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Brett Turnbull has gone from a man racked by alcoholism and depression to a man with hope for the future thanks to The Salvation Army's Hope House. Photo: Shairon Paterson

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Aussie officers in Eastern Europe need our support

The eyes of the world have been increasingly trained on Russia in recent months, as its strained relationship with Ukraine has deteriorated into conflict.

The tragic scenes of once-vibrant Ukrainian towns and villages bearing the scars of battle, of tanks rumbling through city streets, and of thousands of people, carrying whatever goods and possessions their arms can hold, fleeing their homes in search of a safe refuge, have become all too familiar images on our TV screens.

Here, in Australia, thousands of kilometres from the conflict, it is easy to feel removed from the reality of the suffering that is being experienced. For most of us, it's not personal. But it should be.

Salvationists in the Australia Eastern Territory have a direct connection to the people of Ukraine through the global mission that is The Salvation Army. And that personal connection is only intensified through the involvement of officers from our territory in Eastern Europe.

In this issue of *Pipeline* you will read about Colonels Rodney and Wendy

Walters, who lead The Salvation Army in Eastern Europe, and Captains Glenn and Julia, who are working in the Russia Division. They are all officers who did their training at Booth College in Sydney and have served the Army here in Eastern Australia.

The articles have been written by *Pipeline* journalist Simone Worthing, who spent six years living in Russia as editor of *War Cry* in Eastern Europe. Simone has also used her many contacts in Russia and Ukraine to compile a story about how Salvationists are on the front line, opening their own homes to feed, clothe and provide shelter for those desperate people fleeing the conflict.

These are stories that, as a follower of Christ, demand a response from you. You can pray that the hand of evil is stayed, but you can also provide a practical response. Information about how you can help is included in our special feature this month.

The conflict may feel like a world away but, because of the faithful and sacrificial service of dedicated Salvationists, the opportunity to help is at your doorstep.

And another thing ...

Hope. A simple word, yet a word filled with optimism, like a new day dawning. It is often used in a frivolous context, but when mentioned to someone in desperate need it becomes a wonderful, powerful word, a stab of light in the darkness.

And it is a word The Salvation Army specialises in.

Hope is a theme that you will find in nearly every issue of *Pipeline*, weaving its way through many stories we publish. In this issue, be inspired by the story of Brett Turnbull (page 26) who was trapped in a cycle of alcoholism and depression before finding Hope House in Gunnedah.

This house is run by one of the Army's "Soldiers of Hope", Major Joy Wilson, who has dedicated her life to serving the desperate in this community. She founded Hope House and is making a huge impact in this north-west NSW country town, so much so that she has been named Gunnedah Citizen of the Year.

We, too, carry this hope with us. Let us share it with others – whether it be the people of war-torn Ukraine or the Brett Turnbells of our communities – in our daily walk.

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FAITH HOLDING OUT ITS HAND IN THE DARK

Jesus Christ is the only hope, says **Commissioner JAMES CONDON**, for a world that is drowning in hopelessness



James Condon is Territorial Commander of the Australia Eastern Territory

During one of my appointments as a corps officer, I remember being called to hospital following the senseless and vicious assault of one of our elderly corps members.

Met by a doctor on my arrival at the hospital, I was told: "There is no hope." How does a family cope in that situation and when faced with those words?

Hope is desperately needed in our world today. So often we hear phrases like, "they had lost all hope"; "they gave up hope"; "they could not see a way out of their situation".

Online site Wikipedia describes hope as "an optimistic attitude of mind based on an expectation of positive outcomes related to events and circumstances in one's life or the world at large".

Those with hope could be described like "the little engine that could, [because] they keep telling themselves 'I think I can, I think I can'."

The opposite of hope is despair, discouragement and hopelessness. For many people, they have been let down once too often, rejected, missed out on an opportunity, did not achieve success and so lose all hope.

Greek mythology records the story of Zeus and Prometheus. Prometheus stole fire from the god Zeus, which infuriated the supreme god. In turn, Zeus created a box that contained all manners of evil, unbeknown to the receiver of the box. Pandora opened the box despite being warned not to, and those evils were released into the world. Hope, which lay at the bottom of the box, remained.

Now, more than ever, people need hope as they grapple with issues such as the rising cost of living, redundancy, terminal illness, and many other things.

It can be very difficult to have hope when

everything around seems chaotic and people are unable to see a way out of, or through their situation.

The psychologist CR Snyder linked hope to the existence of a goal, combined with a determined plan for reaching that goal.

Some of our programs and centres include the word "hope" in their title: Hope House at Gunnedah (see story on page 26); Young Hope; and Hope for Life. So much of what we do around the world is focused on bringing hope. In this issue of *Pipeline* you will read about the dark shadow of conflict that has descended on Ukraine, and yet amidst that darkness there is The Salvation Army, holding out the candle of hope.

Transforming message

When the world says "give up", hope whispers, "try it one more time".

George Iles said: "Hope is faith holding out its hand in the dark." Another said: "Hope is putting faith to work when doubting would be easier."

Our vision statement affirms that we have a transforming message of Jesus, which brings freedom, hope and life. People need Jesus.

The prophet Isaiah foretold that "in his [Jesus] name, the nations will hope" (Matthew 12:21).

Jesus Christ is the only Hope for a world that is drowning in materialism, disregard for the law and much more. When Paul wrote to the church at Corinth he highlighted three virtues: faith, hope and love. Hope is a confident trust and expectation that is fully realised through a relationship with Jesus Christ, the hope for the world.

I challenge everyone reading this to keep sharing the transforming message of Jesus that will bring hope, freedom, life and love to people who desperately need it. May we all be heralds of hope.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand. All other ground is sinking sand.

IT'S NOT FAIR

INTEGRITY

In the third of a four-part series on social justice issues, **JAMES READ** and **DON POSTERSKI**, of The Salvation Army's Social Justice Commission in New York, look at the disparity in the world and challenge Christians to respond

"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8 NRSV)

Every parent has heard the retort, "It's not fair!" A hint of favouritism is all that is needed: "His piece of cake is bigger than mine." There is an injustice radar device in children that instinctively strikes out, "It's not fair".

"It's not fair" injustice is flagrant in the sports world. The steroid cheaters stain their achievements, damage their sport and disrespect their competitors.

Whatever the level – amateurs, professionals or Olympians – some athletes are ready to sacrifice the integrity of their souls for a chance to win.

Still, there is another "It's not fair" domain that is much

more devastating. This domain is wrapped in the oppression of the world's poverty.

People who are uneducated, unemployed, frequently unhealthy and often hungry are the victims.

Families whose children die unnecessarily of preventable deaths are the victims.

Mothers who birth HIV+ babies and are caught in the poverty web are the victims.

Young girls with no choice of their own, who are abused as sexual toys, are victims.

One of the inescapable dilemmas in life, over which we have no control, is where we are born.

We simply arrive. Somewhere.

In most cases, people in the poverty domain inherit their plight. They are born into an "It's not fair" existence.

Imbalance of life

All countries on planet Earth are not created equal. Some have more natural resources.

Land in some countries is highly productive compared to others. Fresh, clean water is abundantly accessible for the favoured; the unfavoured dig wells with their fingers crossed.

Some governing authorities create opportunities, while others stifle initiatives.

Economically, there are "bread countries" and "cake countries".

Bread countries are marked with few choices and limited opportunities.

Education is not a human right, especially if you are a girl.

Safe water may require a trek that takes most of the day. In the bread countries, health care is

meagre; the national average spent on it amounts to less than \$20 per person per year.

Unless you are connected to the ruling class, employment opportunities are dependent on self-created initiatives. The idea of a "social safety net" is not part of your vocabulary.

You may not really have the freedom to choose where you worship. And if you are born poor, with only a few exceptions, you live poor and you die poor.

Tragically, bread country people are too frequently robbed from living productive lives.

Cake countries are marked with choices galore and abundant opportunities.

Social stability gifts cake countries with predictability. Going to school is the law. You turn a tap to access safe water and flip a switch for electricity. Health care may be expensive but you choose which doctor you want to see.

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In cake countries it is not unusual for the national average spent on health care to exceed \$3500 per person per year.

Government programs subsidise vocational training.

If you are laid off from your job, you qualify for unemployment benefits. Not everyone is employed or employable, but if you must receive welfare, you do.

Freedom to worship where and when you want – or not to worship at all – is your choice. If you are born into the bottom end of the economic scale in cake countries, there are still opportunities to climb the ladder.

It is no wonder that people look at disparity in the world and conclude, "It's not fair."

Justice disposition

So what's the point?

Serious followers of Jesus conclude that seeking justice for others is part of the Christian way. They reject the idea that you can

close your eyes. At a minimum, they cannot rest until those who are grappling with "not fair" circumstances begin to live a "more fair" existence.

People who embrace the spirit of justice push back against "It's not fair" circumstances.

Their justice disposition has a radar device that flashes "It's not fair" messages on the screens of their minds.

A justice disposition is not inherited. It is acquired.

Those on the journey pay the price of becoming informed, pondering the complexities, naming injustices, thinking and praying beyond self interest, advocating for the marginalised, giving strategically, collaborating with the like-minded and loving their neighbour as themselves.

At the International Social Justice Commission, we think about these things and try to do something about them.

What do you think?



Self Denial a year-round commitment

Salvos asked to
reconsider act of
giving

For most Salvationists, contributing to the Self Denial Appeal is a once-a-year event.

A six-week awareness campaign is held in The Salvation Army's Australia Eastern, Australia Southern, and New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga territories, usually associated with a DVD series showing various projects around the world, leading up to an altar service on Self Denial Sunday.

However, that emphasis is changing. Soldiers, adherents and friends of The Salvation Army are now being encouraged to donate anytime throughout the year, while being mindful of planning ahead for the annual six-week campaign.

Australia Eastern Territory Fundraising Director Leigh Cleave said the Self Denial Appeal was an incredible success story, prompted by ongoing support and donations.

The appeal encourages people to donate one week's salary, which translates into practical and spiritual mission tools for various Salvation Army projects around the world.

This year's appeal was titled "Planting Seeds of Hope", and the

spotlight was on The Salvation Army's work and partnership projects in Tanzania, China, Bolivia and Bangladesh.

"We're encouraging people to think about their Self Denial giving throughout the year because people overseas are needing the love of Christ every hour of every day," says Leigh. "Whether as an individual, a family or a corps, we want to make it as easy and satisfying for everyone to contribute.

"We also want to share more with everyone the wonderful difference this generosity is making to so many across our world.

"Your Self Denial Appeal money goes directly to supporting Australia Eastern Territory officers serving in Developing countries and to projects directly linked to the territory. There are various payment options available and it is easy to set up a regular payment schedule."

Sacrificial giving

In a promotional video, Commissioners Janine and Robert Donaldson, leaders of the New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory, urged Salvationists to generously

budget well in advance, and to make a year-round sacrifice.

"This is an invitation to give in order to help those serving in situations of desperate poverty, where there are so many physical, emotional and spiritual needs," they said. "We are called not to give just out of our surplus – that's far too easy. We want to deny ourselves something. That's what Jesus is calling us to do."

This year's appeal achieved its goals.

The Salvation Army contributes around \$478,000 towards implementing social and economic development programs in Tanzania, with an estimated operating value of \$1.25 million.

In China, The Salvation Army helps communities improve hygiene conditions and engage in income-generating activities, while 65 per cent of projects in Bangladesh involve covering the cost of running various schools.

Over the past 30 years, the Harry Williams Hospital in Bolivia – funded through the Self Denial Appeal – has built an impressive reputation serving the health needs of the poor and marginalised.

DIRECT DEBIT AN EFFECTIVE OPTION

A simple and effective way to plan ahead and support the Self Denial Appeal is through a direct debit donation.

Australia Eastern Territory fundraising director Leigh Cleave said more Salvationists were pursuing the direct debit method of donating, as well as contributing all year round.

"An easy way to manage your giving is by making regular gifts throughout the year," she says.

"You can find that regular giving is convenient because once it is set up, through your debit or credit account, you don't have to think about it at all.

"Of course, at any time you can increase the amount you would like to give – whenever you like and whenever you are able.

"When you set up regular giving this allows The Salvation Army to predict how much income that will be raised to support Self Denial projects."

For more information, go to www.selfdenial.info or phone Sandra Schiller on 02 9266 9842.

www.selfdenial.info



BOLIVIAN HOSPITAL NOW SELF-SUFFICIENT

Australian donations from the Self Denial Appeal have breathed new life into The Salvation Army's Harry Williams Hospital in Bolivia.

With an emphasis on health prevention and education – and an evangelism ministry providing spiritual outreach – the hospital recently received a clean bill of financial health.

Australia Eastern Territory fundraising director Leigh Cleave said the Cochabamba-based hospital was now self-sufficient, having previously been reliant on support from the Self Denial Appeal.

Bolivia is one of the poorest and least-developed countries in Latin America and those accessing services at the hospital had increased by 15 per cent over the past five years. The area experiences high rates of diarrhoea, hepatitis A, dengue fever, malaria and yellow fever.

But with previous assistance from the appeal, the hospital now continues to offer a high standard of care.

The African country of Malawi, in the continent's south-east, is another major beneficiary of Self Denial Appeal funds. More than 7500 families benefit from the Appeal by way of a program designed to promote safe drinking water through the drilling and upkeep of boreholes. The project aims to improve access to clean water and sanitation in 30 communities.

A project is also underway in northern India at the Sartaguda Corps, where a new centre is being constructed as a place of worship and prayer for 46 families.

▲ ABOVE: The Salvation Army's Harry Williams Hospital in Bolivia is one of the success stories of the Self Denial Appeal, giving local residents (below) a high standard of care.



CAMPSIE THRIVES ON MULTICULTURAL MIX

Campsie Corps' strong mix of multiculturalism means the Self Denial Appeal strikes a chord with its congregation.

Major Bruce Domrow, commanding officer of the Sydney inner-west corps, said each year the appeal took on greater significance, with some members sharing their own stories of upheaval and providing heartfelt donations.

This results in a greater understanding of the tireless work carried out in some countries,

according to Major Domrow.

"We are a multicultural corps; our people are familiar with issues in other countries," he said. "We have members who have come from Sierra Leone refugee camps, while a segment in this year's appeal focused on a struggling Chinese farmer, which struck a chord with our Chinese folk."

Major Domrow said this year's appeal had achieved a wealth of success, in financial terms, and continued his corps' strong

tradition of supporting the event in numbers. "We are a praying corps and a giving corps," he said.

Another corps that has seen strong impact as a result of their intentional focus on the appeal is North Brisbane.

