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Major  
Margaret Stafford

This War Cry covers a time when we celebrate life. We celebrate the life of Nelson Mandela when for 68 minutes or more on 18 July we do something to make our community a better place to be. For some

it will mean spending time at one of our Social Centres. For others it will mean volunteering at a school or a hospital. The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NIV)

*<sup>10</sup> Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.*

That is really good advice. Remember death will not be cheated – so don't let your life be either!

We also celebrate Father's Day (18 June). How our country needs committed, present, Christian fathers. Family is one of the most precious. Family is a God idea, in fact in Psalm 68:6 we read: *"God puts the lonely into families."* That's a strong affirmation that God believes in family.

We also celebrate Youth Day. An important moment in our country when young people said "enough is enough" and they marched through the streets of Soweto demanding

the end to Bantu Education and Afrikaans alongside English became compulsory as a medium of instruction. It was a moment of deep commitment to a need for change.

Recently I hosted a delegation of women Officers from Mexico and we had the opportunity to visit the Hector Petersen monument in Soweto. A young school boy carries another school boy in that iconic photograph. These young people changed our country and it is young people like them who still demand change today.

I love that in all of these things we can see God's hand moving us to being better people, better fathers, and to be more determined to bring about change.

I acknowledge great fathers who love their wives and cherish their children. I pray that your days be filled with great joy. I salute brave young people who demand change and are not afraid to speak truth to power. I urge you to find something to do that uplifts others – not just on one day in the year but as a conscious habit.

The first six months of 2017 have gone. I pray that the remaining months of your year will be God honouring and exciting. I leave you dads with a sobering thought

A careful man I want to be  
A little fellow watches me  
I do not dare to go astray  
For fear he'll go the self-same way  
(anonymous).

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### TERRITORIAL COMMANDER

**JUNE**  
19-20 Reconciliation Conference  
21-23 DC/DDWM Consultation

**JULY**  
7-9 Limpopo Y Connexion  
17-27 Furlough  
28-30 Opening of Langelooop Corps Hall

### CHIEF SECRETARY

**JUNE**  
1-14 Furlough  
19-20 Reconciliation Conference  
21-23 DC/DDWM Consultation  
30-1 July Mid KZN Y Connexion

**JULY**  
7-9 Eastern Cape Y Connexion

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# Message from the Territorial Commander

## Mandela Day - "ACTION AGAINST POVERTY!"



Colonel  
Keith W. Conrad

In 2009, the United Nations General Assembly honoured a great statesman Nelson Mandela, the first democratic elected President of the Republic of South Africa, by declaring his birthday 18 July "Nelson Mandela International Day", to commemorate the life time of service Nelson Mandela has given to South Africa and the world.

In South Africa particularly, South Africans are encouraged and motivated, to commemorate Madiba's life of invaluable sacrifice and service by giving 67 minutes of selfless service helping others on this day. Madiba once said:



*"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead"*

– Nelson Mandela.

May I say, Nelson Mandela had something in common with our very own founder and first General of The Salvation Army, William Booth, who committed his life to serve 'others'. Since its birth in 1865, The Salvation Army has served suffering humanity irrespective of culture, race or gender. Whilst the Nelson Mandela Foundation has decided to dedicate 2017 to making every day a 'Mandela Day', by encouraging all South Africans to take action against poverty, The Salvation Army has been at the forefront of the call by Jesus to; 'give them something to eat.' (Mark 6:37). Again in Matthew 14:16 Jesus said to his disciples; "They do not need to go away, you give them something to eat!"

Day after day our social centres are doing just that by providing a safe haven, a place many call 'home' and a warm bed to sleep in during the cold winter nights! These include Youth and Child Care Centres, Old Age Homes, Substance Abuse Treatment Centres as well as shelters for Gender Based Violence Survivors all of which give substance to the words of Nelson Mandela;

*"We need to restore and reaffirm the dignity of the people of Africa and the developing world. We need to place the eradication of poverty at the top of world priorities. We need to know with a fresh conviction that we all share a common humanity and that our diversity in the world is the strength for our future together."*

Fellow Salvationists and Friends of the Army, and everyone who is reading this article today, let us act against poverty on Nelson Mandela Day and every day by mobilizing ourselves, reaching out to those in need, by giving of our time and of our treasure to make the world a better place for us all. There are many ways to get involved on Mandela Day. Give some time to help out at an institution of your choice. Drop off some much needed resources at these centres.

You can also make a donation of **R30** to the social services of The Salvation Army by way of an 'SMS'. SMS HELP to **42290**

Let us together... "DO SOMETHING" and "ACT AGAINST POVERTY" on Mandela Day!

## Message from the Chief Secretary

### Father's Day



Lt Colonel  
Kelly Igleheart

Father's Day is coming! Father's Day is coming! Often these words are exclaimed on the Saturday night before Father's Day. We plan for weeks for Mother's Day (and rightly so) but poor old dad, is he just a second thought?

Of course father, dad, daddy, pops, old man, papa, all refer to the man who is the father of children. Regardless of the name you use for your father, he is the person that is often thought of who handles certain things in the family. Dad knows how to repair everything. He knows you must turn the lights off in every room when you are leaving.

