

# THE WAR CRY

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**turn it up**

**"shout out...  
cut down...  
plug in...  
stay tuned"**

# COMING EVENTS

## JUNE

- 2 Ascension Day
- 2-5 Divisional Community Care Ministries' Secretaries' Training Seminar
- 12 Pentecost Sunday
- 16 Youth Day (Public Holiday)
- 17-19 Officers & Local Officers' Retreat (Natal Region)
- 19 Decision Sunday
- 19 Fathers' Day
- 23-26 DC/DDWM Consultation/ Appointment

## JULY

- 1-3 Y-Connexion (Northern Division)
- 1-3 Y-Connexion (Eastern KZN)
- 4-5 Review TC/TPWM & Secretary for Personnel (Central Division)
- 17 OSWOMS Altar Service
- 24 Soldiers Rally
- 25-29 National Officers' Councils
- 23-24 Men's Ministry Training (Eastern Cape Division)
- 26-28 Territorial Reconciliation Conference (All Officers)
- 31 Children's Annual Day of Prayer

# Let your voice be heard

Following what is happening with Facebook, Mxit and WhatsApp, I have observed that young people are more vocal on many things. As they share among themselves, even those that I thought didn't care much about most things that are happening around them, I notice that they know what is in the latest fashion magazine, the latest music, what is happening with celebrities etc. They would often make comments about certain issues that were affecting society.

This year the Territorial Youth Department have come up with a beautiful theme for the youth:- '*Turn it up*'. It is your time to raise the volume and make meaningful noise.

In 2011 we are still celebrating and enjoying the fruits of freedom which was achieved because we had youth in this country who were not afraid to speak against any form of oppression experienced. They sacrificed their lives so that we can live in a democratic society. The youth of those yesteryears were the voice to the voiceless. Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 4:12 said to Timothy 'do not let anyone undermine your youth'. Young people, you have the potential to influence positive change in our society, so rise up and speak. We have lots of young people who are dying because of drug abuse, alcohol abuse, HIV/AIDS and many other challenges facing the youth of today. It is about time that you rise up as young people to stand against the challenges faced by young people in our society. Let us raise our voices and say 'enough is enough'. Out with child abuse; crime; the high rate of

unemployment especially amongst the youth; child pornography; drugs; the abuse of alcohol; the escalating rate of childbirth amongst young girls and boys; abortion etc. The youth of 1976 went ahead, raised their voices so loud that the Government of the day had to listen to them. They did not keep issues affecting them and society to themselves and merely hope that someone else will speak for them. Collectively they raised their voices to make sure someone listen.

As we continue to remember June as a month dedicated for youth, I urge you not to be ashamed to speak about your faith in God or let anyone undermine you because of your youth. Use Mxit, Facebook, WhatsApp or Tweeter as a platform to be a voice. Use them to tell others about God and tell your peers about your faith. If only one of you starts talking about Jesus dying in the cross, perhaps others will join you? Let us speak up - increase your volume. Your neighbours need to hear you shout about Jesus. Advocate for change in your community - advocate for change in your school. **SPEAK UNTIL HEARD! IF NOT HEARD INCREASE YOUR VOLUME! TURN IT UP UNTIL SOMEONE LISTENS.**

God bless you as we celebrate this wonderful month in recognition of the role played by the young people to influence change in our country.

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### 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.



# Time to "Turn it up"

A regular column from the desk of the Territorial Commander



This edition of the War Cry highlights the focus on youth and young people. I grew up in an age where as youngsters we still very often heard the phrase: "Children should be seen and not heard!" The generation gap that exists perpetually certainly does not encourage dialogue and understanding between the different generations.

It is all too easy to pay lip service to young people and to give them a pat on the back and send them out of sight to get on with whatever they want to do so long as they make no noise and do not disturb. It is troubling to me to see how often children and young people are relegated to the back of our halls where they are barely seen and are certainly unheard during the meetings.

I pray that we will never forget that it is our God given responsibility to be examples to and lead our children and young people to Christ. How else are they to be able to learn what discipleship is all about if they do not see what it means in us? Let's be truthful and own up to the fact that we are not always perfect role models; we are not always consequential in our words and actions! We must face the reality though, that we cannot separate our words from the things that we do. We cannot say "do as I say but not as I do." People generally and young people in particular respond to what they see more than to what they hear.

In July 2009, the main theme for discussion at the General's Consultative Council was: "Winning children for Christ." In his opening address, General Shaw Clifton (R) said this: "Somewhere in the world are children alive today who one day, in a few short years from now, will be sitting here in our places. Somewhere out there, even as I speak, are children who are future Generals of The Salvation Army, future Territorial Leaders, Divisional Commanders, Corps Officers, Social Centre Leaders, and Corps Sergeant Majors and so on. God in his wisdom knows who they are and has his hand upon them."

The Salvation Army has a proud and long tradition in work among children and young people. As early as 1888 the stated aims for work among young people were: "To save children; to keep children saved; to train the children to be skilful in the Salvation War". From those earliest days, there was a very clear understanding within the Army about the need for child conversions and the need to effectively disciple these young lives. Some very difficult questions were raised at that General's Consultative Council: Do we still believe passionately in the need to introduce children to Christ? Why have some Corps and some Divisions stopped making Junior Soldiers? Do all the Territories have suitable up-to-date materials for soul-saving work among children and the work of discipling them? Do we still have a God-given vision that many of today's children will be tomorrow's spiritual leaders?

Paul gave this advice to Titus and this also applies to us: **"Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us."** (Titus 2 v 6-8 NIV)

It takes great strength of character to match the theory of what we say by the lives that we live! Character is what enables us to do what is right even when it is difficult for us to do so. Do we have that strength within us? Have we allowed God through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit to develop those spiritual qualities in our lives which provide a clear sense of direction and purpose that the younger generation can follow?

