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that you are my disciples,
if you love one another**

John 13:35



From the Editor



A policeman sent a little boy he found on the streets to a friend of his to get food and shelter with these words: "John 3:16". The little boy quoted these words as a lady opened the door. She invited

him in and gave him food, a hot bath, warm clean clothes and a place to sleep. As he laid his head down he thought to himself, "John 3:16... I don't understand it, but it sure makes a tired boy warm and rested." The next morning the lady sat down with the boy after breakfast and asked him: "Do you understand John 3:16?" He had no clue what it meant. She opened her bible, read it to him and began to explain about the great love of Jesus. Right there and then he gave his life to Jesus. He sat there and thought, "John 3:16... I still don't understand it, but it sure makes a lost boy feel safe."

You know, I have to confess that I don't understand it fully either - how God would be willing to send His Son to die for me, and how Jesus would agree to do such a thing! I don't understand it either, but *it sure does make life worth living!*

When have we gone out of our way to make life a little easier for our neighbour or work colleague? Our front cover reminds us that it is in the small practical things that we can show God's love to each other.

As one of the five strategic priority areas we will be exploring Salvation Army community life this month. I would be very interested to hear your views as well and I encourage you to post a comment on our Official Territorial facebook page. Like us at "Salvation Army Southern Africa Territory" and you'll be part of a great community!

We welcome the newly commissioned Lieutenants of the "Friends of Christ" session. As they take up their new appointments, it is that life worth living that they will model in the communities where they'll serve.

I want to thank Captain Noluntu Semeno for putting this edition together, showing me the ropes and her kind words of welcome. She moves on now with her husband to the Northern KZN Division as Divisional Leaders. Our prayers are with you as you take up your new appointment.

Much love and blessings!
Wendy Clack, Editor

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- 16-18 Training DDWMs (Anti Trafficking)
- 25-26 Junior Miss Rally (Mid KZN)

MARCH

- 2 World Day of Prayer
- 2-4 Natal Regions Seminar - Women's Ministries
- 5-10 Five Year Refresher Course
- 7-11 Discovery Week
- 8-11 Faith Based Facilitation Training (Corps/Leadership Workshop)
- 9-11 Cape Regions Seminar - Women's Ministries

- 11 Youth Sunday
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- 25 Decision Sunday (1st)
- 25 Candidates Sunday
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- 26-28 Faith Based Facilitation Leadership Workshop
- 31-3 Northern KZN Divisional Review
- APRIL** (CS, TSWM & Sec for Prog/Asst Pers secretary)
- 31-3 Northern Divisional Review (TC, TPWM & Sec for Pers/THLS)



MISSION STATEMENT OF THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by love for God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.



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Living in peace

We live in a world which emphasises and upholds individual human rights. Thankfully we all do have rights that protect us but our personal rights cannot impinge or limit the rights of others!

In any society there has to be a framework; there have to be laws and regulations which allow us to live side by side in peace and prosperity.

There are many things that would divide and separate us such as class, race, hierarchy and economic status to mention but a few. We can't however live our lives in little separate secluded and safe compartments. The political and economic events taking place in South Africa and indeed the world directly impact us and the way that we live on a daily basis because we are all interconnected. The same applies to The Salvation Army.

There is one interpretation of the meaning of the wonderful African philosophy of Ubuntu which states: ***"I am what I am because of who we all are."***

We all need each other! An organisation like The Salvation Army is not built on orders and regulations however much they are needed in order to ensure good corporate governance!

The Salvation Army and consequently the Kingdom of God can only grow through healthy interpersonal relationships.

As Christians and as Salvationists, we have a clear example of how we are to be; how we are to act and how we are to relate to each other. Jesus said this: ***"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*** (John 13 v 35)

How do we relate to each other and to people in need? We pride ourselves on the good work done by The Salvation Army in so many areas but what is my personal

involvement? What am I doing to further the mission of The Salvation Army of "saving souls, growing saints and serving suffering humanity?"

If the truth were told, there are many Salvationists who are happy to sit back and allow our social services and institutions to "serve suffering humanity." It is not something that seems to concern many in our ranks. Certainly not enough are involved and it is time to mobilise our forces!

The General recently reminded us of the international Army's mission statement: "One Army, one mission and one message." Everything that we do is part of that indivisible whole. There is no separation and all mission units are required to deliver the whole mission!

Make no mistake; we are at war against poverty, injustice and exclusion. We cannot ignore and walk away from our individual responsibilities. We have all signed a Soldiers Covenant which says: ***"I will be faithful to the purposes for which God raised up The Salvation Army, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, endeavouring to win others to Him, and in His name caring for the needy and the disadvantaged."***

How serious are we about that commitment? We all need to be involved so that we will indeed become the Army we should be as encapsulated in our vision statement: ***"The Salvation Army is a vibrant movement, with people of integrity, coming alongside communities, together enabling growth and transformation of the whole person through the full expression of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."***

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Reaching young people by Loving God!



