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From the Editor



The University of Massachusetts Amherst Center for Heritage and Society states: "Heritage includes, but is much more than preserving, excavating, displaying, or restoring a collection of old things. It is both tangible and intangible, in the sense that ideas and memories of songs, recipes, language, dances, and many other elements of who we are and how we identify ourselves are as important as historical buildings and archaeological sites.

Heritage is, or should be, the subject of active public reflection, debate, and discussion. What is worth saving? What can we, or should we, forget? What memories can we enjoy, regret, or learn from? Who owns "The Past" and who is entitled to speak for past generations? Active public discussion about material and intangible heritage of individuals, groups, communities, and nations is a valuable facet of public life in our multicultural world.

Heritage is a contemporary activity with far-reaching effects. It can be an element of far-sighted urban and regional planning. It can be the platform for political recognition, a medium for intercultural dialogue, a means of ethical reflection, and the potential basis for local economic development. It is simultaneously local and particular, global and shared.

Heritage is an essential part of the present we live in and of the future we will build."

There is a room at Territorial Headquarters that is really difficult to open by myself, but after much pulling and assistance from the IT guys, I enter a strong room with, I dare say, a hundred and fifty years' worth of history. The first time I entered I was overwhelmed by that sense of standing in the presence of great endeavours in the name of Jesus. Now not being there for most of this great history (just for the last 20 years or so), some of the stories in those record books are incredible, maybe even in the range of the near to unbelievable as they are so different from how

life is and my mind dwelled on what our heritage really is. Recently I read some comments on what people thought of The Salvation Army's in the present "we have lost our sense of mission, we would embarrass William Booth if he was still alive, we are no longer in God's will" These comments stung, but I decided to reflect on this: have we lost our sense of Mission? Is that our current reality?

Well I tried to bring some of that sense of Mission to your home, corps or work place. From the pen of Colonel Brian Tuck, I sourced 3 articles about how The Salvation Army started its work in 3 areas. What amazing acts of bravery to the point of death at times so that people could hear and understand the message of Salvation!

"Was there still stories like that today though?!", I humbly asked myself. YES, YES, YES!! Read about a group of young people that used their reunion to share the gospel in Lesotho! The upcoming Sexpo in Johannesburg draws thousands of people every year and this year The Salvation Army is there to be salt and light much bravery went into this decision- making and I hope that you will join me in prayer for them. Simultaneously a group of 60 - 70 young people will gather from all over the country in Soweto to be trained how to share their faith and then immediately put that into practice in the communities in and around Gauteng.

What is our current reality? You could tell it much better than me... so do just that on Salvation Army Day (9 November) as you show your community who we were, great yes, and who we are still now transforming lives through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"We're a band that conquers the foe,
If we fight in the strength of the King;
With the sword of the Spirit, we know,
We sinners to Jesus shall bring

**I believe we shall win,
If we fight in the strength of the King."**
SASB William Hodgson (1853 -1926)

Much love and blessings
Wendy Clack

What's Happening

OCTOBER

- 1 Budget Process 2014 - 15 commences
- 7 Booth Memorial Hospital Management Board
- 4-6 Young Women's Rally (Eastern Cape Division)
- 4-6 Xhosa Speaking Rally (Eastern Cape Division)
- 4-6 Men's Rally (Eastern Cape Division)
- 4-6 Y-Connexion Bloemfontein Section (Central Division)
- 6 Family Sunday
- 7-11 10th Year Review
- 20 Community Care Healing Sunday
- 21-25 Social Conference
- 26-27 Zulu Speaking Home League Rally (Central Division)

- 26-29 W/Cape Review (TC, TPWM & Sec Pro/Asst Sec Pers)
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- 2 Nov MASIC

NOVEMBER

- 2 Youth Sunday (4th)
- 9 National Salvation Army Day
- 9-12 Mid KZN Divisional Review (CS, TSWM & Sec Pers/THLS-CCM)
- 10 Sunday School Outreach Sunday (4th)
- 17 Decision Sunday (4th)
- 22-24 TSP Synthesis Review
- 25-
- 1 Dec Care Week Leading WAD (Joint Practical Community Engagement Process)

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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.



Greetings and blessing to you in the name of Jesus!

TC Talk - By Commissioner William Langa

The name The Salvation Army developed from an incident in May 1878. William Booth was dictating a letter to his secretary George Scott Railton and said, "We are a volunteer army." Bramwell Booth heard his father and said, "Volunteer? I'm no volunteer, I'm a regular!" Railton was instructed to cross out the word "volunteer" and substitute the word "salvation". This great heritage of making "saved to save" the core of who are has been taught from generation to generation.



All over the world we continue to see moving scenes of response to the gospel call at the mercy seat. Admittedly, people sometimes come for the wrong reasons. Yet, how often they rise with certainty of faith and the unmistakable evidence of the work of grace within them?

The Army is more than a mission. It is the church home of our people. The corps is where they are nurtured in faith, instructed in truth, introduced to the experience of worship, and afforded pastoral care. In all of this, the mercy seat as a place of grace has come to have a significant role, for there believers find forgiveness, renewal affirmation, comfort, fresh courage, and much more."

