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ABOVE: Rebecca Duncan is part of a Salvation Army campaign that demands an improvement in the rights and protection of domestic workers in Australia. Photo: Shairon Paterson

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The overflowing favour of God

SCOTT SIMPSON, *Managing Editor*

If you had to describe your own experience of God's grace, where would you start?

Over the past few weeks, as I have worked with the editorial team on preparing this issue of *Pipeline*, the topic of grace has never been far from my thoughts. That's because our cover story this month focuses on the latest group of training college cadets to be commissioned as Salvation Army officers – a group that has as its sessional name, the *Heralds of Grace*.

As part of our preview of their commissioning later this month, four of the cadets tell the story of their calling to officership and reflect on their experience at college, while another has written an insightful article on worship and the missional church. You can read their stories on pages 8-14 of this issue of *Pipeline*.

But let's return to the question I

started this article with. Do you know what grace is? Can you say you have experienced God's grace?

Grace is one of the crown jewels of Christianity. It is something that every follower of Christ should have an understanding of and, crucially, be ready to talk about with those who are yet to experience it.

The apostle Paul, writing to the church at Ephesus, makes his great declaration about God's amazing grace, summing it up, in effect, as the very atmosphere in which our relationship with God lives. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no-one can boast," he writes in Ephesian 2:8-10.

How incredible is that! It's no wonder that the followers of Christ have been basking in the truth of

God's grace in the 2000 years since Paul penned his divinely inspired letter to the Ephesians.

And it doesn't end there. God promises us that his grace will always be sufficient no matter what we face. As Oswald Chambers puts it: "Grace is the overflowing favour of God, and you can always count on it being available to draw upon as needed."

So no matter how many times we stumble and fall, we can always get back up again. Why? Because it is by the phenomenal grace of God that we can find the strength – *his* strength – to pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and endure.

What a wonderful message this latest group of Salvation Army training college cadets will be commissioned to "herald". In fact, what an amazing truth that should motivate all of us to be heralds of grace.

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Heart transplant

UNJUST CRITICISM IS A DISEASE, SAYS **COMMISSIONER JAMES CONDON**, THAT HAS A DEVASTATING EFFECT ON THE HEALTH OF THE CHURCH

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COMMISSIONER JAMES CONDON is *Territorial Commander of the Australia Eastern Territory*

There is a focus on well-being in modern society – physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually. Much money is spent on trying to achieve well-being and good health in every area of life. That is commendable; we all want to be well.

However, I find there is one disease that some people probably never associate with their well-being, and it is one of the most destructive diseases, especially among Christians.

This disease is criticism. I'm not referring to the constructive criticism that is helpful for self-improvement – we all need that and should welcome it when kindly people share it with us. The deadly disease I'm talking about is the unfair, unkind, ill-informed criticism of people that is so destructive and painful.

Elvis Presley once said: "Don't criticise what you don't understand ... You never walked in that man's shoes." How true.

It is so easy to destroy another's character with negative, critical "gossip". When we judge or criticise someone, it says nothing about that person but more about our own need to be critical.

Zig Ziglar said: "Don't be distracted by criticism. Remember, the only taste of success some people have is when they take a bite out of you."

I have observed and heard some very harsh criticism in recent months and I want to say that there is no real benefit to being critical of others. When criticism is voiced, usually the person being criticised is not in the room. The criticism is expressed behind the other person's back and that renders the criticism useless and self-defeating. And the more time we spend criticising others, the more defensive we become and the more poisonous our relationships become. That is not healthy living.

"Any fool can criticise, condemn and complain but it takes character and self-control to be understanding and forgiving," said Dale Carnegie. So in our quest for well-being and health, we need to remove all criticism and replace it with forgiveness.

When a heart is diseased, the surgeon carries out a heart transplant to enable the patient to enjoy a more healthy life. I want to suggest that those who are diseased by criticism need a heart transplant whereby the critical heart is replaced by a forgiving heart. Not only will the patient be healthy, but the church will also be much healthier.

HEALTHY LIVING

Our territory's Mission Priority 1 says we want to be a people of prayer and holiness. If we are to be that, there is no room for criticism or negativity.

Let the words of Jesus in Matthew 7:1-3 (*The Message* translation) challenge and guide us in healthy living: "Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticise their faults – unless, of course, you want the same treatment. That critical spirit has a way of boomeranging. It's easy to see a smudge on your neighbour's face and be oblivious to the ugly sneer on your own."

And take heed of the advice in James 4:11 (*The Voice* translation): "My brothers and sisters, do not assault each other with criticism. If you decide your job is to accuse and judge another believer, then you are a self-appointed critic and judge of the law."

To assist us in personal health and healthy communities we must love each other deeply from the heart. Or, as JB Phillips translates this verse in 1 Peter 4:18: "Above everything else, be sure that you have real deep love for each other."

God help us all to be healthy in every area of our life.

Changing the winds of disparity

IN THE LAST 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, FOCUS ON THE ALARMING DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR, DESPITE ENCOURAGING PROGRESS BEING MADE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO COMBAT POVERTY AND DISEASE

"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." (Phil 4:8 NRSV)

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As the 14-year-old son of a farmer in Malawi, William Kamkwamba harnessed the wind. In 2001, famine had left his family eating only one meal a day and without money to send William to school. Instead he went to the meagre local library. He found books on science and used a dictionary to understand the English words that explained the illustrations. One of the pictures that intrigued him was of a windmill. The words said that windmills could create electricity and pump water.

With fortitude and ingenuity, William scrounged materials from the junkyard. He cobbled

together a discarded tractor fan, an old bicycle frame, shock absorber, melted plastic pipe and a used dynamo.

Eventually, his family extended their days with four small lights powered by the windmill-generator his labors created.

A few years later he built a second windmill that pulled water from a small well near his home to irrigate his family's farm. As a result, they began growing two crops of maize a year.

In 2007, William was discovered by some journalists and invited to give one TED Talk* in Tanzania, and then another in Oxford, England. To listen to him in his own words, go to goo.gl/vIO8JN

Today, he is studying to be an engineer at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire.

POSITIVE PROGRESS

The Williams in this world give us reasons to celebrate. They represent the best of life –

optimism, creativity, intelligence and the imagination to problem-solve.

We also celebrate the social, healthcare and economic global progress that is being achieved. The United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are the big global player here. They have orchestrated a strategic attack on the afflictions of poverty and used measurement indicators to assess progress.

And there is good news on the global poverty front. The following facts can be found at goo.gl/I5XcSY

- In the past 20 years, the mortality rate for children has dropped 41 per cent. A staggering 7256 young lives are being saved every day.
- In the same time frame, 700 million fewer people who were living on less than \$1.25 per day (from 47 per cent to 22 per cent) are being lifted out of extreme back-breaking poverty.

"... the world's 85 wealthiest people hold as much wealth as the poorest 3.5 billion – or half of the world's population"

- Safer sources of water have been accessed for 2.1 billion people in the past 21 years. The MDG target was reached five years ahead of time.
- Remarkable gains have been made in the fight against malaria. Mosquito nets and other interventions have averted an estimated 1.1 million malaria deaths.
- Eight million people are receiving medical treatment for HIV/AIDS and the Global Fund is funding the treatment and prevention of mother to child transmissions of the dreaded disease.
- The proportion of people undernourished has decreased from 23 per cent to 15 per cent.

The struggle out of inequity into hope is happening for many. The slow journey to justice is within reach for many more. We shout out, "Thanks be to God" for the orchestration being expressed and the resources

being raised and allocated.

But, still, there is enormous life-denying disparity.

A new report from Oxfam, a global anti-poverty group, finds that the world's 85 wealthiest people hold as much wealth as the poorest 3.5 billion – or half of the world's population (Go to goo.gl/9lQzjj)

Our world is skewed in favour of the rich.

UNJUST IMBALANCE

William Kamkwamba's first experience in New York City calls us to pursue more fairness – more equity in our world. Standing at a construction site, William lamented: "I watched giant cranes lift enormous pieces of steel into the sky, and it made me wonder how America could build these skyscrapers in a year, but in four decades of independence, Malawi can't even pipe clean water to a village ... or keep electricity in our homes. We always seem to be struggling to catch up. Even with

so many smart and hardworking people, we are still living and dying like our ancestors." (William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer, *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*. Harper Collins, 2009, p.262)

The chasm is too wide.

The inequality is immoral.

Even with the advances, the disparity is still unjust.

The distance between the more developed and the less developed dishonors God's equal love for all humanity.

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

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Hark *the* Heralds

photos SHAIRON PATERSON

Each year, men and women who have been drawn together from all walks of life are commissioned as officers of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory.

It follows two years of intensive training, during which they study subjects as diverse as theology, pastoral care, community development, public relations, world religions, and ethics, among others. They are also exposed to practical out-training and regular pastoral and public-speaking ministry.

On Sunday 30 November, cadets of the *Heralds of Grace* training session (pictured left) will be commissioned at the Brisbane Convention Centre. Over the next handful of pages, four of the cadets testify about their calling and time in training, while another presents a considered reflection on worship and the missional church.

cadet Donna Sutcliffe

Experiences. We all have them and for each of us they look different.

My experience of the last two years at the training college has been similar to that of an incredible roller-coaster. Full of ups, downs, twists and turns and, to be honest, I wouldn't change it for anything.

Over this time I have learnt so much; so much about myself, about my journey with God, and about scripture and ministry. Learning has really been key on this journey for me.

One of the areas I feel I have had great growth in, is my spiritual formation. I have found new ways in which I can connect with God and have experienced a deeper understanding of his word and will for my life.



ABOVE: *Cadet Donna Sutcliffe with her husband, Cadet Philip Sutcliffe.*

This deeper connection has influenced the way I live my day-to-day life. I find myself being more aware of God's presence than ever before. I also find that the knowledge of who I am and what I am created for is stronger than ever.

It may sound like a cliché but for me, when it comes to college, it really is what you make of it and the attitude you

have influences your experience. I chose the mind-set that this experience would be life-changing and it has been.

I chose that I would allow it to shape me and mould me, and it has.

This journey has been incredible and I am thankful to God for the opportunity and for each and every day, no matter what it has looked like.



cadet Erin Horton

ABOVE: *Cadets Erin and Jake Horton with their son, Stephen.*

My husband, Jake, and I worked for The Salvation Army at its School for Youth Leadership before we came to the School for Officer Training.

We loved our job and the ministry opportunities we had, and found it hard to leave. It became clear to both of us

though, that it was time for us to move on and continue to follow the calling God had placed upon us.

The past two years have been a great opportunity for us to focus on who God has made us to be and to learn how we can better serve him in ministry. During our time here we have

gained many friends who have supported us, through some good times but also through some challenging times. We have gained so much including a deeper relationship and knowledge of who we are as a family and what we are capable of in our future ministry.

At the end of our first year at college, we found out we were going to be having a baby. While this was such a surprise, we were delighted by the news but also quite concerned how we would handle the pressures of college studies and being new parents. However, through this experience God has blessed us more than we could ever imagine.

We have been blessed with loving care and support from our fellow session-mates and staff. During this time God spoke to both of us, reminding us that we are never alone, that no matter what we are going through he is always by our side and he will never give us anything we cannot handle.

cadet
Adele
Williams

Well, here we are at the end of two years of training college and I'm left wondering where the past two years have gone. It feels like only last week we moved in and yet also a lifetime ago. And in the next few weeks we will be packing once again and moving on to the next phase of our journey.

I have really enjoyed my college experience. It has been challenging and surprising exploring God's calling on my life. If you had asked me 10 years ago, I would not have seen myself here. I was happy serving God in my local corps and my job at Booth College. But God had other plans.

One of things I've been learning over the past two years



is that God has called me to be a herald of grace. This means he is calling me to step up and speak out, and I have a responsibility to say whatever he tells me to say no matter how scary it is to stand up and speak.

Many times this feels beyond me but each time God has provided the strength to do so and the words to say.

During college my

confidence has grown, not because I am more confident in myself but because I am more certain that I am where God wants me and he will provide all I need to do what he asks me to do.

There are still times when I feel small and insignificant, but God is continuously showing me that I am never too insignificant for him to work through.

LEFT: Cadet Adele Williams' confidence in God has grown during her time at college.

cadet
Chris Ford

My road to officership has been a little different to most of my session-mates. Although I was brought up in a caring, loving Christian home, it wasn't until I was in my late 30s that I joined The Salvation Army and felt the call to officership and to serve God.