Greetings!

There seems to be a growing generation gap. Young people are not being understood and older people feel disrespected by the young. "Young people are faced with pressure from multiple sources around them to make choices in life that seems contrary to The Salvation Army values, and traditional values

held sacred by older adults (Strategic Plan Vol.1)". We should remind ourselves how we can close the Generational Gap - that relationship between young and old.

What can we do to have a vibrant Salvation Army Community life? A vibrant community life is when young and old embrace each other and work together in advancing the kingdom of God. In the book "Relationship, messy worthy making" by Timothy S. Lane and Paul David Tripp, they mention that there are three things we can do: Love God as our Creator, our Saviour and as our Sovereign God.

Love God as our Creator

God created young and old. No human being can create another human being. Psalm 139:13-16 says: "You created every part of me; you put me together in my mother's womb". I praise you because you are to be feared; all you do is strange and wonderful. I know it with all my heart. When my bones were being formed, carefully put together in my mother's womb, when I was growing there in secret, you knew that I was there. You saw me before I was born. The days allotted to me had all been recorded in your book, before any of them ever began".

If we meditate carefully on the above passage we will know how to embrace one another and reach out to others across the generation gap because we will believe they are fearfully created by God. In the Youth Department, **Code Red's** vision is to Reach, Evangelise, Disciple the young and unite them with the older generation as they are all equally created in the image of God.

Love God as our Saviour

Evangelism is one of our key priorities for 2012. We believe that all who confess that Christ is Lord will be saved (Rom. 10:9). If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

The same God, who saved me, is the same God who can save others. Is God your Saviour today? Then expect Him to do the same for others. However, how can they believe if there is no one who can tell them (Rom 10:14)? Loving God will help us to love one another and sharing His great story of Salvation.

Love God as our Sovereign God

Doctrine 2 states that: "There is only one God, who is infinitely perfect, the Creator, Preserver and Governor of all things, and who is the only proper object of religious worship."

The question is how many times do we write people off, saying: "You will never make it"? Only if we receive our God as Sovereign God, can we have healthy relationships together and lift one another up. We will then be able to Disciple the younger with love and trust God to do His work in them.

In order to Reach young people, we should love God as our Creator. To Evangelise young people, we should love God as our Saviour and lastly to Disciple young people we should love God as our Sovereign God. This is our prayer to close the great divide between the generations.

Love God and God will help you with the rest!

Captain Muvhulawa Enos Mabada, TYS



God is still Calling Men and Women even today



The harvest is big, labourers are few, and we want people to offer their lives to Christ. Officers in this Territory are few, but even so we believe that God is still calling men and women for His Kingdom and the Army

The candidates need to ask these three questions of themselves:

1. **Is there a sense of calling in my life?**
2. **Is the calling specific to the Salvation Army?**
3. **Is that calling specific to Officership?**

With clear responses to this question the candidate will be able to see whether God is calling them to The Salvation Army.

We want candidates that are obedient to God's calling and who are ready to use their skills and talents. The candidate needs to understand that God is not just calling them for few minutes, but it is a life time service. The Salvation Army does believe in gift-oriented ministry appointments, but because of the needs, sometimes we may be placed outside our gifting- but God always equips those He calls.

How to apply and the process for your application?

These are the nine steps that are part of the process for application

- ▶ If you sense that God has called you, speak to your Corps Officer who will help and advise you in filling in of the application forms.
- ▶ The C.O. and local officers will discuss your application and make a recommendation to the Divisional Commander.

- ▶ The Divisional Candidates board will discuss your application and make a recommendation to the Territorial Candidates board.
- ▶ You continue to remain active in the life of your corps as a committed soldier.
- ▶ You will receive extra forms to fill in as well as being tested for your ability to study.
- ▶ At some point you will be asked to go for an interview with the Divisional Commander and DYO/DYS. They will then make their recommendation to THQ.
- ▶ You will be invited to attend an assessment conference lasting three days. This will give THQ representatives and the Candidates Secretary a chance to meet and continue the selection process.
- ▶ If you have been successful to this point, you will receive lessons to complete. Study these carefully and follow the instructions carefully.
- ▶ When you have completed your lessons, you will be accepted for a specific training session.

If you feel God is calling you, please make sure that you follow the steps above.

Captain Themba Mahlobo
Candidates Secretary 2011

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Give music life

We, as Salvationist musicians in today's world have to be aware of the vital role we have to play. We live in a time when God is seeking vessels into which he can pour His presence into our environment. We sing "...Lord if your presence does not go with us, Please do not send us up from here....."

There are many references to music and singing in the Bible. The ancient Hebrews used trumpets to awaken the people on their holy days. Trumpets were in evidence at joyous celebrations. Surely we could say that they are symbolic of the joy which Christ brings into the life of an individual.

