

THE WAR CRY

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Fight



From the Editor Embrace our young people

June has become a month in which this country pauses a bit and thinks about the youth of our land. It's a month where we remember when a group of young people stood up and said "enough!" A moment in time when protest met violence and lessons were learnt, for some, through the ultimate sacrifice. Today there is still a consistent tension between what young people need and want and what society feels obliged to give or feel it can afford.



Major
Margaret Stafford

For some of our young people being a Christian in today's society can be really costly. It can even be dangerous. We are so blessed to have AMAZING young, energetic, helpful, hurting soldiers in our Army. Young people who make a difference where they are whether in the Army or not, and I am so proud to present some of their stories. June is youth month and we have so much to celebrate.

This month I have asked a few young adults to share their story. You may read the stories and identify with them immediately. I hope that as you read these stories you understand that God's grace and faithfulness underlines their experiences. Life is a journey and for some of us it's a difficult one.

So listen to them with a heart ready to embrace our young people and be the mentors, leaders and guides that God calls us to be.

Every Blessing, Margaret

A book that has captured my imagination is *Dancing with Camels* by Mike Burnard he says this

"To worship Christ is easy, to follow Christ is costly. Loving Christ is not necessarily the same as following Christ and only the strength of the preparation will determine the length of the journey".

Life can be costly and making a decision to follow Christ even when the odds are against us is something some of us pretend to do. We follow because we know Christ is the answer to the world's need for God. We follow because we know it's the right thing to do but we make it – the life style required – work for us. There is no cost really. Another quote from the book is:

"The price of anything is the amount of life you are willing to exchange for it".

The **ABC's** of Salvation

A Admit that you sin.

Your sin separates you from God and keeps you from Heaven. Every sin must be punished. Your punishment for sin is Hell.

Romans 3:10 - Revelation 21:8



For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death...

Romans 6:23a

B Believe in Jesus.

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John 3:16 - 2 Corinthians 5:21 - Isaiah 53:5-6



... but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23b

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us

Romans 5:8

C Choose to allow Jesus to save you.

God is waiting for you to receive His gift of salvation. If you ask Him, God will remove your sin and give you a home in Heaven!

John 14:1-2 - Titus 3:5-7 - John 1:12



For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:10

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved

Romans 10:13

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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.



Message from the Territorial Commander

Anti-Racism Day

At the beginning of this year, racism in South Africa surfaced and reached a new level as people took to social media platforms to disgracefully participate in dishing out derogatory remarks and name calling. They attacked the very human fiber embodied in the Biblical fact that we are all created by God in His image and by doing so, disrespecting God the Creator of the human race and themselves. The irony and the sad thing is, when we reminisce on some of our historic occasions since our democracy and the promise of positive nation building which crept over the horizon of our young new democracy, we have lost the opportunity of becoming a great nation on the Africa continent. We are regressing.



Colonel
Keith W. Conrad

We remember the historic moment marked by the long lines of people of all colours standing side by side for the very first time, waiting to make their mark at voting stations across our beautiful land, to herald in a new South Africa which our people and the world had been waiting for. Side by side we stood, white, black, colored and Indian – the “rainbow nation” of South Africa, proudly singing together our new national anthem “Nkosi Sikile' iAfrika” – God Bless Africa, when Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as our first democratically elected president. On the podium next to him, in a beautiful moment of reconciliation, Nelson Mandela took the hand of his predecessor President FW de Klerk of the former apartheid Nationalist government, raising their arms together, with the crowd and the world responding with cheers of approval.

We proudly remember, that historic win in 1995 when the national rugby team the Springboks won the rugby world cup – this brought the nation together! Who can ever forget the spirit of reconciliation of Madiba, President Nelson Mandela, when he put on the no 1 rugby jersey in the colours which were known as the colours of the oppressors?

We are the creation of God, created in his likeness and image (Gen. 1:26-27). God is our Father and whether we like it or not, we are brothers and sisters, we are family!

As a Church, we have the responsibility of reconciliation (2Cor. 5:18), for which God will hold us accountable.

In Deuteronomy 10:17, we read that God is impartial, treating everybody the same and doesn't take bribes!”

In John 13: 34 Jesus commands us to love one another as he has loved us, making no distinction between race and class! The well-known John 3:16 confirms that, “God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son that, whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”. Again, Jesus does not make any distinction between race and class of people.

As part of the body of Christ, The Salvation Army in this territory has a unique opportunity and may I add, a God-given responsibility to be catalysts in the ministry of reconciliation. We are to be 'salt and light' in our communities wherever we are located. Every Salvation Army unit (corps/centre) must be active in their communities to facilitate transformation. We are change makers! We must be God's 'transformers'! Our overarching vision is clear about who we are to be and what we are to do, “We are a vibrant movement with people of integrity, coming alongside communities, enabling growth and transformation of the whole person of Jesus Christ!”

The Salvation Army in the Central Division participated in, what was called “Anti-Racism” day, adding our own voice however small it may have been, to that of the call by the State President, to speak out against all forms of racism. I want to call on every junior soldier, senior soldier, every officer, local officer and friend of The Salvation Army to be the change makers. Be what we are meant to be, ‘salt and light’.

Diary of a Pastor's Kid - by Pamela Mkhize

taken from South African Bloggers with the authors permission

Growing up in church, I have always known or have been close to Pastor's children, and have always treated them normally. It is only now that I realize the difficulties they go through in and outside the church.