General Paul A. Rader shares in the foreword of "The Mercy Seat" (Captain Nigel Bovey: 1996):" As a continuing mission to the unconverted, The Salvation Army rightly accords a central place to the mercy seat in its worship and witness. There is, in fact, a great deal more involved here than the furniture and its placement. An essential element of the Army's message and its message is at stake.

The ~~Volunteer~~ Salvation Army

In our preaching we call people to faith in Jesus Christ with the expectation that at the mercy seat they can be helped to repent and believe the gospel and that there, through the regeneration agency of the spirit, they can stand up newborn in Christ.

We believe that persons who have struggled long with the divided heart can, at the mercy seat, so surrender to the lordship of Christ and identify with him in his death as to enter into an experience of his risen life and sanctifying grace that will place them on a whole new plane of spiritual life.

We expect these transactions to occur. We pray for them. We preach so as to bring our hearers to such a point of obedient faith and surrender.

"The Salvation Army is a vibrant movement with people of integrity, coming alongside Communities, together enabling the growth and transformation of the whole person through the full expression of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

How are we empowering and mobilising people for this mission? How much time do we spend involving the communities that we live in, in our programmes?

As Salvationists we all made a Covenant with God and promised to serve Him through living out our Christly values and culture. Simply put: Living out what we say we are... and we will reap what we sow... a heritage of people committed to making the saving of souls their first priority.

Territorial News



40th Anniversary of Commissioners Langa



Commissioners William and Thalitha Langa celebrated 40 years of marriage in September sharing a special celebration with THQ Officer staff and employees after THQ prayers.

The dining hall at the College was decked in beautiful pink and white décor. What a celebration especially that of God's faithfulness on their marriage.



Divisional Local Officers Training at Steenbok (Mpumalanga Swaziland Division)

Theme: Changes begin on the knees.

Lieutenant Gundo Mulangaphuma, Captain Thanda Muyanga and Captain Anderson Mbane shared the leadership during the training weekend. The local officers received spiritual encouragement as well as practical training. Stewardship, people and money; the role and duty of a local

officer; and Orders and Regulations were some of the topics covered.

Captain Anderson Mbane reported that the weekend was very successful.



Paarl - Battleground for The Salvation Army's right to Freedom of the Streets

By Colonel Brian Tuck

With the recent closing of Paarl Corps I was reminded once again of the ministry of the man responsible for so many of the Army's victories in Paarl. He was Staff-Captain Isaac Unsworth (1860-1931) and he arrived in South Africa with Commissioner Thomas Estill in November 1888.

From Consett, County Durham, Unsworth rose to be a Commissioner and became Territorial Commander in South Africa in 1927.

His father had been a Methodist lay-preacher, and young Isaac dedicated himself to Christ in the dilapidated meeting-house of The Christian Mission. Described as 'the friend of kings and peasants,' Unsworth was capable reaching both high and low with the gospel and on taking command of The Army in South Africa received personal letters from the Queen and the Prince of Wales. He was also a close friend of Sir Abe Bailey.

Isaac Unsworth originally came to South Africa to take charge of officer training operations, and did so because he was not a well man. He was also Candidates Secretary and travelled all over South Africa with the Jubilee Band. The social work of The Army was also placed under his supervision. A most eloquent speaker, Unsworth was imprisoned for defending the right of Salvationists to preach the gospel in the streets.

This amazing man also attracts our attention for his close association with our missionary work and his love for African people. Soon after landing at Port Elizabeth crowds of African people knelt at The Army drum when Unsworth preached without an interpreter. Later he influenced king Marokane in British Bechuanaland in his dispute with the High Commissioner, Sir Henry Loch.

At Paarl, strong persecution broke out and a resolute attempt was made to prohibit The Army's presence on the streets for open air ministry and evangelism. Many of the first converts became members of the brass band, and voluntarily gave up intoxicating drink and tobacco.

But the farmers paid for their labour with brandy and tobacco only. On the labourers' demand to be paid in cash, this was seen as being instigated by the Army. Strong pressure was placed on the authorities to enforce the by-law against open-air operations resulting in the Salvationists going to gaol. One who ministered to them in prison was the kindly wife of Rev. Dr. Andrew Murray.



With the local authorities applying pressure to prejudice the case against the Salvationists, the matter now lay with the Supreme Court. Beating a drum defiantly for all he was worth, Isaac Unsworth was led off to the local gaol, Sir James Rose-Innes was briefed as counsel for The Army. When he was made Attorney-General, the brief was taken over by Mr. W.P. Schreiner. And Unsworth carried on like Paul and Silas in prison!

After a two-day court battle, the by-law was declared to be *ultra vires* (beyond the powers) and the Salvationists cleared of all charges.

But how wonderfully God works His plan! Two things helped to turn the tide for The Army in Paarl: through the Attorney-General The Army was asked to commence Prison Gate work in South Africa, based on similar work in Australia, leading to the opening of Rondebosch Farm. The other event was the sending to South Africa of a very sick Staff-Captain named Howick. Dying of phthisis (a now outdated medical term for TB of the lungs), he was taken into the loving care of the officers at Paarl. They turned their quarters over to Howick and his wife and child, and the most bitter enemies were turned into friends. Unsworth conducted the funeral and the entire Town Council occupied the front seats in the hall. The magistrate wept and made a 10 pounds sterling donation towards a new Army building! The following weekend saw a revival, with 76 converts kneeling at the Mercy Seat. One of them was a young person of Malayan descent who cast his fez on the altar, signifying a break with his former life as he accepted Christ as his Saviour.