Every musician wants to hear a clear note. When it does not happen embarrassment is often experienced. But are we equally disturbed when we, as followers of Christ, show by our lives a message that is muffled? It does happen - the spiritual tone is somehow not as clear as it should be. This is a new year and I encourage you to make sure that today's happenings will stand the test of time and will be worth remembering and rejoicing over in the future. Whatever musical group you are a member of there are basic team rules e.g.

- be sensitive to what the Holy Spirit is wanting to do and to the people and where you are,
- punctuality both on rehearsal nights and Sunday or weekly services,
- be loyal.
- Rehearsal time is a time to aim at perfecting the music as well as fellowship.

Do you pray for your fellow musician sitting next to you?

There are going to be times when one must deal with struggles both personally and as a group. When these arise remember we serve a God who cares.

In recent weeks Christchurch, New Zealand has experienced another earth quake I have tried to picture this scene in my mind as if I were one who had no home, no possessions and no electricity. Many will feel anger and complete hopelessness, not knowing how they will ever recover. Yes there are agencies, The Salvation Army and other churches, seeing to the physical and material needs. These people will show the love of Christ and reassure those people that there is a God who cares. An anchor if you will that is grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.

Jesus said ***"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God: trust also in me."*** John 14 verse 1

God bless you and your music making during 2012.

Helen

Quotes worth keeping :

If you have any soul worth expressing it will show itself in you singing - John Ruskin

The greatest respect an artist can pay to music is to give it life. - Pablo Casals

From the heart it comes, to the heart may it go. - Beethoven



On the 3rd of December 2011 Soldiers, Families and Friends of The Salvation Army came together at Walter Sisulu Hall Kliptown to celebrate the Commissioning and Ordination of 'Friends of Christ' session 2010 - 2011.

Covenant Day

The commissioning weekend commenced with Covenant Day on Friday, 2nd December. This was a very solemn occasion, where eight cadets and four Auxiliary Captains of the 'Friends of Christ' session and Territorial leaders gathered at the Johannesburg City Corps, for the most important meeting which is signing the covenant. Each cadet knelt at the mercy seat and their Divisional Commander joined to pray with them.



Festival of Praise

Beautiful ministry in song was provided by the Mid Kwa-Zulu Natal divisional band and songsters, and Central Division musical groups. The 'Friends of Christ' shared their personal verses in the drama form and shared what they had learnt whilst in college. Lt Colonel William Langa concluded the meeting by reminding those present that; 'the people walking in darkness have seen a great light' (Isaiah 9:2a NIV).



Commissioning and Ordination Meeting

This solemn meeting was observed as the "Friends of Christ" shared the 11 doctrines in the 11 Official languages of South Africa. Major Lenah Jwili (Training Principal) presented and handed over the "Friends of Christ" session to the Territorial Commander. She shared a report on the newly revised training curriculum and confirmed that the cadets were ready to be commissioned. Commissioner Cox's timely word to the cadets and all in attendance drove the message home that The Salvation Army units are not as active as they should be "Hayi Khona" some are spiritually dead. He said Officers and Soldiers sign a covenant to commit themselves to God's work but are unfaithful to that solemn promise. It was undeniable that the presence of the Holy Spirit was convicting and showing all that there is a better way to live Christ's Values.



Appointment Meeting

In the Sunday afternoon session, the entry of the Newly Commissioned Lieutenants was met with much jubilation from the congregation. The 'Friends of Christ' sessional speaker, Lieutenant Khanyisile Dlamini, thanked all the people who contributed to their training and for their patience, love and understanding. She shared about the challenges and joys of being in the Training College. Parents and spiritual parents were honoured and were presented with the Order of the Silver Star. The 'Proclaimers of the Resurrection' dramatised the Territorial Strategic Plan vision and got the congregation involved in memorising this.

Commissioner Silvia Cox charged the newly commissioned Lieutenants to go into the world and make Disciples of Christ.

Report by Captain Noluntu Semeno



**Commissioning and Ordination
of 'Friends of Christ Session'
3rd & 4th December 2011 - Walter Sisulu Hall Kiptown**



Lieutenant Kwezilokusa Zulu
Appointed to Thembisa Corps
Central Division



Lieutnant Nomthandazo Mntambo
Appointed to KwaGcaba Corps
Mid Kwazulu – Natal Division



Lieutenant Helen Mdhluhi
Appointed to Mamelodi Corps
Central Division



Lieutenant Zimkhitha Mlotshwa
Appointed to Vryheid Corps
Northern Kwazulu
Natal Division



Lieutenant Zweli Fakudze
Appointed to Mandini Corps
Eastern KwaZulu
Natal Division



Lieutenant Mthobisi Thwala
Appointed to Vereeniging Corps
Central Division



Lieutenant Sindisiwe Kunene
Appointed to Thohoyando Corps
Northern Division



Lieutenant Khanyisile Dlanimi
Appointed to Maseru Corps
Central Division



Captains Bethuel and Beauty Masala
Appointment: Amatholamnyama Corps
Eastern KZN Division



Captains Cornelis and Heather Rossouw
Appointment: Ethembeni (Place of Hope)
Central Division

The Salvation Army celebrates its footprint in KwaZulu Natal

The Salvation Army celebrated 120 years of active involvement in the Province of KwaZulu Natal in November 2011, the ceremony was attended by both Salvation Army national leadership and the Representative from the Premier's office of KwaZulu Natal, along with other dignitaries, including First Lady, Mrs Khumalo.

