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Unexpected Changes

Elizabeth Nelson
on her way to
Bangladesh via
Winnipeg

Greetings from
Winnipeg, Canada!

The last few months have been a bit of a roller coaster ride! After almost 4½ years in London, England, I received word that I was being appointed to Bangladesh as the General Secretary. This was quite unexpected!

Our department organized a global sponsorship workshop in the Netherlands which was a good time of discussion and fellowship. It is always

Liz at *BOUNDLESS*

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Message from the TMF President

Within the pages of *The Globe and the Mail* you will read stories from friends who are serving in various parts of the world: The Bahamas, USA Western Territory, the United Kingdom, International Headquarters, Finland, Hong Kong and Australia. How grateful we are that they have followed God's leading to be available...to God and His people through The Salvation Army.

Thank you for your gifts to our international personnel given at Officers / Leaders Retreats, Retired Officers Spiritual Days and by other individual donations. Your kindness and faithfulness is never taken for granted.

May God richly bless you in this Christmas season.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)

Linda McNutt
Major
Territorial Missionary Focus, President

United Kingdom

Wayne and Deborah Bungay, Divisional Leaders

East Midlands is the second largest division in the UKI Territory in relation to geography, number of corps and the second largest in terms of Corps membership.

The Territory has launched a renewed vision for how we deliver and support our core mission to save souls, grow saints and serve suffering humanity with four mission priorities:

- T** - Transformation
- I** - Integration
- D** - Discipleship
- E** - Effectiveness

Prayer Requests:

- Corps without officer leadership
- Divisional Headquarters team
- Candidate cultivation and youth ministry
- Family in Canada

Bangladesh (cont'd)



Farewell from IHQ



Liz at IHQ



Liz with her Mom

helpful to hear people's stories and understanding of the issues for their context. We continue to pray for direction for this program globally as it has such a big impact on children around the world.

The BOUNDLESS Congress was the highlight for the summer. After months and months of hearing about the various events that were being planned, it was wonderful to be there when it happened. Although I was busy behind the scenes, it was wonderful to see God at work during those days. The energy was electric! It was quite moving to be a part of worship in the arena with thousands of Salvationists from around the world. The stories of transformation through the week were wonderful. Great memories! I'm so thankful to have been able to be a part of it.

After congress, it was a rush to finish off my work in the Projects Office, finish briefs, pack for Bangladesh and prepare for a time of furlough at home. It was definitely difficult to say 'farewell' to London. I have really enjoyed my time at International Headquarters and in London. I have learned a lot and have made some lifelong friends.

Before heading home, my family became aware that my Mom had terminal cancer. It has been something that has changed our world. I was happy to get home early and to be able to surprise my Mom for her 85th birthday. It is great to be able to be with my parents.

Plans changed again when it was agreed that I could remain home in a pro tem appointment so that I could be with my family during this season of our lives. I am so thankful for this opportunity. It is a precious time for us.

My pro tem appointment at the Training College has been an added blessing and a learning curve for me! The staff and cadets are wonderful and it is helpful to be in this kind of supportive environment. (Although I am not sure I am ready for a winter in Winnipeg!!!) I again see how God will use this experience for my own development. I have much I can learn here on staff and it will be helpful when I am in Bangladesh eventually.

Right now, it is hard to know what lies ahead . . . to be honest . . . I take these days, a day at a time. Learning to just 'be' and rest in the Lord. He has proven Himself more than sufficient! He is faithful!

Again, I am so thankful for the support of friends in the TMF. Your monetary and prayer support has been greatly appreciated! May the Lord continue to bless you and use you as you encourage others through your ministry.

Finland and Estonia

Hannu and Gerry Lindholm

The time goes by so quickly. We are now beginning our eighth year in the Finland and Estonian Territory. Our previous year in Finland has been another one of discovery and challenge. We are so thankful for the support we receive in so many ways from all of those in our home Territory!

Definitely a highlight this year was BOUNDLESS. We decided to travel Europe by car and so drove to Great Britain and back. With Canadian friends, we visited eleven countries and took thousands of pictures. BOUNDLESS provided opportunity to meet with so many of our Salvation Army family from around the world. We had no idea how large our network has become since living in a Nordic country.

