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## PRAYER AND FASTING – A WORLD-CHANGING COMBINATION

SCOTT SIMPSON MANAGING EDITOR

As I write, The Salvation Army in Australia is deep into its 100 Days of Ceaseless Prayer initiative. Launched by our new national leaders, Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd, it's an opportunity for Salvationists all over the country to come together in persistent and responsive prayer to seek first the Kingdom of God.

Sifting through the various resources that have been created to support the initiative, I was prompted to remind myself of the biblical examples of persistent prayer. What struck me about many of these examples was their strong connection to fasting. It's clear that many followers of Christ down through the centuries – and even Jesus himself – have placed great importance on this spiritual discipline.

Fasting is an ancient practice that godly people have used for thousands of years to enrich their relationship with God. If we look through biblical history, we see that at specific times for particular purposes, people chose to go without food. They determined that for a time they would not be strengthened or comforted by food, instead crying out to God, acknowledging that "you are my comfort, you are my strength".

Fasting has always been a spiritual discipline for God's people, and it remains so – or, at least it should – for followers of Jesus today. It serves to deepen our prayer life and brings us to new levels of intimacy with God.

In Deuteronomy, we read that Moses fasted for 40 days when receiving the Ten Commandments. King David, a "man after God's own heart", fasted at different times throughout his life. In Acts 13, we read about a group of Christians who gathered in Antioch to pray and fast as they sought God's guidance. The result was the sending out of Paul and Barnabas that sparked a missional movement that would make Christianity the dominant religion of the Roman Empire within 250 years, and 2000 years later have more than a billion followers of Christ around the world. The course of history was changed because a little group of Christians at Antioch grasped the importance of prayer and fasting.

Most importantly, Jesus spent time fasting. He waited 30 years before getting the call from God to begin his public ministry, and what is the first thing he did? He went into the wilderness for 40 days to pray and fast (Matt 4:1-11). If Jesus could have accomplished everything he came to do without fasting, then why did he fast? How on earth, then, can we fulfil the calling of God on our lives without fasting?

The 100 Days of Ceaseless Prayer is a vital initiative at this time of significant change for The Salvation Army in Australia. I wonder what would happen if Salvationists around the country, in addition to persistent prayer, also got serious about the biblical discipline of fasting? ¶

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## THE QUESTION ON EVERYONE'S LIPS

### Why the Australia One Project?



Colonel Mark Campbell is Chief Secretary-in-Charge of the Australia Eastern Territory

The word "why" reminds me of the perpetual voice of a child who wants to know something and the reasoning behind it. A parent's response to this one word might be expressed in another single word – namely "Because" – which always seems to come short of the answer a child wants to hear. It seems to engender the same response from the child, with more emphasis – "But why?". This continues until an adequate answer is heard and accepted, or you simply just get frustrated and give up.

"Why?" may be a word that you have used in thinking about the Australia One Project, which officially commenced on 1 June in seeking God in creating a new Australia Territory and what that might look like for us. But why? "Because" is obviously not enough to hear or accept. So why? I believe that when we get the why right we can then answer the how.

I have had opportunity to speak to individuals and groups of people in the past month about the why factor. I trust you have also received the past two project newsletters which also outlines this, including last month's *Pipeline*. You can access these on [my.salvos.org.au/australia-one](http://my.salvos.org.au/australia-one)

So why? We have introduced the Australia One Project for the following reasons:

1. To achieve a clear and consistent mission strategy and mission culture across the whole of Australia, ensuring that all our efforts and resources are being used for greatest effect.
2. To achieve a unified national strategy for solving the spiritual and social issues that affect vulnerable Australians.
3. To improve our capacity for innovation and strategic thinking by building on the best of each territory.

4. To speak and act with a single voice for greater impact on matters of national interest, including social justice, care for the vulnerable, and other matters of spiritual and community significance.
5. To build stronger national partnerships with: Other denominations and Christian organisations; federal government; news and media organisations; national corporate and business organisations; national peak bodies; other agencies and community organisations.
6. To release more personnel and financial resources for frontline mission by reducing duplication and streamlining systems and processes.

It would be true to say that, as separate territories, we have not always been good as a Salvation Army in these areas, but what an opportunity we have in this time of transition! It is important that we listen to God and listen to others so we know what sort of Salvation Army is needed in presenting the transforming message of Jesus Christ to Australians in 2016 and beyond.

You may have picked up in your reading that we want to use a change-management process that highlights the importance of learning, designing, implementing and sustaining. This is a critical process and we would want to seek God in building not what we may necessarily have now within the two territories, but what God wants for us in the new.

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21).¶*

## ACCEPTING GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES

## No room for complacency in following Christ

WORDS CATHERINE BOOTH

How is it that so many people go to meetings and hear about this consecration and faith, and then fail in carrying it out in their lives? What is the hindrance? It seems to me that this is largely because they do not receive what God has revealed, as to what the life of his real followers ought to be. They fritter away the teachings of the Bible and of the Holy Spirit on this question.

I believe that the Spirit of God does show people how they ought to live, how they ought to labour, how they ought to sacrifice and suffer for the salvation of men; but instead of obeying his teaching and becoming co-workers with God, they say, "Oh, that is too high for me; it will cost me too much; it will be too much trouble; it involves too much sacrifice. I cannot do it; I cannot receive that way of putting it." So they read books, or go to see those who are supposed to be leading Christians, in order to get a second opinion, after God has given them his opinion. They try and find excuses for themselves. They know sufficiently well what is God's will concerning them; but they try to find an easier way.

I am told that I have a practical mind, and I am glad I have. I hope I shall keep it to the end. I believe that any other kind of mind will be found to have been a snare, when we get before the throne of God; because Jesus Christ is going to be intensely practical in that day. He is not going to say "Inasmuch as ye thought it", or "Inasmuch as ye felt it", or "Inasmuch as ye intended it", or "Inasmuch as ye promised it", but he is going to say "Inasmuch as ye did it". I want to be among the doers, and I want you to be among the doers.

Now, dear friends, are you prepared to receive this life of absolute, practical bearing of the shame and the losses, the suffering and the crucifixion, involved in following the Christ? Are you willing to be cast out by fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, fathers-in-law and mothers-in-law, aunts and cousins, from circles and society, and to be boycotted by those round about you, in order that you may thus follow Christ in the regeneration of the Spirit? Are you prepared to accept it? Do we all accept it?

*You must accept God's plan, you must choose it, and say, "Yes, Lord, I will have this one ambition, motive and desire to live for thee alone".*

Have you accepted God's version of the life of a saint, or are you seeking all round for excuses to make it a little easier? If the latter, then that fly in the pot will make all your ointment to stink, that flaw in the foundation will topple over any edifice of your resolutions and determinations, your promises, or prayers, or faith; and you will be no better for these meetings, but worse.

What we have to come to is to accept God's will for our lives; but in many cases people won't do this. They won't accept the hardship which following Jesus Christ involves; they like ease and comfort; but to follow Jesus Christ in the way he lays down involves a great deal of hard work. It involves the continual use of all our faculties, not allowing any of them to lie by to rust, not using any of them, either mental or physical, merely for our own gratification.

We are *his* servants, we are *his* children, we are *his* husbandmen, and *he* will demand the increase of all the faculties *he* has given us. Now, do we accept this? Are we willing to go and work hard for God? Are we willing to use our brains, making them think and plan and scheme for God, instead of for our own selfish interests? Are we willing to use our time, our influence, our money, for the promotion of his interests?

Do you accept God's plan for yourself, for your family, for your business, and for your money? Now this is the point; it is all contained in that. You must accept God's plan, you must choose it, and say, "Yes, Lord, I will have this one ambition, motive and desire to live for thee alone." You must not only say it, but act it out. I affirm before you tonight, The Salvation Army, with its endless ramifications, its permanent results, and its influence upon the populations of the earth, is the result of the acceptance of this principle by two single individuals and their determination to act them out in their own lives, and to so train and inspire their children that they also should act them out. If God can bring so much out of a couple of people embracing those principles and acting them out, without their knowing how he was going to do it, what could he not do with thousands of such people, if they would only put themselves in his hands? What could he not do with you?

"Ah, but," you say, "the circumstances are so different, we are such different individuals." How do you know? It is not the quality of the instrument you place in the hands of God which determines its usefulness; it is the full surrender you make, of it; it is not the

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quality of the agent, but it is God's having the full disposal, the undisputed sway, in using him. Sometimes it pleases God to do more with the weak instruments than he does with the strong ones. Will you let him have you? What God wants is for you to put yourself thus practically into his hands. We want you to believe with that faith which produces action. Do you accept this plan? Are you willing to follow the teaching of the Holy Spirit?

Will you say, "I accept Thy plan for myself, my time, my influence, my money, my children, my home, and my future; I accept it"? If so you can take hold of his hand. You will be in perfect harmony, and may claim every promise made to the saints. You have then a victorious faith, a faith that dares to presume on the promises of God; a faith that dares to step out when there appears to be no possibility of God performing his word to you; the faith that dares to stand on the naked promise, and say, "Now, Lord, I am right with You, I have given up all, and I claim all. I open my mouth, it is empty, You will fill it. I take this step, I do not know where I am going any more than Abraham did, but you know; now I trust you to lead me forth." Does your heart say that? If so, you may claim the blessing now.



*Catherine Booth was co-founder of The Salvation Army, along with her husband William Booth. She was known as the "Mother of The Salvation Army".*

# ‘People connections’ is the real appeal

Annual campaign an open door to mission

WORDS ESTHER PINN PHOTOS ROBYN LEWIS, ADAM HOLLINGWORTH AND TOM GREENWOOD

The Salvation Army’s Australia Eastern Territorial Community Fundraising Director, Andrew Hill, has offered a heartfelt thanks to the tens of thousands of people who volunteered their time to support the recent Red Shield Appeal doorknock. When *Pipeline* went to print in mid-June, more than \$6.7 million had been received, towards the national doorknock goal of \$8 million. The overall Red Shield Appeal target for Australia is \$74 million.

More than 60,000 volunteers (see photo montage on facing page) hit the streets and knocked on doors across Australia over the weekend of 28-29 May, to collect donations for the annual appeal. Andrew said the staggering response from the public, both in offering to collect or to donate, never ceases to be a humbling experience for him. “The Red Shield Appeal is one of those beautiful times where 60,000 people put the Army’s Red Shield on themselves,” he said. “Without their help, The Salvation Army couldn’t do the work it does throughout Australia.

“The Salvation Army is not naive; we know we cannot do it without the generosity of the public’s giving and the Australian public’s participation. I had people donate as little as 50 cents, to people who donated \$2000 as an individual gift. I know that as little as \$5 can give somebody a meal. And \$100 can give somebody a bed for the night and they’re not insignificant things. Everything helps, everything counts.”

While collecting donations is important, Andrew

believes the real Red Shield Appeal success stories are “the people connections”. For the past 20 years, as a Red Shield Appeal collector, Andrew has knocked on the door of a couple who every year, without fail, donates \$100. Sadly, this year it was just the wife who greeted Andrew at the door, her husband having recently passed away. Andrew said this was an opportunity for him to exemplify Christ. “When she gave me the hundred dollars she just broke down, her head fell on my shoulder and she sobbed,” he said. “It was just that time to talk to her and be a fellow human being with her. Be a Salvo. Just listen to her story and her pain. And that’s a relationship I only see once a year. This is just one of the numerous ‘people connection’ stories that have been shared with me since the doorknock.”

This year’s Red Shield Appeal campaign, as its theme in the Australia Eastern Territory, encouraged people to “Join the Army of Hope Givers”. Giant letters spelling the word HOPE were transported to all corners of the territory (NSW, Queensland and ACT) and used to raise public awareness of the appeal.

“That was one of the fantastic aspects of this year’s appeal,” said Andrew. “The use of the giant letters spelling the word hope was so well received wherever they were used – in particular for local media; they were a great visual for helping promote the appeal. And ultimately, hope, that’s what the appeal is all about – supporting our mission of helping people to know that whatever their circumstances there is always hope.”



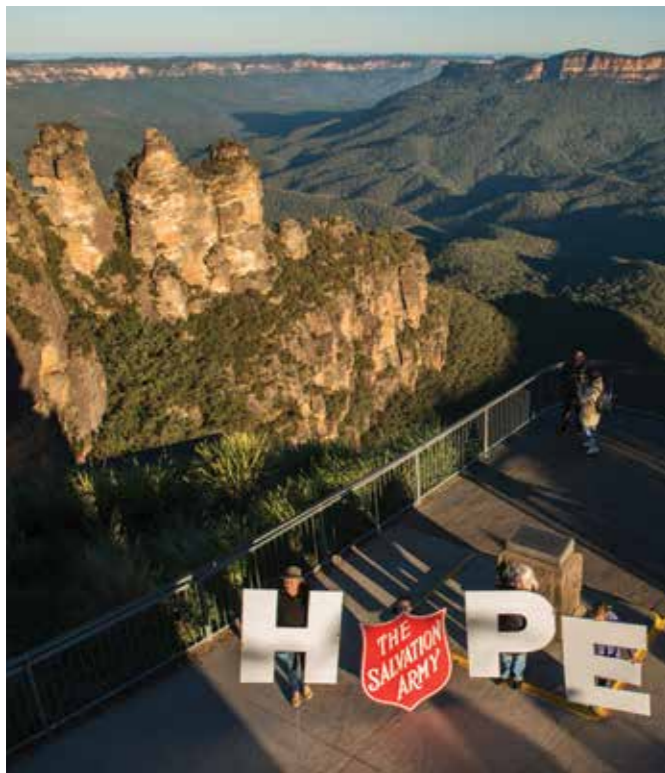


PHOTO: HOPE. Carolee Brown Jones, Major Suzanne Cox, Trishna Lachlan and Major Gerry Cox are calling on far North Queensland residents to offer hope to disadvantaged families with this weekend's The Salvation Army annual Red Shield Appeal doorknock. The appeal ensures The Salvation Army can continue to address the underlying factors that affect the most vulnerable and marginalised people in society and help them get back on their feet. The target for this year's doorknock is \$2 million.