During my time of residential training at the School for Officer Training, God has been revealing himself further to me and in particular showing me and teaching me about grace.

It was towards the end of our first year that God put the word "grace" on my heart. I was exploring just what it meant to be a person extending God's grace, but also looking at how it could be applied in corps situations and officership. God was talking to me through his



word and would often give me words of encouragement such as 2 Corinthians 12:8-9, where Paul explains that God's grace is sufficient.

Exploring the concept of God's grace led me in many different directions and this is where my experience of being at the School for Officer Training came in. Being able to discuss ideas with my spiritual formation

officer and session-mates, I was able to begin to grasp the concept and explore further ideas.

For now, God is teaching me to just sit in his grace, to appreciate what he is doing daily in my life, and continuing to show me, and teach me, how to extend God's grace to everyone. I just love to see how God is working in others and to see how they are spiritually forming in the wake of God's grace.

To demonstrate God's love and grace to all people is what I pray and hope that my officership will be marked by.

LEFT: Cadets Chris and Kaylene Ford with their children, Sarah and Jessica.

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Worship and the missional church

LATER THIS MONTH, **NICHOLE MAXWELL** WILL BE AMONG 15 CADETS OF THE *HERALDS OF GRACE* SESSION TO BE COMMISSIONED AS SALVATION ARMY OFFICERS OF THE AUSTRALIA EASTERN TERRITORY. AS PART OF HER TRAINING, NICHOLE PREPARED A PAPER ON WORSHIP AND THE MISSIONAL CHURCH, WHICH *PIPELINE* REPRODUCES HERE ...

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CADET NICHOLE MAXWELL entered officer training from Brisbane City Temple Corps

It was an exciting day. I was sitting up straight, my hands clasped between my knees as my legs swung beneath my chair. I could barely contain my excitement. And then the moment arrived.

Gene, my Sunday school teacher, said: "Now, children, we have some new faces with us this week. Stand up if you brought along a friend today." With an enormous grin on my face I stood straight up. I had never brought along a friend before. Everyone clapped and I swayed slightly, making my skirt swing around my knees, with a shy, yet proud smile on my face. I knew that I had done well.

My friend Alice had never been to church before but I had invited her to be a part of our Sunday school play. There had been lots of encouragement to get our "non-church" friends involved so that their parents would come along to church to see the play, get saved, and then keep coming back. The only problem was that Alice didn't come back the following Sunday, or the Sunday after that. In fact, she didn't come back to Sunday school at all. Had I done something wrong? Maybe the other kids weren't as friendly as they could have been? Maybe she didn't like the teachers? Maybe the idea of a Sunday school play wasn't "cool" enough? Maybe I'll just try and get her to come again next year.

Can you identify with this experience? While there is absolutely nothing wrong with

having a desire to see family, friends and neighbours come along to church, this story, and others like it, stems from a particular understanding of what church was created to be.

Historically, churches in the West have focused predominately on being attractive, or attractional, to those outside the church. Alan J Roxburgh, in *Introducing the Missional Church: What It Is, Why It Matters, How to Become One*, writes: "The assumption of the attractional imagination is that average people outside the church are looking for a church and know they should belong to one, and therefore, church leaders should create the most attractive attractional church possible. The mission, then, is to get people to attend."

In order to have an attractive church we look for the most entertaining preacher, and the best and most popular worship music, contends Gregory A Pritchard in *Willow Creek Seeker Services Evaluating a New Way of Doing Church*. We also want the coolest youth pastor or the most colourful and exciting children's programs.

The influence of the "attractional model" has led church leaders to feel the need to develop programs for people to come to, and to equate success with attendance records. Programs that are held within the church, particularly the worship event, are geared towards newcomers, agree >>>

Ed Dobson in *Starting a Seeker Sensitive Service: How Traditional Churches Can Reach the Unchurched* and Pritchard.

RESULTS DRIVEN

There has been increasing concern among Christian writers about the attractional church model "... where spiritual things happen in spiritual buildings at spiritual times led by spiritual people. There is wide-scale agreement that this falls short of God's purposes." (Roxburgh, *Introducing the Missional Church*)

In today's culture of instant gratification, we want to see the results of our efforts. This is why the attractional model is so attractive to us. Numbers are easy to count; a full worship hall makes us feel good and successful. Therein lies the issue. The life of the church is to be lived out in the community, announcing the presence and reign of God and partnering with him in his mission (Hornsby, *The Attractional Church*.) It is God's mission, not ours.

In considering a new approach to mission, there is no better place to begin than the very nature and character of God. The Latin term "Missio Dei" is often used as a way to describe God and is commonly translated as "the mission of God". Michael Frost (*Michael Frost on Missional Church*, Missional Church Network) prefers the translation "the missioning God" or "the God of mission".

God is on a mission of reconciliation. His desire is to reconcile the world to himself through his son, Jesus. God's primary activity is in the world, and the church is God's instrument sent into the world to participate in his redemptive mission (*What Is Missional?*, Missional Church Network).

It stands to reason that if we, as the church, are joining "the missioning God" in his mission on earth, then "mission" rather than "worship" should be our

driving force. In other words, we must stop considering numerical growth within our buildings and programs as our job as the church, and begin living as missionaries within the communities in which we live.

Instead of asking, "How can our worship be more attractive and 'seeker sensitive', we seek to discover where and how God is working in our neighbourhoods and join him there" (Roxburgh, *Introducing the Missional Church*). "The Spirit is calling the church on a journey outside of itself and its internal focus" (Ibid).

"In today's culture of instant gratification, we want to see the results of our efforts"

A church driven by mission does not measure spiritual maturity by church attendance. "Instead, missional individuals 'think about God and the world' and arrange their whole life ... around their faith convictions and put their faith into everyday actions," (Michelle A Vu, *Missional Church Movement: The Next Big Thing?*, Church and Ministry).

As people of God, we are called to partake in the Great Commission to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel" (Mark 16:15). Not all of us have the opportunity for missionary service overseas, but we are all obligated as Christ followers to live every moment of every day of our lives as missionaries right where we are.

ENERGISING DYNAMIC

With all this focus on being outside of the church walls, being incarnational in our communities and meeting people where they are, what

happens to our corporate worship services?

"To think and to live missionally means seeing all life as a way to be engaged with the mission of God in the world," says Reggie McNeal in *Missional Renaissance: Changing the Scorecard for the Church*. This means that mission will drive even the corporate worship event.

A missional focus does not mean that we do away with the worship event. It does not even mean that our corporate worship events become yet another mission program. "They will not be shallow, dumbed-down churches in order to be missional, because their very essence is their connectedness in intimacy with the risen missional Christ, who was sent that we might be sent in him," (Hastings, *Missional God, Missional Church*).

When mission is the driving force behind our worship, the worship event becomes the energising dynamic of the church-life rhythm. As we gather for worship it is like a body breathing in, drawing in oxygen to sustain and give life to the whole body. As we are sent out from worship, it is like the body breathing out as we, the body of Christ, are sent out into the world to join in Christ's mission there.

When mission is the driving force behind our worship, the worship event will draw the community of believers together to not only meet with God, but to be shaped by his passion for the world and inspired to join him in his mission in the world. The worship community is then sent out into the community to be light-bearers, not in the sense of air traffic controllers, guiding and directing the people outside of the church building inside, but connecting with and engaging with people who no longer attend church, or perhaps never did, and directing them to Jesus through practical and genuine examples of his love. □

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DHQ
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NEWCASTLE AND CENTRAL NSW DIVISION

DHQ

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CHAPLAINCY

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CORPS

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Corps, Captain Louise **Beamish**; Corps Officers, Westlakes Corps, Cadets Stewart and Kara **Hartley**

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DHQ

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CORPS

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SOUTH QUEENSLAND DIVISION

DHQ

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SOCIAL SERVICES

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DHQ

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CHAPLAINCY

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CHAPLAINCY

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CORPS

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PAPUA NEW GUINEA TERRITORY

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Majors Mark and Beth **Brooks**

AWAITING APPOINTMENT:

Captain Lindon Kinder and Captain Patsy **Shadbolt**

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We would like to honour the following officers who will be retiring in the very near future. We thank God for their faithful and gracious ministry.

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Lieuts Jon and Pat **Cory**
Lieut-Colonel Christine **Rees**
Major Alice **Feen**
Major Carolyn **Kerr**
Major Kevin **McGrath**
Major Lillian **Hodges**
Major Lyndal **Barker**
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Major Peter **Maynard**
Major Reta **Brown**
Major Robert **Sneller**
Major Trevor **Strong**
Majors Brian and Geraldine **Wilson**
Majors Dennis and Sue **McGuigan**
Majors Edwin and Daphne **Cox**
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Bridge to freedom

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF
TRANSFORMING LIVES

photo SHAIRON PATERSON

For half-a-century, The Salvation
Army's Bridge Program has been
rescuing people from the grip of
addiction. In a Pipeline special
feature, we draw insights from
many of the Salvation Army
officers who have dedicated their
lives to helping those in addiction,
and talk to just some of the people
who have walked across the
bridge to freedom >>>



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While in one case drunkenness may be resolved into a habit, in another it must be accounted a disease. What is wanted in the one case, therefore, is some method of removing the man out of the sphere of the temptation, and in other for treating the passion as a disease ...

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- William Booth (*In Darkest England and the Way Out*)



Bridge to freedom

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF TRANSFORMING LIVES

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words **SCOTT SIMPSON** *photo* **SHAIRON PATERSON**

The Salvation Army's industry-recognised Bridge Program turns 50 later this month.

An integral part of the Army's Recovery Services centres, since the program's introduction in 1964 it has been responsible for transforming the lives of tens of thousands of people who have been in the grip of addiction, whether it be drug, alcohol, gambling or other.

The Salvation Army is the largest provider of residential recovery services in NSW and Queensland. Since the Bridge Program started, more than 100,000 people have benefitted from the service.

"People [have] moved from desperation to restoration," says Major David Pullen, the Army's Australia Eastern Territorial Mission and Resource Director – Recovery. "We've seen many of the people who've completed the program go on to secure employment in very high levels in society. We've seen a lot of great things happen ... that's something we should thank God for."

The Bridge Program began in humble circumstances, in a small building in Nithsdale St, Sydney, directly behind the Army's current territorial headquarters. Half-a-century later, it has grown to now operate in nine residential centres across the Eastern Territory (NSW, Queensland and the

ACT), supplemented by a number of corps-based programs.

And the future for the Bridge Program looks exciting. A 19-bed residential facility for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community recently opened at Normanton, in north-west Queensland, while later this month a women's wing will open at the Moonyah Recovery Services Centre in Brisbane. In June, The Rotary Life Skills Centre began operating at William Booth House in Sydney.

"In more ways we continue to develop the Bridge program in its 50th year, working to meet the glaring need of society," says Major Pullen.

HIGH REGARD

The Bridge Program is a holistic service that focuses on the spiritual, mental, emotional and physical recovery of the client. Its success, says Major Pullen, isn't always measured in numbers but, instead, on seeing lives transformed.

"It's just a program that works," he says. "Everyone who does it is a success."

And it's a program that is held in high regard by industry peers. The success of the Bridge Program has been recognised by a growing number of awards, the most recent being named winners of the Excellence in Treatment and Support category at the National Drug and Alcohol Awards last year.

The evolution of addiction

AS SOCIETY CHANGES SO, TOO, HAS THE TYPE OF TREATMENT THE
BRIDGE PROGRAM HAS PROVIDED

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words **NATE MATTHEWS**

The Salvation Army's Bridge Program has continued to evolve throughout its 50-year history, adapting to the changing trends in society.

One of the program's key locations is at William Booth House, at Surry Hills in Sydney. The centre's manager, Major Bob Seymour, says helping people to beat addiction and encouraging them to embrace a better lifestyle, continues to be both challenging and rewarding.

He said the needs of those accessing the program, coupled with the type of drugs available on the streets, had changed significantly since the initial roll-out of the Bridge Program in 1964.

"One of the differences I see is people being less selective or exclusive [about what drugs they use], and being more inclined to select from the market, using availability and competitive pricing as the guide," he says.

"Alcohol continues to be the most commonly abused intoxicant. The majority of people coming into William Booth House have a history of alcohol abuse and very often a long-term addiction to address.

"In addition to the usual marketplace performers of supply and demand, alcohol is, of course, legal, which gives it a broad acceptance in the community and allows for massive campaigns promoting its consumption.

"Just as the reasons for excessive consumption of drugs and alcohol for the individual are very complex, this is further confused by the frequently present matters of anxiety and depression."