He somehow knows exactly when the football game is on the TV but never seems to know your birthday. Dad's know what temperature the water geyser must be set to and what voltage the light globe should be.

Dad's have wisdom that others do not possess. Often my three daughters will compare their husbands to their father. It seems as if their father knows how to do everything but their husbands know nothing! While I know it isn't true, no one can compare to your dad.

Admittedly, dads aren't perfect. We often disappoint our wives, children, and our friends. Dad's can forget to attend their child's concert, get lost, have no idea what her favourite color is and we may not know your shoe size.

For this Father's Day, there is no need to purchase him a new necktie and no need to have a braai in his honor. Dad's won't ask for anything new or expect breakfast in bed. Dads simply want to be loved by their family, forgiven by those they disappoint, and be useful to those around them. So, for this Father's Day, let me enjoy the game, throw my socks on the floor, and eat all the meat I want.

Thank you very much!

# FREEDOM FIGHTERS

I count it a real privilege to meet and interact with our young South African Salvationists. They have such energy, are passionate about God and are truly gifted. By reading some of the articles in this War Cry, you'll see how blessed we are to have them. Therefore we have a great responsibility to continue to attract, keep, encourage and activate them.

This past April, South Africa celebrated 23 years of democracy. For many this celebration is bitter sweet, as our country struggles with significant challenges. Many of our citizens daily face crippling poverty as well as the effects of the scourge of rampant corruption which is affecting every part of life. The symptoms of dissatisfaction are only too real, as we face endless service delivery protests and the daily threat of violence and crime in our streets and homes. As we commemorate another June 16 Youth Day this year - remembering the sacrifice of young people forty one years ago who fought for the freedom we enjoy - we need to ask the question are we really free? Are our young people really free?

Freedom is more than just a change in the law, which says we can live and vote democratically. Many are free under the law, but in reality are slaves to circumstance, which are the chains that seem to bind our lives. In his book "Freedom in Christ," Neil T Anderson shares a story of African American slaves who, although legally free after slavery was officially abolished in December 1865, continued to live, work and die as slaves. The problem was that although a whole civil war was fought to stop slavery and that they were legally free, many of those 'former' slaves, could not and/or did not, live as free men. Due to pure ignorance. No one told them they were free and for years they kept working for their "owners," oblivious to their freedom. Sadly, there were many who even knew they were legally free, but struggled to live free and continued to be exploited by ruthless landowners; many of them suffering terribly until they succumbed to death. Freedom Fighters fought for many years to teach and empower the former slaves about the freedom that was theirs.

Today, our young people are predominantly "Born Frees," born and having lived since the dawn of democracy in South Africa. Yet sadly, many are not really free at all. Despite living in a democratic South Africa, where legally they have rights and equal opportunity; because of systemic poverty and a broken society, many of our young people remain enslaved. For some it's as basic as struggling for a meal to eat or for shoes on their feet, but it progresses all the way to unaffordable University fees and the struggle to find employment. For some, enslavement has come through addiction to drugs and alcohol, whilst for others it's the bonds of guilt and hurt from abuse, unplanned pregnancies, depression and dealing with HIV & AIDS.

Enslavement goes deeper than just the physical hardships of life and sadly countless young people are being enslaved to sin and fooled to follow the Devil's schemes for their lives. Common sins has become blasé, even fashionable, yet daily they entrap and crush our young people's lives, hearts and minds.

"Free" sex has cost many everything. "Free choice" has chained many to pornography, alcohol, drugs and a godless hopelessness.



Over 2000 years ago Jesus Christ willingly laid down his life, to be whipped, crushed, crucified on the cross and raised to life so we could be free; each young person can be free... free from the curse of sin, free from the law of death, free from separation from God and from each other, free to become children of God, free to experience every spiritual blessing under heaven and so, so much more (Ephesians 1:1-10).

I love our young people and can see them doing incredible things both now and into the future, but I'm deeply burdened for them too. Today, as much as ever, we need Freedom Fighters, who are prepared to fight for the freedom of our young people. Freedom Fighters who will fight against poverty, injustice, lack of opportunity, unemployment, addiction and disease that kill their future. Our Freedom Fighters need to be Salvation Soldiers also; doing whatever they can through the Jesus to set these young people spiritually free. This includes praying for them, teaching them spiritual truths, discipling and mentoring our them, as well as living a life of freedom in Christ so they too might be free.

As you read these articles, see their pictures and interact with the young people in your Corps and around you, may we never crush them by our words or actions, in spite of some of the choices they make in hairstyles, tattoos, fashion or music which we may not agree with. Let us do everything we can to empower and release them, so they might experience Jesus and be free indeed (John 8:36). Will you fight with me? Will you be a Freedom Fighter, leading our young people into real freedom and liberty?



Acts 26:17-18 The Message

"I'm sending you off to open the eyes of the outsiders so they can see the difference between dark and light, and choose light, see the difference between Satan and God, and choose God. I'm sending you off to present my offer of sins forgiven, and a place in the family, inviting them into the company of those who begin real living by believing in me."