This blog post was inspired by a friend who happens to be a Pastor's kid. She posted a status on Facebook about a topic very sensitive to her and to other Pastor's Children out there- How society expects them to be perfect just because their parents are church leaders.

No matter which denomination they are from, the struggles PK's go through are all the same. Being a Pastor's Kid might look cool or glamorous from afar, but it's a lot more complicated and requires one to develop thick skin. From an early age, they are forced to share their parents with the whole community, they move multiple times throughout their childhood and yes, they face high expectations and their lives are often under public scrutiny.

One remark I've often heard from pastor's kids is a feeling of being held to a higher standard, but I would be underestimating the grace and sympathy of my church family to say that I felt the same. If anything, my pride rendered me incapable of being honest. I was afraid if I was completely open about my sinful struggles and times of doubt, it would reflect badly upon my father. I held back because I

thought if somebody found out we were not a fruit-of-the-spirit family all the time, that person would not be able to respect my father in the pulpit. This battle between fierce loyalty and honesty gunned me down for years, until I was able to realize the truth of James 5:16 — that where there is honesty among community, there is healing. More than being a good representative of my family, God desires me to be a good representative of Christ. That is freeing, because it means that I am no different than any other redeemed sinner, seeking God on a journey Home.

I spoke to a few PK's to find out how they feel, how they've survived and what keeps them going in spite society's expectations and the judgements thrown at them almost every day.

“I'm only human after all”

It's hard. Society expects us to be perfect forgetting that we are human despite the title of our parents. We can't really wear what we want because we will be judged. I don't know if we are expected to dress like old people. How do you live your life knowing that people can't wait for you to make that one slip and fall? And the fact that you have to be friends with everyone sucks. People will call you names and say you are full of yourself forgetting that you can't relate to everyone.

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Bible hand out - South Rand Corps



Getting the WORD out

South Rand Corps were privileged to be able to give Bibles to their Sunday School and Corps young people. So far they have been able to give out 240 Bibles! Still more to do.

92 Teens received a new Bible at the youth meeting on Friday night. Not just any Bible but a Study Bible. Some had never owned a Bible now had a wonderful tool for the Christian walk.

(AJ Norgate you really take amazing photos; AJ was also the photographer for the front page photo's)



Andrew Murry together with Indingo (an organisation founded by a soldier at South Rand Corps) ministered at two different high schools teaching about the dangers of Human Trafficking and how kids can help to keep themselves save. *(Thanks Iris, Anna-Loyce N Mlizane and Zoe for your amazing efforts, you really made this worthwhile)*

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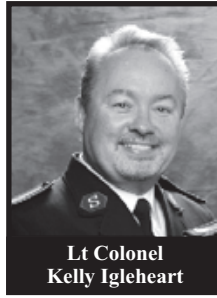


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Message from the Youth Advocate & Chief Secretary

Teach your children to follow Christ

"If Christians don't teach their children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to". When I heard this comment I fell back in my chair. I wanted to totally disagree with the speaker but in my heart I knew she was right. If a void is allowed to remain in their lives someone or something will fill it.



Lt Colonel
Kelly Igleheart

Many Salvation Army halls are witnessing the mass exodus of our most prized possession, our youth. We have an epidemic of anemic youth who are sick of a fake church and a fake God. The Salvation Army needs a transfusion of faith into the bodies and the brains of our kids. Some argue that, "the church can't compete with the world. There are too many options and the church (our corps) can't offer them alternatives". Others might say, "Kids are much busier today than when I was growing up. These days they have their own diary to keep and parents become professional taxi drivers". While we may not be able to slow the pace of life we can learn to listen to our youth and give them a faith that they can call their own. Concerned parents are asking the question, "What can be done?" What can be done, what must be done is to put in place a "real time God". A God who they can see, touch, and have an experience with. They need a God who is close by and one they can show to their friends. "What can be done?" Here are four steps that parents and caregivers for our youth must do to reverse the trend of our hemorrhaging faith.

Family Modeling – The greatest thing we can do is to model live faith in our families. Youth observe faith as a lifestyle at home and not simply at the corps. If parents only attend church but do not model their faith at home it is more likely that their children will not participate when they grow up. Family modeling not only includes prayers at meals but also talking freely about your faith, reading the Bible to our kids and in front of them, and in general living and experiencing ministry together. Living out your faith in real time by serving others, giving sacrificially, and talking about your faith in front of your kids. The family that prays together, stays together, and especially at church.

Experiencing Faith – "Does your faith work?" Youth must experience God or they conclude He does not exist.

To our youth God can sometimes feel distant because they don't feel His presence and as a result they chose to leave their faith and the corps. When God doesn't come to the rescue to save the life of a friend or family member they can become bitter. Our youth must be reminded that God does answer our prayers and especially the daily ones. "Where did we place the keys?" "Let's ask God to help us find them". "Before we go to the shop let's ask God to journey with us". Increase your God sightings with your kids and watch their faith grow.

A Live Community – Our youth need a place to serve and to make an impact on others. At an early age kids need to make a contribution in the life and ministry of the corps. They can help out around the building, share their testimony, serve the elderly and so on. They need to see and know real people who are vulnerable, older than themselves, a different race or culture, and from varied experiences. We can also help them stick to their faith by getting them into ministry earlier. Our youth are ready to make a positive impact in the Kingdom of God and sometimes we adults stifle their growth by assuming they are not ready. Let's let them lead, love and serve today so that they can take our places tomorrow.