The theme for our young people this year is "Turn it up." The older generation will be relieved to know that this has nothing to do with volume so there is no need to turn down the hearing aids just yet! This is above all an **opportunity for young people to turn up their faith, to engage with Jesus at a deeper level and to share their faith more passionately with others. Let us support and encourage our young people to achieve these goals.**

God Bless

Commissioner André Cox

**SOLDIERS' RALLY**  
 Date: Sunday 24 July 2011  
 Time: 9:00 am  
 Venue: Orlando Community Hall, Soweto  
 Guest Speakers: The Salvation Army International Leaders

Chief of the Staff and World President of Women's Ministries  
 Commissioners Barry and Sel Thomson

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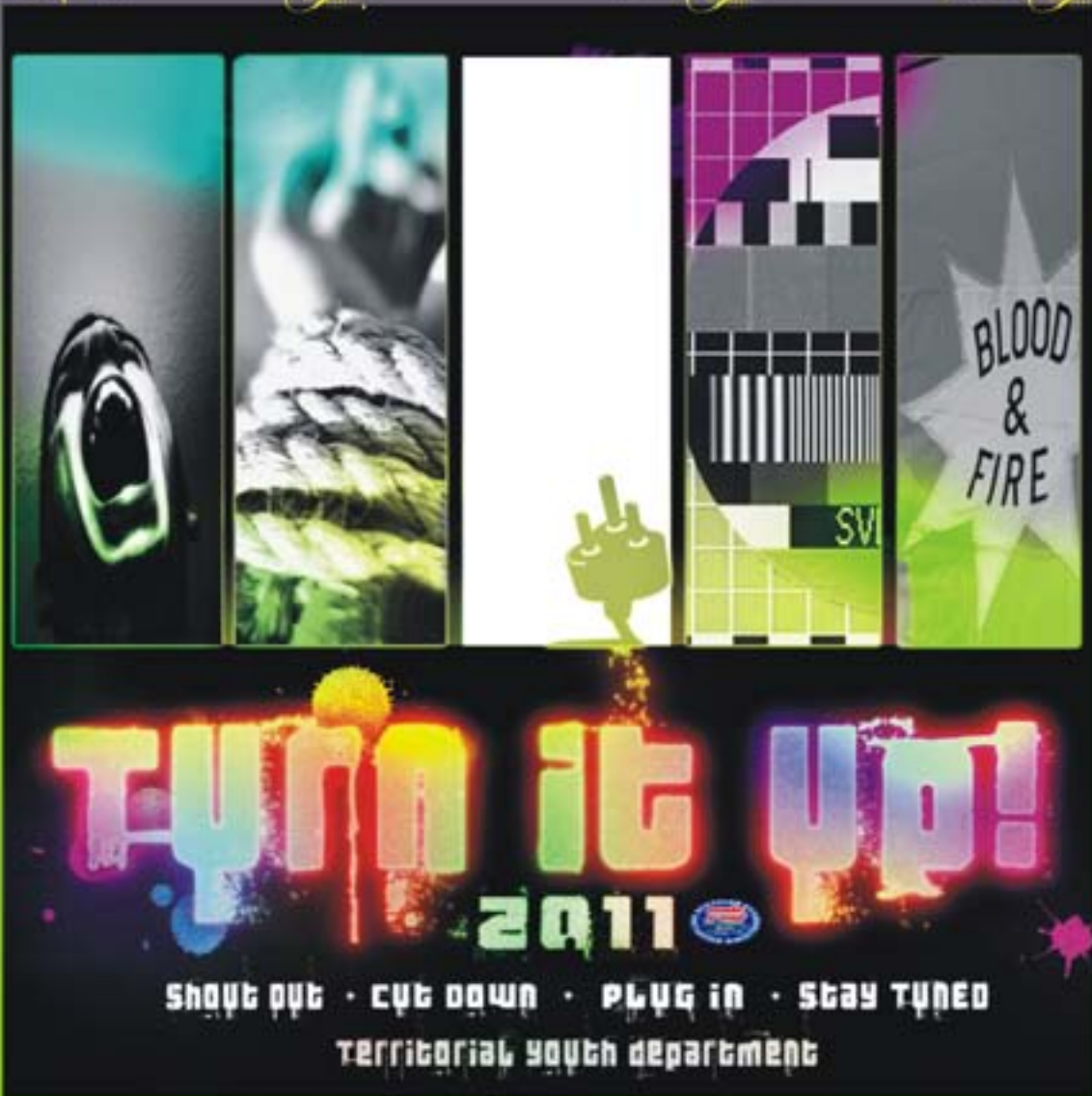
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THEME FOR 2011

# TURN IT UP! - NYUS' VOLUME

*Shout out.....Cut down.....*



*Plugged in.....Stay Tuned*

Looking back we are reminded of the hard work of the young people in the territory during 2010 FIFA World Cup. It all went very well, as it happened during school holidays and many Y' Connexion events still took place. We got reports about all the practical hard work and how people got connected and felt the presence of God. We did MORE+ and MORE+, and were blessed with the felt presence of God.

We realized as we looked at the 2010 theme (MORE+) that we still need to do more and be better connected with God. Through the many challenges that we are facing as young people, in different spheres of life, the call is still there to engage with Jesus at a deeper level, share our faith with other young adults and then in knowing Him to 'Turn it Up!'

The theme "TURN IT UP" focuses on the opportunity for young people to turn up their faith, to engage with Jesus at a deeper level and to share their faith more passionately with others. This theme will be used for children's and youth ministry in 2011. How often do we tell our youth and children to "turn it down", whether that's their voice, their stereo, their imagination, or their opinions?

**Turn it Up** is not just about volume but is about turning up your faith, your relationship with God and the important things in life. It's about intentionally turning up participation in life and relationship with others. There's an important role in 'Turn it up' for corps, churches and groups to listen to young people's voices, to offer opportunities to share opinions and participation, and to help the youth be part of the corps / church today as well as tomorrow.

