



Senior and Junior Soldier enrollment

Into the Jamaican Jungle

Clarence and Karen Ingram find worship inspirational

The Western Jamaica Division consists of 28 corps, nine of which operate basic schools for pre-kindergarten children. In contrast to the beautiful sandy Jamaican beaches in TV commercials, most corps are located in small rural villages which are either perched on steep hillsides or stretched along narrow winding roads.



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On Sundays, Clarence and Karen Ingram often drive an hour or two into the jungle to worship in a one room cinder block church. Worship is always inspirational, people consistently praise and thank God for the most basic provisions of life. The Ingrams feel privileged to minister beside them.

Prayer Requests

1. Corps Officers and lay leaders - most of the officers in the Western Jamaica Division are responsible for two corps and some are leading three or four. Three corps in the division are being led by the Corps Sergeant Major.
2. The street people of Montego Bay ... the Ingrams are getting to know quite a few of them.
3. Continued personal health and safety.

Clarence and Karen Ingram

Divisional Secretary

The Salvation Army Western Jamaica Division

When it all began ...

The Salvation Army in the Caribbean was begun by Mother Agnes Foster and W. Raglan Phillips. Mother Agnes was a former slave who was taken from Jamaica to England with her mistress, and returned home after 40 years. Phillips was an Englishman who lived in Jamaica as a surveyor, printer, and publisher of the *Westmoreland Telegraph*.

While the two were converted at different times, both started their own missions - Mother Agnes in Kingston and Phillips in Bluefields, Westmoreland. Two years later, in 1887, they became official members of The Salvation Army.

In March 1888, Salvation Army reinforcements arrived from England. A year after its establishment in Jamaica, the Army marked its anniversary by asking General Booth for 50 more officers.

In early 1889, the organisation's building on Church Street in Kingston was sold and the troops disbanded. Troops in rural Jamaica continued to grow, particularly in Bluefields as The Salvation Army lists the Westmoreland community as its place of origin. Today, the organisation has churches in 17 Caribbean states.

Message from the TMF President

Linda McNutt



31 Days of Blessings

From Max Lucado

The Brazilians taught me the beauty of a blessing. Here is a scene repeated in Brazil thousands of times daily.

It's early morning. Time for young Marcos to leave for school. As he gathers his books and heads for the door, he pauses by his father's chair. He searches his father's face. *Benciao, Pai?* Marcos asks. (*Blessing, Father?*)

The father raises his hand. *Deus te abençoe, meu filho*, he assures. (*God bless you, my son.*) Marcos smiles and hurries out the door.

Father and child part for the day, a blessing requested, a blessing willingly given. The son seeks his father's favor as he begins his day.

We should do the same. Like the child longing for the father's favor, each of us needs a daily reminder of our heavenly Father's love.

When I returned to the United States from Brazil, I began the practice of pronouncing a blessing on our church at the end of each service. It was my way of praying for them in their presence. I'd like to do the same for you.

May each day's blessing encourage you as you seek your Father's face.

A Blessing for Protection

May the God of peace and grace and truth be your guide as you begin your day.

May he go ahead of you and prepare the way.

May he come behind you and protect you.

May he surround you and make you aware of his presence.

"I ask the Father in his great glory to give you the power to be strong inwardly through his Spirit. I pray that Christ will live in your hearts by faith and that your life will be strong in love and be built on love."

Ephesians 3:16-17

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Finland and Estonia Territory

One couple, two appointments, two cities

Porvoo is a beautiful city of about 50,000 people. It is the second oldest community in Finland and Porvoo Corps is the second oldest corps, established in August 1890. They will celebrate 125 years of God's faithfulness in 2015.

Porvoo – Borgå was originally a Swedish-speaking corps but in the past years it has transitioned into Finnish-speaking. The city of Porvoo is highly Swedish-speaking and both languages are freely spoken.

The corps has had some challenging days and is experiencing the growing pains of renewal. Every day we see evidence of God opening new doors and new relationships. For example, recently they recognized there was a duplication of social support through the provision of groceries. The corps budget was sagging under the stress and it seemed that a change was inevitable.

Through community conversations and teaming with local companies, they have now set up a 'soup lighthouse'. The duplication of services is gone and relationships with a cooking school and bakery have been established. As well, volunteers who once filled grocery bags are now sitting at tables with those coming to the soup lighthouse and developing relationships. They have seen new members come to the Sunday meeting and the Bible study. And that is just one door that has opened!