Salvationists from KwaZulu Natal Province gathered in numbers for this celebration included Eastern, Northern and Mid KwaZulu Natal Divisions. The Katlehong Corps band and Central Division Songsters were special guests for this celebration.

The Salvation Army as a faith-based organisation celebrated this benchmark occasion at Amatikulu on 19th and 20th November 2011. The aim of the celebration was honouring its history and social contributions in the province, as well as to acknowledge the first African converts of The Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army, community members of Kwa-Zulu Natal, have been a vital tool in enabling the organisation to offer people who are suffering, the opportunity to enjoy a better life by providing food and shelter for the vulnerable members of society and counselling for victims of violence and human trafficking.



The people of Kwa-Zulu Natal helped The Salvation Army in applying the concept of taking the messages we preach on the pulpit into the streets where it reaches the poor, homeless and the hungry.

The Salvation Army established its first missionary site in Kwa-Zulu Natal at Amatikulu, in the North Coast on 11 November 1891, and this was as a result of King Dinuzulu's interest in the work of the organisation.

Subsequently, William Booth, Founder of the organisation, visited South Africa for the first time in that year and commissioned five men in the Kimberley mines to go and start the work of The Salvation Army in Zululand, where he believed 'the powerful Zulu nation would advance the work of this church-based organisation.

The Salvation Army's objective has always been to encourage communities to recognise the need to promote efforts, to eradicate poverty and to facilitate the social and spiritual well-being of community members.

By Captain Thataetsile P. Semeno
Territorial Public Relations Secretary, 2011



Your first New Year's Resolution - Be reconciled to God

At the beginning of every New Year it is customary in many cultures for people to make New Year resolutions. While it is not harmful to do so, many have failed to keep their promises much sooner than they intended, of which there are consequences. Some reasons might be that some promises were unattainable or persons were too undisciplined and unfaithful in their pursuit. Their focus could have been wrong.

Jesus wants us to be reconciled to Him. We seek after vain glory and chase after worldly desires in place of seeking Jesus. We make promises to God without knowing Him. We hope to fulfil promises to our friends and family while there is no truth in it. The word reconciliation has a beautiful ring to it even in terms of human life-for a marriage scarred by bitterness and distance and hurt; for friends who have fallen out; for parents and children whose relationship is now broken, hostile, and painful. Reconciliation, the reuniting of those who are estranged so that the state of hostility is gone, enmity removed. And now there is peace.

The Scripture speaks to us of reconciliation between God and man. Won't this be the best thing you could ever hope for in 2012? Instead of making vain resolutions, consider 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. In the context of that Scripture, The Holy Spirit speaks to us through Paul who says, "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation." Literally, you and I and everything belong to God. We deserve to be burn in Hell because of our Sinful nature, but the wonder of God's sacrificial act at Golgotha provides hope for reconciliation with God. What does it mean? It speaks of the eternal love of God to unite mankind to Himself, for we had fallen into sin. Reconciliation presupposes a former relationship of friendship. When God reconciles us He takes us, who in Adam were made to know and to love Him; us, whom He has predestined out of mere grace: us, who had fallen and are separated and estranged from Him He takes us to Himself through the cross. That is reconciliation. Now, be reconciled to God, your family and friends. Listen to the call: give up your sins and be reconciled to God!

Major K. Harry

Believe in The Salvation Army

I believe in The Salvation Army; it's mission, it's message, it's people and it's programmes.

My parents were sent to Sunday School as children but this did not continue through their teenage years. When I was born, my father agreed that I be dedicated in The Salvation Army. He was doubtful about churches but thought The Salvation Army at least 'did what they talked about.'

From that time, the Cradle Roll Sergeant would visit once a year and invite the family to the special weekend for children. Then when I was three years old, the Primary Leader visited and invited me to attend the Junior Sunday School. At age seven I graduated to 'big' Sunday School and soon became a Junior Soldier and attended a Junior Bible Study as well. At age nine the Junior Bandmaster realised that I had been learning music since I was seven, so offered to teach me brass. By the age of 10 I was in the senior band and began attending Sunday meetings. Then followed Corps Cadets, youth group, Bible studies, sports teams, open air meetings, prayer meetings and local officership. Of course, this all led to a personal commitment to Christ. The corps supported Janine and me through our engagement, marriage, the birth of our first child and our going to the Officer Training College.