Hannu continues to lead the Porvoo Corps with a very active social services unit and much community contact. The highlight of his week is the Sunday school program at The Salvation Army daycare where he and our puppets share the Word of God with forty 3- and 4-year olds, every Friday. The kids are always so eager to see them!

We will host Pikujoulu (Little Christmas) at the corps in December for the daycare families. Please pray that these families will become connected in a meaningful way with the corps. Hannu continues to take courses towards earning his degree, and is enjoying the academic challenge. He has had a few health challenges this year – gall bladder and knee surgery – but nothing that is keeping him down – he plays hockey at least twice weekly.

Gerry's work at the Training College and as the officer responsible for candidates is full and multi-faceted. It involves much travel and the organization of many events as well as teaching. Never a dull moment! We have four Messengers of Light who will be commissioned in the near future



Gerry and training principal Aino Maikku, August 2015



Hannu and Gerry
outside the Porvoo
Corps, July 2015

and have two already accepted in the Messengers of the Gospel session which will begin September 2016. Recently we had a Spirit-filled Design for Life weekend in which 26 took part. God continues to call workers for the Kingdom – Hallelujah! Please pray for those who are in process and for those who are called but have not yet answered.

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.
(Luke 10:20)

Other prayer requests include:

- **Our family at home** – for health and safety and, most of all, for salvation
- **The Finland and Estonian Territory** – for continued renewal and revitalization in the fight against the darkness of this world
- **For us** – again looms the choice of staying in Finland or returning to Canada...not an easy choice

And prayers of thanks:

- **Support** – from family and friends, prayer partners, Salvation Army family and even those we do not know!
- **Understanding** – there are still language challenges but we have learned so much!
- **Grace** - as we grow and learn, are challenged and stretched, we are more than ever aware of God's sustaining grace.

May He guide and protect us all ... in Jesus name, amen.



Gerry with the cadets in London, May 2015

Hong Kong and Macau

Ian and Wendy Swan provide holistic ministry

In 1930, The Salvation Army started its first service unit in Hong Kong, providing residential service to the vulnerable women and girls who were under threat. Over the past 85 years, God has been blessing the Army to serve a wide range of people, including children, youth, families, senior citizens, the disabled and the marginalised through our 150 service units.

With the August launch of the Caring Photo Competition the Army has been holding celebration gatherings across the Command which bring together the various streams of service and ministry in a given district to promote 'holistic mission' and encourage cross program integration.

The Salvation Army Orienteering Day, October 17, 2015

O'Day is comprised of sport, travelling and charity elements, allowing orienteering elite and beginner teams to navigate across the unique historical and cultural spots in Macau, raising funds for the community services of The Salvation Army in Hong Kong and Macau.

Education Program for Children and Youth in Mainland China

The program aims to assist students from low income families to continue their studies and support is given at school level to enhance teaching excellence and quality.

- ✚ Provision of school supplies
- ✚ Purchase of extracurricular sports uniforms
- ✚ Improvement of nutrition program

Anti Human Trafficking Activities

To raise public awareness, training activities and seminar workshops were held in Hong Kong for in-depth teaching. A fundraising program, the Helping Hand Project, raised over HK\$31,000 for anti-human trafficking work. Homemade soaps made by former trafficking victims and miniature handmade angels by Salvationists were given to female victims of sex-trafficking as a tangible expression of friendship.

Our Family

Jason completed his studies at Booth University College in April and is now working in Winnipeg to prepare for Film School in 2016. Brianna came back to Hong Kong to volunteer at Cedar International to gain some frontline experience in project management. Wendy can see the light at the end of the tunnel as she continues to put the finishing touches on her studies. Ian is finding time amidst the administrative projects to start a small vegetable garden in the backyard.

