of author Philip Yancey's books, *What's So Amazing About Grace* and *Vanishing Grace* to emphasise that Salvationists need to demonstrate how faith in Christ makes a difference to how we live.

"The Church exists for the sake of outsiders and, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, the Church has the greatest power in the world to make a difference," he said.

Commissioner Condon also used Charles Swindoll's book *Grace Awakening* to speak about "grace killers" – those who criticise, condemn and crush people's hopes of joyful living.

"People want a place where they can get a second chance and where people fight for each other, not condemn one another," he said.

The commissioner charged the new lieutenants to welcome "mess" in their communities, to be authentic and to let everyone know that they have struggles too. "Share with some what you struggle with, don't push people to get it right all the time, eat and drink with broken people, give people time to change, and focus on the heart," he said.

The morning session concluded with many people at the cross-shaped mercy seat, with the new lieutenants praying with them.

### ENDURING LOVE

The afternoon Sending Out session was a more informal and colourful occasion with music, drama and videos.

New lieutenants' representative speaker, Nichole Maxwell, focused her message on the words "His love endures forever", sharing how, when reading Psalm 126, she would often think, "We get it" about the repetitious use of those words. Then, wanting to focus on God's love in her life, Nichole had begun reading through the Bible and highlighting every use of the word "love".

"The Scriptures are saturated with love and I began to realise that perhaps we don't 'get it' after all," she said.

"The person I have the right to expect nothing from, who gives me everything, is love.

"Remember his mercy and love, hope and trust in it and its unfailing and unending nature. His mercy, love, righteousness, goodness and strength endure forever."

After powerful drama presentations and heartfelt worship led by the new lieutenants, Commissioner Condon officially presented the lieutenants with their appointments.

"I send you to build communities of grace," he emphasised. "The Lord will stand beside you and give you strength in the tough times ... remain as clay in the potter's hands."

"I leave you Philippians 1:6: '... being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus'."

In her powerful Bible message, Colonel Munn spoke about not letting the pressures or circumstances of life silence us from sharing the



*The Ordaining, Commissioning, and Sending Out ceremonies were a special and meaningful time for the new lieutenants and their families.*



## GRADUATION CEREMONY

The academic successes and accomplishments of the 15 cadets of the *Heralds of Grace* session were celebrated with a public graduation ceremony at Rockdale Corps in Sydney in late November.

The cadets were supported by their family and friends, as well as the first-year cadets of the *Messengers of Light* session. Also in attendance were The Salvation Army Australia Eastern territorial leaders Commissioners James and Jan Condon, and Majors Peter and Kerrie Farthing, Booth College Principal and Assistant Principal, respectively. The guest speaker for the ceremony was the territory's Chief Secretary, Colonel Richard Munn.

The Academic Achievement Award was presented to Cadet Nicola Poore, who was also the representative session speaker at the event. Cadet Stewart Hartley received the Spiritual Formation Award, the Mission Award went to Cadet Nicole Park and Cadet Kate Cathcart was recognised with the Principal's Award.

good news of Jesus Christ with the whole world.

"Don't let anything silence your voice from heralding the grace of God," she said. "God's spirit is living within us and is not a spirit of timidity but of power, love and discipline, whatever our personal weaknesses may be.

"Jesus has paid the price so that 'whosoever will' may be saved and live a holy, beautiful life because of his own purpose and grace.

"As Paul says in 2 Timothy 1, when you have good news, you have to share it!"

## GIVING VOICE

Colonel Munn gave the example of the late Maya Angelou, American author and singer, who wrote the book *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. Maya was raped at age eight and immediately told about what had happened and who had raped her. Days later, her rapist was murdered, causing the young Maya to think that her voice had killed him.

She remained mute for five years, caged in a world of abuse, violence and poverty, only to regain her voice and later become a champion of freedom.

"The apostle Paul was like a caged bird too," explained Colonel Munn. "He was caged like a criminal on death row but he continued to 'sing' – to preach the good news of Jesus and the grace of God with courage and boldness."

Colonel Munn spoke passionately about the challenges facing the Gospel today, such as wars, conflicts, and traditions and symbols in the church

that have lost their meaning for many.

"There are also pressures to silence us from heralding this message of grace, such as secularism, materialism, depression, shame and hopelessness," she continued.

Colonel Munn encouraged the congregation, and those listening to the livestream broadcast, to pray for a time of refreshing, if that was needed, or to give their voice to the zeal God was giving them.

"The day to respond is today and the time is now. Pray that we won't be intimidated by the forces around us, but gently, fearlessly, boldly and respectfully preach and share the Gospel," she said.

"Keep singing, even if you feel like a caged bird, push back against the pressures, against the cage, and make the most of the time."

As in the morning, there was a significant response to come forward to pray or be prayed for, as the worship teams sang and played *Take My Life*.

Commissioner Condon concluded the afternoon session with a quietly powerful benediction: "He that has an ear, let him hear what the spirit is saying to The Salvation Army."

The culmination of the Commissioning weekend was "The Movement", an evening of celebration and praise hosted by Queensland's youth teams.

During the evening, long-serving and retiring officers were honoured for their service.

To watch the recordings of the Commissioning and Sending Out ceremonies, go to [my.salvos.org.au/commissioning](http://my.salvos.org.au/commissioning) □





**ABOVE:** Cadet Kara Hartley thanked her parents, Robyne and Rodney Everitt, for the Christian upbringing and the values, morals and experiences that have influenced her. Photo: Carolyn Hide

## Parents and mentors honoured at Principal's Reception

**I**f you're here it's because a *Herald of Grace* holds you in a dear place in their heart," said Colonel Janet Munn, Principal of the School for Officer Training, as she welcomed guests to the Principal's Reception and Silver Star presentation on 29 November.

The cadets, their family, friends and mentors, Booth College staff and Salvation Army leaders gathered at Rydges Southbank Hotel in Brisbane for the occasion.

After an opening prayer, Commissioner Jan Condon, Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, explained the meaning of the Fellowship of the Silver Star.

"This fellowship recognises the influence and input that parents, family members and mentors have in the lives of their officer children," she explained. "We want to thank you today for this influence and your continued support."

Commissioner Condon and Colonel Munn then presented the silver stars including 11 "doubles" for families welcoming their second officer child.

As each star was given, the cadets shared, often with deep emotion, how their walk with Christ and commitment to his calling was influenced by the examples of their parents or mentors.

Cadet Belinda Cassie thanked her mentors, Howard and Colleen, for their impact upon her life. "You have supported me, laughed and cried with me, chastised me, despaired of me, and advocated for and guided me," she said. "I honour you today for your godly influence in my life."

Cadet Kate Cathcart shared her testimony, thanking her mother and sister for continually praying for and never giving up on her.

"For six years after leaving school I was involved in risk-taking behaviours, disrespected people of faith and was a borderline addict of varying substances," she shared.

"I was broken but also arrogant. God has called me though and grown me through the painful journeys of life. I was lost and now am found, a new creation, saved, made pure and bold in the way of the Lord."

Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon concluded the reception, speaking about the group's common identity in God.

"We are all heralds of grace, walking, talking, living portraits of grace, each with a work to do," he said. "May God help us to follow him."

– Simone Worthing



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## Joyful Intercessors enter Booth College

WITH 15 NEWLY COMMISSIONED SALVATION ARMY OFFICERS FROM THE *HERALDS OF GRACE* SESSION ABOUT TO TAKE UP THEIR FIRST APPOINTMENTS, ANOTHER 12 NEW CADETS ARE BEGINNING TWO YEARS OF STUDY AT THE SCHOOL FOR OFFICER TRAINING IN SYDNEY. THE CADETS OF THE *JOYFUL INTERCESSORS* SESSION ARE:



**SALLY AND LLOYD STANIMIROVIC**  
(JOSEPHINE, GRACIE, ELIJAH, CODEY AND MATTHEW),  
TAMWORTH CORPS,  
North NSW Division



**ANTHONY HUNT**  
TUGGERAH LAKES CORPS,  
Newcastle and Central NSW  
Division

(Anthony is married to  
Lieutenant Vanessa Hunt and  
they have a son, Tobias)



**NATARSHA LAUNDON,**  
HERVEY BAY CORPS,  
Central and North  
Queensland Division



**RACHEL AND BEN KNIGHT,**  
EARLWOOD CORPS,  
Sydney East and Illawarra Division





**ABOVE:** *The cadets of the Joyful Intercessors session with School for Officer Training Principal Colonel Janet Munn (centre) and Territorial Candidates Secretaries Majors Shelley and David Soper.*



**KATRINA AND MICHAEL HINDLE**  
(JACOB AND EMMALYN),  
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# Kids breathe new life into Singleton

THREE YEARS AGO, SINGLETON CORPS WAS ON THE VERGE OF CLOSING. THERE WERE NO OPERATING PROGRAMS OR REGULAR MEETINGS AND ONLY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE CONSIDERED THEMSELVES PART OF IT. SINCE THEN, CAPTAINS PETER AND LEANNE BENNETT HAVE STARTED A LARGE AND GROWING KIDS CLUB AND YOUTH GROUP, A NEW JUNIOR SOLDIERS PROGRAM IS THRIVING AND SUNDAY SERVICES RECOMMENCED AT EASTER LAST YEAR

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**“W**e never expected everything to take off as quickly as it has,” says Captain Leanne Bennett. “And we have only just begun to begin,” adds her husband, Captain Peter Bennett.

Prior to beginning their work at Singleton Corps, Peter and Leanne were serving as the Red Shield Defence Services (RSDS) representatives at the Australian Army base just south of the town.

“Since we were already here, someone had the bright idea that we could take on being corps officers as a secondary appointment,” says Leanne with a smile.

“It’s evolved from there until now. Next year we will swap our roles and the corps will become our major appointment, with RSDS taking less of a focus.

“There is just so much happening at the corps now and it needs a greater investment of our time.”

## REBUILDING PROGRAMS

The Bennetts began thinking and praying about developing the Singleton Corps just prior to becoming its officers in January 2012.

“We looked at the demographic of the town and what other churches were doing as we didn’t want to duplicate services and waste resources,” explained Leanne.

“We saw a lack a of programs for the many children and youth in the town and felt God telling us to focus our energies in that area and not to restart church services yet.”

The Bennetts, also focusing on the connection between the community and the RSDS, started Kids Club in 2012 with seven children from defence families.

They also re-started Community Support Services (welfare) and began asking clients if their children were interested in Kids Club.

“This was an obvious inroad into the community,” says Leanne. “Most of our kids came, and are still coming, from welfare. They bring their friends too, and so the program grows.”

Kids Club now attracts up to 45 children every Friday afternoon. Peter does two bus-runs around the town to pick up the children who want to come but can’t get there themselves.

“A lot of these kids would be roaming the streets with nothing to do if we didn’t pick them up and look after them,” said Leanne. “Sadly, there is a lot of brokenness and dysfunction in our community.

“We are so grateful to the Tuggerah Lakes Corps who donated the bus, as they were upgrading. Without the bus and their generosity, we wouldn’t have as many kids as we do.” >>>



## YOUTH GROUP

Many of the children who came to Kids Club had older siblings who were interested in being part of something at the corps. Leanne began working with a few of them to become junior leaders in Kids Club and mentoring them along the way.

In 2013, the Bennetts began Youth Group every second Sunday evening. The group began with Kids Club junior leaders and has continued to grow as they bring their friends. Other youth in the community have heard about it and want to join.

Jemima is 15, has been a part of Kids Club for almost three years as a junior leader and also goes to Youth Group.

"I love it here because I feel safe and welcome and everyone is made to feel like that," she says. "Everyone is so nice to each other. In Youth Group it's the same. We get to know each other quickly and become like old friends."

Zach, who is 13, agrees. "I like playing with the kids and helping. I go to Youth Group every second Sunday and really like hanging out with the people who have become my friends," he says.

Between 15 and 25 youth attend the group each fortnight.

## JUNIOR SOLDIERS

The Bennetts began a junior soldiers program last February to build on the growth at Kids Club.

"The kids were so excited about doing this," says Leanne. "They are all very keen to learn more about God and to read the Bible."