GIVING HOPE. Lieutenant Perry Williams is leading the Salvation Army's call for donations during its Red Shield Appeal on May 28 and 29, which supports its programs and families who are in need of support. Photo: Brian Smith

**HELPING THE SALVOS**

## Student 'army' hits the streets for charity cash

A RECORD 650 students from five eastern suburbs schools will hit the pavement for the Salvation Army's 2016 Red Shield Appeal doorknock on Saturday.

The charity is expected to yield \$270,000 from the eastern suburbs alone, thanks largely to what charity spokesman Peter McGuigan calls an "amazing army of students".

Students from The Scots College, Cranbrook School, Kambala, Ascham School and Kincoppal-Rose Bay will all take part.

"It's a record number of students from that area this year and it shows something is happening in that community, people want to contribute," Mr McGuigan said.

The charity runs a number of services east of the city, including a major addiction recovery centre and the Oasis youth shelter, both in Surry Hills, and a series of counselling services.

"People from affluent backgrounds do fall on hard times," Mr McGuigan said.

Vauchuse MP Gabrielle Upton threw her support behind the campaign.

"I am always proud of the community spirit and generosity of our local community in support of the annual appeal ... no one should have to go it alone," Ms Upton said.

Students and MP Gabrielle Upton. Picture: John Appleyard



The Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal promotion using giant letters spelling HOPE was a huge success. From cities, to the mountains and across the Outback, the letters were clearly identifiable as Salvationists and supporters literally carried the message of hope to the community. The letters were also a hit with newspaper editors, with the letters being an eye-catching prop for photographers to support stories about the Red Shield Appeal.

## KNOCK FOR HOPE

Capricorn Coast residents urged to help appeal: Page 7

### Dig deep for the Salvos

Doorknock event needs your help

By AMY HAYDOCK

DANIEL Waters and Capricorn Coast Salvation Army workers are seeing the negative effects of the mining downturn on local families firsthand.

The Salvation Army Yeppoon mission leader spoke to the Capricorn Coast Mirror last week about the issues facing the local community as the Red Shield Appeal Doorknock approaches next weekend.

"A lot of what we're seeing is not only people dealing with homelessness but also people struggling with budgeting and loss of income or their income isn't adequate in meeting their needs," Mr Waters said.

"Rather than just using a hand-out solution and giving them a bit of money to cover a bill or pay for food, we're trying to get to the root of the problem with our case workers to try and get them



# Breaking the chain of slavery

Salvos campaign steps up from awareness to action

WORDS SIMONE WORTHING

The Salvation Army's Freedom Partnership to End Modern Slavery has been focused on working to end this global scourge for almost two years. *Pipeline* takes a look at how this partnership is tackling one of the world's most oppressive and burgeoning evils – and how individuals and communities can mobilise to make a difference, change lives, and set people free.

Approximately 4300 people in Australia are said to live in modern slavery, and 45.8 million worldwide, according to the third annual Global Slavery Index, released on 31 May. A flagship report of the Walk Free Foundation, the index estimates the number of people in modern slavery in 167 countries globally. It is a tool for citizens, non-government organisations, businesses and public officials to understand the size of the problem, existing responses and contributing factors, so they can build sound policies that will end modern slavery.

The Freedom Partnership works closely with the Walk Free Foundation, a global movement also focused on ending modern slavery. Walk Free is part of the Minderoo Foundation, whose patrons – Andrew and Nicola Forrest – generously support the Freedom Partnership. Significantly, Walk Free nominated Jenny Stanger, Laura Vidal and Heather Moore from the Freedom Partnership (see team profiles), as media spokespeople on the Global Slavery Index for Australia. "They see us as the experts, the service providers who work with enslaved people, so they defer their press requests to us," Laura said.

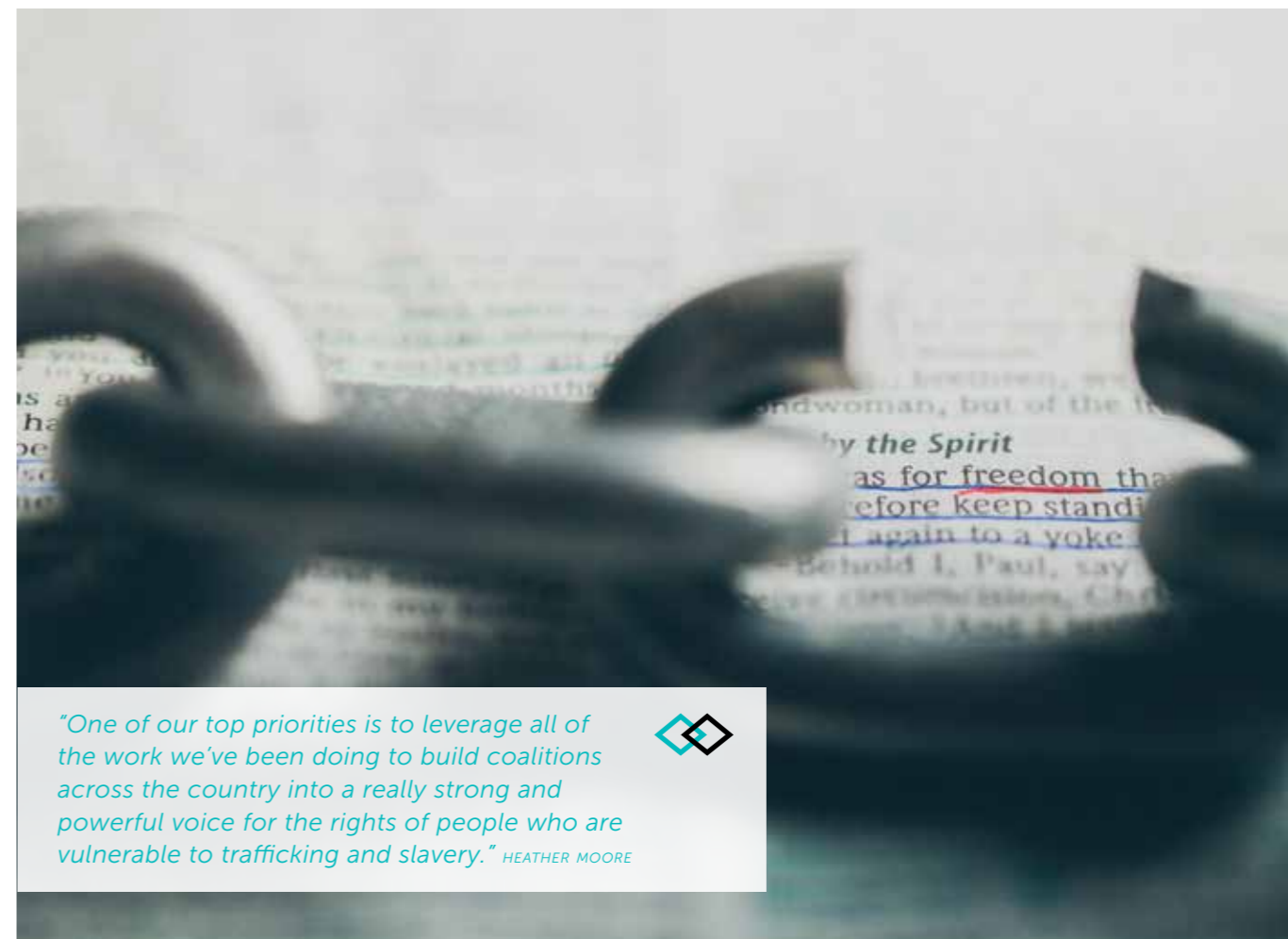
The existence of 4300 slaves in Australia underlines the very reason the Freedom Partnership exists – to make sure Australians do not contribute to the global problem of slavery and that people are not enslaved in Australia. While focusing on freedom as a basic human right, the partnership aims to mobilise community, business and government to realise their contributions to modern slavery, and take action to eradicate them. This could be through the products they buy made by slave labour or people living in slavery-like conditions; or the

services they use, carried out by people held against their will. The partnership also champions collaborative, inclusive and networked community strategies to address modern slavery in local areas; and empowers slavery survivors to contribute their expertise as advocates.

Through the partnership, The Salvation Army also operates Australia's only safe house for women who have experienced trafficking and slavery in Australia. The safe house, in Sydney, also provides outreach support and case management to men, women and children living in the community who have also experienced trafficking and slavery.

The Freedom Partnership will celebrate its second birthday on Saturday 30 July, which is also the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. The team will mark the day with an online awareness campaign through its website and Facebook page, as well as highlighting its achievements over the past two years and future focus areas.

Building the first Migrant Workers' Rights Network, located in Sydney, is one of these achievements. "Since The Freedom Partnership began, it has become clear to me that Australia needs a national voice to promote the rights of temporary and migrant workers who are being exploited across the country in almost every industry," Jenny said. "It is important to understand and address the link between a bad job where someone is being exploited, but has their freedom, and how that exploitation then paves the way for people to be pushed into slavery. We are working hard to be a major player and leader in this space by



"One of our top priorities is to leverage all of the work we've been doing to build coalitions across the country into a really strong and powerful voice for the rights of people who are vulnerable to trafficking and slavery." HEATHER MOORE



bringing together migrant workers, academics, unions and like-minded NGOs to collaborate on migrant workers' rights."

Heather, the only team member based in Canberra, plays an important role in this initiative. "One of our top priorities is to leverage all of the work we've been doing to build coalitions across the country into a really strong and powerful voice for the rights of people who are vulnerable to trafficking and slavery, including temporary migrants," she said. "Specifically, we want to see the government develop policy that balances penalties for illegal conduct against victims with mechanisms to support people to come forward. We are also working with internal Salvation Army stakeholders, and the Uniting Church, to explore how we can work together across 10 slavery hotspots across the country, so we have a consistent approach and improve our outreach and outcomes."

The team has also been focusing on developing a funded service sector for young people, under the age of 18, who are victims, or potential victims, of forced marriage. "Until the criminalisation of underage marriage, we didn't have many under 18s presenting, but now we do, and there is little practical help available for these highly vulnerable people who need intensive support to rebuild their lives," said Laura. "As an organisation, The Salvation Army is well-positioned to provide this kind of support, but we're not there yet."

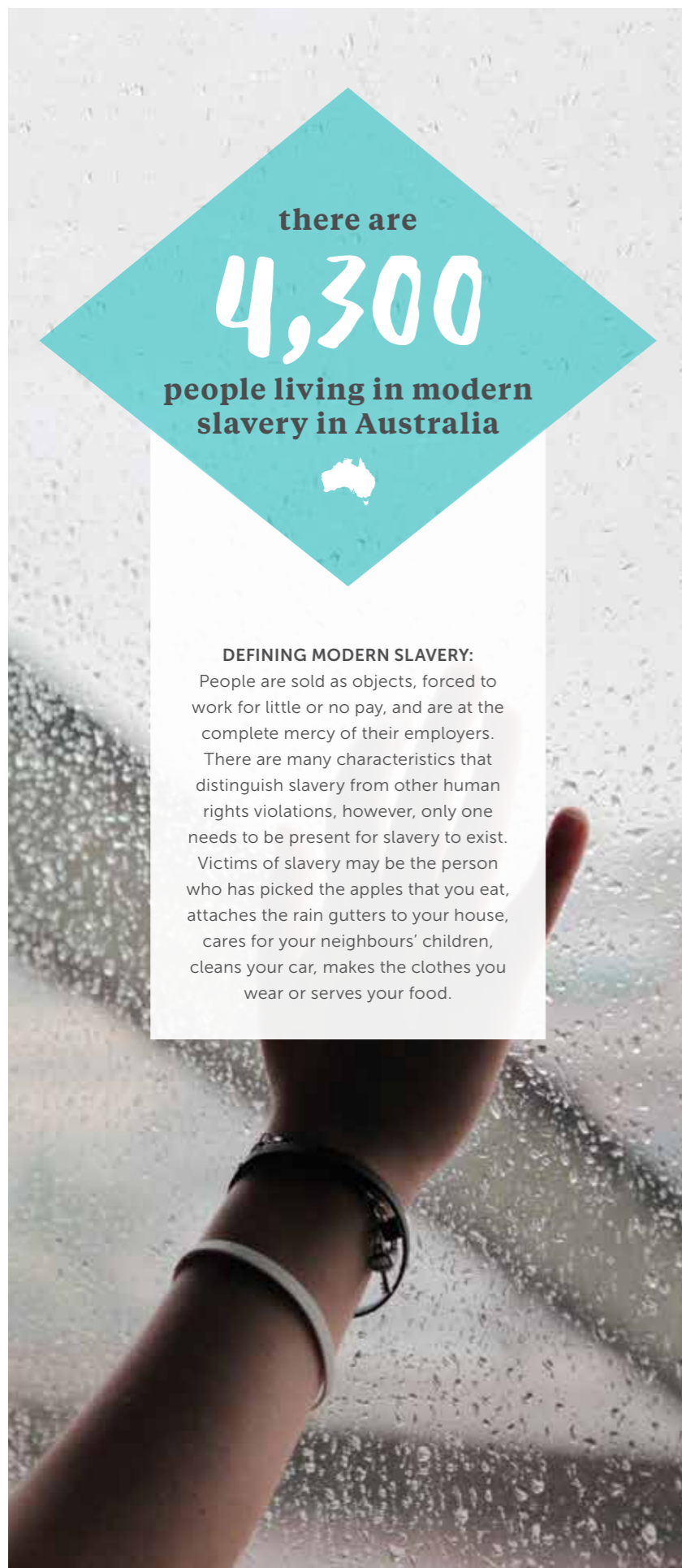
Converting consumer awareness to action is another focus area for the team. "We want to help people move beyond awareness of the issues to how they are contributing to slavery and what

they can actually do to make a difference," said Sydney. "This could include hosting community events, switching to Fairtrade products, and engaging with ethical consumerism." Research shows that the Australian public want to make ethical choices and change their purchasing behaviour so they are buying products not made using slave labour. "Sometimes, buying ethically requires a sacrifice financially, and this is what having that choice is all about," added Laura. "Ending slavery is bigger than The Salvation Army and has to start at home. Awareness leads to action, and just talking about it doesn't make you a contributor to solutions."

