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Southern initiative recaptures spirit of missional communities

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The USA Southern Territory will greet the year 2010 with an initiative called (re) effect that empowers Salvationists to transform their communities through a missional lifestyle. The (re) effect initiative includes three components: mission at the corps level, leadership development and an annual mission-focused event.

Referencing the territorial mission statement, "answering God's call to make radical followers of Jesus Christ who love inclusively, serve helpfully and disciple effectively in the communities where they live," the (re) effect initiative has a similar purpose: to equip Salvationists for mission through a (re)newed love for others, a (re)invigorated commitment to service and a (re)kindled passion for discipling and training future leaders of The Salvation Army. "The (re) effect is looking for anyone willing to integrate this mission into the

communities where they live, whether it's the neighborhoods of the Mississippi Delta or the housing projects of Washington, D.C.," said Kelly Pope, special events coordinator for the Youth Department.

This initiative can be applied in suburban, rural or urban settings, added Pope. "We want to encourage people to be missional; it just means that you're actively involved in taking the love of God to your community."

The Reclaim conference will be the first event of the (re) effect initiative, held in Atlanta Jan. 15-17, 2010. The conference will feature general sessions and workshops focused into six streams: Innovation, inspiring and equipping Salvationists to discover new avenues for outreach; Justice, encouraging soldiers to keep meeting the needs of the most desperate in their community and their world; Prophetic, (re)kindling delegates' desire to dream

about the future of the Army; Fear, helping Salvationists overcome obstacles and doubts that hinder them from moving forward, and Effectiveness, enabling God-honored vision to become reality with practical steps and strategies.

Special guests include Alan Hirsch, founding director of Forge Mission Training Network; Phyllis Tickle, founding editor of the Religion Department of Publishers Weekly, the international journal of the book industry, and Reggie McNeal, a leadership development coach. The conference will also feature a missions fair at which missions organizations will host booths so that corps can partner with them to accomplish the mission more effectively.

"One of the things we're lacking is a practical takeaway for people to implement what inspires them at Salvation Army conferences. This is 'the how,'" said Pope.

Brooke Turbyfill



Alan Hirsch



Phyllis Tickle



Reggie McNeal

FOCUSED ON THE MISSION: Florida's 13 SAMS share commitment to evangelism



Thirteen SAMS positions currently held in the Florida Division represents the largest contingency in the USA Southern Territory. The Florida SAMS are shown with their divisional commander, Lt. Colonel Vern Jewett.

By Major Frank Duracher
SOUTHERN SPIRIT STAFF

Of the 50 Salvation Army mission specialist (SAMS) positions made available to mission-minded Salvationists of the Southern Territory, the Florida Division boasts 13 – making that group the largest of the nine divisions. Combine that with the reality that all 13 Florida SAMS are totally committed to evangelism you have a potent force to "Lift Jesus Higher" in each community where they presently serve.

"I don't know anything that has more of an impact on the territory, in terms of mission, than the SAMS program," said Lt. Colonel Vern Jewett, Florida divisional commander. "I can see what a tremendous boon it is to have someone dedicated to the mission (in each community). And that's what we're all about: dedicated to mission."

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MAJOR JIM MCGEE



Offended

Ralph was so offended that he said he was never coming back to the corps as long as I was there. As Ralph walked out the door on the previous Sunday, he told me that he had been offended by the young African-American teenagers in service. He told me that if I didn't do something about "them" he would. I told him as long as I was the corps officer, the young men were going to stay. He told his brother that he was not coming back to the corps because he was offended by the fact that I had not shaken his hand before the holiness meeting started. He was offended.

She was offended. The corps sergeant-major told me she was offended by the loud and boisterous behavior of the children. I said to her, "Well, they didn't really do anything before the meeting and we have an adult sitting with each child that sits in holiness meeting – what did they do?"

"After the holiness meeting, while people were leaving, the children were playing and laughing on the front lawn. It is very disrespectful." She was offended.

The teenagers were offended by Sis. They were all talking about how Sis made them uncomfortable and that they were offended by her actions. New to the appointment, I asked them what the offensive act was. "She is always staring at us during the meeting, like we are up to something." The next Sunday I looked out at the congregation just as the meeting started; Sis was staring straight ahead. But as soon as the first song was done, Sis sat down, swung around in her seat and started to stare down the teenagers. The stare-down continued all the way through the meeting. The teenagers were offended by her actions and by my apparent lack of action in addressing the situation.

In talking with the corps sergeant-major about Sis, he told me that Sis had been staring at people for 30 years and that probably wasn't going to change. "You know, Sis is Sis, she has a condition and we just love her where she is at." I spoke with the teenagers; they felt like I hadn't done anything and was taking sides. The teenagers were offended.

It is hard to say how many times in my life I have heard someone say they were offended by the words or deeds of other people. I too have been offended by things said or done to me. Sometimes I wonder what offends Jesus, and how much or little those offenses resemble those that bother us.

I am offended that you failed to greet me at the grocery store. Jesus is offended by my failure to take the time to find out what is distracting you in your life. I am offended that someone took the last deviled egg at the corps luncheon. Jesus is offended that I didn't know that was the first meal that person has had since Friday at noon. I am offended that a person fell asleep during a Sunday school class. Jesus is offended that I didn't know that they had been at the emergency room all night long with an elderly parent. I am offended that they showed up in the holiness meeting wearing shorts. Jesus is offended that I am not joyous they chose Jesus that morning, rather than sleeping in that day. I am offended by the trivial and the small irritants of life. Jesus is offended by my inability to get over myself and recognize the true wounds and deep hurts afflicted on and suffered by his beloved children.