Leanda is 10 and has been enrolled as a junior soldier. "I like junior soldiers because it's really fun and you can draw and write and get to read the Bible," she says.

Emma is also 10 and is growing in her relationship with Jesus. "In junior soldiers we get to read stories from the Bible," she says. "This helps to make Jesus real in my life."

More than 20 junior soldiers have now been enrolled, with more doing preparation classes.

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

As more and more children and youth became a part of the corps, the Bennetts began investing in their families through pastoral visits.

"We got to know the families and build relationships with them," says Leanne.

"Many of our kids come from disadvantaged families so we would send someone around to mow a lawn, drop off some extra bread rolls or take them out for coffee," says Leanne.

"We just loved and accepted everyone and the relationships we built gave us the confidence to start a weekly service."

Many parents of Kids Club children attend the service each week. Other parents come and help out with the free barbecue after church. Many other families just send their children to church – and they willingly come.

*"A lot of these kids would be roaming the streets with nothing to do if we didn't pick them up and look after them"*

"People are getting to know each other," says Peter. "Our church is a big, damaged family learning to love each other."

Peter has been focusing on basic Bible stories in his messages, and Leanne on brokenness. "We're all damaged and God still loves us and the message is getting through," she says.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The local community has provided much-needed support to The Salvation Army in terms of financial donations for Kids Club equipment and supplies, and sporting equipment.

The Bennetts also collect at Singleton's nine hotels every Friday night after Kids Club and are grateful for the generous donations they receive. They are also training volunteers from the corps to collect.

"We just keep pinching ourselves when we look at what God is doing here," says Leanne. "We feel so busy, disorganised and wondering what is going to happen next. But God keeps sending these people through the door and we just continue to love them and they stay and they bring friends."

The Bennetts didn't think they would be good at youth and children's ministries.

"This is what floors us," says Leanne. "I'm a former high-school teacher so youth is the thing for me, but it's Kids Club that is really booming and providing the lead to the other ministries."

"This is not our strength, which makes it all the more miraculous."

The Bennetts would like to see the number of people attending church to continue to grow.

"We would love to see those people then doing ministry in the community, with us empowering them to do this, but their way," says Leanne. "I can see this place being a hub of the community. We model to those who come here that we don't just warm a pew and go home – we go out into the community and make relationships with people."

"We can't save souls unless we give them bread first. We want to be a community where people help each other." □



**ABOVE:** Captains Peter and Leanne Bennett, the Singleton Corps officers, are focused on building a community where people help each other.

**MIDDLE:** Youngsters PJ Tupou and Matthew Brodbeck also feel accepted and welcomed at Kids Club.

**BOTTOM:** Mackenzie Symons enjoys a game of pool during the popular free time session at Kids Club.







## Kids Club: what the children say

From a handful of children in 2012, Kids Club at the Singleton Corps now attracts up to 45 children each week, and the numbers continue to grow. Activities at the club include songs, craft, a short talk and discussion, prayer and free time to play table tennis, air hockey and just hang out together. The formula works.

"One day I was just sitting in the hall during Kids Club, all the kids were running around, having fun, making a big mess and a big noise and I just thought, 'this is really cool!'" says Captain Peter Bennett.

The children who attend the club certainly agree ...

*"I like kids club because it's lots of fun and I like to make stuff."*

Sailor, 7

*"It's such a fun place and I make new friends there."*

Amber Rose, 15 (who also helps look after the younger children at Kids Club)

*"I like doing gymnastics and everyone here is kind to me."*

Charli, 7

*"Kids Club is like a really different type of church but it brings us all together and helps us make new friends."*

Emma, 10

*"It gives us a chance to express ourselves in an environment that's not structured but a bit loose. I like to stay behind and help clean up. Everyone is so nice. I go to Youth Group and we talk about things going on in our lives and play games."*

Ella, 11



**TOP:** Emma and Rachel Compton put together individual "gardens" during craft time at Kids Club.

**MIDDLE:** Lila Tupou loves being part of the action at Kids Club.

**BOTTOM:** Ainslee Harris enjoys the fun and laughter of Kids Club.





**LEFT:** Captain Leanne Bennett is grateful for the mums who help and support the corps at Kids Club, church services and other activities. From left: Kelly Cederblad, Captain Bennett, Amy Elbourn, Belinda Belcher and Kelly Sipple.

## Facebook link to women's ministry

Captain Leanne Bennett had wanted to start women's ministries to help build the self-esteem of the ladies in the town, invest in their development and give them a safe and enjoyable place to come.

"I wanted to wait until I'd found someone who could help look after the organisation of it as I didn't think I could do another thing," she explains.

Amy Elbourn was running a Facebook page called "Help me if you can help Singleton" to connect people in need with those who could help meet those needs. Amy approached Leanne to see if The Salvation Army could help and a relationship began.

Amy now attends church, helps with Kids Club and runs women's ministries with Leanne's guidance and mentoring.

Amy and her team have organised three afternoons for the ladies where they have afternoon tea, listen to different speakers on topics such as self-esteem and skin care and can access good quality clothing to take home with them.

"They come feeling downtrodden with life and go away feeling good about life and themselves," says Leanne. "Amy is really owning this and doing a great job."

*"They come feeling downtrodden with life and go away feeling good about life and themselves"*



## Singleton Corps: what the parents say

**Belinda Belcher**, one of the volunteers, says Captains Peter and Leanne Bennett have the support of the parents whose children attend activities at the corps.

"So many kids are neglected in this town and needed something – so Leanne and Peter started Kids Club and Youth Group," she says. "They're doing things slowly but changes are being made. They are loving and caring and the environment is safe. They have really made an impact in this town."

**Kelly Sipple** loves the effort that the Bennetts put into Kids Club and their caring, non-judgemental approach.

"This town needed something for kids and now they have a fun and safe place to be," she says. Peter and Leanne are so friendly. If I really needed someone to talk to, I wouldn't call my mum, I would call Leanne."

Kelly is training to be a Red Shield Defence Services (RSDS)

volunteer and also attends the weekly Sunday meetings at the corps.

**Susan Wilson** met the Bennetts through welfare and now brings five-year-old Paige to Kids Club.

"She looks forward to it so much," says Susan. "She is so inquisitive about God and gets all the answers she is looking for. We also come to the church services."

Susan had tried other churches in Singleton, but has found her home at the corps.

"It's relaxed and peaceful here and a real family. Peter and Leanne help us to really understand the Bible. I know this is God's path for us and I feel blessed to be here."

**Kelly Cederblad**, whose husband Mark is a reservist in the Australian Army, first met Captain Leanne during one of the monthly coffee morning she runs at the Singleton Army base.

Their daughter, Stephanie,

now attends Kids Club and Junior Soldiers.

"Mark and I grew up going to church but the services here are more relaxed, uplifting and modern," she says.

"It's not your normal church service but it's relevant, interesting and enjoyable.

"Peter and Leanne have done so much for this town and a lot of people here really appreciate them. God bless them both."

Kelly also runs the coffee mornings at the base when Leanne is unable to attend.

**Amy Elbourn** made contact with Leanne through a Facebook page she was running to help people in the town through community donations.

"Leanne told me about Kids Club, I came and helped out and have been coming ever since," she explains.

"I love seeing kids from disadvantaged backgrounds having such positive interaction with others and giving them the

*"Leanne told me about Kids Club, I came and helped out and have been coming ever since"*

**LEFT:** Amy Elbourn is heavily involved in the life of Singleton Corps through Kids Club and women's ministries.

opportunity to see how happy, well-functioning people work."

Amy had been attending another church but, through Kids Club, felt God leading her to the corps.

"It's smaller, closer and a lot more community-focused," she says.

"God has put a lot of things on my heart and I have lots of ideas I could help out with here."

Amy now runs the women's group at the corps and is mentored by Leanne.

"We're reaching out to ladies in the community who are survivors of domestic violence and who struggle with mental health and other issues and try to inspire, pamper and build them up," says Amy.

"It's not designed to be a preaching platform, but a few of the ladies are coming to church now.

"It's been really positive to be involved with this and I feel appreciated and cared for in a genuine family environment."



**ABOVE:** Captain Peter Bennett (centre) chats with Army personnel.

## Forging strong links with military base

Captains Peter and Leanne Bennett continue to develop connections between defence families and the Singleton Corps.

The Bennetts were originally appointed to serve as the Red Shield Defence Services (RSDS) representatives at the Lone Pine Barracks, but in 2015 their primary appointment will be that of Singleton corps officers.

However, the Bennetts are still investing in the partnership and are making progress.

"It's challenging as the Army personnel are highly transient and come and go all the time," says Peter, who will still visit the base in his role as the Sallyman, although less frequently than he has been.

"Our growing Kids Club began with Army families, and we still have four defence families who come," says Leanne.

"I run a playgroup at the base each week and a monthly coffee morning, so I keep in touch with the families there. It's ongoing work but we know the investment is worth it."

The Bennetts have already begun recruiting and training volunteers from the corps to go out and visit the soldiers, so that the frequency of this vital ministry is not affected and the unique partnership maintained.







# BUNDY RUN

*Lyn's amazing hotel ministry*

THE LOVE OF A LADY FOR A LITTLE GIRL WHO WAS ABANDONED BY HER MOTHER HAS INSPIRED THE CHILD MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY LATER TO SERVE GOD AND OTHERS THROUGH THE SALVATION ARMY

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words **BILL SIMPSON** photos **SHAIRON PATERSON**





**ABOVE:** *Lyn Harley's pub ministry always comes with a smile and a chat for patrons.*

**L**yn Harley was only four when her mother walked out on her, a six-year-old brother and their father. They were difficult days in Australia; probably the most difficult the country has ever endured.

It was 1941. Australia was still coming out of a decade-long financial depression remembered as the Great Depression. Jobs were hard to find. Poverty was rampant.

And Australia was at war, first sending forces to support Great Britain's fight against the Adolf Hitler-inspired German Nazis spread across Europe and then defending itself from invasion by the Japanese.

In one sense, Australians, especially those living in remote bush, were spared from hearing the horrors of a war that was to take more than 27,000 Australian lives, although many "boys from the bush" were among the dead.

But the effects on the economy – still struggling from the depression – continued to take its heavy toll on family survival.

Lyn Harley's family was

battling to make a living in a little rural village called Jilliby, near Wyong, on the NSW Central Coast.

One day, her mother left home and didn't come back. Lyn still doesn't know why. She has not seen her mother since that day.

Her father was a timber cutter, working away from home for long periods in the forests. He couldn't look after Lyn and her brother.

The children were placed in care at a home at Tuggerah, 11km away. There were five other children in care at the home, at the time.

"It was sad at first without Mum and Dad," Lyn tells *Pipeline*. "But the lady who looked after us was the best mother anyone could have. She was beautiful; so nice to me.

"She was from The Salvation Army. That was something that I always remembered. Even as a child I wanted to be like her."

Lyn and her brother returned to live with their father when she was 10. He had a new wife, who Lyn recalls as "very nice, too," and a large dairy farm with 80 cows

requiring milking twice a day.

Her new mother came with twin sons and a daughter. "We never referred to them as half-or step-brothers and sister. They were always our brothers and sister," Lyn says.

Life was happy on the dairy farm with a "full" family again.

### GIVING BACK

At 17, Lyn left the farm for the big city life in Sydney in search of a job. She stayed with an aunty and found a job quickly in a laundry.

Within three years she discovered the love of her life, Richard Harley. They were married a few years later.

Seven children and years of hands-on involvement in the family trucking business followed.

When not having children, Lyn was driving the company's eight-tonne trucks. The family business had started in Sydney, but over the following years moved to Victoria, then northern NSW and Queensland.

Lyn and her husband eventually settled in Bundaberg.

Richard (also known to friends as Alan) died 15 years ago.





**LEFT AND ABOVE:** *While donations “come in handy”, Lyn says what means the most is the respect she has built up, and the chance to “give back to God.”*

Lyn retired on their 15-hectare farm at Gin Gin, 57km out of Bundaberg. In addition to her seven children, she has 19 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. She is now 78.