Thought Filled Teaching – Our corps can no longer afford to avoid their hard questions. "If Christians don't teach their children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to". The real life issues our youth deal with today include pornography, same sex attraction, sex outside of marriage, abuse of alcohol and drugs, cutting themselves, divorce, racism, etc. The church must provide thought filled teaching on these issues or the Kardashians, Caitlyn Jenner, and Matthew Theunissen will. Local Officers need not be fearful of spending time with our kids and discussing real life matters. Ask them questions, let them ask you questions and be in tune with them and the heart of God. They are waiting for you to ask.

"To raise a healthy child, that child must have at least one adult who is irrationally involved in his or her life". You get to be that one crazy adult for a season (whether short or long) so what are you waiting for?

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“Inroads are being made into our moral and spiritual structure”

PORNOGRAPHY - IS IT HARMFUL?

A Science professor and a group of students were observing a pot of boiling water on a stove. The professor took a frog and tossed it into the water. Immediately the frog leaped from the water and appeared to be unharmed.

The professor then filled the pot with cold water, put it back on the stove and placed the frog into the water. The little creature seemed quite happy at first but, as the water grew warmer, its movements became slower until, and finally, it turned over on its back and lay motionless and dead.

The boiling water had shocked it into action and safety but the slow boiling heating of the water had conditioned it until, when it could not help itself, it had been killed. Right now South Africans are being conditioned and softened up as inroads are made into its moral and spiritual structure.

It is time we all woke up!

As a child, I had to look really hard to find porn, today young people have to work really hard to avoid porn. With over 20 mil porn sites and porn on Tumblr app and countless Apps it is not difficult. The number one App, (where the majority of audience is under 16), is Snapchat – take a pic or video of yourself and send it to friends and in 10 sec it disappears.

The ordinary ‘man in the street’ may wonder where the world is heading when (in one town) a young school teacher decides to give up her profession for that of a stripper and neither public opinion, church leaders or the law can stop her.

It is recorded in the opening chapters of the Bible that when Adam and Eve became aware of their nakedness “the Lord God made coats of skins and clothed them”. It seems that the arch-enemy of man is scheming to reverse the process!

The same ‘man in the street’ who is a faithful citizen of South Africa may wonder what will happen to his daughter (and son) if this disease continues to spread. There are many ways in which an individual, a family, a community or even a country can be destroyed, morally.

People watching porn have come to make it their expectation. They think, “That’s what sex is. That’s what sex should look like”. Similarly, we place more value on how many likes that’s going to get or how many Facebook friends I have than our face-to-face interactions.

Pornography, blue movies, some aspects of so-called pop festivals and other manifestations at present engulfing the youth of the world are danger signals. We ignore them at our peril!

We live in a world that is so connected. We can Facetime with someone in a different country. Some say we are the most connected generation of all time. But I think we are the most disconnected! Because that image you just got from that girl/boy on Snapchat that disappears doesn’t have a connection.

There are those who believe there is no evidence that smut has any undermining effect on people, but the testimonies of those associated with the Festival of Light Movement, (1960’s already) for instance, prove otherwise.



Major
Carin Holmes

One girl declared: “It was pornography that led me into drugs.....I was living in a fantasy world”. The headline in our newspapers declares, **Online Pornography’s effects, and a New Way to Fight them.....; How pornography influences and harms sexual behaviour; Does Porn hurt children?; Youth Resources: Devastating effects of pornography; The Effects of Pornography on Individuals, marriage and Family.**

No Porn shop or Expo or Website ever raised the moral standard of a community and neither will pornography!

Rated movies could be bought from underneath the counter (actually not), but the content of many films, TV shows shown on the public screens leave a lot to be desired – and this in spite of censorship and tight controls. Described as being of great ‘artistic merit’ films of this nature are being gradually introduced. We are, like the frog, being conditioned. What is unusual and exceptional today becomes the rule tomorrow. We must rouse ourselves from our lethargy and resist this moral decline or else what kind of a country will our children grow up in?

So called ‘innocent’ festivals are not without their share of responsibility in this erosion of our moral fibre. At one time numerous such gatherings are scheduled for the same day in different parts of the country.

A first-hand report of a one such pop festival stated: “On Sunday afternoon about 4pm young people, mostly girls, began to arrive with their blankets and sleeping bags. Their ages ranged from 12 to 16 years. The children, who were from well-known schools, were brought by their parents who off-loaded them and then drove away.

I have witnessed this myself as I together with other Youth workers did ministry outside such gatherings. Most of the young people totally under the influence of liquor and drugs.

Porn has changed our view of sex. Our young people are the leaders of tomorrow – no today! Yes in a few years times they will hold positions in politics, finance, education, the Church – but what of their present?

The destruction our morals is not an end in itself, it is merely the means to an end; the key to the back door to admit the enemy of our souls who will most certainly destroy us if we will let him.

I spoke to a woman, who was exploited in various forms. She said this: “it killed her soul”. That’s a deep wound.

Many great civilizations of the past were destroyed not so much by the fore of arms of opposing armies but by the cancer within.

We must take action in opposing pornography and everything that degrades. If we do not – who will? Certainly we cannot put out a raging fire by spitting on it.

The Salvation Army recognises the inherent human dignity in each person, and has a long history of efforts to protect that human dignity, with special emphasis on the most vulnerable members of society.

Let it be our crusade, our youth quest for the 21 Century!