Unsworth later went to Kimberley when Territorial Headquarters was moved there. And there he watched the Pioneer Parties depart by ox-wagon to open up the work in the then Rhodesia and Zululand. Later he served in Ceylon and Australia and in England headed up the Anti-Suicide Bureau before becoming the Parliamentary Secretary at International Headquarters. He also received an OBE. His name will ever be linked to the legal battles at Paarl.

What blessing Paarl Corps has brought to South Africa and beyond! Many questions must now be asked: do we really believe that God can bring blessings out of buffetings? Are we prepared to suffer for Christ in obedience to His commands? Do we lack that loving kindness and pastoral care for others that overcomes all opposition? Have we valued the opportunities for street ministry?

The Martyr of Nkandhla

By Colonel Brian Tuck

At a time when Nkandhla is in the news, it is worthwhile looking at a dedicated officer who was a genuine officer-pastor and who gave his life for his flock - a young Zulu named Lieutenant Sifalafala Ngcobo.

The story unfolds at a time when that doyen of our missionary work in South Africa, Major J. Allister Smith, was feeling very discouraged indeed. Though he had opened Estill and Hulett's Settlements and the work in Durban, the Settlement cattle were ravaged by rinderpest, with 90,000 head of cattle perishing in the Eshowe district alone. This included the entire Salvation Army herd. In addition plagues of locusts had denuded the land for 8 of the first 10 years at Amatikulu.

Smith experienced what comes to every dedicated soul. In his diary he confided, 'what is the use of it all? Your sacrifice is wasted. God knows how you have toiled, and slaved, how you have denied yourselves to lay the foundations, how you have lived on hard fare and gone without many things which are looked upon as necessities... God knows all this, yet God allows these disasters to overtake you!' In his own words, the redoubtable Smith did go on, refusing 'to show the white feather, to lower the flag of faith and trust.' Yet all this led to a period of great development. Prison Gate work began at Durban and a farm was bought at South Coast Junction to care for newly-released prisoners.

Then came the fateful year of the Zulu Uprising, 1906... Work had begun at Nkandhla, about 80 kilometres from Catherine Booth Settlement by Nduku Ntuli, later known as 'Paul the Peaceful.' He had become converted through one of the first two converts at Amatikulu, Mulungu Mosis Mapumulo. This faithful Salvationist became the first Zulu local officer, and was a corps sergeant-major at the time of his death. Mapumulo descended from good Zulu stock, his father being Mcondo who had been a member of Sir Theophilus Shepstone's staff during the Zulu War.

It was also Mapumulo who led chief Tsingwayo to Christ after that remarkable prayer meeting when Smith and his helpers confronted the witchdoctors on Salvation Hill and God sent rain to break the drought and advance the cause of The Salvation Army.

For several years, Nduku Ntuli served as a local officer, and then moved with near relatives to the Nkandhla area. When 'Paul the Peaceful' left for the goldfields, the converts he had made fell to the charge of Lieutenant Sifalafala Ngcobo, a one-time policeman from Durban who entered

the work in March 1901. A little later, Ntuli returned to take up the position of corps-sergeant-major to the Lieutenant and together they harvested a group of converts.

But discontent among the Zulus in the Ixopo district over taxation, pass laws and regulations regarding cattle diseases led to open rebellion under Bambata. On the run from the army and the police, the rebels found a natural refuge in the Nkandhla Forest, especially when an aged chief, Sigananda, living not far from the Catherine Booth Settlement, declared himself to be on the side of the rebels.

Lieutenant Ngcobo was inexperienced and cut off from his leaders. As the soldiers poured into the area, Sifalafala shepherded his small flock into the Nkandhla Forest as well in order to protect them. Behind the mounted soldiers that traversed the gorges of the Nkandhla mountains came the ruthless warriors flushing out the refugees from the brushwood. Standing in front of his little flock, the Lieutenant with arms outstretched sought to explain. He was not given the chance, but was knobkerried and assagaied to death and his body mutilated beyond recognition. In giving his life for his people, he saved them, for not one of their lives was lost. Thus Sifalafala Ngcobo became a Salvationist martyr.

Ntuli and several other innocent Salvationists were cruelly lashed and then imprisoned at Eshowe. Adjutant and Mrs. W. Carleton had to flee for their lives from Miriam Booth Settlement and the lives of Captain Robert Chard and Lieutenant Cezula were saved by the prompt action of Chief Mashwili in sending them away from Hulett's Settlement. Although wrongly charged, the Salvationists bore no bitterness and Mosis Mapumulo persuaded Chief Tshingwayo to stay out of the conflict.

At the end of the year, Commissioner William Richards could report that our 'posts have been seriously disturbed...by the rebellion in Natal, though we have the gratifying reflection that our Zulu converts and soldiers behaved in a cool and Christlike manner.'

Where would The Army have been without men like Smith, Mapumulo and Ngcobo? In a day when many seek to be princes rather than pastors, when there is an obsession with material things and a preoccupation with rewards and so-called human rights, who follows in the footsteps of these men? In an era of declining dedication, who will lay aside all right to themselves and lay down their lives and ministry, if necessary, to protect Christ's frightened flock? Lord, let it be you...and me.