But she has never forgotten The Salvation Army lady who was kind to her when she most needed a mother.

Thirty-eight years after leaving the lady's home, Lyn found herself living in Forster, just across the river from Tuncurry – and her interrupted childhood.

She went looking for this special lady. She found her in Wyong. “She was in the Home League then, I think. I just remember her telling me that she looked after me when Mum left. Her name was Mrs Benton. That’s all I remember about her name.”

Lyn linked with The Salvation Army in Forster. “The Lord told me it was my time to give back.” She became a soldier in 1982.

### LORD'S WORK

Lyn and Richard moved to Bundaberg in 1997 and Lyn transferred to the local Salvation Army corps.

“I was looking for something special to do. I had always had a soft spot for The Salvation Army because of the way my brother and I were looked after when we needed ‘a mum’,” Lyn says.

That “something special” is an amazing hotel/club ministry and the desire to help people no matter what.

Although Lyn lives 57km from Bundaberg, she drives into town every Friday afternoon to visit 17 hotels and clubs dressed in her Salvation Army uniform.

She hands out Salvation Army publications, accepts donations and talks to anybody who wants to talk to her.

“You find a lot of wonderful people in the clubs and pubs. Most are just friendly people. Others may be down and out and need some help. Others just need a shoulder to cry on. I just show them compassion. You never know when you might need a shoulder yourself, do you!”

She boasts that she is the only Salvation Army woman in Bundaberg who still wears the uniform hat – white in summer and navy in winter.

“I don’t wear the hat to the Sunday meetings,” she says. “I wear it to the pubs and clubs because the boys [patrons] say I am not in full uniform if I am not wearing my hat. So, I do it for them.”

“The boys worry that I drive 57km back home at night by myself. I tell them that I have my silent partner [the Lord] with me.”

Lyn also visits two nursing homes a week and collects for three days every year at the Bundaberg Show. She also drives people to hospital.

It is estimated that she has raised more than \$500,000 for The Salvation Army in the past 17 years.

“It’s not the money that interests me, although it does come in handy for The Salvation Army,” she says.

“Being in The Salvation Army gives me peace of mind. It helps me in my relationship with the Lord. And it allows me to give back for what I have been given.

“I’m busy. People say I am hard to catch. Well, that’s all right. What’s got to be done has got to be done – and joyfully. I’m very happy.” □

# Congress to revive fond memories for Rhondda

DULWICH HILL SALVATIONIST RHONDDA KINGSTON WILL WIND THE CLOCK BACK 50 YEARS WHEN SHE ATTENDS THE BOUNDLESS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS IN LONDON IN JULY

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**I**t was five decades ago when then-teenager Rhondda Kingston marched to the beat of the Centenary Congress in London as part of a group of 25 timbrellists representing The Salvation Army's Australia Eastern Territory.

Rhondda and her fellow timbrellists performed at iconic venues such as St Paul's Cathedral and Royal Albert Hall.

Now in her 60s, Rhondda will be accompanied by her husband Warwick on her next congress adventure to be held from July 1-5 at the O2 Arena.

The event will see Salvationists from 126 countries unite under the theme, Boundless – The Whole World Redeeming.

This theme comes from the pen of General William Booth, who wrote the words to what we affectionately call *The Founder's Song*.

## CONGRESS ADVENTURE

As a former Miss Red Shield (1965) and current Dulwich Hill Corps Sergeant Major, Rhondda said she was looking forward to the prospect of reliving

memories and sharing God's word with other Salvationists.

"When the Boundless Congress started to be advertised, my husband and I decided that it would be good to go," she said.

"It is such a buzz mixing with Salvationists from all over the world. I can remember that from the Centenary Congress.

"From reading all the Boundless newsletters and advertising that has been released, we are looking forward to the special concerts and I even think there is a musical being performed.

"But most of all we want to be part of the Holy Spirit's moving on our Army. Many, many people are praying.

"I'm praying that the Holy Spirit will release his power upon our Army in a mighty way, invading the hearts of all Salvationists present so that there will be a renewed commitment to allowing Jesus full control and to do and to be what Jesus wants."

Rhondda said she had fond memories of attending the 1965 Centenary Congress.

"As a teenager it was such

an adventure to be part of a group of 25 timbrellists, led by Lieutenant-Colonel Iris Kingston, whose son I later married!" she said.

"We travelled to London via New Zealand, Fiji, Hawaii, United States and Canada, performing concerts in the cities in which we stayed.

"We were mostly billeted or stayed in youth hostels or cheap hotels.

"During the congress week, I remember playing on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral and in the Royal Albert Hall.

"We saw the *Joystings* up close and other famous Salvation Army officer musicians whose music I had sung in Dulwich Hill songsters.

"After the congress we travelled in a coach around the UK, to the Scandinavian countries then into Europe, arriving back in Sydney four months later."

## FAMILY HISTORY

Rhondda has enjoyed a rich and proud past within The Salvation Army. She is a fourth-generation Salvationist and works as a secretary at the Dulwich Hill Corps.





*Attending Boundless Congress this year will take Rhondda Kingston back 50 years when she participated in the Centenary Congress as a timbrellist.*



*Rhondda (centre) at the Centenary Congress.*

Her grandparents, Lieut-Colonels George and Jessie Walker, were missionary officers in China for 25 years, and her father Envoy Wilbur Walker received the Order of the Founder at the 1990 Congress in London from General Eva Burrows.

Rhondda and husband Warwick have two children, Darren and Nathan.

Darren and wife Karyn are Salvation Army officers in Cairns, but will take up new positions in Sydney in January.

However, come July and Rhondda and Warwick will turn their attention to the Boundless Congress.

Joining them on their adventure for congress events at the modern O2 Arena will be former Dulwich Hill Corps Officers, Major Peter and Lieutenant Tara McGuigan.

The Boundless Congress will begin with an opening rally that will welcome the world to London - the birthplace of The Salvation Army - and conclude with a grand sending-forth service on the final day. □

## Salvo heritage tour of the UK

From 6–15 July 2015, Commissioner William Francis and Dr Roger Green will lead a Salvation Army Heritage Tour of the UK, beginning the day after the Boundless Congress in London ends.

The tour is a custom-designed 10-day trip exploring the sites and scenes of Salvationist beginnings throughout England. To top off the adventure, there is the opportunity to travel through Ireland on a five-day extension tour.

It is the first time in the Army's 150-year history that a tour has been organised to all major Salvation Army sites throughout England. Those taking the tour will visit 23 Army-linked sites and 13 other sites linked to John Wesley and William Booth's Methodist background, in addition to historic places like York Minister and St Paul's Cathedral in London.

Spaces are limited. With 16,000 Salvationists expected for the Congress, the tour is filling quickly. Those who would like to join this unique and historic experience should register online at [www.eotours.co/slvtnarmy](http://www.eotours.co/slvtnarmy) where you can also see a video of Commissioner Francis, the former commander of the Canada and Bermuda Territory, and Dr Green, a noted Salvation Army historian, describing the sites that the tour will visit.

# Soul Food

EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS 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. **LIEUTENANT LYNDLEY FABRE** SHARES HIS FAVOURITE PIECE OF SCRIPTURE

*"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.*

*"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'*

*"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'*

*"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*

*"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'*

*"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'*

*"He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'*

*"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." (Matthew 25:31-46)*

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Early on in my ministry I was challenged by the machinations of Red Shield Defence Services (RSDS) because I had a deep struggle within myself reconciling what I was doing in RSDS to so-called "spirituality". Ever been there?

I can remember calling out to God in anguish and frustration and God responding by reassuring me that the work he had called me to was indeed his work and he was a part of it.

He then provided me with this passage of Scripture which I have held on to from that time. You see, what I had deemed important and "spiritual" wasn't as important or as "spiritual" to God.

In this passage we get a glimpse that the most basic of actions by his people will have the most profound effect in eternity.

I believe Jesus indicates to his followers that when the time comes he will not distinguish us based on how well we preach at the Sunday meeting or how many bible study groups we attend or lead, or how much theology we think we know or how many programs we run ... but he will, instead, separate us based on the most simple of things like providing a cup of cold water to a stranger who needs one.

When I finally grasped this, my spiritual eyes were opened and I saw the vastness of ministry opportunity that lay before me.

I'm not talking about salvation by works. This is not what this story is saying. I believe it is saying that as God's people we are relational beings and are, therefore, attuned to the needs of those around us because we are attuned to God's spirit within us.

We are obedient to God's direction and guidance by acknowledging and responding to the needs of those around us.

We are all at different stages along this journey. I pray that God will encourage you to take a hold of your ministry with everything you have so as to make a difference for the better that will shake at the very foundation of heaven.

Eternity will be different for not only the folks you encounter on a daily basis but for yourself as well.



## BOUNDLESS

*the whole world redeeming*

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# Hallmarks of a healthy corps

THE SALVATION ARMY AUSTRALIA EASTERN TERRITORY'S MISSION PRIORITY 3 STATES: "CORPS HEALTHY AND MULTIPLYING". THIS EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK *MAPPING OUR SALVATIONIST DNA* LOOKS AT THE QUESTION, "WHAT IS A HEALTHY CORPS?"

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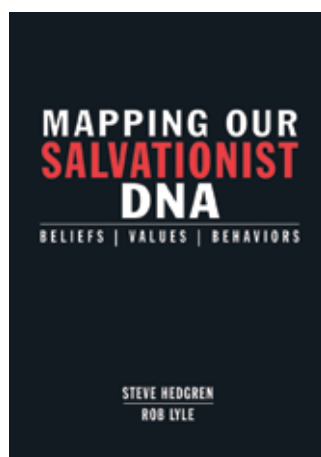
In the July 1876 issue of *The Christian Mission Magazine*, William Booth's article, "How to Manage a Mission Station," gives a window into The Salvation Army founder's vision for the ministry of the Christian Mission.

"Teach your people – teach them sound doctrine! If you do not give them the truth, somebody else will give them falsehood. There are three old-fashioned practical truths which you must frequently and emphatically insist upon. They may be regarded as three pillars which mainly carry the entire building of experimental godliness; and if your people are thoroughly grounded in these, they will not easily be moved. They are, **Repentance**: the renunciation of all sin; **Faith**: the belief of what God has said ... saving faith; and **Holiness**: the necessity and possibility of believers not only being saved from the guilt and power of sin, but from its very indwelling; sanctified body, soul and spirit".

From its very beginning, the leaders of the Christian Mission/Salvation Army put new converts to work, even before they became soldiers. These converts attended prayer meetings, bible studies and nightly salvation and holiness meetings. They were immersed in every aspect of the Salvation War, including helping the poor. Not all converts were poor and uneducated, but many were. Corps officers and other leaders taught them to read the Bible and to become leaders themselves.

Booth realised that a corps is only truly healthy and biblical if it sees its mission as reaching outside itself. The corps was never meant to be a "social club" in which we play and sing to each other. The corps was to be a body of believers who studied the Word together, prayed together and learned to love each other in true Christian fellowship. Only then would soldiers be prepared to reach outside their walls to the entire community with the message of the Gospel.

Booth's charge to his people is consistent with today's teaching on church growth and church health. For example, then-Commissioner John



Larsson, in his 1988 book *How Your Corps Can Grow*, gives a synopsis of contemporary church-growth thinking that shows the Founder was doing "church growth" long before the term was coined.

A direct result of the disciplines that lead to the spiritual health of corps officers and soldiers is that these officers and soldiers will be moved, even energised, to reach outside their corps walls to bring the Gospel message to the wider community.

Major John Coutts, in *The Salvationist* magazine, describes this community-centered model, "In signing their Articles of War our recruits have promised to strive both for the 'present welfare' and the 'eternal salvation' of their fellow men."