"This has been a proactive focus by the leadership team," said Captain Craig Todd. "We have a spirited generosity; we are faithfully committed and our team is creative when setting our goals each year for the appeal."

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AUSSIE OFFICERS' PASSION FOR
EASTERN EUROPE TERRITORY

WALTERS' SHOULDER HEAVY LOAD



Winston Churchill once called Russia “a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma”. From the Winter Palace in St Petersburg, the unique “onion-domed” churches in Moscow and the isolated wilderness of its Far East, the nation has been a source of mystery, fascination, frustration and disbelief for centuries. And once again the eyes of the world are focused on Russia, as its strained relationship with neighbours Ukraine deteriorates into conflict in that country.

Into this volatile mix has ventured two officer couples of The Salvation Army’s Australia Eastern Territory. Colonels Rodney and Wendy Walters are the new leaders of the Eastern Europe Territory (which includes both Russia and Ukraine) while Captains Glenn and Julia Price have been appointed to the Russia Division. It’s a region that has captured their hearts, drawing them back to serve in what is an increasingly turbulent environment.

In a *Pipeline* special feature, our reporter **SIMONE WORTHING**, herself a former editor of the *War Cry* in the Eastern Europe Territory, returned to Russia recently to interview these officers, and has also used her many contacts in Russia and Ukraine to compile a series of stories about how Salvationists are on the front line, helping to feed, clothe and provide shelter for those desperate people fleeing the conflict.

Colonels Rodney and Wendy Walters are in no doubt that The Salvation Army’s Eastern Europe Territory is where God wants them to be.

Theirs is a huge responsibility, especially in light of the turbulent environment that is currently Russia and Ukraine, two of the five countries that make up the territory. Subsequently, the Walters sometimes feel inadequate as they strive to lead the work of the Army in these uncertain days.

“We pray for the wisdom and grace of God every day to guide us through these incredible times,” says Rodney, who is Territorial Commander in Eastern Europe.

“We have a clear vision of what we’re doing – helping people find freedom – and we are working on how to express that to help people embrace that concept in this society.

“We want people to see the change that the gospel would make

in their lives, we want to serve our officers and people who have such huge potential, we want to resource some of the poorest communities in which we serve, and we want to work through our response to the complex political, legal and social issues in these lands.

“And in all that we’re doing, we want to share joy, for joy is the thing that draws people. Freedom and joy go hand in hand.”

STIRRING OF THE HEART

The Walters have had a heart for Eastern Europe since first hearing General Eva Burrows (ret.) speak about the newly opened work in Russia at a congress in Sydney in March 1993.

“General Burrows asked for interested officers with skills in administration, growing and developing corps, to consider Russia. Wendy and I both had a ‘stirring of the heart’ moment,” says Rodney.

“We felt that nothing was stopping us from making ourselves available. For us it was a calling of availability and obedience. We loved our current appointment, but we felt compelled to offer to go to Russia and left it up to God and the Army.”

Six months later, the Walters, with their two children, Krystle, then aged four, and Daniel, then three, headed to St Petersburg for their first appointment as city coordinators for the northern region of Russia.

They moved to Russia’s capital, Moscow, in November 1995, where Rodney and Wendy served at Command Headquarters.

“Conditions were rough in the early days of the Army in Russia and corruption in society was rife,” explains Rodney. “The Army developed, though, and we grew the number of corps and increased our humanitarian outlets. We were

"We have a great love for the people of this part of the world and a passion for telling them about Christ"

also able to buy office buildings, apartments and social service centres."

The Walters returned to their homeland at the beginning of 1998 to allow their children to complete their Australian schooling and grow up knowing their roots.

"Once the kids had finished school we knew we would be open to international service anywhere in the world," says Wendy, who is the Territorial President of Women's Ministries and Secretary for Personnel in Eastern Europe.

For the next 14 years, however, the Walters' remained in Australia, serving as corps officers, in territorial and South Queensland divisional appointments, and then as leaders of the Central and North Queensland Division.

RIGHT TIMING

In early 2012, the Walters' received a phone call asking them to consider a return to what had subsequently become the Eastern Europe Territory. Rodney would serve as chief secretary, and Wendy as the territorial secretary for women's ministries.

"We have a great love for the people of this part of the world and a passion for telling them about Christ and so were open to return," says Wendy.

"Our children had finished their studies, Daniel had married and become a father and Krystle was settled in Sydney so, although we knew we would deeply feel the separation from them, we knew, as always, that we could trust our family to God. The timing was right."

The Walters' returned to a very

different Moscow in August 2012.

"So much had changed and yet so much had not," explains Wendy. "It was similar and yet the country had made quantum leaps in 14 years; it was a time warp."

"The Army had changed, leadership had changed. We have more officers, more countries, more corps and more properties and yet huge challenges remain and new ones are arising."

"We want to continue to build on what has gone before and we have the confidence that the God who called us to officership will continue to equip and empower us as we continue to be obedient to him in the months and years ahead."

Leading a territory that spans five countries, currencies, cultures, languages, legal systems, economies and histories is, just on its own, a complex and ongoing challenge. When minimal financial and personnel resources, extremely poor communities, constant social change and flashpoints such as Crimea and Ukraine are added to the daily agenda, the challenges can seem overwhelming.

"The biggest challenge is to keep people focused on who we are, what our mission is, and the core values of the Army" says Rodney.

"The two commandments of Jesus - 'love God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself' - if we can get that right then we'll be happy!"

The Eastern Europe Territory deeply appreciates every donation it receives. From Australia, donations can be made at:

salvos.org.au/ukrainepipeline



▼ ABOVE AND RIGHT: Rodney and Wendy Walters with their children, Krystle and Daniel, during their first stint in Russia in the 1990s.



TIMELINE – THE WORK IN EASTERN EUROPE

1910: The Salvation Army makes its first foray into Russia, with Colonel Jens Povlsen of Denmark leading the way. But several years of political, social, and economic upheaval curtails any attempt to establish the work.

1917: The Army begins to flourish, with seven corps, two children's homes and two slum stations opening in St Petersburg.

1918: The October revolution halts progress and only 40 Russian and Finnish officers continue the work under extreme hardship over the next few years.

1923: The Russian Communist Party forces The Salvation Army to close its operations and leave the country.

1991: The Salvation Army is allowed to re-enter the country, with operations being overseen by the Norway, Iceland and The Faeroes Territory with the arrival of Lieut-Colonels John and Bjorg Bjartveit.

1992: Russia becomes a distinct command under the leadership of Commissioner Reinder J Schurink.

1993: The work is extended to Ukraine and Georgia.

1994: The work is extended to Moldova.

1999: The work is extended to Romania.

2001: The command is redesignated the Eastern Europe Command.

2005: The command is elevated to territory status.

2009: The final stage of registering "The Moscow branch of The Salvation Army" is completed.

2014: Countries included in the Eastern Europe Territory include Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation and Ukraine, with 116 active officers, 47 corps and 1627 senior soldiers under the direction of territorial leaders Colonels Rodney and Wendy Walters.

DETERMINED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In 1996, Glenn Price travelled to Rostov-on-Don in southern Russia with a Youth Experiencing Service summer mission. He worked in children's and family camps with The Salvation Army for a month.

"I just fell in love with the culture and the people," he says. "Back in Australia I asked the Lord to show me if he wanted me to go back to Russia. After a three-hour conversation with then [Australia Eastern] territorial commander General John Gowans about officership, youth training and missionary work, I was convinced that I should be going back."

Glenn returned to Russia in February 1998 and served with The Salvation Army in Rostov-on-Don for six weeks. He then moved to nearby Volgograd as a youth worker. There he met children's ministry worker Julia Shishkina, they fell in love and were married in late 1999.

The Prices moved to Saratov to open the work there with a small Salvation Army team, before returning to Australia and entering the School for Officer Training in 2001. "We always knew, though, that we would return to Russia one day," says Glenn.

After their first appointment at the Woden Valley Corps in the ACT, Captains Glenn and Julia left for Moscow in 2005 with their baby son, Nikita. They served in youth and children's ministries with the Russia Division, before a territorial appointment in resources with a focus on youth and junior soldier program material.

The Prices were back in Australia at the end of 2008 with an

appointment to the Nambour Corps in the South Queensland Division. Their second son, Matvei, was born in 2010.

In August last year, the family left for Russia again. "We were glad to again serve in Australia, but we knew God wanted us back here, without a doubt," says Glenn.

SUPPORTIVE ROLES

Glenn and Julia share a passion to see a developing Russia Division grow and flourish. Glenn, in his appointment as divisional secretary, has a large role to play in making that happen. He oversees finance, property and business matters for the division and runs the finance board. He also has responsibility for projects.

Julia is both divisional youth secretary and projects officer. Her appointment involves overseeing the youth and children's work of the Russia Division including developing resources, planning camps and events, and playing an integral role in the launching of the Caring for Kids policies and procedures.

Julia, fluent in English and Russian, also works as translator for the territorial youth advisory board and is responsible for writing project reports for the division.

"Youth is the big gap in our churches," she says. "When the children hit the teenage years they leave, and we are trying to work out where they are going and why."

Glenn and Julia believe that they can help fellow officers learn to care for each other in different ways, bring a positive attitude to people, and help others learn and grow in Christ.



▲ ABOVE: Glenn and Julia Price with their children, Nikita and Matvei.

"We wanted to come back to Russia to support the division and the officers here," says Glenn. "We see a big need to come alongside officers to encourage them and support them in life and ministry – people like Captain Sergei Zhuravlev, [Moscow's Taganka Corps Officer] who is a fantastic singer, songwriter and musician and who is battling tongue cancer."

"I want to make being there for people, laughing and crying with them, a normal part of life. I want to make a difference by just being me."



Simone Worthing is a writer for *Pipeline* and supplements

PASSION TO MINISTER AMONG HER OWN PEOPLE



▼ ABOVE: Julia Price is devoted to ministering to the people of her homeland, a passion shared by her husband Glenn.

"People everywhere need Jesus, of course, but I am here to bring a positive change to the people of my homeland," says Captain Julia Price, her voice rich with passion and conviction. "I am on missionary service in my own country!"

Volgograd (formerly Stalingrad) in southern Russia is Julia's home town. "I am an officer of the Australia Eastern Territory but I am Russian, and Russia will always be a part of me," she says.

"I know the people, the culture and the language, so serving here is not a surprise or shock for me."

"There are so many positives in coming back to the land you came from, and I will keep coming back no matter what because I know God wants me here."

Julia knows that she is in Russia to share Jesus and her faith in him.

"People face a lot of hardships in Russia and they can only cope when they have God," she says.

"Russian history is so vast and terrible, marked by war and dramatic events. People have become scarred over the years, through the devastating effects of WWII, the communist era and the turmoil since the collapse of the Soviet Union."

"The changes Glenn and I can be a part of here might just help people be open to God."

Julia is open to whatever area of ministry God has prepared for her.

"I didn't come here with a plan A, B or C, nor did I come to conquer the world," she says.

"I will respond to God's voice and do whatever he wants me to do."

SERVICE IN EASTERN EUROPE

Since The Salvation Army re-started its work in Eastern Europe in 1991, officers and lay workers from the Australia Eastern Territory have played a role in its development.

Captains John and Narelle Rees:
March 1993 – May 1996

Colonels Rodney and Wendy Walters:
September 1993 – January 1998;
August 2012 – ongoing

Captains Mark and Beth Brooks:
January 1998 – January 2001

Commissioners Barry and Raemor Pobjie:
September 1999 – June 2007

Captains Robert and Michelle Atherton:
April 2001 – August 2003

Cliff and Simone Worthing:
December 2002 – November 2008

Kem Pobjie:
January 2003 – November 2008

Majors Ray and Gloria Tunstall:
July 2003 – July 2004

Neale and Svetlana Rudd:
October 2004 – October 2008

Captains Glenn and Julia Price:
September 2005 – November 2008;
August 2013 – ongoing

MINISTRY IN TURBULENT TIMES

With the increase in hostilities in Eastern Ukraine, more than 2.5 million people have been forced to either flee their homes, or are without the basic necessities of food, water, clothing and shelter. Over the next four pages, *Pipeline* shows how The Salvation Army Eastern Europe Territory is at the forefront of the relief effort, both in Ukraine and across the border in Russia >>>

SERVING SUFFERING HUMANITY IN UKRAINE

Major BEAT RIEDER, Ukraine Divisional Commander, provides an overview of The Salvation Army's relief work in the crisis-torn country

Over the past four months, the crisis in Ukraine has spiralled into a brutal war in the east of the country, mainly around the besieged city of Donetsk. More than 3000 people have already lost their lives and the atmosphere in the country is extremely tense. Even here in the capital, Kiev, where no-one has to fear violence at the moment, tension is mounting. In the midst of all this unrest, a very small Salvation Army tries to do what it is best at – serving suffering humanity. In doing this, we have come to experience the true meaning of the Army's worldwide motto: One Army, One Mission, One Message.

Millions of Christians – including tens of thousands of Salvationists – around the world are uniting in prayer for peace in Ukraine. In Donetsk, The Salvation Army corps carries on with part of its weekly program, including Bible study, prayer meetings and Sunday worship, and the vital task of supplying people with the basic necessities of water, food and hygiene products.

As a Salvation Army we ask for continued prayer for this crisis, to keep the unity of a vast Eastern Europe Territory. We believe The Salvation Army will play an important role in bringing healing between neighbours and reconciling enemies when peace is restored.

And please pray for strength for the small force of The Salvation Army in places like Kirovohrad, Dnipropetrovsk and Kharkiv, where we are tirelessly serving and



helping thousands of Internally Displaced People (IDPs). Here is a snapshot of how the courageous members of these corps are responding:

KIROVOHRAD

This corps, under the leadership of Captains Irina and Sergei Khokhotva, has been supporting IDPs since the outbreak of hostilities.

The Salvation Army centre is open 24 hours a day. Partnering with The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), The Salvation Army distributes food, water, clothing, blankets, hygiene packages, household goods, toys for young children and school supplies for older children.

DNEPROPETROVSK

Corps Officers Captain Daniel and Lieutenant Valeria Lukin, together with their team at The Salvation Army's "House of Kindness", have been busy distributing food, water, footwear, warm clothing, toys, school supplies and hygiene products to those fleeing the fighting in the Donetsk region.

Community donations have been generous, but as winter approaches, the corps, working with the local Centre for Refugees, is asking for donations of warm clothes, shoes, blankets, bedding and non-perishable food items

KHARKIV

The corps has been distributing essential items to thousands of



► **CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** People register for aid in Kiev; relief supplies arrive in Dnepropetrovsk; refugees arrive at the Army's centre in Kharkiv; and Captain Daniel Lukin provides supplies to children in Dnepropetrovsk.