The Lady who became an Angel of Mercy

By Colonel Brian Tuck

On 15 November 1899, the *Carisbrooke Castle* approached Cape Town and a frail looking woman stood on the deck. 'None looked at Table Mountain,' she later wrote, 'with more conflicting feelings than I did.' Her name was Adjutant Mary Murray and she was secretary of the Naval and Military League, a movement started ten years before in Colchester, England. Her purpose was 'to make every naval and military man a missionary to his fellows.'

Mary Murray was the daughter of several generations of eminent soldiers, her father being General Sir John Murray, K.C.B; who had served in the Indian Mutiny. Mary was a lady in every respect. Yet she undertook tremendous difficulties on the battlefields of the Anglo-Boer War and suffered deprivation for the cause of Christ, ultimately receiving the Order of the Founder.

The three-fold plan was to do what they could for soldiers at the front, determine what part women could play in the war, and to organise this without adding to the number of nurses already in the field. In South Africa, South African officers were added to make 10 members in all. Captain Margaret Allen was among them, as was Ensign Alice Hurley, Lieutenant Laura Haines and Captain Marmaduke Ashman. Each member was supplied with a celluloid case which contained the Salvationist Articles of War containing a promise to abstain from all intoxicating drink, bad language and conduct. So the League was part and parcel of The Army, and not a special mission to servicemen.

The men officers were attached to Brigades, marching and camping with troops, living on the same rations but given free access to camp or hospital for their work. Soon they found themselves at Modder River, Sterkstroom and Colesberg.

What followed remains an unknown legend, with a Christlike ministry being extended to both sides in the conflict. Ordinary rank and file Salvationists also became members of the League. A rough canvas structure was erected at Estcourt Camp, becoming the first Salvation Army hut on the field of battle. A Soldiers' Home was also opened in Pietermaritzburg.

William Booth was quite clear in what he expected: they must uphold the principles of the League 'when the band plays or the bullets fly!' Bravery and human endurance was tested to the limit; Army choruses lightened the load of blistered feet, men dying on the battlefield received a cup of cold water in the name of Christ, and the wounded were carried by unarmed Salvationists through a hail of lead.

Others were carried for kilometres under a blazing sun, ambulances were manned and driven by Salvationists, tragic letters were written on behalf of the dying and wounded, and the sombre words of the burial service rang out across the veld, sometimes twelve times in one day, and occasionally under fire. Thus the League of Mercy was born.

The Army was present too, in the prison camps of Maitland, Green Point, Meredale and St. Helena. Work was also carried out among Boer prisoners-of-war in Ceylon (modern Sri Lanka). With typical humour, the soldiers posted sentries to warn their irreligious mates 'when Booth's guns were about to open fire!' Sometimes soldiers themselves performed acts of mercy to their 'enemy' when coming across the Salvationist esses and a New Testament in a pocket. By early 1900, some fifty Salvationists had already been killed, wounded or taken prisoner. One young person, Bob Wilson, refused water just before he died, insisting, 'Give it to some other lad, I have the Water of Life.'

The Army made no exceptions in their ministry, but some Salvationists were regarded as 'uitlanders' because they originated in the Cape and were viewed with suspicion yet in the hospitals both Boer and Brit welcomed the ministry of love and care. The most eloquent testimony to this was made by a looting Boer who had taken as the spoils of war some money and a watch from the body of a Private Marshall. But he found also a Naval and Military League shield and returned all the valuables, saying he could not touch them. Even the pro-Boer *Standard and Diggers News*, published several accounts of Army work among the troops.

Mary Murray returned to England after a health breakdown, but later put into practice the lessons learned when she was sent to the western front in August 1914. She was awarded the South African War Medal, the 1914 ribbon and the C.B.E. Said William Booth, '...you and your co-workers have so truly sustained the character of the Army as the Friend of Suffering Men, under all conditions, at all times, and in all places, both in body and soul, for time and eternity.'

In a time of racial strife, tribal antagonism and xenophobia, do we dare to be any different to our first calling by ignoring the call to compassion and care? For, there are 'still souls that weep where the darkness is deep, and still straying sheep to be led.'

Mission Possible!

God raises up Heroes to make His Mission of seeing the world get saved for hundreds of years. This is why The Salvation Army, your Church, is here! God has used young people, like Eliza Shirley, to get His work done. When Eliza, a minister's child, saw The Salvation Army march through her town she knew she was meant to be a part of this Church. She loved that the ladies (called Hallelujah Lassies) also preached and shared openly about the love of Jesus. This was quite new as most Churches did not allow ladies to participate in ministry. She felt God calling her to be an Officer in The Salvation Army. When Eliza turned 16 years old, she was accepted into The Salvation Army as a Lieutenant and began running a Corps! How cool is that! Eliza loved God and wanted nothing more than to share His love with others!

That same year, Eliza's parents moved to America and wanted Eliza to go too. Eliza wrote to the Founder of The Salvation Army, William Booth, and asked if she could start the work

in America, as The Salvation Army hadn't reached the shores of the USA

yet! Imagine that ... at 16 years old, moving to a new country and if that wasn't scary enough ... starting a church from scratch! William Booth sent

Eliza a message saying 'Start it on the principles of The Salvation Army, and if it is a success we may see our way to take it over.'