(Major C. Holmes is the Territorial Public Relations Secretary)

Audacious smile

By Brittany Malins

CAN A CHRISTIAN SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION?

“It’s all in your head”, “Just stop thinking about it”, “You are too emotional”, “Stop trying to get attention”. “What’s wrong with you?”, “Just get over it”, “Your feelings are too controlling.”, “You need to be stronger”, “Pull yourself towards yourself”, “you don’t pray enough”, “You are not a Christian if you feel this” this list could go on. Words people have ignorantly said when trying to understand how someone with depression feels.

The thing with depression is that the person “suffering” can’t themselves explain how why or what they are feeling - The root of depression is anger but like a tree it has support roots which can be labelled as the following: Self – Hate, Guilt, Shame, Sadness, Insecure, Fear, Lonely and Hopelessness. These roots form the foundation of your emotional, spiritual and physical being.

Each day you wake up with a cloud hovering over your head that is filled with darkness. You can try with all your might to put one leg in front of the other but that cloud just pours on your heart, mind and soul. Another day in bed seems to be the way to live. How do you know you’re depressed? When the words mental illness and psychologists hold so much shame that you refuse to seek help because it means you failed – You failed at life, you failed at being strong and you failed the people around you.



At the age of 17 I was diagnosed with anxiety, with matric coming up my doctor placed the anxiety on the year I was about to face. At the end of my matric year I was diagnosed with depression.

4 years later my life hit rock bottom, I called my mom in tears telling her “I couldn’t any more” She arrived home to find me lying on the bathroom floor huddled in a circle crying uncontrollably. Been rushed to the doctor, immediately placed on suicide watch and now trying to fight for my life. I had become my condition,

The fight isn’t over – If you knew me you wouldn’t believe that this was my story, People often say “You so happy all the time,

You are so funny, I wish I had your energy, you just love everyone around you” – It’s when you hear people say words like that, you realise just how lonely you are when you suffer from a mental illness – that on your way to work you had a screaming match with God about why you are alive and they have no idea.

I’m lucky enough to still be here fighting my battle, I know many who have given up the fight and for those people I stand today and fight.

I fight for their life, not mine, I fight against the hate, worthlessness and undefined purpose - they have yet to find a place. Depression is real. It doesn’t make me weak, it doesn’t make me less, it just makes me different and the sooner we acknowledge and help the difference, the sooner a generation of wounded warriors will rise and lead a life of favour, joy and purpose.

What’s happening

JUNE

- 1-3 ‘Y’ Connexion (Central Division)
- 3-5 Young Women’s Fellowship Rally (Mid KZN Division)
- 4-7 Central Divisional Review (TC, TPWM & Sec Pers/TCCMS)
- 5 Decision Sunday (2nd)
- 16 Youth Day (Public Holiday)
- 17-19 Junior Miss & Juniors Boys Camp (Eastern Cape Division)
- 19 Fathers’ Day
- 20-24 DC/DDWM Consultative Conference
- 26 Youth Sunday (2nd)
- 27-1 July
Ten Year Officer Review: Visionaries

JULY

- 1-3 ‘Y’ Connexion (Eastern KZN Division/Esibhoweni Section)
- 1-3 ‘Y’ Connexion (Northern KZN Division)
- 1-3 ‘Y’ Connexion (Mid KZN Division)
- 1-3 ‘Y’ Connexion (Limpopo Division)
- 2-7 Cadets Campaign (Eastern Cape Division/Metro Section)
- 8-10 ‘Y’ Connexion (Eastern Cape Division)
- 8-10 ‘Y’ Connexion (Mpumalanga & Swaziland Division)
- 8-10 ‘Y’ Connexion (Eastern KZN Division/Wetani Corps)
- 12-21 Cadets Mid Year Break
- 17 Social Services Sunday
- 18 Nelson Mandela Day
- 25-30 Officers Basic Project Management Training

Gazette

Auxiliary Captain Robert Tucker ® was Promoted to Glory on 7 April 2016.
Colonel Raymond Trollip ® was Promoted to Glory on 7 April 2016.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to their respective families. May they rest in peace.
Thank you for your dedicated and committed service.

Precious in His sight

By Captain Robbie Wright

“Messed Up”, is how many describe the children roaming the streets of Lansdowne and the Flamingo Informal Settlement. From their birth, as children of addict parents they face significant challenges having to fend for themselves on the street, from looking for scraps of food to finding some warm clothes that their parents won't sell during winter. The problems they face are innumerable and overwhelming, with the cycle of abuse, addiction, and extreme poverty devastatingly debilitating.

It's into this world of hopelessness that Salvation Soldiers like Linda Walters (CCM Secretary) and others from the Claremont Temple Corps have been feeding, clothing and ministering to these vulnerable children for over 20 years. Taking them into their homes, accessing Social Services and providing them with hope, value and care in Christ at our weekly children's ministries and Home Work Club.

Over the years we've been witnesses to the unfolding life stories of these kids, some of great victory as they step out cycles of abuse and poverty, yet sadly others as some experience abuse and exploitation and fall into addiction themselves. Through the ministry at the Home Work Club, we've seen children stay in school and generally improve their academic results, improving their choices and life trajectory. Most importantly they have experienced Jesus and his salvation, bringing infinite value and purpose.

Over the last few years, Corps has specifically focused on the girls and host regular “Precious in His Sight” days. The girls who are often dirty, ignored and vulnerable are able to wash, be pampered and enjoy other girly treats, whilst at the same time hear from the Word of God their value as God's precious children. They are taught about how to deal with issues of abuse and become less vulnerable in a cruel world they face daily.