Captain Robbie Wright  
Territorial Youth Secretary

# Territorial Youth Entrepreneurial Development

## Members of the Eastern KZN Division Project team at the a Skills & Business Development training Seminar



Youth unemployment is a significant issue in South Africa, with an average unemployment rate of 50.9%. The Salvation Army Southern Africa Territory saw the need to assist youth who have never had an opportunity to study or find work within communities around the country. This effort to decrease the unemployment rate came in the form of an Entrepreneurial & Skills Development Project coordinated by the Territorial Youth Department.

Forty-four young people from 3 Divisions were identified and selected by DYO's and Corps Officers based within the 3 communities, making sure there is an equal gender ratio in each Division. These young people attended workshops during the first year of the project, with the focus to teach the young people business skills and how to seek entrepreneurial opportunities. During the course of the year, the young people also decided which businesses would best benefit their communities and families and then volunteered at their respective fields of business to gain day to day experience in the running these enterprises.

This year, the groups will receive start-up capital to establish their businesses and hopefully have running profit making enterprises soon. The different groups of young people will be farming in their respective communities, the Kwa-Khoza Community young people from EKZN Division and Khubvi Community from Limpopo Division are starting poultry farms and the Langeloop Community youth from Mpumalanga and Swaziland Division are pursuing a venture in Piggery Farming.

Each of these groups, having experienced the launch of this project, will be giving back to the community in various forms of service and empowering their peers. We are very thankful to the young people of Norway, Iceland and Faeroes Territory for funding the project.

**Sibusiso Khoza  
Youth Project Co-ordinator**

**Members of the  
Mpumalanga Project  
work experience  
training.**



**JUNE 2017**

## Misiwe Maphumulo's Story: Misiwe is a Project Team member in KwaKhosha Community Eastern KZN Division

My name is Misiwe Fortunate Maphumulo, I'm a lady of 24 and I grew up in KwaKhosha area. I was fortunate enough to be part of the Youth Development Project. I grew up in KwaKhosha and completed my high school years in the neighbouring town. However, my upbringing has been heavily challenged by violent incidents. One of my brothers passed on, which led to the relocation of our family. After being separated as a family, my life was in shambles. Everything was upside down, as in movies. We sought refuge in a Mission establishment named Sizabantu, where we even had to share space with rapists, addicts and those possessed. However, the pastor was very supportive. Despite such a predicament, we managed to stay together as a family as we had nowhere to turn too but God. In our hearts we kept on believing that He will not leave nor forsake us. Thankfully, we did overcome that test in our lives.

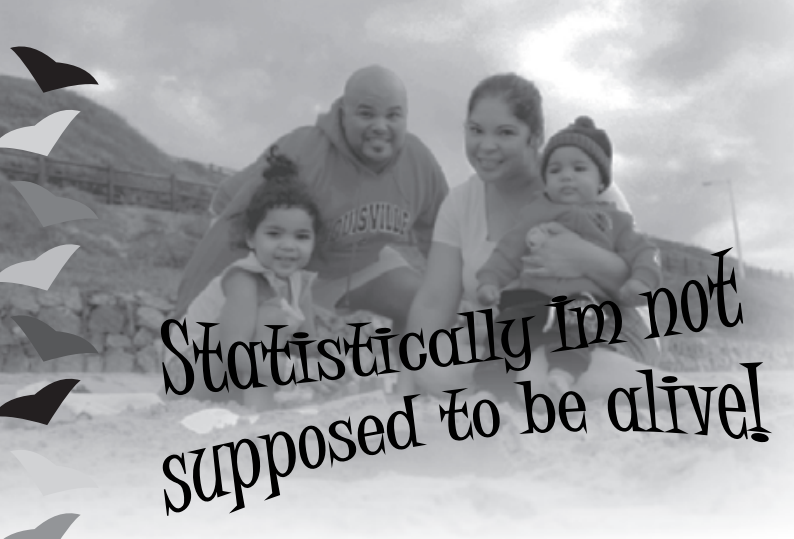
I received numerous calls from my Corps folk telling me about this project. Our Officer introduced the project to us and at first I couldn't believe it, the thought of being trained and funded to start a business was unbelievable. We then began to attend trainings, even though one could never believe that our disadvantaged area of KwaKhosha would be the chosen one. This project has taught us a lot of things as the youth of KwaKhosha. We have learned to co-operate, as many of us are involved. I believe that we are the chosen generation.

I got a chance in life that I would not trade for anything. The youth project programme has changed my life. After attending 4 workshops, I have been more passionate about learning and doing research. I have learned to be God fearing and to involve the Almighty in all my decision making.

Working with people from different backgrounds with differing personalities can be challenging. The first workshop I attended taught me about teamwork and its importance. From the experience



I have had working on this project, I have become a team player and appreciate team work as no man is an Island.



Statistically I'm not supposed to be alive!

**Keenan “Dippy” Manuel,**  
BTH Min  
Corps Youth Secretary at  
Athlone Corps. He runs  
his own business and is  
involved with several community  
Youth programmes in Cape Town.