This is all Eliza needed to hear and as soon as they arrived, they rented out an old furniture factory for meetings. On the 5th October 1879 was the first meeting and only 12 people showed up. Eliza went to the streets and held open airs and was often pelted with mud, sticks and rotten vegetables. Did she give up? No way!!!! It was at the end of November that things changed as a man who was known by everyone to be a drunk got saved. That was the spark that started a mighty flame that spread as more and more people came to know Jesus. More and more Corps were opened and thousands of lives were changed ... all because a 16 year old girl wanted to be used by God. What a hero!

Graphic taken from: www.tsamtk.org



You can be a Hero too!

Unlock the secret code below and

Find out how you can do Heroic stuff for God:

Key Code:

A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7,

H=8, I=9, J=10, K=11, L=12, M=13,

N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18, S=19,

T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.



WELCOME!! TO OUR NEW CLUB MEMBER

Njabulo Makgeta - 20 Dec
- 7 years
- Soweto Central Corps

Welcome to Club 1.
Your cool welcome pack is on its way to your Corps

The Bible is brimming
with heroes!

Paul and Silas were two such heroes!

Read their story ... it starts in the dead of night ...

Paul and Silas are in jail

(even though they had done NOTHING wrong!) ... and then ...

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. **26** Suddenly there was a violent earthquake, which shook the prison to its foundations. At once all the doors opened, and the chains fell off all the prisoners.

27 The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he thought that the prisoners had escaped; so he pulled out his sword and was about to kill himself. **28** But Paul shouted at the top of his voice, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" **29** The jailer called for a light, rushed in, and fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas. **30** Then he led them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" **31** They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved - you and your family." **32** Then they preached the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in the house. **33** At that very hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; and he and all his family were baptized at once. **34** Then he took Paul and Silas up into his house and gave them some food to eat. He and his family were filled with joy, because they now believed in God.

How AWESOME is that!!! Even in jail they allow God to use them to change lives and a whole family gets saved!!!

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That's right!

Through God's strength and power you can change the world! It can be through super simple things like showing kindness, saying hello and befriending the person who has no friends, helping others, telling people you are praying for them, praying with someone who is having a bad day, writing a note to encourage, sending a sms, and telling people that God loves them! You can do this! God has given you the power and you really can do ALL things in His power ... because He says so!

Maseru Mission Trip ~ 7 - 14 August 2013

By Themba Nkuthu



After our SOS Mission Team year 2008, we decided as a team that we will meet up once a year to catch up and spend a weekend together as friends to find out what's happening in our individual lives.

We have been meeting since June 2009. When we met in Durban we had an opportunity to meet at the Glenridge Community Church, and the message that morning was about the Great Commission, the calling that is greater than us. So we knew right there that God was not done with us. We decided to pray about this mission trip and towards the end of 2012. God laid it on our hearts to go to the community of Lesotho, Maseru. Earlier this year we started liaising with the Corps Officers of Maseru Corps and the DC in Central Division. They were really excited and looked forward to working with us.

As a team we started praying, preparing our hearts and also **our finances** for this ministry. We communicated with the Corps Officers of Maseru based on how we could effectively serve the Corps and assist them best on this mission trip. On the 7th of July 2013, we left for Lesotho, Maseru. The team was made up of: Themba Nkuthu, Moses Shezi, Mziwenhlanhla Ngobese, Talia Ngobese, Smanga Xaba, Edith Motsoane and Kudzi Kakono.

We took part in the existing ministries at the Corps such as kid -friendly ministry, youth group ministry, Bible study, prayer meetings and ministered at two orphanages, did street evangelism with both the youth of the Corps and from the community. We did a community survey based on the Corps 3 year plan, as well as mentoring young people called to serve as Youth Workers.

We had an amazing week in Lesotho! We saw God's Spirit move and witnessed Him change lives. He used our simple testimonies to speak into the lives of people. We believe together with the Corps Officers that God is in the process of raising up potential leaders that will impact The Salvation Army and the community at large.

We thank Lieutenants Mcineka for their hospitality, our home officers and friends that prayed for us while we were serving in ministry there. We are grateful for the support.

We are hoping to continue this type of ministry every year and pray that God involves more people who are passionate about other people's spiritual wellbeing and passionate about building the Kingdom of God.

We thank God for the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others. "Now unto Him who, by the power that is at work within us, is able to do far over and above all that we think infinitely beyond our highest prayers desire, thoughts, hopes or dream to Him be the glory". Ephesians 3:20

YOUNG POETS:

By Faith Sambula - Limpopo Division

Asinga Vhutali ndi nga Tshilidzi

Ndi zwe a mbumba lwa vhutolo
Nga Adamu nda hwesiwa muhwalo
Nda toda anea do nthula yone,nda mutoda ndi tshi omba-omba
nda wana mutshidzi wanga,a tsumbedza lufuno lu akha madzaho
Asi nga vhutali ndi nga tshilidzi

Nda ndo badekanywa na vhuvi
Ndi nngu isina mukoma
Nda teka-teka ndo nambatelwa nga zwivhi
Ene ada a takula kha Tshiko tsha zwivhi,kha dzhogo ya mihwalo
Asi nga vhutali ndi nga tshilidzi

Ee!ndi tshimangadzo nandi
Mukhethwa atshi rengulula vhaahedeni
Na nne wa tshika nda tanzwiwa
Ndi itwa mukhethwa nandi
asi nga vhutali ndi nga tshilidzi

Asi vhutala ha muthu wa nama
asi nga vhutali NDI NGA TSHILIDZI

He who is the greatest

Life is so unfair but then again,
who said it was meant to be fair?
Christ paid for their sins, but they still go on with their habits.