The Salvation Army, through the Freedom Partnership, is also part of the Australian Freedom Network, which was launched at Parliament House, Canberra, on 2 December 2015. At this event 18 faith leaders, including Commissioner James Condon, signed the same Joint Declaration of Religious Leaders Against Modern Slavery that was signed by global religious leaders at Vatican City in 2014. The faith leaders committed their respective communities to engage in practical actions to tackle slavery here in Australia and to collaborate and communicate regarding their efforts.

"The faith communities are taking this issue seriously," said Sydney. "As Christians, setting the oppressed free is part of our DNA and we should be taking the lead in our communities. We have the capacity to effect change by getting people engaged in social justice. Let's advocate for change, let's make that impact and let's bring freedom to the very fabric of our society."

*The Freedom team, Page 15 >*



there are  
**4,300**  
people living in modern  
slavery in Australia

**DEFINING MODERN SLAVERY:**

People are sold as objects, forced to work for little or no pay, and are at the complete mercy of their employers.

There are many characteristics that distinguish slavery from other human rights violations, however, only one needs to be present for slavery to exist.

Victims of slavery may be the person who has picked the apples that you eat, attaches the rain gutters to your house, cares for your neighbours' children, cleans your car, makes the clothes you wear or serves your food.



Heather Moore and her daughter, Evangeline, at the 2016 Canberra Show, asking people to get involved in ending slavery via the freedom pledge and other campaign asks.

**LINKS TO FREEDOM**

Visit The Freedom Partnership's website, [endslavery.salvos.org.au](http://endslavery.salvos.org.au), for details on:

- How to get involved in ending modern slavery.
- What's going on to help end modern slavery.
- How to identify modern slavery.
- How to identify early, slave-like and forced marriages.
- Tools and resources for working with people who have experienced trafficking and or slavery.

**For additional information and ways to be involved, check out:**

- Walkfree.org
- Projectfutures.com.au
- Stopthetraffik.org
- Mtvexit.org
- Fairtrade.com.au
- Madeinafreeworld.com
- Freetheslaves.net
- baptistworldaid.org.au (Ethical Consumerism Report)

**The Freedom team**

**JENNY STANGER**  
NATIONAL MANAGER

As a co-founder of the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) in Los Angeles, Jenny has worked as a case manager and advocate for survivors of human trafficking and slavery since 1998. She is a founding member of Freedom Network USA, and directed the Freedom Network Institute on Human Trafficking, a collaborative nationwide training and technical assistance program. In 2003, CAST opened the first refuge for trafficked persons in America.

Jenny relocated to Australia in 2005 and co-founded the Anti-Slavery Project in the faculty of law at the University of Technology, Sydney. In 2007, she became the supervisor of The Salvation Army's Samaritan House – Australia's first and only refuge for women who have experienced human trafficking, slavery and/or slavery-like practices.

Jenny has been National Manager of the Freedom Partnership since its launch in July 2014, and is also a member of the Australian Government's National Roundtable on People Trafficking and Slavery.

**Areas of expertise:** Human trafficking; slavery; slavery-like conditions

**HEATHER MOORE**  
NATIONAL POLICY AND  
ADVOCACY COORDINATOR

Heather sets the agenda for the Freedom Partnership's national advocacy strategy; researches; and writes submissions to government, the Productivity Commission, various inquiries, and other bodies. Heather also focuses on engagement with stakeholders, including national partners, and is charged with building state and local government capacity to identify and respond to modern slavery.

International Social Welfare has been the focus of Heather's career. She has worked in the United States in the anti-trafficking field for many years, and has also been active in service provision for refugees and asylum seekers.

**Area of expertise:** Frontline experience with service delivery to victims of human trafficking and slavery which can be used to inform policy work.

**LAURA VIDAL**  
NATIONAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR

Laura is a social worker with a Master's degree in Human Rights Law and Policy. She spent four years working at The Salvation Army's safe house for victims of human trafficking and slavery, developing the case management model there and supporting men, women, children and families who had experienced trafficking and slavery in Australia.

In 2013, Laura developed case management programs for asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus Island. In 2014, she spent time in Jordan with the International Labour Organisation, providing training for government and community organisations working with exploited migrant domestic workers.

As National Projects Coordinator, Laura oversees the Freedom Advocates Project – a unique opportunity for survivors to be supported and empowered as agents of change; engagement with youth and school communities and understanding and addressing Australia's response to early and forced marriage.

**Areas of expertise:** Human trafficking; slavery; slavery-like conditions; forced marriage; exploited migrant workers

**SYDNEY HIRT**  
SOCIAL MEDIA OFFICER

Sydney's role is focused on raising the profile of the Freedom Partnership to the Australian public, and motivating people to engage in the issues of modern slavery through social media and other communication channels. She leads the development of the team's social media strategy and ensures that the work of the Freedom Partnership is effectively shared online to inspire the community's support.

Sydney has volunteered with anti-trafficking organisations in the Red Light District of Amsterdam, and in northern Thailand, and has volunteered and worked in the Australian anti-slavery space since 2011. She is currently completing a Master's degree in Media and Communications at the University of Sydney.

**Area of expertise:** Digital and social media communication

**MODERN SLAVERY AND AUSTRALIA:**

- The Global Slavery Index estimates that there are approximately 4300 people enslaved in Australia.
- Through consumerism and trade, Australia contributes to the global estimate of 20.9 million people enslaved worldwide (International Labour Organisation, 2012).
- Victims are enslaved by a combination of document confiscation, threats of physical harm, violence, debt bondage, fear and their own vulnerabilities such as lack of awareness of their rights.

**SOMEONE IS IN SLAVERY IF THEY ARE:**

- Forced to work through mental or physical threat.
- Owned or controlled by their employer, usually through mental or physical abuse or the threat of abuse.
- Dehumanised, treated as a commodity or bought and sold as property.
- Physically constrained or have restrictions placed on freedom of movement.

**SLAVERY CAN TAKE THE FORM OF:**

- Harboursing
- Deceptive recruiting
- Debt bondage
- Forced marriage
- Forced labour
- Trafficking
- Servitude



# Ten years of bringing hope to the bush.

Ridleys mark decade of rural chaplaincy

WORDS NAOMI SINGLEHURST PHOTO JOSH SMITH

Major Peter and Jean Ridley reckon they have driven more than one million kilometres around NSW in their role as rural chaplains – most of it with a caravan in tow. Celebrating their 10th year in rural chaplaincy, the Ridleys recently moved their base from Narrabri to Dubbo, their area of ministry now covering more than 60 per cent of NSW, stretching from Forbes, to Wilcannia and up to the Queensland border. “It’s a mind-blowingly vast area to cover,” Major Peter says.

The Ridleys (pictured) initially served as corps officers, and then spent six years in Papua New Guinea. Over the past decade, they have worked passionately to bring “Hope to the Bush”, which has become their motto. While the couple say that care for rural families after tragedy or natural disaster has become the major part of their chaplaincy, one of their greatest joys remains simply “doing life” with people.

Long-term journeying, Major Jean says, is essential to building trust. In turn, that trust allows them to share authentic friendship as well as offer welfare support. They also share their faith openly and deeply with often proud farmers. They have also developed a ministry of farm-sitting, so that farmers can have the opportunity of a break, or visit medical specialists or loved ones who are unwell.

Although both have city backgrounds, the Ridleys have learned to help with fencing, work stock and carry out farm repairs. “We often roll our sleeves up on the farm and get alongside people. Or if they just want to sit down and have a chat, we are there for their mental and emotional health. But we are chaplains, so we also care deeply about their spiritual health,” Major Jean says.

Major Peter says: “In many areas, the grief and pressures rural communities in general now face really is unimaginable. In the Walgett Shire, the word I would use is ‘devastated’ and the desperation is beyond belief. When we can’t get there to support someone in person, we both keep busy with phone calls and emails from desperate farmers just needing the assurance that we are still there. Just to have the opportunity to pray over the phone has been such a blessing and help to them and us.”

In the face of such grief, Major Peter says that the couple also know they need the support of others. “The anchor we have to hold on to is our relationship with the Lord, and God’s hand is often so evident,” he says. “But we also need ‘Jesus with skin on’ at times. Recently, two very precious friends, faithful intercessors, came from Tamworth to spend some time ministering to us. They and the others who pray and support are like a healing balm for us in the tough times.” ¶

If you would like to volunteer or donate to the Ridleys’ ministry, contact Major Peter Ridley on 0423 293305.

Photo appears courtesy of the *Daily Telegraph*

## Seeing Jesus in Rio.

In August and September, millions of people will flock to Rio de Janeiro in Brazil for the first Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held in South America. **DAVID GILES** went to Rio to find out how The Salvation Army is working with the poorest members of the community, while developing plans for outreach and sports ministry to coincide with the sporting extravaganza



My route to The Salvation Army's divisional headquarters in Rio de Janeiro involves a stroll along the warm sands of the world-famous Copacabana Beach, which will be the venue for the beach volleyball contests at the 2016 Olympic Games, before embarking on the bustling Rio Metrô, on which the TV screens alternate between adverts for McDonald's, the James Bond film *Spectre* and ... The Salvation Army. Finally, it's a quick taxi ride past the massive Maracanã Stadium that will host the Rio 2016 opening and closing ceremonies. Even on this relatively short journey, the dichotomy of rich and poor is pronounced – there are bright, shiny boutique stores and then there's people sleeping rough along the shoreline.

I'm here to meet Major Dan Ford, The Salvation Army's divisional commander for Rio de Janeiro, Minas Gerais and Federal District, responsible for the 10 corps and three social service centres that serve this eclectic city's 6.3 million residents. Also accountable for The Salvation Army's mission teams during Rio 2016, he is affable, welcoming and enthusiastic about the potential of the Olympics. "It's a great opportunity to talk about our faith," he says. "To show The Salvation Army in Brazil to a worldwide audience, to show them where our heart is. And locally, we need to put The Salvation Army on the map."

Brazil's distinctive auriverde flag flies proudly across the city. But Major Ford observes that its Portuguese slogan "Ordem e Progresso" (Order and Progress) is conflicted. "Rio is progressing," he concedes, "but not necessarily in the right direction." He explains that "many parts of the city are affluent and well-to-do, but there is a gulf between rich and poor, a prevailing 'anything goes' attitude and a marked lack of generosity towards the more vulnerable members of the community".

He speaks warmly of Brazilian Salvationists' profound desire to serve on mission teams while their city is in the spotlight of the world's media. "It's not so much what they are going to do, but the fact that they are prepared to do something," the Major Ford continues. "In particular, we're aware of estimates that up to 40,000 sex workers will ply their trade in Rio during the event. Salvationists here have a real heart for those trapped in the sex trade, and are campaigning against human trafficking."

An initiative in the suburb of Niterói is already ministering to local women engaged in prostitution, offering non-judgmental counselling, refreshments and care packages. Vânia Quintão is a Salvationist from Niterói who is keen to be participating in August's mission. She was part of similar outreach campaigns at the Pan-American Games in 2007 and at a number of Rio's famous carnivals.



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"I am looking forward to the arrival of the Olympic Games and being part of this great team of volunteers," she says. "I believe [this] is a strategic way ... to fulfil our mission as The Salvation Army." Elisa Moura, also from Niterói, agrees: "To the vendors, people coming in and out of sports events, and the street people we can show Jesus."

Meanwhile, international mission teams are also being deployed, with the intention of developing sports ministry programs in and around Rio's Salvation Army corps and centres. In partnership with Brazilian parachurch movement Braços Abertos (Open Arms), these teams are being brought together by Lieutenant-Colonel David Bowles, Europe Zone Sports Ministry Coordinator. He aims to build on similar initiatives undertaken in Brazil during the 2014 football World Cup and in the UK during the London 2012 Olympic Games.



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He outlines the rationale: "Sports ministry is important because it builds bridges and transcends language and culture – a shared passion that can be the first steps to forming real relationships. It's a great leveller; people can participate in sport regardless of social status, background or ability. The fun, excitement and discipline of sport has much in common with our faith experience – it's a natural springboard to meaningful and life-changing conversations about Jesus."

Linn Tabita Milde belongs to The Salvation Army in Ås, Norway, and describes the chance to get involved in the Rio 2016 mission team as a "unique opportunity". She continues: "I know this will strengthen and develop my relationship with Jesus! [It] will challenge me in sharing the gospel with others." Fellow team member Vette Jarandsen, from Oslo, echoes Linn's sentiment: "I want to be Jesus' hands and feet ... to experience a new culture and discover how church works in a poorer community."