My prayer to seek God's forgiveness for my nature to be offended over the wrong things is this, from 1 Kings 8: *Then from heaven, your dwelling place, hear their prayer and their plea, and uphold their cause. And forgive your people, who have sinned against you; forgive all the offenses they have committed against you, for they are your people and your inheritance.*

Raindrops keep fallin' on my head

Much of the Southeast has suffered through a drought for the past two years. But on a recent Monday a huge storm seemed to make up for it. Flood waters rose and claimed 10 lives. What happened around Atlanta made national news.

Rain is used in literature as a vehicle for sadness. If a scene in a book, movie or song is rainy, think sorrow.

There's a lot of rain in the world today. There are dictators whose regimes threaten our way of life. Another child is kidnapped, later to be found dead or not found at all. Christians are persecuted and ridiculed at every revelation in the tabloids of infidelity or impropriety. The rain keeps coming and my eyes are turning red.

Jesus observed in Matthew 5:45 that *the Father sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust*. No one is immune to trouble. The great news is that for the born-again believer, crying is only temporary.

Mrs. Major Mildred Wynn



Mrs. Major Mildred Wynn was promoted to Glory Sept. 15, 2009, from Fort Smith, Ark., after a long illness. The funeral service was held at Kibler United Methodist Church in Alma, Ark., with Reverends Vida Williams and Herschel McClurkin officiating. A second service was held in her previous

hometown of Memphis, Tenn., with burial at Memphis Memory Gardens.

Mildred Mims was born Nov. 10, 1926, in Memphis to A.D. and Ethel Mims. She later entered officer training in Atlanta as a member of the Faithful session and was commissioned an officer June 3, 1957. Most of her service as an active officer was spent in corps appointments in the Alabama-Louisiana-Mississippi Division. Her last appointment prior to her retirement Dec. 31, 1979, was Middlesboro, Ky., and she made her retirement home in Memphis. On Nov. 27, 2004, she and Major James Wynn were married and they made their home in Fort Smith, Ark.

Mildred was a humble, faithful servant of God, hard-working, caring and thoughtful in her ministry, loving those whom she served.

She is survived by her husband, Major James Wynn; daughter Docia Kenny; sons Alan and David Bowers; eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; step-daughter Margaret Whitehead; and stepsons Michael, John and Richard Wynn.

A/Captain Anthony Della Monica



A/Captain Anthony Della Monica was promoted to Glory Oct. 2, 2009. A/Captain Della Monica was a Southern overseas officer commanding Camp Saron, Spain, along with his wife, A/Captain Teresa Della Monica. He was 59.

The Della Monicas had served in that appointment since November 2007. They were commissioned June 1, 2007.

Captain Della Monica is survived by his wife, Teresa, and their children, Brian, Tony, Jennifer, Josh, Adam, Chad and Harley.

MAJOR FRANK DURACHER



Someone asked Connie Hager, the wife of our new territorial sergeant-major, why God allows bad things to happen. Her answer revealed a depth of faith that we should all have: "It's not God's fault; it's Adam's!"

Connie speaks from experience. She's been diagnosed with breast cancer but believes in a Heavenly Father who loves her with all of his great heart. Crying's not for her.

I'm sure it's raining where you live. If it isn't, it will be. It is all because of the world we live in and the climate we've inherited. As for me, well, it won't be long till happiness steps up to greet me.

Yep – raindrops keep falling on my head. They keep falling. But the Son is coming.

PROMOTED TO GLORY



Brigadier Arthur Ward

Brigadier Arthur Ward was promoted to Glory Sept. 16, 2009, from Hopkinsville, Ky., following an extended illness. The funeral service was held at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Howard H. Wellen, Rev. Paige Williams and Lt. Colonel Richard Norris

participating. The burial was at Green Hill Memorial Gardens with Lt. Colonel Norris and Dr. Wellen officiating.

Arthur Wesley Ward was born Oct. 28, 1917, in London, Ontario, to Alfred George and Annie Ward. When he was 6 years old he moved with his family to Miami, where they continued their soldiery as a part of the Miami Citadel Corps, where his father became the bandmaster and Art played the cornet. He entered training in Atlanta with the Enthusiasts session and was commissioned June 6, 1938. His corps appointments as a single officer were West Palm Beach, Fla., and Brunswick, Ga. On Nov. 20, 1940, he was married to sessionmate Lieutenant Esther Luker. They served as corps officers in Brunswick and Lakeland and Tampa, Fla. After serving on the Kentucky-Tennessee-Arkansas divisional staff, they returned to field appointments as city commander in Memphis, Tenn.; Charlotte, N.C.; Tulsa, Okla.; and Richmond, Va. Esther Ward was promoted to Glory on Oct. 18, 1976. On Oct. 28, 1977, Art retired after 39 years of service as an officer. He was married to Glynn Bagby after his retirement, and they made their home in Hopkinsville.

He made significant contributions in the areas where he served, meeting specific needs of each community where his driving force always saw programs, facilities and finances grow. He was particularly successful in his ability to raise much-needed funds for capital improvements, especially in Memphis, Tulsa and Richmond.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Glynn; sons Dr. Arthur Ward Jr., Harry A. Ward and James W. Ward; daughters Anne Ward Raines, Ruth Esther Ward and Mary Catherine Cothran; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Love ... no matter what!

Perhaps you remember where you were. As for me, I was standing in a newsstand in London's Heathrow airport when I read for the first time of the passing of Michael Jackson. As I drank in the headlines I became aware that everyone in the shop was captivated by the same headline. I must admit that since that time I have been intrigued by the sad events of his life and untimely death as they have begun to unfold. Most recently I listened with interest as a recording was aired of Michael sharing with his trusted friend his various struggles of life. And then he shared the most tragic statement of all. "The fame, the fortune ... I wanted it all because I hoped that through them I would feel a love that I so desperately needed." Yet, he acknowledged that, even with all the shouting admirers, he never fully found the illusive love he longed to achieve.