My Name is Keenan; I have a beautiful wife and two wonderful children.

Soooo you tell me about Freedom (It is a joke). To fully understand

Freedom you need to define it. For many freedom means different things and we cannot judge people on how they decide to define freedom for themselves.

However, how does the word freedom fit into my vocabulary? Sometime back, in 2006 I was caught up in making some bad choices. To put it into perspective, I aspired to be a gangster because that is what I saw in my everyday life and this lifestyle consumed me. What I thought was a liberation movement from my daily struggles was actually putting me further in chains. It is easy to look in from the outside, and judge... but this explains how I view freedom.

## Crossing Over... from where I am, to where God wants me

**Themba “Bash” Nkutha**  
An active soldier  
from South Rand Corps,  
works for Columba  
Leadership, a Values  
Based Youth  
Development Programme



**Transition...** a word I have been reflecting on a lot this year concerning my journey with God. I have tried to find deeper meaning and purpose in my journey with God and one of my personal goals for this year was to serve God better, since my work is hectic and I travel quiet a lot. I am caught up in the busyness of things at times and this year I wanted to prioritise ministry and serve in God’s purpose for my life. Now one can ask “What do you mean by that”? My priority is to seek God and to serve Him meaningfully and this has started to happen already as I’ve had the opportunity to reflect and connect with God on the deeper level. 2 Corinthians 3:18(NIV) says “And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

I’m in the process of crossing over, which means God is moving me from one state to another and at times He uses the natural things in life to bring spiritual truth.

Freedom is not a feeling; neither is freedom a status.

Yes, I agree we are born free... Nevertheless, to be truly free you have to choose freedom. Yes, I said it freedom is a choice. If you consider the history of South Africa and the price paid for “freedom”, it was a choice made back then, people were tired of their situations and fighting for our freedom and how blessed we are, to choose how we live in this freedom.

Long before the history of South Africa’s freedom struggle began, our freedom was fought for on a piece of wood, a crown of thorns, some nails and surrounded by witnesses. Jesus’ death exemplifies what it means to be free. He gave the ultimate sacrifice, so that we could experience freedom... Jesus chose death, so that we could choose freedom (Romans 8:20-21). In 2006 I had a choice to make, death was written all over me, I was no longer experiencing freedom, I was enslaved by the life I was leading.

But when Jesus came to set me free, there was no containing Him and what He wanted to do in my life. The moment I made the choice and accepted Him as my Saviour, I was set free from the bondage of sin and death (Rom 8:1-3). The life of being a gangster was so small and insignificant in the grander scheme of things, compared to the freedom I enjoy in Christ. I can’t accept an ideology that freedom in the 21st century means I get to do whatever I want, without consequence. Freedom is a choice, and wherever you find yourself, you have to choose it for yourself. Now even though I chose freedom, there are many days, where I am tempted to drop the ball and choose the lesser life, because it seems easier. However, God who has called me into this great freedom has deemed it fit that His hand will continue to uphold me in my quest, to live my life in the freedom of Christ my Lord... Statistically I am not suppose to be alive. But because of my choice to follow Christ to freedom, I am where I am today and that is because of His grace.

1 Peter 2:16 *“Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves.”*



It is not easy to be involved in Corps ministry while travelling a lot and it can be emotionally draining at times. In addition, it can be Satan’s favourite tool to diminish your faith through the failure to balance the busyness of life and ministry.

**Fear...** One cannot serve God and constantly be worried about other things and people, you need to move forward. Proverbs 29:25 says, “Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe” (NIV). Have you heard that saying “with great opportunity comes great challenge” and that is exactly what I’ve encountered! That fear came true, when I was asked if I would relocate to a different province to work. Instantly I thought to myself this will completely derail me from my purpose. Because I’m already working on being more involved at my Corps - the youth ministry, participate in church activities and doing training and talks in and outside the church environment. Unfortunately, I had to turn down the offer, even though it was going to be a great opportunity for me to grow. Despite fear at times, I tried to remain focused on my purpose of serving God and being obedient to God like Joshua 1:7 says: “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go”.

I find it amazing that when you make time for God, He makes it His business to connect with and bless you.

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**Failure...** One of my biggest challenges is the fear of failing or turning away from the purpose that God has for me. One way of dealing with this is to re-define failure. Failure is not failing to reach your goal. Failure is not having a goal. Failure is not failing to hit your target. Failure is not having a target. Failure is not falling down. Failure is refusing to get back up. You are never a failure until you quit. So if you are attempting something for the glory of God, that's a good thing.

Another way to combat the fear of failure is to never compare yourself to anything or anybody else. You will often find somebody who can do somethings better than you can and you can be trapped by discouragement. Or you could find someone doing something worse than you and pride can trap you. Both of these states of mind can mess with your life. Both discouragement and pride will keep you from serving God's purpose for your life. The Bible says in Galatians 6:4, "Each of you must examine your own actions. Then you can be proud of your own accomplishments without comparing yourself to others".