Lt Colonel is the middle little boy

The above may seem like just a long list of programmes and activities. However, every step on this journey was led by Salvationists who were committed to the programmes and the people. My first Junior Sunday School leader still prays for me! Many of the group of people (just a few years older than me) who guided me through teenage years are now colleague officers. The man who taught me to play brass was one of my most loyal workers when I became his Bandmaster. Several Local Officers offered advice and counsel as I developed as a leader. And a list of several Corps Officers taught and provided spiritual leadership.

Of course, along the way, this home corps embraced my parents, included them and led them to faith in Christ. Hallelujah!

Was it a perfect corps? Definitely not! Were they perfect people? No. Did they believe in the mission, message and programmes of The Salvation Army? Yes! Did they offer me and my family a Christian community to belong to? Yes! Dunedin South Corps modelled what is possible through a commitment to Salvation Army Community Life and I am so grateful to them.

Robert Donaldson, Lt Colonel

Majors Mhlanga's 38th Anniversary

Majors David and Sophie Mhlanga will be celebrating their 38th Wedding Anniversary on the 13th February 2012.

Majors David and Sophie Mhlanga grew up and worshipped in the same community. They both participated in all corps activities from a very young age and both sets of parents were Salvationists. Major David was the band master and Major Sophie played in the band.

One Sunday afternoon after the meeting David (21) informed Sophie (17) that he had something very important to tell her. That was the start of a long term relationship! They got married in 1974. Major Sophie had already felt that God was calling her to full time ministry and Major David loved the Lord so much that he was doing all he could to serve Him at Witbank Corps. It was not easy for Major Sophie as it took time for her husband before he was ready to accept God's calling for his life.

They thank God for the mentorship they received from the late Major Phillip Qwabe. They served God during challenging times in South Africa, where men and women of God needed to spend intense time with God to be able to survive.

Prayer and meditation on God's word has been their weapon. When battles came their way, they called upon the Lord and He answered! The same weapon strengthened their marriage. God is faithful to all those who abide in him.

This year is their 34th year in active duty. Major Sophie will often be heard singing: 'Msindisi Ngi nge lunge' and Major David's spirit is lifted when he sings 'Ngiyo suka ngi yephi?'

What a beautiful mile stone to reach! We pray that they will continue to be a shining example to other couples.

Athlone Corps celebrated Children's Ministry Sunday. Participation was evident across generations on the theme of "The Good Shepherd". A brand-new YPSM, Mrs Lynette Muller, was commissioned and 17 new Junior Soldiers were enrolled after completing a 5 week discipleship course and a further 5 weeks of Junior Soldier preparation. 2 Junior Soldiers

(already enrolled) joined the group to recommit themselves to the Lord. Each Sunday School member received one of 50 Comic Book Bibles to help encourage a love of God's Word from an early age. These were donated by Dunstable Corps (UK territory). Many of the 160 people in attendance stayed afterwards and shared in a time of fellowship.



Welcome home

Colonels Hezekiel and Mirriam Mavundla have just returned home after serving for 5 years as Territorial Leaders in the Tanzania Territory. They will be retiring from active service.



Colonels Mavundla

Thank you for being faithful in *bringing God's light* for four decades wherever you have served. We look forward to see what God will do next through you!

Men went camping

The Western Cape Divisional Men's Fellowship held at The Rockland's Centre, represented by delegates from seven corps, Athlone, Cape Town Citadel, Bonteheuwel, Goodwood, Langa, Matroosfontein and Mitchells Plain, went for a weekend camp under the ministry of Lieutenant Colonel Robert Donaldson, Territorial Secretary for Programme. The Lieutenant Colonel was assisted by Captains Darren Huke (Divisional Youth Officer) and Stephen Malins (Corps Officer) and CSM Ricky Correia, Divisional Chairperson of the fellowship.



By Envoy Neville Hitchcock

Western Cape Division

The theme of the weekend was Real Men, God's Men know your purpose was well expressed through out the weekend, by the Lieutenant Colonel as we dealt with the topic under different headings, i.e. Real Men, Real Men of God, Real Issues and Men's Real purpose.

Participation throughout the week-end was excellent as delegates took part in group discussions through out the weekend.

The general comment from the delegates was that it was all worth while and should happen more often, as many new friendships were forged, and the men were spiritually invigorated.

Soweto Central Corps

A special Sunday was dedicated for children and school going young people. The purpose was to honour young people and highlights the importance of education in a Christian's life.

Great fun was had at the Corps by all generations in support of those who are still at school.

Captain Thwala, DYS Central Division, preached inspirationally about the importance of putting God first in their pursuit for education. The dress code for the day was school uniform.



Grade 10's



Headboy Ncedi Jwili



Pupils during break

Ezakheni Corps

Ezakheni Corps celebrated Heritage day where cultural food was cooked and all ladies were wearing different traditional gear. Special guest were Majors Peggy and Albert Shekwa and the theme was 'Know your Identity'. Refreshment were served after the meeting.