Major Seymour says a key to the ongoing

success of the Bridge Program was the introduction of mental health service assessments a few years ago.

"By including mental health screening in the program assessment process we are now able to address the mental health issues of addiction, thereby giving our participants greater opportunity to sustain and prolong their sobriety and their personal stability," he says.

"Our client group can no longer be represented by the cartoonish white older drunk living under a bridge or asleep on a park bench. The Salvation Army has long recognised that addiction pervades all levels of society and, it seems, the community at large is coming to that realisation also."

Major Seymour also has a personal view on the current climate of drug use in society, and how to assist those most in need. It's a view he's happy to share and, considering his long-standing service to the Bridge Program, it's well worth heeding.

"Admitting to a problem is the beginning of getting help and, personally, I think Australia has a problem with public drunkenness, the abuse of drugs and the excesses of compulsive gambling," he says.

"It is never just the individual who may claim his or her right to please themselves, carrying the consequences of that decision. The impact of addiction stretches very wide and reaches deep into the lives of many. It is often the case that others will be detrimentally affected [by a person's addiction] for the rest of their lives.

"There is hope, and the best and the greatest hope is found in the transforming power of God."

Bridge Program locations

The Salvation Army runs the Bridge Program at the following centres:

ACT

Canberra Recovery Services,
Fyshwick

NSW

Dooralong Transformation
Centre, NSW Central Coast

Shoalhaven Bridge Program
(Out-client Service), Nowra, NSW
South Coast

William Booth House Recovery
Services, Surry Hills, Sydney

QUEENSLAND

Brisbane Recovery Services
(Moonyah), Red Hill

Gold Coast Recovery Services
(Fairhaven), Eagle Heights

Mt Isa Recovery Services

Normanton Recovery and
Community Wellbeing Service

Townsville Recovery Services
Grace Cottage (Women's Out-
client Service), Townsville

*A number of community-based
recovery services also operate the
Bridge Program across NSW, the ACT
and Queensland*

*For more information on the Bridge
Program, go to [salvos.org.au/
recovery](http://salvos.org.au/recovery)*

1964

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IN 1964, DEVELOPMENT OF the Bridge Program began the Nithsdale Clinic, located at the rear of the current territorial headquarters building in Elizabeth St, Sydney. The clinic offered counselling, group work and welfare to those suffering with addictions. The need for a residential program for recovering alcohol and drug addicts was identified and in 1966, Bridge House, in George St, Redfern opened. In 1973, Bridge House closed and the service was moved to temporary premises in Commonwealth St, Darlinghurst.



1974

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SELAH REMAINED AN extension of Miracle Haven until 1974, when Chittaway Point became a service for women. Prior to Selah, women took part in the Bridge Program through an out-client service. In 1983, women transferred from Chittaway Point to a new NSW Central Coast facility at Berkeley Vale.



1964

1966

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IN LATE 1966, MEN WERE admitted to a long-term care facility at a farm at Chittaway Point, on the Central Coast of NSW, named Selah. Only a few years later, in 1969, the Chittaway Point service was relocated to the site of a former country club in Morisset, and renamed Miracle Haven



1968-1973

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THE BRIDGE PROGRAM EXPANDED TO NEWCASTLE IN 1968 WITH the opening of Bridge House, featuring an out-client program and small residential treatment unit. In 1973, Mancare opened in Canberra, with a multi-purpose facility that included catering for men struggling with alcohol addiction and/or homelessness. The Mancare service also opened in Townsville that same year.



Expansion of the Bridge Program

FROM HUMBLE ORIGINS, THE SALVATION ARMY'S BRIDGE PROGRAM HAS GROWN TO BECOME A NATIONAL LEADER IN ADDICTION TREATMENT

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Compiled by *ESTHER PINN*



1974

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DUE TO AN INCREASING DEMAND FOR recovery services in Sydney, The Salvation Army opened William Booth House in Surry Hills in 1974. During the late 1970s, William Booth House expanded to three additional services in Sydney – Bramwell Booth House, Herbert Booth House and Catherine Booth House.

2004

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IN 2004, HADLEIGH LODGE opened at Leura in the Blue Mountains of NSW. Earlier this year, Hadleigh Lodge closed.

2014

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EARLIER THIS YEAR, A 19-bed residential facility for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community was opened in Normanton, in north-west Queensland, while in June, the Rotary Life Skills Centre opened at William Booth House in Sydney.

1985

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THE BRIDGE PROGRAM was introduced to Brisbane through the opening of a men's home at Red Hill. In 1985, the centre was renamed Moonyah. Initially just for men, the program later expanded to also cater for women.



1991

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IN 1991, THE BRIDGE Program was introduced at Fairhaven, on Queensland's Gold Coast.



2012-2013

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IN 2012, MOUNT ISA RECOVERY SERVICES was opened providing services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals, couples and families. In early 2013, Miracle Haven and Selah (Berkeley Vale) merged to become the Dooralong Transformation Centre, on the NSW Central Coast. The 345-acre facility, formerly a luxury holiday resort, allows both men and women the opportunity to overcome their addictions while living in a tranquil environment.



Back from the brink

BY HIS EARLY 20s, DAVID TWIVEY WAS A MULTI-MILLIONAIRE. HIS WEALTH, THOUGH, WAS SQUANDERED ON AN OUT-OF-CONTROL HEROIN HABIT. THE BRIDGE PROGRAM SAVED HIS LIFE

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words **BILL SIMPSON**

*"I found that I could stop ... **knowing that God loved me and forgave me**, and now wanted me to work for him"*

RIGHT: Major David Twivey with Michael, a graduate of the Bridge Program at Townsville.



David Twivey was a brash young real estate agent in Sydney, with 13 properties in his personal ownership stable by the time he was 20.

He had grown up with money. His family owned several hotels throughout NSW and a very successful real estate business in Sydney's booming Hills district. The family home was spread over one-and-a-half hectares.

David was educated at the exclusive Kings School at Parramatta. He was a school boarder. He had a church background. He accepts that his early life was privileged.

There was never any anxiety about employment after school. He knew he would move straight into the family business. He was good at selling real estate.

Success brought its rewards. Besides the 13 personal properties by the time he turned 20 – including a harbourside residence at Mosman worth millions – he had money to burn and he spent outrageously. He had also been left a fortune by his grandmother. Life was easy.

Drugs were easy, too. Problem is, they got him hooked. He started with marijuana at 18 and moved on to heroin at 28. By 29, he was spending an incredible \$2000 a day on his addiction.

Not surprisingly, drug-taking sent him on a sudden downward spiral.

He began selling off personal properties to finance his habit – until he had nothing left. Much of his fortune was forfeited to his drug dealer. Then, he started stealing – from his family.

They covered for him for a time. But, then they were prepared to suffer no more from the selfishness of their son. Police were brought in. He was put before the court. He was given a choice – prison or rehabilitation. He chose rehabilitation.

David was accepted into The Salvation Army's William Booth Bridge Program at 29. After a detox process in Sydney, he was sent to Miracle Haven farm on the NSW Central Coast for recovery.

That was a little over 30 years ago.

STRONG ADVOCATE

Today, David Twivey is Major David Twivey, manager of The Salvation Army addiction recovery services in Townsville, Queensland.

While he was at Miracle Haven, he met Jesus Christ. The experience changed his life. The Bridge Program saved his life. Since then, he has been a support worker, counsellor, youth worker and then manager at three recovery centres.

He became a Salvation Army officer at 33. He met his wife Beth (then Stoodley) at college. They celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this year.

Before Townsville, he had the privilege of managing Miracle Haven, where his personal miracle had taken place at the start of his recovery.

Not surprisingly, David is a strong advocate of the Bridge Program. Despite his immense heroin addiction in his 20s, he was convinced at first attempt that he would beat his demons.

"Once was all I needed. I found that I could stop after having a spiritual experience, knowing that God loved me and forgave me, and now wanted me to work for him," he tells *Pipeline*.

"I believe I was called to be a Salvation Army officer when I was in rehab. I had a few years to learn what that really meant for me and the call to officership came at Miracle Haven."

As a participant in the Bridge Program, he saw dedication, sacrifice, hope, love and patience in the staff. Now, as a manager, he wants to offer hope, trust and "persistence with people who keep failing".

"The disease of addiction relapses can be part of the recovery," he says. "My faith believes that God gives a second chance. I need to trust in him to do the change in people he sends my way."

"There is always hope," he tells these people.

"Never give up trying to be the person God created you to be."

Preparedness and persistence worked for David Twivey.

To read or watch more stories of transformation through the Bridge Program, go to salvos.org.au/recovery and click on "Client Testimonials". □



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“A MAN MAY BE DOWN, BUT HE’S NEVER OUT,” SAID EVANGELINE BOOTH DURING HER TIME AS COMMANDER OF THE SALVATION ARMY’S UNITED STATES TERRITORY IN THE EARLY 1900s. THESE WORDS COULD VERY WELL HAVE APPLIED TO TONY DIXON, WHO TOOK 17 ADMISSIONS TO THE BRIDGE PROGRAM TO REACH SOBRIETY

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words **JULIA HOSKING** *photos* **SHAIRON PATERSON**



ABOVE: A selection of just some of the many drawings and short stories Tony produced.

About 25 years ago, Tony Dixon turned up at The Salvation Army's William Booth Institute in Surry Hills, Sydney. He was requesting admission for the drug and alcohol rehabilitation Bridge Program – for a record-breaking 17th time.

Major Brian Watters, who had just been appointed manager of the institute, recalls the moment: "The admissions counsellor came to me and said, 'Tony's come around again. Of course we're not going to admit him.'"

"I said, 'Who's Tony?'"

"The counsellor replied, 'Oh, he's been here 16 times ... usually stays overnight and leaves the next morning.'

"The counsellor felt Tony's case was a bit hopeless and because our resources were limited and the number of applicants seemingly unlimited, I was inclined to approve his rejection," Major Watters continues. "But then I thought: if a man's made 17 attempts, there must be something good driving him; I'd like to meet Tony."

"Tony looked like the father

in *Steptoe and Son* – a little, shrivelled-up old bloke. I felt God said to me, 'Give him a go.' Tony came in and never looked back."

HARD LIFE

Tony (now deceased) was born in London in 1937. When he was eight, he and his siblings were placed in a children's home, then, in 1954, they came to Australia to live with their uncle who was a violent alcoholic.

From the age of 17, alcohol became Tony's escape from this man and his memories. Thus began his spiral of addiction, which would haunt him for more than 30 years.

Underneath his alcoholism, Tony was a creatively gifted man. As part of his many attempts at recovery, in 1976 he volunteered his copper craft and leatherwork skills at the Sydney City Mission in Glebe. This was where he met Bev Day-Cassin, who, years later, would become his "adopted sister".

"He said himself he was quite surly toward me at times when he first came to the mission," shares Bev. "He was tense >>>

Keeping Tony's memory alive

Upon Tony's death, Bev sorted through the belongings of her "adopted brother" and discovered a letter from him requesting that she and another friend, Joanna (who knew Tony from 1978), "when the Lord takes me ... produce something to validate my having been here".

At the scattering of Tony's ashes, Bev invited anyone present to join her and Joanna. Six people formed the Tony Dixon Legacy Group.

The group applied for a history grant from Leichhardt Council (under the umbrella of the Italian Welfare Craft Group of which Tony had been a member since 1990) and for the past six years they've been archiving Tony's works – all 2000 of them: cartoons, sketches, portraits, poems, short stories, reflections and screen prints.

The group has also been working on trying to release a collection of short stories Tony wrote called *Rat Tails*, which is an allegory of loneliness to belonging.

In the foreword to the book, Father Adriano Pittarello (a mentor to Tony over many years) writes, "[Tony] found himself to live like a rat – addicted to alcohol, sleeping in the gutter, without money and dignity. Many times and in many ways he tried to come out of it. Finally he succeeded. Not without the help of some good people, many of whom truly believe to be indebted to him at least as much as and for the same reasons he felt indebted to them – true care, esteem, friendship and love."

An exhibition of Tony's portraits was organised at Leichhardt Library as part of History Week in 2013. A video clip of this event can be viewed online at vimeo.com/79861229

*"Tony was carrying a tremendous burden of hate ...
Gradually we saw a change – he was like a butterfly
coming out of the chrysalis"*

and on edge, probably because of the battle he was living inside himself."

Sixteen times Tony went in and out of The Salvation Army's Bridge Program, never quite reaching sobriety.