IDPs in the city and surrounding region. These include food packages assembled at the corps, hygiene packs, water and clothing.

As the number of IDPs in the city continues to rise, Salvation Army volunteers have also taken children to parks and provided entertainment and activities to give them some joy and fun in what are challenging times for them.

A number of other corps and centres in the Eastern Europe Territory are helping to supply these corps at the front line with the essential aid items they require.

For more information, much of which is in English, with translations available, go to the Facebook pages of each corps mentioned above.

REFUGEES SEE CHRISTIANITY IN ACTION

Cadet OLEG SAMOILENKO provides a first-hand account of relief work in Kirovohrad

The past six months have been a difficult time in Ukraine and Salvation Army ministries have faced new challenges as a result.

First of all, we now have more confidence in God for our lives and safety. The war in the east of Ukraine has brought a lot of refugees to other cities, with the elderly, young people and children fleeing their homes and leaving everything behind.

The Salvation Army could not ignore this. In the Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Kirovohrad corps, The Salvation Army has opened help centres for Internally Displaced People (IDP) from the Donbass regions in Eastern Ukraine and Crimea.

Operating these centres has brought many new challenges with more and more IDPs arriving every day. Most of these people are dealing with huge psychological trauma. Some have lost their loved ones including children, and others have lost their homes. Many people come to us with tears and in deep sorrow.

In The Salvation Army centres, IDPs receive free clothes, shoes, locally donated kitchen utensils, hygiene kits supplied by UNICEF and food packages put together

with financial assistance from The Salvation Army International Headquarters. We also provide special activities for children and single mothers to give them the opportunity to relax and enjoy themselves.

Most importantly, these people receive care, support, and understanding. We hear stories full of grief and pain. We serve these people without discrimination and we accept everyone.

Many locals have brought us clothes, supplies for children and even furniture for IDPs. Many have also hosted IDPs at their homes. It was interesting that when many people first came to The Salvation Army they were afraid. They did not understand our name or uniforms. Most of them are Orthodox Christians and have never visited a Protestant church before. However, after the help they received from us, and getting to know us, they became softer, more open and began to come to us for fellowship.

We pray today for peace in Ukraine and that people will be able to return to their homes. We also thank God for the opportunity to be an example of Christianity in action.



RUSSIAN CORPS BECOMES A HAVEN FOR REFUGEES

Captains ANDREI and OLGA INIUTOCHKIN are the corps officers of the Fortress Corps, Rostov-on-Don, in southern Russia, just over 100km from the border with Ukraine. As the crisis has unfolded, the corps has been active in helping those fleeing the fighting, as well as those who remain in Ukraine

Since July, Salvationists from Fortress Corps have been visiting the largest refugee camp in the Rostov region, which is located near the border with Ukraine in the village of Gukovo Novosokolovka.

Our first visit quickly confirmed that we were in the right place at the right time. There were 846 people in the camp that day, 462 of them children.

We were given a list of the greatest needs in the camp. We also had long chats with people and heard about the horrors of war which every refugee there had experienced.

Three days later, we were able to take blankets, disposable cutlery, cleaning products and treats and gifts for children to the camp. The numbers had grown to 957 people, 537 of them children.

After that, each time we arrived we were met with much excitement, especially by the children. They loved the basketballs, volleyballs and most importantly, the footballs we brought them. They were also delighted with the lollies and toys.

The adults were happy to get dominos, checkers, backgammon and chess. The camp is set up in rural fields and people need something to do to help distract them from the painful memories of what they've just experienced.

The nearby Azov Corps has also been active in supplying hygiene products, while another group of people funded the purchase of 150 sets of school stationery for children who have moved into student dormitories in Rostov with their parents.

In late August, soldiers from the corps and members of the League of Mercy visited those in the dormitories and took gifts and special treats for the children.



▲ FROM TOP: Captain Olga Iniutochkin with just some of the hundreds of refugees living in a tented camp on the outskirts of Rostov-on-Don; refugees queue outside a food tent at the camp.

The corps has also been able to distribute food packages to more than 200 families in Ukraine. Last month, funds made available through Russia Divisional Headquarters enabled a further 100 families to receive food packages,

with invitations to visit the Fortress Corps in Rostov-on-Don.

For more information (much of which is available in English or via translation), go to the **Fortress Corps Rostov-on-Don Facebook** page.

ARMY WORKING TIRELESSLY DESPITE INCREASING DEMAND

Colonel RODNEY WALTERS, the Territorial Commander of Eastern Europe, says The Salvation Army is living up to its mission statement of serving suffering humanity in the crisis-torn region of Eastern Ukraine

General George Carpenter, an Australian, was world leader of the Salvation Army during the dark days of World War Two. The title of a book written about his life is *A Man of Peace in a Time of War*. In these challenging days in the Eastern Europe Territory, it is an approach that I seek to follow on a daily basis.

The crisis that has developed in Ukraine this year is complex and multi-faceted. I will try to provide a simple background to the situation.

From late 2013, the peaceful look of Ukraine disguised a simmering tension and disharmony in the country. The issue of whether Ukraine should continue down the path of strengthening ties with the European Union proved a flashpoint. Approximately 65 per cent of the population was in favour with 35 per cent against. However, when considered on a regional basis, the opinion polls revealed a dramatically divided country.

In Western Ukraine, where the capital, Kiev, is located, 95 per cent of people wanted to join the EU, however in Eastern Ukraine, where the current hostilities are centred, 65 per cent of the population was against it.

Then, earlier this year, there were unofficial polls in Crimea and Donetsk (a major city in Eastern Ukraine) on whether both regions wanted independence from Ukraine.

In Crimea, the poll did not give voters an option to remain part of Ukraine, while the Donetsk poll was carried out with just three weeks' notice.

As tensions heightened, in July there was the tragic shooting down of the Malaysia Airlines plane in the region of Donetsk, still currently

held by separatists, prompting an international outcry and increased political pressure.

Amidst the backdrop of these hostilities The Salvation Army is working to bring relief. Regardless of the politics of the crisis, we are there to help suffering humanity; that is our focus. And the numbers are staggering.

Over the last few pages of *Pipeline* you have been given an insight into the great need that exists and how our corps and centres are working tirelessly to meet that demand.

In Ukraine there are around 600,000 displaced people, while across the border in Russia there are about two million people who have fled the conflict.

International sanctions, peace-keeping talks, NATO exercises, war games and now massive inflation and limited food supplies have left the people of this region of our Eastern Europe Territory vulnerable and disillusioned. Our hope and prayer is that peace will come, that order will be restored, and local, national and international relationships will be renewed and strengthened.

To our many friends and fellow Salvationists in the Australia Eastern Territory, we are so thankful for your prayer support and financial donations. They are vital to the ongoing viability of this humanitarian work to which we are fully committed. Please continue to open your hearts to these millions of suffering people.

Our people are standing strong and believe that the Lord will do even more than we could ever hope or imagine. Lord, hear our prayer.

Colonel Rodney Walters,
Territorial Commander,
Eastern Europe Territory



▲ FROM TOP: Captain Andrei Iniutochkin hands out balloons to children in the refugee camp; Salvation Army workers provide toys for Ukrainian children taking shelter in dormitories in Rostov-on-Don; dozens of tents are being used to house Ukrainian refugees who have fled across the border into Russia.

HOW TO DONATE

To give to The Salvation Army's humanitarian work in Ukraine and Russia, go to salvos.org.au/ukrainepipeline or phone the Army's International Development office in Sydney on 02 9266 9521

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CADETS HIT MISSION ROAD

The Salvation Army's School for Officer Training recently answered the biblical mandate of Acts 1:8 by sending out five teams from the *Heralds of Grace* and *Messengers of Light* sessions of cadets into local, territorial and international placements to join in God's mission. Here is a glimpse of what they experienced



◀ LEFT: The Salvation Army group standing on the Queensland-Northern Territory border during the cadets' Mt Isa mission trip.

MT ISA

Team leader: Cadet Nichole Maxwell

Team members: Cadet Nicola Poore, Cadet Philip Sutcliffe, Captain Carole Smith

Thick red dust. Clear blue skies. Shiny silver helicopter. Combine these elements with some eager cadets and the word of God and you have yourself a recipe for an effective mission trip to outback Queensland.

The Salvation Army in Mt Isa, under the leadership of Lieutenants Brad and Helen Whittle, is deeply invested in youth and children's ministries, recovery services (Serenity House, Kalkadoon Alcohol Sobriety House), and winning the world for Jesus in street ministry and other evangelistic endeavours. Our mission team had the opportunity to lead a recovery chapel, interact

with the clients from both of the local recovery services, paint the worship hall and participate in children's ministry.

Our team had the privilege of participating in the highly pastoral ministry of Lieutenants Simon and Natalie Steele (The Outback Flying Service) which included a visit to a school, a family at their cattle station and a drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre.

We went to Doomadgee, 470km north of Mt Isa. Predominantly an indigenous community, our time there was invested in the local primary school where we donated Bibles and brand new shoes.

- Cadet Nicola Poore

PHILIPPINES

Team leader: Cadet Donna Sutcliffe

Team members: Cadet Christopher Maxwell, Cadet Kara Hartley, Cadet Adele Williams, Cadet Jodie Sutcliffe, Captain Kaelene Greenaway



▲ ABOVE: The Australian team having some fun with the cadets of the Philippines Territory during their mission trip to Manila.

This team spent two weeks working alongside our sister college in the Philippines Territory. “It’s more fun in the Philippines” is the slogan from the Philippines Tourism Department, but as we travelled through the streets of Manila towards the training college, noting the poverty and overcrowding, we wondered how this could be true. But then we met the people of the Philippines. Their generous spirit and love of life and especially their love of the Lord was uplifting.

The training college is sowing into three areas close to their campus. All three outreaches are the result of the Army’s work in the area following natural disasters. We had the pleasure of meeting the local residents, running impromptu kids clubs and ministering with the cadets in their work.

We have developed a new respect for our fellow officers and soldiers living and serving the Lord here. And we will continue to treasure the relationships we built with the beautiful people we met and worked with.

– Cadet Adele Williams



The Farm Hub team gets a taste of the country life during their mission trip to the NSW Central West.

CAIRNS

Team leader: Cadet Kaylene Ford

Team members: Cadet Nicole Park, Cadet Kate Cathcart, Cadet Frank Wang, Cadet Belinda Zhou, Captain Sharon Sandercock-Brown; from PNG: Cadet Malvin Nehaya, Cadet Stephanie Nehaya [Macgregor and Morthina]

Our 13-day mission trip, which included two cadets from Papua New Guinea, focused on congregational planting and indigenous ministries.

One suburb of Cairns where the Salvation Army is looking to move into is Edmonton, about 10km south of the city. How the Army does this became the main focus of our mission trip.

By observing the area, meeting the residents, filling out surveys, visiting local council and looking at online statistics, we were able to present some viable possibilities for what the initial expression might look like.

We took part in both Cairns and Atherton’s Sunday meetings, worked with Centennial Lodge on their Family Day, did some ecumenical street chaplaincy, participated in hotel ministry, and visited Innisfail and looked at what services are provided down there. We were also fortunate enough to be able to visit Yarrabah indigenous community.

– Cadet Nicole Park



Cadet Frank Wang and Cadet Malvin Nehaya with Indigenous ministry worker Alan.

FARM HUB

Team leader: Cadet Bronwyn Lithgow

Team members: Cadet Perry Lithgow, Cadet Erin Horton, Cadet Jake Horton, Cadet Paul Farthing, Captain Grant Sandercock-Brown, Major Rowena Smith

Our team of five cadets and two officers were privileged to join the Salvation Army’s rural chaplains, Majors Trevor and Maree Strong, in their ministry to the people of Dubbo, Quambone, Carinda and Nyngan for a period of 11 days.

It gave us insight into what ministry in the outback looks like, and the positive difference it was possible to make, simply through building relationships and partnering with people in various community projects.

Our team led Sunday meetings at both Dubbo and Wellington

Corps, as well as the Sunday service at Nyngan Uniting the following week.

We then helped in the ongoing renovation and restoration work at the Quambone Store and the community library. Our team led a 90-minute program at both Quambone and Carinda Public Schools, participated in pastoral visitation, and helped in various community activities. We spent a day at the Nyngan Agricultural Fair followed by an enjoyable evening sharing our experiences at the Dubbo Rotary Club.

– Cadet Bronwyn Lithgow

LIVERPOOL

Team leader: Cadet Matthew Sutcliffe.
Team members: Cadet Stewart Hartley, Cadet Belinda Cassie, Cadet Christopher Ford, Cadet Jessica Farthing, Captain Laithe Greenaway, Colonel Janet Munn



Our mission began by walking the streets of Liverpool, praying for the community as the Spirit led. We saw the work being done at CaféConnect where locals came to be a part of a community. They discussed Sunday’s sermon and swapped stories about their lives, over lovingly cooked lunches. We saw the Food4Life program that provides a valuable service for local people in need. The two locations at Warwick Farm and Miller are not only a valuable service but also a very practical connection point with the community. And we got our hands dirty, literally, when we cleaned up a block of housing commission units in the area. What impact we had on the lives of the people we met in Liverpool, I’m not sure, but we can safely say our lives were changed.
- Cadet Matthew Sutcliffe

ZERO TOLERANCE SEXUAL ABUSE

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

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

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

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



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◀ **LEFT:** Vino has found employment after taking part in the community kitchen project at Auburn. Photo: Greg Donovan



“It’s about giving people hope in a practical and tangible way”

Community Kitchen
One of the projects Vino has also become involved in at Auburn is the corps’ Community Kitchen initiative. Over the past few months, Captain Kistan has been able to provide practical life skills to asylum seekers and refugees like Vino through the kitchen project. Partnering with Bright Employment – an employment company devoted to skilling refugees and asylum seekers for the Australian workforce – Auburn Corps is proud of this project.

Over six weeks, up to 12 refugees or asylum seekers at a time are taught to work in a professional kitchen. They are overseen by two professional chefs, including Ty Bellingham, the former executive chef at Sailor’s Thai in The Rocks and a TV personality with appearances on shows such as *Masterchef*.

“I’ve always wanted to help people. So, when this came along [I thought], this is perfect,” says Ty. “I want them to have long-standing jobs in the hospitality industry. I hope the information that I’ve taught them that I thought was important will go a long way in, number one, getting them a job; number two, keeping them a job; and number three, them succeeding in the hospitality industry.”