Christmas - Jesus moved into the neighbourhood

Cape Town Citadel corps, located in Cape Town's inner city, is strategically placed to reach the very people The Salvation Army exists for: the urban poor. Hundreds of people literally surround the corps on every side - homeless, downtrodden and forgotten many making their home on the streets for well over twenty years. Christmas, with its themes of incarnation and inclusion, seemed like the perfect opportunity for the corps to connect with this community, and establish relationships to pave the way toward transformation.



The corps decided to host a sit-down Christmas Eve lunch for one hundred guests, with Salvationists seated at every table to participate in the meal, and interact with the guests. This would make the meal more than just a hand-out, and create the sense of family that so many of us associate with Christmas.

For four weeks prior to the event, teams of Salvationists hit the streets for an hour before the regular Sunday morning meeting, introducing themselves to potential guests on the pavements where they made their homes. Time was spent exchanging stories and experiences, praying together, and encouraging one another. Relationships strengthened week after week. Each guest received a personalised invitation to join The Salvation Army for Christmas lunch.

On Christmas Eve, a diverse team of over thirty Salvationists (Corps officers, local officers, musicians, junior soldiers, senior soldiers and friends) came together, first to set up and pray, then to welcome guests at their tables, as the gates were opened. Lunch was served, games were played, carols were sung, gifts were received, and a special Christmas message was shared.

"This was the best meal I've had in a very long time," remarked one of the guests. Zelda, who has lived on the street for many years was very emotional, overwhelmed to receive a gift in a gift-bag, saying "No one has ever given me a present like this in over fifty years."

"I really appreciated the way I was treated by everyone, with such

care and kindness," said another gentleman. At another table, a forty-two year old guest reflected "Would you believe that today is the first time in seven years that I sit at a table to eat a meal? I see that as a sign that my direction in life is looking up. I am blessed to be here today!"

But the meal was especially meaningful to Salvationists, many of whom had been moved for weeks by the stories and testimonies of guests as they met on the street. "After this event, coming to Church on Sundays has become more difficult for me," jokes a band member. "It takes so much time to walk to the corps now because everyone I pass is calling my name, and wanting to talk. It's given me a hope that these people's lives can be transformed."

"We have been waiting for something like this for a long time," remarked one soldier, "and now that it's happened, it's been the highlight of my year." Others agree: "I liked that this was different from a normal feeding programme where all the effort is put into the preparation of the day and little or no time spent getting to know the guests. I was proud to be part of a team of Salvationists who were keen to be engaged in community and were committed to being the hands and feet of Jesus. This reminded me of our heritage."

"It took me out of my comfort zone," says a songster, "and once I engaged with the people at my table I found that it wasn't as difficult as I thought it was going to be and I was really moved by their stories. People going by the building could also see we are trying to reach out to the less fortunate." Still another soldier reflected: "As a Salvationist I could be part of this event knowing that the money received from the public had been used in an effective way."

CSM Ricky Correia is resolute: "I felt blessed to be involved in the

whole exercise and also humbled. We tend to forget the misery and poverty of being on your own on the streets with no family, especially over Christmas. My prayer is that this work will grow and become a major part of the ministry of Cape Town Citadel."



Umkhuleko ekuseni emsebenzini

Mdali wezulu nomhlaba, ekuseni namuhla ngingena kulendawo yo kusebenzela;
indawo engiyiphiwe ngayilungiselwa nguwe.

Ungenzele umusa, Simakade, wangibonisa uthando olukhulu.
Ngiyabonga, Somandla.

Kungenxa yomusa wakho ukuba ngibe lapha.

Kungenxa yothando lwakho ukuze ngikhonjwe ukwenza lomsebenzi.

Manje ngiyakhuleka, Nkosi yami; lendawo, naleligumbi ongiphe khona,
makube ngokwakho njalo. Nginyanxusa ukuba ungasuki kuyo, ungayifulatheli
nangomzuzwana nangenxenye yomzuzwana. Kuyokonakala phela uma uke
waqhela, Mvelinqangi!

Ngicela leligumbi kube yindawo ehlala iheleza umoya wokuthula; kugcwele
imizwa yothando; kuhlwabuse amakha entokozo. Injalo indawo ehlala wena
Nkosi yamakho!

Ngizikhulekela mina uqobo. Ngibekwe nguwe lapha, ngokukhonjwa yisandla
sabaholi owabakhetha. Ngalokho ngizicelela kuwe lokhu;

Ngandisele ubuqotho nokuthembeka

Ngifundise ukuzithoba njalo

Ngifundise ukuzithiba

Ngifundise ukulalela ngokujulile

Ngifundise ukubheka kade

Ngandisele ukuhlakanipha nokuqonda

Ngifundise ukubekezela

Ngandisele ukwahlukanisa okulungele, kufanele
inkazimulo yakho.

Ngiphe ukuhlakanipha okugqame kuwe, okungaziqhayisi.

Nginike, Mdali wezulu nomhlaba, inqondo ephusile
eqonda okuqondileyo nokulungileyo.

Ngibusise ngobuqotho nokucaciselwa emsebenzini,
Simakade.