In fact, several of The Salvation Army's corps and centres in Rio are already using sport and other forms of recreation as a way to cement meaningful relationships in the community. Captain Ionara Tebas is the corps officer and centre manager at Méier, which has established itself well in the community. "It's a case of visiting the people who might need our help," she explains. "We go to them and get to know the whole family." Some of the families Captain Tebas is in contact with have significant needs; alcohol and drug dependency is widespread, with a serious knock-on effect on family income.



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The cornerstone of the Méier Corps ministry is its provision of care to children. Every day, between 50 to 60 under 18s arrive at the centre for lunch and remain for the afternoon. Activities are varied – The Salvation Army works with the local authorities to provide additional teaching, but there are also opportunities for art and craft, letting off steam on the all-purpose sports pitch and getting groovy in the centre's dance studio!

There is delight on the children's faces as they perform impossible manoeuvres on the climbing frame and effortlessly kick a football around in the 30-degree heat. "I love the dance workshops and learning Portuguese," enthuses 15-year-old Tamiris. It makes her want to go back to the Méier centre every day and recommend it to her friends. And perhaps more pertinently: "It's pretty cool!"

Attendance for worship here is gradually growing, with about 30 locals regularly turning up for Sunday morning meetings. In common with most of the corps in Rio, worship is vibrant, with a Latin American samba vibe featuring alongside Bible teaching and prayer! The Army is well regarded by the city government, with the leader Vereador Eliseu Kessler – himself a Christian – honouring The Salvation Army's 150th anniversary with a civic reception last November. Corps officers and many long-serving Salvationists were thanked for their efforts with official certificates of recognition.

While many big cities have areas of social deprivation, the slum-like favelas of Rio are especially prominent because of their hillside locations. Again, The Salvation Army is at work, providing hope to the hopeless. Projeto Integração serves vulnerable families in the Divinéia favela, offering a place of safety for around 50 children each weekday. At the stroke of two o'clock, children stream in through the open doors.

At this centre, serving can be as simple as offering a cup of clean drinking water or providing a mattress for a child to have a much-needed nap. Soon, the place is abuzz with young people catching up on each other's news, exchanging banter with the staff and tucking into a hot meal. The rest of the day could include games or further study, depending on the child's age, with the option of Bible stories, singing or painting. The centre also has an IT suite, to provide training in valuable technological skills.

"With drug dealing and gun crime rife," adds Major Ford, "the favela is not a safe place for children to go home to an empty house." He starts to talk again about the holistic nature of caring for the entire family but, as if to underscore his assertion about the dangerous nature of the place, a police patrol car with machine guns pointing out of its windows passes by slowly as we return to his vehicle.

Rio is, of course, renowned for the 38m-high Cristo Redentor (Christ the Redeemer) statue that towers over the city on the top of Mount Corcovado. Thousands of tourists every day make the decision to trek up the mountain paths (or take the less energetic option of a train) to the summit. In a city that needs salvation, it's an interesting juxtaposition that so many people swarm to see Jesus – or, at least, a reinforced concrete-fashioned version of him! It's a spectacular sight by day and – impressively floodlit – by night.

Will visitors to Rio 2016 "see Jesus"? Through their various ministries, Salvationists and mission partners certainly intend that they will. □

*This article appears courtesy of All The World.*

Major Chris Witts presenting his program on community station 2MCR FM 100.3 which serves the Macarthur region of Sydney.



## God's on-air presenter clocks up 50 years behind the microphone.

WORDS BILL SIMPSON PHOTOS SHAIRON PATERSON

A lonely woman sat in her bedroom on the brink of ending her life. It had lost its meaning. There was no purpose, she thought, of going any further. She had prepared a lethal cocktail of tablets and alcohol. They were beside her bed, waiting to take her on the trip of no return. As part of her preparation, the woman switched on her radio, searching for music to accompany her departure. The radio was her companion; the one true friend when all others seemed to have flown. Instead of music, somebody was speaking on the radio as she switched on.

It was Major Chris Witts, of The Salvation Army. It was a pre-recorded message. Major Witts was offering hope when the woman thought there was none. That night, she changed her mind. The woman and Major Witts spoke to each other by telephone a week later. She was able to go on with her life. "It was a startling reminder," says Major Witts, "of how God works."

In radio, there is a tested theory that one example represents countless others. Major Witts will never know how many lives his radio broadcasts have changed. But going into his 50th year of on-air presentation, the number is probably staggering. It isn't a thought that would have even entered his mind when he first found radio as an eight-year-old boy living on a farm at Ando, in the NSW Snowy Mountains.

That was almost 58 years ago. There was something magical, he says, about listening to his first transistor radio in bed at night. "I was captivated by the radio announcer's voice and presentation. And I loved the music of the late 1950s. I wanted to join the ranks of the disc jockeys, as they were called back then."

Five years later, aged 12, he left Ando for Sydney to continue his education as a boarder at the prestigious St Ignatius Catholic College at Riverview. Radio legend John Laws became his "best friend". Often lonely and homesick, the young Chris Witts used his radio for companionship. John Laws was at the beginning of his illustrious radio career and through his on-air work, inspired a young student.

After completing secondary school at 16, Chris boarded with his grandparents at Mosman. He worked for Plaza Hoyts theatres, delivering films. But he really wanted to be another John Laws and disc-jockeys like him. He saw the dream on the precipice of reality when 2GB in 1966 announced a radio announcers' course. He enrolled, was accepted and couldn't wait for every Wednesday night to have his turn at the practice mike and turntable (records in those days!). He was the youngest in class.

### ON-AIR OPPORTUNITIES

Returning to Ando in 1967, he immediately set

*"Radio isn't called 'Theatre of the Mind' for nothing. Many surveys reveal that radio has greater impact than either video or print. Radio touches a person's soul and paints a picture."*

about sending audition tapes to country radio stations. Working on the family farm was not an option for a young man with radio on his radar. Cooma station 2XL made contact. He could start as a junior announcer. Just prior to his 17th birthday, he started work on "The Voice of the Snowy Mountains", as 2XL promoted itself. "I was broadcasting literally from the rooftop of Australia," he says.

At 17, he was "an on-air personality", choosing songs to play, reading the news and funeral announcements, selling advertising, recording commercials and trying to understand the technical operations. It was a small station where everybody did everything! Even the community got involved. One of those who came into his life through the radio station in 1968 was Lieutenant John Townsend, the young Salvation Army corps officer at Cooma. Lieut Townsend occasionally called at the station to present a weekly Faith for Today program. Like Chris, John was a radio tragic. They clicked. Lieut Townsend invited Chris to a Salvation Army Sunday morning church service. "I arrived one Sunday at the tiny Salvo hall," says Chris, "to be warmly welcomed by 12 worshippers.

They were genuine people and took a personal interest in me. Some even knew me from the radio. In June 1968, John Townsend led me to accept Jesus as my Lord." Chris was enrolled as a senior soldier of The Salvation Army on 1 June 1969. He did the unthinkable and resigned from his radio career to become a Candidate Helper in preparation for training as a Salvation Army officer. He spent 1970 and 1971 at the Army's training college in Sydney. It's unwise to ignore talent, and Cadet Chris Witts, while in training college, was given opportunity to use his announcing skills to record 15-minute devotionals for Sydney station 2CH. He loved it.

He married Laurel in 1973. Their first Salvation Army appointment together was to Katoomba. Of course, he called at the local radio station, 2KA, and it wasn't long before he was presenting



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his own show on Sunday nights, with a mix of Christian and mainstream material. It was also his responsibility to shut down the station transmitter when he left at midnight. There were other radio station opportunities at further corps appointments.

**POWER OF RADIO**

In 1985, he was appointed to The Salvation Army Editorial Department in Sydney, allowing him the privilege of again presenting 2CH programs on behalf of the Army. Ten years later, while he and Laurel were serving as corps officers at Campsie, he was invited to succeed the Reverend Vernon Turner as manager of Australia's first Christian radio station, 2CBA FM. Then-Salvation Army Territorial Commander Commissioner John Gowans agreed to the appointment, which lasted four years.

He returned to a Salvation Army position in 2000 in the Communications Department, with responsibility for establishing a radio unit to produce programs for community stations

- 01 Major Chris Witts says he feels "God's pleasure" when he's in the radio studio.
- 02 Chris and Laurel served as Salvation Army officers for more than 40 years.



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around the country. "Radio and The Salvation Army are a good match," he says, "because there are so many good news stories (in The Salvation Army) of how people meet Jesus in our various ministries. They are stories worth sharing."

Chris and Laurel retired as Salvation Army officers in March 2013. But Chris hasn't been able to retire from radio. He still writes and presents daily Morning Devotions segments on Hope 103.2 FM (formerly 2CBA FM). He has been presenting the episodes since 1996. Chris also produces and presents two programs on community station 2MCR FM 100.3, serving the Macarthur region in Sydney's south-west. Called Sunday Afternoon Easy Listening (Sundays, noon-2pm) and Sentimental Journey (three Fridays a month, noon-2pm), they feature mainstream music.

Sunday Afternoon Easy Listening includes occasional Christian messages. Sentimental Journey is music from the 1940s and 1950s, and often takes him back to his first radio days at

2XL Cooma. Like he said, he is a radio tragic. "I still think that radio is the most exciting medium engaging the heart and mind of people," he says. "Radio isn't called 'Theatre of the Mind' for nothing. Many surveys reveal that radio has greater impact than either video or print. Radio touches a person's soul and paints a picture.

"Because radio is such a personal medium – friend talking to friend – I always visualise talking to one person (when on-air). The most successful radio presenters today still see themselves speaking to one person. That's the key to a good broadcaster, in my opinion.

"For almost 50 years now, I have experienced the power of radio as a contributor. Why do I do it? When Eric Liddell ran at the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris, he said: 'I believe that God made me for a purpose. When I run I feel (God's) pleasure'. I'm certainly no athlete, but I do sense God's pleasure in a small studio preparing to open the microphone to speak to a friend I have probably never met." □



## THE 95-YEAR DIVIDE

With the official Australia One unification of the two Salvation Army territories now underway, *Pipeline* investigates the original split

WORDS MAJOR KEN SANZ

There is no definitive answer in Salvation Army history books as to why The Salvation Army in Australia was split into two territories at midnight on 1 January 1921. We know that the challenges of how to administer large territories and inspire evangelism and corps growth was often discussed at International Headquarters in London. Without the modern conveniences of efficient and cost-effective transport and modern methods of communication, it is easy to imagine that breaking large territories down into smaller, more manageable chunks, seemed like a good idea.

Canada was the first to be divided. It was split in 1915. India followed in 1920 when it was divided into three distinct territories and by 1924 two more India territories had been created. Also, in 1920 the United States was split into Eastern, Western and Central territories, with Southern formed in 1927. Australia was also divided at this time but who initiated this and for what reasons seems to have been lost in history. Most likely it was proposed by either Commissioner James Hay, then territorial commander for Australia, or General Bramwell Booth who visited Australia in early 1920.

However the idea developed, it seems little was reported in Salvation Army publications and it was left to Sydney's *Daily Telegraph* to keep the soldiery informed through items like this published on 29 April 1920: "The arrival of General Booth, chief of the Salvation Army in all lands, is being awaited with considerable interest by his followers in Australia, because of some very important changes that are pending."



← Front page of the *War Cry* on 13 November 1920 announcing the division of the territory. Image courtesy of Australia Eastern Heritage Centre

The article went on to detail the proposal to divide the nation into Australia Eastern and Australia Southern territories due to the fact that, "the administrative work that the area now superintended by the commissioner is far too great for one man to be expected to be in control; that much valuable time would be saved if the chief were not expected to travel from Perth to Sydney or Melbourne to Brisbane at frequent intervals of the year as occasion demanded, and that generally matters would be better for all concerned if the continent were divided between two territorial commanders' with equal powers".

The *Daily Telegraph* printed a further item on 12 June 1920. It announced that The Salvation Army in NSW and Queensland would be administered from a new headquarters in Sydney. It also noted that the rest of Australia would continue

to be controlled from headquarters in Melbourne. It wasn't long before the wisdom of splitting large countries into different territories was being questioned. The depression in the early 1930s saw the rejoining of the two Canadian territories. Australia may well have gone down the same path, with the depression crippling its finances and the demands for assistance overwhelming.

However, in 1929, Joseph Gill, a grazier of Winderradeen Station (near Goulburn), died and left most of his estate (valued at the equivalent of several million dollars today) to The Salvation Army. This gift meant the Army in Australia could meet its debts and survive intact as two territories. ¶

This is an edited excerpt of an article written for *Hallelujah!* magazine by Major Ken Sanz.



## PARABLES GETTING LOST IN TRANSLATION

Identifying new focus in Jesus' stories

WORDS BRONWYN WILLIAMS

When Jesus told his parables, he used images that were familiar to his audience, such as lost coins and sheep and sons. Jesus spoke into a society that had very little in the way of physical possessions, so the need to search for a lost sheep or coin was a natural thing to do. In the parable of the lost sheep (Luke 15:1-7), Jesus' audience knew about sheep wandering away and getting lost, and Jesus then used that imagery to describe how people had wandered away from God – and God's response of looking for them and bringing them back with rejoicing.

In a similar manner, the woman searched diligently for her lost coin. Then Jesus told a story of extravagant, prodigal love about a father and his two sons. In all these parables, Jesus focused on the one doing the searching – the woman, the shepherd and the father. Jesus used these common illustrations to tell his listeners more about God. Some little time later Jesus picked up this theme when he spent time with Zacchaeus, saying that the Son of Man came to seek and save that which was lost (Luke 19:10) as he spoke into the life of a man who may not have considered himself lost but who other people saw as lost to his society.

