



NEWS OF SOUTHERN OFFICERS AND LAY PERSONNEL SERVING AROUND THE WORLD

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More information can be obtained about our overseas personnel on the internet at www.salvationarmymissions.org

EVERY CORPS NEEDS AN ACTIVE MISSIONARY SERGEANT. ARE YOU ONE?

Michael Rackstraw (shown here with his Missionary Prayer Board) has been commissioned as the Missionary Sergeant of the Jonesboro, GA, Corps. He keeps the board up-to-date with information on Southern personnel serving overseas, speaks in Corps meetings about them and encourages World Service giving, and he sees to it that our missionaries receive a card from the Corps when they have birthdays or anniversaries. He also passes out printings which are informative and challenging, under the title "Missionary Moments." Below is an excerpt from one of his recent writings:



At a local church recently a husband and wife, having returned from their mission field (a remote island in the Far East), spoke of their ministry to a Sunday School class. They lived as the natives lived—eating crocodile or monkey meat. The tribe nearest to the one where they served was over an hour away on the island.

In the question and answer period following their presentation, someone asked, "Are you teaching the natives to speak English?" Taken aback, the missionaries responded that there was no need for the natives to learn English, since they lived their entire lives without hearing anyone speak it.

The question highlights how many of us (Americans) think about missionary life. We can hardly imagine a "world" in which no one would ever need to know a word of English, yet in so many parts of the world that is the case.

The same can be said of our technology. What use would it be in a part of the world where electricity is not known, or even where it "comes and goes" too often?

When God calls a missionary to leave home, it all too often means leaving even the "mindset" of home. A new language, a new culture, different values, and different "weight" to the same concepts. Let our prayers for our overseas personnel include petitions for wisdom to learn what needs to be learned so that the Gospel can be communicated in the most effective way IN the cultures they are called to serve.

IF YOU ARE THE MISSIONARY SERGEANT IN YOUR CORPS, PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW EACH M/SGT AND SHARE IDEAS. E-MAIL: Evelyn_Repass@uss.salvationarmy.org

LT. COLONEL ETHEL CLEVELAND AND COMMISSIONER FLORENCE NEEDHAM

As we remember these two soldier-saints who were recently promoted to Glory, we pay tribute to them as having served overseas.

Commissioner Needham served with her husband in England and in the Caribbean Territory. Life in Jamaica was quite an eye-opener as to the differences in standards of living. Their hearts and prayers were forever on the mission field.

Lt. Colonel Cleveland served with her husband as leaders of Mexico when it was a Division of the USA Southern Territory. I can still hear her recorded voice fervently quoting "Santo, santo, santo," the Spanish version of the hymn "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty."

The Master who called you
And went with you
And blessed your service
Now welcomes you to Glory
And rewards your faithfulness.



Josiah Dooley's Enrollment

AS YOU PRAY FOR THE MISSIONARIES, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

More information about them can be found on their blogs linked
at salvationarmymissions.org

MAJOR SHIRLEY ADAMS—MEXICO: Daughter Nicole graduated from High School June 21 and will be in the US to attend Loyola University in N. Orleans. Pray for Shirley as she adjusts to Nicole's absence. <shirley_adams@uss.salvationarmy.org>

MAJORS BRAD & ANITA CALDWELL—RUSSIA: Sons—Jaron graduated in NY and Justin was commissioned in Atlanta. Also remember Jason (with wife, Tracey, and baby, Gracie Maye). Continued prayer for legal registration of The Salvation Army in Moscow. <caldwell_eec@yahoo.com>

A/CAPTAINS ANTHONY & TERESA DELLA MONICA—SPAIN: As they change appointments, going from a Corps to a camp and conference center setting. For son Harley in this added adjustment. <admrevill8@aol.com>

CAPTAIN MAUREEN DIFFLEY—UKRAINE: Continued adjustment after having returned to the Ukraine following the sudden death of her father. Pray for response to projects that badly need funding and her safety as she travels. <maureen_diffley@hotmail.com>