"Turn it Up" is a call for our voice to be heard, our viewpoint to be considered, our dreams to be empowered, our communities to be safe, our corps to be alive and functioning and our role as present day and future leaders to be acknowledged.

We want to 'Turn it Up' against the injustices of this time like human trafficking, poverty and poor education. We also want to 'Turn it Up' against the pain of sexual abuse, drugs and alcohol in our communities and loudly, boldly declare a new message of hope and possibilities.

"Turn it up" is also a call for a fresh look into the Scripture:

## Shout out

The fall of Jericho “Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go in or out. But the Lord said to Joshua, “I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its mighty warriors. Your entire army is to march around the city once a day for six days. Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram’s horn. On the seventh day you are to march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. **When you hear the priests give one long blast on the horns, have all the people give a mighty shout.** Then the walls of the city will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the city.”

*Joshua 6:20*

The Salvation Army is an evangelical movement, an Army that needs to obey the instructions as given by the Commander, God. An Army that marches around this land and ‘Turns it up’ and SHOUT OUT against sin, human trafficking, abuse, drugs, violence and injustice. No time like the present ‘making heaven on earth is our businesses. There is no time like this; we need to shout out and change our situation and other young people’s situation. We need to shout out as we see that poverty, unemployment, diseases and wars around the world continues to rob our people. We can shout a mighty shout like the Israelites and God will hear us and we will be able to help others and tell them about how great our Jehovah is.

**Isaiah 12:2** Tells us that we can shout to the nation and tell them about the great things He has done. We need to shout out with mighty, united voices and make known among the nations (youth) what He has done and proclaim that His name is exalted. Let us SHOUT OUT “Yes indeed - God is my salvation. I trust and I won't be afraid. God - yes God! Is my strength and song, best of all, my salvation!”

**Isaiah 12:5 - 6** Ask him anything! Shout to the nations, tell them what he’s done, spread the news of his great reputation! “Sing praise songs to God. He's done it all! Let the whole earth know what he's done! Raise the roof! Sing your heart out, O Zion! The greatest lives among you: The Holy of Israel.”

## Cut down

God said to Gideon: “There are still too many. Take them down to the stream, and I'll make a final cut. When I say, ‘This one goes with you,’ he'll go. When I say, ‘This one doesn't go, ‘he won't go.” So Gideon took the troops down to the stream. God said to Gideon: “Everyone who laps with his tongue the way a dog laps set on one side. And everyone who kneels to drink, drinking with his faceto thewater, set tothe otherside.”

*Judges 7:4 - 5 (The Message)*

Gideon fearfully obeyed the whispering of God and cut down his army and went into to the battle with a trumpet, torch and jar. There are many things that we need to ‘**Cut down**’ as young people. It is the time to shape up our life and obey the whispering of God. We might be afraid to attack the devil but if we do what God tell us we will be encouraged to shame the devil. Gideon did not fight with many men but with a few. God is calling young people to ‘cut down’ things that affect our service to Him. God is calling us to examine our hearts and cut down on bad behaviours, to our community and then the world will change and become better places as we listen and obey God’s commands.

What do you need to cut down as a young person? What do you need to move away from to better focus on Him as your personal Saviour and guide? What are the key areas needing God’s intervention in your community / life - **Alcohol abuse; Disrespect; Drug Abuse.**

**Use this theme to target the needs of your community and young people's lives and to bring the Gospel of Good News into the challenges. We will help you if you need any resources or contacts in this regard.**

## Plugged In

We are facing many challenges in our life as young people of this country and as Salvation Army soldiers. Unemployment, poverty, rape, etc are some of those things that we face each and everyday of our life. We need to prepare ourselves to go to war and fight against these matters. It is very important to be plugged into the word of God, and this is the time to focus and engage with Jesus at a deeper level, to look at our spiritual life and maturity. It is very important for us to move away from things that do not help us to be plugged in or connected with God.

**“After David built a house for himself in the City of David, he cleared a place for the Chest and pitched a tent for it. Then David gave orders: “No one carries the Chest of God except the Levites; God designated them and them only to carry the Chest of God and be available full time for service in the work of worship”**

*1 Chronicles 1: - 2 (The Message)*

It is very important to be plugged in and be in the right tent. We know that sometimes we find ourselves in the wrong tent or camp. David built a Tent for the Ark of God and he knew where to worship him. If we are plugged in, we will know where to worship and give thanks to Him. As young people are we really plugged in? Do we know where to find our strength? If we are plugged in, we will have a regular time and place to worship God and He will call us His holy people.

## Tuned In

We need to stay **tuned in** as we listen to the radio - if the radio is not properly tuned in, there is a lot of noise or static. Cell phones sometimes lose the network and it becomes very difficult to communicate with friends and family.

If we are not in tune with God our lives become miserable and we lose our happiness, contentment and joy.

**Romans 5** tells us that when we have received the amazing friendship of God we can no longer be content with the normal plodding on of life, but **“We need to continue to shout our praise even when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us.”** We need to be alert to what the devil can do to us and what he can and wants to steal. If we stay In Tune with the Almighty God we can stand against the devil and live our life according to God's plan and purpose (tune)

In **1 Corinthians 14** Paul reminds us that if we don't tune in and make clear the trumpet call, our people won't turn up for battle. We need to tell and show our peers the importance of being in tune and then playing our life’s message clearly. **“If the trumpet call can't be distinguished, will anyone show up for the battle?”** 1 Corinthians 14:8 (The Message)

I am sure that we are eager to participate in the battle and stay tuned in with God as young people of the Southern Africa territory.

## TURN IT UP

Turn it up: No matter where you are, no matter what you are facing, there is a God who will bless your efforts to 'TURN IT UP' and make a greater difference for Him.