Prayer requests:

- for the city of Porvoo
- for the corps ministries
- for the strength to lead the Porvoo Corps and to support the Kotka Corps in a godly manner
- for the courage to close the doors that need to be closed and to walk through those that God opens
- for the 125 celebration that will be planned, beginning in January

*Hannu Lindholm
Corps Leader at the Porvoo/Borgå Corps and
support officer for the Kotka Corps*

This is the first time in ministry that Hannu and Gerry Lindholm are not in the same appointment. This has meant making many adjustments. They live in Porvoo but Gerry's office is in Helsinki, which means travelling by bus up to three hours each day. Hannu leads the corps on his own and he is more aware now of the challenges faced by single officers. He is also supporting another corps! Time together as a couple is precious and needs to be guarded.

Pray for their marriage and ministry, family and friends who live so far away, and for their territory of service.

Following a part-time appointment, Gerry is now fully appointed to The School for Officer Training (SFOT). This year has come the added responsibility of candidates. Gerry says, "We have just had commissioning in connection with the Pelastusarmeija (Salvation Army) 125th anniversary in Finland. Two cadets were commissioned, one Finnish, one Estonian – God be praised! These were the first cadets with whom I travelled the whole journey of training and I felt like a proud parent."

The training program in Finland is based on a flexible training plan which becomes very time consuming and sometimes confusing. Cadets are in corps leadership 50% of their time and spread all over Finland and Estonia. As well, they sometimes are speaking four different languages! Much of the paper work needs to be done in two languages, Finnish and English, and Gerry is thankful for a good working relationship with the Training Principal. With just the two on staff, there are many things to take care of.

Praise God that He continues to call people to serve as officers in The Salvation Army, across the world and specifically in the Finland and Estonia Territory where there is such great need.

Prayer requests:

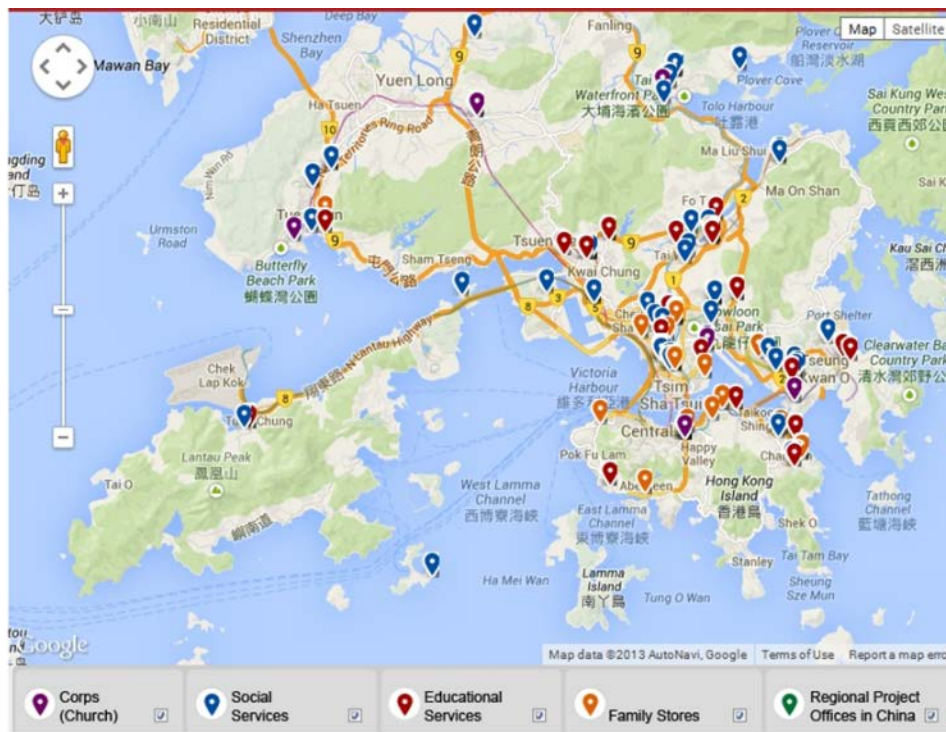
- that there will be enough resources – especially translators
- that God will bring more workers and that all will be equipped for every task
- that God's protection will be on the current cadets, candidates, and their families
- that God will continue to strengthen and guide the newly commissioned officers

*Gerry Lindholm
School for Officer Training & Candidate Responsibility*

Hong Kong and Macau

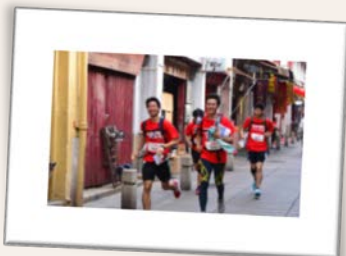
Ian and Wendy Swan request prayer for ministry

Besides projects and emergency relief in Mainland China, there are 17 Corps, 80 social units, 30 schools and 16 family stores in Hong Kong and Macau.