Ngisize, Mdali wami, ngingabi nakubandlulula abantu
bakho engisebenza nabo ngibathande bonke

ngokulinganayo. Mangizike, ngijule othandweni lwakho. Ngiphe inhliziyi ekwazi ukuthokoza njalo; umoya wobunye nenkululeko.

Ngiphe, Somandla, amandla okwenza okufanele, ngikwenze ngokuthokoza futhi.

Ngisize ngokuhlakanipha, ngiqaphele nokuphokophela izindlela zokwenza umsebenzi ufeze izinhloso eziwubekelweyo; ngikwenze lokho
ngokuzithoba.

Leligumbi lokusebenzela, Mvelinqangi, malibe ngelakho. Makuthi bonke abangenayo bemukelwe ubukhona bakho kuqala; mina ngibe
yisidalwa esivunule izambatho zobungcwele bakho isitsha esihlanzekile, abadleka kuso abantu bakho.

Anginawo amandla okungawami, uyangazi, Nkosi yami
Anginakho ukuthula okungokwami, uyangazi, Mdali wami
Anginakho ukuhlakanipha okungokwami, uyangazi, Nkosi yamakho
Anginakho ukuqonda okungokwami, uyangazi, Somandla
Anginabo ubuqotho obungobami, uyangazi, Simakade
Anginazo izipho okungezami, uyangazi, Mvelinqangi
Anginalo ulwazi olungolwami, uyangazi, Nkulunkulu
Anginayo intokozo okungeyami, uyangazi, Msindisi

Konke engiyikho, nenginakho; konke engingaba yikho nengingakwazi ukukwenza noma ukukuzuzwa, kuvela kuwe owazi izidingo zami
kwasekuqaleni, kuze kube sekupheleni.

Anginawo amehlo; anginazo izandla, anginazo izinyawo,
anginawo umqondo nenhliziyi nomoya, ukuba ngenze umsebenzi wakho ngokufanele,
ngokugcwele nangokupheleleyo.

Ngithembele kuwe, Nkosi yami, ukuthi ukungicathulise njalo;

ungihole, ungikhuthaze, ungikhuze, ungivikele, ungixhase.

Khona ke lomsebenzi ongiphe wona uyohamba njengokwentando yakho.

Ngandisele ukwazi ukuthi abantu engisebenza nabo bangabakho njengoba nami ngingowakho.

O, Nkosi engunaphakade, ubungcwele bakho mabungasuki kimi nangokuqwayiza kweso!

Ubungcwele bakho mabufudumeze lendawo naleligumbi engisebenzela kulo.

Ngikhanyisele njalo endleleni ungemboze ngengubo yobungcwele bakho.

Kothi mhla ngifika lapho ekhaya, eZulwini lapho seziphelile izinsuku zami zokuhamba ezweni ngohlanganyela kanye nabantu abayozuzwa
iminhlomelo nemiqhele yempilo engunaphakade,

ephiwa amaqhawe namaqhawekazi anqobile esaphila emhlabeni.

Ngizimisele ukulalela nokulandela izimiso zakho njalo.

Futhi uma kwenzeka ngiqhezuka, ngenxa yezilingo ezweni, ngiyazi ukuthi wena uyongibuyisa ngothando uma ngibuyela kuwe
ngokuzithoba.

Lomkhuleko uyohlala usezindebeni zami njalo ekuseni uma ngingena kulendawo.

Ngibonga ithuba lo

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

Effective 1 May 2012

Commissioners André and Silvia Cox officers of the Switzerland, Austria and Hungary Territory currently serving respectively as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries in the Southern Africa Territory, are appointed as territorial leaders of the United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland. Commissioner André Cox is appointed as Territorial Commander, United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland, and Commissioner Silvia Cox as Territorial President of Women's Ministries. They will succeed Commissioners John and Elizabeth Matear who will be retiring from active service.

Lieut-Colonels William and Thalitha Langa, officers of the Southern Africa Territory currently serving respectively as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries in that territory, are appointed as territorial leaders, Southern Africa Territory. Lieut-Colonel William Langa as Territorial Commander, Southern Africa Territory, and Lieut-Colonel Thalitha Langa as Territorial President of Women's Ministries. They will take up their appointment responsibilities, each with the rank of Commissioner - Lieut-Colonel Thalitha Langa on 1 May 2012 and Lieut-Colonel William Langa on 2 May 2012.

Lieut-Colonels Robert and Janine Donaldson, officers of the New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory currently serving respectively as Territorial Secretary for Programme and Assistant Secretary for Personnel in the Southern Africa Territory, are appointed respectively as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, Southern Africa Territory.

Major Patrick and Margaret Booth (Divisional Commander & Divisional Director for Women Ministries) currently serving respectively as Divisional Leaders in the Western Cape are appointed to IHQ. Major Patrick as Assistant Legal and Constitutional Advisor to the General within the Legal Section and Major Margaret Booth as Mission Support Coordinator within the Programme Resources Department.