"Perhaps part of the closing fist of addiction had to do with actually fearing sobriety," Tony wrote in his autobiography in the early 2000s. "To be alert to the situation, aware of our damaging behaviour ... is a pain we do not easily or readily wish to face."

NEW MAN EMERGES

The Army's Bridge Program, in those days, involved admission at William Booth Institute (as it was then known), where the recovering addict would spend three to 10 weeks before being sent to Miracle Haven Rehabilitation Farm for 32 to 36 weeks, and then back to William Booth for a six-to-eight-week "re-entry into society" phase.

Through these two facilities, while recovering from his addiction, Tony began to explore his relationship with God.

"He got stuck into the Bible and began to see things in the New Testament that he felt he had to apply to his own life," says Major Watters. "Tony was carrying a tremendous burden of hate. I'd tell him, 'One of the reasons you're drinking is to try and deal with all this hatred and bitterness and anger inside of you ... you're going to have to forgive'.

"Gradually we saw a change – he was like a butterfly coming out of the chrysalis. He'd talk about his spiritual struggles and how he had to let certain things go and needed the grace of God to do it."

In a letter to Bev, Tony acknowledged the transformation he'd experienced through the Bridge Program. "I have to believe today that God performed a little miracle through his servants The Salvation Army, who led me into wholesomeness via their more Christian interpretation of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous," he wrote.

As Tony healed, discovered God and overcame his addiction, his suppressed creativity began to emerge once more. He wrote short stories and poetry, and drew cartoons and posters – some of which are still in use today at William Booth House.

"There was one of a man sitting on a piece of wreckage at sea and the ship sinking in the background," recalls Major Watters. "He's got a captain's cap on and says, 'I'm the captain of this shipwreck'. That really relates to the addicts – everything's going down the gurgler around them, but they still see themselves as being in control. The aspect of the program whereby addicts admit of their weaknesses is a serious business, but Tony could see the humorous side of it."

FINDING 'BELONGMENT'

After achieving sobriety, Tony moved to Leichhardt, where he found a permanent place to belong. In 1996, he became an Australian citizen and coined the word "belongment" as an expression of his emotions.

"The best description of 'belongment', in Tony's words, is: 'Someone loving to be with, somewhere to go, something to do,'" says Bev.

In 2002, Tony finally had his first stable home. It was then he began drawing portraits for members of the community as a sign of his friendship.

"One day, Tony was walking up Norton St, Leichhardt, and he saw a woman giving parking fines to cars," says Bev. "He says, 'You won't ever have to give me one of those.' And she says, 'Why not?' He replies, 'Because I don't have a car.'"

"They got chatting and this woman invited him to Christmas dinner ... Tony ended up drawing her children.

"I think that was his gift – he could meet people where they're at and help them take themselves less seriously," Bev continues. "He would say to his friends, 'Every day I'm living for my Master and I'm hopefully using what he's given me'.

"I think that's what belongment was about for Tony, using the gifts God gave him and sharing them with others."

As Bev suggests, although many people left their impact on Tony, he left his on many more.

"Tony revealed to me you should never judge a person by their appearance, and you should never give up on someone," shares Major Watters, who remained in contact with Tony until his death in 2007.

"People's life experiences can depress them and rob them of their joy in living ... but if we reach out to them in love, and they can sense the love, it's often the turning point in their life.

"When I first met Tony, I felt it was the right thing to admit him. I'm eternally grateful that we did. I believe it was God-inspired." □



TOP: Tony produced a prolific amount of work. **BELOW:** (Clockwise from left) Bev Day-Cassin with some of Tony's drawings; Tony always carried his contacts with him; Rat Tails was one of Tony's short stories.



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SALVOS GET STRATEGIC ABOUT DISASTER MANAGEMENT

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With a laptop in one hand and a fistful of ideas in the other, Major Topher Holland headed into The Salvation Army's recent Strategic Disaster Management Conference in Sydney armed with renewed optimism.

Having just been appointed Director for Strategic Disaster Management by the Army's Australian Eastern Territory, Major Holland was on a mission.

Among his new duties is to develop a "management and activation plan" geared towards assisting disaster-stricken regions throughout the South Pacific and East Asia.

To propel his ideas to an audience, Major Holland joined 25 delegates at the five-day disaster management conference, held at the Army's School for Leadership Training at Stanmore, in late September.

The abundance of contributors and guest speakers created a melting pot of innovative ideas, coupled with the announcement that Major Holland would steer disaster management.

With a focus on preparation, his new role involves the coordination of disaster response through planning, training and resourcing, as well as community building. He also plans to build a territorial disaster management team.

All these attributes have served The Salvation Army well in recent times, where relief has been provided to The Philippines following Typhoon Yolande, the Christchurch earthquakes in New Zealand, floods in Bundaberg and Brisbane, and devastating bushfires across NSW.

"The frequency and severity of natural and man-made disasters in our [South Pacific and East Asia] zone necessitates a level of preparedness by The Salvation Army to adequately respond and

manage all phases and disaster response and recovery," says Major Holland.

"The conference was geared towards expertise, competencies and systems relating to preparedness for future disasters, emergencies and the ability to move through recovery effectively and efficiently.

"Our experience internationally has been that we often treat the recovery phase as having too short a horizon, focusing predominantly on relief and reconstruction. This is reinforced by the reconstruction and recovery authorities which are established with a two-to-three-year time frame.

"Building resilience requires prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. These are our key areas."

COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

Major Holland says key points to come out of the conference included the development of personnel to create a successful territorial disaster response management team; an ability to deliver an immediate and effective short-term and long-term response to disasters; and to develop a collaborative and cooperative interaction with participating Salvation Army territories and commands, including International Headquarters in London.

The conference was attended by delegates from five Salvation Army territories: Australia Eastern; Australia Southern; New Zealand, Fiji, and Tonga; Papua New Guinea; and Northern India. Major Ray Brown and Damaris Frick, from the Army's International Emergency Services team, were also on hand to lend their expertise to the discussions.

Among the featured special guests was the former Director-General of the Departments of Community Safety, Emergency Services and Justice and Attorney-General, Jim McGowan.



"The frequency and severity of natural and man-made disasters in our zone necessitates a level of preparedness ..."



FROM TOP: Major Topher Holland (centre) will oversee strategic disaster management for The Salvation Army.

Major Holland with Damaris Frick and Major Ray Brown, from International Headquarters, at the conference.

The Salvation Army has been prominent in relief and recovery work at numerous recent disasters, including floods in Queensland and NSW bushfires.



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Regaining our spiritual heritage

AS THE INTERNATIONAL SALVATION ARMY PREPARES TO ENTER ITS 150TH YEAR, **LIEUTENANT-COLONEL NEIL YOUNG** CONTENDS THAT IT NEEDS TO REPRIORITISE THE VERY THING THAT FIRST ATTRACTED PEOPLE TO IT

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***LIEUT-COLONEL NEIL YOUNG** is a retired officer of the Australia Eastern Territory*

Our precious world appears to be lost. People everywhere are trying to find where they fit in; undeniable proof that there is an emptiness in people's lives and they are seeking, in a variety of ways, inner fulfilment. Generally speaking, they haven't been successful.

The world is in such a mess because of this emptiness, and because people have tried to fill this gap with all manner of goals. Their failure is due to the fact that they have been seeking in the wrong places.

This is not something new. All over our world and throughout millennia – primitive tribes as well as those in the most affluent of cultures – people have tried to find answers for this emptiness. This sense of incompleteness propels them to seek something outside of themselves because they have not found it within. It has taken many forms, from a religion of all kinds, to political affiliations, to personal things such as wealth and personal notoriety and status.

The sad thing about this is that the Church, particularly

in the West, has not provided people with answers, when it was right in front of them all the time. In his book, *Celebration of Discipline*, Richard Foster, a Quaker, explains why it is that the Christian church has not provided the world with the answers, and David Watson, who wrote the foreword to the book, states that "There is little to attract the unbeliever in the traditional, organised Church".

Watson, before his death, was the foremost evangelist in the world and the anticipated successor to Billy Graham. Since the book was published (1978), Marxism has been unable to provide an answer because it only deals with the material world, whereas the real need is internal and spiritual.

It is small wonder that a growing number of people are turning to cults – to Eastern mystics, occult practices and transcendental meditation – to fill this gap. Watson continues: "We have exchanged our knowledge of 'Theos' [God] for heady disputes about theological words, or for religious or social activism."

The tragedy of this is that the

church does have the answer. And it is found in a deep Christian spirituality. As Foster writes: "Superficiality is the curse of our age."

GUILTY AS CHARGED?

The question we have to ask ourselves as Salvationists is, do we come under this charge? It is a serious question. Despite The Salvation Army's outstanding public profile in the West, we are not maintaining our spiritual appeal. We have to be brutally honest and look at the facts. Do we have a spirituality that attracts people to us?

We have no trouble keeping Jesus' second commandment, to love others as we love ourselves. We are well known throughout the world as "Christianity with its sleeves rolled up". We are Australia's No 1 charity. However, we have to realise that our love for our neighbour has to stem firstly from our love for God, and not just as human activity. There are numerous social clubs doing great work for the community but they are not God-based and only meet material need.

What we really want, as well as the above, is to be known >>>

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for the depth of our spirituality. Can we really claim that?

General Evangeline Booth asked then-Commissioner Albert Orsborn to write a song for The Salvation Army's High Council which met to elect a new world leader in 1939. He wrote:

*"Let not thy people boast,
Empty are we,
Martial and mighty host,
Though we may be.*

*Naught of our own we claim,
Forth from thy heart we came,
Thou art our altar-flame;
We live by thee."*

Orsborn wanted to remind us that without our spiritual base we are nothing. It comes as a warning. We need to be vitally aware that there is the possibility of losing the depth of our spirituality, and using our energy to meet the social needs of our world. God is our "altar-flame", and everything we do has to be under his direction and for his sake.

The recorded words of Jesus "... apart from me you can do nothing" need to be understood in this context. Jesus was saying that we are only branches

and that "no branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine". We can become guilty of mere social activism. We can be consumed by our love for our neighbour and be spiritually little more than grey dust in the fireplace rather than a consuming fire. Without God having the prime place in our lives, our fire goes out.

If this burning is not within us, we need to ask how do we regain it, and when we have it how do we maintain it. We have to realise that God is more interested in why we do things than in what we do. There is no place for mixed motives.

God will have no rival. To ascertain what our real motives are takes some introspection. The Psalmist knew about this. David must have had some intuition that there could be something missing in his life when he wrote Psalm 139: "Search me, O God, and know my heart ... See if there is any offensive way in me ..."

ACKNOWLEDGE PROBLEM

There is no quick fix. For the vast majority in The Salvation Army, this need has to be realised. Such a change is necessary and it is

not something that can be achieved overnight.

The priority is to acknowledge that we have this problem. Then there needs to be a determination for us to change our values.

Allow me to suggest a first step. We need to regain our practice of worship, privately and in our meetings. We once had a morning holiness meeting for our people, and a night meeting for evangelism. Those meetings had different purposes and different content. These days, because we cannot get back to that practice, we have one meeting with dual purposes.

Is it true that the holiness meeting, with its accompanying teaching and companion worship, is no longer practised? Did we start to lose the primacy of our spirituality when we lost the meeting that was devoted to it?

It appears, sometimes, that we have so much to do in that one meeting that there is no time to be silent before God and give him time to answer our need.

To provide, in a meeting, a space for our people to spend time in worship would be a good place to start. □

Armistice Day

*The guns are silent now
Their tubes of death gone cold
The killings finally done
Or so the story's told.*

*The fields are empty too
Where once was death and mud
Crops grow on battle grounds
Enriched with human blood.*

*Iron shards that lie below
Silently rust away
Witness to war and pain
And those who died each day.*

*Now only tourists come
Their cameras firm in hand
Exposing hell's domain
And memories this grand.*

*The poppies bloom there still
Where once the hopeful stood
With thoughtful mind and deed
That war would end for good.*

(Bruce Domrow)

MAJOR BRUCE DOMROW
is Corps Officer at Campsie in Sydney

THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION OF WOMEN

Unlocking the Army's Archives

WHEN THE SALVATION ARMY'S FOUNDER, WILLIAM BOOTH, COMMENTED THAT "SOME OF MY BEST MEN ARE WOMEN", HE ARTICULATED A PHILOSOPHY THAT WAS TO BECOME PIVOTAL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORGANISATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

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words MAJOR DAVID WOODBURY

The role of women in England, where The Salvation Army commenced during the 19th century, was that of support, rather than leadership. Women at that time played little part in the government and leadership of the nation's affairs. Not only were there no women in Parliament, women did not even have the vote. What



was true in English society was also reflected in the life and ministry of the church. Although the Primitive Methodists allowed women to preach, in the mainline churches women clergy were unacceptable.