Sadly we have realised that the pressures facing the kids are immense and our few short hours on a Thursday afternoon and Sunday are very little compared to the onslaught of negativity they face daily. It has been our dream to provide a safe and nurturing place and programme every day of the week, where we can share Christ's values, character and hope for these young people lives.



The dream is enormous and we quickly realised we cannot do this on our own, with limited finances, volunteers and restricted resources. Yet we also knew that there were a number of organisations and individuals in the Lansdowne Community trying to make some sort of difference in these children's lives. With many trying to do something, the community's response was often haphazard, at times even negatively competitive than rather actually serving the kids. Everyone knew something needed to be done to work together, but no one really knew how.

Eventually towards the middle of 2015, Claremont Corps led a process bringing all the Key Stakeholders from the Lansdowne Community together to unite and improve our response and work with these children. The Police, the City's Department of Social Development, Child Welfare, the Ward Councillor, Churches, the Library and Clinic, come together with the Salvation Army Claremont Corps to work on a way forward to really make a tangible difference in these children's lives.

For the first time ever in December 2015, the Lansdowne Child Care Forum combined their plans, resources and volunteers and worked together to provide a three week holiday programme for the children in Lansdowne. Together we provided a daily fun filled and educational programme that included healthy meals, a bus trip to the beach and a Christmas Party with the Nativity story, Fire Department, gifts and stationary packs for over 120 children.

At present, along with our existing ministries to the kids of Lansdowne, the Corps is taking the lead with the

Child Care Forum to solicit Funds and Resources to provide a daily and co-ordinated programme for the children. This programme should include healthy meals and value driven activities such as Music and Dance, Scouts and Guides, Reading and School Assistance curriculum, whilst at the same time connecting the children with appropriate Spiritual, Governmental and Social support.

Many might still call “our” kids “Messed Up”, but we call them our precious stones just waiting to shine and sparkle in Christ Jesus.

Around the Territory

Junior Miss and Boys Camp Gauteng Corps

Gauteng Corps held a Junior Miss and Boys camp, the theme for the weekend was JOYFULLY HIS. During the weekend we had Bible study on Joyfully His, devotions on Joyfully His through salvation and lesson on Joyfully His on the journey. It was so thrilling to see everyone journeying with God joyfully, we also had quiet time and everyone had a one on one moment with God. Everybody had an opportunity to share her/his personal experiences during lunch and suppertime and we then prayed about our experiences. The attendance was 67, 40 girls and 27 boys of which 10 came from the community as we went some flats to invite them to be part of us. Praise be to God for some of them are still coming to our meetings.



Eastern KZN Junior Miss and Junior Soldiers weekend



Namibia Home League ladies learning how to make tea showers



Junior Soldiers enrolled Mt. Freer Eastern Cape



You only need to be on the web to access it free from anywhere in the world. Many of the songs include an option to hear the tune, tune information, Biblical references, linked songs, author's bio, tunes linked to the song, band parts, and access to have the song emailed to you.

The West also has "sayconnect.com" for youth and "savtv" and many other resources on line.

tsamtk.org - this "bank of resources" includes links for youth, men and women as well as music. Special Sunday Observances, meeting outlines are there, images, videos, etc. This site is in the USA Southern Territory and was featured at Boundless. It is an endless source for the Army and FREE.

The South also has "southernspiritonline.org" which has many resources on it.

salvationfactory.org - produced in the USA Eastern Territory by our very own Steve and Sharon Bussey, this web site is another huge bank of resources. It is unique to the Army as well and is perhaps the most creative of the group. This one too is filled with videos, Army history and thought provoking articles.

salarmycentral.org - a site for Salvationists in the USA Central Territory. It is many different categories that can be searched for various resources as well.

We are ONE ARMY and collectively we can capitalize on the strengths of each other.

Some FREE resources

Songbook - The Western Territory created an "app" for our songbook. It is "mobileapps.usawest.org" It includes;

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| 2015 Song Book | 1987 Song Book |
| 1987 Chorus Book | Songs of Salvation |
| Hallelujah Choruses | Youth Songbook |

Being A Successful Christian

Ask any young person today what do you want to be when you grow up and the most common answer is “I want to be successful”. Being successful has become its own thing. The challenge is there are so many definitions of what success is. Pick up any magazine or read another share on social media and you get a million definitions. This can leave one confused about what success is and for a Christian there has never been a better time to redefine success.



Buhle Dlamini

I grew up in a modest; even poor setting in the 80s in Northern KZN, raised by my loving grandparents with a wonderful home, food and loving comfort. I never thought we were poor, even when I couldn't afford a good pair of shoes one year and compared to others we were actually well off. Here is the point, compared to some people in this country we were poor and still compared to others we were well off. Here in lies a challenge in defining success by how much you have or not have.

Success in the world's eyes is defined by being the biggest, best, first and top. There is nothing wrong with having the best, being first and striving for the top spot in your field. In fact God wants you to use the gifts He has given you to bring glory to Him. Where we differ from the world is that in striving for success we as Christians apply different principles altogether. Here are a few:

1. Seek God First And His Kingdom

Proverbs 9:10 **“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom...”** For a Christian, success begins by putting God first in your life, understanding that God is the one who directs your life. One of the defining verses I have taken on my journey to success has been Matthew 6:33 **“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”** When I first read this verse it became clear to me that success means searching for God's leading throughout my life. And so started my journey to success, with total surrender and dedication to God. When I gave my life to God I promised to follow His leading and that has shaped the course of my life.