CAPTAINS MARK & TANYA DOOLEY—UK: Mark's health as he has continued to have headaches even after the surgery. Also for their younger son, Joel, who has had a good report from the doctor and has grown 3 inches this year. Four generations of Dooleys appeared in a recent Salvationist on the occasion of Josiah's enrollment as a Junior Soldier. <radicalofficer428@yahoo.co.uk>

CAPTAIN NANCY FABAL—KENYA: Blessing and guidance during the transition of Kenya into 2 territories which has already resulted in new growth. Also for continued safety in the middle of political unrest. <nancy_fabal@EAF.SalvationArmy.org>

CAPTAINS MARK & BARBARA JACOBS—PHILIPPINES: Barbara's shoulder surgery went very well and the range of motion is almost what it should be. Inspiration as to how best to use now in ministry the skills learned in the business world before officership. <mjacobs030154@yahoo.com>

MAJORS ROY & JACQUELYNN JOHNSON—KENYA: For their continued adjustment and understanding of the lifestyle and protection in the face of so much political unrest and uncertainty in the country. Pray for their influence on the Cadets and Officers. <rcjohnson1954@yahoo.com>

MAJOR WARD & CAPTAIN MICHELE MATTHEWS—CARIBBEAN TERRITORY: Continued political unrest and food shortages in Haiti; on the praise side, 4 potential members of a new Advisory Board there. Break-in robberies affected members of a work/mission team serving at the School for the Blind. <michele.matthews@car.salvationarmy.org>

KALLY PROCTOR—ARGENTINA: That God will guide her in how to act upon her passion for young people enslaved in drugs and gangs. God's will for her future service. <silver576@aol.com>

MAJORS VICTOR & ELLEN TIDMAN—RUSSIA: Funds to help people out in the cold, for a larger building with better access, for equipment for a clinic and a piano. Wisdom in managing a budget with drastic shortfalls because the dollar continues to drop (23%). <vtidman@pitersa.ru, etidman@pitersa.ru>

LT. COLONELS AL & MARY WARD—BRAZIL: For the officers who often suffer problems of isolation because of the vast distances between appointments. For guidance in the use of Self Denial funds drastically shrunk in value because of the decline in the dollar. For wisdom as new services are developed within new guidelines set by the government. <Al_Ward@bra.salvationarmy.org>

MAJORS DON & JEAN WILSON—GUATEMALA: Guidance as to what program they should develop in Tecpan, protection for all the Corps who are being threatened by gangs wanting extortion money. For funds for roof repairs and chairs for the Home League room. <Donald_Wilson@uss.salvationarmy.org>

MAJORS FRANCISCO & CAROLYN ZUNIGA—MEXICO: That the Lord will guide in what will happen when they return to the USA at the end of 2008, and who will replace them. For the officers in their Division (they have very demanding appointments, especially those in Children's Homes, and most lack experience). <JonesyJBU@aol.com>

PLEASE ADD TO YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING WHO ARE TO GO OUT IN JULY:

MAJORS DAVID AND CLARA HODGE—to a Spanish-speaking Corps in the French-speaking city of Geneva, Switzerland.

MAJORS ALLEN AND ESTHER SATTERLEE—to leadership of a Jamaica Division, the Caribbean.

CAPTAINS RANDALL AND BARBARA WILSON—to the island of St. Maarten, in the Caribbean.

CAPTAINS MATTHEW AND REBECCA TRAYLER—to the Bahamas, also the Caribbean Territory.

SPECIAL DATES FOR OVERSEAS PERSONNEL:

JULY

13 Anniv—Captains Della Monica, Spain

27 B'day—Major Matthews, Caribbean

28 B'day—Kally Procter, Argentina

AUGUST

2 B'day—Lt. Colonel Al Ward, Brazil

3 B'day—Major Francisco Zuniga, Mexico

8 Anniv—Majors Wilson, Guatemala

14 B'day—Major Ellen Tidman, Russia

25 Anniv—Majors Johnson, Kenya

25 Anniv—Majors Tidman, Russia

31 B'day—Major Bradley Caldwell, Russia

SEPTEMBER—NONE

OCTOBER

7 B'day—Josiah Dooley, England

18 B'day—Captain Teresa Della Monica,
Spain

27 B'day—Captain Barbara Jacobs,
Philippines