The best kind of a friend is the kind you can just be with,
never say a word and then walk away.
Feeling like it was the best conversation you've ever had.
But Christ is a true friend.
You can never walk away from him.

When you try, they push you away
When you try, they shut you out
What are you to do? Should you just leave?
He who is greater shall never push you away or shut you out.

I wish...

I just wish I could change bad situations into good
If only I had the power to change sadness into happiness,
my world would be a free

If I could change poverty into wealth
If I could change impossible into possible
How I wish it was easy.

I pray to change.
And I know I will surely change.
There will be no cry but laughter.

If I can just change my situation...
Your situation will be a better situation.
I wish I could change my life, into a life lived with joy

I wish I could change things. But I can't....
That's the area that belongs to God

*If you like to express your faith through poetry or any other art medium
please send this to: safeditorial@saf.salvationarmy.org with a photo
of yourself (in uniform if you are a salvationist)*

Meet the General, André Cox

By Christin Davis and Bob Docter (by kind permission of New Frontier publications - www.newfrontierpublications.org)

The vision is clear: André Cox stood at the entrance of a James Bond film and saw himself in uniform, preaching the gospel in Africa. It was an image that would become reality, and the first step in one Salvationist's impact on an Army.

On Aug. 3, the 18th High Council elected Cox, 59, as the 20th General of The Salvation Army. He assumes International Leadership following 34 years as an officer, most recently serving as Chief of the Staff at International Headquarters in London.

"Rank and position don't amount to much," Cox said in an interview with New Frontier Publications. "I've never felt called to rank and position. God called me as an individual, and he created me the way he created me... I'm not important, God is important and I want to follow His leading."

In his first 100 days as General, Cox said he plans to focus on four aspects of The Salvation Army - administration, youth, spirituality and leadership development.

First, he said he will look at the Army's administrative structures.

"I want to see how appropriate those are. Our administration really only exists to support the frontline ministry and I hate with a passion unnecessary bureaucracy," he said. "I understand the need for good

administration and we will do that but [will look at] how we can facilitate things at the front line."

Cox said he and wife Commissioner Silvia Cox, who will continue in her current role as World President of Women's Ministries, have a "particular heart for young people".

"I'd like to see how we can encourage and develop programs for the teaching, **the discipling, the mentoring of our young people,**" Cox said. "I don't consider our young people to be the Army of tomorrow, they are already the Army of today and they need to be reaching today's generation effectively."

He said he is also concerned about the spirituality of the Army's ministry.

"We need to rediscover, I think, faith and confidence in the authority of Scripture as being the divine revelation given to us by God and we need to be serious about that," Cox said. "A lot of our people are fed on sermons from Sunday to Sunday. We want to be a people rooted, grounded in the Word of God."

And he said leadership development is a key issue.

"I am concerned about how we prepare people for future leadership, for present leadership and how we could "do" that better," General Cox said.



Fast facts on General Cox:

Date of birth: July 12, 1954

Nationality: British/Swiss

Home corps: Genève 1, Switzerland & Austria Territory

Commissioned: May 25, 1979

Married: Silvia Volet, September 25, 1976

Favourite book: A Far Off Place by Laurens van der Post. It raises many echos of a happy childhood in Africa.

Favourite movie: I'm quite partial to James Bond movies, but the last movie I saw was Les Misérables and I quite enjoyed that.

Favourite sport: It's what we Brits would call proper football, and

as long as I can remember I've supported Manchester United.

Favourite snack: Swiss chocolate.

Favourite activity: Walking, reading, and photography.

Wisest thing someone ever told you: Don't take yourself too seriously, wisdom I received from my father.

One word to describe yourself: Relational.

Your best advice to a frontline Corps Officer: Don't do it all yourself. You need to empower, train and enable others to grow and develop in their own abilities.

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Effective 2 January 2014

Majors Andrew and Beckie Murray currently appointed as Corps Officers of Philadelphia Citadel in USA Eastern Territory, are appointed as Corps Officers of the South Rand Corps (Central Division).

Effective 1 October 2013

Commissioner William Roberts is appointed as Chief of the Staff.

Commissioner Nancy Roberts is appointed as World Secretary for Women's Ministries.

Effective 1 November 2013

Lieut-Colonels Robert and Janine Donaldson, officers of the New Zealand, Fiji & Tonga Territory, currently serving respectively as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries in the Southern Africa Territory, are appointed as Territorial Leaders of their Home Territory. Lieut-Colonel Robert Donaldson is appointed as Territorial Commander, New Zealand, Fiji & Tonga Territory, and Lieut-Colonel Janine Donaldson as Territorial President of Women's Ministries. They will take up their new appointment responsibilities with the rank of commissioner, Lieut-Colonel Janine Donaldson on 1 November and Lieut-Colonel Robert Donaldson on 2 November.