Since the Community Kitchen program began, all students in the first group have received multiple job interviews and many have been guaranteed paid employment trials. Ty is currently teaching the program’s third group of students.

Captain Kistan recognises the importance of helping an individual grow spiritually, mentally and emotionally, but she believes her role as a Salvation Army officer to be more than that. And that’s where the Community Kitchen is a valuable stepping stone for people like Vino.

“It’s about giving people hope in a practical and tangible way,” she says. “We get to talk to them about Jesus, to give them a better life. But sometimes people need more than that; the practical skills that are going to make improvement in their lives possible.”

To find out more, email Captain Kistan at cheryl.kistan@ae.salvationarmy.org or go to brightemployment.com.au

* Since speaking to *Pipeline*, Vino has been granted permanent residency in Australia and secured a full-time job at the Novotel Darling Harbour.

Vino finds spiritual nourishment

By ESTHER PINN

Before Vino came to The Salvation Army, she never smiled. So many people, she says, had abused her. “She never looked you in the eye,” recalls Captain Cheryl Kistan, Auburn Corps Officer.

These days, however, Vino’s smile lights up her whole face. And it’s all because of her new family – her Salvation Army family.

“Before I came here I was hopeless,” she says. “I like [it here] because a lot of people love me. A lot of people say ‘Hi’ [and] they hug [me]. That hug makes me feel good. I feel those people love me ... I learnt that no-one will hurt me.”

Born in Malaysia, Vino was abandoned by her parents at a young age. She lived with another family, but it was an abusive household. Desperate, Vino

accepted a friend’s invitation to move to Australia where she was promised work. But little did she know the job was working as a prostitute.

“I was so stupid,” she says. “I didn’t know that we need visa to work here. I didn’t know anything about this.”

When Vino came into contact with The Salvation Army, she found her first true friend, Lieutenant-Colonel Prema Thyagarajan, the Territorial Multicultural Officer. Lieut-Colonel Prema invited Vino to Auburn Corps – where Vino now worships – and she met Jesus.

Along with volunteering at Auburn Corps and Salvos Legal, Vino started attending Bible study each week. Lieut-Colonel Prema also taught Vino how to read. “I’m happy I can read Bible now,” Vino says with a beaming smile.

Hope for the future

Brett rebuilding life
thanks to Salvos

Brett Turnbull has gone from a man racked by alcoholism and depression to a man filled with purpose, thanks to The Salvation Army's Hope House, writes **BILL SIMPSON**

He still has a few beers a week, he says, but nothing like the amount he consumed before he met Major Joy Wilson.

Joy is coordinator of The Salvation Army's Hope House at Gunnedah in northern NSW. She was honoured as Gunnedah's 2014 Citizen of the Year for her community work, which includes running help programs for people in addiction, with financial concerns and a need to establish a more positive lifestyle.

The man in the opening paragraph is Brett Turnbull (pictured left), who has gone from a life of alcohol dependence and depression to just a couple of beers every few days and feeling better about himself most of the time.

Brett – a 47-year-old former coal miner – was in a bad way when he first made contact with Joy last February. He was in “a depressed state of anxiety”. What he called “challenging friendships” had steered him toward alcohol dependence.

Brett's life, says Joy, hadn't been an easy one. A long list of court fines for assorted offences was testimony to trying times.

His war with alcohol had waged for almost half his life. He'd tried a rehabilitation program and was doing okay for about nine

months when a close relationship ended abruptly.

It hit him hard. He drove his car while under the influence of alcohol and landed in court.

Life-changing programs

A friend told him about Hope House, where lives are rebuilt. The Probation and Parole Service also suggested Hope House as an avenue of recovery.

At first, Brett wasn't keen on opening up his life to strangers. He had been through personal programs before and wasn't comfortable with them.

He reluctantly gave Joy's recommendation of the Positive Lifestyle Program a try. After a few sessions, he began to relax and find it wasn't too bad.

Brett completed the 10-week program. He was beginning to see life in a more positive way. He was more optimistic about his future and his ability to make better decisions.

“I was able to eliminate challenging friends who were wrongly influencing my life,” he says.

Joy then suggested he enrol in a Traffic Offenders Program at the local Police Citizens Youth Club. He completed that program, too. It was “a sense of achievement”. He had spent time listening to the problems

Photo: Sharon Paterson



▼ ABOVE AND RIGHT: Brett Turnbull is now heavily involved with the ministry of Hope House in Gunnedah. Photos: Shairon Paterson



of other people and realised he wasn't alone in the world. With two major life-changing achievements improving his attitudes, Brett was ready to accept a third recommendation from Joy. She offered him a Work Development Order Program, working on a community garden at Hope House. It cut \$3000 from a court fine for previous offences. There was one more hurdle. Brett was facing jail time for a high-range drink-driving offence. His solicitor gave him no hope – because of previous convictions – of escaping a prison sentence. On the morning he was to face Gunnedah Local Court, Hope House staff were in the court precinct providing tea and coffee

to people connected with court hearings that day. Joy was among the refreshment providers. She took Brett aside and had a prayer with him. "I was incredibly anxious," he recalls. "I appeared before the magistrate. She had before her a copy of what I had been able to achieve with the help of Hope House. "The magistrate smiled and said I had achieved everything asked of me. She talked about the community garden. I said: 'Yes, that's my garden.' She wasn't going to give me any penalty, except that the prosecutor jumped up and said I should be given something. "I was given 200 hours of community service and three years loss of licence."

Continuing to improve Brett completed his 200 community service hours at Hope House and now works there as a volunteer manager in the community garden two days a week. "I wear The Salvation Army Hope House T-shirt with pride," he says. Joy says the shirt identifies Brett as a valuable member of the team: "We all wear the Hope House T-shirt. I wear it instead of The Salvation Army uniform to identify with the team. "It shows we value all people; that nobody is any better than another person. We certainly value Brett's contribution. His work is as valuable as mine. "The difference in Brett's life

By NAOMI SINGLEHURST

Hope House is a haven, which truly reflects its name. More than 100 people come through the doors each week to access an astonishing array of programs and services and many more are supported off-site each week. The services offered by founder and manager Major Joy Wilson, one part-time worker and a host of volunteers include welfare support; general counselling; the Positive Lifestyle Program (PLP) for those referred by solicitors and the courts; PLP for Youth in Gunnedah High School; PLP for Urban Aborigines; court support; opportunities for referred locals to carry out Work Development Orders and youth support in conjunction with Juvenile Justice. The service also offers playgroup and craft group; children's reading (literacy) group; support for adults who have had children removed by DoCS; No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS); school breakfasts; drop-in-centre and a food drop-off to those in need; AOK (Acts of Kindness) program; once a month BBQ; Christmas lunch celebration for around 200 people, plus more. The service was established more than two years ago in what Joy describes as an area "of great need, of high crime and low income."

Hope House was officially opened in April 2012. After holding a number of barbecues in the area, Joy's volunteer team realised the need for a permanent positive presence in the area and approached local housing providers. One house was available, which had been significantly damaged, and Homes North offered the property to The Salvation Army at a token rent. With donations from mines and local service groups, Joy and a team of volunteers, including many from The Rotary Club of Gunnedah, some from the Gunnedah Corps and Joy's husband Brian, completely refurbished the house. Joy's dedication was rewarded

Hope to hundreds every week



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Joy believes the local neighbourhood in which she serves is one where "Jesus would be – walking amongst the broken, the hungry and the abused. I believe the Army was raised for such a place."

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▲ ABOVE: Major Joy Wilson says her husband Brian has been a phenomenal support to her work at Hope House. Photo: Shairon Paterson

has been wonderful to see. He has taken preventative measures with his issues and it has paid off. "He has purpose in his life and sees that he has something to contribute to the community." In addition to managing the community garden and overseeing a fundraising pallet furniture operation at Hope House, Brett also works in the centre's Acts of Kindness program, which provides practical work assistance in the wider community, such as mending farmers' fences and clearing rubbish from private property. "His nickname at Hope House is Captain," says Joy. "He is our go-to man when something needs to be done." Life continues to improve for

Brett. His washing machine broke down and he was paying \$20 a wash at the local laundromat. Again, Joy came to the rescue, arranging a No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) payment for Brett. Under the scheme, recipients are given a loan to purchase a variety of goods and services, and make fortnightly repayments through their Centrelink benefit. "I have just received a letter of completion, which means I have repaid my loan without paying any interest and I have my own washing machine and other items that have made my life easier," says Brett. "Getting that loan rescued me. I encourage people to look at a NILS loan before they try to get one of

those so-called easy loans from money lenders, which ultimately ends up in them paying double, if not more, for an item. "Thank God for NILS. I thank God, too, for Joy. I have met some of the best people in the last 12-18 months. They've changed my life."



Bill Simpson is a writer for Pipeline and supplements



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

My Favourite Verse – Major Isabel Beckett

“... but those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing”
(Psalm 34:9 and 10b)

I am so thankful that my God, our God, is the God of the “all”. God does not do things in half-measures.

“For those who fear him”, he promises that “they will have all they need ... “but those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing” (Psalm 34:9 and 10b),

God doesn’t promise to give us *some* of the things we need but *all* that we need. This is a great word of reassurance and comfort. He knows what we have need of and as he is a generous God, he gives and gives.

Further, he has “blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ” (Ephesians 1:3). Again, God doesn’t just bless us with *some* spiritual blessings but *every* spiritual blessing.

The psalmist makes it clear that to

experience the abundance of God, it’s necessary to seek the Lord (verses 4–8), fear and trust the Lord (verses 9– 12) and live for the Lord and do right (verses 13–22).

In my life, I know this to be true.

In my darkest moments, when the future was unknown, when circumstances made me afraid, as I sought the Lord his word spoke to me and calmed my fears. When feeling inadequate for the tasks that lay before me, he has come with his strength. When life has been good, he has filled me with his joy.

Just as it was true for the psalmist, it is true for me and it is true for you – “And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).



Aged Care Plus rewarded for mental health model

▲ ABOVE:

Tracey-Lee Garratt, centre manager, enjoying time with Gordon, a resident at Carpenter Court Aged Care Plus Centre.

▼ RIGHT:

Jenelle, a carer, with Joyce, a Carpenter Court Aged Care Plus centre resident.

By LAUREN MARTIN

A unique model of care designed to create a home of peace and acceptance for residents with mental health problems has earned Aged Care Plus a Better Practice Award from the Australian Aged Care Quality Agency for NSW.

The award, presented at a ceremony in late August, recognises the implementation of a new way of caring for residents with mental health problems and associated severe and persistent challenging behaviours.

The model of care has been developed at Carpenter Court Aged Care Plus centre in Newcastle over the past three years and has resulted in increased resident well-being and increased occupancy at the centre.

Aged Care Plus Executive Manager, Care Services, Peter Bewert, says the model of care is based on the development of individualised behaviour-support plans with residents, their family members, doctors, local area health specialists and staff.

“The focus is on person-centred care and creating a partnership



between all stakeholders,” he says. “We are empowering our residents who live with mental health problems to identify the underlying emotional cause behind their behaviour, then to work with the team on ways that they can take control of their behaviour.”

The trial has been transformational for those involved. A former resident, Max, had a history of failed admissions into residential aged care, homelessness and failed attempts at housing. He was frequently admitted to hospital for acute psychiatric care.

“When he was admitted to Carpenter Court Aged Care Plus centre and a behaviour-support plan was developed for him, Max was able to live there happily until his death from natural causes,” says Mr Bewert. “He had been estranged from his family for a long time, but this was also resolved in his time living at Carpenter Court. We

believe he died at peace.”

The resulting success in placement of people previously labelled as “un-placeable” has led to Carpenter Court receiving resident referrals from across the Hunter, Sydney and wider NSW.

“We know there is a gap in the market in specialist care for people with mental health problems,” says Mr Bewert. “At Aged Care Plus, we are willing to invest the time and the love to help these people to feel safe, secure and happy for the remaining years of their lives.”

Aged Care Plus operates 17 residential aged care centres across NSW, the ACT and Queensland. Three of these centres – Montrose, Pacific Lodge and Carpenter Court – offer specialised care for people living with mental illness.

Aged Care Plus will be implementing the successful model of care across these three centres in the coming months.



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THE SALVATION ARMY

FROM BUSH CAMP TO BATTLEFIELD

UNLOCKING THE ARMY'S ARCHIVES

When Brigadier Sir Arthur William McIlveen arrived at Tobruk during World War Two, writes **Major DAVID WOODBURY**, he was to etch his name into the annals of history

Perhaps no other name was so well known amongst the Rats of Tobruk as that of Brigadier Sir Arthur William McIlveen. As an unofficial padre to the 2nd/9th Battalion of the AIF, he gained his reputation for selfless service in his ministry to the Australian soldiers, as well as the captured German and Italian troops.

Born on 29 June 1886 at Brodies Plains, near Inverell, NSW, Arthur knew something of the toughness of life when he and his brother

had to support the family due to his father's ill health. Under the influence of his mother, he developed a love of books and poetry, a love that was never to leave him. Having moved to Stannifer, Arthur was influenced to attend The Salvation Army in nearby Tingha where he made his commitment to Christ on New Year's Eve 1902.

In 1910, alone in a bush camp in Queensland, Arthur McIlveen heard God's call to officership in The Salvation Army to which he responded. In 1911, along with 131 other cadets, he entered the training college in Melbourne. His natural ability saw him leave college as dux of his session and be appointed to open a new corps at Thornbury in Victoria. He was a gifted and eloquent speaker, an aspect that was to make him a much sought-after speaker in the latter years of his life.

On 12 January 1916, Arthur married a fellow officer, Elizabeth Mary Mundell, at Camberwell Corps in Melbourne, and the couple were soon appointed to Grenfell Corps in NSW's Central West. Convinced that he needed to serve his nation, Arthur sought permission from headquarters to serve with the Australian Imperial

Force in World War Two but was refused. Undaunted, he enlisted on 9 July 1918, but the war ended while he was on a troop ship bound for England.

Ministry to sick

Following his discharge, with Elizabeth he was appointed back to the Central West, this time to Dubbo Corps where they undertook the work of ministering to victims of the pneumonic plague, brought back by soldiers from the war.

The *Dubbo Liberal and Macquarie Advocate* of Thursday 16 February 1939 paid tribute to Arthur McIlveen's ministry. An excerpt from a story reads: "All the sufferers from the disease, however, were not treated at the marquees. Flags stuck on the gates of many homes in the town showed that the plague was there. So was Arthur McIlveen, nursing the sick, giving them medicine, carrying out doctors' orders, and doing a hundred and one menial tasks in the various houses he visited. He washed and dressed the babies of sick mothers, chopped firewood where the men were stricken, and went about the job fearlessly, imparting cheerfulness wherever he was."