The early Salvation Army became a leader in church life when the Founder, William Booth, saw women as having equality within the leadership and ministry of the church. This equality within Army philosophy has resulted in three women being elected as the General of The Salvation Army; Evangeline Booth (daughter of the Founder – General 1934-1939), Australian Eva Burrows (General 1986-1993) and Canadian Linda Bond (2011-2013).

Some of the most influential people in the early days of The Salvation Army were women. There can be little doubt that the major influence in the life and ministry of William Booth was his wife Catherine. Even a casual reading of the voluminous letters between them gives evidence of just how persuasive was her influence on William. It was Catherine's conviction that creating equality in relationships between men and

women was part of God's plan of redemption and reconciliation for all people.

CHANGES IN ATTITUDE

In her booklet, *Female Ministry*, Catherine makes a compelling case, from a scriptural basis, for the equality of women in ministry. Up until this time the pulpit was reserved predominately for men and very few women had the temerity to venture into this domain. In her booklet she goes on to contend that women have attributes which make them extremely suitable for public speaking. God has given to woman a graceful form and attitude, winning manners, persuasive speech, and, above all, a finely-toned emotional nature, all of which appear to us eminent natural qualifications for public speaking.

In her book *My Best Men are Women*, Flora Larsson ascribes to Catherine Booth the status of a pioneer in authentic female ministry. "She opened the door into female ministry for her daughter-Salvationists of the coming generations. She gave them the right to preach, to break the



LEFT: *Members of an unidentified early Home League.*

OPPOSITE PAGE:
Evangeline Booth, daughter of William and Catherine Booth and fourth general of The Salvation Army.

Bread of Life to hungry souls, to be servants of all for Christ's sake. From the ramparts of heaven she watches over them with tender yet proud mother-heart."

Despite the emancipation of women in the late 19th century, it was generally only after the World War One that true emancipation was achieved, with 28 countries granting the vote to women between 1914 and 1939. However, following World War One the place of women took a backward step. With unemployment levels soaring, the disapproving voices of returning servicemen claiming that women were taking their jobs negated many of the freedoms women had achieved.

There can be little doubt that such changes in attitude and opinion were reflected within The Salvation Army, and the position of female officers, particularly married female officers, was impacted – to the point where a married woman officer was seen as little more than an adjunct to her husband. The only reference to her in the Disposition of Forces was an "X" alongside her husband's name, a practice which continued up until

1995, when all married women officers were given rank in their own right.

A significant contribution has been made to corps life and ministry by a number of women's groups; not the least of these was The Home League. Commenced in the early part of the 20th century, the league has become one of the great strengths and contributors to the work and life of the corps, and continues in many centres. Although culture and roles for women are changing, the contribution of women through The Home League has been invaluable to the development of The Salvation Army. Without this contribution much less would have been achieved by the army in our region.

EQUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The early insistence by The Salvation Army on the calling by God of both husband and wife to officership was to give the Army great flexibility and productivity. In most circumstances within the corps ministry, two commissioned officers were made available when husband and wife were

appointed to corps ministry. This enabled corps leadership to give effective ministry to both men and women and provided a highly economic partnership. Today, many married officers provide corps with a balanced and valuable ministry where both husband and wife share equal privilege and responsibility in ministry.

The contribution of women to the establishment and development of The Salvation Army in Australia is highlighted by many of our early women officers and soldiers. Right at the commencement of Salvation Army ministry in Sydney, it is the young Adelaide Sutherland who steps into her husband's shoes and delivers the first sermon at an indoor meeting when her husband, Thomas, became unwell.

We can only speculate how The Salvation Army would have developed in Australia, or if it would have survived at all, if there had not been a substantial contribution by women, both married and single. What is apparent is that The Salvation Army and the community would have been much poorer, were it not for that contribution. □

WHAT WOULD JESUS VIEW?

with Pipeline culture writer MARK HADLEY



Two Days, One Night

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Does your compassion have a limit? We might imagine desperate circumstances wherein we'd be prepared to "risk all". But this month a new film will suggest it's in the day-to-day situations that we really fall short.

Two Days, One Night stars Academy Award winner Marion Cotillard (above right) as a Frenchwoman recovering from depression and seeking to reclaim her life. Sandra, a married mother of two, returns to the factory where she works to take up her job only to discover her fellow employees have been handed a hard decision to make.

The company is facing difficult times and has to make savings. The chief executive says he can either keep Sandra's position or pay this year's annual bonus – not both. Sandra now has two days and one night to convince her colleagues she is worth more than 1000 Euros.

As Sandra goes from door to door she receives a selection of mundane excuses we would be very familiar with. "We really need that bonus because ... I'm the only breadwinner ... we need to pay our daughter's school fees ... we're renovating the house, and the bills are so much higher than expected ..."

But the most honest answer is given by a lowly paid Christian contract worker: "My God tells me that I should choose you ... but I am afraid."

Fear is the wedge that drives a gap between opportunity



and action, both in the film and in our own lives. CS Lewis referred to this as the battle between God and the devil for real and imagined virtues. Satan encourages us to direct our virtuous responses towards imaginary people – "the homeless", "the starving Africans" – while providing us with reasons to feel comfortable about withholding it from those God has placed in our real circle of action.

"The great thing is to direct the malice to [a man's] immediate neighbours whom he meets every day and to thrust his benevolence out to the remote circumference, to people he does not know," writes Lewis in *The Screwtape*

Letters. "The malice thus becomes wholly real and the benevolence largely imaginary." And Satan's cause is hardly threatened by imaginary virtue.

Jesus, however, assures us there is no real cost to compassion, particularly where our Christian brothers and sisters are concerned. Certainly we will lose things in the short term, but they are often only imagined possibilities or riches that are passing away. Instead, he offers a reward that is both real and lasting: an incredible return for the expression of even the smallest compassion to those God places within our circle of action.

"If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward," (Matthew 10:42, *NIV*).



Interstellar

RATING: M RELEASE DATE: 6 November

Christopher Nolan, the director of some of the most forward-looking cinema of the past decade – *Inception*, *The Dark Knight* trilogy – is a man who has spent the past two years looking back. He says his science fiction creation *Interstellar* is an “ode to human spaceflight” and, in particular, a reminder of the inspirational blockbusters of his youth like *2001: A Space Odyssey*, *Star Wars* and *Blade Runner*. Each contained a compelling view of the future that in its own way encouraged humanity to dream of its full potential.

The storyline itself is both epic and personal. Matthew McConaughey (above left) plays Cooper, a widowed pilot and aerospace engineer who is doing his best to provide for two children in a world where environmental disasters are leading to international starvation. He is introduced to a mysterious professor (Michael Caine) who heads a space program that has an ambitious solution. His research team has suggested a way of using a newly discovered wormhole in space to traverse the vast distances that lie between Earth and unknown planets. Cooper’s mission would be to find humanity a new home:

Professor: “We’re not meant to save the world. We’re meant to leave it, and this is the mission you were trained for.”

Cooper: “I’ve got kids, professor”.

Professor: “Get out there and save them. We must reach far beyond our own lifespans. We must think not as individuals but as a species.”

Prior to filming, Nolan treated his crew to a screening of the 1983 classic *The Right Stuff* as an example to follow. The triumphant humanism that powers its plot has also been injected into the dialogue that *Interstellar*’s characters



employ, particularly the everyday hero Cooper:

“We’ve always defined ourselves by the ability to overcome the impossible. And we count these moments. These moments when we dare to aim higher, to break barriers, to reach for the stars, to make the unknown known. We count these moments as our proudest achievements.”

But is this speech any different to something we might have heard as someone prepared to lay the first brick in the tower of Babel?

“Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole

earth,” (Genesis 11:4, *NIV*).

Humanity’s dream of saving itself is nothing new, even if Nolan makes use of its newest effects to promote it. Nor has it resulted in a better world. Arguably, much of the West’s futuristic living has been achieved at the expense of less fortunate nations. And such rhetoric will not stop God acting in the real world to frustrate such goals. The Tower of Babel ground to a halt not because our Creator was a cosmic kill-joy, but because he cares for humanity. He will not let us trust in a false saviour, even if it’s the creativity and drive he’s given us.

Our mistake lies in failing to realise what our real problem is. The builders of Babel thought our greatest need was unity; Nolan’s professor suggests it’s spreading across the galaxy. Yet humanity’s greatest problem continues to be the sin that resides in our hearts, threatening to separate us from the source of all life, near and far.

We may one day make it into the stars but we will only succeed in discovering our spiritual need there too.

The Kingdom Way

by **LIEUT-COLONEL DOUGLAS CLARKE**

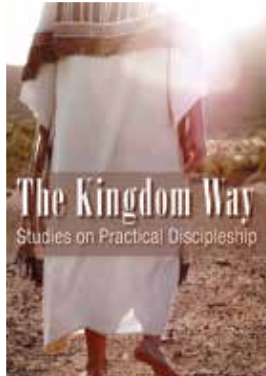
“The Sermon on the Mount,” writes Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Clarke in the introduction to his new book, *The Kingdom Way, Studies on Practical Discipleship*, is the central document of the Christian faith. It is the very essence of our Lord’s teaching.”

Lieut-Colonel Clarke is extremely well equipped to comment on this topic, having spent many years immersing himself in the teaching of Jesus that is found in Matthew chapter 5.

In a series of six short studies which make up the book, he deals with what he believes is the ultimate question for Christians today as they study Christ’s sermon, namely, of “not to whom does Jesus speak, but who will listen and apply his teaching?”

In his foreword to *The Kingdom Way*, Commissioner James Condon writes: “We need every Christian to be a disciple-maker and in so doing, be the salt and light in the world that Jesus speaks about in his Sermon on the Mount ... Let us not be ignorant in the ministry of being disciple makers. Take this book, read it, study it and apply it, and be surprised how God will use you to introduce others to Jesus.”

Others to have read the book have commented:



“In a day and age that seems inexorably drawn to the sensational it is centring to be reminded of the essential and the unchanging. The teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount is exactly that. Lieut-Colonel Douglas Clarke replicates this quite beautifully in this book. *The Kingdom Way*. Stop. Pause. Read. You will not be disappointed.” - **Colonel Richard Munn**

“Douglas Clarke draws on his broad experience and depth of study to produce this excellent resource. *The Kingdom Way* as it guides the reader through the essence of the Sermon on the Mount, can be used for personal or

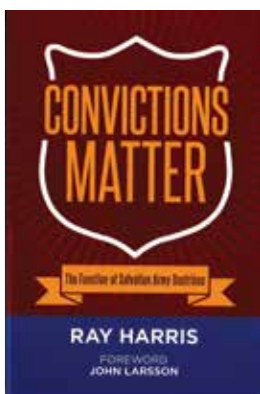
study group use. I commend this extremely good study to everyone.” - **Major (Dr) Bruce Domrow**

“*The Kingdom Way* focuses on the “Mount” teaching of Jesus which was counter-cultural and remains so today. Have we valued and applied it as we should? Here is an effective tool to do just that. This is a great resource for either personal or study group use.” - **Margaret Poore (Bible study group leader)**

The Kingdom Way is available from The Trade (thetrade.salvos.org.au) for \$7.95.

Convictions Matter

by **RAY HARRIS**



The Salvation Army has been shaped by its core convictions, called doctrines. But what difference do they make to the life of Salvationists in the 21st century?

Convictions Matter, The Function of Salvation Army Doctrines, written by Canadian Salvation Army officer Major Ray Harris, explores the relevance and contribution of these historic

doctrines for the present age. He argues that each doctrine has something vital to contribute to the Army’s understanding and practice of holiness; that convictions matter!

Convictions Matter is available from The Trade (thetrade.salvos.org.au) for \$25.

William and Catherine

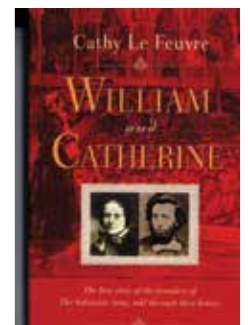
by **CATHY LE FEUVRE**

Throughout their life together, William and Catherine Booth, the founders of The Salvation Army, when apart, exchanged letters and notes expressing not only their deep love but also a lasting friendship and mutual respect.