Lieut-Colonels Keith and Yvonne Conrad, officers of the Southern Africa Territory currently serving at International Headquarters as Under

Secretary for Africa and Assistant Under Secretary for Africa, are appointed respectively as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, Southern Africa Territory.

Major Daniel Kasuso, currently serving at the ICO/CSLD, is appointed as Under Secretary for Africa zone (East and Southern).

Major Tracey Kasuso, currently serving at the ICO/CSLD, is appointed as Assistant Under Secretary for Africa zone.

BEREAVEMENTS

Commissioner William Langa's brother Mr Paulos Langa was Promoted to Glory on 23 May 2013.

Major Monica Fowler (R) was Promoted to Glory on 7 July 2013.

Major Henry Maxase's mother, Grace Ndlanzi, was Promoted to Glory on 13 July 2013.

Major Diann Jones' mother-in-law was Promoted to Glory on 15 July 2013.

Major Frances Dumisa (R) daughter Reginah was Promoted to Glory on 13 August 2013.

Commissioner Clive Adams and Captain Timothy Adams's brother, Bandmaster Alan Adams, was Promoted to Glory on 13 August 2013.

Senior Major Josephine Smith was Promoted to Glory on 14 August 2013.

Major Thomas Dlamini's father was Promoted to Glory on 19 August 2013.



BOUNDLESS

the whole world redeeming

The Salvation Army International Congress
150th Anniversary | 1-5 July 2015 | London, UK 

Another significant step on the road to Boundless, The Salvation Army's 150th anniversary congress, will be taken on Sunday 15 September with the launch of the event's website, www.boundless2015.org. The congress will take place from 1-5 July 2015 at the O2 in east London, United Kingdom about three miles from where the Army was founded in 1865. Congress coordinator Lieut-Colonel Eddie Hobgood says the site will be the 'source of all things congress'. At its launch it will include venue information, an introductory video and basic facts about the schedule, participants and congress registration. The Colonel says the site will initially be a 'work in progress' but he explains that content will be added regularly between the website

launch and the start of the event. He recommends that everyone planning on attending the congress should visit the website 'at least once a month' over the next six months and then weekly after that. As the plans for the congress come together, the website will build into an invaluable tool. Prospective delegates can also visit www.facebook.com/boundless2015 - which is also launched on Sunday 15 September - and follow the congress Twitter feed @Boundless2015 for the latest updates. Captain Themba Mahlobo (DC Eastern Cape Division) is Southern Africa Territory's Co-ordinator. If you have queries please contact him at 041 5855363 or dc_ecape@saf.salvationarmy.org through your Divisional Commander.

What is Feet First?

Feet First is a team-based, evangelism training programme. It aims to equip young people (aged 16 or over) with skills for sharing their faith confidently and effectively to a variety of people in creative and relevant ways.

The training Feet First provides is both theoretical and practical. The theory is always applied in community-based areas where teams of 15-20 people put their evangelism training into practice alongside Salvation Army Corps and local corps people.

Why 'Feet First'?

Ephesians 6:15 encourages believers to stand firm "with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace". In Romans 10:15 we read that it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news".



That's the essence of Feet First training and mission - young people being messengers of the good news of the gospel, bringing the message of salvation to communities who might never have heard it before!

While many believers, with fear and trembling, are thrown into the deep end of evangelism and struggle to keep afloat, this programme aims at equipping young people to jump confidently into evangelism "feet first" not just for the duration of the week's activities, but for the rest of their lives!

It takes place initially in Central Division (22-29 September 2013) with delegates from all over the Territory, but it will be in a Division near you soon!! Please look out for this in 2014.

Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God - William Carey
(Known as the father of modern missions)

New Junior and Senior Soldiers at Uitenhage Corps

The Corps has seen ongoing growth since the development of Sunday School. Lt. Christo Scheepers shared these photos of the last enrolment:

Brandon-Lee Swanepoel (Senior Soldier)
Lavern Peters (Senior Soldier)
Abigail Peters (Senior Soldier)

Tameryn Diedricks (Senior Soldier)
Robyn Peters (Junior Soldier)
Ricardo Swanepoel (Junior Soldier)
Royden Peters (Junior Soldier)

May these Soldiers continue to be true to their Covenants that they have made.



Historical context for sexpo

In the early Army days, Bramwell Booth and others, wanted to prove to the British government how prevalent child prostitution was. It was the height of the Victorian era, and the stain of child prostitution was something the authorities wanted to sweep under the rug - pretend it didn't happen. So Bramwell and others "purchased" a child and immediately placed the young girl under the protective care of one of their female-run rescue homes. When they announced to the government and the press what they had done, they were arrested and some actually served jail time. But as a result, the authorities began to crack down on perpetrators that trafficked young girls and children.