BEREAVEMENT

Mrs Fortune, mother to Commissioner Memory Tuck, has been Promoted to Glory.

Mr Thandanani Khumalo, brother to Major Vincent Khumalo, has been Promoted to Glory.

Mr Arnold Sebothoma, brother to Captain George Sebothoma, has been Promoted to Glory.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Captains Nhlanhla and Priscilla Ziqubui on the birth of their son, Msawandile Tsegofatso Ziqubu.

Congratulations to Captains Hamilton and Bongi Zulu on the birth of their son, Bonga Gift Zulu born on 02 December 2011.

APPOINTMENTS

Effective 5 January 2012

Captain Themba Mahlobo (Territorial Youth & Candidate Secretary) the appointment announced on 29 June 2011 is rescinded. Captain T. Mahlobo is appointed Divisional Commander Eastern Cape Division.

Captain Nokuthula Mahlobo (Children's Ministries & Sponsorship Secretary) the appointment announced on 29 June 2011 is rescinded. Captain N. Mahlobo is appointed Divisional Director Womens' Ministries Eastern Cape Division.

Major Thomas Dlamini (Divisional Youth Secretary, Mid KZN Division) is appointed Divisional Commander Northern Division.

Major Doris Dlamini (Corps Officer Imbali Corps) is appointed Divisional Director Womens' Ministries Northern Division.

Captain Bongani Fatyi (Basomlilo & Ombimbini Corps) the appointment announced on 29 June 2011 is rescinded. Captain B. Fatyi is appointed Divisional Youth Secretary in the Mid Kwazulu-Natal Division.

Captain Patricia Fatyi (Basomlilo & Ombimbini Corps) the appointment announced on 29 June 2011 is rescinded. Captain P. Fatyi is appointed Corps Officer of Imbali Corps in the Mid Kwazulu-Natal Division.

Captains Carl & Beauty Ngongo (KwaDukuza Corps) the appointment announced on 29 June 2011 is rescinded. Captains C & B Ngongo are appointed Corps Officers of Umlazi Corps in the Mid Kwazulu-Natal Division.

Majors Vincent and Oslinah Khumalo (Messina Corps) are appointed Corps Officers of Basomlilo and Ombimbini Corps in the Northern Kwazulu-Natal Division.

Captain Dimakatso Madaba (Thembisa Corps) is appointed Corps Officer of Phuthaditjaba Corps in the Central Division.

Major Happy Madonsela (Umlazi Corps) is appointed Corps Officer of Langalooop Corps in the Mpumalanga & Swaziland Division.

Major Patricia Balfour (Langalooop Corps) is appointed Corps Officer of KwaDukuza Corps in the Eastern Kwazulu-Natal Division.

Majors Andrew & Audrey Moholoagae (Kimberley Corps) are appointed Corps Officers of Mitchells Plein and nursery school in the Western Cape Division.

Major Lucia Harry (Director for curriculum /Health Services) is appointed Corps Officer of Mayfair Corps in the Central Division in addition to her present appointment.

Lieutenant Collen Mashaba (Wembezi Corps) is appointed Corps Officer of Tshoxa Corps in the Eastern Cape Division effective 5 January 2012.

DEPLOYMENTS

Major Leah Ngwane is deployed in retirement as Administrator of Emmarentia Eventide Home in the Central Division.

OFFICERSHIP CONCLUDED

Captains Trevor & Stella Ford Corps Officers of Vereeniging Goodwill Centre & Sharpville Corps in the Central Division conclude their active service effective from 31 December 2011. We recognize with gratitude the 18 years of service and ministry rendered by our comrades and wish them God's blessing in the future.

RETIREMENT

Major Margaret Strydom will be entering early retirement effective from 31 December 2011. We recognize with gratitude to God, the 28 years of service rendered by our comrade in The Salvation Army and are grateful for the many lives that have been impacted by her ministry.

LONG SERVICE ORDERS

On behalf of the Territorial Commander I am pleased to announce the following long service orders:

25 Years Service:

Lieut. Colonel Fikile Khoza - Effective 14 December 2011

Lieut. Colonel Robert Donaldson - Effective 17 January 2012

Lieut. Colonel Janine Donaldson

Major Happy Madonsela - Effective 15 January 2012

30 Years Service:

Lieut. Colonel Alistair Venter - Effective 30 November 2011

35 Years Service:

Lieut Colonel William Langa - Effective 09 January 2012

Lieut Colonel Thalitha Langa

40 Years Service:

Major Hazel De Vos - Effective 04 December 2011

We would like to congratulate our comrades for serving and remaining committed to the Lord.

PUZZLE PAGE



Love me

Valentines Word Ladder

Directions: Change one letter in the first word to make the 2nd word. Then change one letter in the 2nd word to make the 3rd word, all the way to the bottom

From LOVES to HEART in 7 steps

L O V E S

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H E A R T

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Connect the dots!
Count by 3's