We know that in this world there are people

walking this same "moon walk" of life. While seeming to move forward in seeking out love and acceptance, they feel themselves only moving backwards. They stumble through life, perhaps passing many of us in the hallways of our offices or schools, seeking only to be loved and accepted for who they are. This is especially true as we Salvationists of the Southern Territory strive to "love inclusively" those who come through the doors of our halls seeking help, hope, perhaps community, in which they can feel loved. It brings to my heart a sense of conviction wondering if I have passed by a seeking soul and missed an opportunity to simply love in the name of Jesus.

We find in Ephesians 2:4-5 an incredible truth: *But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were*

LT. COLONEL
**KENNETH
JOHNSON**



dead in transgressions. It is by grace you have been saved. In our corps around the territory we preach and teach that it is not through our own efforts, it is not through Jackson-like achievements that we have gained in this world that makes us loved. It is in the reality that "God so loved the world" that we can know with certainty that we are loved. That is why we can sing at the top of our lungs "Love lifted me!"

Waters conservatory graduates 53 young musicians

This summer 53 young people graduated from the Jack T. Waters Music Conservatory. The conservatory is a highlight of Winston-Salem Area Command's Academy of Music and Arts. Students attend the conservatory for nine weeks during the summer and receive instruction in band, music theory, art and chorus. Each student also selects an elective from a choice of classes that includes piano, guitar, strings and drum line.

The program began in 2003 with an enrollment of 15 students for nine weeks of summer study. The following summer the students produced a 30-minute musical, beginning a tradition that continues each summer. In 2006 the conservatory expanded beyond the summer session and is now offered on a year-round basis as the Academy of Music and Arts. Two years later the Winston-Salem Area Command Advisory Board resolved to name the summer program in honor of Lt. Colonel Jack T. Waters, who had recently retired as area commander.

Students from the program excel in other arenas of Army music. The academy has a strong contingent of members in the Carolina Youth Band and over the past two years recipients of the Hall Band Award at the Territorial Music Institute have been from the conservatory program.



Graduates of the 2009 Jack T. Waters Music Conservatory are shown with officers and staff.

The program is led by Jeff Clarke and David Zuniga. Fellow Salvationist Steve Sutton is the lead instructor of the academy. Sutton is a product of the Army's programs in Winston-Salem and received a

masters degree from the University of North Carolina School of Arts. The academy is recognized by the Arts Council of Winston-Salem and has received financial support from the Winston-Salem Foundation.

Dallas ARC resident discovers pleasant surprise in donation

James Winans, a resident in the Adult Rehabilitation Center in Dallas, found \$2,000 in a canister while sorting through donated items. Winans is one of the first people to inspect donations when they come into the sorting area.

"First, I just saw the envelope, so I reached in to see what it was," he said. "I pulled it out and I thought, 'Oh this is money,' and, 'Oh this is a lot of money, and it's real.'"

In the envelope were 20 \$100 bills. Winans said he didn't count it, so he didn't know exactly how much was there.



James Winans found \$2,000 in a canister that had been donated to the Dallas ARC. Winans is shown with Major Carl Earp, Dallas ARC administrator.

He immediately took the money to his supervisors who commended him for the good deed.

"Faith without good deeds is no real faith," Winans said. "The Salvation Army has been a big part in my learning that. I thank God for The Salvation Army for the help they provide me and my fellow addicts."

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I love the way God uses people in the Salvationist Service Corps. In Costa Rica, the Nicoya Corps was struggling to get by. They had four people who attended but did not even want to be enrolled as soldiers. We spent a week there, fixing up the corps building and going out into the community. Over the week, more and more people began showing up at the corps. On Sunday, when we were setting up 30 chairs for the morning meeting, the lieutenant was so excited. He said he had never had to set up so many chairs before, and that morning every seat was filled, plus a few extra added. It was amazing to see God work a miracle at that corps. What was even better was that he let my team be a part of that miracle.

Kellie Laity

It's amazing how expectations can change in a split second. I thought the Salvationist Service Corps would change my life once I arrived in Costa Rica. I had expected that the week of orientation would be a week of getting to know my teammates, planning and tons of papers we would have to read through and sign. In actuality, my life was changed before I even left the country and I had no idea. The week of orientation is designed to make sure that, no matter who you are, you are ready physically and spiritually to begin your journey. I was scared before I got there that it would hit me even harder that I didn't feel spiritually ready. I learned so much that stayed with me throughout the entire summer because of orientation.

My most memorable encounter in Costa Rica was the day we met two very special young ladies. The two girls were 13 and 15 and were born mentally disabled but still went to school and played outside. By the time they reached 10 and 12 they were both mentally and physically disabled to the point where they would never fully communicate or walk again. It hit me that it wasn't fair that they lived in Costa Rica where the doctors aren't skilled enough to treat them effectively while I am a healthy girl four years older, living in a place that has all the resources we need. The thing that got me the most was the fact that they were still living their lives the way God wanted them to. The only time they would smile or move a muscle was when we mentioned God's name or sang a song. They found the love of Christ through all of their trials and adversities while others live in perfect health and miss the true meaning of life every second of their day!

This past summer filled with unexpected adventures and hard work. But the Salvationist Service Corps is not vacation! It is made for young adults who are ready to take that next step in life by putting everything about themselves last and showing the love of God through hard work, leading services and a hug for a child. If you feel like you are not spiritually ready, don't worry, that will happen. The only thing you need is an open heart and the readiness to do anything the Lord calls upon you to do.