Over the centuries, this notion of lostness has been adopted by the Church to refer to anyone outside the Church. The Salvation Army, in particular, has applied this idea to those who are in a lost state due to addictions, mental health issues or violent behaviours, and it expresses this theme in its mantra of serving "the lost, the last and the least". This notion of lostness was represented pictorially in William Booth and W.T. Stead's *In Darkest England and the Way Out*, where people were depicted as lost in a roiling sea of starvation, drunkenness and other dire situations.

In the 21st century, Australians identify with the idea of being lost in a different way – such as when a child goes missing and a community rallies to search for them. However, is this image of lostness one with which people identify in our culture? Do Australians see themselves as lost and, if not, is it still appropriate for the Church to use this analogy? If Jesus was telling his parables in a 21st-century Australian setting, what images would he use? As someone who has been immersed in the Church since birth, I find it hard to think of stories other than the ones Jesus told. However, stories are important in our culture, as people relate

to "the journey" and "the process" of life – two phrases which are somewhat over-used but which everyone understands.

When Jesus told these "lost" parables he was drawing attention to the determination of the woman to find her coin, the importance of just one sheep to the shepherd, and the forgiving love of the father to both his sons. Jesus used common images to tell people about God, not about themselves. So while there may be some value in translating the parables into modern situations as Thomas Purifoy has in his *Modern Parables: Living in the Kingdom of God* DVD series, perhaps we need to let go of the image of lostness.

Rather than clinging to a picture which may not have currency, we could instead focus on the love of God, the determination of God seeking the lost and the importance of one individual to him. These were the themes Jesus emphasised in these parables and I believe they need to be the focus of the stories we tell as well. ¶

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NO BITTERNESS AT ALL

To coincide with NAIDOC Week from 3-10 July, we publish this short excerpt from the creative non-fiction essay, *No Bitterness At All* by Major PETER McGUIGAN. NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920s that sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians

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 “She’s a member of The Salvation Army, of your congregation,” said the nurse. “I’m sure the family would want someone to come and be with her.”

The woman at the other end of the phone was polite, but insistent. She explained she was the duty nurse at The Benevolent Home on the Rockhampton southside and that Jean Alberts was dying.

*“Thanks for your call. We’ll be there as soon as possible.”*

It was a Saturday – 17 April 2010. Despite being in Rockhampton for three months, I had no idea who I was about to visit. My wife, Tara, accompanied me.

We arrived at 1pm. It was a beautiful Central Queensland day. Strangely, both of us felt inexplicably that something significant was about to happen. An Indigenous woman was walking, like us, towards the main entrance, and arrived at the same time. She seemed unusually happy to see us. Perhaps it was our Salvation Army uniforms?

*“Would you know where the Jack Fleming Wing is?” Tara asked the woman.*

*“I’m going there,” she offered. “You can come with me.”*

We entered the building. Recent renovations made it a pleasant walk down a long corridor towards the lift. After a short wait, we entered and the doors closed. Silence.

*“Beautiful day outside,” I said after a few moments.*

*“Yes,” the woman said, with a slight Indigenous twang. “I’m just comin’ back after having some lunch.”*

The lift doors opened and we followed our impromptu guide down another corridor on the first level, then through some large doors.

*“This is the Jack Fleming Wing,” she announced.*

*“Thank you. You’ve been a big help to us.”*



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We kept walking and all three of us stopped outside room five. The woman then looked at us more intently, recognition on her face.

*“You’re seeing my mother,” she concluded. “Jean Alberts.”*

*“Yes. We received a call from The Benevolent Home this morning.”*

*“Oh, I didn’t realise they had called you. I’m Cynthia Munns, Jean’s daughter,” she said, opening the door to the room.*

*“Your names?”*

We entered. “I’m Peter McGuigan, and this is my wife Tara. We coordinate The Salvation Army’s work in the Capricorn Region of Central Queensland.”

*“Peter McGuigan.” Her hand still grasped the door handle. She looked straight into my eyes for what seemed an eternity until she said: “Are you John and Beryl McGuigan’s son?”*

*“Yes,” I said, surprised. “Do you know them?”*

*“My mother looked after you when you were a little boy in Clermont.”*

Stunned by this sudden pronouncement, I grappled for words to

form a response while trying to maintain my pastoral nerve. I was there, after all, to pray with a dying woman.

*“Your mum and dad were The Salvation Army officers there in the early Sixties. Mum loved you like her own.”*

The room had a refreshing vista to an outdoor courtyard with a table setting and lush ferns and natives. A photo of Cynthia with her mother in healthier times brightened the room. They were both smiling. You could sense the love between them. There were flowers and cards left by recent visitors. A new chapter of my life was about to unfold. I sensed it. I told myself to relax. Let it happen.

Three chairs were in the room. We assembled them close to Jean. I looked at the unconscious figure lying on the bed, struggling to breathe. Jean Alberts was my “black nanna”. The black nanna in my parent’s photo albums. I vaguely remembered one photo – an old black and white of her smiling and sitting on a wooden chair with me on her lap.

Lying there beside us, Jean was now a shadow of the woman who once “loved me like her own”. Hair thinned, cheeks hollowed – flesh pared back to bone. She was reasonably fair for an Indigenous person, I thought.

I had not seen her for 49 years. Our relationship always seemed more legend than reality to me – claimed by family folklore retold at family gatherings. But now, in this room, stark reality – fact – stared me in the face. At 50 years of age, a Salvation Army officer myself, her significance in my life began to dawn on me.

*“I can remember you as clear as day,” Cynthia said, “running around our humpy down on Sandy Creek like you owned the place – this little white two-year-old among all us black kids. It was like there were no colours and we all loved you.”*

Two hours went by as we sat around the bed talking about the past five decades and about Jean’s life before that. I asked and answered many questions. None of us assumed that Jean, while physically shutting down, could not hear us. There was a peace in the room that told us she was present. Peace was on her face, and the look of love. We included her in the conversation.

Towards the end of our visit, I took her hand, stroked her hair and forehead, and prayed with her. It was a prayer that acknowledged the person of grace and strength she had become in her life and the influence for good she had been in the lives of many others. This despite great adversity, including being “stolen” from her family at four years of age, never seeing her parents again.

*“She forgave them long before the Apology,” Cynthia would tell me in weeks to come. “She had no bitterness at all.”*

At 3.30pm, my black nanna took her final breath. She was 95. The following week I buried her in Clermont and conducted her funeral back in Rockhampton.

Jean was there for me at the start of my life and I was there for Jean at the end of hers. ¶

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## Winter picks at the flicks for Christian kids

It's the winter challenge of every Christian parent. In any school break there's bound to be a wet day when everyone is under foot. A trip to the cinema seems like a good idea – but what to put in front of young minds you won't regret later? *Pipeline* culture writer **MARK HADLEY** gives you two top stories and one cautionary tale to consider these holidays



### Ice Age: Collision Course

RATING: CTC  
RELEASE DATE: 23 June



It's the fifth film in this evolutionary saga, but *Ice Age* producers are still delivering the same messages for little minds.

Scrat, the acorn-obsessed saber-tooth squirrel discovers an alien spaceship buried in prehistoric ice. His bumbling leads to an outer-space adventure, during which he inadvertently creates the solar system, and sets a huge asteroid on a collision course with earth. Manny the mammoth, Diego the sabre-tooth tiger and Sid the sloth now have to unite their families and friends in a new quest to avoid extinction.

They team up with an astronomer weasel named Neil, who has a plan to stop the meteor. Following the instructions of an ancient tablet, our prehistoric heroes journey to the crystalline paradise of Geotopia. There they discover the spiritual leader Shangri Llama, who holds the keys to avoiding the coming catastrophe – or does he?

The *Ice Age* franchise has been plodding along a plot-line mapped out by the theory of evolution. Of course, ice ages, dinosaurs and continental drifts have been pushed into the single lifetime of its characters for the sake of drama. Yet the end result is the same: an affirmation of a godless universe where all life submits to the irresistible forces of nature.

In *Ice Age: Collision Course* life is a result of chance plus the survival of the fittest. What emerges is 100 minutes of subtle opposition for parents trying to raise kids with a confidence that comes from knowing they have a loving, sovereign creator.

*Ice Age: Collision Course* does affirm the bonds of family and friendship, but its dialogue often undercuts that intention. The jokes include the now familiar low-level toilet humour that passes for kids comedy. More annoying, though, are the put-downs that characters like Manny and Diego constantly deliver to those who are supposed to be their friends.

Most worrying of all is the introduction of religious figures like Shangri Llama. However well-intentioned, his offer of ludicrous yoga positions in the face of real disaster tars all people of faith with the same silly brush. In the end, it will be practical people like Manny who manage to save us.



### The BFG

RATING: CTC  
RELEASE DATE: 30 June



The creation of cinematic royalty and rightly one of the most anticipated children's films of the year, *The BFG* is based on the best-selling, multi-award-winning book of the same name by children's author Roald Dahl.

This live-action drama introduces us to Ruby Barnhill as Sophie, an orphaned girl who is reading one night during the "witching hour" of 3am. Strange sounds draw her to the window of her orphanage, where she sees a tall, dark shape peering into the buildings on her street. The creature spots Sophie and, before she can scream, whisks her off to Giant Land. At first, Sophie is concerned she's going to become her kidnapper's dinner. "You think that because I'm a giant, I'm a man-gobbling canny-a-bull?" laughs her keeper – and in a trice, we're introduced to Mark Rylance as the Big Friendly Giant, or the BFG for short.



The BFG is an outcast precisely because he doesn't like eating children. Gigantic bullies like Bonecruncher, Childchewer, Meatdripper, and Gizzardgulper torment him whenever they're not carrying off kids because he's a good deal smaller, and prefers vegetables to "human beans". Instead, the grandfatherly BFG spends his time catching dreams and delivering them to the children of the world. He and Sophie become firm friends, and our little heroine soon hatches a plan to put an end to his terrifying kindred.

*The BFG* has an impressive pedigree – Steven Spielberg, Disney Pictures, Weta Digital and Walden Media. Walden's involvement is particularly significant because its Christian owner aims to create movies that are, "... life affirming and carry a moral message". In this case, the lesson seems to be one involving books and covers. The BFG is the victim

of a monstrous visage, but Sophie soon learns he's the gentlest of giants, who was drawn to her, "... because I hears your lonely heart". Alongside this the writers have laid the determination of even the littlest girl to do what she knows is right.

Both of these morals will be well at home in a Christian household. Jesus found many children of God in what others judged to be worthless and dangerous company. Likewise, every believing parent hopes their child will stand firm in the face of what can seem to be gigantic opposition. The producers have taken some liberties with the original storyline. However, Sophie still heads off with the BFG to enlist the aid of the Queen of England (Penelope Wilton). It's not hard to see how mums and dads could use this turn to remind their kids how much we need the King of Heaven to solve sin's colossal problems.



### Finding Dory

RATING: G  
RELEASE DATE: 16 June



Easily my favourite film of the year, and that's saying something for a movie reviewer. *Finding Dory* is set in the Pacific Ocean, one year after the events of *Finding Nemo*. Dory, the forgetful Blue Tang, has taken up residence with Marlin and Nemo, the clownfish from the first film.

A series of dreams and events trigger lost memories of her mother and father, and Dory sets off to find them. This leads the trio to California's Marine Life Institute, a fictional preserve where Dory's parents live. The break-in/break-out antics are reminiscent of the first film, though a new array of amusing companions keeps the comedy fresh. However, the best thing by far is the take-home message.

*Finding Dory* is a film that puts disability front and centre. We meet Dory when she's little more than a fingerling, learning to cope with a challenging mental condition: "My name is Dory ... and I suffer from short-term memory loss." Flashbacks show how hard her parents worked to make her feel included and safe, as well as the emotional struggles they go through hoping she'll be safe in a world where difference is rarely tolerated.

As they model patience and compassion, we flash forward to the present day in which Dory is often slighted, occasionally by those supposed to support her the most. Frustrated, Marlin tells her: "Go over there and forget! It's what you're good at."

*Finding Dory* is a fabulous film choice for the holidays because it not only delivers safe entertainment, it also supplies children with an insight into what it's like to live with a disability, and how mockery and mere tolerance fall short of the love God requires. Those of you who have children facing this battle will also welcome the opportunity to put them in front of a story where they are in the hero's role.



**+** LISTEN

***Illuminate***  
– Chicago Staff Band

The Chicago Staff Band's *Illuminate* album is the last recording under the baton of composer and raconteur William Himes, and features four of his well-known works. As someone who continues to teach brass learners and lead a Bible study at his corps in Oakbrook Terrace Corps, Chicago, Bill has contributed much to music and ministry in the Army, including headlining as guest in Melbourne for both the 2015 Composers Symposium, and the 2016 Music and Creative Arts Conference. He will return to Australia in 2017 for the two weeks leading up to, and including Easter, where he will be the guest for the weekend at Brisbane City Temple Corps.

The album jumps right in with *The Witness*, a march featuring the tune *Christ For Me*. Himes' arrangement oozes Chicago jazz chords in what was his first published piece. As an established standard in the repertoire, the band has no trouble in delivering this piece and the message it brings.

Featured at the 2015 Boundless International Congress, Andrew Wainwright's *Illuminate* lights the way as the title track of this album. Not only a fine euphonium player in the band, Wainwright's compositional signatures are evident in the piece, with driving ostinatos and strong chording work giving both drive and depth to this challenging piece. Through the seven and a half minutes of sparkle, *Shine On Us*, popularised by Michael W. Smith, Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend's *Speak, O Lord*, and General Evangeline Booth's *The World for God* are also featured.