▶ **LEFT:** Brigadier Sir Arthur William McIlveen receives his knighthood from Queen Elizabeth in 1970.

▲ **ABOVE:** On duty during his time with the Rats of Tobruk in World War Two.

◀ **OPPOSITE PAGE:** Arthur and Elizabeth McIlveen in their early married life as Salvation Army officers.

Because of their selfless ministry, Arthur and Elizabeth were given a tumultuous farewell in 1921 when they left Dubbo. During the following years they served in various corps appointments as well as divisional work in south Queensland and as the territorial evangelist.

When World War Two broke out, Arthur realised that although he had held a commission as a chaplain in the Citizens' Military Forces, he was unlikely at 53 years of age to be eligible to go overseas as a military chaplain. However, when an opportunity to go as a Red Shield representative arose he grasped it and, in May 1940, he sailed with members of the 18th Brigade, AIF, arriving in Egypt in December of that year.

Appointed by Brigadier Leslie Morshead as an unofficial OPD (Other Protestant Denominations) padre to the 2/9th Battalion, Arthur McIlveen soon found himself bunkered down in the siege of Tobruk. Along with other Red Shield officers, he was to leave an indelible impression through his integrity and usefulness.

In his biography of Arthur McIlveen, Nelson Dunster records Arthur's words: "Smothered with dust, pestered by fleas and flies,

famished with thirst, sometimes tightening belts and at others devouring food permeated with dirt, bombed and shelled, weary and sleep-starved, the garrison grimly and defiantly held on. The Salvation Army had the matchless privilege of ministering to those heroes."

The *Melbourne Argus* of Thursday 2 October 1941 reported on Arthur's ministry to the besieged troops in Tobruk, stating: "Among the Brigadier's duties has been performing burial rites of more than 150 men, with all of whom he was personally acquainted. He has also written to the next of kin throughout Australia." And his battalion commander, Brigadier Martin, was to write of Arthur: "He is the padre par excellence; the most blitzed man in Tobruk."

Carrying a wind-up gramophone with him, Arthur sought to encourage the troops with recordings that were often damaged in the conflict.

Highest honour

During January 1942, he was recalled by Salvation Army headquarters in Sydney and appointed to oversee the ministry in the courts and among prisoners.

He held this position until his retirement on 29 June 1951.

Following his retirement he spent many years as a special speaker throughout Australia and was well known for breaking into long stanzas of poetry during an oration. He continued his ministry to service personnel in visiting and caring for many of the returned servicemen, particularly those who were Tobruk veterans.

In 1967, Arthur McIlveen was awarded The Salvation Army's highest honour, The Order of the Founder, and, in 1970, received a knighthood as a Knight Bachelor of the British Empire for distinguished services to servicemen and ex-servicemen.

Brigadier Sir Arthur William McIlveen was promoted to glory on 1 May 1979 and received a funeral with full military honours. His grave stands today in Woronora Cemetery in the southern Sydney suburb of Sutherland.



Major David Woodbury is *Pipeline's* founding editor



WITH PIPELINE CULTURE WRITER MARK HADLEY

Hector And The Search For Happiness



Mark Hadley
is Pipeline's
culture writer

RATING: M
RELEASE DATE: 23 October

Happiness is a state that human beings have been searching for since the day they exited the Garden of Eden. This month *Hector And The Search For Happiness* will map out all of the most popular paths – but stop just short of its hoped-for destination.

British funnyman Simon Pegg (pictured above) stars as Hector, a psychologist who is tired of trying to direct his patients to happiness, especially when he's not sure he has arrived himself.

Hector has a successful career, the beautiful Clara as his girlfriend (Rosamund Pike) and fine prospects for the future. But he is nagged by a troubled childhood and adult regrets.

He determines to set off on a worldwide trip with a single question in mind: "What makes you happy?"

Pursuing the answer will take him to the fleshpots of Shanghai, the dark heart of Africa and the urban cool of California. But will any of these stops lead to true happiness?

To its credit, *Hector And The Search For Happiness* explores

and explodes some of the more obvious fallacies about happiness. A parade of sage characters also teach him truths of varying value, but happiness continues to rest just outside of Hector's reach, as the aptly named Professor Coreman (Christopher Plummer) warns him it will: "Happiness, [is] a child-like state that consumes us. [But] the more we focus on our own happiness the more it eludes us."

That's because happiness is a symptom of something much greater. Gurus like Mahatma Gandhi might have said that happiness was what happened when, "... what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony," but the ability to achieve this alignment, let alone enjoy it, remains far beyond the reach of us ordinary people. Happiness, I have found, is much more a gift than an achievement.

I have been blessed with a job I enjoy. My day-to-day life intersects with good friends. I have three wonderful children, and bask in the love of the most internally beautiful woman I know. You might be able to check the box on some or even all of those, and have others you'd add. I would suggest, though, that the thing our sources of happiness have in common is that they do not

have their origins with me.

I could kid myself, like Hector or Ghandi, and believe I build my own happiness. But the truth is everything that makes me happy *came* to me. "Every good and perfect gift is from above," the biblical book of James reveals, "coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

Recognising that is the step over the threshold into lasting happiness. That's why Charles Spurgeon wrote: "It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness."

Hector gets almost all the way there by the end of the film, learning that the means to his happiness was always with him if he would but recognise it. There's also a great deal of wisdom in the film's call for contentment with what we have. As a monk continually assures our hero: "You hold all the cards."

The same holy man even points heavenward, leading Hector to the conclusion that, "We all have an obligation to be happy," because we have been given much to be happy about.

It's just a pity that *Hector And The Search For Happiness* stops short of naming the Giver.

This Is Where I Leave You



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Everybody likes the idea of a new beginning, but it's hard to manage when people won't let things end. This month *This Is Where I Leave You* will wonder with audiences whether it's really possible to make a clean start?

This Is Where I Leave You is based on Jonathan Tropper's best-selling novel that introduces four Jewish children thrown back together by the death of their dad. The father of the Altmans made one death-bed request, that his four combative children would "sit shiva" with each other – a Jewish tradition that involves spending seven days mourning together. His hope was that this forced family time would close the rifts that had opened between them. The results are laugh-out-loud funny and poignant at the same time.

Jason Bateman plays Judd, the son whose ideal marriage has just been shattered. Tina Fey plays his sister Wendy, a "responsible mother" who's not above snide remarks and childish tussles at the funeral. Fuel for the fire are responsible older brother Paul

(Corey Stoll), and little brother Phillip (Adam Driver) who's too cool for his siblings. Presiding over their struggles is matriarch Hillary Altman (Jane Fonda) whose inappropriate comments and celebrity psychology just turn up the heat.

As the week passes their varied pasts get dragged out into the light, leaving little doubt why they've spent so long apart. Taking refuge on the roof of the family home (pictured above), Judd asks Wendy: "Is it the whole world, or is it just this family?" But what also emerges is his very human desire to move on. So why can't he manage it? "Starting over is complicated," Wendy tells him, "... and you don't do complicated, Judd."

And therein lies the truth: we may want renewal but often it's the very people we are that prevents us from achieving it.

When Tropper was working with the film's screenwriters he provided them with a copy of his novel in which he'd highlighted all the key lines that should shape the Altmans. One of the quotes from his Jewish characters perfectly captures the problem with personal renewal: "You have to look at what you have right in front of you, at what it could be, and stop

measuring it against what you've lost. I know this to be wise and true, just as I know that pretty much no-one can do it."

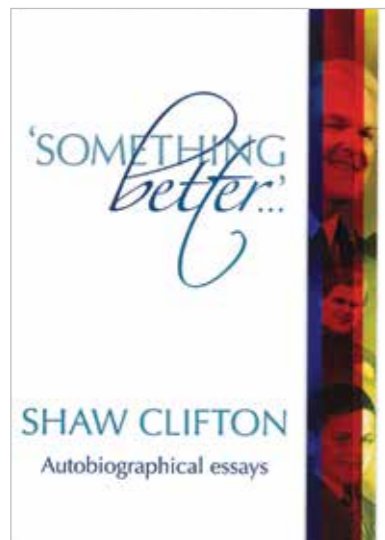
Another Jew who brought the same problem to Jesus was the teacher Nicodemus. He didn't misunderstand Jesus' statement that salvation depended on people being "born again"; he just didn't see how they could manage it. That's why Jesus told him, "Very truly I tell you, no-one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit," (John 3:5-6).

Whatever human efforts we make will only ever have human results, and only last as long as flesh can manage. *This Is Where I Leave You* optimistically suggests leaving the past behind is our only option. But we know it only takes the right person to push the button that brings the worst version of ourselves back into the room.

The Holy Spirit doesn't eliminate the past, though. He redeems it. Through Jesus he takes away its sting, transforming our failings into things God has saved us from. In the end *we* don't leave the past behind; *he* deals with it, and begins to remake us from the inside out.

▶ LEFT AND ABOVE: Two movies being released at the same time share a common theme of the search for meaning and contentment in life.

'Something Better ...' Autobiographical Essays (Shaw Clifton)



By Commissioner
WILLIAM W FRANCIS

General Shaw Clifton has penned his autobiography in his customary precise, comprehensive and flowing style. This exceptional edition contains the detailed personal account of a gifted essayist, lawyer and administrator – a rare and robust combination of skills.

He recounts his life using an uncommon autobiographical format. Designed around a series of essays, the author describes his narrative approach as "... simply a series of self-contained essays of varied lengths, each one revealing – sometimes with a hint of candour – some aspect of my life's story".

This design develops a candid chronicle of General Clifton's

personal and public life.

My wife and I have known General Shaw and Commissioner Helen Clifton for 20 years, working closely together in the USA Eastern Territory, at International Headquarters and in territorial leadership when he was General. Although I thought I knew him reasonably well, I was surprised by the voluminous personal and corporate revelations disclosed in his book.

In his working relationships, Shaw Clifton followed the leadership principle of sharing information on a need-to-know basis. Hence, reading the manuscript, I found myself reacting with words to the affect "Oh, that's why this happened ...", or "I never knew that ...", or "Now it makes sense ...". The author reveals enigmatic aspects of his multidimensional personality, characteristics and roles. Throughout the volume, the sometimes complex, and often subtle, pieces of the "puzzle" come together, revealing a portrait of a unique and remarkable human being and Christian leader.

Shaw Clifton writes with more clarity, insight and candour than I have experienced in reading any other biography. I love to read biography, and I have the highest esteem for other autobiographies, but this one is distinctive.

The book's title is lifted from the fourth verse of the Founder's song *O Boundless Salvation*: "I feel something better most surely

would be if once thy pure waters would roll over me."

Throughout the intriguing chapters of his life, General Clifton illustrates and affirms that "there is always something more, something better, God can do and is doing in us."

General Clifton has intentionally not utilised the more common chronological approach for his autobiography. The sequence of the essays is purely alphabetical by title – using single words that start with the letter "S", which he confesses works fairly well.

Each essay therefore stands on its own as an account of the essay's subject and is further enhanced by the liberal use of revealing extracts from the General's personal journal.

The author does not avoid the hard, challenging topics such as he and his wife's illnesses, beginning with his diagnosis of Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 1969 and concluding with the full description of his wife's promotion to glory in 2011. Through the poignant accounts of their health challenges, Shaw Clifton achieves his stated goal: "I intend an orderly account, free of self-pity or sentimentality, leaving little out and attempting openness and candour."

'Something Better ...' transcends simply recording the life of The Salvation Army's 18th General. It reminds every reader that with Christ something better always lies ahead.

The book is available from The Trade (thetrade.salvos.org.au).

Maud, Emma, Evangeline - America's Love Affair With The 3 Booth Women (RG Moyles)

Maud, Emma, Evangeline, by RG Moyles, reveals the influence of the three Booth women leaders as reported in the media of the day. Seen through the lens of popular American culture it enables us to witness traces of the past. But

this narrative also provides a sense of motive that each carried individually and corporately as Booths. *Maud, Emma, Evangeline - America's Love Affair With The 3 Booth Women* is available from The Trade (thetrade.salvos.org.au)



MAKING YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT COUNT

By ANNE HALLIDAY

Tuk Tuks, a pile of manure, and training on how to make tofu hardly sound like the typical Christmas gifts you buy for loved ones – unless you're buying a gift from the 2015 Salvos Gifts Catalogue.

Now in its fourth year, the catalogue enables gift givers the chance to use their Christmas giving to bring change to communities around the world. Last year, more than 5000 gifts were purchased through the catalogue, raising over \$200,000 for community projects. Gifts range from as little at \$5 and up to \$2000, supporting drought or disaster-affected farmers, providing children with education or communities with vital medical supplies.

One of the new products featured in this year's catalogue are Tuk Tuks.

"Tuk Tuks are a convenient and economical means of transporting goods and people in many communities. It provides a job for the driver, ensuring that fruit, vegetables and animals can make it to market faster," says Marketing & Communications Coordinator Shona.

Likewise, tofu-making training for women enables them to provide protein-packed food for their families and a product to sell at market.

One of the more unusual gifts is a 'dump' of manure. The manure enables communities

to improve garden growth, putting nutritious food on the table for families and fertiliser-free produce to sell for an income.

"Now there is no excuse to give a bad gift – instead you can give a gift that stinks," laughs Shona.

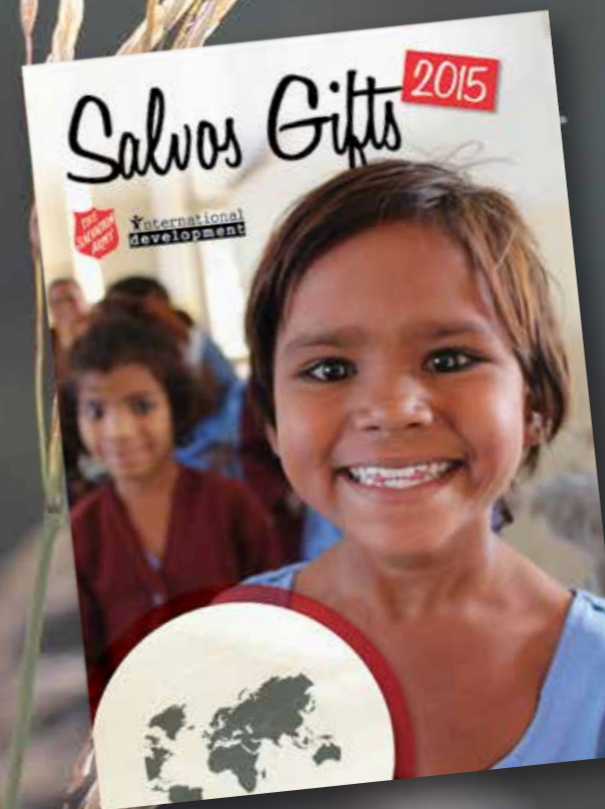
This year, the catalogue will offer 24 gifts for purchase – from coffee beans and goats for livelihood projects to providing clean water and hygiene education for schools. It supports projects in countries like Kenya, Pakistan, India and Indonesia.