This one decision changed my life for good. At first I thought this was giving up on my dreams, on the contrary, following God was about perfecting my dreams. God took my once selfish dreams and turned them into desires to make a difference in the world. As Jim Elliott once said **“He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose”** referring to **Mark 8:35** **“For whoever wants to save their life[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.”** God takes your life, your dreams and shapes them to give you the best life.

When I look at my life I couldn't have planned it better than what God did with it. When you seek God first not only will you lead a successful Christian life but a fulfilled one.

2. Live By Higher Values

To be a successful Christian calls for you to live by higher values. The world out there tells us to do whatever it takes to make more money, become famous and have power but that's not what Christ says. Romans 12: 2 says **“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”**

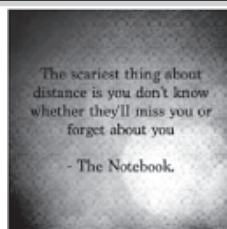
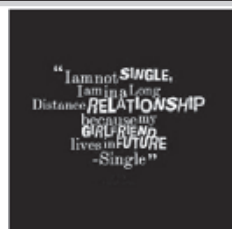
God has set a standard for us that is different from what the world says is normal. He calls us to live according to a different set of values that include honoring God, honesty, humility, justice and many more. That means that whether I am businessperson or a professional, I need to keep my conscience clear in how I conduct myself. Sure I can achieve more quickly if I compromise my values but will my success truly be success if I cheat my way to the top?

3. Being Faithful With What You Have

Lastly, success for a Christian has to do with stewardship, being faithful with what you've been entrusted with. God gave us all different gifts and talents. We can't all sing like superstars or be the smartest kid in class but we all can be the best at what God wants us to be. The way God often works is incremental, meaning that if you are successful and diligent with the little you've been entrusted with then God will entrust you with more. I have proven this in my own life. At every stage of my journey I have tried to be faithful with the platforms and opportunities that He has opened to me and bigger ones have followed. Luke 16:10 says **“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.”**

So how to be a successful Christian? Seek God's kingdom first, live by His values and be faithful with what you have been entrusted with.

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<http://indulgy.com/post/QmoX8ZON43/long-distance-relationship-love-quotes>

My perspective of life as a molested young lady

(South Rand Corps)

Growing up in a democratic era people most often think life should be easier for us with a pool full of great and majestic opportunities. What more could we ask for. However, the greater the span of opportunity only means the greater the challenges. We live in very influential times of high drug usage, high prostitution, high rape and molestation. In fact kids are the perpetrators these days. The million dollar question is how we got here.



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doings but little did I know that I was inflicting pain on myself.

By the age of 16 I had managed to welcome to the world a new born baby girl, filled with so much confusion and loneliness I was lead to quit school and fend for my off spring. Through this calamity my eyes were opened to the world but rape was yet to visit me again and again when I was 22. I fell pregnant with a perpetrators child and depression crept in with no one beside of me. I was then admitted for an abortion but this only led to suicidal behaviour, unable to forgive myself I searched for answers but only God could save me.

1997 brought in some exciting changes to the constitution by the new ruling party, there was a spirit of expectancy and excitement in the air. I was 7 years old when I learnt what it was to keep a secret. A deep, dark, hurtful secret. It was the year that I was raped.

My entire existence as I had known it was forever shaped by that one event. What men and boys did to my body after that was irrelevant. I was irrelevant. My mother being a domestic worker in Johannesburg had sent me to the land of Kwazulu-Natal, eMsinga, to stay with my aunt with the hopes that I would learn morals and values from the land but little did she know that this decision would change my entire life.

The repercussions of my mother's job caused my sister and I to be homeless. During those times Johannesburg was still filled with apartheid and it was no place for children, because of this we became refugees camping at any relatives whom opened their home to us. This meant open doors to unsolicited guests such as - rejection, physical abuse, emotional abuse, starvation as well as molestation and rape. Before molestation was introduced to me I had an encounter with physical abuse for my punishment of being hungry. I was summoned to cook pap on an unstable paraffin stove at the age of 3 being the child that I was I burned from the boiling pap mix and my aunt reprimanded me for it. This too was also a secret to be kept from my mother. Although I left the land of Kwazulu-Natal with all its bad memories, the pain and agony stuck with me. The untold stories grew like a cancer within me but I was unaware of the consequences. In fact I believed I was at fault and I deserved to be punished for my wrong

It was 2013 when at last I began to find life again after the death of my aborted baby. It was also the year that I began to fight for the rights of women. But my fight ignited internal battles and I had to find someone I could speak to as the untold stories of my past began to haunt me. Through therapy I began to learn the lessons of forgiveness and understanding and I began to see the world through different eyes. I began to participate in many community activities that were aimed as inspiring young people to live victorious lives. I was not going to wither away in shame, I was proud of what God had achieved in me and through me. I love that He now uses me to change, and bring healing to broken lives.

I now have an organization called Indingo where we fight against human trafficking and gender based violence. I have a soup kitchen for young afflicted boys in the West Rand. I have also taken it upon myself to spreading the gospel though the many talents and gifts that he has blessed me with.