Gerald Shoults' arrangement of *Glorify Thy Name* is a beautiful and engaging version of the piece, and is performed in the style and spirit that allows for a true reflection of the lyrics. Shaun Thomas does a fine job tackling Norman Bearcroft's *The Better World*. This piece features some classic Army repertoire

including *There's A Better World*, *There's a Crown Laid Up in Glory, Saved By Grace*, and Arthur Arnott's *The Homeward Trail*.

The CSB Chorus continues the theme of light with *This Little Light* in excellent four-part harmony. Arranged by Richard Philips and adapted by Himes, this bright arrangement should certainly bring a smile to your dial. We continue with our North American writers enjoying Stephen Bulla's new General Series arrangement *Lift Up Your Voice*. This punchy piece certainly gets you up and moving.

No stranger to soloing with the band, Beth Cooper brings the joy in her excellent rendition of Himes' *Caprice For Cornet*. With a bubbly and energetic start, you can hear the Sunday school song *I've Got The Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down In My Heart*, followed by a slow blues variation sitting so very comfortably with the Chicago-based band. The build to the end is a wonderful journey and is an achievement for both band and soloist.

Crossing the Atlantic, we are treated to *Fusion*, the second piece in Martin Cordner's *Eternity* trilogy. Starting in the darkness of sin, we break free moving from "earth to heaven" quoting General Albert Osborn's *I Know Thee Who Thou Art*. The band certainly observes the rehearsal notes marked as *vivace* or lively. I particularly enjoyed the flugel feature section, and blindingly bright trombones at the end.

Staying in the UK, you simply cannot go past Kenneth Downie for beautifully constructed hymn settings, and *Coming Home!* is certainly no exception. The ever-raucous *Él Es El Señor* is every bit as fiery and exciting as you would hear in any Latin American congregation.

Brett Tolcher slides into his blues swing suit in Alan Fernie's *Swing Low*, which even includes some cute low register



sections, as well a short duet with the Eb bass and excellent small ensemble work. The style suits the band down to the ground and is one worth going back to time and again. *Harlequin* is as crazy as the court jesters from which the piece's name derives. The quirkiness of these comic servant characters are masterfully portrayed by the band reflecting the ideas and nuances from the film score styling which writer Bruce Broughton brings to the table.

Taking a moment to reflect, the CSB Chorus brings the petition *Come, Peace of God*. This moving piece speaks more than the lyric, with the emotion felt in the power of this rendition. We complete the disc with a fugue perhaps not quite how J.S Bach would have imagined it, but certainly well presented. Himes takes Bach's famous G minor Fugue *The "Little" Fugue* and transforms it into a brass setting in *The Big Little Fugue*.

Overall, *Illuminate* is an album worth looking into and is a great way to enjoy on any road trip, quiet Sunday afternoon or preparation for your next rehearsal.  
– Chris Brindley

*Illuminate* can be purchased for \$25 at Salvationist Supplies. Go to [thetrade.salvos.org.au](http://thetrade.salvos.org.au)

**+** READ

***Blessing of the Righteous: Psalm 112***

While colouring-in is an activity that is traditionally a favourite amongst children, it is now a worldwide craze for adults. On the shelves of bookstores are varieties of colouring-in books available for adults. Now, The Salvation Army is adding to the collection.

Author and illustrator, Captain Jo Brookshaw, the Corps Officer at Craigieburn, north of Melbourne, has published her first adult colouring-in book, *Blessing of the Righteous: Psalm 112*. The words of each of the 10 verses of Psalm 112 are within the captivating illustrations. Each illustration comes with an in-depth explanation of each verse illustrated on the page. The Psalm is also an alphabetical acrostic, meaning each line begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

Jo's colouring-in book is an opportunity to delve deeper into Scripture and discover its relevance to your life from the words and illustrations on each page of the book. For some, colouring-in can be a relaxing activity. If that's you, why not find a quiet space where you can meet with God and pray while colouring-in these biblically inspired artworks.

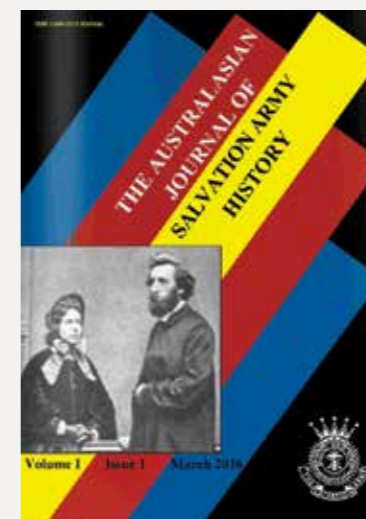
– Esther Pinn

A copy of Jo's colouring book can be purchased for \$10 at Salvationist Supplies. Go to [thetrade.salvos.org.au](http://thetrade.salvos.org.au)



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**+** READ

***Australasian Journal of Salvation Army History***

At a hefty 170 pages, the inaugural *Australasian Journal of Salvation Army History* is hardly something to flick through whilst rushing through your breakfast and sipping on your morning coffee. That's not to say it's not fascinating reading. The first in the bi-annual publication covers topics as diverse as a study on the poem and event that led to the romance of Catherine and William Booth, to an investigation into how World War One affected The Salvation Army in New Zealand.

Despite being very different in style, the journal follows on from where its predecessor, *Hallelujah!* magazine [a production of the Keeping It Alive, South Pacific History Project] left off, providing a platform for the publication of fresh or revisited Salvation Army history.

According to its executive editor, Garth R. Hentzschel, the journal was born out of a need to fill a number of gaps in existing Salvation Army history, brought about by the fact that many early histories were written without reference to primary sources. Each paper in the journal is peer-reviewed and is housed electronically in the Australian National Library and the Historical Society's webpage. The first edition has received a number of accolades from Australian and international academics.

Former world leader of The Salvation Army, General Frederick Coutts, once said, "History is to an organisation as memory is to an individual." The *Australasian Journal of Salvation Army History* is an important resource, providing an accurate account of who The Salvation Army is through an honest investigation of its strengths and weaknesses. After reading the first volume, I am excited about what's to come.

– Lauren Martin

The *Australasian Journal of Salvation Army History* can be found at [salvos.org.au/historicalsociety](http://salvos.org.au/historicalsociety)

## THQ staff farewell retiring territorial leaders

Officers and employees at Territorial Headquarters were given the opportunity to farewell Australia Eastern territorial leaders, Commissioners James and Jan Condon, at their weekly prayers meeting on 26 May. Emotion stirred in Commissioner James' voice as he stood at the podium and thanked employees and officers for their dedicated service to the Army.

Members of the territory's leadership team presented the commissioners with farewell gifts, and a video montage of photos from their officership was then shown. NSW/ACT Property Manager, Victoria McFarlane, brought a tribute on behalf of territorial headquarters staff. She thanked the Condons for their faithful service to the Army, for being kind and caring leaders and for their admirable leadership skills when bringing the Army through change. She then shared individual messages from staff to the commissioners.

After a scripture reading from Ephesians 3:14-21 by Colonel Mark Campbell, Commissioner Jan Condon shared a few words. "I want to thank God for calling me to be a Salvation Army officer. It hasn't always been easy, but I have loved it. It's a very sacred pleasure and



Commissioners James and Jan Condon hand over the territorial leadership baton to Colonels Mark and Julie Campbell at Territorial Headquarters on 26 May.

a wonderful adventure. And I am so thankful to God for the privilege and honour to be his servant. That's all I wanted to be.

"Seeing this is a THQ farewell I want thank God for you, each one. Over eight years at THQ I've seen staff come and go ... but I want to thank for your commitment to The Salvation Army."

Commissioner James also shared thanks to territorial headquarters staff and honoured

God for his faithfulness towards him. "Any headquarters is like a family working together," he said. "You have become a family to us and I thank God for that."

The Condons then invited Colonels Mark and Julie Campbell to the front and handed them the leadership baton, followed by a prayer. Colonel Mark Campbell took up his new role as Chief Secretary-in-Charge of the Australia Eastern Territory on 1 June. - **Esther Pinn**

## Nepean Hub launches new prayer initiative



Members of the Nepean Hub display some of the resources for the new prayer initiative.

The Salvation Army's Nepean Hub, located south-west of Sydney, launched its new prayer initiative on 8 June. The initiative consists of a prayer box located in every hub expression of The Salvation Army, together with posters

and brochures for the community about making prayer and other assistance requests through the boxes or online. It's a pilot program designed to meaningfully offer prayer to the community the hub represents.

"As part of our focus on holistic mission and collaborating to be more effective on the

front line of ministry, we are making sure that every expression of the Army in our hub is able to offer a pathway to faith, to the community they meet," explained Greig Whittaker, Territorial Hubs Project Development Coordinator.

The prayer boxes will be available in each Army expression in the Nepean Hub, and the community will be invited to place prayer requests in the box, or submit them online. The boxes will be emptied each week, the requests entered online and sent to the prayer coordinator in each hub, who will then forward them to the relevant prayer groups.

"When people ask for prayer, we will make sure that they know they can also ask for other assistance and services they might need to be connected with," said Greig. "This might include asking for someone to journey with them in person.

"Without working collaboratively, or outside the hub, we couldn't do this. We are better together."

To submit a request online, go to [salvos.org.au/penrith/connect/prayer-box](http://salvos.org.au/penrith/connect/prayer-box) or, call Penrith Salvos on (02) 4733 1133.

## Warm divisional welcome for Army's national leaders



Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd being warmly welcomed as the new national leaders during a special service at Parramatta Corps. Photo: Carolyn Hide

The Salvation Army's new national leaders, Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd, were officially welcomed into their roles by the NSW and ACT Division at Parramatta Corps last month. The service featured representation by numerous ministry branches from corps across the NSW and ACT Division. Parramatta Corps band opened with a few musical numbers, followed by the "I have a dream" presentation from five Salvationists and officers from the division. Each individual shared their dreams for the future of the Army as the transition to Australia One – the amalgamation of the Army's Southern and Eastern territories – begins.

NSW and ACT Divisional Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Gluyas, brought a welcome and prayer, which was followed by an entertaining item by Wollongong Corps Youth Ministry Worker, Sarah Walker. She led a game where the Tidds each had five seconds to answer questions about each other. Menai Corps worship team led the congregation in two songs during which a photo montage of ministry through the NSW and ACT Division was shown. Children were then invited to ask the new national leaders get-to-know-you questions.

Commissioner Tracey Tidd gave a scripture reading from Philippians 1:3-11 and spoke about her dreams for the Army's future relating to the Australia One transition. "My dreams

include a commitment to these next three years bathed in prayer," she began. "My other dream is praying that we would know God better through all of this. And that we would move forward from where we are and that we would seek God's perspective in all of this."

Commissioner Floyd Tidd challenged the congregation to be ready for this season of change, encouraging them to partner with one another throughout the process of Australia becoming one territory. "This is not man's design," he said. "What we are entering into, what we have stepped into together, is God's design."

Prior to the Parramatta welcome, on 2 June, the Tidds were welcomed as national leaders at Australia Eastern Territorial Headquarters' morning prayers. The commissioners also led an affirmation of leadership for Colonel Mark Campbell, Chief Secretary-in-Charge, and Colonel Julie Campbell, Principal of the School for Officer Training and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries for the Australia Eastern Territory.

"We both feel honoured and privileged to be leading the territory and sense the Lord will sustain and direct all of us in these days of transition as we seek what God has for us in the Australia One Project," said Colonel Mark Campbell. - **Esther Pinn and Simone Worthing**

## Gympie officer feeds his ministry passion

Feeding the hungry is one of Major Brian Smith's passions. Over the past six months, the Gympie Corps Officer has been able to see his dream of feeding the homeless in his community become a reality.

Every Wednesday and Friday between 12-1.30pm, a group of about 20 volunteers prepare free meals for the homeless. The team also hands out loaves of bread for this community group to take, which is donated by Baker's Delight in Gympie. They also offer individuals the opportunity to use their corps' shower facilities and the team will often wash clothes for those who need it. "[We want to] help people have some dignity in life," said Major Smith.

Between 30 and 40 people attend the free meal service every week. While some are homeless, the meal service is open to anyone in their local community. Major Smith said building relationships with people is one of the program's goals. "Anybody can turn up. Sometimes we have people turn up who just want to interact with other people. Sometimes they can be just lonely."



Volunteers Bethany, Carol and Maree prepare lunches as part of Gympie Salvation Army's outreach to the homeless and disadvantaged in the Central Queensland town.

While feeding the hungry is the corps' first priority, Major Smith said they were committed to meeting other needs, whether that be welfare assistance or counselling. Ultimately, their aim is to see people come to Christ. "We're about showing Christ in a very practical way."

Long term, Major Smith would like Gympie Corps to become one-stop Salvation Army site, where people can come to the Army and have all their needs met.

## New home to expand Ryde's ministry potential



Colonel Mark Campbell cuts the ribbon to officially open the new premises which will house Ryde Corps. On his left is Salvation Army Property Manager Peter Alward, and flanked by Ryde Corps Officers, Captains Nesan and Cheryl Kistan. Photo: Parsa Jamalpour

For the past 25 years, Ryde Corps has ministered to the local community in and out of various school halls. Now, they finally have a place they can call home. Their new building in Macquarie Park, Sydney, was officially opened on 15 May by The Salvation Army's Chief Secretary, Colonel Mark Campbell.

Located at Unit 5, 112 Talavera Road, the premises is a large warehouse that comfortably seats 200 people on a Sunday morning and includes office and training rooms. It will be open seven days a week to assist the community's needs. "We would like to offer assistance on a much broader scale," said Captain Cheryl Kistan, Ryde Corps Officer. "[We can] meet the needs in the community where we have never been able to offer assistance because

we've never had the space to be able to do it."