In *Salvation Soldierly*, a compendium of Booth's talks and sermons that he wanted to share with the worldwide Army, the Founder wrote, "What is a Salvation Army corps? To this I reply, that it is a band of people united together to attack and Christianise an entire town or neighbourhood. When an officer receives an appointment from headquarters, it is not contemplated that he shall deal merely with those who are already gathered within the walls of certain buildings, or with those who are already enrolled in our ranks; or with those who may be induced to come inside them; but it is intended that he shall be an Apostle of the Gospel to all those who live around. When you reach the station assigned you, if it has not been done already, you should take your stand in that hall, or theatre, or tent, and draw a line around the breadth of population you can hope to reach, and make that your parish, and aim, with tears and prayers, and the trumpet-blast of truth and power of the Holy Ghost, to convert and sanctify and enlist and discipline every soul within it."

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# God's role in healing

**CAPTAIN BRETT MITCHELL** EXPLORES THE TOPIC OF HEALING FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE AND OFFERS A PERSONAL REFLECTION IN HIS ROLE AS THE DIRECTOR OF SALVOS COUNSELLING

**M**y father is blind. He lost his sight when my son, Eli, was nine months old. I used to pray that the Lord would heal his blindness, however after a few weeks I started to pray that he would see Jesus before he saw my son. I guess in a way I was still praying for dad's healing but from a different perspective.

Reflecting on healing today leads me to ponder the nature and essence of healing. I have many questions and I am sure you have many more. Questions such as, does God play a role in every healing whether physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual or social in nature? Is the source of healing inside people (such as in their minds), outside people (eg. God, medicine), between people (as in a therapeutic relationship) or a combination of these? Are healing ministries of value within the Kingdom of God? What is the primary purpose of healing? This reflection has been prompted by my appointment to Salvos Counselling.

Many of the traditional ways of understanding healing from a Christian perspective do not easily fit with the real-life experiences of those who work within or access Christian healing services (Stephen Pattison, *The Challenge of Practical Theology: Selected Essays*. Jessica Kingsley Publishers. 2007, 125-6.). To speak in a meaningful way about a ministry of healing in the 21st century requires us to enter into a dialogue between traditional perspectives and contemporary experiences.

My theological compass always returns to a familiar answer to each and every

theological reflection I engage in. That is, that the place to begin is with Christ and his perfect adequacy. In Luke chapter 8:43-48 we see Jesus encounter a woman who needed healing. On the surface the woman was suffering from a seemingly incurable and chronic bleeding. Yet in the climax of the story we hear Jesus speak grace to her saying, "Daughter, your faith has healed you, go in peace" (v48).

## GOD'S INTENTION

What is fascinating about this story is that there are four different Greek words in the narrative to drive home the message that healing is not an end in itself but functions so we can become what God intends us to be.

Firstly, we see Luke use a word to describe the woman who had no medical hope of a cure, being healed (therapeou) from her hemophilia (v43). As the story develops the author describes how she had been instantly healed (iaomai, v47). The word is a translation of a Hebrew word *rope* (see Exodus 15:26 where the Lord is described as Jehovah Rophe – The Lord who heals).

The idea is that I am the Lord who heals/ restores you to what you were meant to be and indicates that this woman was being repaired and restored to healthy functioning.

In verse 48 Luke uses a word for healing (*sozo*) that in this context means to restore to health but in another context can mean to rescue, set free from sin, or bring to salvation so that they can fulfil their purpose. The final words in verse 48 "go in peace" (*eirene*) has the same meaning as *shalom* in the >>>



## "By his wounds we are healed" - (Isaiah 53:5)

Hebrew. It refers to the woman's general wellbeing, her positive social relations or welfare and capacity to live with integrity.

The rich interpretation of healing described in this passage by Luke depicts the woman who reached out and touched the cloak of Jesus as experiencing the fullness of what it means to be healed from a Christian perspective – she was cured physically, restored into her community, repaired so that she can now serve her God and her community, while being restored into a peaceful and right relationship with herself, God and others. For me this is an awesome picture of a woman who is healed, made healthy and set apart to fulfil the purpose God has for her life.

This biblical interpretation raises some important questions for our healing ministries in the 21st century. In particular, what role does a ministry like Salvos Counselling play in the mission of God for the Salvation Army?

It should be noted that healing is always contextual and can be very subjective. We also give categories to types of diseases that require healing. These include physical, psychological and spiritual disease. If there is diversity in disease does this allow for diversity in methods of finding healing, wholeness and holiness?

### KINGDOM VALUE

Have you ever experienced healing? When, where, why, and how? "Healing is what people most need; often, but not always, it is what they most want" (Stephen Pattison, *The Challenge of Practical Theology*. 2007, 130).

If you are a Christian and you lose your partner, your child, your job, your physical or psychological health, your self-esteem, your freedom, your hope or your sense of meaning and purpose, where would you turn? Would you turn to your local pastor, who may have deep

love and understanding for you and your situation but quite often simply doesn't have the time or ability to address your need?

Alternatively, would you consider a person who has committed themselves to Christ and dedicated their vocational life to helping people heal? People like those I work alongside at Salvos Counselling every day.

I would suggest that if you have had the personal experience of your pain or distress finding the healing grace and hope of Christ in therapy then you will have an appreciation of the value that Salvos Counselling offers people. If you have experienced the healing power of God at work through counselling, then you probably have a genuine understanding of the kingdom value it supplies to the faith community.

Is there kingdom value in a woman who finds freedom from the emotional abuse suffered from bullying in the workplace? Is she not healed for the purpose of serving her Lord in her local faith community? Do you think there is value in a husband discovering psychological freedom after visiting a Christian counsellor for his pornography addiction? Is there not value in a person being restored from the emotional distress in her life that prevents her from serving God and others and fulfilling her purpose in life?

Sadly, healing ministries are often misunderstood and undervalued, because the priority of mission is seen in conversion, membership and public affirmation. To comprehend the ministry of Salvos Counselling in a meaningful way, we have to reconcile the competing voices of tradition and contemporary experience. We need to appreciate that all people need healing most of the time and that healing is not an end in itself but functions so we can become what God intends us to be. ■



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# THE INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES

*Unlocking the Army's Archives*

CELEBRATING ITS 150TH INTERNATIONAL ANNIVERSARY OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY THIS YEAR, THE SALVATION ARMY HAS NOT ALWAYS ENJOYED THE POPULARITY AND ACCEPTANCE THAT IT EXPERIENCES TODAY

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*words* **MAJOR DAVID WOODBURY**

During the late 19th century and early 20th century many local councils employed a person in the role of "Inspector of Nuisances". The role seemed to have had a wide-ranging job description that allowed various inspectors to harass the early Salvation Army.

In Sydney, the archives record that the Inspector of Nuisances was responsible for keeping the city clean, sanitary and safe. This included inspection and condemnation of food offered for sale in the markets and on the streets, inspection of dangerous buildings, nuisances and hoardings, prosecution of breaches of the by-laws and keeping thoroughfares free from obstruction. He also supervised the carters who removed rubbish.

In Perth, the Inspector of Nuisances was also responsible for sniffing out bad smells, like those emanating from swamps and marshlands and, at one point, he was even able to sniff out a dead horse.

In Manly, the Inspector of Nuisances was required to

capture runaway horses, cattle, pigs, etc. and hold them at the council's animal pound until reclaimed and a fine paid by the owner.

There seems to be no doubt that the wide interpretation of "keeping thoroughfares free from obstruction" and "prosecution of breaches of the by-laws" was ruthlessly implemented against The Salvation Army by various individuals holding the position of Inspector of Nuisances.

## COURT ACTION

In the northern NSW city of Grafton, the local Inspector of Nuisances waged a well-publicised campaign against the Army in the early 1890s. In 1891 the corps officer in Grafton, Captain William Thomas Hooker, was fined for obstruction and had appealed the matter to the Supreme Court. He told the court that it was against his principles to pay a fine. But rather than see him go to gaol the magistrate himself paid the fine the next day.

The Inspector of Nuisances was determined to get the Army off the streets and pursued the

matter further with the local council.

The *Grafton Clarence and Richmond Examiner* of Saturday 18 July, 1891, reported on a council discussion on the alleged obstructing of the street by The Salvation Army.

It would appear that the Inspector of Nuisances, Francois Venator, brought the matter to the meeting as he had already threatened the officers with legal action. During discussion, alderman seemed somewhat divided in their opinion as to what could be done. The mayor doubted if there would be any use prosecuting in the Police Court, as the sympathies of the local magistrate were towards the Army.

Other alderman considered the Army was acting illegally and pointed to local by-laws which stated, "Any street musician or vocalist who shall not, when requested by any householder within the Borough of Grafton, or his servant, or by any officer or servant of the Council, or by any police officer, depart from the neighbourhood of the premises of such householder, shall be



**ABOVE:** *Opened in 1880, shortly after The Salvation Army commenced in Australia, Grafton courthouse was to be the scene of legal proceedings against the Army by the Inspector of Nuisances.*

liable to a penalty not exceeding £2, nor less than 5s."

A further section of council by-laws stated that, "All persons standing or loitering upon any of the carriageways, footways, or other public places in the Borough of Grafton ... shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £2, or less than 10s."

### STREET PRAYER

The threats seemed to have only stimulated the local corps officers, Captain Hooker and Lieut John Thomas Tuck, to further indiscretions ending up with them in court on Tuesday 23 August, 1891. Appearing before Mr. E.M. Ryan JP, the officers were accused of "loitering in the carriageways in one of the streets of the city, thereby interrupting the traffic thereon".

The Inspector of Nuisances testified that, "on the evening of the 15th instant, about 25 minutes past seven, I saw the defendants come down the street and remain near the intersection of Prince and Pound streets. They knelt down and commenced praying".

The Army's solicitor, Mr Norrie, contested that as an appeal to the High Court was pending, and if the present proceedings became known to the Supreme Court, the Council would probably find themselves called upon to show cause why they should not be prosecuted for contempt of court.

After a lengthy legal discussion about whether or not traffic had been obstructed, the magistrate decided the case was not proven and since a similar matter was before the Supreme Court the council was unwise to proceed. The magistrate awarded costs of 21s against the council.

The Army was not without its supporters in Grafton, as a letter to the editor of the *Clarence and Richmond Examiner* of Saturday 1 August, 1891, confirmed.

The writer, who simply called himself a lover of justice, wrote, "Sir, I would just like to ask the responsible parties in the matter that if they regard entertainments of that kind a thing worthy of fine or imprisonment". The writer went on ask, "What about the congregating of the larrikin element on the same evenings,

crowding the footpath on the next side of Prince Street from Pound Street corner southward, so much so that females (unless accompanied by a male protector) are afraid to walk on that side of the street because of the insult and obscene language they would be exposed to, and yet this had existed for years past, and the police and Inspector of Nuisances allow it to continue".

Although the Army had suffered a great deal of persecution at the hands of the various inspectors of nuisances, by 1895 the tide was turning.

*The Sydney Morning Herald* of 9 January 1895, reported on court proceedings against the Army by the Inspector of Nuisances in the NSW country town of Bingara.

The inspector, John Plunkett, had brought a case against the Army for obstructing a thoroughfare and had lost the case with heavy costs being awarded against the council. The council had refused to pay the costs which resulted in the council's books being seized by police and Plunkett imprisoned for 14 days. □



## WHAT WOULD JESUS VIEW?

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## Unbroken

**RATING: M RELEASE DATE: 1 January**

**U**nbroken is as Christian a story as secular Hollywood can bear to tell without letting Jesus get in the way of a hymn to the human spirit.

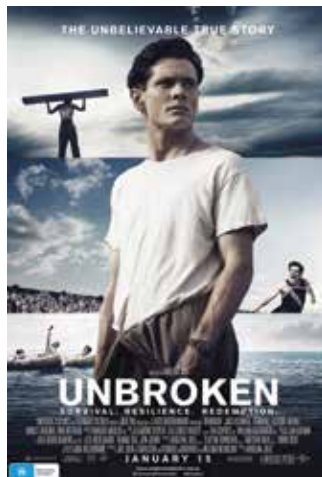
The directorial debut of cinematic star Angelina Jolie, *Unbroken* retells the incredible, true story of Olympic athlete Louis "Louie" Zamperini. Though its Coen brothers script bears all the hallmarks of a "triumph of the spirit" tale, this is a story whose soul resides in the Bible.