**TURN IT UP**  
**- your FAITH,**

**TURN IT UP**  
**- your Relationship with God**

**TURN IT UP**  
**- your Voice.**

These are the points that you can use for your plan and preparation below:

### 'TURN IT UP'

- ✓ This theme is focused on the opportunity for young people to:
  - ✓ Turn up their *Faith*.
  - ✓ Engage with Jesus at deeper level
  - ✓ Share their faith more passionately

**This is not about Volume only, but about :-**

- ✓ Our worship
- ✓ Our voices must be heard
- ✓ Our viewpoint
- ✓ Our dreams

Turn up - your Faith.  
Turn it - your Relationship with God.  
Turn up - your voice.

*These are the four topics that we need to be focused on as we deal with Y' Connexion this year around the territory and this is the chance to go to a deeper level with Christ and share our faith.*

### Shout out

- ✓ Human trafficking
- ✓ Poverty
- ✓ Sexual Abuse
- ✓ Drugs
- ✓ Poor education
- ✓ Discrimination

We must shout out against the things that disturb our focus on God.

*"When you hear the priests give one long blast on the horns, have all the people give a mighty shout"*

(Joshua 6:5)

Shout out and tell all nations about the great things he has done.

(Isaiah 12:2)

### Cut Down (Judges 7:4 5)

- ✓ Let us cut down and shape our life.
- ✓ Cut down our fear.
- ✓ Cut down on the things that hinder us from worshipping God.
- ✓ We need to cut down our bad behaviour.
- ✓ Cut down the voices that distract us

Gideon cut his army; he obeyed the whispering of God.

Judges (7:4-5)

### Plugged in

- ✓ We need to be plugged in to the Holy Spirit.
- ✓ Have a regular worship time. Seek God, read his word.
- ✓ Move away from sin (Hebrews 12:1)
- ✓ Clear the place: Plugged in
- ✓ Move away from the wrong Tent/ Camp

*(1 Chronicles 1: 2) After David built a house for himself in the city he cleared a place for the Chest and pitched a tent for it.*

### Stay Tuned to GOD/Connected

- ✓ We need to be connected
- ✓ Fix our eyes on Jesus (Hebrews 12:2)
- ✓ Keep the volume up
- ✓ Transmit the good news
- ✓ Be the salt and light of the world (Matt 5:13 16)

## *Turn it up*

This is a call to:

- ✓ Turn it up - your Faith
- ✓ Turn it up - your Relationship with God
- ✓ Turn it up - your Voice

*If the bugler doesn't sound a clear call, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle?*

(1Corinthians 14:8)

# Go in the strength of the Lord

Bradley Biya - CSM Johannesburg City Corps

**M**y mother was the first Salvationist in her family. Her parents and siblings followed her and joined the Army. My sister and I initially lived with her parents in Steenbok, Mpumalanga, before moving to Matsulu to live with my parents when I was 5 years old. When I was in Standard 6 (Grade 8 for the OBE's), I moved to a boarding school and in the 5 years while I was there I hardly went to church. Std 6 was an unpleasant year in which I tried to be part of the "cool kids". I couldn't dance, rap, play basketball like they could and I didn't have all the clothes and the money they had either. If you looked at a group of cool kids I would have been the "not-so-cool" one amongst them, but I made up for it by swearing and victimising other kids.

The following year in February, on a Tuesday night, I actively gave my life to Christ in a Science classroom. The service was conducted by a Youth group that used to come to our school. That night I was freed from peer pressure and God cleaned my mouth out with His soap. I stopped swearing, although I still had to work on it for a while before I got it right. Losing 'friends' was not easy. When a revolution starts within you, you don't know what battles you will fight, yet you are somehow ready and strong to withstand them, no matter the cost. The youth of 1976 proved that. Giving my life to Christ prepared me to face the death of my father and its consequences, as well as my uncle who passed away 5 months later. My mother and grandmother guided us through that confusion. The leadership lesson that I learnt from them through the events that happened is - Know who your Source of strength is. Anyone who is confused about their source and introduces a different belief should never be close to you no matter whom it may be. Stand your ground for your beliefs.

I became a Senior Soldier two years later and put my energy into the School Band and Choir. After Matric I came to Johannesburg for two years before going back to Mpumalanga. In those 2 years I attended services at Johannesburg City Corps regularly. This was also the first time that anyone inside a church told me that I could lead. Captain Robbie Wright and Captains Browski recognized that I could lead youth programs although I was reluctant because I didn't know how.

I went back home in 1999 and was unemployed which was frustrating for all of us as a family. That was one of the most difficult periods in my life but I still remained active at church. I started helping with the Youth at my home Corps which was led by Majors Makhanya and from then I was often asked to talk on specific topics at church and Divisional Youth events.

I then received a scholarship to study at Tshwane University of Technology. When I left home I made a vow that when I move to a new place I will go to church on the first Sunday I'm there. I did find a Corps which was within walking distance. I joined the band and that meant that I was continuing to fulfill the commitment that I had made to give of "my time, talents and treasures". In 2003 I was back at Johannesburg City Corps and I did the same there. The reason for making that vow was because I was scared that I would be lost spiritually. When I moved from home I knew I would make new friends, and meet new people who might not believe in the God in whom I believe and it was going to be very easy to stop going to church.

At Johannesburg City I joined the musical sections and also the Junior Band (thankfully I wasn't the oldest member). That Friday Junior band practice was great fun and, somehow, I found myself at the Youth meeting afterwards- (and I **was** the oldest there!). I think Captains Garth and Patti Niemand, who were the CO's, were praying hard that I be there because I personally couldn't figure out why someone my age would be at that meeting on a Friday night. Strangely, though, it didn't feel odd - (God has a way of making you fit in even when it doesn't make any logical sense).

In 2004 I was appointed as the Corps Youth Secretary and in 2010 the Corps Sergeant Major even though I thought I am still young. The decision to take up these responsibilities was not easy but the knowledge that I would be supported and prayed for and that it may be God's plan for my life made it easier. I have had to make decisions that may seem illogical or strange like praying before dating someone or not dating at all because I had to understand where my life would lead if I did what I felt and not necessarily what God wanted. There have been times when I haven't felt like going to church, practices, meetings because I have either felt discouraged, I've sinned etc. Yet, knowing that God has promised not to leave us nor forsake us has helped me to get up and fulfill the commitments that were made to Him. I know I cannot fulfill them in my own strength. I go in the strength of the Lord.