Please pray:

- For meaningful dialogue between the Hong Kong Government and participants of the Umbrella Demonstrations;
- For the provision of quality care of the elderly both in Hong Kong and mainland China;
- For the empowerment and recruitment of leadership at all levels of ministry



Hungary

Social ministries with a strong spiritual component

The Hungary Region is part of the Switzerland, Austria and Hungary Territory, and as Regional Leaders, the Morgans are responsible for leadership, Corps Ministry, Women's Ministry, finance, property, human resources, candidates, officer training, mission teams, retired officers, and international event liaison.

It seems there are new opportunities all the time in the Hungary Region! The Morgans are blessed to have the support of local governments, even financially for their social ministries, and the recognition that the spiritual component they offer is valuable.

Alongside the residential social ministries, this has opened many doors to ministry with Roma, anti-human trafficking networking with other agencies, puppet ministry in schools, and prison ministry. Social ministries are very strong, and always with a vital spiritual component and connection with the closest corps.

The Morgans send the following prayer requests:

- Pray for wise stewardship of resources, and creative and successful fundraising to assist in several property opportunities that will facilitate new ministry:
 - appropriate facilities to accommodate the expanding work of the Miskolc Corps Plant
 - construction of "step-out program" housing for mothers and children coming from The Salvation Army's home for abused women and children
 - renovation of Gyöngyös Corps attic to accommodate offices for Corps Officer and street ministry staff



The Morgan Family in Budapest

- Pray for the one cadet and for those applying to enter officer training in 2015 (two individuals, possibly four)
- Pray for success in hiring Christian staff to meet Hungary Region Headquarters' expanding needs: Human Resources, Business Administrator, Secretary

“Thank you for this work of encouraging prayerful support from our comrades in Canada. We rely on it greatly.”

*Andrew and Darlene Morgan
Regional Officers, Hungary Region*

Italy

Prayer is requested

- Angel has recently been diagnosed with diabetes and will require further medical tests in January; he and Marlene are learning to live with this change in their lives.
- Revival within the Church in Italy.
- Continued education for officers and leaders.
- Financial stability for ministries.

*Angel and Marlene Sandoval
Ariano Irpino Corps*

Exploring income streams

Bev Woodland works with a wonderful team of Filipino officers and lay staff in the areas of finance, property, public relations, Trade shop, internet technology, auditing and vehicle management. It is a diverse role and further challenged by the concerning financial state of the territory.

Bev adds: “We are working on some options for local income generation at territorial level, and hope that we will soon be able to secure a for-profit registration to allow us to pursue opening Thrift Stores here in partnership with the USA Western Territory. We are also exploring other potential income streams such as property development and even farming! So while there is a lot that is concerning, there is a lot of potential for improved prospects that will set the ministry and mission of this territory on a more secure and sustainable footing.

Prayer Requests:

- For smooth and steady progress on the income generation projects.
- For good financial and human resources to be able to take on the mission opportunities which are plentiful in this country.
- For deepening spiritual experience of our Salvationists, especially our many committed youth around the territory.
- For the upcoming (April 2015) commissioning of our Heralds of Grace session.”

*Beverley Woodland
Secretary for Business Administration*



Bev Woodland with one of the youth from the Northern Luzon Division at the Kettle Kick-off there

An update from the territorial leaders



In response to your request for updates on our life and ministry here in Australia allow me to offer the following:

Praise Points:

- Expressions of effective integrated ministries and mission reflected in chaplaincy programs and community-focused programs
- The opening of a new Training College Campus in February 2015
- Completion of a five-year strategic plan as of March 2015
- Continued strong public support of The Salvation Army

Prayer Requests:

- Soldiership Mobilization and Candidate Recruitment
- Development of 2020 Strategic Plan commencing Jan 2015
- Ongoing engagement with the Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse; continued work with survivors of abuse

Trusting this is helpful in providing some understanding of what we are currently involved in as territorial leaders in Australia at this time. We are grateful for the ongoing support as we serve outside our home territory, and every expression of remembrance.

*Floyd and Tracy Tidd
Territorial Commander*

International Headquarters

Words of Life

Written by Bev Ivany, *Words of Life* is The Salvation Army's international daily devotional book. Roughly 11,000 are printed for each edition—reaching the entire Army world. It is also available to read online as an e-book.

On any given day, Salvationists and non-Salvationists from around the world read the same Scripture passage and same devotional reading, helping to bind us together as God's people.

Please pray that readers:

- will be encouraged and empowered
- will be strengthened and motivated
- might gain new and fresh insight into God's Word
- especially in isolated and difficult places, will feel the prayers of fellow believers with them and for them



*Bev Ivany
International Headquarters*

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).