These letters and notes enabled them to survive the challenges of separation, ill health, the struggles of raising a large family, opposition, disappointment and professional uncertainty.

Spanning 40 years, these intimate letters have been brought together into this fascinating book by Cathy Le Feuvre. They reveal both the everyday minutiae of life in Victorian times and the challenges of being revolutionary Christian thinkers in the second half of the 19th century.

William and Catherine is available from The Trade (thetrade.salvos.org.au) for \$12.



Soul Food

EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS A FAVOURITE BIBLE VERSE THAT HAS EITHER IMPACTED THEM AT ONE STAGE IN THEIR WALK WITH CHRIST, OR CONTINUES TO ENCOURAGE AND NOURISH THEM ON THEIR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY. IN THIS PIPELINE COLUMN, MAJOR RICK HOFFMAN SHARES HIS FAVOURITE PIECE OF SCRIPTURE

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us," (2 Corinthians 4:7 NIV)

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Twenty-seven years ago, my wife Janet heard God say, "It's time to offer yourselves for overseas service". We'd both felt God's call years earlier but we were waiting for the right time. So we said "yes" (although, I confess, I was reluctant).

From that day on, we've been on a journey of adventure and discovery, sometimes a roller-coaster ride, from lay work in Papua New Guinea with our three young children, to the current ministry at South Queensland Divisional Headquarters.

I love being a servant of Jesus

and an officer. But often I've felt way out of my depth, overwhelmed by life's challenges and unworthy of the calling. It was at one of these times, when I was the manager of two aged care centres, that I discovered 2 Corinthians 4:7. I felt fragile, like a jar that was about to crack wide open, but Jesus spoke the words of this verse into my soul.

The Holy Spirit was saying, "I am in you, I am your treasure, my power is unlimited. Trust me, you won't crack, I'll achieve more than you can imagine".

The verse before says, "For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts ..." (2 Corinthians 4:6).

Then there's the "but" in verse 7. We have Jesus' light in our souls, but we are not exempt from being earthy

humans, facing all the difficulties and failures that everyone else experiences – like illness, grief, and fatigue, as well as joy, love and laughter.

Even after Jesus saves us and fills us with his Spirit, the full range of feelings remain. Sometimes we get stuck in the darkest emotions, but Jesus shares our humanity and his Divine power saves, sustains and improves us. It's in our "clay" that God stores his treasure.

My wife's favourite verse, complements mine. Jesus said: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness," (2 Corinthians 12:9).

When you feel like you're cracking up, hold on, his grace will hold you together and his treasure is in you. So believe him, he won't let you fall, but he will fulfil you.

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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UNPACKING THE INSPIRATION BEHIND THE SALVATION ARMY'S LANDMARK INTERNATIONAL GATHERING IN 2015

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Article prepared by the
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With the countdown passing quickly before the start of The Salvation Army's International Congress, Boundless – The Whole World Redeeming, the Congress Office at International Headquarters believes now is a good time to gather together in one place the themes and verses that are linked with the congress, along with a reminder of the thinking behind the now-familiar logo.

Some of this information has been shared previously, but for many people this may be the first time they have seen an explanation of the inspiration behind the various aspects of Boundless 2015.

Most Salvationists will know that the main theme, Boundless – The Whole World Redeeming, is taken from the song *O Boundless Salvation!*, written by The Salvation Army's founder, William Booth. The song speaks of the Christian experience, where sins that are "many" can be washed in the "soul-cleansing sea" of "boundless salvation". The congress team is praying that the event will provide opportunities to both experience this redemption and to extend it to others.

There is also a scripture verse that has been chosen for the congress, Ephesians 3:8, which calls for God's people to "preach

to the nations the boundless riches of Christ!" This scripture is central to the identity of The Salvation Army and its mission to win the world for God.

The graphic element of the congress logo is comprised of interwoven doves, which symbolise the Holy Spirit. The use of yellow, red and blue reflects the colours found on the Army's flag – representing the three parts of the Godhead – but also the diversity of its members. The doves come together to form the shape of a star, which is the centre of the flag and represents the fire of the Holy Spirit. Lastly, the overall shape of a circle represents the world redeemed by Jesus Christ. The circle has no beginning or ending – a reminder of the eternal and boundless nature of God.

The mission statement for Boundless, "Commemorating the past, celebrating the present, and innovating for the future" is a powerful reminder of the value of history, the need to praise God now, and the necessity of staying relevant in a changing world.

The past will be commemorated by meeting together from 1-5 July 2015 in east London and convening under the "tent" structure of The O2, as William and Catherine Booth and the first Salvationists convened in a tent in east London 150 years before. The present will be celebrated by

offering thanks to God for the blessing of the Army's ministry in at least 126 countries.

Innovating for the future will begin by looking to General André Cox's vision for The Salvation Army. At the 2013 High Council which elected him as General, the then-Commissioner Cox was asked how he would see his last day in office as the General. He shared his vision in seven "I Dream" statements, which serve as the basis for the main arena sessions. The General's dream is for a Joyful, Unified, Serving, Caring, Multicultural and Youthful Army of Integrity. Each month leading up to the congress, starting this month, the themes will be highlighted through the congress social media platforms, giving a glimpse into plans for the upcoming event.

Bringing together as never before delegates from every part of the Army world, Boundless 2015 will be a congress unlike any other, and a gathering of God's people that Salvationists will not want to miss. The Army will never be the same again!

For more information on the congress, go to boundless2015.org. Also, "like" the congress **Facebook page (Boundless 2015)**, follow the **Twitter account (@Boundless 2015)**, and interact with the congress team on **Instagram (@boundless_2015)**.

Freedom Partnership demands dignity for domestic workers

By SIMONE WORTHING



THE SALVATION ARMY'S FREEDOM Partnership has joined with Walk Free, a global movement focused on ending modern slavery, to launch a national campaign asking the Federal Government to improve domestic workers' rights and protections.

The campaign aims to increase pressure on the Government to sign International Labour Organisation Convention 189 (ILO C189).

During the launch last month, the Freedom Partnership team erected a "pledge wall" in Sydney's Martin Place. Members of the public were encouraged to take the

"Freedom Pledge" by adding their name to the wall.

There are about 54,000 domestic workers in Australia, many of who have travelled here from other countries to take up their job. More than 90 per cent of these workers are women, and have compared their lives to being "in jail, like a prisoner, like a slave, like a servant".

"There's a name for this sort of treatment - modern slavery," said Jenny Stanger, National Manager of The Salvation Army's Freedom Partnership.

"We view ratification of ILO C189 as a necessary tool Australia can use to combat modern slavery. The UN Special Rapporteur and others have called for ratification in the past. It's time for Australia to be a leader on this issue in our region."

You can take the pledge at endslavery.salvos.org.au and join the campaign at campaigns.walkfree.org/p/domesticworkerdignity

ABOVE: *Members of the public were encouraged to add their names to a "pledge" wall in Sydney's Martin Place. Photos: Shairon Paterson*

Divisional Headquarters on the move in Brisbane

THE SALVATION ARMY'S SOUTH QUEENSLAND DIVISIONAL Headquarters has moved to a new location at Spring Hill, 2km north-west of the Brisbane CBD.

"The new premises, purchased in May this year, aims to bring three Salvation Army services into the one building," said Trevor Tollis, the Army's Queensland Property Relationships Manager. "Divisional Headquarters is on the first floor and Youth Outreach Services (YOS) and Brisbane Streetlevel Mission will be on the ground level.

"This move will synergise with One Army One Mission One Message, while giving the Army the ability to be close to inner-city areas without the high cost or security issues."

The refurbished open-plan building also provides additional office space, meeting rooms and parking. Divisional Headquarters staff moved into the building last month, while Streetlevel and YOS will move in next year.

Port Macquarie blessed by Parramatta visit

THE MUSICAL SECTIONS OF THE SALVATION ARMY'S Parramatta Corps have journeyed to Port Macquarie in perfect spring weather for a weekend visit.

Under the leadership of their corps officer, Major Deborah Robinson, the sections presented an outreach concert on the Saturday afternoon at Town Green Port Macquarie that drew a large and attentive crowd. It was followed by an evening of praise, worship and testimony, featuring the Parramatta Corps' band, songsters, and a timbrel group that had been specially formed for the weekend, that was enjoyed by a capacity crowd at Port Macquarie Citadel.

Sunday commenced with the band visiting the local hospital. The Holiness Meeting was led by Major Robinson and included contributions by the Parramatta musical sections and a "kids time" led by Carissa Ainsworth. Major Robinson spoke on Psalm 42 and 43, reminding the congregation of the confidence we have as Christians whatever may come our way.

Outback mission brings hope and laughter to the bush

WHEN A 12-YEAR-OLD GIRL FROM a remote rural town in drought-ravaged western Queensland thanked Captain Mark Bulow and his team for visiting and making her mum and dad laugh for the first time in a long while, he knew the trip was worth it.

"We received lots of other positive and grateful comments, but this one was amazing," said Captain Bulow, who is The Salvation Army's South Queensland Flying Service and Rural Hub leader.

Captain Bulow and his team travelled almost 3000km in just over a week, bringing entertainment and providing care and support to primary schools and the local communities in Glenmorgan, Quilpie, Thargomindah, Eulo, Yowah, and Begonia. Team members were involved in school performances, community barbecues and evening concerts during the trip.

"The aim was to bring some fun and laughter to the communities that have been struggling through the drought," explained Captain Bulow. "By bringing people together for a community event they can share with each other and enjoy some free food and a chat.

"Some of them haven't seen each other for a long time, so breaking the isolation of the community is something special. There's not a lot to smile about in some of these places, so we give them something to laugh and smile about."

Many people also appreciated having Jason Beswick, a qualified Salvation



ABOVE: *The Salvos stall at the Birdsville Races.*

Army counsellor, to talk to.

"This is a breakthrough, as in the past many rural people have said they don't need professional help but now, since he's been out with us a few times and they are recognising him, there is a large number willing to talk to him and asking him to come out and chat with them," Captain Bulow added.

A week later, Captain Bulow was making the long trip west to the famous Birdsville Races. Accompanied by a team that also included Divisional Envoys Lyn and Gordon Jones, who are the Longreach

Corps Officers and rural chaplains, they set up a Salvos stall, complete with a donut machine and tea and coffee making facilities, from which they provided information about Salvation Army services in rural Queensland.

"We spent a lot of time just talking to people and letting them know about us," said Captain Bulow.

"People came in to relax and have a chat. They are starting to not only recognise us but look for us because we're regulars at Birdsville now and they know who we are and what we offer."

Army supporters given tour of new headquarters

MANY OF THE SALVATION ARMY's major corporate supporters have been given a guided tour of the building that will house Australia Eastern Territorial Headquarters from mid-next year.

Territorial Commander Commissioner James Condon invited members of the Territorial Advisory Board and the Territorial Media Advisory Board, to a special function at the building in Redfern, at which he shared the strategic vision for the new headquarters.

Commissioner Condon spoke about the Army's ongoing commitment to seeing lives transformed through its social programs and by providing practical help. He



ABOVE: *Commissioner James Condon with Media Advisory Board members Alex Gottshall (left) and Peter Miller.*

acknowledged that this level of commitment would not be possible without the generosity and support of the Army's many local and corporate donors throughout the territory.

Peter Alward, the general manager of the Territorial Property Department, provided guests with an overview of the newly acquired building that is still in the early stages of a major renovation.

A larger building will not only accommodate Territorial Headquarters-related services currently operating off-site, but also generate significant cost savings through removing the burden of rent currently being paid on a number of premises throughout the city.

Strong's honoured

THE OFFICIAL RETIREMENT SERVICE for Majors Rod and Denise Strong has been held at Bundamba Corps.

The service was led by Majors Ed and Yvonne Henderson and attracted people from the various appointments where the Strong's have been posted.

Among the special guests were the leaders of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory, Commissioners James and Jan Condon, representatives from Ipswich City Council, members of Ipswich Rotary Club, Bundamba ANZAC Observance Committee, 3RAR Corporation and Redbank RSL Sub-Branch.

Major Ed Henderson presented retirement certificates to the Strong's, which was followed by Commissioner James Condon speaking words of thanks for their service as officers.

The Strong's were also given certificates, on behalf of Ipswich City Council, by Lady Mayoress Pisasale, and Councillor Bruce Casos presented them with a copy of a plaque which is being placed in the Rod and Denise Strong Park at Riverview.