## PROMOTED TO GLORY

**Major William Stevenson (R)** on Friday 11 March 2011.

**Major William Shange (R)** on Friday 15 April 2011.

## BIRTH

Congratulations to **Lieutenants Sanele & Nancy Ndlovu** on the birth of their daughter Simphiwe Sibongakonke Mangaliso Ndlovu, who was born on Wednesday 06 April 2011.

## APPOINTMENTS

**Major Lynette Wright** is appointed as Corps Officer of Paarl Corps in the Western Cape Division with immediate effect.

## BEREAVEMENT

Mr Ruben Rossouw, the youngest brother of Major John Rossouw, has been promoted to glory.

## INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

*Effective 1 September 2011*

**Majors Daniel and Arschette Moukoko**, officers of the Congo (Brazzaville) Territory currently serving respectively as Territorial Financial Secretary and Territorial Statistician and Assistant Projects Secretary in the Southern Africa Territory, are appointed to the Congo (Brazzaville) Territory. Major Daniel Moukoko is appointed Chief Secretary, Congo (Brazzaville) Territory, and Major Arschette Moukoko as Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries. They will take up their new appointment responsibilities, each with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

GAZETTE

# Suicide in South Africa

It is estimated that between 5000 and 8000 persons commit suicide in South Africa per year, making suicide the third greatest unnatural cause of death in South Africa.

Recent studies indicate that:

- \* 9% of all teenage deaths are due to suicide.
- \* One in every twelve adolescents has attempted suicide at least once.
- \* Suicide among children and adolescents in South Africa is on the increase and children as young as 10 years old have committed suicide.
- \* Up to one third of all attempted suicides seen in hospitals involve children and adolescents.

These are alarming statistics, and an indication of the depth of despair and hopelessness that people are experiencing.

Not all suicide attempts are fatal, and for every fatal suicide attempt there are reportedly 20 attempted suicides. There are two groups of affected people:

Firstly, suicide leaves a trail of hurting people, including family members and friends who have to deal with the death of a loved one as well as the guilt of wondering whether this tragedy could somehow have been prevented. This guilt is often unfounded, but their journey to recovery may be a long and difficult one.

The other affected group consists of the individuals who have attempted suicide and have somehow survived. Their hopelessness has not been resolved, and they are left to battle the same struggles as before, with the added complications and consequences of their attempted suicide.

Of special concern in South Africa, is the alarming rate of family murders/suicides that occur in our communities. This appears to be an indication of a society that carries a heavy burden of hopelessness, caused by many stress factors including financial troubles and unemployment, family conflict, illness and many others, and one that sees violence and murder as a viable option to end conflict.

Whilst the threat of suicide may, in some cases, be interpreted as a form of manipulation, it is important that threats of suicide be treated as serious, and that the cause for these threats is determined, and the necessary support and intervention provided.

Salvationists are found in all communities and spheres of life. We are challenged to open our eyes to the needs of the people with whom we rub shoulders every day, and as neighbours in the true sense of the word, to love them as Jesus does. This means taking an interest in their lives, providing company in their loneliness, and assistance in their despair. Armed with the good news of the Gospel of Jesus, we are able to share hope with the hopeless, and courage with the deeply discouraged.

Are you in a desperate situation yourself, and thinking of ending your life, or do you know someone who may be

contemplating suicide? Contact your nearest

Salvation Army Officer, who will help. Alternatively, contact The South African Depression and Anxiety Group on their helpline: 0800 567 567.

Statistics from the South African Depression and Anxiety Group, <http://www.sadag.co.za/>

Major M Venter

# The Salvation Army International Positional Statement

## Suicide Prevention

### 1) Statement of the Issue

Suicide is the act of deliberately killing oneself. Despite intense studies, there is no universally accepted theory of suicide. It is now understood as a multidimensional disorder, which results from a complex interaction of biological, genetic, psychological, sociological and environmental factors and is more likely to occur during periods of socioeconomic, family and individual crisis situations (e.g. unemployment, loss of a loved one, loss of honour). Despite the fact that suicide today is a major public health issue in all countries, with far reaching social, emotional and economic consequences, it remains a taboo subject in most societies. It may not be possible to eliminate entirely the risk of suicide, but it is possible to reduce the risk substantially by a variety of prevention strategies.

### 2) Statement of Position

The Salvation Army believes that every possible means should be taken to prevent a person from intentionally taking his or her own life, or seeking the assistance of someone else to do so. While suicide may be primarily a medical or mental health problem (among others), protective factors such as social support and connectedness play a significant role in its prevention. Suicide prevention is everyone's business. Prevention may be a matter of a caring person with the right knowledge being available at the right place at the right time.

### 3) Facts and Information

- a) The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that more than 800, 000 people die from suicide each year, and one death for every 40 seconds. In the past 45 years, suicide rates have increased by 60% worldwide. In most countries, suicide predominates in males (with some significant exceptions such as China). Suicide is among the top ten causes of death in every country, and one of the three leading causes of death in the 15-30 year age group.
- b) Mental disorders (particularly depression, substance abuse, schizophrenia and personality disorders) are associated with more than 90% of all cases of suicide. Effective treatments for most of these conditions have been identified but are not always available or utilized.
- c) There are also certain groups of people who are at particular risk of suicidal behaviour. These include those with a past history of attempted suicide, those with alcohol and other substance dependencies, young males, the elderly, the bereaved, indigenous groups, those with sexual identity conflicts, migrants, those living in rural areas, those in prison custody, and those with debilitating physical illness.
- d) Suicide attempts are up to 20 times more frequent than completed suicide. The risk of suicide being achieved is particularly high in the first year after an attempt.
- e) Many studies have shown that availability of guns, bridges without barriers, pills packed in large numbers (instead of blister packs), toxic domestic gases and vehicle emissions significantly add to the likelihood of suicide completion.
- f) The media can play a powerful role in educating the public about suicide prevention, but they also have the potential to do harm. Certain ways of describing suicide contribute to what scientists call 'suicide contagion' or 'copycat' suicides. Implementation of recommendations for media coverage of suicide has been shown to decrease suicide rates.
- g) Only a small number of suicides happen without warning. Therefore, all threats of self-harm should be taken seriously. In addition, a majority of people who attempt suicide are ambivalent and not entirely intent on dying.