At his brother's urging, Zamperini abandons a life of delinquency in order to take up track running. His commitment to his new-found passion takes him all the way to the 1936 Olympics, establishing him as a man who lives by the creed, "If you can take it, you can make it". However, this is not the philosophy that will truly help him survive World War Two.

As the bombardier of a B-24 Liberator, Zamperini preserves a healthy respect for his own abilities and a disdain for the God who seems to have no role in his life. However, after a nearly fatal crash-landing he finds his pilot friend Phil praying on the edge of the beach.

Shortly after, Zamperini and fellow crew members are called upon to survive 47 days adrift in the Pacific Ocean. Starvation, storms, marauding sharks and the machine guns of Japanese aircraft lead Louie to the point of despair, and there he makes a deal with God: "If you get me through this I swear I'll dedicate my whole life to you. I'll do whatever you want. Please ..."

Louie does survive, but not in the way he might have hoped. He is taken prisoner by the Japanese and transferred to a barbaric POW facility on the outskirts of Tokyo where



he becomes the target of the brutal camp commander. Through a combination of unflinching conviction and strength of will he resists despair, and *Unbroken* moves to its conclusive celebration of the human spirit. It's stirring, challenging stuff .. but the story would have been more of both if it had continued to its real conclusion.

Beyond the end of the film Zamperini returns home and, though he marries, continues to suffer from the horrors of war. In contrast to the film's title, Louie is a shattered, angry man who lashes out at those around him.

However, his wife Cynthia becomes a born-again Christian and challenges him to accompany her to a Billy Graham crusade.

There he discovers the God he has been hiding from since his life-raft bargain. In receiving forgiveness he finally finds himself able to extend it to others. His nightmares cease and Zamperini is set free to serve. Later, Louie would reflect on this, not the Olympics or his wartime record, as the highlight of his life.

*Unbroken* mentions that Zamperini later travelled to Tokyo to meet and forgive his former prison guards. What it doesn't say is that he did so through the power of what God had done for him, leading several to Christ. Sadly, without introducing us to his Saviour, this triumph just becomes more fuel for *Unbroken's* humanistic fervour.

It's also ultimately unhelpful because if Louis Zamperini's life teaches us anything it's that it takes more than Olympian strength to move from life's darkest places to the freedom he found. Sadly, anyone who attempts to repeat his journey on their own is likely to find themselves all at sea.



## Penguins of Madagascar

**RATING: G RELEASE DATE: 1 January**

**P**enguins of Madagascar is a spin-off from the escapee zoo crew franchise that's already generated three major films. It's enjoyable, if a little predictable. What's not so expected, though, is the sleight of hand involving the movie's message.

The film picks up immediately after the end of *Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted*, neatly side-stepping the storylines created by six seasons of penguin TV episodes. The feature delves into Skipper, Kowalski and Rico's early lives and the day they saved Private's egg from leopard seals. The moment he bursts from the shell Private's cuteness carves a place in his pal's hearts.

Paradoxically, though, it's this same cuteness that also saddles him with a reputation for being useless. As they break into Fort Knox to celebrate Private's coming of age, Skipper asks him;

Skipper: If you could have anything you want for your birthday what would you like?

Private: I'd like to be a meaningful and valued member of this team.

Skipper: Well, we've got you something else!

And so, though an evil Octopus (John Malkovich) swings in, bent on stealing the cuteness of penguins across the world, the audience is left in no doubt that this is really a story about Private finding his place in his adopted family. It's no surprise that the film ends with Skipper pronouncing:

"If there's anything we've learnt from this delightful adventure it is that looks don't matter. It's what you do – and look what you did!"



Which is exactly what kids and parents will hear – while they see something completely different.

As Christians, any film that underlines the link between our actions and our value should encourage us. Jesus notes on more than one occasion that God looks on the heart, and our deeds are a reflection of what resides there. Furthermore, when we see our sin for what it is we should realise we have a heart problem only God can fix. So on the surface *Penguins* is a good building block for those sorts of lessons. But this wouldn't be the first film that says one thing and does another ...

To begin with, even though "looks don't matter" you'll notice how important it is for

our heroes to make sure all the good guys get back to being good looking by the end of the show. That might be just Disney protecting the franchise but there's also something else. I don't think Skipper really wants to be judged by his actions, especially the destruction of a \$19 million spy jet. I think what he means – what the writers mean – is that we should be judged by what we *intended* to do. Skipper and his crew of daredevil penguins were out to save Private, and everything that careered out of control, crashed and exploded can be put down to that. In fact, any level of chaos is justifiable, so long as you have a good reason.

This is what a fantasy like *Penguins* and our own society have in common. We're much more comfortable with the idea of being judged by our intentions because they can be presented as uniformly good, even if their outcomes aren't. But that's to break Jesus' link between heart and hand, and that just won't do, not even for a G rating.

## Three Hands up for children in poverty

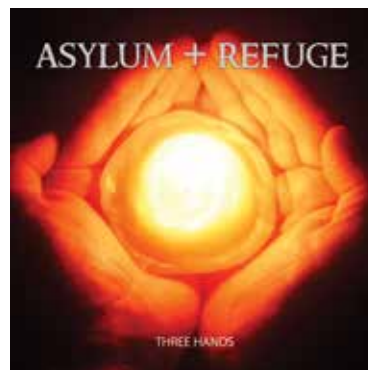
Six talented Salvationists from Rockdale Corps in Sydney have formed a folk-rock band called Three Hands to raise funds and awareness for The Salvation Army's International Development's Office (SAID).

After a trip to South East Asia, Three Hands vocalist and guitarist Matthew Bradshaw was challenged to help children living in poverty-stricken countries. While unsure at first of how to achieve this, Matthew's passion for underprivileged children abroad led him to The Salvation Army in Rockdale, where he now regularly attends church.

Watching The Salvation Army's Self Denial Appeal video series, he found his answer and in April last year formed the band.

"I was very touched that [The] Salvation Army was involved at an intimate level with the struggle and challenges abroad," he said. "It was like all my dreams of how to help the poor had already been answered."

In November, Three Hands released an EP called *Asylum + Refuge*, which features songs that were written to raise the voices of children living in poverty overseas by telling their stories.



All proceeds from the EP will go towards SAID's Salvos Sponsorship Program in Developing countries which assists the lives of disadvantaged children.

Three Hands also performed their new EP at the Roxbury Hotel in Sydney on 7 December, to raise awareness about the Salvos Sponsorship program.

To take part in raising the voices of these children, the EP can be purchased for \$10, with a \$3 additional cost for postage, or download the EP from [salvos.org.au/rockdale](http://salvos.org.au/rockdale)

## ZERO TOLERANCE SEXUAL ABUSE

The Royal Commission Into Institutional Responses to Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse focused on past abuse within The Salvation Army.

I want to reaffirm at this time our total commitment to our child protection policies. It is vital that all who work with children follow these policies, as spelt out in our *Caring for Kids/Safe Salvos* manual ([salvos.org.au/safesalvos](http://salvos.org.au/safesalvos)). In keeping with that policy, all allegations of sexual abuse must be reported to the authorities.

I also want to reaffirm our commitment to persons who suffered sexual abuse in the past within a Salvation Army corps or children's home. If you were abused, please tell us. Any persons who come forward with complaints of abuse will be received with compassion. A careful restorative process will then be followed.

If you feel you need to make a complaint, please contact us at our Territorial Headquarters.



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## Boundless – The Whole World Reading

As the international Salvation Army embarks on its 150th anniversary year, Salvationists and friends are being urged to commit themselves to *Boundless – The Whole World Reading*, a Bible-reading challenge which starts on 5 January and runs throughout 2015.

Booklets have been distributed to every Salvation Army territory and command. Participants will be invited to read a chapter of Scripture every weekday. This is supported by thought-provoking questions which can be discussed in small groups, via the website ([salvationarmy.org/biblechallenge](http://salvationarmy.org/biblechallenge)) or on social media.

Participants will also be able to access the material on their smartphones or tablets, making it easy to take part in the challenge during the journey to work or school. An app for Android phones is available from the Google Play app store. Search for "Salvation Army Bible Challenge" or go to [sar.my/bibleapp](http://sar.my/bibleapp) for the direct link or a scannable QR code that will take you straight there. For the first time, a web app for Apple devices is also available. To add this to your iPhone/iPod Touch/iPad,



go to [sar.my/bibleapp](http://sar.my/bibleapp), using Safari (the default web browser for these devices). The facility is not currently available for other browsers.

Specially produced videos and audio content supporting the written word will be available online and through the apps, creating opportunities to reflect and meditate.

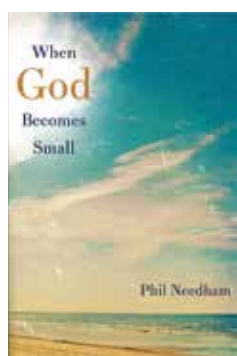
"One of the most exciting things about *Boundless – The Whole World Reading* is not just that Salvationists and friends from right around the globe can take part in this together, but that they can tell the rest of the world about their experiences and encouragement,"

said The Salvation Army's International Headquarters web manager, David Giles.

"It's a great example of the way in which modern communications can make us truly 'One Army' and enable us to share the Bible's life-changing message with others."

Participants can follow @BoundlessBible on Twitter for daily tweets, use the hashtag #BoundlessBible with biblical insights and discuss online through the daily posts on the website – which have a discussion facility – or via the IHQ Facebook Page.

## When God Becomes Small

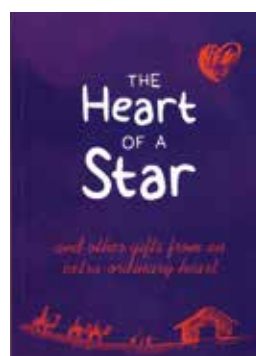


Many of us, if we are honest, feel empty. We work and strive with energy toward ideas that, in the quiet of the night, when we are alone with our thoughts, we know will never fulfil us. It is always there, under the surface, this struggle to figure out who we are supposed to be, with each other and with God.

It is this inner struggle that Phil Needham, a retired

Salvation Army officer, addresses in his beautiful and profound book, *When God Becomes Small*. With clarity and compassion, Needham reveals our human misconceptions of God and of ourselves. As the book unfolds, we discover how these misconceptions can be upended and how we might follow God to the freedom of the small. *When God Becomes Small* is available from The Trade ([thetrade.salvos.org.au](http://thetrade.salvos.org.au)) for \$12.

## The Heart of a Star



The November issue of *Pipeline* featured story about Tony Dixon who started The Salvation Army's drug and alcohol recovery Bridge Program 17 times before reaching sobriety.

Tony was a creatively gifted man who produced almost 2000 drawings, short stories, reflections and poems during his

lifetime. *The Heart of a Star* is a selection of these works and has been compiled by the Tony Dixon Legacy Research Group. It is an amazing tribute to an extraordinary man.

*The Heart of a Star* can be ordered from Bev Day-Cassin at [tonyinprint@gmail.com](mailto:tonyinprint@gmail.com) for \$15 (postage and handling is an extra \$3.30) or two copies for \$25 (postage and handling \$4.70).

## Salvos bring Christmas early to Maroubra

**A**CCCLAIMED SINGER DARREN Percival's rendition of *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* captivated the 200 guests at the first Maroubra Community Christmas Lunch in early December.

Darren, a popular soul, rhythm and blues vocalist who rose to nationwide fame in 2012 as a finalist on the Nine Network's *The Voice*, was the special guest at the lunch held at the Prince Henry Centre at Little Bay in Sydney's east.

Maroubra Salvation Army Corps leader Jacqueline Gluyas said one of the highlights was watching the joy on everyone's faces, especially when Darren was singing carols.

"Everyone was so engaged and had smiles on their faces," she said. "They all just loved that experience. Even for them to just experience Christmas carols being sung together. Just the joy in that – that was great."

Jacqueline's husband and co-corps leader Matt Gluyas said the lunch was an opportunity for the church community to reach out to the disadvantaged in their area.