Symposium on Medical-Social Partnership in Promoting Palliative and End-of-life Care in Residential Settings October 10, 2015 World Hospice Day

With funding support by "la Caixa" Foundation and The Bank of East Asia Charitable Foundation, The Salvation Army and the Hong Kong Association of Gerontology launched the "Palliative Care in Residential Care Homes for the Elderly" (or PC Project) in 2010. It provides a new option for the residents of elderly homes to stay in the homes, a familiar environment, in the last stage of their lives. At least 10 elderly homes have joined the project. More than 300 people from medical, social welfare and academic circles took part in the symposium, where care workers and medical partners from four participating elderly homes shared the successful cases and their practical experiences.



United States West

Stephen Court and Danielle Strickland on a mission



Stephen, Danielle and sons are established in USW with Danielle starting up the Justice Department at Territorial Headquarters and Stephen in a new role at Divisional Headquarters as mission strategist. The boys are all in school and the whole family is postured to help win the world for Jesus.

Please note...

Because of Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) rules, we cannot give receipts for donations given to the Territorial Missionary Focus since these donations go directly to individuals. The CRA requires that receipted donations have follow-up and a reporting system. Of course that isn't possible when it is a personal donation (even though some use the gifts for appointment purposes).

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
(Romans 15:13)

Australia South

Floyd and Tracey Tidd enjoying their ministry

It's hard to believe we're now in our third year of ministry in Australia. We're enjoying the challenges and opportunities in ministry and working together with a great team of officers, soldiers and employees.

The day after we returned from our summer furlough, we received word that the Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse would conduct a Case Study considering the Australia Southern territory. During the month of October the Royal Commission carefully reviewed the territory's work with children.

We are grateful for the territory's response to a dark chapter in its history. That response has included a refusal to deny or defend failures of the past, preparedness to respond to survivors today, assisting as many as possible in their journey to healing and wholeness, and doing all that is possible to see this never happens again to any child or vulnerable person.

We count it a privilege to lead the territory at this time. It is a humbling experience to meet one on one with survivors to hear their story first hand and offer a personal and organizational apology.

There are dynamic advances occurring in ministry settings across the territory. Building on a heritage of brass, the territory is opening doors to children and families through a school-based partnership in offering brass music lessons. "Just Brass" is impacting communities, schools, families and corps.

Over the course of the last year an officer couple transitioned from the Territorial Youth Leadership office, to the study and development of a response to emerging generations recognising and creating strategy for Salvation Army Emerging Faith Communities. The offering of a new avenue for short-term full-time service on officer-like conditions as Aux.-Lieutenants has opened new doors for leadership across the territory in a variety of appointments.

We are grateful for prayers and every expression of remembrance and support. We feel the distance at times, but are grateful for the modern technology to assist in staying connected. We continue to see God at work in and through the difficult, as well as the encouraging, and count it a privilege to be partners with him and the Salvos of this Territory.

Bahamas, Turks and Caicos

Clarence and Karen Ingram in the aftermath of Joaquin

During the past few months we have bid farewell to Jamaica. Our years there were a unique experience filled with challenges but overflowing with blessings. The country, and especially its people, will always be as their nation anthem says; "Jamaica land we love."

In August we were warmly welcomed to the Bahamas with Turks & Caicos Division. The division has strong social and corps ministries in Nassau; there are also corps and family services ministries located on some of the 'Family Islands'. Travel to all of the Family Islands is by air which makes visiting them costly.

In late September, Hurricane Joaquin devastated several communities on the Southern Family Islands. Many homes were completely destroyed, while others remained flooded weeks later. The Salvation Army has been assisting those affected and is participating in the rebuilding efforts.



Prayer Requests:

Pray for those impacted by Hurricane Joaquin. They need support not only with food and shelter but also to overcome the emotional trauma of the storm and its aftermath.

Pray for our youth ministries; the division needs a Divisional Youth Secretary. It is difficult for the division to hold youth events due to high travel costs. Some youth are struggling with the call to officership.

Pray for resources. We have not been able to visit some of our corps due to the cost of travel.

We are very thankful for the awesome support of the Canada & Bermuda Territory. Every prayer and note from home is an inspiration to us.



*I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.
In this world you will have trouble. But take heart!
I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)*