Brad Strong then paid tribute to his parents and, while the band played *Gabriel's Oboe*, the theme music from the movie, *The Mission*, the congregation was taken down memory lane with a Powerpoint presentation reflecting the Strong's service.

Major Ed Henderson brought a message on the theme of "A call to service", and the meeting finished with Major Denise Strong's favourite song, *O Boundless Salvation*.

Brisbane Streetlevel marks milestone



ABOVE: Streetlevel community members and friends gather to pray for each other.

THE SALVATION ARMY'S BRISBANE Streetlevel Mission has celebrated five years of serving the Fortitude Valley community.

"There was a keen sense of anticipation as community members, including those who are homeless, some in addiction and some in recovery, gathered with Streetlevel workers and supporters to enjoy a night remembering and celebrating the achievements of the past five years," said John Allen, who is a volunteer at Streetlevel.

Printcraft, a Brisbane printing company, provided a gourmet barbecue meal that more than 140 people enjoyed, followed by a chapel service.

Dave Andrews, a Christian community author, speaker and social activist, was the

special guest for the service, his message focusing on radical community.

"Streetlevel is an expression of a faith community that is not seen in very many places at all," he said. "We need to take seriously the challenge to be an authentic community serving the needs of the broken and the marginalised."

Different community members also shared their testimonies of lives changed, including Dave who had become a drug addict after his family life fell apart.

"Dave is now 18 months clean and one of our key volunteers," said John. The evening concluded with community members and friends gathering in a group hug to pray for and support each other in the days ahead.

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Salvos Women serve in Tanzania

TANZANIA IN AFRICA WAS THE DESTINATION FOR THE inaugural Salvos Women Mission Trip, from 13-26 August.

The 13 participants included women from across The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory, and a “ring-in” from Adelaide in the Australia Southern Territory.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simone Robertson, Salvos Women Coordinator, and Major Karan Ross, Salvos Women Associate Coordinator, organised and led the trip.

The mission's activities focused on The Salvation Army's Mgulani Compound, near Dar es Salaam in eastern Tanzania. The compound houses Territorial Headquarters for the Tanzania Territory, the School for Officer Training, the local corps, Matumaini special needs boarding school, Mgulani hostel, Mgulani nursery school, a home for girls rescued from trafficking, and accommodation for officers working in these ministries.

The Salvos Women group joined in Sunday worship services, ministered to children at the boarding school and girls' home, taught and learned crafts, led a women's rally and Home League, lectured at the training college and repainted the compound's hall.

“Being able to go on the Tanzania mission trip fulfilled a lifelong dream for me,” said Frances Mills, who attends the Blacktown City Corps.

“Some of the highlights included seeing how happy and content the people were, especially the children, meeting other women who had similar passions, and the way we all came together to form one team.”

Lana Luxford, from Toowoomba Corps, also felt that the trip was a blessing that showed her the hand of God in so many ways. “I loved the way the team interacted and cared for and helped each other,” she said.

“I loved hearing the singing of the Tanzanian people and the joy expressed through their worship. It was wonderful to share with the children and staff in the preparation of the hall for painting, and I was challenged and blessed by the way the children all helped each other.

“I feel so blessed and encouraged in my Christian walk by the opportunity to go on the trip.”



ABOVE: Making craft with local women and children was one of the highlights of the trip.

RIGHT: Some of the Salvos Women who went on the mission trip.



Fairhaven showcases Indigenous culture



ABOVE: Part of the new “Rainbow Serpent” painting that adorns the Fairhaven building.

THE SALVATION ARMY'S GOLD COAST RECOVERY SERVICES Centre (Fairhaven) hosted a special Indigenous cultural event last month.

The idea for “Bridging the Gap” was conceived by Jonathon Tyson, an Indigenous resident of the Bridge Program at Fairhaven.

“It was Jonathon's vision to acknowledge the traditional owners of the area and to hold a cultural event that showcased his people's customs and beliefs,” said Ray, a Fairhaven graduate.

Jonathon planned and co-ordinated Bridging the Gap with Indigenous elders, members of his family, Fairhaven Manager Major Robin Pullen, and staff at the centre.

Raelene Baker, the Army's South Queensland Divisional Indigenous Ministries Co-ordinator, unveiled “Rainbow Serpent”, a traditional Indigenous painting by Jonathon that adorns the recreation building at Fairhaven. “The piece has significance, not only as a dreamtime legend, but also as a welcoming image to future Indigenous participants that attend Fairhaven,” said Ray.

An exhibition of traditional dance by Jonathon's family, the “Gudanji” dance troupe, was another highlight of the day. Jonathon accompanied his family on the didgeridoo, filling the grounds of Fairhaven with its deep, vibrant and ancient sounds.

G20 Summit opportunity for Salvos to shine

SALVATIONISTS ARE BEING URGED TO USE THIS month's gathering of world leaders in Brisbane for the G20 summit as an opportunity to turn the spotlight on corruption in Developing countries.

Working with Micah Challenge, one of its advocacy partners, the Army's Australia Eastern Territorial Social Justice team is helping to promote the "Shine The Light" campaign.

Team coordinator Casey O'Brien says the G20 summit is not only an opportunity to keep our world leaders accountable, but also a chance to increase public awareness of corruption.

"Every year, Developing countries lose large amounts of money to corruption through tax dodging, bribery and illicit financial flows," said Casey.

"This money, which is often given by Western countries as aid intended to help the poor, instead often falls into the hands of the rich due to various forms of corruption.

"This is money which could be used to provide basic essential services such as health care, education and water. It is money that, if used correctly, could lift millions out of extreme poverty."

The Shine The Light campaign asks the Federal Government to: require all multinational corporations registered in Australia to report transparently on a country-by-country basis; establish a public register listing the true owners and beneficiaries of companies, trusts and foundations; and persist in raising awareness on the world stage of the importance of an automatic exchange of information, particularly ensuring that Developing nations are able to benefit from this move.

"With the G20 Summit being held in Brisbane, it's



The group of Salvationists who lobbied politicians in Canberra earlier this year.

a great opportunity for Australia's leaders to influence discussion and bring tax dodging and corrupted use of aid money to the world stage, breaking down the walls of financial secrecy," said Casey.

"We can help our leaders to see the importance of this issue by taking action ourselves. Micah Challenge will be holding a number of events in Brisbane from 7-9 November, just prior to the G20, and it would be wonderful to see as many Salvos as possible supporting these events."

Earlier this year, Casey led a team of 11 Salvationists to Canberra

where they lobbied politicians as part of Micah Challenge's "Voices for Justice" event. In a series of meetings, the team asked their elected representatives to consider the implications of tax dodging on the global poor and to commit to taking action to minimise corruption in Developing nations.

For more information about being involved in events leading up to the G20 Summit, go to micahchallenge.org.au/brisbane, and for details about the Shine The Light campaign, go to micahchallenge.org.au/shine-the-light

New corps building extends capacity for mission

TERRITORIAL LEADERS Commissioners James and Jan Condon officially opened the new Salvation Army Centre in Cairns on Saturday 11 October.

The new building, which includes the corps' auditorium with seating for 400, offices, a multi-purpose room, full kitchen, prayer room and space for community outreach, is easily accessible and close to the city centre. A large parking area separates the new centre from the Cairns Family Store, meaning that all Salvation Army services are now available in one location.

The oldest senior soldier at Cairns Corps, Vernice Heinson, was joined by the youngest junior soldier, Ragana Geno, to officially cut the

ribbon in front of the new building. A celebration meal for 400 people, and concert followed.

"We celebrated with other churches, community groups and cultures, including Filipinos, Aboriginals, Maoris, Fijians and Papua New Guineans," said Corps Officer Captain Darren Kingston. "We are a church for all nations."

The Condons stayed in Cairns to lead the Sunday morning meeting, during which Commissioner Jan Condon enrolled seven junior soldiers. (See page 53).

"Our mission is to 'love God, love others and make disciples of all nations', and this building will increase our capacity to do this," said Captain Kingston.



ABOVE: The new multi-purpose Salvation Army complex at Cairns which was opened last month.

Gala Day building bridges into community

By KATHERINE FRANKS

REVELLING IN A LIVELY OPEN-day atmosphere, more than 1000 people have walked through the gates of The Salvation Army's Booth College in Sydney for its annual Gala Day.

Held at the college's School for Officer Training campus at Bexley North on 11 October, the focus of this year's event was on building and restoring relationships, both in the community and with those who have become disconnected from The Salvation Army over the years.

"It's probably one of the most significant days of the year [for the college] where we open our gates and invite both the local community and the wider community to come in and just enjoy a day with us," said Belinda Cassie, a second-year cadet at the School for Officer Training and chair for this year's Gala Day.

"Gala Day is multi-faceted. We want to see connections made with our local community, but we are also starting to recognise the rich missionary field within The Salvation Army. Many people who have disconnected from the Army, they come to Gala Day because of its non-threatening and fun atmosphere."



While an opportunity for The Salvation Army to showcase and provide information about its many ministries, there were also numerous market stalls, trash and treasure, a touch footy competition, and a host of activities for children.

"The highlight for me, though,

was the connections that I saw happening throughout the day," said Belinda. "We got to have some really meaningful conversations and see really genuine connections established, to let people who were struggling know we are interested and we care."

ABOVE: *The Agents of T.R.U.T.H. entertained children at Gala Day.*

Mission team focuses on giving back

A MISSION TEAM FROM THE SALVATION Army's God's Sports Arena (GSA) church in Brisbane has been on a nine-day mission trip to Papua New Guinea.

"Giving back" was the theme and focus for the 10-member team, who served in PNG from 1-10 October.

"It's a powerful thing to take a team like this away on a mission trip," said Envoy Bill Hunter, leader of GSA. "All the team members are from GSA and most of them are recovering addicts or rebuilding their lives after being in prison."

"They wanted to give back and they worked hard to make it happen. These guys have all 'got' recovery, they've got what life is really all about and they made huge sacrifices to be on the team."

The majority of the team's work took place at Kaugere Corps, in Port Moresby. The team

painted the church building inside and out, replaced roofing tiles and iron sheets and fixed the plumbing.

"The church looks new now and the whole community got behind us in the project," said Envoy Hunter. "We were also able to pay off an old electricity bill and ensure supply for the next two months, as well as distribute clothing and shoes."

"The team also visited a Salvation Army school and gave out 60 pairs of school shoes to children who otherwise would go barefoot to school. We gave them as much as we could, and we were so blessed in return – not just by the gifts they gave us but by their friendship, their joy in life when they have so little and their love of Jesus."

"Our team grew so much in their faith and it was just an amazing time of transformation for them."

Spring fair

A STEADY STREAM OF visitors were attracted to the recent Spring Fair and Expo at the Pine Rivers Corps in Brisbane.

"The concept was to showcase our ministries to the local community so they know we are here, what we offer and that they are welcome to join us," said Major Leonie Ainsworth, Pine Rivers Corps Officer.

The corps band, timbrels, worship group, SAGALA, Home League and children's ministry the Agents of T.R.U.T.H. were involved at different times throughout the day, and information on all ministries offered by the corps was also available.

New programs bring corps into community

“GOD HAS OPENED MANY opportunities for us in recent months to help us become not just a church for the community, but a church in the community,” said Territorial Envoy Scott Frame, Bayside Community Church leader with his wife, Territorial Envoy Natalie Frame.

In July 2014, welfare [now called Community Services], previously run from nearby Wynnum, south-east of Brisbane, moved to the corps. Through Community Services three days per week, the corps provides material assistance, emergency relief and referrals, as well as refreshments and volunteers to chat to clients while they wait.

Parenting programs, courses in healthy boundaries and the Positive Lifestyle Program are also available.

The corps has recently developed connections with Foodbank to assist with fresh food parcels, and will create new opportunities for community meals in the near future.

“We want to help people start to connect and find freedom in every aspect of life – physically, emotionally, materially and spiritually,” said Envoy Scott.

The corps has also been hosting



ABOVE: A Work for the Dole participant waters garden beds in preparation for the planting of the first seedlings.

a trial of the Federal Government’s Work for the Dole program which, due to its success, has been extended for a further six months.

One of the projects the Work for the Dole participants have been involved in is the building of a community garden to grow organic produce. The raised gardens have been built and on 19 October volunteers, together with the local Redcliffe Organic Growers Inc., prepared the site for the planting of the garden’s first seedlings.

The 15 Work for the Dole participants have also assisted with work around the corps including painting, maintenance and office work.