Saba, from Hyderabad, Pakistan, is one of many whose life has been turned around by projects funded through the Salvos Gifts catalogue.

"When other children of my age were going to school, I had to go work with my mother as a domestic maid," she remembers. "The money we received was not enough to fulfill our basic needs."

"One day, I heard about The Salvation Army providing the opportunity to learn sewing and stitching skills. I worked hard and devoted myself to learn as much as I could, receiving a certificate in sewing. Now I feel a sense of pride because I am using my own skills and I can support my parents."

The Salvos Gifts Catalogue 2015 will be out later this month, so keep an eye out for it. Once you make your selection, you can purchase a gift by post or securely online at salvosgifts.org.au.



TAKING THE BOLD STEP

Taking the step to senior soldiership is a rewarding commitment to serving God in The Salvation Army.

Envoy GLENDA BROWN shares her own thoughts on Mission Priority 7 which desires a significant increase of new soldiers and officers



Why do people become senior soldiers in The Salvation Army? In most corps today there is a wide mixture of soldiers, adherents and regular attenders, all of whom would call The Salvation Army their church and would consider themselves members of our movement and sold out to our mission.

Therefore, it is an interesting question as to why God calls people to take that step of soldiership and all that goes with making that commitment.

I remember, at the age of 15, God putting onto my heart to become a soldier. At the time there was a strong emphasis on being a senior soldier so I could sing in the songsters, however, I also knew that this was a bigger commitment for me.

It was a commitment to stand up and be a witness to Jesus and to all that The Salvation Army stood for.

I didn't take it lightly then and I still don't.

Below are three people from different backgrounds and ages who also chose recently to be obedient to the soldiership call on their lives.



Lynette Perry – Glebe Corps

I had felt dissatisfaction for many years in my former church. My spiritual life was very disciplined, but empty.

I loved Jesus and had done so from childhood. He was my refuge and protection in a family where alcohol was a real problem. My father was brain-damaged by the time he was in his 40s and my mother had a stroke at 50, followed by two other family members. I became guardian to younger siblings, mother to my children and carer to my father, as well as the family breadwinner.

God's answers to my prayers came through waiting in silence for him. He answered my prayers on 6 December 2012 when The Salvation Army rescued me after I found myself unintentionally homeless at Central Station (Sydney).

"I know God has called me to be where I am and I thank him every day."

I was invited to Glebe Corps to listen to the music. From that day I have not missed a meeting. I became a Senior soldier on 15 December 2013.

I know God has called me to be where I am and I thank him every day. I love working at Waterloo (Salvation Army community centre) as a volunteer and wear my uniform to identify me as a person who is glad to share God's word and pray with people.

I was 67 last month. God is still giving me assignments and I love him.

Lauren Mason – Glebe Corps

My journey to becoming a Senior soldier has been a bit like a rollercoaster; though filled with many twists and turns the destination is the same.

On 20 July 2014, I signed a



covenant that testified that I, Lauren Mason, have chosen to become a Senior soldier of The Salvation Army.

Do I think becoming a senior soldier is necessary? The answer is, "No". I do not believe that soldiership is a necessary requirement to find a place in belonging to The Salvation Army. I do not believe that soldiership is a necessary requirement to have salvation in Jesus Christ.

However, I do believe that it is a helpful sacrament (if I may be as bold as to use that word) for a disciple to pledge one's life to the covenant of soldiership. I feel soldiership is more about full submission to God's calling on an individual's life than about anything else we dare to make it.

I am fairly new to The Salvation Army. I have been worshipping at Glebe Corps for about two years.

I grew up in the Baptist Church and completed a Bachelor of Theology at Wesley Institute. So to me, soldiership was never a big thing. To be completely honest, as a Christian looking in, it seemed completely weird that people wore uniform and swore to give up drinking. It seemed extreme.

But as I started to identify with the mission, motive and theology associated with soldiership, the more I felt it appropriate for me to enrol.

I am thankful to the witness of a few Salvationists (my current corps officers, mentor and close friends) who have modelled to me what being a soldier is all about.

Rache Gillies – Hannam Vale Corps

I have grown up in a Christian home and attended The Salvation Army since I was born.

I chose to become a Salvation Army soldier and proudly wear the uniform because I felt it was a great way to publically display my commitment to God.

I want to see people released from addiction. By making a covenant with God that I would never drink, smoke or take harmful drugs, it helps me to show people that life is fun without those things.

Being a soldier and wearing the uniform is a great conversation-starter and allows for many opportunities for me to tell people about Jesus and plant another seed for the Kingdom of Heaven.

In becoming a Senior soldier, I have been able to witness to my



peers and set good examples and be a good role model for them.

I have a passion for social justice issues relating to youth and as a soldier of The Salvation Army I am able to be God's hands and feet by being involved in the work the Salvation Army does in this area regards to youth.

What wonderful testimonies from these new soldiers.

So back the question: "Why soldiership?" The answer: "Because God said so." What do you think God may be calling you to?



Envoy Glenda Brown is Territorial Mission Team – Director (Corps)

Stepping out for a good cause

By ESTHER PINN

Salvation Army supporters put on their walking shoes to raise funds for Aged Care Plus' annual walkathon on 12 September.

When *Pipeline* went to print, more than \$65,000 had been raised across 19 Aged Care Plus locations throughout the Army's Australia Eastern Territory.

All funds raised will go towards helping drought-affected areas in south Queensland and northern NSW, provide a beach holiday for disadvantaged children from Indigenous communities in far north-western Queensland, and a women's community empowerment program in North India.

"At Aged Care Plus we are dedicated to transforming lives and we don't just want to do that for people in our care, we want to do it for so many more communities and right across The Salvation Army," said Sharon Callister, Chief Executive Officer for Aged Care Plus.

"Every donation you make helps us reach our goal so we can provide the support we want to for those communities."



Participants in the Aged Care Plus Walkathon step out to raise money for a range of Salvation Army projects. Photos: Adam Hollingworth



Business partners Grindley, Catering Industries and Pacific Brands also brought teams to complete the walkathon and raise money for The Salvation Army.

For the first time, Aged Care Plus ran the walkathon from its new office building in North Ryde. In previous years, the walkathon has been held at Hyde Park in Sydney.

To donate, go to agedcareplus.salvos.org.au

Grant funds new homework club at Raymond Terrace

The Raymond Terrace Corps is opening a new after-school homework club, made possible by an \$8000 grant from the local branch of the Commonwealth Bank.

The funds will be used to help support local primary and high school students with both a space to study and the technology they need for research and assignments.

"We will be purchasing laptops, internet connections and a television to help make sure the students have access to everything they need to complete their schoolwork," said Territorial Envoy Ron Petterson, corps officer at Raymond Terrace. "We will tailor the set-up to meet their needs."

"We want to assist all children, especially those who are disadvantaged, by giving them space to do their homework

together, share and build relationships."

The club will initially open one afternoon per week, but will be available on additional days based on need.

The corps is now looking for teachers and tutors to volunteer their time to assist with the homework club.

Every year, staff at Commonwealth Bank branches across Australia donate some of their earnings each week to a charity fund, which the bank matches dollar-for-dollar.

"We are pleased to support inspiring organisations that are helping young Australians," said Andrew Turner, Raymond Terrace Commonwealth Bank branch manager. "This is a good case of community involvement."



Territorial Envoy Ron Petterson and Children and Youth Ministry assistant Lauren McVicar received an \$8000 grant from the Commonwealth Bank's Andrew Turner. Photo courtesy Port Stephens Examiner

Moneycare program earns top award

By NATHALIA RICKWOOD

The Salvation Army's financial literacy program You're The Boss has received the outstanding achievement award in the community category at the MoneySmart Week Awards in Sydney.

The awards took place as part of National MoneySmart Week, which aims to educate Australians about the importance of financial literacy.

Moneycare financial counsellor Kristen Hartnett played a key role in developing the You're The Boss program.

"We're proud and humble to have our work acknowledged by this award," she said. "Our goal is to connect with people and help them keep on top of financial issues that happen in our busy and complex world. It's great that The Salvation Army has the ability and opportunity to connect with people in this way."

Moneycare's Territorial Consultant Tony Devlin nominated the You're The Boss program, with the winner decided by a panel of industry and community experts.

"The award, for us, reaffirms that we're heading in the right direction and that the program is a quality program," he said. "That's why we develop it. It's always nice when people who have great experience and knowledge actually give the program a tick of approval."

In awarding You're The Boss with the outstanding achievement award, the judges wrote: "The Salvation Army works with some of the most disadvantaged groups within the community to provide opportunities to those who would not otherwise have them. Part



AMP's Brian Salter (left) presents the award to Kristen Hartnett and Tony Devlin from Moneycare. Photo: Yve Lavine

of the program's success within the community can be credited to how easily accessible the program is to individuals."

Go to salvos.org.au/need-help/financial-assistance/financial-literacy to find out more about You're The Boss, or to download your free copy of the program.

Fun, fellowship and fish at Fraser Island trip

By SIMONE WORTHING

The annual Brisbane Streetlevel Fraser Island fishing trip in August saw a group of 14 Streetlevel community members join with 25 men from other Christian groups for a week of fellowship, fun and fishing.

"The mornings started with a spiritual exercise following the SOAP principle - scripture reading, observation of what the reading is saying, application of the reading and prayer," said Major Bryce Davies, Streetlevel team leader.

"This exercise set the tone for the day and allowed opportunity for sharing among the group."

The rain and strong winds during the week made fishing challenging, but did not dampen the spirits of the men.

"There was ample opportunity to sit around the campfire and share some serious discussion with each other on life's issues, as well as plenty of good-natured banter," said Major Davies.

The group also enjoyed some four-wheel driving on the sandy inland tracks, exhilarating beach driving, a walk along the banks of Eli Creek and a trip to a mini-museum at Central Station.

"In all of this we observed the wonder of God's creation and marvelled at the beauty of the surroundings," said Major Davies.

"It is obvious from the comments of those who were on the trip in 2014 that the whole experience has untold benefits to those who find their 'family' at Brisbane Streetlevel, and there is already interest in the trip for 2015."



Some of the men who went on this year's Streetlevel fishing trip to Fraser Island.



This year's youth leaders conferences included (clockwise from top left) the Agents of T.R.U.T.H; the opportunity to purchase resources; and worship sessions.



Youth leaders equipped and encouraged at conferences

By ESTHER PINN

Almost 400 leaders attended this year's Salvation Army Youth and Kids Ministry Conference, held over two August weekends in Sydney and on Queensland's Sunshine Coast.

The first was held at The Collaroy Centre in Sydney from 1-3 August, and the second at Alexandra Park Conference Centre on the Sunshine Coast from 29-31 August.

They were organised by the Army's Australia Eastern Territory Youth and Children's Ministry team and aimed at equipping leaders for ministry in their communities.

"My personal highlight is seeing leaders excited about what they've received, that's better than any sort of moment that could happen on stage," said Claire Hill, Territorial Youth and Children's Team Leader – Resources.

"Lots of those moments where leaders came up [to me] and were really thankful or grateful for the things they have received."

There were a few new workshops which dealt with issues such as autism, classroom behaviour and managing trauma in children. All new workshops came out of feedback from previous conferences, said Claire.

Among the guest speakers in Sydney were Rob Noland, Director of The Salvation Army's Revolution Hawaii program, Shandri Brown, Territorial Mission Consultant – Youth Leadership and Dan Lian, Youth and Young Adults Pastor at CityLife Church in Melbourne at the Sydney conference.

On the Sunshine Coast, there was Claire Hill, Jim Sparks, Youth Development and Leadership Director in the Western USA Territory and Cath Tallack, Children's Pastor at Gateway Baptist Church in Brisbane.

A resource zone was also on offer at each conference. Each zone included guest speaker resources, recommended resources from the territorial youth and children's team, a stall run by Booth College and another stall by the School For Youth Leadership.

At the Sunshine Coast conference, the Territorial Youth and Children's Ministry Department announced the launch of its new resources website, "mySalvos Toolkit".

The website features resources including life guides, junior soldiers programs, Agents of T.R.U.T.H resources, SAGALA materials and games and ice breakers. Go to toolkit.salvos.org.au/youthandkids for more information.

Each session at both conferences were recorded and are available for purchase at salvos.org.au/ykmc



Zac earns top SAGALA award

Zac Lupis, of Wagga Wagga Corps, received his Southern Cross Award at this year's ACT and South NSW SAGALA camp.

A few weeks later, he completed the final badges required to complete the Commissioners Challenge.

This means Zac has completed all the badges and award levels for Adventurers, however, unlike the many other Sunbeam and Adventurers who will receive this award around the territory, Zac has done it on his own.

Enrolled as an Explorer in Deniliquin, he joined the Campsie SAGALA when his parents, Bindy and Marco Lupis, went to the Salvation Army School for Officer Training. However, for the past four years at both Albury and then Wagga corps', Zac has been doing SAGALA on his own with the help of his mother, a self-confessed "SAGALA junkie".

Earning badges at divisional

camps, Zac has also worked on them in school holidays and has found ways to match up badges with things he is doing at school.

Zac is hoping to start Rangers on his own and has been encouraging two younger boys in the corps to start Adventurers.

Emerald awards

Meantime, Central and North Queensland Divisional Commander, Major Kelvin Pethybridge, recently presented Vincent Penberthy, Jennifer Vanderpool and Alex Wyper with their SAGALA Commissioner's Challenge Awards at Emerald Corps.

The young trio are the first recipients of this award at the corps.



FROM TOP: Zac Lupis is presented with his Southern Cross Award by Derek Hughes; and (from left) Vincent Penberthy, Jennifer Vanderpool and Alex Wyper receive their Commissioner's Challenge Awards from Major Kelvin Pethybridge

Trauma program launched

Salvos Counselling has launched its new Trauma Informed Care program, educating Salvation Army personnel across the Australia Eastern Territory about how to assist individuals who are dealing with trauma.

"The Salvation Army is one of those frontline delivery providers and they are really committed to helping people find freedom and hope," said Sue Stephenson, manager and psychologist for Salvos Counselling Sydney.