"We saw a need in our community," he said. "There are many disadvantaged and isolated people here in the eastern suburbs. Christmas is a time where people feel even more disconnected and vulnerable."

The venue was donated by Randwick City Council, with all the food provided by Little Bay Foodworks.

Member for Kingsford Smith,



**ABOVE:** Popular performer Darren Percival sings at the Maroubra Community Christmas lunch. Photo: Lieut Philip Sutcliffe

Matt Thistlethwaite, spoke at the lunch, expressing his appreciation for the work The Salvation Army does in the community.

"I'm honoured to be here with the Salvos," he said. "They do wonderful work in our community protecting the vulnerable, ensuring that families can get by, and it's my way of paying tribute to the Salvos for the wonderful work they do on behalf of our community."

Sydney East and Illawarra divisional leaders, Lieutenant-Colonels Peter and Jan Laws, Councillor Noel D'Souza from

Randwick City Council and aboriginal elder Aunty Barbara, who provided a Welcome to Country, were also guests on the day.

The hard-working team in the kitchen, led by Maroubra Corps assistant officer Major Robbin Moulds, worked to prepare lunch for the guests.

Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon said grace before serving lunch with the help of the other special guests. All families took home a hamper and there was a toy for each child.

- Nathalia Rickwood

## Support of Honoured Friends recognised at Sydney event

**T**HE SYDNEY CONGRESS HALL function centre was beautifully decorated for the annual Honoured Friends Christmas morning tea.

An enthusiastic crowd of Honoured Friends – people who have indicated that they have left a bequest to The Salvation Army in their will – filled the room and enjoyed carol singing led by Bryon Stoodley and accompanied by a brass ensemble.

Major Bruce Harmer, Territorial Communications and Public Relations Secretary, officially welcomed the guests and assured them that The Salvation Army is

very grateful for their generosity.

Majors Maree and Trevor Strong, rural chaplains, captivated the audience with a presentation about their work in the far west of NSW. They gave many examples of people on the land doing it very tough and how The Salvation Army is able to assist them.

Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon addressed the gathering, assuring the guests that the Army is appreciative of bequests. He emphasised that the bequests are handled carefully and are used for capital projects to

provide infrastructure for the future. The commissioner also reminded the meeting that Jesus is the gift of hope for the world.

Gary Parsisson then told his story of a series of disastrous events in his life, that led him to the Army's William Booth House recovery centre where he undertook the Bridge Program, and the changes that have occurred in his life.

"Many guests commented that they always look forward to this event as it is always a positive gathering to attend," said Glen Evans from the Australia Eastern Territory's Wills and Bequests team.

## *New women's wing opens at Moonyah*

COMMISSIONER JAMES CONDON, Territorial Commander, has opened and dedicated the new women's accommodation wing at The Salvation Army's Brisbane Recovery Services Centre (Moonyah).

"We are in partnership with the community and the government as we serve others so that they might find freedom in Jesus," Commissioner Condon said. "It is in his name and for his sake that we do this."

Commissioner Condon emphasised The Salvation Army's commitment to recovery and helping those caught in the spiral of addiction, specifically through the Bridge Program.

The new women's wing has a peaceful outlook onto Brisbane's Mount Coot-tha and its flowing and open design promotes calm and healing.

There are light and spacious rooms for 20 women, shared bathrooms, gardens, a laundry, indoor and outdoor lounge areas, and internet access.

Michelle Davis, former president of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium, who was the driving force behind the club's \$750,000 donation towards the women's wing, spoke at the opening.

"We saw so much need for women's recovery accommodation in Brisbane, which we reinforced when we came to Moonyah for a breakfast," said Michelle. "I caught the vision and was passionate and dedicated to making it a reality, but it was the women



**ABOVE:** Commissioner James Condon officially opens the new women's wing at Moonyah. Photo: Major Bruce Harmer

here, with their stories and their tears, that kept us focused.

"We usually raise \$40,000 per year, so for a small club of only 50 members, \$750,000 in three years is not bad.

"I am blessed to know that we have left a legacy that will help change the lives of vulnerable women for decades to come."

The Zonta Clubs of Brisbane and private donors also joined with the Army and contributed substantially towards the new accommodation.

Linda, a former resident at Moonyah, spoke at the opening about her exhausting

battle with addiction over many years.

"I experienced some dark and lonely places for decades, but couldn't see the reality of my addictions," she said.

"It wasn't until I was disgusted and ashamed with my appearance, and realised that my kids loved and needed me, that I did something about it."

Linda spent 14 months at Moonyah and is now enjoying a freedom, peace and healing she never thought possible.

The official opening concluded with the Serenity Prayer.

- Simone Worthing

## *Retired officers dig deep to support overseas counterparts*

MORE THAN 250 RETIRED SALVATION ARMY OFFICERS from the Australia Eastern Territory have embraced the spirit of giving at Christmas by raising about \$10,000 for retired officers in Developing countries.

Known as Operation Generosity, the retired officers donated funds at three Christmas functions in Sydney, Brisbane and Newcastle.

"It's very important [that] Australian officers, who I say are quite well-off really, do share what they have with retired officers who have so little," said Lieutenant-Colonel Graham Durston, himself a retired officer.

"The officers here really do value the opportunity to do something practical to help their colleagues overseas."

Lieut-Colonel Durston said that many retired officers in

Developing countries may not receive a government or Salvation Army pension and often struggle with living expenses.

"We certainly get a fair bit of feedback from officers," Lieut-Colonel Durston said. "They often write and [say] thank you for the gift, it often enables them to buy something for Christmas [for] themselves.

"Sometimes they just buy basic food to get ahead for the year. It's that serious in some countries."

Through Operation Generosity, more than 200 retired officers in the Philippines, Ghana, Caribbean and Eastern Europe each received \$50 each last year. Every year different countries are chosen by the Territorial Retired Officers Council to benefit from Operation Generosity.

- Esther Pinn



## *Campbells farewelled as divisional leaders*

**T**HE SALVATION ARMY'S SOUTH Queensland divisional leaders, Majors Mark and Julie Campbell, have been officially farewelled from the division during the "Power of Praise" celebration and worship concert in Brisbane in late November.

The Campbells have served in South Queensland for the past five years. Since late 2010, Mark has been divisional commander and Julie the divisional director of women's ministries.

Later this month they will move to Sydney to take up new appointment at the Army's territorial headquarters. Mark will be the new territorial secretary for business administration and Julie will become the assistant secretary for personnel, both with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

Major Rick Hoffmann, Divisional Mission and Resources Director – Social, thanked the Campbells for their inclusive, transparent and gracious leadership.

"You have made us feel a part of the team and have made a huge difference to each of us," he said.

Rhys Wilson thanked the Campbells on behalf of the young

people of the division, focusing on their appreciation for "God moments", while Major Jo-Anne Brown, Calamvale Corps Officer, thanked them on behalf of the division's officers.

"The greatest gift of your leadership has been your own desire to grow deeper and stronger in the Lord and your hunger for him," she said. "We see you put your relationship with God first and we see the fruit of this in your lives."

Major Julie Campbell responded, thanking God for the way he has used them in their appointments, and focusing on her joy at working with the women of the division.

"The 40 days of prayer and fasting will also always stay in my mind and I believe that whatever good is happening here is a result of that," she said.

Major Mark Campbell spoke of the time of growth the last five years had been, both personally and in the division.

"I believe that God has his hands on South Queensland and I commend Lieuts David and Sandra Godkin (new divisional leaders) to you as God's people for this next season," he said.

- Simone Worthing



**ABOVE:** Majors Mark and Julie Campbell are farewelled from the South Queensland Division. The Campbells have spent the last five years in leadership roles in the division. Photo: Carolyn Hide

## *Festive season celebrated at Maitland YP anniversary*

**T**HE THEME OF THE YOUNG People's Anniversary at Maitland City Corps on 7 December was a celebration of Christmas.

Many of the individual and small group items featured Christmas music. The children's presentations concluded with a retelling of the Nativity story complete with newborn Pax Robinson sleeping peacefully in his role as Jesus while Mary, Joseph and the innkeeper looked on.

Before presenting prizes, Corps Officer Major Ian Channell spoke about the gifts present at the first Christmas: the gift of God's Son, the angels' gift of song, the wise men bringing riches, and Mary giving herself to God's plan.



**ABOVE:** James, Edward and Henry McDonald play *We Three Kings* on their cornets.

## *Providing a safer atmosphere for Schoolies*

**S**EVENTEEN SALVOS JOINED WITH HUNDREDS OF CHRISTIAN volunteers to work with the Red Frogs Australia Chaplaincy Network on the Gold Coast at the recent annual Schoolies celebrations.

An event that attracts thousands of school leavers every year, Salvos from Brisbane, the Gold Coast and Parramatta didn't come to spend a week "partying", instead heading to the coast with a different mission in mind.

Together with Red Frogs, an organisation well-known for handing out Allen's red frogs lollies, Salvos leaders took on roles as hotel chaplains and helped create a fun, but safe "partying" atmosphere.

"Really they [school leavers] are going down there and a lot of them are making silly decisions and probably decisions they will end up regretting," explained Lincoln Proellocks, Carindale Corps Youth and Young Adults Coordinator. "So we want to be down there and support them through that."

While Red Frogs are there first and foremost as a support network to help keep young people safe, Lincoln said there were plenty of opportunities to share the message of Christ.

"They [school leavers] all ask, 'Why do you do this'? ... This might be the last time they get to actually encounter a Christian in their life," he said. "So it's a good chance to speak into their lives."

Lincoln has been volunteering for Red Frogs for the past seven years. This year his role has involved managing all the Red Frogs teams at one of the largest hotels on the Gold Coast.

"You're always walking into stuff that you're not prepared for ... but that's when the strength of God kicks in," he said.

"I love being part of Red Frogs. The first thing I mostly get out of it, it's just a great example of the church working together ... all denominations working together for a cause just to show God's love to people."

A number of other Salvos visited other Schoolies locations including Fiji and Bali.

Salvos in Rockhampton held a "Red Shield Rave" at Capricorn Region Corps for school students from years 7 to 11. Led by Red Frogs, school students were invited to have their own Schoolies event at the Salvos. There were games, food and giveaways on offer at the corps.

"In Rockhampton there's not a lot for teenagers to do so they often find themselves bored," said Daniel Walters, Capricorn Region Corps assistant leader. "This provides them with something to do, and they loved it."

- Esther Pinn



**ABOVE:** Some of the Red Frogs volunteers who worked at Schoolies events late last year.

## *Salvos chaplain lends support to truckies*

**MAJOR DAVID ROGERSON**, Tamworth Corps Officer, recently conducted the annual truck drivers' memorial service in his role as chaplain to the Tamworth Truck Drivers' Club.

More than 150 people attended the service, held at the Tamworth Truck Drivers' Memorial just south of the town.

"The truckies' club engages me every year to conduct the service, as they have with previous [corps] officers here," said Major Rogerson.

"The service allows family, friends and fellow truck drivers to honour those who have lost their lives on the roads, or who have passed away."

There are more than 170 names on the memorial stones in the garden and sadly, more are added every year.

Major Rogerson has made himself available to members of the club and their families, not just for the memorial service but for any support he can provide throughout the year.

"I would like to see this role develop in the future and have more involvement with supporting the families," he said.



**ABOVE:** The truck drivers' memorial at Tamworth.



## Salvos team brings Christmas joy to the Outback



**ABOVE:** The "Outback Christmas Tour" team that travelled around south-west Queensland.

**B**RINGING CHRISTMAS JOY TO THE OUTBACK and celebrating the birth of Christ was the focus of the recent "Outback Christmas Tour" in south-west Queensland.

Captain Mark Bulow, The Salvation Army's South Queensland Flying Service and Rural Hub leader, led the team which included six members of the Pine Rivers Corps band and two of their wives; children's ministry the Agents of T.R.U.T.H; Christian singer and songwriter Eric Ossebaar and his wife, Olga.

In the course of a week, the team visited the remote towns of Glenmorgan, Charleville, Quilpie, Thargomindah, Eulo, Yowah and Kogan, to lead community Christmas carols in places hard hit by drought and floods.