Captain Kistan said the vision for the building is to be a place where community members can "come and get well". "We want to create a space where people can come to Jesus, if they're broken, sick or hurting in some way, they can get healing and they can discover life and life in abundance and we want to partner with the community in that."

At the opening, it was announced that Salvos Counselling's head office will also move into the new building. Ryde Corps will also continue to support the ministry work of Nathan Moulds at the Ivanhoe housing commission estate in Macquarie Park, until the estate closes for redevelopment.

- Esther Pinn

## Parramatta Salvationist leads Christian women in NSW

Pamela Freeman, a soldier of the Parramatta Corps, has been installed as President of Australian Church Women (ACW) NSW State Unit, Inc. The service took place at the Parramatta Corps on 16 May. In her message, Pamela spoke about the need to practise unity and mutual love in the body of Christ as a testimony to God's love for us.

Pamela (pictured) has held various positions in the ACW since 2004 and, in 2014, was an Australian delegate to the Quadrennial Assembly of the Asian Church Women's Conference held in the Philippines. Other Salvation Army personnel on the state committee include retired officers Lieutenant Pat Cory, treasurer; Major Lillian Hodges, Fellowship of the Least Coin; and Major Lyn Middleton, Special Days. Major



Middleton was recognised as a life member of ACW during the service.

For more information about ACW, go to [www.acw.org.au](http://www.acw.org.au)

## New Salvos church bringing hope to South Brisbane

South Brisbane Hope Community, a new Salvation Army church, celebrated its first monthly gathering on 15 May. The Hope Community is a church made up of multiple missional groups, who meet in their community in homes, cafes, community halls or even at the local park. The vision of the church is to start hope communities and build faith, hope and love into people's lives.

Majors Colin and Sue Hopper are the missional leaders of the Hope Community, as well as corps officers at Centenary Corps in south-west Brisbane. "These monthly celebrations will be gatherings of the different flavours and expressions of missional communities throughout the area who come together to share stories of transformation and hope and celebrate God's goodness and grace," Major Colin Hopper said.

"Missional community groups will take different forms in different areas. In one area it might be a group of new arrivals from Somalia or Afghanistan that we have connected with; in another area it might be young uni students; or in another, some of the new residents who have moved into the 4000 units currently under construction in Brisbane's West End.

"There may also be multiple groups in one community, such as young adults, those experiencing homelessness, and or an art therapy group. These are the kind of groups we are looking to reach out to in meaningful ways. Each group will have its own name and identity."

The Hope Community also opened a new Family Store in West End, last month. The store includes a room specifically designed for hosting a missional community.

"This is a unique expression of the Kingdom of God," Major Sue Hopper said. "It's caring communities doing life together. It's also an organic and natural way to make disciples. In these communities, we are learning to live like Jesus did, developing relationships with God, with his followers, and with 'the least and the lost'."

## Awards confirm Salvos Legal status in world of law

Salvos Legal continues to make its mark as a professional law firm, picking up two more major awards. The firm was named Corporate Citizen Firm of the Year and Australian Law Firm of the Year (under 100 lawyers) at the Australasian Law Awards held at The Star in Sydney on 19 May.

"I am very proud of all the team members, employed and voluntary, who have contributed to these outcomes in every way over the years," Salvos Legal Managing Partner Luke Geary said. "This most recent acknowledgement of their achievements by the legal profession is a validation of the significance of their sacrifices for others. It [the model of Salvos Legal] is not a novelty anymore. We're getting the recognition for the effort rather than the uniqueness of what we do, which is good."

Chair of Salvos Legal's board, Colonel Geanette Seymour, along with Salvos Legal team members Mary-Anne Ireland, William Kontaxis and Sarah Hamilton – joined Luke at the awards night.

Salvos Legal and Salvos Legal Humanitarian, which commenced in November 2010, are



Members of The Salvation Army's Salvos Legal team (from left) Luke Geary, Colonel Geanette Seymour, William Kontaxis, Sarah Hamilton and Mary-Anne Ireland celebrate their success at the Australasian Law Awards.

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vos Legal Humanitarian, which offers those who cannot afford the cost of a solicitor, free legal advice and in some cases, court representation.

For more information about Salvos Legal, go to [salvoslegal.com.au](http://salvoslegal.com.au)

- Esther Pinn

## Catering ministry opens doors in Lockyer Valley

Skate parks and backpacker gatherings are now regular venues for a rapidly growing community catering ministry in the Lockyer Valley, 90km west of Brisbane. The focus, though, is to provide much more than that. "Our emergency services trailer ministry has gone viral," said Captain Craig Harlum, Lockyer Valley Corps Officer. "We were blessed to get the trailer through community and local grants, as well as sales of donuts from our donut machine, and God is really opening up doors for us."

Each month, the corps caters for a backpackers gathering, run by the Lockyer Valley Regional Council. They serve burgers, salad, drinks and donuts, while council employees share information with the backpackers on fair work regulations and laws to help them avoid the exploitative and illegal employment practices on the rise in the area.

"We also spend time chatting with the backpackers as well," Captain Harlum said. "It's a blessing to help meet the unique needs of our community, contribute to social justice, and the council pays us to do it, too. Once we buy

our supplies, there is a small amount of money left over which goes back into the ministry."

The council has also asked the corps to cater at the regular skate park workshops they run around the region. "They pay to cover our costs for these sausage sizzles, and we have a donation box out as well, but most importantly, we are connecting with parents and their kids," Captain Harlum said.

Again at the council's request, the corps also catered for a local multi-cultural festival on Red Shield Sunday, with all proceeds going to the Red Shield Appeal. Other events catered for include a local Hope Community Church event, with money raised from donut sales going to chaplaincy; a music festival and community fun day.

"We are feeding people but also now training corps volunteers who are passionate about sharing their faith, to share the Gospel at these events," Captain Harlum said. "We are also looking at running a homework club and really focusing on children and families. We are willing to follow God and believe he is showing us the direction in which he wants us to go. It's all part of his plan." - Simone Worthing



Captain Craig Harlum cooks some donuts for hungry backpackers as part of an outreach ministry at Lockyer Valley Corps.

## Cowra officer cooks up a new recipe book



Cowra Corps Officer, Major Cathryn Williamson, unexpectedly raised more than \$15,000 last year for the Salvos Women project, "I Will Survive". Her initial goal was to sell 100 copies of her recipe book *2 Thumbs Up: A dozen dozen sensational slices*. Yet, even before the book was published mid-last year, she had more orders than the planned print run. Since

then, she has sold more than 4000 copies.

The success of Major Williamson's first book has led her to publish a biscuit recipe book. After spending more than 10 months working on her new book, Major Williamson officially launched *2 Thumbs Up: A dozen dozen brilliant biscuits* at the Army's Refresh event for women in Orange on 21 June.

Like her first book, Major Williamson has included many simple recipes. "Most of them [the recipes] are basic. I want them to be so that anybody can make it, not too involved. So people don't say, 'Oh that's just way to hard. I'm not even going to try that'."

Bakers will find common biscuit recipes, including Anzac biscuits, choc chip and jam drops. There are some more creative recipes included in her new book such as honey jumbles and Major Williamson's new favourite, chewy fruit and nut. Many of the recipes come from Major Williamson's mother, while some are Major Williamson's own creation and oth-

ers come from her baker friends.

Major Williamson said while the biscuit book was more challenging to produce than the slice book, she is proud of her new product, having already received positive feedback. "Lots of people have commented on how well laid out it is and how simple the recipes are to read. I've had ladies tell me that their husbands looked at the book and put post-it-notes on which ones they want them to make."

Funds raised through Major Williamson's biscuit book will go towards the Salvos Women project "I Will survive". This time the funds will support victims of human trafficking at The Salvation Army's Safe House and sponsor four young girls from Papua New Guinea to attend the Salvos Discipleship School on the NSW Central Coast.

*2 Thumbs Up: A dozen dozen brilliant biscuits* can be purchased for \$10 (plus postage) by contacting Major Williamson via email at [two.thumbs.up@hotmail.com](mailto:two.thumbs.up@hotmail.com)

## Wagga women's rally unlocks doors to hope

The Wagga Wagga Corps hosted a women's mid-week Refresh event on 10-11 May. More than 40 women from around the region, including Albury, Deniliquin and Grenfell corps, attended the two-day gathering.

Major Shelley Soper, ACT and NSW Divisional Director of Women's Ministries, was guest speaker. On the first day, Major Soper led sessions on the theme Keys to Hope, helping the ladies to learn more about themselves, their values, personalities, and spiritual gifts. Kym Briggs, Salvos Women Divisional Co-ordinator, performed some powerful dramas

over the two days, enhancing the messages.

A smaller group gathered for the second day of the event. "This allowed for a more intimate setting, with the ladies able to share their stories and what they received from the previous day," said Cadet Rachel Knight, who organised the event as part of her out-training.

"The ladies just loved the time together and felt blessed that the territory had invested so much in them by sending out the Salvos Women team," said Rachel. "They also loved the personality inventories and what they learned about themselves."



Members of the Salvos Women team who helped organise the event at Wagga Wagga.

## Army forges closer links to indigenous communities in Queensland



A morning tea at Atherton Tablelands Corps was just one of many Salvation Army events observing Reconciliation Week.

Cultural celebrations held in Far North Queensland to mark National Reconciliation Week, this year observed from 27 May to 3 June, have helped The Salvation Army to strength ties with indigenous communities.

In Cairns, approximately 100 Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Papua New Guinea residents gathered outside the Manunda family store for a free traditional lunch and live music on 27 May. Indigenous author, Trish Albert; Police Liaison Officer and Cultural Advisor, "Aunty" Kathy Lowah; and Major Anne Gumuna were guest speakers for the lunch. Major Gumuna challenged all Salvationists, ministry workers, staff and volunteers to take a stand and embrace the message that "this great nation needs to be reconciled to each other and to God so that his blessings can be poured out upon us all, for his glory".

Local Uniting Church Indigenous Pastor, Rodney Minniecon, also spoke during the event. Students from Djarragun College performed both Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander dances as part of the celebration.

In Atherton, south-west of Cairns, Allen Minniecon and Lieutenant Kate Cathcart, Atherton Tablelands Corps Officer, facilitated a morning tea on 1 June. Lieutenant Cathcart organised the event as part of the journey of reconciliation in the local area. Family store volunteers and community members also attended the morning tea.

Meantime, The Salvation Army's Hope For Life, in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries and the Palm Island community, hosted a two-day suicide postvention training program from 31 May-1 June.

Held on Palm Island, an Indigenous community 57km off the coast of Townsville in North Queensland, the training program included a presentation by Professor Judy Atkinson, and a healing and remembrance ceremony. Professor Atkinson is a Jiman (Central West Queensland) and Bundjalung (Northern NSW) woman, who won the Carrick Neville

Bonner Award in 2006 for her academic contributions to the understanding of trauma-related issues stemming from the violence of colonisation and the healing/recovery of Indigenous peoples from such trauma.

"Professor Judy Atkinson provided a framework of theory and practice on suicide prevention and healing through her presentation on intergenerational trauma in relation to generational impacts and effects since Australia was declared Terra Nullius," explained Shirli Congoo, The Salvation Army's Territorial Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministry Coordinator.

"She also suggested holistic models of healing and recovery and spoke of studies that show peoples' lived experience of trauma may be inherited by future generations. The postvention training was well received, with the intention of building the capacity and capability for community people to practically support their community when they have been bereaved by suicide."

The program concluded with the first healing and remembrance ceremony on Palm Island, commemorating the lives "of those who have passed on, and that they lived". A number of local community members, service providers and local councillors gathered to hear testimonies from those who had lost loved ones and words of encouragement from the Scriptures.

"It was a meaningful and profound time for all who attended as we shared our experiences of grief and remembering family members," said Lynore Geia, a Palm Island community member.

"The healing ceremony was a safe space where some spoke for the first time about their personal loss and experience of suicidal ideation. After the ceremony we all gathered and shared a meal together and talked about the ceremony which was particularly therapeutic for us. We shared our mutual desire to see this first event as the beginning of more healing ceremonies for Palm Island." - Simone Worthing



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### North Brisbane Corps.



The new junior soldiers (from left): Olivia Gittins, Ellen Gittins, Lucy Luxford, Hayley Murphy, Nathaniel Mathieson, Brooke Henshaw, Max Wörland, George Massey and Declan Strange.

Major Craig Todd, North Brisbane Corps Officer, with Major Donna Todd, enrolled nine new junior soldiers on Mother's Day, 8 May. These new enrolments bring the number of junior soldiers at the corps to 38 – from just four only five years ago – with more eager to make their promises.

"We were thrilled to enrol these new junior soldiers," Major Donna said. "These fabulous kids have given their hearts to the Lord and have been to junior soldier boot camp. They are now ready to be part of the wider group at our church."

### Wynnum Corps.



Julie Sweet with her soldier's covenant, supported by her prayer partner Glenda Lopez, and Wynnum Corps Officers, Majors Gary and Marie-Louise Craig.

Major Marie-Louise Craig, Wynnum Corps Officer, enrolled Julie Sweet as a senior soldier on Sunday 15 May. "It is entirely appropriate that on this Sunday, being Pentecost, that the Wynnum Corps should enrol a new soldier," Major Craig said. "The Holy Spirit is at work within Julie, showing God's great ability to save and begin that process of holiness."

"Julie signed her covenant kneeling at the Mercy Seat, and rose to give her testimony to the saving power of Jesus and his restoration of her in mind and spirit."

### Life Community Church.

Captain Ashley Barkmeyer, Corps Officer at Life Community Church, accepted Stephen McKnight as an adherent on Sunday 22 May. During the service, Stephen testified to God's working in his life. Stephen has been attending Life Community Church (LCC) for five years. He originally came into contact with The Salvation Army through Brisbane Recovery Services, and a friend who was linked to LCC.