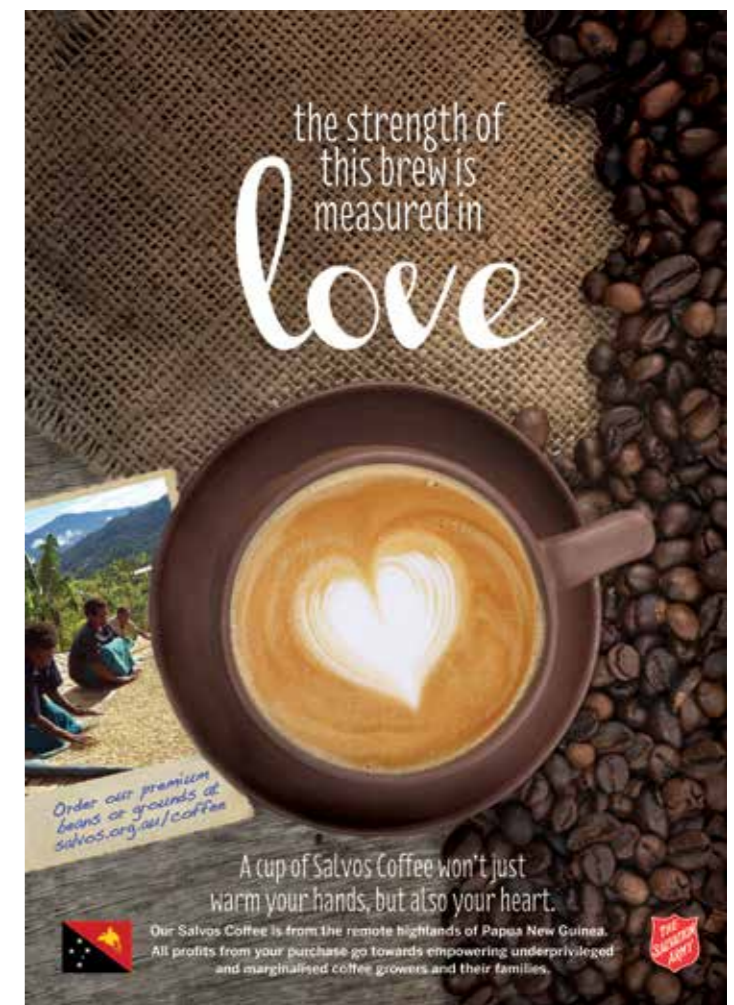
"Between 40-60 per cent of individuals seeking assistance from the Army have experienced significant and multiple traumas in their lifetime. There's a need to educate and build capacity for the case managers and ministry workers to understand the role of trauma."

Sue said any Salvation Army service could be confronted with a trauma client and may not know it. She explained the course will help personnel to identify those who are affected by trauma, and to give them tools to deal with trauma clients.

"We're moving from a caretaker to a collaborator role and I think that's an important distinction that people need to think about ... thus empowering them [clients] in their responsibility for their recovery," said Sue.

The program involves a one-day workshop explaining trauma, how it affects relationships, the role trust plays when dealing with a trauma client, when to refer trauma clients to other services, and provides practical skills on how to assist someone affected by trauma.

To take part in the program, speak to your manager about participating in a workshop then contact Salvos Counselling on 02 9743 2831 or go to salvoscounselling.salvos.org.au



Age no barrier to Wagga's faithful servant

Les Chalmers is known throughout the NSW town of Wagga Wagga, but you won't find the 88-year-old on the evening news or smiling down at you from billboards. On Sunday mornings, you will find Les washing dishes and serving in many ways at the local Salvation Army.

Colonel Richard Munn, Chief Secretary of the Army's Australia Eastern Territory, recently presented Les with a Certificate of Appreciation for his hard work and faithful service over the last 40 years.

"Les is a quiet, extremely humble man who reluctantly stood next to Colonel Munn to receive his award," said Lieutenant Bindy Lupis, Wagga Wagga Corps Officer.

"Les admitted that if he had known this was happening he would have stayed at home.

However, he was also very quick to want the glory to go to God."

Washing dishes every Sunday is one example of how Les has served over the last four decades. He has also been collecting for the Red Shield Appeal since its inception in the town, and has collected at hotels every Friday night for many years.

"Rain, hail or shine, Les collects on the same street [for the Red Shield Appeal] every year, taking hours as he enjoys chatting with the residents," explained Lieut Lupis.

"At a rough calculation, Les has collected about 1.5 million dollars over the last 40 years, but more than that, he has faithfully served God by not allowing anything, even his age, to stop him. While he jokes about 'getting too old for this', there is certainly no sign of him stopping just yet!"



Colonel Richard Munn presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Les Chalmers at the Wagga Wagga Salvation Army. Byron Bootes is holding the Army flag.

Conference emphasises vital role of RSDS

By SIMONE WORTHING

The Salvation Army Red Shield Defence Services (RSDS) met for their biennial conference on Queensland's Gold Coast, from 25-29 August.

The conference presentations were based around the theme "Making a Difference For The Better". Guest speakers, Majors Sam and Ev Hancock from the Australia Southern Territory, presented three sessions entitled "Friendship, Freedom and Fight".

Brigadier Greg Bilton, Commander of the 7th Brigade based at Gallipoli Barracks in Brisbane, was guest speaker at the conference's formal dinner. He spoke about the value of the RSDS to senior commanders such as himself in the modern military environment.

"The military is facing significant welfare issues in regards to soldiers returning from operational war zones such as Afghanistan, and Greg identified the reasons why organisations such as the RSDS are a vital cog in the machine when it comes to supporting our returned servicemen and women," said Lieutenant Lyndley Fabre, RSDS Commissioner.

"With the latest developments in the Middle East and the increased threat alerts, our representatives are ever ready to serve in whatever capacity they are asked to.

"Heightened alerts do have flow-on effects to the families of ADF [Australia Defence Force] members and our reps are available to support them as well during this time."

Lieut Fabre believes the RSDS representatives at the conference were challenged by the realisation of the

immense potential there is to make significant kingdom gains within their ministry.

"RSDS officers, now as in the past, are required to be savvy and resourceful, they are required to be great networkers and relationship builders, but most of all they need to be approachable for anyone who needs their assistance," he said.

"RSDS reps are required to operate in the harshest conditions this country has to offer for prolonged periods and, if requested, to carry out this role in a war zone. Not everyone can be a "Sallyman" but if God calls you to serve in this capacity then you will find it to be the most rewarding ministry available."

At the RSDS conference were (from left) Commissioners Jan and James Condon, Brigadier Greg Bilton and Lieuts Clover and Lyndley Fabre.



Salvos pop up at Wellington markets

Wellington Corps had a pop-up Family Store at the NSW Central West town's monthly markets in late August.

"It was a great success and many people commented how good it was to see the Salvos out in the community," said Corps Officer Lieutenant Andrew Jones.

"It was a great witness and reminder that we need to be visible outside the walls of our church and to participate and be a part of our local community.

"We had many people from the corps help with sorting clothes and bric-a-brac, setting up and packing up the stall and those who stuck it out for the whole day.

"We're now looking forward to having another stall soon at the annual Wellington Springfest."



The pop-up Family Store run by Wellington Corps.

Auburn candlelight walk offers hope



Auburn's multicultural community was out in force for the candlelight walk (above left), and Commissioner James Condon (above) with representatives of some of the organisations that were present on the night.



By BARRY GITTINS

Australia's most multicultural community, Auburn, in Sydney's west, united last month to stand against suicide.

More than 200 people, representing the suburb's 160 nationalities, participated in a candlelight walk from Auburn Public School to Auburn Central forecourt, where they joined forces with hundreds more.

The event was organised by the Auburn Corps of The Salvation

Army in partnership with other community organisations, and supported by local politician Barbara Perry, Mayor Hicham Zraika, the NSW Police Force and a delegation from the NRL. The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territorial Commander, Commissioner James Condon, also took part in the walk.

Noting that the community had lost 20 people to suicide in the past two years, as well as those admitted to hospital, Ms Perry paid tribute to the passion

and compassion of Auburn Corps Officer Captain Nesan Kistan, the community partners and colleagues.

"I am a proud member of this great community Auburn, to see my fellow brothers and sisters embrace each other and rise to the challenge to raise awareness of mental health issues and deal with the issues of suicide," said Captain Kistan.

"Our walk marks the start of a journey to help people find hope amidst the darkness."

Couch campaign highlights youth homelessness

Hundreds of Australians spent a night sleeping on a couch last month to raise awareness and funds for The Salvation Army's Couch Project campaign.

More than 44,000 Australians aged 16-24 are homeless. The Couch Project is all about highlighting an increasing form of homelessness known as couch surfing – a practice where young people sleep on the couch at a friend's house and have no place to call home.

"Youth homelessness is a really big issue ...[And] it's hard to measure this kind of homelessness because it's hidden," said Jess Campbell, Couch Project fundraising co-ordinator.

"We'd just like to make the general public more aware and more able to recognise couch surfing when they see it (and) once they recognise there is a problem, to refer them to a Salvation Army service."

When *Pipeline* went to print, more than \$60,000 had been raised.

Nova FM radio presenters, Fitzzy and Wippa, also supported The Couch Project through a promotional video. To view the video, go to salvos.org.au

New complex officially opened at Leeton



Commissioner James Condon officially unveils the plaque to mark the opening of the new Salvation Army complex at Leeton

during the ceremony, delighting the audience, while the Tuggeranong Corps Band, as well as individuals from the community, provided musical support throughout the weekend.

The new building – a former hardware store – has been transformed into a well-equipped and flexible facility with office space, two large halls, a modern kitchen, storage areas and community garden.

"A shell of a building is now a multi-purpose, welcoming and flexible space that allows us to house all of our services, except the Family Stores, under the one roof," said Captain Jennifer Stringer, Leeton Corps Officer.

"It also puts us right in the centre of town, and we've already seen an increase in the number of people who just call in for a chat."

Around 90 people attended the Sunday morning meeting the next day. Commissioners James and Jan Condon, the Australia Eastern territorial leaders, both delivered encouraging messages, focusing on the work of the Leeton Corps as it ministered to the community.

"It was such a positive weekend and we have received so many good comments from all who attended," said Captain Stringer.

By **SIMONE WORTHING**

Commissioner James Condon officially opened the new Salvation Army centre in Leeton, in south-west NSW, on Saturday 20 September.

More than 220 attended the opening ceremony, including past and present corps members, representatives from community groups and Salvation Army personnel.

Leeton Shire Mayor, Paul Maytom, addressed those gathered and Peter Alward, the Army's Territorial Property Manager, spoke about the highlights of the facility. Leeton Primary School choir sang

MAITLAND CORPS

Corps Officer Major Ian Channell enrolled Samuel Walz as a junior soldier on Sunday 17 August – a special celebration meeting for junior soldiers.

Five junior soldiers also renewed their promises during the meeting.

"Using the renewal material provided by Territorial Headquarters, the meeting focused on 'Live a life that is clean in thought, word and deed' which is a good theme for everyone," said Major Channell.

"We looked at Philippians 4:8 which encourages God's people to focus on things that are noble, pure, right, true, honourable, worthwhile and praiseworthy."



Samuel Walz reads his junior soldier promise supported by his prayer partner, David Lines, and Major Ian Channell.

PARRAMATTA CORPS

Duane Anderson was enrolled as a senior soldier on Father's Day (7 September) at Parramatta Corps.

Duane was brought up in the Anglican Church and was involved in a variety of ministries. He made a decision to "try out" The Salvation Army and found a sense of home and hope at Parramatta that drew him to pursue becoming a Salvationist.

Duane is thankful to God for his upbringing and looks forward to future growth in faith for his life of service as a soldier of The Salvation



Major Alwyn Robinson (left) with Duane Anderson and flag bearer Graham Ainsworth.

STAFFORD CORPS

Stafford Corps recently celebrated the enrolment of two new senior soldiers and one junior soldier.

Corps Officer Major Deon Oliver enrolled Kyle Harmer as a senior soldier on 3 August. Kyle's brother Jared held The Salvation Army flag and his grandfather, Major Ted Harmer, prayed. Kyle's father, Scott, had read from the Scriptures earlier in the meeting.

Last month, Major Oliver also enrolled Nevel Crooks as a senior soldier, and Sindiso Hlabangana as a junior soldier.

In December last year, Nevel met Major Don Hill at The Salvation Army's Pindari Men's Services in Brisbane. He began attending the chapel services and asked many questions about faith.

"Nevel began attending Stafford Corps in January and gave his life to Jesus soon after," said Major Michelle Oliver, Stafford Corps Officer. "Nevel testifies now to peace and purpose in his life. He shares his faith enthusiastically and runs the Stafford Corps Family Store."



Celebrating recent enrolments are (left to right) flag bearer Jared Harmer, Major Deon Oliver, Nevel Crooks, Sindiso Hlabangana, Kyle Harmer and Major Michelle Oliver.



TOWNSVILLE FAITHWORKS

Corps Officer Captain Megan Gallagher enrolled Jennifer Wilson as a senior soldier on Sunday 17 August.

Jennifer has been coming to the corps for several years, has been involved in the evening fellowship group, which she now helps to run, and assists with Mainly Music each fortnight. Jennifer is pictured being enrolled by Captain Gallagher, supported by Envoy Christine McLachlan and flag bearer David Smith.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Holy Land tour opportunity for Boundless delegates

Delegates to Boundless, The Salvation Army's International Congress in London next year, will have the opportunity to "bolt on" a trip to the Holy Land as part of their experience.

Maranatha Tours (UK), which has been organising tours to the Middle East for the past 25 years and has close links with The Salvation Army, has organised two 11-days tours of the Holy Land, running either side of Boundless. They will be led by Majors Andy and Gwen Cox and Majors Dawn and Graham Mizon, Salvation Army officers who have extensive experience of travelling in Israel, accompanied by a local guide.

"Attending the International Congress in London and returning to the roots of The Salvation Army will be an unforgettable experience," said Major Graham Mizon. "But to walk where Jesus walked in Israel is a life-changing experience!"

The two tour options are 16-26 June and 7-17 July. Among the sites visited will be Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Bethany, Jericho, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Caesarea, the Dead Sea and the ancient city of Dan.

"Nothing can prepare you for a sail on Galilee as you look over the same water and hills that



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accompanied Jesus' early ministry," said Major Mizon.

"Your leaders will help to bring the Bible alive in the land in which it was written, experiencing Christ and his teachings like never before. Sharing all this with like-minded

Christians and Salvationists is an experience you will never forget."