I've had to make a decision based on that reflection. The last few months have been the best time of life because I took a courageous decision to go deeper in Christ. Ministry has been very fruitful, challenging and humbling experience seeing what God is doing in my life and in the life of others. At times we have to eliminate other things from our lives in order for God to elevate us to another level. Paul grew and matured because he was obedient. 1 Corinthians 13:11 "When I was a child, I talked like a child; I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me."

**Just to encourage....** Take responsibility for your courage

You don't have to fully know where God is taking you because it takes faith to go into the unknown. God won't give the details, His Word is a Lamp to my feet and His promise to never leave me or forsake me, encourage my soul. When I had to cross over, I had to trust God completely. Trust me when I say He is faithful.

## From the Jaws of Destruction

**Candidate**  
**Sikhumbuzo Manana**  
Sikhumbuzo originates from Barbeton Corps. Currently serving with Officers in Swaziland as he prepare for College for Officer Training



I was born in Barberton and raised by a single parent with my siblings. As a young boy I loved having fun. I used to go to church and attended Sunday school and other children's activities. I grew to love the Lord with my heart.

As part of a community I also enjoyed being surrounded by friends. I became very popular in school with my peers because of my "cool" lifestyle. I could be found anywhere young people were having fun and grew to be sought after within our community. This popularity introduced me to many temptations that influenced my life until I became trapped in danger zone, far away from the Lord.

I started doing bad things for the sake of increasing my popularity and pleasing my friends. I was so trapped that I did not give a thought to the wrong I was getting involved in. My life became under the control of the Devil, unconsciously drifting away from the will of God. I became a teenager who was happy to be bad. When I was in Grade 10, I began to drink alcohol and smoke weed. I was involved in a gay relationship, not caring what people said or thought of me living that lifestyle. It reached a point where I loved that lifestyle so much I hated anyone who would try to talk negatively about being gay or would try to influence me to change.

Even though I was walking far away from God, I was also not aware that God still had his open hands to welcome me back. My life was hell. My mother was crying every day because of my lifestyle. She was finding it difficult to walk down the streets of our community. She carried a stigma of being a mother to a gay son, but she never stopped going to church or stopped praying for me.

By God's grace I came to The Salvation Army in the year 2007. I was doing Grade 12 and I was looking for something. It had dawned on me that I needed to change my life – I needed true love. I realized that the people who professed to love me were using me for their personal gains and I wanted to change my life. However, it was not easy to join the Corps family because everybody knew me and how I was living life.

Many people did not want to be associated with me and there was a time when I felt like giving up and return to the streets to continue with my old life. I was marginalized, but there were two young people who exhibited the Spirit of the Lord in their lives. They encouraged me to stay on and they made me feel welcome, in spite of the stigma I carried. I stayed on and tried to find a place in the ministry of the Corps where I attended youth and children ministries, Sunday services, Bible study, prayer meetings and Open-air.

In 2009 I heard the Lord Jesus Christ speaking direct into my life. Initially I thought that the Lord could not speak to me because I was sinful. I could not understand and thought I was not worthy. This went on until 2014 when I even became suicidal, feeling unworthy to even live. A friend from the Corps, who was already a Candidate for Officership happened to know of my suicidal intentions. He came to our house just at the right time. He prayed with me and took me to the Officer's and Local Officers who also prayed for me. They asked the Lord to welcome me and change my life if I repent.

My life was not only a danger to me, but also people around me were not safe either. I seriously needed help, but my Officer promised to continue to pray for me even in my absence. She actually told me that she had been pleading with God on my behalf for months. Through those prayers I became aware God had not given up on me. I joined my Officers and Local Officers in prayers and Bible studies until I finally surrendered my life fully to God. I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and found peace within me.

My Officer showed me the love of God and never judged me. She did not criticize me, but guided me through the process until I understood that I should make room in my heart for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. I was changed, I confessed my sins to God (1 John 1:7 – 10) and I am a free man today. The Lord has forgiven me. He has restored my life. I am free from the jaws of destruction. I am now dedicated to a life of serving God, getting others who are still trapped like me to be saved to too.

I am a free man. I give praise to the Lord God Almighty.

# O, O... We Are Mobilising!



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# Pray Mobilise Lead

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# BOND FREE

Being born and growing up in a Democratic country, being informed of the history regarding the oppression of young people's educational rights and learning about how young people obtained freedom in this country, gave me an idea to believe I am free. I compared all the historical reads with how the society I am growing up in has been transformed through the freedom that cost lives for young people to be liberated. I was free to learn in my mother language, free to get the best education, free to enjoy being a child with all the rights given by the South African constitution and having all the privileges the previously disadvantaged community did not have. This made me 'born-free'. Little did I know that I was not even remotely free.

In my 'born-free' journey I met Jesus Christ and I realised I was not even remote to being free, I was a sinner and in bondage in my mind and soul. Through repentance our Lord Jesus Christ released me from captivity and fear because His grace and His blood cleanses from all sin. I found my identity in Christ and I live in freedom having been reconciled with our Creator and being born again into his family. All gratitude to God's servants in The Salvation Army for being used by God to bring people to Jesus Christ our Savior. The Salvation Army leadership with the help of the Holy Spirit has given me freedom as a young person. Freedom no democracy could ever give me. This freedom comes from Jesus and it has revealed who God says I am in Him. Now I have Jesus igniting the passions in my heart.