"Steve serves on our tech team and volunteers doing Doorways for us," said Captain Barkmeyer. "He feels a call to become part of The Salvation Army and wanted to formalise his commitment through becoming an adherent. It's a blessing for our church to have Steve affirming his commitment to God and The Salvation Army as our newest adherent. We are praying that God will continue to work his miracles in this man."

Captain Ashley Barkmeyer accepts Stephen McKnight as an adherent.





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## Salvos refugee response explored in new film

The Salvation Army has been assisting refugees across Europe since the current crisis escalated in 2015. Traumatized people fleeing their homes due to conflict and persecution in Syria, Afghanistan and other locations are arriving in European ports and cities in unprecedented numbers.

The Salvation Army's International Headquarters Communications Secretary, Major Brad Halse, travelled to Germany and Norway with a film crew from the United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland. The team found that The Salvation Army's ministry is growing and is being appreciated by the migrants who have had to leave everything they held dear. Their stories are documented in a 15-minute feature for the territory's LINK video magazine, which has also been published on the International Headquarters website.

Captain Matthias Lindner has heard harrowing accounts of refugees' experiences as he distributes hot food and drinks in freezing temperatures in the German capital, Berlin. "They are waiting to be transferred to the

refugee centres," he explained. "When we ask how they came here ... people start crying. They tell us stories which are really shocking – talking about their homes [being] destroyed, war ... it's horrible. We give them tea, but also hope – it's really important."

Two hours away in Leipzig, The Salvation Army has also been looking for ways to help the city's new residents. One initiative is an emergency furniture store, where new arrivals can furnish their homes at a very low cost. Souhail – a Syrian refugee – illustrated exactly why he'd had to flee his home country, by showing the film crew a photo of his house before the conflict and the ruins of the building now. He's now living in a small flat found by The Salvation Army.

The situation is similar in the Norwegian capital, Oslo. Petra Kjellén Brooke, from The Salvation Army's Norway, Iceland and The Færoes Territorial Headquarters, explained: "We saw that people didn't have a place to stay. It was obvious there weren't enough beds. We were contacted by the [government's]

immigration department and asked to help."

The Salvation Army had just bought an old building for which planning permission was being sought to convert it into retirement homes. It was quickly repurposed and reopened as a temporary accommodation centre for 250 refugees. "The centre now provides food, accommodation, a drop-in health clinic, well-being and therapeutic activities," said Petra.

Major Poldi Walz (Divisional Commander, North-East Germany) conceded that some European residents were afraid of the potential for an influx of refugees overwhelming them. But he countered this by suggesting that it's actually "widening our view. It's not only housing them – they give something back," he said. "It enriches us. We are no longer strangers. They become a part of our family. We, as Christians, should be willing to accept these people, to help them."

The film is available to watch and download at [www.sar.my/europerefugees](http://www.sar.my/europerefugees)

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## Pipe band welcomes General and Commissioner Cox to Scotland



The Northern Constabulary Community Pipe Band gives a traditional Scottish welcome to the General and Commissioner Silvia Cox (on left of photo) at Inverness' Eden Court Theatre, on the River Ness.

More than 500 Salvationists journeyed by ferry, plane, road and rail to the "Holy Spirit Congress" which took place in Inverness, Scotland, over Pentecost weekend under the leadership of The Salvation Army's world

leader, General André Cox, and Commissioner Silvia Cox (World President of Women's Ministries). The event was organised by the North Scotland Division of the United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland.

The packed congress program included three meetings, an open-air service in the city centre, a civic reception, an adult and family ministries rally, opportunities to meet the General and Commissioner Cox, children's drop-in worship events and after-hours entertainment for the division's young people. A music program featured guest section Coventry City Band, worship group Second Mile, and the debut of a specially composed band piece called *The Presence and the Power* by Andrew Mackereth. A newly formed divisional congress band participated on the Sunday afternoon.

The North Scotland Division includes three off-shore island groups and many isolated corps, so the opportunity to join together in fellowship over Pentecost weekend was all the more welcome. During Pentecost Sunday meetings the mercy seat was lined with people stepping forward in renewed faith. The General called Pentecost "an event which shook the world" and challenged Salvationists and friends to be an "unstoppable fighting force" for Christ in Scotland and elsewhere in the world. – Lieutenant Helen Froud

## World leaders make historic visit to Eastern Europe

A long-awaited event became reality when General André Cox and Commissioner Silvia Cox (World President of Women's Ministries) visited four countries of The Salvation Army's Eastern Europe Territory – Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia. The visit to Romania was the first by a Salvation Army General.

In Romania, the General and Commissioner Cox visited corps and danced with children at Ploiești. At the SALVATex warehouse they spoke with people undertaking work training by sorting donated goods for the Army's recently opened first shop in Bucharest. They also joined the Army's new mobile medical team in its work on the streets of the Romanian capital. In Moldova, they witnessed a similar ministry when they joined the long-standing mobile clinic which provides medical services to remote communities. In Dolinoc village on Sunday morning, the General spoke to local people about God's healing touch to the broken soul.

During the public meetings held in Romania, Moldova and Georgia, representatives of different corps testified to God's work in their lives through physical healing and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Testimony was also given of God's power to love and rescue and



The General and Commissioner Cox (front, centre) with officers of the Eastern Europe Territory. Flanking the world leaders are Australian officers, Colonels Rodney and Wendy Walters, who oversee the Army's work in Eastern Europe.

of the way in which he is working in corps and communities. Following the Bible message in Georgia, many people knelt and responded to a calling to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. A large number also gathered on the platform to express their interest in becoming Salvation Army officers, reflecting their desire to be agents of change in an often-fractured world.

The conclusion of the public meeting in Georgia included another historic moment as, for the first time, the Founder's song, *O Boundless Salvation!*, was sung in the Georgian language. This moving rendition brought the curtain down on a memorable visit to the Eastern Europe Territory. – Lieut-Colonel Magna Våje Nielsen



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## About People

### Appointments

*Effective 4 July:* Captain Christine **Gee**, Associate Officer, Canberra City Corps/liaison to ACT Salvos Housing.

*Effective 7 July:* Major Glenys **Page**, Chaplain, Queensland Employment Plus National Support Office.

*Effective 11 July:* Lieutenant Leisa **Humbley**, Divisional Salvos Women's Co-ordinator Queensland.

*Effective 25 July:* Captain Emma **Moore**, Mission Leader. Cross Road Bexley North, Booth College; Captain Matthew **Moore**, Mission Leader, Cross Road Bexley North, Booth College;

*Effective 5 August:* Major Karen **Smith**, Rural Chaplain, South West NSW; Major Max **Smith**, Rural Chaplain, South West NSW.

*Effective 15 August:* Major Heather **Craig**, Associate Operations Manager, Chaplaincy, Social Program (pro-tem) and Operations Manager, Chaplaincy, Social Program (2017); Major Graeme **Craig**, Project Officer, Social Program; Lieutenant Kate **Ryan**, Assistant Officer, Eastlakes Corps; Lieutenant Matthew **Ryan**, Assistant Officer, Eastlakes Corps.

### Bereaved

Major Helen **Dixon**, of her brother, James **Anderson**, on 11 May; Envoy Vicki **Graham** of her father, Rex Brenton, on 24 May; Major Ben **Johnson** and Captain Melanie **Holland** of their Grandmother, Gwendoline **Johnson**, on 24 May; Lieut-Colonel Ed **Dawkins**, of his sister, Eva **Neuendorf**, on 28 May; Major Earle **Ruse**, of his wife and Major Walter **Ezzy**, of his sister, Major Beatrice **Ruse**, on 28 May.

### Promoted to glory

Major Beatrice **Ruse** on 28 May.

### Retirement

Lieutenant Thellie **Gunder** on 25 April; Major Linda **Willing** on 3 May; Territorial Envoy Ron **Petterson** on 1 June.

## Time to pray

### 19-25 June

Sydney Wide Area, NSW; Bankstown Corps, Belmore Corps, Burwood Corps, Campsie Corps/Salvos Connect Centre, Hurstville Corps, all South West Sydney Hub.

### 26 June – 2 July

Auburn Corps, Blacktown City Corps, Dural Corps, Granville Corps, Hawkesbury City Corps, Hornsby Gateway Corps, Parramatta Corps, Rouse Hill Corps, Ryde Corps, Job Link, all Parramatta/Hawkesbury/Hills Hub.

### 3-9 July

Campbelltown Corps, Fairfield City Corps, Greater Liverpool Corps, Macquarie Fields Mission, Narellan Corps, Southern Highlands Corps, all Outer South West Sydney Hub; Chifley Mission, Penrith Corps, all Nepean and Blue Mountains Hub.

### 10-16 July

Springwood Corps, St Marys Corps, Upper Blue Mountains Corps, all Nepean & Blue Mountains Hub; Chatswood Corps, Dee Why Corps, Manly Corps, all Northern Beaches Hub; Inner City Homelessness Services, Maroubra Corps, all Sydney City and Eastern Suburbs Hub.

### 17-23 July

Oasis Youth Support Network Sydney, Sydney Congress Hall, Sydney Streetlevel Mission, William Booth House Recovery Services Centre, all Sydney City and Eastern Suburbs Hub.

### 24-30 July

Dulwich Hill Corps, Earlwood Corps, Glebe Corps, Petersham Corps, all Inner West Sydney Hub; Menai Corps, South Sydney Hub.

### 31 July – 6 August

Miranda Corps, Panania Corps, Rockdale Corps, all South Sydney Hub; First Floor Program Wollongong, Port Kembla Mission, Shellharbour Corps, all Illawarra Hub.

### 7-13 August

Tarrawanna Corps, Wollongong Corps, all Illawarra Hub; ACT/NSW South Coast Area, ACT/NSW; Belconnen Corps, Canberra City Corps, all ACT North and Goulburn Hub.

## Engagement Calendar

Colonels Mark (Chief Secretary-in-Charge) and Julie Campbell  
Gold Coast: Fri 1 - Sun 3 July – Gold Coast Marathon  
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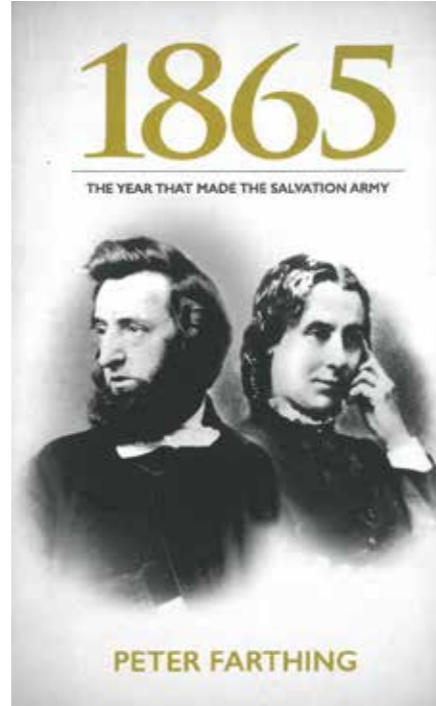


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THE HEARTBEAT OF THE SALVATION ARMY

Booths' legacy inspires Matt to serve

WORDS MATT KAY



← Matt Kay (far left) had a passion for serving others deepened after reading Major Peter Farthing's book *1865* (left), that tells the story of The Salvation Army's founders.

Just over 12 months ago, I joined The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory's Doorways team. It was shortly into this role that I saw a picture of poverty I'd previously not known or understood.

Growing up, I thought every family lived like mine. Then I began to learn about poverty, and I discovered that people in poverty often live for the day. They don't have hope for the future; they just live with what they can see right now. I wanted to know more about this. I also needed to understand The Salvation Army's roots in helping the impoverished. I saw an ad for Major Peter Farthing's book *1865: The Year that Made The Salvation Army* and so I purchased a copy.

Reading it, I encountered two inspiring people, William and Catherine Booth, who couldn't settle in a middle-class church while a whole other class of people lived on the outer, not seeing the light of Jesus.

Similarities in their situation to today struck me. In our time, the poor are

disenfranchised from the world and the church. Often, they speak a different language; the issues which concern the church are often not the issues which concern the poor. At least that is what I am learning.

Our churches say "come to us" but if and when battlers come, I suspect they often experience a church built for the middle class. Unfortunately, people in poverty may see no reason to leave their house to meet like we do. So we have to take a different approach; the church has to go out like missionaries. And, as *1865* reveals, it was just like that, too, for the Booths.

What *1865* said to me is that Christians have to model Jesus' love in practical ways. We have to show heart. Reading the stories of William and Catherine Booth, something resonated within me. The heartbeat of the Army was exposed to me. I not only digested it but was left wanting more. I felt convicted by God.

We live in a world searching. A world

hurting. A world in need. It's not a world in need of being told how to live; it needs Christ-followers to show love. The kind of love Catherine showed which said, "I don't care where you've been, what you've done or who you think you are. I want to show you love and my Saviour. When you meet him he will satisfy the deepest needs of your heart."

I am finding a passion in me for why God raised up The Salvation Army. I have realised the legacy that Catherine and William and those before me have left. It's not a legacy of comfortably sitting in church on a Sunday enjoying the salvation afforded me by God's grace. It's a legacy of getting my hands dirty to allow Jesus to save the lost.

I would commend *1865* to anyone keen to be grabbed by a spiritual heritage. I found it inspirational, convicting, Spirit-filled, and God-serving. Today's Salvation Army people hear mottos like "Saved to Serve". In *1865* you see where that heart came from, and it is changing my heart, too. ¶

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