I have learned to love and forgive not through my own strength but through Jesus who strengthens me. Today as you have read my story I encourage you to allow God to use you as he has ordained you for a special purpose Jeremiah 4:1 let him use you thoroughly that you may play your part in the body Christ James 1:2-4 let your challenges and calamity today create a better YOU!



“Receive children, receive me”

Message from the Territorial President of Women’s Ministries

Our theme for the World day of prayer this year was “Receive children, receive ye me”, words of Jesus from Matthew 19:13-15.

We see the importance Jesus placed on children being part of the Kingdom of God. With our War Cry issue focusing on youth and children this month, I have decided to interview our TSWM Lieut-Colonel Donna Igleheart who together with her husband Lieut-Colonel Kelly Igleheart served as Divisional and Territorial Youth Leaders in their home territory for a number of years.

TPWM: Having been in the role as TYS what is it that you value most about youth and children?

TSWM: Coming alongside children and youth has been a passion of ours, for our entire officership. Children are a gift from God. They bring expressions of life, hope and love. Jesus made a direct link between children and the values of the Kingdom of God. Matthew 19:13-14, He made it clear that the Kingdom of God belongs to them and that all who want to enter the Kingdom need to become like children. It’s their pure of heart, eagerness to learn, and child like faith that are most precious. We appreciate and applaud the uniqueness of each child. Their laughter is contagious, their creativity is inspiring and I’m always amazed at their ability not to judge but exhibit unconditional love. Throughout our ministry we have been advocates for children and young people. At times they simply need someone to speak up for them, believe in them and stand in their corner!

I am amazed at the youth of today. They are not ashamed of the gospel nor are they afraid to ask questions. Even though they still enjoy fellowship, over the years young people are equally interested in serving the last, lost and the least. I value their love for the Army’s mission and their heart for God.

TPWM: In your role as TYS what steps did you take to ensure that youth and children are included in ministry?

TSWM: You must do just that...include them! I believe that young people benefit more from hands on than simply being entertained. They need to be involved in the Army’s mission and we need to involve them younger!

We were intentional about targeting Jr. Soldiers while providing resources and training for their leaders. We encouraged corps and divisional ministries such as Jr. Community Care, Jr. Soldiers Councils, camps, and weekly character building programmes. We also found that creative arts was an avenue to keep them involved as well and it encouraged them to use their talents for the Lord. I believe children can do more than take up the offering, as beautiful as that is.

TPWM: What steps did you take to ensure that young people in their Corps were developed to their full potential?

TSWM: I think back on my own teenage years growing up in The Salvation Army where corps officers and local officers played an integral role in developing me as a leader.

It was during those formative years that I experienced the depth and width of the Army’s value in my life. One of the most significant areas of ministry was the Corps Cadet programme.

It was through this leadership programme that I was given a firm foundation. I was given tools on how to study the word of God, develop a faithful prayer life, and opportunities to put my faith into practice. As a corps officer, divisional youth leader, territorial youth leader and still today I feel that discipleship is critical to helping a young person grow in their personal relationship with God.

TPWM: What advise would you give to those working with young people?

TSWM: There’s nothing more rewarding, challenging, and valuable than coming alongside a young person and seeing them fall in love with Jesus. It’s all about relationships! A leader should view youth for what they can be in Christ and not for what they might be right now. Children act like children. They talk like children and they make decisions that children make. This can cause youth leaders to see the immediate flaws in our youth without seeing their full potential. To raise a healthy child, that child must have at least one adult who is irrationally involved in his or her life. A youth leader has an opportunity to be that one “crazy” adult for a season (whether short or long) in a child’s life. Thank you for investing into the lives of the next generation Salvationists. They need you and you need them.

Thank you TSWM for your wise words on how to best support and encourage our young people today.

In closing I want to leave you with a question. Do young people and children feel important and valued within your Corps? If not, what are you going to do about it?

Matthew 18:10 “See that you do not look down on one of these little ones.....”

Blessings!



Colonel Yvonne Conrad and TSWM Lieut-Colonel Donna Igleheart



Heritage day with The Salvation Army



The Salvation Army celebrated Heritage day in Soweto with both the Territorial Commander Colonel Keith Conrad and the Chief Secretary Lt. Colonel Kelly Igleheart sharing about the grace of God and the love that we have for one another because of that grace.

“Both the rich and the poor, the despised, the distressed, they'll sit down in the Kingdom of God. The black, the white, the dark, the fair, your color will not matter there. From every tribe and every race, all men as brothers shall embrace!”



Diary of a Pastor's Kid

Miss one service, and you'll hear them saying, "They preach about us coming to church, yet their children sit at home as much as they like."

Our parents are also dragged into our mistakes, fall pregnant and they'll be like your parents can't control their own yet they preach every Sunday. You are just expected to be an angel on earth and not have a life like every other child. I don't want to lie, it's painful and I feel sorry for those who come after us because they really need to be strong. But, it's not everyone who treats us like that.

"I wouldn't trade being a PK for anything"

Growing up I saw myself different from other children because when they used to go home, I would stay in the church premises because that's where home was for me, but we had the same struggles as peers. The greatest challenge was the fact that you couldn't sustain relationships because my family would constantly relocate to other churches. The misconception that PK's have money is also quite challenging because my peers expect me to be more privileged than they are. People don't expect me to have a social life outside attending Youth Service on Friday. I couldn't have fun without being judged.