As a young person and a soldier in The Salvation Army I have been given freedom to know Christ more. This includes being pruned by the Holy Spirit into to be the person He desires me to be. It is not an easy process but it is worth it, for it pleases God when we do his will. Having been pruned has made me live in freedom. Getting closer to God has enabled me to live without fear knowing that God has prepared me in advance for all that he has purposed for me to do.

The Salvation Army has inspired me to explore my life purpose through Christ and I am not bound by anything in accessing what God has set apart for me, I am bond-free because now I know God has plans to prosper me, not to harm me but give me a future (Jeremiah 29:11). Freedom is being forgiven by God of all your sins and being adopted and taken care of by the God who knows all your needs and who has a special plan for your life.

Today I stand "in freedom", preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ who provides true freedom. I say I am free because I have decided to remember my Creator while I am young and to do all the works he has predestined for me to do. I am a child of God and I am strong and courageous in him. Freedom is abiding in Jesus Christ and being delivered from the bondage of sin. This gives us access to the Holy God, and freedom to be who he has knitted us in the womb to be on this earth. Make a complete surrender today and decide to follow Jesus Christ.

## Promoted to Glory



**Word has been received from Mid KwaZulu-Natal Division of the Promotion to Glory of Major Francina Lovick ® on Saturday 06 May 2017.**

Major Francina Lovick, known to many as Major Frances Lovick, was born on 16 September 1929. She entered Training College, from Kroonstad Corps as a cadet of the Heralds Session in 1952 and was commissioned as a Salvation Army Officer on 21 January 1954.

Her first appointment was as a Corps Officer at Pretoria Corps on 2 February 1954. On 6 November 1954 she married Herbert Arthur Lovick and together they were appointed to Kenilworth Corps as Corps Officers, 16.02.1956 Uitenhage, 05.12.1957 Pietermaritzburg, 19.06.1958 Mulders Vlei Social Farm, 24.03.1960 Durban Central Corps, 25.06.1962 Paarl, 29.05.1964 Mulders Vlei, 14.1.1965 East London, 9.1.1969 Durban Central Corps, 1.7.1971 Johannesburg City Corps., 15.2.1972 Port Elizabeth Central Corps, 3.5.1973 Pretoria Men's Home.

Her final appointment as an active officer on 15 December 1973, as an Assistant Administrator was at Muldersvlei "Crossroads" Centre. It was from this appointment that Major Frances Lovick retired on 25 July 1985.

We give thanks to God for the faithful service given by Major Frances Lovick and offer our thoughtful prayers to her family members.



**Candidate  
Nokuthula Cindi  
KwaThema Corps**

*A candidate from KwaThema Corps is actively involved in the Youth and Children's ministries at her Corps*



## Gazette

**On behalf of the Territorial Commander I am pleased to announce the following:**

**APPOINTMENTS**  
*Effective 26 April 2017*

**Captain Zimkitha Shereni** officer in Zimbabwe Territory is appointed pro-term at Carl Sithole Children's home in Central Division as the Assistant Administrator, her husband **Lieutenant Crispin Shereni** will join her later.

**Majors John and Elizabeth Rossouw** officers in Galeshewe Corps are appointed as Administrators at Galeshewe Crèche as an additional responsibility.

# THE YOUTH HAVING A SAY AGAINST INJUSTICE

There are many injustices that have occurred in our country, South Africa, and in the world; in the past and the present. The South African youth of 1976 recognised some of these injustices and on 16 June 1976, they stood against some of them.

The one particular injustice that they protested against on 16 June 1976 was the “Afrikaans Medium Decree” of 1974, which forced all the black South African students to be taught only in Afrikaans and English at their schools. This may have been an attempt by the Apartheid government to establish Afrikaans and English as South Africa’s only official languages. This was then recognised by many non-white South Africans as a form of oppression and thus a resistance was formed. Many black students from Soweto protested against this oppression and unfortunately many of them died due to the fierce police brutality. The protest was a success, seeing as there are schools in South Africa that are currently teaching in other languages other than Afrikaans and English. Today in South Africa, we have 16 June as a holiday, dubbed “Youth Day”, every year; in commemoration of the youth that died in 16 June 1976 and for standing against the injustice of language exclusion.

There are many other issues that the youth face on a daily basis. One of the issues is the injustice of exclusion due to being raised by single parents. For example, many young people that are being raised by single parents are being exposed to drugs and alcohol abuse and may opt to join this behaviour to cope with the pressures of exclusion. This lifestyle may lead some of these children into derailing their productive and progressive lives.

Children who are raised by single parents—unlike children with both parents - may be excluded from participation because of affordability, therefore resulting to injustice to access to education and other resources. These children may feel parental pressures and may be obligated to grow up too fast, even ending up caring for themselves and thus losing the joys of childhood.

History is there for us to learn, to make sure that the practices that bring exclusion are resisted and not to be repeated. What we can learn from the 1976 youth? Just talking about our problems won’t fix the problems, we ought to come up with solutions and put words into action.