Sarah Raymer



SERVICE CORPS



ANTIGUA

Have you ever tried to fight with God? Have you ever argued with God about areas in your life you don't like or understand? Have you ever had to lead a group of young adults for six weeks in another country? How about having to deal with deep issues with your team and having, for the first time, an opportunity to really talk about issues that you are dealing with internally to an audience/family who really cares about your well-being and further growth with the Lord? How about having a chance to be filled with the Spirit by just holding a little child in your lap, or sitting between two young men and hearing their stories and outlook on life and feeling overwhelmed with sadness because they don't have Christ in their lives? Or maybe seeing people truly rely on the Lord for food, shelter and hope for a better day for the first time in your life. These are just a few of the experiences one will see and enjoy when he or she takes a step of faith and embarks on a journey with the Salvationist Service Corps. Don't waste an opportunity to see your life changed for the better and for the chance to see the Lord work in other parts of the world. He is alive and real, and he is waiting for you to experience that for yourself.

Josh Knapp

Before embarking on the Salvationist Service Corps to Antigua I knew God would work in a mighty way through the people there, through my teammates, and through me. I never expected, however, for my experience to change me the way it did.

My team was given the task of doing vacation Bible school at an outpost called Table Hill on the rougher side of the country for the last two weeks of the trip. Table Hill consisted of a little shack and a tiny concrete slab where about 30 children gathered excitedly every day to hear Bible stories. It was a modest little shack, but there was no better place in the world to have a VBS. The couple who owned the house, the Henrys, became my world. I instantly felt a connection with them and knew God was going to use them to speak to me somehow, some way.

During VBS, the Lord was speaking to me, and he told me to leave what remained of my money in the Henrys' bathroom. I wrestled with his words for a couple of days before I obeyed. I didn't think we were going to go back to this place after VBS was finished, but God made a way and we were back the day after we left. Like I explained before, these people had close to nothing. I had left my money in the bathroom and hoped they would find it and just take it as a blessing and not try to figure out where it came from. But the very first thing that came out of Mrs. Henry's mouth when she saw me the day we came back was, "Kendall, I believe you were the last one in the bathroom, I think you left this money in there." And she handed me the money back as easily as that.

As you can imagine, my mouth dropped at the fact that a person as poor as she was would give me my money back. I was beyond blessed and at that moment I knew I had given my money to the right people. This

is just one way that the Lord decided to reveal himself to me this summer. He used his people, his country and my teammates to show me just how amazing he is. I wouldn't trade this experience for anything and highly recom-

God revealed himself to me in so many ways this summer, but he used one lady in particular to show me how wonderful he is and how well and fully he can use a person when they are committed to living for him. One morning, one of my teammates and I attended prayer with the governmental cabinet in Antigua. Major Colbourne, a retired officer who served about 40 years, still takes care of a corps on one of the other islands occasionally. She is active at the St. John's Corps. She was leading the prayers that day, so we picked her up and drove over to the government house.

We had an opportunity to talk about things from school, how we liked Antigua, the weather and where we were in life. She talked about her work in the Caribbean and how God had chosen to use her. She reminded us to listen to what he has to say to us and to DO it. This was directed to us individually and in the context of the Army. We talked about where the Army needs improvement and how we are one of the generations who are responsible for that. She reminded us that if we don't take responsibility there is no guarantee that the Army will continue to function. Everything she said and the things she did made it evident to us that she was a woman who has a heart for God, his people and his Army.

In front of the cabinet, she selected Scripture about the government leading with wisdom and by God's statutes. She reminded them that they are responsible for the people they lead and that their job is not to fulfill their own agenda but to seek God's will in their decisions. She prayed over the people of the country, the government and the brokenness facing Antigua. She spoke with boldness, and I was reminded how important it is to hold fast to what is right and what is truth.

I was challenged, and still am, to strengthen my own foundation and to take care of what needs to be done. I can complain about what isn't getting done, or I can do my best to make something that I see wrong get better. I am blessed to have met a woman of prayer and of God like Major Colbourne. I am so thankful that we got to benefit from her wisdom and strength in him. I loved hearing her talk to Jesus. I want to be that close to him, too. I want to be his hands and feet where I am and where he sends me. I saw that in her. I could just see Jesus right through her, and it was such an amazing thing to witness.

Lindsey Hanton



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MAJOR DAVID ATKINS



Deadlines, schmedlines

Our august editor of the *Southern Spirit* has given me a fast-approaching deadline to submit my latest offering for my growing audience, numbering now in the 10s, mostly family and a few out of morbid curiosity. Normally, I'd be sitting in my windowless office in Atlanta across the hall from the face of the franchise, Lt. Colonel Larry White, who does have, at least, a partial view of the outdoors – not that I mind, of course!

Yet, I've trumped him today, as I look away from my computer here on the picnic table in the Sierra Nevada, surrounded by a forest of red-barked pines, firs and a happy-go-lucky creek tripping its way lightly down the mountainside. A Stellar's jay has just brazenly stolen my Oreo cookie off the table. Chipmunks and long-eared squirrels rule the campground with some important business to attend to before winter sets in. One squirrel is dragging a cone as big as he is to a favorite cache. Woodpeckers, sounding like two fingered typists, are boring for grubs while finches are working the low branches along the stream. It's all very officious and determined. Perhaps they're getting ready for a visit from the General, too.

Above, granite peaks are peopled with battalions of ponderosas marching downhill, shored up here and there with cosses of aspens about to get gaudy with autumn gold.

Oh, yes, where was I? Writing an article for Mr. Childs, who is surely waiting hope-against-hope that I will send him something worth your consumption. And I was going to say nothing more profound but that God must love us a lot to give us such places and moments like this. I don't think he penalizes us for taking some time off now and then to appreciate his artistic genius. You have to admit this is a clever, not-so-subtle marketing strategy that he employs to get our minds off our fevered life and back on him. God is who creates, and re-creates when we lose our way.

May I have the temerity to suggest that our Salvationists and cadre of workers take a bit of time to reflect on God's presence before the you-know-what season comes with its red kettles and attendant energy sapping needs clawing at us.