To secure your place, download an itinerary and booking form from the Boundless website (boundless2015.org) or email graham.mizon@salvationarmy.org.uk

Share your story with the international Army

With fewer than 270 days to go before The Salvation Army's 150th anniversary international Boundless Congress in London, Salvationists, supporters and service users are being invited to share their own experiences of how God has influenced, shaped and transformed their lives through the ministry of the Army.

#150reasons is a "crowd-sourcing" campaign to encourage people to share their personal stories and reflections. This can be done via social media or a special website at www.salvationarmy.org/150reasons. Contributors are asked to include a photo or video in their submissions wherever possible. Stories can be submitted on:

- Twitter, using the #150reasons hashtag
- Facebook, via our Salvation Army International page, [sar.my/facebook](https://www.facebook.com/sar.my/facebook)
- YouTube, Flickr, Instagram or Vine
- The #150reasons web page, sar.my/150reasons

A selection of the stories from the #150reasons campaign will be made available online, with the first batch including powerful testimonies and case studies from Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, the Caribbean, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Kingdom.

The stories will also be used on social media in the 150 days prior to 2 July 2015, the date of the 150th anniversary, in order to raise awareness of the diversity and geographic spread of The Salvation Army's ministry.

"This is an exciting new opportunity to tell The Salvation Army's story in an authentic and engaging way," said The Salvation Army's International Headquarters web manager, David Giles.

"As we approach this milestone anniversary, we want as many people as possible to see and hear what God has been doing – and still is doing – right around the globe."

General Clifton's new book launched in London



By Major JOHN MURRAY

The Salvation Army's International Headquarters in London was the location for the official book launch of 'Something Better ...' – Autobiographical Essays, the latest publication from the pen of General Shaw Clifton (Ret.).

Presided over by the Army's Chief of the Staff, Commissioner William A Roberts, the event included an address by General Andre Cox in which he spoke about "the importance of the written word", encouraging listeners

to read, reflect and consider the important perspectives that General Clifton, the former world leader of the Army, shares in 'Something Better ...'. He also reminded those in attendance that we are "people of the word".

Speaking directly to the author, General Cox thanked him for his work and for the lessons conveyed through his leadership as an international officer who served on five continents.

Following the launch a reception and book signing was held in Cafe 101 at International Headquarters.

General Shaw Clifton (Ret.) presents copies of his book to General Andre Cox and Commissioner Silvia Cox. To see a review of the book go to page 36 of this issue of Pipeline.

Salvos helping to contain Ebola outbreak in Liberia

Liberia is facing a "serious threat" from the Ebola virus which is "spreading like wildfire", according to its defence minister Brownie Samukai in an address to the United Nations Security Council.

The Salvation Army has joined the fight against the deadly disease through a number of initiatives in the West African nation, where 2000 people have been diagnosed.

Forty volunteer workers have been recruited to bolster the Army's mobile medical clinic team in the country. The World Health Organisation is concerned that at present "the number of new cases is moving far faster than the capacity to manage them" and there is currently no vaccine available to combat the disease. Prevention is



Drums of chlorine are delivered to a community in Liberia to help combat the spread of the Ebola virus.

therefore key to the emergency response.

Donations to The Salvation Army's relief work in Africa can be made at secure20.salvationarmy.org

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Coxs tour US Midwest

By ELIZABETH KINZIE

On a whirlwind four-city tour of the United States' Midwest, General Andre Cox and Commissioner Silvia Cox (World President of Women's Ministries) inspired almost 6000 Salvationists to live out their faith with a sense of urgency, knowing God's Word and confidently sharing the gospel.

At rallies and receptions, Salvationists from the USA Central Territory responded enthusiastically to the international leaders' message but also to their sense of humour, genuineness and approachability.

During meetings across the territory the mercy seat was lined time and again with people seeking Christ, and 118 people made a public declaration for Salvation Army officership.

From shaking the hand of Alexandria Eddy, who was enrolled as a junior soldier in Detroit, Michigan, to kneeling to talk with 106-year-old soldier Stella Lennox, in Rockford, Illinois, the General and Commissioner Cox showed their interest in engaging with the people of the USA Central Territory.

During their visit, which also took in Kansas City, Missouri, and Chicago, Illinois, the General and Commissioner Cox also enrolled more than 70 senior and junior soldiers. The General also had the opportunity to speak to thousands of listeners through and interview on a Christian radio station.

Their last stop was at the College for Officer Training, on Chicago's lakefront. In a talk to the cadets, the General spoke about The Salvation Army's internationalism, addressed current issues, and left them with the challenge: "Get out there and win the world for Jesus!"

A gracious, quiet lady

Olive May Smith was promoted to glory on 16 July, aged 93 and 10 months from Immanuel Gardens, Buderim, Queensland.

Major Glen Williams, Wynnum Corps Coordinator of “Silver Threads” seniors ministry and friend of Olive, led the service of thanksgiving for her life at Wynnum Corps on 25 July.

Olive was born to Harry and Grace Richardson at Wynnum, where her parents helped establish the corps. The family, including Lily, Grace (Phyllis), Winifred and brother Frederick (Bonney), were fully involved in all the corps activities throughout those early days.

Olive met Arthur Smith, a bandsman from Ipswich Corps, at a congress. Following his war service and discharge from the military, they married. They built their home in Wynnum where they lived for 60 years before moving eight years ago to Immanuel Gardens, Buderim, where Olive’s sisters lived.

Arthur held prominent corps positions at Wynnum Corps and Olive supported him in every way. She was a gracious, quiet lady. As a member of Home League, she ran the missionary stall and excelled each year in the talent system, raising money for missionary work.

For more than 30 years, she served at the local Meals on Wheels –a ministry the corps continues today. Her attendance at all corps services and activities was exemplary. When Olive was unable to attend The Salvation Army, she attended a chapel service and Bible study at Immanuel Gardens, run by Major Fred Limpus –a former corps officer of Wynnum Corps.

Olive’s son Trevor, from Nambour Corps, gave a lovely family tribute. Grandchildren Kern Smith and Troy Sullivan read from Scripture. A corps tribute was compiled from thoughts of former corps officers and local Salvationists. Wynnum Corps Officer Major Gary Craig prayed.

Major Williams spoke of the hope of Scripture: God’s promises confirmed by Jesus and his resurrection.

The songs chosen were a testimony of Olive’s experience and faith: *Blessed Assurance*, *What a Friend* and *Safe in the Arms of Jesus*.

The corps continues to support in prayer those whom Olive leaves behind –Trevor and wife Gwen, Glenda and husband Keith, and their families.

Generous and kind man

Rod Walker was promoted to glory at Wollongong on 20 July, aged 70.

A celebration of Rod’s life was held at The Salvation Army worship centre at Wollongong on 24 July, led by Corps Officer Captain Phil Inglis and previous Corps Officer Captain Ray Lotty.

Contributions included family tributes from sons Lachlan Walker and Ben Walker, and grand-daughter Sarah Walker, Scripture reading by daughter Amy Thompson, corps tribute from Stephen Skinner and vocal tribute Bring Him Home by grandson Kyle Walker, assisted on piano by Connor Hutchinson.

Members of several corps bands formed a mass band to provide musical support.

Rod had been an active soldier at Auburn, Canberra City, Petersham, Campsie and Wollongong corps at various stages of his life.

Most of his soldiership was spent at Auburn Corps, where he had been Corps Sergeant-Major, bandsman and band secretary.

A pharmacist, Rod retired to Wollongong in 2009, joining the band and songsters. He was also a member of the Illawarra Seniors Band.

Rod was born on 30 August, 1943, the second child of Harold and Enid Walker. He had a sister, Eleanor.

He married Elaine, with whom he had two children, Lachlan and Amy. He later married Marisa. They had one child, Ben.

Rod had five grandchildren, Sarah, Kyle, Jordyn, Samantha and Michael.

He studied at the University of Sydney, graduating with a Bachelor of Pharmacy. He worked as a pharmacist, consultant and employee of Wyeth Pharmaceuticals.

At his celebration service, family members paid tribute to “a very generous and kind man” who often assisted people he knew to be struggling financially.

He was known for providing medical advice to friends “whether they asked for it or not”.

He loved God, his family and the fellowship and ministry of The Salvation Army.

A procession led by the massed band escorted the funeral car from the front of the Wollongong worship centre a short distance before parting to allow the vehicle to continue on its way.

Grandson Jordyn Walker carried his

grandfather’s bandsman cap in front of the coffin as it was taken from the worship centre.

Faithful servant

James Alfred Scott was promoted to glory from Cherrywood Grove Residential Aged Care Facility, Orange, on 27 June, aged 94.

A celebration of Jim’s life was held at The Salvation Army Orange Corps on Monday 1 July, conducted by Majors Greg and Karen Saunders (Corps Officers).

Fellow soldier Olive Griffin spoke on behalf of the corps and Diane Cooper (daughter) spoke on behalf of the family.

Bandmaster Ian Barnes read a passage from the Bible (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Jim was born on 18 February, 1920, the first of five children of John (Jack) and Ethel Scott (nee Boaden) of Cargo.

Jim was an elder in the Presbyterian Church in Cargo when he married Florence Markham, of Orange, on 4 October 1952.

They settled on the family property at Cargo, travelling to Orange for worship and fellowship each Sunday, at The Salvation Army, while attending The Church in Cargo once a month.

Soon after, Jim became a soldier of The Salvation Army and served the Lord in Orange in whatever capacity he was needed. He served in areas such as Corps Sargent Major for more than 20 years, Young People’s treasurer, hotel ministry, street ministry and visiting others in hospital –always with a friendly smile and kind word.

Jim served during World War Two –in Australia, then Borneo, where he was part of the Australian troops landing at Balikpapan. War service was not a topic of much conversation as he only answered questions placed directly to him.

Jim and Florence had three children, Diane, Annette and Elaine, then six grandchildren, and then was blessed with two great-grandchildren.

When the property at Cargo was sold in 1984, Jim and Florence moved into Orange.

He cared for Florence till her passing in 2011, and even as he himself began to become more fragile, Jim continued to attend the corps and was always ready with a smile a word of encouragement.

He took up residence at Cherrywood just two weeks before his promotion to glory.

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Appointments

Effective 2 September: Major Hector **Crisostomo**, Salvos Stores Youth Outreach Coordinator, Business Administration.

Effective 29 September: Lieutenant Bronwyn **Williams**, Editorial Assistant, Editorial Department, Australia Southern Territory.

Bereaved

Captain Petra **Dorman** of her mother, Lydia **Schryver** on 7 July; Major Gary **Johnson** of his father, Laurence on 2 September; Major Michele **Terracini** of her mother, Fae **Satchell** on 6 September.

Birth

Lieutenant Vanessa **Hunt**, a boy, Tobias Anthony on 26 August.

Promoted to glory

Envoy Mick **Gilbert** on 19 August; Major Jean **Bedwell** on 27 August.

Resignations

Lieutenant Christelle **Pearson** on 31 July; Captains David and Joy **Morgan** on 11 August.

School For Officer Training

The following people have been accepted to enter the *Joyful Intercessors* session in 2015: Maryanne **Slater**, Hurstville Corps; Cameron **Lovering**, Townsville Riverway Corps; Natarsha **Laundon**, Hervey Bay Corps; Zak and Dee-Ann **Churchill**, Redcliffe Corps.

time to pray

28 September –4 October

School for Officer Training, THQ; Serenity House, Qld; School for Youth Leadership, Shekinah Campbelltown, Shellharbour Corps, Shoalhaven Corps, all NSW; International Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking (28); EQUIP NSW (28 Sep –4 Oct); North NSW Division Review (3).

5-11 October

Tanzania Territory; Singleton Corps, NSW; South Burnett Region Corps, South Queensland Divisional Headquarters, South Queensland Division Chaplaincy Services, South Queensland Divisional School for Mission and Ministry, South Queensland Flying Service, all Qld.

12-18 October

Lieut-Colonel Miriam Gluyas, Papua New Guinea Territory; Soundpoint, Southport Community Welfare Centre, both Qld; Southern Highlands Corps, Springwood Corps, both NSW; Spiritual Life Development, THQ; Appointment Announcement (16); Booth College Review (17); Candidates Weekend (18-20).

19-25 October

St George Community Welfare Centre, St Marys Corps, Sydney Congress Hall, Sydney East and Illawarra Divisional Headquarters, all NSW; Stafford Corps, Still Waters, both Qld; Tri-Territorial Conference (20-23).

26 October –1 November

Major Eva Phillips, Australia Southern Territory; Sydney East and Illawarra Division Chaplains, Sydney Streetlevel Mission, Tamworth Corps, Taree Corps, Tarrawanna Corps, all NSW; Sydney Staff Songsters, THQ; Territorial Communications and Public Relations Conference (27-29); The Greater West Division Review (30-31); Worship Arts –Connect Conference (31 Oct –2 Nov).

2-8 November

Temora Corps, Tenterfield Corps, both NSW; Territorial Candidates Department, Territorial Legal Department, Territorial Emergency Services Department, Territorial Mission and Resource Team –Corps, all THQ; Seniors Assembly (3-6); Divisional Mission and Resource Team Leaders Forum (7).

engagement calendar

Commissioners James (Territorial Commander) and Jan Condon

Armidale: Fri 3 Oct –North NSW Divisional review
Moree: Sun 5 Oct –Moree Corps visit
Kingsgrove: Fri 10 Oct –Sydney East and Illawarra Divisional review
Cairns: Sat 11-Sun 12 Oct –official opening of corps building and Sunday meeting
*Bexley North: Mon 13 Oct –Leadership Lecture, School For Officer Training
Sydney: Fri 17 Oct –Booth College Review
Townsville: Sat 18-Sun 19 Oct –Central and North Queensland Northern Celebration
Geelong: Mon 20 Oct –Inter-Territorial Executive Meeting
Geelong: Mon 20-Thu 23 Oct –Tri-Territorial Conference
#Rockhampton: Fri 24-Sun 26 Oct –Southern Women's Retreat
Stanmore: Mon 27 Oct –Officers First Year Review
Bexley North: Thu 30 Oct –School For Officer Training Retreat Day

*Commissioner James Condon only

#Commissioner Jan Condon only

Colonel Richard Munn (Chief Secretary)

London: Wed 8-Sun 12 Oct –Theology and Ethics Symposium
London: Mon 13-Wed 15 Oct –International Doctrine Council
Geelong: Mon 20-Thu 23 Oct –Tri-Territorial Leaders Conference
Stanmore: Tues 28 Oct –Dinner with first year lieutenants
Auburn: Fri 31 Oct –Divisional Review, The Greater West