

Global View

NEWS OF SOUTHERN OFFICERS AND LAY PERSONNEL SERVING AROUND THE WORLD

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"QUITE ORDINARY" is how Brigadier Eunice Blackie described her officership. Take a moment to read this and see if you agree.

Born into the home of Ronald Hunter and Olive (Birkett) Blackie on January 27, 1918 in England, Eunice's father was a gifted bandsman from Scotland. At age nine, she emigrated with her family to the United States, first settling in Michigan, then in Butler, Pennsylvania, where they linked up to the Salvation Army Corps, where Eunice was converted at a young age and was involved in all the usual youth programs of that day. She graduated from High School and later, following a move to Buffalo, NY, excelled as a stenographer.

On September 11, 1940, Eunice left her place in the Buffalo Citadel Corps to enter the New York School for Officer Training as part of the "Crusaders" session. She had three appointments assisting before becoming a Corps Officer, first in Hudson and then Saratoga, NY. From 1944 she served in the following Departments of Territorial Headquarters over the next 33 years—Youth, Home League, War Service, Property, Chief Secretary's Office, Divisional Guard Director, Territorial Guard & Sunbeam Director, Office Manager for Legal Department, Secretary to the Chief Secretary, Assistant Personal Secretary and Assistant Field Secretary.

In 1977, Eunice became the Secretary to the National Commander. On January 27, 1980, Brigadier Eunice Blackie retired in a Service conducted by Commissioner and Mrs. Ernest W. Holtz, National Commander at that time. It was noted that the simplicity of the retirement ceremony, by her request, marked the culmination of years of humble service to her Lord in the ranks of the Salvation Army.

Following retirement she would often visit family in California, however, she settled in Florida, where she was a member of a "Kitchen Band" which visited nursing homes and was also involved in servicing and planning "Meals on Wheels" Centers, continuing to bring joy and blessing to "others". She said of herself, "no unique or universal service—mine has been quite ordinary."

Her nephew, David said her passion in life was "others". No wonder this beautiful woman of God is described by many as a truly humble servant of the Lord, who lived according to God's standard for living, blessing people in many ways, including her beautiful ministry on the piano.

Her favorite Scripture verse was Isaiah 40:31, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." On September 5, 2011, from her home in Sarasota, Florida, God who walked with Brigadier Eunice Blackie since her conversion, welcomed her into His glorious Kingdom.

I am certain that "all" was not said or known about Eunice, we "knew" her for many years through the cards that she sent to us and other missionaries. She was our prayer support. She was not an ordinary person. God made her special and more like her are needed.

INDEPENDENCE FOR THE THIRD WORLD CHURCH

by Pius Wakatama (*Inter Varsity Press, 1976*)

This is an African perspective on missionary work, analyzing a movement (about 40 years ago) that called for a moratorium on missions and missionaries "from the West". Some of them claimed that western missions were detrimental to the indigenous churches. Others were grateful for and rejoiced that the missions had accomplished their goal of establishing successful indigenous churches which could now take over the task. A third group said that the continued presence of the missions and missionaries would hinder the further growth of evangelization. Still other African voices rejected the call for a moratorium on theological (biblical) grounds, but also cited "the economic consequences" of a missionary pullout.

The author of this book represents another group which calls for a "selective moratorium" on missionaries which would get rid of less-than-helpful missionaries (and prevent similar new ones from coming out), by setting up qualifications for specific needs, such as the training of indigenous ministers.

Perhaps many of the problems dealt with in the book (and even some of the solutions suggested) may not be appropriate for our situations today, but we can certainly learn from them some principles for intelligent and sensitive cooperation between nationals and foreigners in the Great Commission work.

One can easily see that there are capable and spiritual nationals giving deep thought to how best to win the world for Christ.

PRAYER CONCERNS: After you pray, why not drop the person or persons prayed for a line or send an email of encouragement and blessing. More information can be found at www.salvationarmymissions.org.

Please Pray For:

MAJORS RON & CAROL BUSROE (HAITI) as they give leadership handling the details of the rebuilding project. Give thanks for those who have participated in the "10 for Haiti" project. ron_busroe@car.salvationarmy.org

MAJORS BRAD & ANITA CALDWELL (REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA) as they give leadership to their officers and soldiers with a plan for Spiritual Growth Development. Pray for the country as they face elections in Oct. '12. Give thanks for a successful Angel Tree program this Christmas. caldwell_eec@yahoo.com

CAPTAIN MAUREEN DIFFLEY (UKRAINE) that she will be used of God in her multi-responsibilities as Divisional Secretary, Projects Officer and League of Mercy Officer. Give thanks for her willingness to serve. maureen_diffley@hotmail.com