O.K., I know we can't all get away to the Sierras for this, but some kind of display of nature-lite is in a forest near you. Maybe you could carve out a few hours to do your soul some good, to re-align God's plans and purpose for you? Doing the Army's vaunted "most good" tends to drift a bit when we aren't doing our heart's most good. Well, got to go and shut this computer down, and skip some flat rocks across the water.

Deadlines, schmedlines!

Florida's SAMS missionaries working to Lift Jesus Higher across division

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Lt. Colonel Jewett made his comment while briefly addressing the SAMS missionaries who gathered at the Florida DHQ for a day-long brainstorming session and reports of victory for Jesus throughout the Sunshine State.

The SAMS missionaries gave a summary of what they are doing as an outreach at the corps to which they are assigned. Their accounts were as varied as the myriad of talents they bring to the table.

Mike and Ruth Pruitt (Tallahassee) just returned from the National Seminar on Evangelism, held in Glen Eyrie, Colo. They were anxious to put into practice what they had learned there in ministries they are conducting in the Family Store and among the university students in their town.

Ralph and Brenda Chamberlain (Gainesville) are working to rebuild the lives of 90-100 homeless people who come to the Army each day for a hot meal. Ralph preaches during the mealtime, and Brenda works with children in after-school programs. They both help oversee life-school programs, such as computer classes, a GED program and ESL (English as a Second Language) groups.

Joshua and Jennifer Ivany (Orlando) operate "The Well," a drop-in coffee house setting in the corps gymnasium. They leave Scripture verses on each table and make themselves available to those who need a listening ear.

Jay Needham (Lakeland) works through the corps social services office to target youth living in the transitional housing units. His "Center Court" worship periods are particularly popular with those who are

beginning to connect with corps programs.

Booth Jewett (St. Petersburg Downtown) operates a café in an area with a heavy concentration of drug addiction and prostitution. His aim is "to teach them that their bodies are the temple of the Lord." He also wants to change the perception many people have of the homeless.

Chris and Jessica Welch (Fort Myers) have a program they call "Crossroads," which they describe as "like a corps ARC." Crossroads is a six-month program that accommodates 30 men. Jessica conducts economical cooking classes for women in the corps shelter. Chris leads a men's singing group called "The Recovery Choir."

Daniel Diaz's (New Port Richey) ministry is in the Hope Center, where he connects people in need of a church home who come to the social services office for assistance. He directed a vacation Bible school in the child care center.

Kenneth Alston (West Palm Beach) conducts a program with as many as 25 family members of inmates in the nearby prison. He also oversees a clothing distribution from the corps Family Store and devotional services throughout the week in several venues.

"These are just a few highlights of what the Army is doing in Florida to build the Kingdom of God," said Major Howard Bratcher, divisional evangelism and adult ministries secretary who serves as liaison between SAMS missionaries and DHQ.

"People are eager and ready to serve the Lord here in Florida. A lot of good is happening in this division in the area of evangelism," he said.

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Attendance should include all Divisional Secretaries having responsibility for property matters in their divisions, divisional civilian property staff members, facility managers at the Area Command, and officers currently conducting or anticipating a new construction or major renovation project in the near future.

Questions?
Contact Katie Baxter (404) 728-6700 ext. 438

Safe From Harm training now underway in USA South

Safe From Harm, a faith-based child-abuse prevention program, is now in place throughout the Southern Territory. A one-day training session was rolled out at territorial headquarters and will make its way to each division within the next two years. Safe From Harm will provide Salvation Army officers, employees and volunteers with the tools needed to protect children from predators and compromising situations. Instructor Joseph Mole is shown here teaching the first group signed up for the course at THQ.



Major Frank Duracher



Major Frank Duracher

Some 40 DSINC members gather to discuss a variety of ideas, needs, and concerns submitted by soldiers from across the Florida Division.

DSINC provides soldiers in Florida an audible voice in divisional affairs

By Major Frank Duracher
SOUTHERN SPIRIT STAFF

With 80% of corps in the Florida Division fully committed to the concept of the Divisional Soldiers Ideas, Needs, and Concerns (DSINC), it is little wonder that soldiers have a voice in the operations of The Salvation Army in that state. Most of the 47 corps have both a representative and an alternate named to DSINC. Both are expected to attend the semi-annual meetings, usually conducted at divisional headquarters or the Tampa Corps.

"This is a strong division with many corps having a history of great local officers," said Major Larry Broome, general secretary. "These are soldiers who love the Lord with all their heart and want only to build the Kingdom of God within their community."

Two meetings are held each year, with representatives and

alternates expected to poll the soldiers in their corps to gather ideas, needs and concerns. No submission is taken lightly because you never know, as one delegate put it, "someone might come up with an outstanding idea that came out of the blue!"

"We're here to be an asset to each corps officer. This is an open forum for each Florida Salvationist who desires to make the Army more effective," said DSM Brenda Bundy, who chairs each meeting as part of her capacity as divisional sergeant-major.

"We assist; we don't usurp (the corps officers' authority)," DSM Bundy said.

"DSINC is viable and effective," said Major Howard Bratcher, divisional evangelism and adult ministries (DEAMS) secretary, and a liaison between DSINC and DHQ.

"Our goal is to do what we can

to present viable ideas and topics to the divisional commander. Our discussions and recommendations to him could make positive impacts on our corps," he said.

Soldiers of the division are canvassed for their concerns and recommendations through their corps representative. These ideas, needs and concerns are reviewed by the DSM and DEAMS secretary, along with the DSINC executive committee. An agenda is formed and thorough discussion at the general meetings ensues. Recommendations are then sent to the divisional commander for consideration. The aim, for the whole process, is to conduct the Lord's business in a timely fashion.

"Through DSINC the soldier has an avenue of communication to the divisional commander. Most corps officers are very supportive – and it shows in the growth of the corps," Major Bratcher said.