“There’s a real buzz and community focus that’s around the place now,” said Envoy Scott. “We have church activities, Work for the Dole, Community Services, women’s groups and we’re still growing.

“People in the community know we are here and they can come in and get whatever help they need.”

Rebuild project earns Salvos state recognition

THE SALVATION ARMY’S Tom Quinn Community Centre in Bundaberg has won the not-for-profit category at the 2014 Get Ready Queensland – Resilient Australia Awards.

The award, for the centre’s Rebuild Community Group project, recognises the work that went into helping people rebuild their homes and lives after the devastating floods of January 2013.



Tom Osborne (pictured above), the centre’s manager, accepted the honour during a special presentation in Townsville on 17 October.

“It was just magic to win this award,” he said. “The Rebuild project was a great group effort and it was an honour for the Army to head up the entire operation.

“So many homes had been destroyed and so many people had lost everything. We identified a pressing need to help people who did not have insurance, were under-insured, or who simply did not have the will or the wherewithal to rebuild.”

The Combined Churches of Bundaberg were an integral part of the project, with a focus on assessing eligibility for rebuilds and corresponding financial allocations.

From the coast to Quambone

SIX MEMBERS OF GOLD COAST TEMPLE CORPS recently took part in a mission trip to Quambone, in north-west NSW. The group, pictured below, included Peter and Jayne Deane, Phil and Denise Gutteridge and Lyell and Sue Surch.

Working under the leadership of the The Salvation Army’s rural chaplains Majors Trevor and Maree Strong,



and alongside a group of cadets from the School For Officer Training who were on their own mission trip, for three days they threw themselves into a variety of projects.

They refurbished the Quambone library – the smallest in NSW – including handing over more than 150 books that had been donated by Gold Coast Temple Corps members, spent time in craft sessions with community members, and provided practical help at the local primary school.

“During the three days we not only heard many stories but also witnessed the hard times that these wonderful people were dealing with,” said Jayne. “Tears were shed, but we were also blessed with lots of laughter.”

GOLD COAST TEMPLE CORPS

CORPS OFFICER MAJOR ANDREW McKEOWN Accepted six new adherents on Sunday 19 October – Patricia Lyons, Bronwyn Tavener, Elaine Butterworth, Marie Gaiguy, Justin Gutteridge and Pete Stewart.

“We thank God for the evidence of his transformation in the lives of our adherents and for their encouragement to others in the church,” said Major McKeown. “Please pray for our new adherents as they take this next step in their Christian walk.”



ABOVE: *The new adherents celebrate their acceptance with their mentors.*

BRISBANE STREETLEVEL MISSION

MAJOR BRYCE DAVIES ENROLLED DENISE SMART as a senior soldier on the same day that Streetlevel celebrated its fifth anniversary.

Denise gave a powerful testimony, sharing her life's battle with grief, abuse, depression and suicide attempts. She spoke about how God never left her and has brought her to where she is today.

“I don't know my future, but God does,” she said. “I'm happy that he knows and will bring it to pass. I've got a peace now that I've not ever really had before.”

“I am so grateful to Streetlevel, The Salvation Army and to God for all he has done.”



ABOVE: *Major Bryce Davies enrolls Denise Smart as a senior soldier during Streetlevel's fifth anniversary celebrations.*

CAIRNS CORPS

COMMISSIONER JAN CONDON ENROLLED SEVEN NEW junior soldiers at Cairns on Sunday 12 October.

The enrolment was part of weekend celebrations marking the opening of the new Cairns Corps and community building. Many of the junior soldiers don't come from Salvation Army families and are new to the corps.

“They are all so enthusiastic and excited about being junior soldiers,” said Captain Karyn Kingston, Cairns Corps Officer. “We have lots of junior soldiers at the corps and we really value children's ministries.”



LEFT: *Rita Paiaro (left) and Commissioner Jan Condon celebrate with the new junior soldiers (back row, left to right) Arcadia Nazareth, Charlotte Nona, Allee Hobbs and Ricky-Allen Paiaro, and (front row, left to right) Jake-Ryan Paiaro, Novalee Patterson and Lillian Paiaro.*



BUNDAMBA CORPS



CAPTAINS BEN JOHNSON AND EMMA JOHNSON HAVE enrolled six new junior soldiers – Abinesh, Sarah, Aimee, Amiliyah, Chantelle and Amber – at Bundamba.

“All of the new junior soldiers are really involved in the corps,” said Captain Emma Johnson. “They love wearing their uniforms, not just to the meetings but to everything they come to at the Army.”

“Our young people are leading the way and I'm excited about that.”

ABOVE: *Captain Ben Johnson with the six new junior soldiers.*

Salvation Army 'doing all it can' to fight Ebola epidemic

THE SALVATION ARMY IS continuing to address and monitor the Ebola epidemic in west Africa, with particular focus on the countries of Sierra Leone and Liberia. More than 2220 people have died from Ebola in Liberia, with a further 890 deaths recorded in Sierra Leone.

The Salvation Army has the advantage of already having personnel on the ground, meaning that it can react quickly to any changes in the situation.

Its response to the Ebola epidemic is being managed at the Army's International Headquarters, where a monitoring team is in daily contact with Salvation Army leaders and project officers coordinating the response in west Africa.

"We understand that people want to know what The Salvation Army is doing to combat this terrible situation," said Commissioner Charles Swansbury, International Secretary for Program Resources, who chairs the Ebola crisis monitoring team which includes

representatives from International Emergency Services, International Health Services and International Projects and Development Services.

"I can assure Salvationists and friends that we are acting in a responsive and appropriate manner, seeking to support the Liberia Command (which also oversees the work in Sierra Leone).

"Reviews and briefings, both internal and with other agencies, have concluded that the Army is doing all that can be reasonably expected."

In Liberia, The Salvation Army is working alongside the government and international and local agencies and non-governmental organisations which specialise in medical responses. These groups are mainly providing medical services, leaving the provision of food and other essentials to the government or other groups.

An initial project undertaken by The Salvation Army is supporting 5000 people with food parcels. Many people who have recovered from Ebola are returning home

to find their possessions have been removed in case of infection, and large areas are now without the expected working populations because quarantines and the fear of Ebola are making normal life grind to a halt.

Hygiene and hygiene education/promotion are important factors in the fight to slow down the spread of Ebola. With this in mind, consideration is being given to using teachers from The Salvation Army's 12 schools in Liberia to provide Ebola awareness raising and hygiene education in the communities around the schools.

In Sierra Leone, plans are in place to provide food support and disinfection materials. Salvationists in the region are also investigating reports that many children are being left orphaned when their parents catch Ebola. Once the situation becomes clear, they will look to see how these children can be supported.

There are no plans to send outside volunteers or staff to west Africa, and all activities being considered will be based on the capacity of the local Salvation Army.

Princess opens Army centre in Amsterdam's red-light district

PRINCESS BEATRIX OF THE Netherlands has opened a new Salvation Army residential facility in Amsterdam, which is named after the country's best-known Salvationist.

Situated in the northern part of the city's red-light district, the Majoor Bosshardtburgh offers accommodation for up to 36 people with psychiatric problems or other long-term health issues.

The Majoor Bosshardtburgh is named in honour of Lieutenant-Colonel Alida Bosshardt OF (she continued to be known to most Dutch people as Major Bosshardt even after she was promoted to lieutenant-colonel), whose 50 years of ministry in the Amsterdam red-light district was known across The Netherlands.

Princess Beatrix had a long relationship with Major Bosshardt. As Queen Beatrix she had attended the lieutenant-colonel's funeral in June 2007, and as a young princess had secretly joined her in the red-light district to distribute *The War Cry* in bars, and visit prostitutes and poor families.

The day's proceedings also included



the opening by Territorial Commander Commissioner Hans van Vliet of a new Salvation Army museum, which is situated next door to Majoor Bosshardtburgh.

ABOVE: Princess Beatrix chats with a resident of the new centre, which has been named in honour of Dutch officer Lieut-Colonel Alida Bosshardtburgh.

ABOUT PEOPLE**APPOINTMENTS**

Effective 7 October: Major Ian Henry, Director of Mission, Professional Standards Office, Personnel Department; Captain Elizabeth Garland, Divisional Mission and Resource Director – Social and Second in Command, The Greater West Division.

BEREAVED

Major Debbie Friend of her grandmother, Mary Day on 8 October.

BIRTH

Lieutenants Heath and Asena Firkin, a girl, Monika Rose Jacqueline on 25 September.

ENGAGEMENTS

Lieutenant Alice Folan-Foley to Scott Keast; Lieutenant Jo Catalano to Keven Williams on 25 September.

MARRIAGE

Captain Zane Haupt to Ayly Girling on 18 October.

PROMOTIONS

Majors Ed and Yvonne Henderson, to that rank, effective 29 July.

RETIREMENTS

Major Cheryl Hall on 1 November; Major Heather Drew on 1 October; Lieutenants Jon and Pat Cory on 1 January 2015.

TIME TO PRAY**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).

9-15 NOVEMBER

Territorial Mission and Resource Team – Recovery, Territorial Mission and Resource Team – Social, Territorial Mission and Resources Team – Systems, Territorial Moral and Social Issues Council, all THQ; The Cairns Aged Care Centre, Qld; Sydney Staff Songsters Weekend, Excite – Youth Choir Camp (14-16).

16-22 NOVEMBER

Majors Philip and Deslea Maxwell, International Headquarters, The Collaroy Centre, THQ; The Greater West Divisional Headquarters, NSW; The Greater West Chaplaincy Services, both NSW; The Salvation Army Employment Plus, Australia; Toowong Student Residence, Qld.

23-29 NOVEMBER

Toowoomba Corps, Toowoomba Crisis Accommodation, Townsville Faithworks Corps, Townsville Recovery Services Centre, Townsville Riverway Recovery Mission, all Qld; Tuggerah Lakes Corps, NSW; Territorial Finance Conference (26-28); DYS Consultative Conference (26-28); Cadets Covenant Day (27); Commissioning (29).

30 NOVEMBER – 6 DECEMBER

Tuggeranong Corps, ACT; Tweed Head Corps, Ulladulla Mission, Umina Beach Corps, Upper Blue Mountains Corps, all NSW; Vocational Training, Booth College, THQ; Commissioning (30).

7-13 DECEMBER

Wagga Wagga Corps, Warringah Place Retirement Village, Weeroona Village, Wellington Corps, all NSW, Warwick Corps, Qld; Welcome Home Project, THQ.

ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR**COMMISSIONERS JAMES (TERRITORIAL COMMANDER) AND JAN CONDON**

Maroubra: Sat 1 November – baby dedication

*Hong Kong: Wed 5-Thu 6 Nov – International Consultation on ministry to Chinese people

Papua New Guinea: Fri 7-Sun 9 Nov – Divisional Events

Port Moresby: Mon 10 Nov – THQ officers retreat day

Earlwood: Sun 16 Nov – Retirement Salute to Major Lillian Hodges

*Sydney: Mon 17 Nov – Territorial Advisory Board Meeting

Rockdale: Thu 20 Nov – School For Officer Training graduation

Bexley North: Wed 26 Nov – Cadets Covenant Day

Brisbane: Fri 28 Nov – Officers Councils

Brisbane: Sat 29 Nov – Official opening of Moonyah Recovery Centre's new wing

Brisbane: Sat 29 Nov – Principal's Reception and Silver Star luncheon

Brisbane: Sun 30 Nov – Commissioning

* Commissioner James Condon only

COLONEL RICHARD MUNN (CHIEF SECRETARY)

Gold Coast: Sat 8-Sun 9 Nov – Gold Coast Temple and Still Waters Celebration Weekend

Wollongong: Sun 16 Nov – Band Spiritual Meeting & Morning Worship

North Brisbane: Fri 21 Nov – Qld Retired Officers Fellowship Christmas Luncheon

Collaroy: Sat 22 Nov – Hurstville Corps Camp

Long Jetty: Sun 23 Nov – School for Youth Leadership Graduation

Sydney: Mon 24 Nov – Sydney, ACT & South NSW Retired Officers Fellowship Christmas Dinner

Sydney: Wed 26 Nov – Covenant Day

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COMMISSIONING & CELEBRATION

Sunday 30 November 2014

10.00am – Commissioning & Ordination

2.30pm – Sending Out

6.00pm – The Movement

**Brisbane Convention Centre
Merivale Street, South Brisbane**

Leaders:

Commissioners James & Jan Condon

Colonels Richard & Janet Munn