### 4) Biblical and Theological Principles

- a) The Salvation Army believes in the sanctity of human life. Humankind was created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). All people without exception are of value to him, holding a special place in his creation (Psalm 8:5), irrespective of age, gender, race, religion, health or social status, or their potential for achievement.
- b) The Salvation Army deplores the condemnation of people who complete suicide, and considers unjust the stigma that falls on surviving family and friends. It believes that nothing separates us from the love of God (Romans 8: 38-39), and that God's wisdom is perfect. This is reflected through the words used in The Salvation Army's committal service for victims of suicide: 'As our brother/sister . . . . has departed this life, we now commit his/her body to the grave: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in the certainty of the resurrection and of the eternal wisdom and mercy of God.'
- c) The Salvation Army believes that experiencing the life-renewing power that is found in Jesus can crucially lead to restored hope, healing and new life, and that restored relationships are well known protective factors against suicidal behaviour.

### 5) Practical Responses

- a) The Salvation Army was the first organization in the world to provide suicide prevention programmes. In 1907 its Founder, General William Booth, commenced The Salvation Army work in suicide prevention with an anti-suicide bureau in London. This ministry to those contemplating suicide as well as to the bereaved is ongoing and effective.
- b) The Salvation Army supports all measure to augment the individual, professional and public awareness of the risk of suicides. The Salvation Army encourages individual territories to educate their staff (medical services, social services, teachers, pastoral carers) in suicide prevention, respecting cultural diversity.
- c) The Salvation Army promotes educational tools for a broader public (e.g. Question, Persuade, Refer: First Aid Course in Suicide Prevention: [www.suicideprevention.salvos.org.au](http://www.suicideprevention.salvos.org.au)) and encourages their adaptation to the special needs of different cultures.
- d) It is of vital importance that people at risk have low-threshold access to professional care, especially when they suffer from a mental disorder. The Salvation Army, being an organization that traditionally supports the weak, promotes all efforts to provide an optimized treatment for psychiatric patients.
- e) The Salvation Army supports all measures that can be taken at community and national levels to reduce access to the means of suicide.
- f) Bereavement after a loved one has taken their own life is often more complicated, intense and prolonged than it is with a death from natural causes. The Salvation Army offers sensitive counsel and pastoral care to the bereaved, seeking to remove the often-present stigma around suicide. When the grieving process is complicated by severe shock, blame, guilt and other factors, professional counselling may be required.
- g) The Salvation Army encourages the implementation of responsible media guidelines for reporting on suicide.
- h) The Salvation Army recognizes the many credible organizations working locally and globally on the issue of suicide prevention, and encourages cooperation and networking with these agencies to optimize support of people at risk of attempted suicide.

### Approved by the General July 2009

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# Easter Weekend Eastern Cape Division

**B**oth English and Xhosa Easter meetings went well.

Xhosa services were held in the Ngxabaxha area where Barkerville Corps is located. The guests for the weekend were Majors Sophie and David Mhlanga supported by Divisional Leaders Majors D and T Kasuso. The theme was “uYesu uyimpendulo” - Jesus is the answer.

The Youth festival started off with a panel debate on the topic: “My choices determine my destiny”. The Young people searched scripture to state their case for or against and the crowd was given the opportunity to respond. Captain Buthelezi then shared the territorial theme of “Turn it up” with the young people. Anelisa Matshoba (Mt Frere Corps) and Lubabalo Mthembu (Ibhayi Corps) led the talent festival.

Sunday started with a march of witness. We sang and shouted with joy as Christ was alive again. The last meeting was a testimony to the theme as there were people who were desperately afflicted by Satan and through prayer they were set free and have begun to walk in victory.

Captain Wendy Clack DYS, Aux Captain Cynthia Dyantyi, and Duncan Kasuso welcomed the group of children that were catered



for separately during the Friday and Sunday meetings with many games, fun, learning, teaching on prayer, bible memorization and interactive activities on the theme: “Jesus is the answer”.

**Complied by Lt Malusi Dlamini**

**Good Friday** The English meetings were led by Commissioners Trevor & Memory Tuck. The Good Friday meeting was an extra special blessing to all those who attended.

**Sunrise service** A glorious morning to celebrate our Risen Lord started early on The Donkin in Port Elizabeth where believers from all over the metropole met. Just before sunrise, Captain B. Browski spoke about that first Easter morning, and reminded us that, even though the women that went to the tomb with the spices to anoint Jesus' body, knew that there was a huge stone in front of the tomb and didn't know how they would remove it, they still went in faith.

**Tarkastad/ Cradock:** Combined Good Friday meetings were held and a blessed time of worship was experienced by all.

Complied by  
Captain Jonathan Payne.



# Western Cape Division



Rhodes Memorial

**M**atthew 28:1,2,5,6 ...at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb...an angel of the Lord came down...(and) said to the women, “...Jesus who was crucified...is not here; He has risen, just as He said.” (NIV)



# NKZN Eastern Division

The Easter weekend at Northern KZN division was based on a theme with a personal challenge: "Kwakungenxa Yami" (It was because of Me). The Divisional



Commanders, Majors P and A Shekwa, were supported by the Officers of the division along with Major L. Jwili, Captain E. Mabada, Major L. Harry from CFOT and Captains P and N Semeno from T.H.Q and the cadets. The Guests were Lt Colonels J and F Khoza who spoke on challenging issues faced by Christians today and the importance of realising the sacrifice of Jesus as giving us the ability to find the freedom from things which bind us in our lives. Many soldiers gathered from around the division to hear the Word of God. There was a response in all meetings where we believe new commitments were made and many sought to seek God's leading in their lives.