"The Agents of T.R.U.T.H were a big hit," said Captain Bulow. "They did the Christmas message in such a way that the youngest could understand and the oldest get something out of it as well.

"It was great having someone to lead the songs and

the band just added so much."

For the band members, the experience was a positive one. "It's the people you meet and seeing how much they appreciate you coming, look forward to it, and join in," said bandmaster Gordon Thomson.

The team gave every child who attended the carols a Christmas present. Between 50 to 100 people attended each event, with Kogan attracting 180.

"These were the best attendances we've had," explained Captain Bulow. "As we get out and visit people more, they get to know us. When they hear we're in town, they want to come and be part of it.

"It's exciting to bring a blessing to these people who struggle so much."

During the trip, Captain Bulow was able to financially assist a struggling family.

"The father said to me, 'there are many people who come out and provide help but you guys are true to your word – you keep coming back'. That heartfelt response sums up the Outback ministry," said Captain Bulow.



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## Mine program earns *Employment Plus* national award



**LEFT:** *Salvation Army Employment Plus employees (from left) Kristy Zumpe, Barry Doyle, Albert Hegarty, Sally Simpson and Greg Moulton at the Australian Training Awards.*

**T**HE SALVATION ARMY EMPLOYMENT PLUS HAS WON A major category at the Australian Training Awards held in Adelaide.

The award, in the Industry Collaboration Section, was presented for the “Oothungs (Sisters) in Mining” program, which was launched by Employment Plus in 2013.

The pre-employment program, designed to maximise employment opportunities for Indigenous women in the mining sector as trainee haul-truck operators, is run in collaboration with leading mining contractor Theiss, mine owners Wesfarmers Curragh and Employment Plus.

Employment Plus Managing Director Greg Moulton accepted the award on the night on behalf of all those involved in the program.

“We are all incredibly proud of the inroads the program has made,” he said.

“Not only has it created a sustainable entry pathway for Indigenous women into the mining industry, it has pushed stereotypical boundaries and helped build a more diverse and inclusive culture at a grassroots level.”

The program was developed with the mining industry’s needs

in mind. There was also prior engagement with traditional owners of the land and a range of community organisations. Participants undertake technical competencies, with the program also providing non-vocational training in the form of life skills including time management, negotiation and goal setting.

On completing the program, participants undertake a competency-based traineeship which contributes to a nationally recognised Certificate II in Surface Mine Extraction Operations.

It has been replicated in two Central Queensland coalmines – Wesfarmers Curragh coalmine near Blackwater and the Lake Vermont coalmine near Dysart.

Participant Alayas Wallace said being involved in the program has been life changing.

“The best part of my new journey was the day I hopped in the driver’s seat behind the wheel,” she said. “The bonus for me now is being part of two really great crews which makes going to work so good. I am so thankful for this opportunity.”

The program also received the Queensland Premiers Award for Industry Collaboration in September this year.

**- Nathalia Rickwood**

### RECOGNITION

## Officers honoured for long and faithful service

**“M**ORE THAN 842 YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IS STANDING before you here on the stage,” said Lieutenant-Colonel David Godkin, Territorial Secretary for Personnel, of the officers recognised for their long service to The Salvation Army.

The recognition took place during “The Movement”, a night of celebration and praise hosted by the Army’s Queensland youth teams on Sunday 30 November, after the commissioning meetings.

The officers honoured for long service included: For 25 years: Major Jo-Anne Brown, Majors David and Michele Terracini; and Majors David and Robin Pullen.

For 30 years: Majors Dennis and Genne Bryant; Majors David and Shelley Soper; and Majors Neil and Christine Dickson.

For 35 years: Major Ross Brown; Major Joy Goodacre; Majors Elwyn and Raewyn Grigg; Lieutenant-Colonels Laurie and Simone Robertson; and Major Bob Wilson.

For 40 years: Majors Phillip and Nancy McLaren; and 45 years: Majors Kevin and Valmae Holland.

“Thank you all for your faithfulness and service and, to those of you retiring, enjoy what God has planned for you,” said Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon.

## GOLD COAST TEMPLE CORPS

CORPS OFFICER MAJOR ANDREW McKEOWN RECENTLY accepted two new adherents, Sharon and Jessica (pictured below).

Sharon's mentor, Captain Robyn Collins, and Jessica's mentor, Denise Reece, joined them on the platform during the acceptance ceremony. Jessica spoke about her painful childhood and teenage years and how coming to Still Waters [Salvation Army women's emergency accommodation] has transformed her life.

"I have learned that it's okay to be myself," she said. "I thank God for always being there for me."

Sharon thanked everyone for supporting her in her journey and expressed her joy at making the Gold Coast Temple Corps her spiritual home.



## GOULBURN CORPS

CORPS OFFICERS MAJORS PETER AND KAYE TOWNSEND HAVE accepted Hope Brice (below) as an adherent. Hope is the grand-daughter of faithful Goulburn senior soldiers Denise and Glen Patrick.

"With the support of her grandparents, and the support of the whole corps family, Hope felt that it was time to take this step on her faith journey," said Major Peter Townsend.



## NORTH BRISBANE CORPS

CORPS OFFICER CAPTAIN DONNA TODD ENROLLED THREE new senior soldiers on Sunday 7 December – Matthew Evans, Glenys Lawless and Karyn Woodford.

As the new soldiers were enrolled they were each given a Bible verse that someone close to them had thought about and chosen especially for them.

"Craig [Captain Craig Todd] and I had such a sense that these three people being enrolled were passionate about becoming senior soldiers and were taking their covenant, and their spiritual journey, very seriously," said Captain Todd.

"All three are very committed to our corps and to serving God in The Salvation Army context in North Brisbane."



**LEFT:** Celebrating the enrolment are (from left to right) Glenys Lawless, Karyn Woodford, flag bearer David Head, Matthew Evans, Lieut-Colonel Joyce Greentree, who runs soldiership classes, and Captain Donna Todd.

## LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, SLACKS CREEK

CORPS OFFICER CAPTAIN ASHLEY BARKMEYER HAS enrolled five new junior soldiers, the first at the corps for many years.

Isaac Barkmeyer, Matthew, Nicholas and Olivia Krocza, and Thomas Laban, supported by their "Big buds" and fellow junior soldiers, made their junior soldier promises in front of family and friends.

"It has been on the hearts of many for quite some time at the corps to recommence the junior soldiers program and, thanks be to God, this is going to happen in 2015," said Captain Barkmeyer.



**ABOVE:** Captain Ashley Barkmeyer enrolls the five new junior soldiers.



## TUGGERANONG CORPS

**C**ORPS OFFICER CAPTAIN MARK EVERITT HAS enrolled Elise Paull and Kathleen Masters as senior soldiers.

Both Elise and Kathleen testified to having always believed in God but now, having a deeper relationship with him, want to serve him and make their prayer

time a priority.

On the same day, Corps Officer Captain Fran Everitt accepted Jean Fry as an adherent. Jean testified to the peace she now has following a difficult time of grieving, and testified to the strength and trust she received from Psalm 23.



**LEFT:** Kathleen Masters (left) and Elise Paull with their Soldier's Covenants.



**FAR LEFT:** Captain Fran Everitt accepts Jean Fry as an adherent.



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## *Chief of the Staff opens new Zimbabwe hospital buildings*



**ABOVE:** Commissioner William Roberts officially opens the new hospital buildings, watched by Zimbabwe's Minister of Health and Child Welfare, Dr David Parirenyatwa.

**C**OMMISSIONER WILLIAM ROBERTS HAS OPENED AND dedicated to God The Salvation Army's new Howard Hospital buildings in Zimbabwe.

A large crowd gathered for the ceremony, which marks the conclusion of years of work which will allow the hospital to continue its vital ministry to the people of the Chiweshe region.

Taking words from Isaiah where God speaks about doing "a new thing", Commissioner Roberts, the Army's Chief of the Staff, urged people to look beyond the new appearance of Howard Hospital and instead to see what new things the Lord is doing in their lives and to consider what new things they can do for him.

"God has something new in mind for this crowd here at Howard and for the entire Zimbabwe Territory," he said.

"I suspect God may be speaking to us, calling us to do new things for him ... Open the eyes of your heart and the eye of the Spirit, and you may catch a glimpse of the new things the Lord wants you to do, the new thing that the Lord wants you to be."

Zimbabwe's Minister of Health and Child Welfare, Dr David Parirenyatwa, spoke of his appreciation for Howard Hospital's long history of caring, noting that it was one of the first hospitals to engage in the fight against HIV/Aids.

"We have come here to help celebrate the huge contribution by the church for people and for Zimbabwe," he said. "When you come to be treated here, it is not only the drugs but the enveloping spirit of Jesus that helps you as well."

The Salvation Army has served the people of Chiweshe since 1923 when Howard Institute, a school, was founded around 80km north of the country's capital, Harare. The need for quality medical services became apparent as Salvation Army officers with little medical training initially carried out these services. So, the hospital opened in September 1928, with a nurse training program being added a year later.

Today, Howard Hospital offers its services to more than 250,000 people.

The Chief of the Staff, with Commissioner Nancy Roberts (World Secretary for Women's Ministries) also travelled to Johannesburg, South Africa, to lead the 2014 Africa Zonal Conference.

Fifty-seven territorial, command and regional leaders from across Africa gathered for the conference which took the theme "Christlike Leadership". Delegates were challenged to consider a leader's responsibility to reflect the Spirit of Jesus in all aspects of their ministry. There was a particular focus on the importance of transparency and accountability, with Jesus as the example.

## General and Pope pray at Vatican during historic meeting

**T**HE FIRST PRIVATE MEETING between a Salvation Army General and a Pope was an occasion where the grandeur of the surroundings of the Vatican was in contrast to the informal warmth of the interaction between the world leaders of The Salvation Army and the Roman Catholic Church.

The meeting was the culmination of conversations held between Salvation Army and Vatican representatives from 2007 to 2012 – newly published in a book – but also the expression of the desire to continue these conversations.

The Salvation Army party consisted of General André Cox, Commissioner Silvia Cox (World President of Women's Ministries), Commissioner William Cochrane (International Secretary to the Chief of the Staff), Lieutenant-Colonel Massimo Tursi (Officer Commanding, Italy and Greece Command) and Captain Scott Linnett (Private Secretary to the General). They were shown great respect on their journey through the Vatican, with members of the Swiss Guard standing to attention as they passed.

When The Salvation Army group

entered the room for their meeting, Pope Francis moved quickly towards them, warmly greeting each of his visitors. He listened attentively to the greetings brought by the General, which underlined the many things uniting Catholics and Salvationists and spoke of the experiences of cooperation between priests and Salvation Army officers in many areas of the world. He took with him to present to the Pope specially bound copies of the new book *Conversations with the Catholic Church*, as well as a copy of *The Salvation Army Year Book 2015*.

In his greeting, the Pope underlined the fact that theological differences between The Salvation Army and the Roman Catholic Church had not impeded the witness of a united sharing of the love of God and neighbour. He described the two as often meeting “in the same peripheries of society” and described the work of The Salvation Army enabling “Christ’s light to shine in the darkest recesses of [people’s] lives”.

He spontaneously interrupted the reading of his greeting to share an experience of his childhood in Argentina in a time when Protestants were seen as “bad people who would go to hell”. He recalled how a

four-year-old Jorge Mario Bergoglio (as Pope Francis was then called) was walking with his grandmother when he saw two Salvation Army women dressed in uniform with “those strange hats”. Jorge asked his grandmother if they were nuns or sisters and she replied: “No, they are Protestants – but they are good.”

“This,” continued Pope Francis, “was the first sermon ever I heard about ecumenism – and [it] has influenced me in my ecumenical walk.”

The Pope concluded his message with a request to be remembered in prayer, and it was a moving moment when – after exchanging presents – he reminded the General of this request, to which General Cox offered to pray right there. The Pope gratefully accepted this kind offer before reciprocating, praying for the General in his leadership of The Salvation Army. The two leaders then spent a few moments in private conversation before concluding the meeting.