MAJORS FRANK & ELIZABETH DURACHER (AUSTRALIA—SOUTHERN TERRITORY) for the War Cry and Libby's responsibilities among other things, as THQ Chaplain. Pray for their family back in the USA & for God's will for Robin (a niece). Give thanks for the small blessings that God sends their way. Frank_Duracher@aus.salvationarmy.org

CAPTAIN NANCY FABAL (KENYA) for her service as the Secretary for the Chief Secretary in Kenya East Territory. Pray for protection in the civil unrest. Give thanks for the provision that God gives. Nancy_Fabal@KYA.SalvationArmy.org

LT. COLONELS GARY & SUZANNE HAUPT (EASTERN EUROPE) for their appointments as Secretary for Business Administration and Projects Officer. Pray for their continued adjustment. Thank God for their willing service. gary_haupt@eet.salvationarmy.org

COLONELS KENNETH & PAULA JOHNSON (EASTERN EUROPE) for their leadership to the Eastern Europe Territory. Pray for the officers spread out over five countries. Give thanks for those who support the work. Kenneth_johnson@eet.salvationarmy.org

CAPTAINS SERGE & CELIMENE LALANNE (HAITI) for their appointments as Divisional Projects Officer and Associate Divisional Youth Secretary. Pray for safety and protection as they travel about. Give thanks for the young people who are responding to God's will. Serge_LaLanne@car.salvationarmy.org

CAPTAINS LUIS & LAURA MELENDEZ (JAMAICA) that God will fit them and use them at the Training College. Pray for financial stability for the work. Pray for the Cadets. Give thanks for their fifth grandchild born December 15. Luis_Melendez@car.salvationarmy.org

LT. COLONELS WILLIAM & DEBRA MOCKABEE (SRI LANKA) for their responsibilities as Chief Secretary and Secretary for Women's Ministries. Pray for success in the finances of the work. Give thanks for the opportunities to make a difference in the lives of children. William_mockabee@sri.salvationarmy.org

MAJORS VICTOR & ELLEN TIDMAN (RUSSIA) for solution to their visa issues. Pray for the expansion of the Army's work. Give thanks for pledged funding for a new van to help HIV infected mothers and children. vtidman@pitersa.ru

CAPTAINS MATTHEW & REBECCA TRAYLER (TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS) for them with their children Hannah, Aubrey and Mason. Pray for a larger corps building and a permanent quarters. Give thanks for the opportunities that are theirs and the folks who are responding. Matthew_Trayler@car.salvationarmy.org

CAPTAINS LUIS & LUCY VIERA (SOUTH AMERICA EAST) for their influence and teaching especially with the youth. Pray for their visits to corps and opportunities to have seminars. Give thanks for their family here serving in the field and as Cadets at the SFOT. Luis_Viera@sae.salvationarmy.org

LT. COLONELS AL & MARY WARD (BRAZIL) as they return from Brazil and prepare for retirement. Pray for an orderly transition for Colonels Nesterenko and their school age children transferring from Peru. Give thanks for the service the Wards have given in Brazil. Al_Ward@bra.salvationarmy.org

CAPTAINS BOBBY & ANNE WESTMORELAND (UKRAINE) for their ministry and leadership to those in the field. Pray for new soldiers enrolled. Pray for Captain Bobby's mom. Give thanks for all the progress made this first year. Bobby_Westmoreland@eec.salvationarmy.org

MAJORS DIETER & BARBARA ZIMMERER (SCOTLAND) for their appointment as Corps Officers in Hamilton, Scotland and for discipleship courses to begin in January. Pray for spiritual and numerical growth. Pray for daughter Christina (12). Give thanks for victories won. Dieter_zimmerer@uk.salvationarmy.org

Please share with others these needs as your prayers do make the difference.

SPECIAL DATES COMING UP

(Birthdays unless otherwise noted)

JANUARY

- 9 Major Carol Busroe, Haiti
- 26 Major Libby Duracher, Australia

MARCH

- 1 Captain Serge LaLanne, Haiti
- 16 Majors Busroe, Haiti (Anniversary)
- 24 Capt. Luis Melendez, Jamaica
- 31 Capt. Matt Trayler, Turks & Caicos

APRIL

- 19 Lt. Colonels Haupt, E. Europe (Anniversary)
- 23 Capt. Bobby Westmoreland, Ukraine

AN UNKNOWN POET'S MISSIONARY CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIANS:

*Give us a watchword
for this hour,
A thrilling word,
a word of power,
A battle cry, a flaming breath
That calls to conquest
or to death!
A word to rouse the church
from rest,
To heed the Master's
high behest;
The call is given,
ye hosts, arise;
Our watchword is evangelize!*

*The glad evangel
now proclaim
Thru all the earth in
Jesus' name;
This word is ringing
thru the skies:
Evangelize! Evangelize!
To dying men, a fallen race,
Make known the gift
of gospel grace.
The world that now
in darkness lies
Evangelize! Evangelize!*