24/7 PRAYER

JUDE GOTRICH



Prayer perseverance: Timing is everything

Upon waking that morning, my very first thought was strangely clear to me – "someone prayed for me last night." I was away at a conference and through an intense schedule had developed a severe bronchial infection. I could not sleep for the coughing, and the previous day it had been evident that my condition was worsening. It is not often that I distinctly know that I have been the topic of intercession without my knowledge, but that morning was vivid – God acted as a result of praying saints.

Though my prayers were constant, that night had been the first coughless night in a week. At breakfast, my friend came to me and asked how I was feeling. I shared about the successful night. She smiled. She told me that I was prayed over as I went to my room, and then the Lord woke her in the middle of the night to pray once more. My lungs cleared of infection within a day and I returned home healthy.

Last Sunday, a soldier in our corps who has suffered immeasurably with pain in his back and legs – confounding all medical tests, long bound to a walker and crushed in spirit – stood up at the end of the meeting and walked. Without aid, he walked up the stairs of the platform, raised his arms in the air (something he hasn't done in a long time) and told the congregation that he woke up on Friday morning to the full function of his limbs, surprising a corps family who have lingered in prayer on his behalf for years!

What we both knew for certain was that with persistent prayer something extraordinary happened, and we discovered it upon our waking moments.

When we pray with persistence we seem to be looking to the heavens for God's immediate response: much like children who want fast action to their nagging. By contrast, God – in his wisdom – waits for that moment of stupor, the first waking thought planted in our minds by the Holy Spirit, to move us to prayer. Then, he responds in perfect timing, leaving us with the knowledge that only he could have done this.

What we often forget, God always remembers: timing is everything and faith is a process.

Andrew Murray wrote, "Of all the mysteries of the prayer world, the need for persevering prayer is one of the greatest. We cannot easily understand why the Lord, who so loves, should have to be petitioned time after time, sometimes year after year, before the answer comes." He goes on to say that the "believing" (faith) prayer is especially difficult. When our repeated prayers go unanswered, it is very easy to think that we have to stop praying because God has some secret reason for withholding his answer. But perhaps it has more to do with his timing and our spiritual development in the process of persistence.

Our own faith can be a powerful tool to calm us, help us focus and bring us through the process. It is an opportunity to discover more about God during our times of desperation. We can also learn more of our own perception of timing, and how it differs from God's. In desperation we pray for immediacy, but sometimes we must progress further along in our journey of faith for our prayers to become more spiritually formed. Don't let your faith be shaken, for it is a steady faith that will ultimately enable you to fully realize that your prayers have been answered. God needs time with us, to influence us while we allow ourselves just to be in his presence through prayer. Give your Father time, and he will perfect what concerns you. God will lead us from faith to vision, and we will awaken to see his glory.

THQ greets international secretary

Commissioners Larry and Gillian Bosh were special guests at Southern Territorial Headquarters, and were greeted by staff officers and employees during a special Family Time chapel service. Commissioners Bosh serve at International Headquarters in London as international secretary and international secretary of women's ministries for the Americas and Caribbean, respectively. Commissioner Larry Bosh said in his devotional message that the things we hold dear in our hearts are the things that direct our lives. His text was Proverbs 4:23 – Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. "Above all else, guard your heart!" he warned. "Be sure to put the right things in place and you will live in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the will and peace of God, the Father."



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Central Oklahoma Area Command (Oklahoma City Area)

Director of operations/programs

This position is similar to a chief operating officer and reports to the area commander. Directs operations of all staff associated with the Boys & Girls Clubs, social services, seniors feeding/transportation, development, administration and all other operations/programs. Works with advisory board and with United Way. Bachelor's degree in business/related field required, master's degree preferred. Bi-lingual (Spanish) is a plus. Position is exempt. Salary range: \$65,000-\$70,000 plus benefits package.

Director of development

The director of development provides leadership and management of fund raising and development-related activities. Directs aggressive direct fund-raising program targeting the Central Oklahoma Metro Area through a variety of financial development vehicles. Works directly and independently with local Salvation Army officers, their boards and committees. Supervised by director of operations/programs. Bachelor's degree in fund raising or related field required, master's degree preferred. Bi-lingual (Spanish) is a plus. Position is exempt. Salary range: \$60,000-



\$65,000 plus benefits package.

Director of social services

The director of social services directs all activities of the Social Service Department, including utility, food, clothing and transportation assistance, disaster case management and development of new programs to assist community residents and the homeless. Through the supervision of the residential services director and caseworkers, is responsible for overall operation of shelters and kitchen. Experience in supervision and administration of social services is required. MSW is required. Bi-lingual (Spanish) is a plus. Position is exempt. Salary range: \$47,000-\$52,000 plus benefits package.

Executive director Boys & Girls Clubs

The executive director of Boys & Girls Clubs provides overall leadership of the Boys & Girls Clubs in Enid, Muskogee (2), Oklahoma City, Ponca City and Shawnee under the supervision of the director of operations/programs and the various

advisory councils; conducts public relations and marketing functions; supervises the work of all club staff in cooperation with Salvation Army officers at the various clubs. Bachelor's degree required. Bi-lingual (Spanish) is a plus. Position is exempt. Salary range: \$43,000-\$48,000 plus benefits package.

Human resources administrator

The human resources administrator's responsibilities include handling payroll, maintaining employee data/records, new hire orientation; organizing company meetings/events; maintaining all HR applications; ensuring legal compliance pertaining to HR policies and practices. Works closely with divisional headquarters in processing employee applications. Reports to director of operations/programs. Bachelor's degree required. Bi-lingual (Spanish) is a plus. Salary range: \$30,000-\$32,000 plus benefits package.