The full text of the General’s and the Pope’s addresses, with audio and video footage, is on the General’s website at: [www.salvationarmy.org/thegeneral/vatican](http://www.salvationarmy.org/thegeneral/vatican)

## Salvo officer sets new bell-ringing world record



**ABOVE:** Major Marcelino Soriano rings his bell during his record-breaking effort in the United States.

**A**MERICAN SALVATION ARMY OFFICER Major Marcelino Soriano has broken his own world record in his efforts to acknowledge and publicise The Salvation Army’s 150th anniversary.

As part of this year’s annual Red Kettle fundraising campaign in the United States, he has set a new record for the “longest continuous handbell-ringing by an individual”.

Major Soriano began his bell-ringing at 4am on Monday 8 December at WalMart in Murrieta, California. He finished on Sunday 14 December at 10am, setting a new mark of 150 hours.

He had to adhere to a strict set of rules that included: he must ring a bell continuously; he must stand the entire time; he accrues five minutes of rest after each 60 minutes of ringing; and breaks are the only time he is permitted to stop ringing, eat, sit or lie down, leave the kettle stand, use the toilet or sleep.

“My goal was set for 150 hours because I’m excited to highlight the Army’s upcoming anniversary in 2015,” said Major Soriano. “I wanted to ring the bell for an hour to mark each year that The Salvation Army has been on the march, doing good for people around the world.”

– Kathy Lovin



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## LIFE OF SERVICE



**MAJOR VIOLET** Harley was promoted to glory on 4 November, aged 97, in her daughter Jay's arms.

A joyous celebration meeting for the life of Violet was conducted by Lieutenant Peter Gott at The Salvation Army Granville Citadel on Tuesday 11 November.

Violet was the loved mother of Major Dr Alan Harley, Linda Foulsham, Major Jennifer Lucas and Dr Jay Harley and a loved grandmother and great-grandmother.

Violet Edith Dover was born in Brighton, England, in 1917 and signed her Articles of War on 21 June 1933 at the Brighton I Corps (later known as Brighton Congress Hall), on the south coast of England.

After migrating to Australia with their two children, Reginald and Violet were accepted into the *Ambassadors* session and entered The Salvation Army Training College in March 1951 from Leichhardt Corps, Sydney.

Commissioned on 7 January 1952, Reginald and Violet commenced their officership at Cowra Corps where they remained for two years, one of their longer appointments.

They served in many corps over the next three-and-a-half years, including Waterloo, Crookwell, Penrith, Merewether and Cessnock until July 1958 when they returned temporarily to the British Territory before accepting appointments in the Canada and Bermuda Territory in 1960.

In July 1965, Reginald and Violet and three of their four children returned to Australia and over 11 years served in corps at North Ryde, Parkes, Mortdale, Umina, Hornsby, Granville, Cardiff and Belmore.

In June 1976 marching orders were received to Taree Corps where they served for two years and seven months, which was their longest appointment, before being transferred to Toongabbie Corps in January

1979. Their final farewell orders were received in July 1979 to Bankstown Corps where Reginald and Violet ministered until their retirement on 1 March 1981.

Major Reginald Harley was promoted to glory in 2001.

Sympathy, love and prayers are extended to Alan, Linda, Jennifer, Jay and their partners and families as they grieve their loss while thanking God that Violet is celebrating with her Lord eternally.

## MAN OF INTEGRITY



**LIEUT-COLONEL** Wesley Kinder was promoted to glory on 2 November, aged 81. During a joyous thanksgiving celebration service on

Friday 7 November at Campsie Corps, led by Majors Bruce and Glenys Domrow, and Colonel Cec Williams, Wes's love, integrity and servant leadership were highlighted.

Wes was the husband of Lieut-Colonel Mae Kinder; the father of Major Paul Kinder (Rockdale Corps), Bernice, Major Lindon Kinder (Foster House, Inner City Services Network) and Marilyn; the brother of Major Hazel McIver, Dr King Kinder and Mrs Joy Lawler and a beloved grandfather.

In 1955, from Dee Why Corps, Wes joined the *Soulwinners* session at The Salvation Army Training College and was commissioned on 12 January 1956, after which he continued as a training officer in 1956 for 12 months. He was appointed to the Snowy Mountains Field Unit in 1957.

On 11 January 1958, Wes married his beloved fiancé, Lieutenant Mae Ruse and their first mission together was an appointment to Inala Corps in Brisbane.

Appointments followed west of Brisbane to Roma Corps in 1960 and then to Central Queensland at Mount Morgan Corps in 1963.

Later in August 1964, Wes and Mae changed work; being appointed to the Public Relations Department in Sydney

West Division which included several more appointments within the department; including the Planned Giving Department in 1969, the Territorial Assistant Public Relations Secretary in May 1975 and as the Territorial Public Relations Secretary in November 1976.

Wes was appointed the Divisional Commander and Mae the Divisional Director of Women's Organisations of the South Queensland Division from 1979 to 1985.

With a keen desire to promote local corps and centre leadership, Wes and Mae returned to corps work in 1985 where they served as the commanding officers of Taree Corps for four years before receiving farewell orders to the position of Assistant Property Secretary in January 1989 and then as the Territorial Property Secretary in November 1990. This appointment encompassed the period of the rebuilding of the Territorial Headquarters and Congress Hall site at 140 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

With promotions to the rank of Lieut-Colonel in 1994, another change of work followed for Wes and Mae to the positions of Secretary for Program and Territorial Officer Program Administration.

In January 1998 Wes and Mae received their final appointments as active officers; the Assistant to the Chief Secretary and as a Territorial Officer in the Office of the Chief Secretary before commencing retirement on 1 July 1998. Wes served God as a Salvation Army officer for a total of 58 years, 10 months and as an active officer for more than 42 years.

We praise God for the dedicated and committed service of Lieut-Colonel Wes Kinder and ask your prayers for Mae, Paul, Bernice, Lindon, Marilyn and the extended family.

Please pray that they will each experience God's comfort, peace and love as they praise and thank God for the life of their husband, father, grandfather, brother and that Wes is now enjoying the awesome presence of his Saviour and the King of Kings.

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# God's new society

SERVANTHOOD NATURAL REMEDY TO CURB  
THIRST FOR POWER AND STATUS



MAJOR PETER MCGUIGAN

When I was three years old, my parents were in charge of The Salvation Army at Holland Park, a southern suburb of Brisbane. My only memory from Holland Park is that although our home was small, we had a large front yard.

With a friend who lived next door, we would play all kinds of games in that front yard. Apparently, I would yell out all kinds of utterances at full velocity, like pronouncing edicts to the world. So much so, that my friend's mother once prophesied to my mother: "That boy will either be a preacher or a politician!"

I'm glad her first prediction not only became my vocation and calling, but also my great love. I'm glad I am aligned with the values of the Kingdom of God and the life-transforming message and person of Jesus. I'm glad I am not bound by party politics but free to express, both in word and deed, the great joy and liberty there is to be found in knowing and following Jesus.

To be frank, I'm over "politics" per se, in all its invasiveness. Not only the bittersweet political manoeuvrings and one-upmanship of governments and oppositions, and endless nation-exhausting left versus right fighting, but politics as it finds its way into all kinds of spaces, particularly relationships between people and groups of people in

every sphere of society. It's like you can't breathe without thinking politically.

I'm sure you know what I mean. There is personal politics, office politics, family politics, gender politics, neighbourhood politics, environmental politics, even techno politics. Email etiquette today, for example, is a big deal because inadvertently we don't want receivers of our messages to misunderstand or misconstrue the meaning behind our words, or even use our words against us. In fact, I'm more and more inclined these days to just pick up the phone so people can get the benefit of tone of voice and graciousness of spirit, even when dealing with tough subjects. We are so politically-minded today it is becoming mind-numbing.

How can we, as the Church of Jesus and The Salvation Army, counter this disturbing 21st-century way of being. The literal meaning of the word "politics" is "of, for, or relating to citizens", something Jesus in the purest sense of politics was definitely about all of the time – what was best for the people around him.

In fact, it might help us to note how Jesus, despite being under enormous political pressure throughout his earthly ministry, did not buckle under the strain. This was true when under temptation himself to chase power and status (Luke 4:1-13). But it was just as

apparent in his daily ministry when his life was often at risk (Matthew 21:46, Mark 11:18, Luke 22:2) and ultimately was taken because he refused to stop confronting injustice and showing humankind a Kingdom of God way of living and being.

Jesus described this counter-cultural way of life as servanthood. "The greatest among you will be your servant" (Matthew 23:11), he once told his listeners. And, "I am among you as one who serves" (Luke 22:27). I like to think of servanthood as bringing "everything and nothing" into our relationships.

Everything good about ourselves, the very best we have to offer, with nothing that hinders. No chips on the shoulder (let's be serious about knocking them off), no baggage from the past (let's be serious about letting Jesus heal us from past hurts and setbacks), no superior or inferior attitudes, no inattentiveness, free from a suspicious mind, fully present.

Love and respect for the other is at the heart of servanthood. As Jesus suggests in his statements, Kingdom of God culture says that the more leadership or authority a person takes on, the more onus there is upon them to nurture a servant heart. There is no compromise here. This is the true nature of the Church of Jesus, which writer and church statesman John Stott called "God's new society".



## ABOUT PEOPLE

### APPOINTMENTS

*Effective 1 December 2014:* Major Peter **Davey**, Ministry Workers Training Coordinator, Booth College.

*Effective 8 January:* Captain Patsy **Shadbolt**, Chaplain, Parramatta Children's and Family Courts, The Greater West Division; Captain Christy **Kurth**, Mission Officer, Port Kembla Mission, Sydney East and Illawarra Division.

*Effective 15 January:* Major Mark and Beth **Brooks**, Corps Officers, William Booth Corps, Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar Territory for a three term service.

*Effective 10 November:* Major Merv Holland, Records Management Coordinator.

### BEREAVED

Major Judith **Baker** of her father, Ronald **Wells** on 6 December, 2014.

### PROMOTED TO GLORY

Major Margaret **Treloar** on 23 November, 2014; Major Dorothy **Hyde** on 5 December, 2014.

### STUDY SUCCESS

Captain Evonne **Packer** has completed a Master of Human Services (Management and Policy).

### RETIREMENT

Majors Brian and Geraldine **Wilson** on 1 January.

## TIME TO PRAY

### 28 DECEMBER – 3 JANUARY

Young Corps, Youth and Homelessness Network (Newcastle and Central NSW Division), Youthlink, all NSW; Young Hope Out of Come Care, THQ; Youth Outreach Service, Qld; New Year's Day (1).

### 4-10 JANUARY

Office of the Territorial Commander; Salvos Women; Office of the Chief Secretary; Spiritual Life Development; Territorial Moral and Social Issues Council; Change of appointment for officers (8).

### 11-17 JANUARY

Salvation Army International Development Office (SAID), Booth College, School for Officer Training, School for Christian Studies, Stanmore House, all THQ.

### 18-24 JANUARY

Salvos Discipleship School, National Secretariat, Personnel Administration, Territorial Candidates Department, Pastoral Care and Officer Well-Being Team, all THQ; Sydney East and Illawarra Officers Fellowship (12-15).

### 25-31 JANUARY

Human Resources Department, Program Administration, Salvos Housing, School for Multicultural Ministry, Sydney Staff Songsters, Welcome Home Project, all THQ.

### 1-7 FEBRUARY

Territorial Emergency Services Department, Territorial Mission and Resource Team –Corps, Generous Life, Territorial Mission and Resource Team –Recovery, Territorial Mission and Resource Team –Systems, Territorial Mission and Resource Team –Social, all THQ.

## ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

### COMMISSIONERS JAMES (TERRITORIAL COMMANDER) AND JAN CONDON

Taiwan: Mon 26 Jan –Zonal Leaders Conference commences

### COLONEL RICHARD MUNN (CHIEF SECRETARY)

Canberra: Fri 23 Jan –Meeting with National Secretary and Australia Southern Territory's Chief Secretary

Taiwan: Mon 26 Jan-Sun 1 Feb –Zonal Leaders Conference