But through all of that, I wouldn't trade being a PK for anything. I do not wish to be born into a different family nor do I wish to relive my life given the chance because I have lived a good life. The amount of support people have given to my future cannot be replaced. I feel that as much as we want to be treated like other kids, we must remember that we are born in a family that needs to show the community how a family should be in the eyes of God.

I don't see myself as a PK

I don't see myself as a 'PK'! I treat myself like everyone else ... I never introduce myself as one, so people outside my circle don't know I'm one. I don't go to church much so I don't really get treated or looked at in a certain way. I don't live to impress anyone BUT my parents so I'm not really bothered what people say or think.

I keep church people at a distance

Society does expect too much from us but, there are always two sides to the coin. Not everyone expects these things. Some people actually expect us to be rebellious, basically rebels without a cause. And you find that people who don't know who and what your background is, then you get treated like a normal person. Hence half the time from my personal opinion, I keep church people at a distance. And have my friends elsewhere.

However, it's not all negative. I spoke to one of my church leaders who is a parent herself to find out whether she fears for her children who are growing up and might face these struggles too.

"Our children are very blessed as they have opportunities to travel around our beautiful country, being exposed to other cities, cultures and experiences. My children are learning and experiencing things that I was only privileged to experience as an adult. So they have a far wider mental and social framework that many other children do not have when they remain in one environment or context all the time. They are often well loved and cared for, and often people in a congregation 'spoil' them with little treats from time to time. However, there are some drawbacks too."

"Yes, our children are often under a microscope ... and people sometimes have unrealistically high expectations of pastor's children. They are expected to be the best behaved, have the best manners, and of course to be super spiritual too. Sometimes pastor's children are hurt by the church, especially when their parents go through tough times. We have been able to shield our children from this, but not all families are able to do so."

"Many Pastor's kids go through tough times ... and they often feel overly-exposed and under-supported. They are part of a calling that they have had no choice in. But I also do believe our role as parents in this is critical. We need to protect them, shield them and be their biggest pom pom squad ever. We also have a responsibility to sometimes say 'no' to other people in order that we can say 'yes' to our children ... who are really our first ministry."

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this post- I understand that this is a very sensitive topic to some of you but you opened up your hearts and shared your views with me. May the Lord continue to bless you all!

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MY JOURNEY WITH GOD

Come, learn, discover and experience how exciting it is to walk with the Lord.

God spoke and is still speaking to us all in a prophetic way. Listen to his voice whispering, inviting you.

The Youth Department is looking forward to exciting life transforming moments.

The overall theme for the period 2016- 2019 is **"QUEST FOR LIFE"**

God spoke to Moses and gave him commandments to be adhered to in the book of Leviticus chapter 20: 1-17. Jesus gave his followers the greatest commandments in the law, found in the gospels of St Matthew chapter 22: 37-39. My role and your role in this journey with Christ is to love him wholeheartedly and also to love my neighbours and friends. Beseech Christ and you will have joy.

As I have mentioned above our overall theme for the period 2016-2019 is "Quest For Life" with sub themes for each year that speaks to our overall theme.

2016- "What on earth am I here for?"

2017- "I'm here, now what?"

2018- "Are you there yet?"

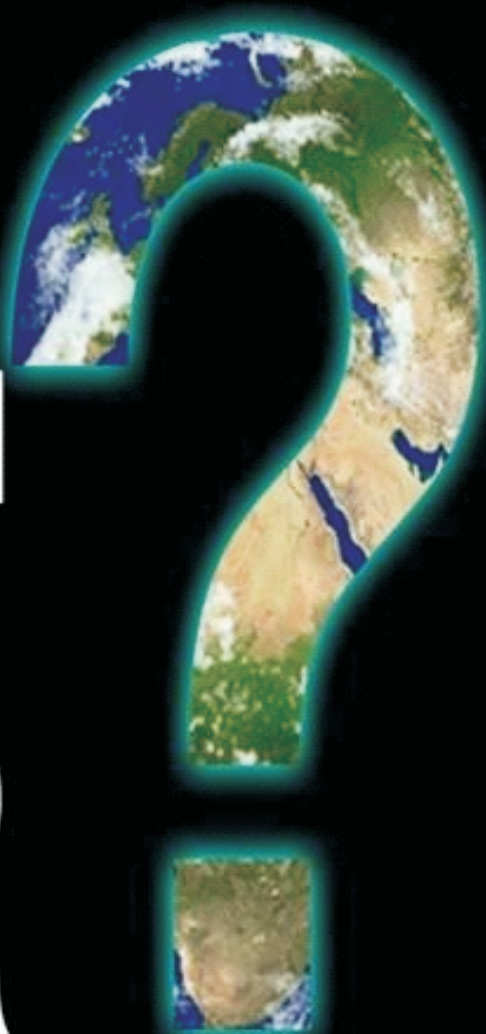
2019- "Ready to serve"

The Youth Department will create discipleship material for the youth. Children (0-14 years) will use the Evangelical material. This will be made available to all the Divisions by May at a reasonable price. The Divisional Youth Officers are going to train Young People's Leaders on how to use the material. You will also receive a lot of information through our social media platform. Let us engage one another in this exciting programme.

In conclusion let me encourage you to search for your identity and potentiality in Christ. Make use of every stepping stone as you climb up the mountain with Christ. My destiny and your destiny is to be with the Lord and enjoy the gift of eternal life prepared for the righteous ones. Have fun, enjoy and grow in Christ.



WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR



2016 SUB-THEME

QUEST FOR LIFE

Matt. 22 v. 37 - 39

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