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Chad Kwon performs with the drum line at the Jack T. Waters Music Conservatory in Winston-Salem, N.C. Story, page 3

TYI 2009 SPREADS EPIDEMIC OF HOLINESS AMONG DELEGATES AND STAFF

By Kelly Pope

Young Salvationists from across the USA Southern Territory convened at Camp Keystone in Starke, Fla., for the Territorial Youth Institute 2009 – a week filled with worship, teaching, challenging discussion and fun. The week kicked off with Majors Kelly and Donna Igleheart presenting the theme, “Epidemic: an infectious holiness,” to a crowd of delegates and staff totaling over 400 people. All week the delegates learned about the theme of holiness and the Christian response as the antidote of Christ to a sin-sick world.

Each morning, the delegates gathered for a time of Bible study led by Captain Marion Platt with spirit-filled worship by TransMission. Captain Platt outlined a personal devotions method focused around John 15. Throughout the week, delegates returned to this teaching about Jesus being the true vine and his people being the branches. Contemplative prayer time capped off each morning and prepared delegates’ hearts for the day ahead.

Bible study was followed by the second annual Areopagus, a panel discussion between the delegates and four chosen individuals: Lt. Colonel Vern Jewett, Captain Amy Reardon, Jason Pope and Captain Marion Platt. The panel spent the first day discussing holiness and its implications in everyday life and then took questions from the audience. Delegates could ask questions in person or anonymously via a suggestion box placed in the dining room. These options gave staff the opportunity to journey alongside the delegates as they sought deeper into the teachings of Jesus.

After lunch, delegates were able to choose from a range of different elective classes. Special guest teachers included Captain Rob Reardon from National Headquarters and Damien Horne, a Salvationist-turned-performing-artist from Nashville, Tenn. The electives ranged from performance-based classes such as spoken word, stomp, and choreodrama to book studies, art, discerning God’s call and purely living. Afternoons gave delegates time for activities ranging from swimming, horseback riding and a ropes course to organized games between divisions, including dodge ball, soccer, basketball, splash contests and a camper vs. staff softball game.

TYI also had three common areas for the delegates and staff to congregate: the Internet café, game room and TYI spa. The Internet café allowed delegates a chance to get something to drink and surf the Web on one of 10 laptops, and the game room was equipped with board games, card games, video games, ping pong and foosball. One of the most popular hangouts was the TYI spa, complete with massage chairs, manicures, pedicures, tea tastings and facials.

The evenings included Round Robin classes, which offered delegates missional ways they could apply what they learned at TYI to their everyday lives. Class titles were Holiness in my Music, Holiness in my Relationships, Holiness in my School, Holiness in my Environment, and Holiness in my Social Network.

Fun-filled night programs included an 80s night; a mock disaster service night; a mission-focused night; a talent show and a night of worship led by popular Christian music duo Shane and Shane.

Sunday morning, the delegates were challenged to take their newfound knowledge back to their communities. They also gave an offering to two Salvation Army children’s homes in Haiti and prayed over missionaries to Haiti, Bob and Vicki Poff (see related story).

To round out the week, elective classes performed during the Sunday evening program; awards were presented and Commissioner Max Feener led vespers at the cross. Fireworks and a dance party followed.

TYI 2009 was the beginning of an epidemic of holiness among the young people of the Southern Territory that will, ideally, extend to the far corners of the earth.

TYI 2009 EPIDEMIC: AN INFECTIOUS HOLINESS



Above, L-R, TYI staff: Christine Stavn, Captain Joy Robbins, Kelly Pope, Major Donna Igleheart, Synthe Fleming, Major Kelly Igleheart, Victoria Feener, Sheila Livingston and Tami Hewitt. Right, delegates are led in prayer Sunday morning.



Sharon Robinson



Above: Captain Lacy Parrish paints artwork on delegate Juston Oelschlaeger at the TYI spa.



Right: The Areopagus panel takes questions from the audience. L-R, Lt. Colonel Vern Jewett, Captain Amy Reardon, Jason Pope and Captain Marion Platt.

NIGHT PROGRAMS

ARE A HIT

By Kelly Pope

Traditionally, the night programs at TYI are a highlight for delegates, and this year's lineup was no exception.

Tuesday the delegates dressed up and took part in various competitions for 80s night. Costumes emerged from every division as both the delegates and staff took a trip back to that fun decade.

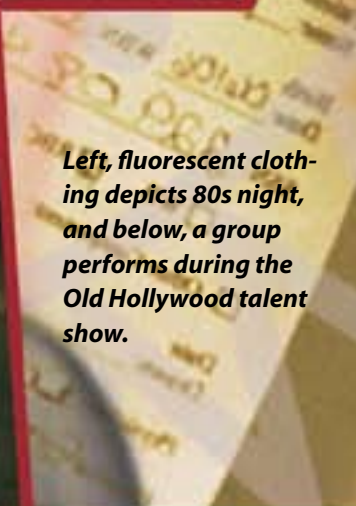
Wednesday all of the delegates competed by cabin in the Disaster Zone. Collaborating together in activities related to disasters; the delegates raced around camp to complete the tasks assigned.

Thursday launched a focus on missions with "Infecting Your World," facilitated by Jason Pope and Gabriela Broome. Delegates Skyped missionaries in Kuwait, talked with Bram Bailey of SAWSO about international development, spent time in prayer for social justice and took part in another Skype Q&A with an urban missionary that serves at The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Atlanta. The evening ended with an extended time of prayer for mission renewal in each of the four areas highlighted.

Friday brought back the TYI Talent Show as delegates from every division auditioned for a space to sing, dance, rap, participate in spoken word and even perform a timbrel drill! The theme was old Hollywood; delegates dressed in their best attire and were escorted by limousine to the arts and worship center, where old Hollywood stars were peppered throughout the crowd.

Saturday treated delegates and staff to a live performance by music duo Shane and Shane. Shane Barnard and Shane Everett led the congregation in a wonderful time of worship through their humble spirits and award-winning talent.