The Salvation Army's efforts to help women and girls in prostitution did not stop there. In one of the most fascinating chapters of its history, The Salvation Army participated in the planning and execution of an undercover investigation into the trafficking of young girls for prostitution - a detailed account of which was published in July 1885 by the Pall Mall Gazette in a series of articles called, "The Maiden Tribute of Modern Babylon." The series created enough fervour to foment public opinion in support of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, a measure which when passed in August 1885 raised the age of consent from 13 to 16 (although reformers sought 18). The Salvation Army's advocacy efforts were a major catalyst in the bill's passage.

Herewith an extract from the articles: "From the midwife's the innocent girl was taken to a house of ill fame, No. , P street, Regent-street, where, notwithstanding her extreme youth, she was admitted without question. She was taken up stairs, undressed, and put to bed, the woman who bought her putting her to sleep. She was rather restless, but under the influence of chloroform she soon went over.

Then the woman withdrew. All was quiet and still. A few moments later the door opened, and the purchaser entered the bedroom. He closed and locked the door. There was a brief silence. And then there rose a wild and piteous cry not a loud shriek, but a helpless, startled scream like the bleat of a frightened lamb. And the child's voice was heard crying, in accents of terror, "There's a man in the room! Take me home; oh, take me home!"

And then all once more was still.

That was but one case among many, and by no means the worst. It only differs from the rest because I have been able to verify the facts. Many a similar cry will be raised this very night in the brothels of London, unheeded by man, but not unheard by the pitying ear of Heaven"

Thank You for Your Prayer Support

What an incredible opportunity God has given The Salvation Army, as "the salt" and "the light" (Matthew 5: 13-16) to make a difference for the Kingdom at the SEXPO from Thursday 26-29 September 2013. For us to be effective witnesses we not only need the POWER of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8), we also need the prayer support of brother and sisters in Christ.

God's Word in James 5:16b assure us **"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results."**

Why not commit to including the SEXPO to your daily prayer request during this period.



Pray for the following:

- * The light of God's love, righteousness and joy will radiate from our lives.
- * We will effectively communicate the Anti Human Trafficking message. May many people be made aware of the dangers of human trafficking for sexual exploitation in our communities.
- * Godly wisdom and self control to deal with those wanting to be controversial and argumentative.
- * Godly boldness and power to enthusiastically share the Good News of the transforming power of a relationship with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.
- * Physical stamina for 5 hour shifts at our exhibition.

Thank you for your faithful prayer support.

God is great, so expect a miracle!!

Baby 1000 received at Ethembeni

The Salvation Army's home for abandoned and abused babies, Ethembeni, in Doornfontein, Johannesburg, officially welcomed the 1000th baby to come under its care since 1995.

Baby Promise (not her real name) was born on 1st June 2013, and arrived at Ethembeni through the intervention of the South African Police Service. She had been left with a carer by her mother, who did not return for her. As the carer could not afford to keep her, the SAPS brought her to Ethembeni on 12th June. Ethembeni's administrator, Captain Heather Rossouw, says that Baby Promise is beautiful. "She has a peaceful, carefree nature and smiles a lot," she added.

Ethembeni, meaning "Place of Hope", is home for up to 60 children aged from birth to three years, all of whom have suffered emotional, physical or medical abuse or have been abandoned. Many are HIV positive. This special place provides mental and emotional stimulation, love and care for these children, and works towards their adoption or fostering into a loving family environment. The children are brought to Ethembeni from various places. Some are found in black rubbish bags, in dustbins, on rubbish dumps, in shebeens and bars, in parks, at taxi ranks; others are left at the hospital after delivery. Some have been abandoned with strangers or left without care for long hours.

The children are cared for, fed and clothed, and given the opportunity to enjoy their childhood despite the difficulties they have already encountered in their young lives. If possible, children are re-united with their biological parents/families or into the community, since institutionalisation is not an ideal solution for them. Ethembeni has been successful in reuniting 124 children with their families. Alternately, adoption or foster care is encouraged. To date, 471 children have been adopted, while 203 have been placed in foster care.

If this is not possible, the children are transferred on to other institutions to introduce them to pre-school facilities, and 87 children have moved on in this way. Sadly, another 61 babies and



children have passed away through illnesses such as HIV/Aids. Parents who are experiencing economic hardship are assisted with baby care products when they are reunited with their children.

There are many opportunities for volunteers at Ethembeni, many of whom often pop in to give their free time and lend a pair of hands to help with the day-to-day tasks.

Members of the public can also donate R30 by sending an SMS with the word "Child" to 42290. The SMS's cost R30 each.

General John Larsson plays four more musicals



With Volume 4 in the series *John Larsson Plays* the retired world leader completes his recording of piano arrangements of songs from the Gowans and Larsson musicals.

This latest CD includes favourites from four musicals: *White Rose*, *Son of Man*, *Man Mark II* and *The Meeting*. These musicals are not as well known as the first six, but the authors have always reckoned that they include some of their best songs. Among these are such classics as *I'll not turn back*, *They need Christ* and *I want to say yes*.

The four CDs in the series feature on separate tracks a total of 115 songs from the musicals, providing nearly five hours of continuous music. Each CD includes a 32-page booklet with the lyrics by General John Gowans. For sample tracks and further information about the CD series and suppliers visit www.johnlarsson.com

*John Larsson Plays Four More Musical*s and the previous three volumes are available from the territorial trade/supplies department or from www.amazon.co.uk. The CDs can be downloaded from www.spstunes.com



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