In the week leading up to the weekend the first year Cadets of the 'Proclaimers of the Resurrection' session, led a campaign with the theme "All the way to Calvary". They targeted the new Corps Plant, Mbabane (which falls under the Madadeni Circuit). The Cadets, with the support of their leaders and the Corps Officer, led various ministries including Kids' Club, Praise meetings and Youth Meetings. They engaged with the people of the community, sharing the Gospel to them. They were able to invite them to the Corps and witness to them about the love of God and His desire for us all to know Him. Here too, many lives were touched and it was great to know and see that the work which has begun there through the Salvation Army, is continuing. There is great hope for the future in this area.



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The Western Cape Division has, for the past 78 years, celebrated this event with Sunrise Services. In Cape Town the event is held on the steps of the Rhodes Memorial which commands a stunning view of Greater Cape Town. The service culminates with a fanfare and singing of praise to the Lord as the sun rises in spectacular fashion over the distant mountains. The Divisional Band and Worship Group provide accompaniment to the 800 strong inter-denominational congregation. A similar event is held on Ladder Hill at St. Helena Island where worshippers gather to celebrate this world-changing event.

By Alan Kay

St Helena



# Northern Division

**E**aster Celebrations in the Northern Division were held at Sambandou Corps where 720 people were in attendance on Easter Sunday!

Lieutenant Colonels Robert and Janine Donaldson,

Territorial Secretary for Programme and Assistant Territorial Secretary for Personnel respectively, were the special guests for the weekend who preached God's Word with a challenge to the congregation, with many responding to the Altar call.

In the afternoon session selected Officers and Corps Leaders participated with "Words from Calvary" (Seven Sayings). The youth rally on the Friday night, which was led by the DY0 and some youth leaders, was a welcome challenge as young people debated the issue of "why young people run away from church". This debate once again highlighted the need of our young people for deep, solid and sound spirituality from leaders who also value the gifts and talents young people possess. They need to be given the opportunity to exercise their gifts and talents in their corps. Young people feel marginalised and not valued.



Easter Sunday morning soldiers marched to the village of the local Chief where we held an open-air meeting. A march of witness through the villages on the way to the hall reminded the local people of the significance of Easter Sunday that **Jesus is alive**. During the meeting, 179 children who attended the Kids' ministries in the big tent, participated in worship through showcasing what they had learnt by reciting a memory verse and doing an action song depicting their theme: **Arise and Shine let the love of the Lord shine through you!** Lieutenant Colonel Robert Donaldson prayed God's blessing on "this vast Army, God is raising up"!

During the meeting 12 new Junior Soldiers were enrolled from Thohoyandou Corps and 21 new Senior Soldiers were sworn in from Seshego, Thohoyandou and William Eadie Corps! What a wonderful end to the Easter Sunday meeting, new life being added to the Northern Division! Soldiers in the Northern Division were indeed encouraged and strengthened by the

ministry of the Donaldsons, not just from the platform, but through their interaction with the people throughout the whole weekend.

By Major K. Conrad



# Central Division



# Eastern KZN Division

During the Easter weekend the following took place:

- **Youth:**- Lieutenant V. Nkosi supported by Officers and Youth board members conducted a youth programme and their sub - theme was "What matters most". "Many young people rededicated their lives and others sought Christ as their personal Saviour. Saturday morning we ministered to the young children and some came to the feet of the Master and accepted Him as their Lord and Saviour.
- Two open air meetings were conducted as an outreach ministry.
- Candidates were recognised and young people were challenged to offer themselves for full time service to God in The Salvation Army. Twelve offered themselves.
- The divisional leaders together with the Territorial Strategic Plan task force shared about the 1, 3, 5 principle of the strategic plan and also how to revive the tasks for the corps
- The Territorial Soldiers Rally to be held in Johannesburg - 24 July 2011 was also announced and soldiers encouraged to attend.
- The Sunday meeting was the 'Resurrection Service'. It brought a great revival to the people and forty people came to the mercy seat for Salvation, Strength, Victory and Blessings.

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The event was hosted by Gauteng, Diepsloot and Alexandra Corps. Bophelo school in Mayfair was used as a venue, and between the tent and children's venue, in excess of 2000 people attended.

The theme of the weekend was: UKrestu UnguMnqobi - Christ our conqueror indeed!



Highlights of the week-end were:

- The march went through the streets of Mayfair, distributing invitations to worship at various Corps in the area.
- Open air ministry with many seekers in Alexandra.
- Most of all we remembered the suffering and death of our Lord through Scripture, the spoken word, and creative ministry and celebrated His resurrection.

*Major Marieke Venter*

# Peart Memorial Corps

(Dr Busisiwe Qwabe)

The 7<sup>th</sup> of April was World Health Day and the Home League at Peart Memorial Corps organised a special day where they marched around the township. Soldiers of the Corps and community members joined the Home League on the march.



The main focus of the day was to bring awareness of the importance of good health. Everyone present was encouraged to have an HIV/AIDS test for free. According to Dr. Busisiwe Qwabe, the Home League Secretary at Peart Memorial, the day was a success. This was the first march organised by the Corps and they hope to do it next year again. I am happy that many participants were excited about screening.

The overall results for the day were:

- 74 people were screened. 65% of these were over 36yrs.
- Blood pressure
  - Normal -59,45%
  - Abnormal -40,5%
- Diabetes
  - Normal -81,8%
  - Abnormal -8,9%
- BMI
  - Normal -24,3%
  - Overweight -25,6%
  - Obese -47,2%
  - Morbidly Obese -2,7%

There were quite a few shocking results and we have encouraged participants to work hard and lose some weight.