Engaged in coaching, encouragement and ministry

Brian and Rosalee Peddle send greetings through the following note:

We are very privileged to live in London, England and serve in leadership at The Salvation Army International Headquarters. Our days in the office are filled with attending Board Meetings, embracing challenges in our zone, engaging in interactive conversation, participating in zonal team work and ministry, contributing in prayer sessions and celebrating international ministry highlights.

Our days away from the office find us travelling extensively throughout the Americas and Caribbean Zone while passionately engaging in coaching, encouraging and ministering to our 'troops' on the front lines. We are amazed and humbled how God is blessing The Salvation Army throughout the Zone. We have met many people whose lives have been transformed by God through the mission and ministry of The Salvation Army which continues to be a bright light of hope in this dark world. We are excited to be in these appointments and looking forward to all God has in store for future opportunities in this part of the World.

Prayer Requests

- Intense travelling schedule - safety and protection
- Health/Well-being (physical and spiritual) stamina and courage
- Speaking engagements - wisdom and inspiration
- Family/Grandchildren



*Brian and Rosalee Peddle
International Secretary, Americas and Caribbean Zone*

International Headquarters (cont'd)

Supporting the Army globally

John and Brenda Murray love London, England and are really enjoying Bromley Temple - the worship, ministry and fellowship.

They write: "International Headquarters is a wonderful international expression of the Army and we are privileged to support the Army globally through our appointments. Two highlights for us would be providing support for the High Council and more recently the International Conference of Leaders which took place in Singapore."

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for our family - for health and safety, unity across the miles.
- Please pray for wisdom and discernment as we parent across "the pond".
- Prayers of thanksgiving for our international Army and for joy in service as we all minister together.

Brenda Murray

*Assistant Under-Secretary for Administration
International Secretary to the Chief of Staff's office*

John Murray

Communications and Literary Secretary



John shown above with boys in South Africa while on SAVIN.tv travels with General Cox

Providing support to fellow workers



Elizabeth visited Ghana to see various projects sponsored by The Salvation Army. She is pictured above with Emelia.

Elizabeth Nelson oversees International Programme and Development Services, which has seven positions of which only 5 1/2 are presently filled. They are in the process of trying to hire for the needed positions.

They support territories / commands to ensure good quality community development and mission projects, process proposals through the system, and find funding as needed. They also support territories with capacity building and training for their staff and officers.

Prayer requests submitted by Elizabeth:

- needed replacement staff / officers for our department at IHQ;
- wisdom for future planning in the department;
- health and safety as our staff travel to territories and commands;
- in all that we do as we support territories, that we are an encouragement to them and that they see Christ in us.

Elizabeth Nelson

International Projects Officer

Amazed and Humbled

David and Marsha-Jean Bowles are Canadian officers, commissioned in 1990 and who served as Corps Officers for seven years before taking an overseas appointment. They have served in Germany for 17 years: seven as Corps Officers and the last ten in independent appointments on Territorial Headquarters.

On September 1, David became Territorial Secretary for Adult and Family Ministries after 10 years as Territorial Children's and Youth Secretary. He continues in his additional ministry as European Sports Coordinator, convinced that sport is the greatest, untapped mission opportunity for all cultures.

Marsha-Jean believes officership is an adventure and has held various appointments: Candidates' Secretary, Field Secretary, Training Principal, Secretary for Spiritual Life Development. Since 2011 she has served as the Chief Secretary.

Believing that officers should be the best soldiers, they each have a ministry in their Corps: David as Corps Sergeant Major and Marsha leads a Bible study at Starbucks.

They ask you to join them in praying for wisdom and strength in ministry and for God's Kingdom to grow, particularly in Germany, Lithuania and Poland.

Again and again they are amazed and humbled at God's grace in their lives. Their hearts' desire is to become more and more like Jesus and to serve him all their days.

*David and Marsha-Jean Bowles
Territorial Headquarters*



Forming a New Divisional Team



Situated in the central region of the United Kingdom, the East Midlands Division has 51 Corps, 17 charity shops and two Lifehouses. The Divisional Headquarters is situated in Nottingham which is the birthplace of the Founder of The Salvation Army, General William Booth.

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

The priority for this division is ...

SERVING GOD – SUPPORTING MISSION

Strengthening leadership

Empowering evangelism - Save Souls

Reinforcing discipleship - Grow Saints

Valuing everyone - Serve Suffering Humanity

Expecting growth

The Bungays request prayer for:

- Territorial Strategic Vision - Fit For Mission
- Corps without officer leadership
- Divisional team (All but one person is new to the team)
- Candidate cultivation
- Their family in Canada

*Wayne and Deborah Bungay
Divisional Leaders for the East Midlands Division*