The youth in the Church should ask themselves how they can stand against the injustice of exclusion. Can we facilitate programmes that include these marginalised youth into society? Including excluded young people in activities like dance and other art programmes could be just one of the ways to address exclusion. By acting against exclusion, in a positive manner, we could become a better people, not just for ourselves but for other young people too.

**Inkosi-Inathi Mark Memani**  
*Is a soldier at Athlone Corps and  
a talented artist.  
He currently works as a soccer  
coach at a number  
of schools.*



# Children and Youth Mobilising Competition

## #WholeWorldMobilising

The Youth Department ran a colouring competition in the last War Cry for children ages 4 to 6 and these are some of the entries we received.

Ernie  
Age 5  
Cape Town  
Citadel



Musawandile  
Ziqubu  
Age 5  
KwaThema  
Corps



Claire  
Wright  
Age 6  
Johannes-  
burg  
City Corps



Angie  
Kachepa  
Age 5  
Cape Town  
Citadel



Follow the Youth Department on



CodeRedYouth



CODE RED - Youth & Children's Ministry Department

Wayne  
Age 7  
Cape Town  
Citadel



Gosego  
Semenso  
Age 6  
Peart  
Memorial  
Corps



Lwethu  
Ndou  
Age 6  
KwaThema  
Corps



**Congratulations to our Colouring Competition Winner:**

**Lwethu Ndou from KwaThema Corps, aged 6**

# Meet some of our Junior Soldiers



**Samuel Huke**



Is 12 and a Junior Soldier at Jhb City Corps

He loves computer games and spending time with his best friend Ryan. He loves talking about God and helping others understand who Jesus is. He is great at caring for his younger brother Dan.

**Nathanial Masango**



Is 10 and a Junior Soldier at Jhb City Corps

He loves soccer, playing striker, his favourite team being Barcelona. He's favourite Bible verse is Psalm 118:26 "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord". He loves learning about God and being with other friends at the Corps.

Left to Right: Mimi Mazaka, Rutendo Masango & Chantel Macleod



These Junior Soldiers from Jhb City Corps love spending time together at the Corps, learning about Jesus and how to live more like him every day. They love sports, reading, chess, dancing and life in general. They love their Corps, because even though there are so many different cultures, they are all one big family, worshipping God together as one.

# 2017 Territorial Youth Department Team

**Captains Robbie & Juanita Wright**

Territorial Youth Secretary & Director for Children's Ministry



**Sanele Moyane**

Territorial Youth Department Administrative Assistant



**Sibusiso Khoza**

Territorial Youth Project Co-ordinator



**Lieutenants Mtelesi & Nonkosazane Memane**



Divisional Youth Officers Western Cape Division

**Lieutenant Nomphumelelo Mabasa**

Divisional Youth Officer Eastern Cape Division



**Captains Siyabonga & Khanyisile Mcineka**



Divisional Youth Officers Northern Kwa-Zulu Natal

**Major Happy Madonsela**

Divisional Youth Officer Mpumalanga Division



**Captain Vukani Nkosi**

Division Youth Officer Central Division



**Captain Wendy Clack**

Divisional Youth Officer Limpopo Division



## Pathway to Freedom!

**Scripture:** When the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant. Exodus 14:31 (NIV)

Our Bible story is about an event that may be one of the most spectacular events in the entire Bible.

When God led the people out of Egypt, he took them through the desert toward a big sea called the Red Sea. God led them by day with a big cloud and He led them by night with a pillar of fire. The cloud helped shade the people from the hot desert sun during the day and the fire helped keep them warm at night. God took care of His people.

Meanwhile, back in Egypt, when the king realized that the Israelites were gone, he changed his mind and decided he wanted them back again. "What have we done, letting our slave labor, go free?" So Pharaoh took his best men and chariots started chasing the Israelites.

When the children of Israel saw the Egyptian army and chariots coming, they were afraid. But Moses said, "Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord save you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm."

Then Moses raised his hand over the sea, and the Lord opened up a path through the water with a strong east wind. So the people of Israel walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground, with walls of water on each side! The Egyptians, with their horses and chariots, chased after the Israelites through the sea, but God twisted their chariot wheels, making them difficult to drive.

When the Israelites reached the other side, the Lord said to Moses, "Raise your hand over the sea again." When he did, the waters returned and all of the chariots and horses -- the entire army of the Pharaoh who chased the Israelites into the sea were drowned. Not a single Egyptian survived.

When the Israelites saw the mighty power that the Lord had unleashed against the Egyptians, they were filled with awe before him. They put their faith in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

**Question:** -How have you seen the mighty power of God in your life? (Share this experience with a friend at school or at Church.