# Messina Corps

(Major Vincent and Oslinah Khumalo)

Most of the people in Messina Corps and community come from Zimbabwe. We have Orphans and unemployed people daily at our door step asking for help. We are only able to feed 200 unemployed men.



Ten senior soldiers were enrolled recently together with 8 junior soldiers.

# Victory at last

By Captain Phelelani Good-enough Khathi

Corps officer William Booth Corps & assistant Administrator: Mountain View hospital.

**B**ackground History: When I was out of officership I worked as a security guard at Ephraim Zulu centre in Mofolo. I use to work day and night shifts, so I took advantage of the night shift and used it as an opportunity to study. The journey started in 2001 with a 'self- enhancement' course in Stanford Distance learning where I studied RELIGIOUS STUDIES and in 2002 I obtained a diploma in religious studies. In 2002 I moved as a security guard to Carl Sithole children's home. I then registered with SA Theological Seminary where I was given a one year bursary.



For some reasons I found myself without a job again. As you all know the rate of unemployment, I had to recycle white papers to put food on the table. Since I did not own a computer, with the little money I was getting I paid the guy who was typing and printing my assignments. This money also helped me pay for postage. In 2005 I registered with Business management training college (BMT College) where I obtained a Diploma in Human resources management in 2006. I never stopped studying theology with SATS.

In 2008 I also registered with BMT College for a National Diploma in Human resources management and practices which I am expected to complete in May 2011 to obtain a NQF 5, NDIP.HRM. On 16 April 2011 I finally graduated at SA Theological Seminary and received my Bachelor of Theology (BTH).

**Testimony:** I thank God for the bad experiences that he allowed in my life because they motivated me to study, seek more theological truth and grow in my relationship with God.

If I had never accepted Jesus as my personal Saviour and responded to his calling I would have never achieved these qualifications.

I cannot forget the mixture of feelings I had when I went forward to receive my Bachelor of Theology. I would like to thank The Salvation Army leadership in Southern Africa for these rare opportunities of self development without my having to pay a cent.

Special thanks to the previous Education Secretary Major M. Mahlangu and the current Education Secretary Major F. Burgoyne for their encouragement, support and time they gave to me in times of need. I want to say thumbs up to all my study mates and to my wife

Captain Nokuthula for their unreserved support.

**I believe in the words of Psalm 119:71 that says:** "it was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees (Psalm 119:71NIV). The words of the Psalmist I can proudly say: "For every mountain, for every valley, for every food I got from the dustbin and for every pain, rejection, tear and laughter, I thank you Lord"

To God be the glory

## The following officers also graduated 16 April 2011

Captain Brendon Browski	- BTH
Captain Leanne Browski	- BTH
Major Eddie de Vos	- BTH
Captain Phelelani Khathi	- BTH
Captain Stephen Malins	- BTH
Captain Mthokozisi Thwala	- BTH
Lieutenant Malusi Dlamini	- Diploma in Biblical Studies
Lieutenant Siyabonga Mcineka	- Diploma in Biblical Studies
Captain Jonathan Payne	- Diploma in Biblical Studies

## Biblical Concept of Self Denial (Mayidele)

### Other Religions believe that:

1. Self denial is a spiritual enlightenment
2. Self denial is a religious practice
3. Self denial is performed for the benefit of one's self

### Christians believes that:

1. Self denial is an indication of pre-existing character.
2. Self denial is not a religious practice but is an expression of love for God and others.
3. Self denial is not performed for personal spiritual benefit - it is always performed on behalf of others.

The Biblical concept of self denial is firmly rooted in the expression of love for others. The Scripture commands we deny ourselves, not only in terms of sin, but all that falls under our conscience. Self denial as a model in the Bible has at least three purposes:

### 1. Self denial reveals and tests our love for God

**Genesis 22:1-13** - Abraham was commanded by God to sacrifice his son Isaac as a burnt offering. It was a painful decision to have to do that, but being as obedient to God as he was, he obeyed. Abraham's obedience made God to declare him a man who fears God.

### 2. Self Denial indicates we are growing in our love for God and others

Denying one's self for the benefit of one's self is an expression of selfishness and Paul in **1 Corinthians 10:23-33** teaches us a better expression of self denial - the benefit of others.

### 3. Self Denial reveals that we truly love others.

We learn in **1 Samuel 23: 17-18** that Jonathan, the heir to the throne

of Israel, willingly sacrificed his right to rule because of his love for his friend David. He recognized David as a better man and denied himself the throne because of his love for David.

The correct path of self denial is not to deny oneself for one's own benefit, but is to deny one's self for Christ.

Many of our fellow Salvationists could benefit from our expression of love. Many of them could have shelter, clothes, food, access to good health services and many more benefits, if we were to deny ourselves and give generously for the sake of those less fortunate. The theme for 2011, taken from **Mark 16** is: **GO into the world.** Jesus commanded his disciples to 'Go' and tell everyone about the good news. Our friends are waiting for us to give them the message of hope, to come alongside them and to give them strength, to tell them that we understand. Since we are unable to GO ourselves let us resource those who can GO on our behalf. Let us sacrifice and give as God would command to support our fellow Salvationists who need our assistance.

May the Lord bless you as you continue to prayerfully consider giving generously to support the work of the Lord in other parts of the world.

Sincerely yours in His Service

*Thataetsile Piet Semeno*

*Captain*

*Territorial Public Relations Secretary*

# FIND A WORD

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Some letters have been inserted to help you.

# JOKE

Tech Support: "Do you have any windows open right now?" Customer: "Are you crazy, it's twenty below outside!"

Q: What do you call a sheep with no legs?  
A: A cloud

Girl: What is the capital of America?

Boy: Washington D.C.

Girl: No! "A" is the capital letter of America.

You already forgot our lesson on capitalize proper nouns.

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