The night programs engaged the delegates mentally, emotionally, spiritually and physically. Following each program, TYI delegates attended vespers at the cross, concluding the day's activities just as they had begun: focusing on Christ.



Left, fluorescent clothing depicts 80s night, and below, a group performs during the Old Hollywood talent show.

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Photos
by
Sharon Robinson



Above, right: Morning Bible study and late-night vespers began and ended each day with life-changing truth.

TYI changed my life. Me and my friends get on the phone every night and pray together. We talk to each other about our lifestyles every day. I'm reading my Bible every day and praying.
- W.J.

Round robins and electives changing student perspectives

To give holiness a real-world context, daytime electives and evening round robin classes were offered to TYI delegates.

Special interest electives covered topics such as drumline, leadership, art and photography. The photography elective, titled "Photography as a Ministry," helped delegates see beyond just artistic value in taking photos.

Sharon Robinson, volunteer coordinator for the Northwest Arkansas Area Command, has a bachelor's degree in fine art photography and taught the class how to share their testimony through their photos.

Robinson assigned each delegate a project: to take a photo, alter it using Photoshop and incorporate Scripture to convey a message through the image.

"The class was wonderful, creative and energetic," she said. "Even those with no art background were able to produce a wonderful testimony."

Round robin classes preceded the night programs and examined how to think about the environment, school, relationships, music and social situations from a perspective of holiness.

Carlton Gajadhar, TYI counselor, taught the round robin titled "Holiness in My Environment." It explored the Biblical basis for caring for the environment and taught practical ways to do it. Suggestions included recycling, buying locally grown food and using energy-efficient lighting.

"The hope was that delegates would go home and change some of the choices they made," said Joy Mikles, territorial young adult and mission deployment specialist.

Right, clockwise: Miguel Bueno, a photography student, combined a verse from Psalm 116 and his photo to tell his story; Emma Edelman captured a shot of teacher Sharon Robinson discussing images with Miguel Bueno; and the drama elective class performed.



80s night brought out the late Michael Jackson as missions is emphasized by Gabriela Broome; Christian and Shane lead worship; and Old Hollywood night begins at the Disaster Zone.

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TYI 2009 AWARDS

Commissioner's Award

This award is presented to one female and one male who best represent outstanding qualities and character throughout TYI. Qualities include: behavior above reproach; cooperative attitude in all areas; cabin kindness and willingness to help with cabin-related activities; class participation; compassion for needs of others and demonstrates Christ-like character.

All nominations are made by staff; once a decision is reached, all other nominees are evaluated for the Territorial Youth Secretary's Award.

Barbara Fetz Memorial Leadership Award

This award is presented to the local officer TYI program staff member who best models leadership attributes of Barbara Fetz – who served as a faithful local officer of the Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Corps and a TYI staff member. These leadership attributes include: genuine love for young people; sacrificial giving of time on behalf of young people; Christ-like leadership (servanthood) and total commitment and involvement in overall lives of young people.

Nominations and the decision for this award are made by the Territorial Youth Leadership team.

Steven D. Lanier Memorial Award

This award is presented to the male or female delegate who exemplifies the value of the characteristics that were so evident in the late Major Steven D. Lanier. These outstanding qualities are: happiness, the ability to see joy in most circumstances; joy, an attribute which comes from peacefulness of heart and intense happiness of a true Christian character; consistency, an essential quality to maintain coherency with something which has already been established or implied; unbiased, a devotion of excellence to see worth and value in all people regardless of race, religious orientation or economic status; and compassion, a commitment to feel sympathy or empathy and to offer the best of oneself in addressing the needs of others.

Recommendations and the decision are made by the territorial youth secretary, TYI leadership team and program staff.

Commissioner's Award

Fabienne Pierre
Ryan "Knowledge" White

Territorial Youth Secretary's Award

Justin Vincent
Jennifer Smith

Steven D. Lanier Memorial Award

Will Keplinger

Barbara Fetz Memorial Leadership Award

Joey Robinson



Top left, clockwise: Major Donna Igleheart, Commissioner Max Feener, Ryan "Knowledge" White, Fabienne Pierre and Major Kelly Igleheart after White and Pierre won The Commissioner's Award; Majors Kelly and Donna Igleheart with Will Keplinger, winner of the Steven D. Lanier Memorial Award; Jennifer Smith and Justin Vincent, TYS Award winners, are all smiles alongside Majors Kelly and Donna Igleheart; and Joey Robinson, staff award winner, holds his Barbara Fetz Memorial Leadership Award.

Bottom left: Youth were generous givers to two children's homes in Haiti, and below, Nathan Bridges congratulates Vicki Poff, who accepted the donation on behalf of each home.

Holiness theme invites generous acts of giving during TYI

Early in the week at TYI 2009, delegates were encouraged to give out of their own pockets to purchase school books and Bibles for two Salvation Army children's homes in Haiti: Bethany Children's Home in Fondes Negres and La Maison du Bonheur in Port Au Prince. When Sunday morning's offering was collected, the count neared \$3,000. The delegates chipped in again to even the amount to \$3,000, and Commissioner Max Feener, territorial commander, added \$7,000 on top of that.

Bob and Vicki Poff, missionaries from the school, graciously accepted the \$10,000 contribution with tears in their eyes. "To say that we were overwhelmed is putting it mildly," said Bob Poff.

The money will be used to give children Bibles in their native language of Creole; textbooks to improve their education and give each child his own bedding, adding to their assurance that they are in a clean, safe environment.

"We are so grateful to the TYI delegates for their sacrificial giving!" shared Poff. "They demonstrated that this generation understands the importance of giving to the lost, the last and the least...and to Commissioner and Mrs. Feener, we extend our most sincere gratitude for having hearts that beat in tune with the heart of God, and for sharing with the ministry of the Army in Haiti."