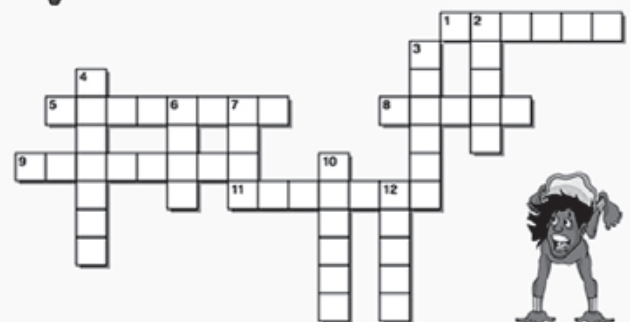
**Prayer:**-Almighty Father, you love and care for us just as you did for your children in the day of Moses. You are a mighty God and I serve and worship you alone. Thank you for your mighty power in my life.



### Bible Pathway Adventures

CROSSWORD

### RED SEA CROSSING



**ACROSS**

- 1) "Let us flee from the face of Israel, for \_\_\_\_\_ fights for them against the Egyptians." (Exo 14:25)
- 5) "I will harden \_\_\_\_\_ heart..." (Exo 14:4)
- 8) Leader of the Children of Israel.
- 9) "The waters returned and covered the chariots, the \_\_\_\_\_ and all the army of Pharaoh..." (Exo 14:28)
- 11) "Yahweh caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were \_\_\_\_\_." (Exo 14:21)

**DOWN**

- 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ of God, went before the camp of Israel.
- 3) The Hebrews walked through the sea on dry \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) A horse-drawn vehicle used in war and races in ancient Egypt.
- 6) The Egyptian \_\_\_\_\_ chased the Hebrews across the desert.
- 7) Moses stretched out his \_\_\_\_\_ to divide the sea.
- 10) Yahweh looked down on the Egyptian army through the \_\_\_\_\_ of fire and cloud.
- 12) The Hebrews used to live in this land.

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**Word of encouragement from youth to youth!**

**By: Wandile Mkhwanazi**

Success is not about earning. It is not about status quo. Success is about having the freedom to follow your passion. It is about living your dreams. Success is about waking up in the morning and say, "I am born again!" As young people we are faced with many challenges. However, it is up to you to remain positive at all times and believe in God with all your heart. Word of encouragement: May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind towards each other that Christ Jesus had.

Be blessed and encouraged to encourage others!



# LOL Corner

What happens when you throw a green stone in the red sea?  
It gets wet!

How did your mom know you hadn't washed your face?  
I forgot to wet the soap!

I'd tell you another joke about a pencil.  
But it doesn't have any point!



## Yummy Biscuit Dough Pizza

### Ingredients

- 185g butter softened
- 185g golden caster sugar
- 150g soft light brown sugar
- 2 medium eggs beaten
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 335g self raising flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 200g chocolate chips
- 200g dark chocolate, melted
- 25g giant white chocolate buttons
- 25g mini marshmallows
- 25g strawberries sliced

### Method

Heat the oven to 180C. Beat the butter and sugars together in a large bowl using an electric whisk or table top mixer. Pour in the beaten eggs and vanilla, beating well until combined. Sift in the flour and salt and fold until evenly combined. Scatter over the chocolate chips and stir until they are rippled throughout the dough. Roll into a big round biscuit and place onto a large baking sheet covered with wax paper. If the dough feels very soft at this stage pop it in the fridge for 30 minutes to firm up. Bake in the preheated oven for 25 minutes until golden at the edges and still a little wobbly in the middle. Leave to cool for a couple of minutes before topping.

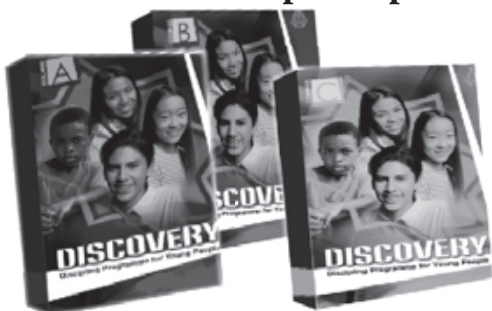
Spread the melted chocolate over the biscuit, sprinkle with giant chocolate buttons, mini marshmallows and strawberries. Cut into about 15 slices and serve while it is still a little warm.



ENJOY!

## Youth and Children's Ministry Resources

Discipleship material for Junior Soldiers and Young People



Resources are FREE !! Contact your Divisional Youth Officer for more information.

## Upcoming Children and Youth Events

MAY		30-2 July	Y Connexion	9-16	Feet First and Campaign
28 May			- Eastern Kwa-Zulu Natal Division		- Western Cape Division
- 4 June	Child Protection Week	30-2 July	Y Connexion	14-16	Y Connexion
28	2nd Sunday School Outreach		- Northern Kwa-Zulu Natal Division		- Central Division
JUNE		30-2 July	Y Connexion	18	Mandela day
4	2nd Decision Sunday		- Mid Kwa-Zulu Natal Division	AUGUST	
16	Youth Day	JULY		2-6	Kwa-Zulu Natal Provincial Music Camp
25	2nd Youth Sunday	7-9	Y Connexion	6-12	Regional Music Camp in Zimbabwe
			- Eastern Cape Division		

# Territorial Y-Connexion

Coming  
Soon



**DURBAN**  
**6-8 JULY 2018**