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Bill Barthau harvesting rice in Indonesia

Reflections

Bill and Donna Barthau end their international appointment

The return to Canada from Indonesia in late 2013 would mean the end of our last international appointment. Having served in East and West Africa, Central Europe and South Asia, along with Canada, it has been a unique experience. What have we learned?

- Around the world, people are people.
- Relationships are important ... often more than the work or appointment.
- Learning must continue at all times.
- Ministry can take place wherever one is located or appointed.
- It is a privilege to serve and be welcomed into other cultures and homes.
- We've learned the deep Christian faith of others and how it is expressed and lived out daily.



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Indonesia (cont'd)

And now for some other highlights.

- Playing a key role as the project officer in meeting human and community needs.
- Meeting the present General during his visit to Indonesia.
- Visits to some exotic places and amazing sites.
- Returning to an appointment at Territorial Headquarters.
- Training Indonesians in “Growing your own nutrition – Small space gardens, composting, aquaponics” – especially at the Training College, where they really caught the vision!
- Training officers and local officers in community development techniques through “faith-based facilitation.”
- Teaching the Bali Boy’s Home Salvation Army Band, and training the percussionists and bandmaster about how a percussion section needs to be organized/coordinated.
- Participating in worship, music and spiritual development with so many fantastic people – especially the youth!



**General Andre Cox
with Majors Bill and
Donna Barthau
taken at Jakarta 1
Corps – September
2013**

Papua community visit



**Donna with some
employees with
whom she worked**

Message from the TMF President

Linda McNutt



A Father's Promise

A 1989 earthquake almost flattened Armenia and killed over 30,000 people in less than four minutes. In the midst of all the confusion of the earthquake, a father rushed to his son's school. When he arrived, he discovered the building was flat as a pancake.

Standing there looking at what was left of the school, the father remembered a promise he made to his son, "No matter what, I'll always be there for you!" Tears began to fill his eyes. It looked like a hopeless situation, but he could not take his mind off his promise.

Remembering that his son's classroom was in the back right corner of the building, the father rushed there and started digging through the rubble. As he was digging other grieving parents arrived, clutching their hearts, saying: "My son!" "My daughter!" They tried to pull him off of what was left of the school saying: "It's too late!" "They're dead!" "You can't help!" "Go home!" Even a police officer and a fire fighter told him he should go home. To everyone who tried to stop him he said, "Are you going to help me now?" They did not answer him and he continued digging for his son stone by stone.

He needed to know for himself: 'Is my boy alive or is he dead?' This man dug for eight hours and then twelve and then twenty-four and then thirty-six. Finally in the thirty-eighth hour, as he pulled back a boulder, he heard his son's voice. He screamed his son's name, "ARMAND!" and a voice answered him, "Dad?" It's me, Dad!" Then the boy added these priceless words, "I told the other kids not to worry. I told 'em that if you were alive, you'd save me and when you saved me, they'd be saved. You promised that, Dad. 'No matter what,' you said, 'I'll always be there for you!' And here you are Dad. You kept your promise!"

The Bible says, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." Psalm 18:2

Let us claim *our Father's Promise* as we experience the highs and lows of living each day.

Finland and Estonia Territory



A uniform from the past



Gerry and Hannu Lindholm
and
Estonian Cadet Anneli Aavik

Seeing God at work

As I write this report, I am sitting in a hotel room in Tallinn, Estonia. I will spend the day travelling the country to visit the Estonian cadets in their practice corps settings.

This has been a year filled with many exciting challenges, one of which was extending the officer training to begin training for the first time in Estonia. It has been an experience that had greatly broadened my horizons in more ways than can be imagined. I have seen God at work in and through people and have marvelled at His timing and His grace.

After two years part-time on the training college staff, I am now beginning a three-fold appointment in the training department - Training College, Education Sector and Candidate Coordinator. This is one of the joys and challenges of serving in a small and needy territory. Praise God He is still calling people to service as Salvation Army officers and that the Finland and Estonia Territory continues to be able to train. It is not the same for all.

The needs of a small territory are also apparent in Hannu's new dual appointment. We will farewell from the Helsinki Corps in June and Hannu will take up leadership of the second oldest corps in the territory in the beautiful city of Porvoo. Porvoo is located about 50 km from Helsinki so we will live there and be "The Salvation Army" in that community. I will travel into Helsinki most days.

The second part of Hannu's appointment is to support a Russian-speaking Estonian cadet who will be leading the Kotka Corps that is about 70 km from Porvoo. The cadet speaks English and is learning Finnish and so leading a Finnish corps will be a challenge for him. Hannu's role as teacher, coach, mentor and friend will be interesting to see as it unfolds in a many-faceted way. Much prayer is needed.

We are just coming to the end of our second term in the Finland and Estonia Territory and have made the decision to stay for a third term. Our time as support officers continues to be challenging spiritually, emotionally, physically and socially.

There has never been a time when God has not provided for our needs, and many times that has been through the kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity of those of you at home. The cards and emails seem to come at just the right time to lift our spirits. The financial support has given a much needed boost. The updates through the Personnel Communiqué and Canada Comments help us to stay connected in meaningful ways. Just the other day we received a letter from an eight year old to say he was praying for us. How awesome is that!

We are ever so grateful for the sacrifice our family has been, and is, making as we serve overseas. Our daughters and sons-in-law have been so faithful in keeping us connected with our growing grandchildren who are now 17, 13, 8, 6 1/2, 6 and 4. The wonders of modern communications make this task so much easier. We are so looking forward to giving hugs in person when we are home on furlough this summer.

Please continue to pray for us - for all the needs of this Territory, for our personal needs and for our family's needs. Also remember to pray a prayer of thanksgiving for all God is doing for us and through us as we serve away from home. We serve an awesome God.

Gerry and Hannu Lindholm

Hong Kong and Macau



Wendy is leading a new initiative from Women's Ministries as they focus on the international campaign against Human Trafficking.

An awareness and training day was held June 14 with speakers:
Lisa Y.L. Lee (Honorary Advisor – Christian Action) and Chan Pui Si (Director of Field Operation – Cedar Fund).

For an up-to-date list of international personnel and their addresses, please look in *The Salvation Army Disposition of Forces* or contact any Salvation Army officer.

Ian and Wendy Swan share their blessings and adventures

While it has been a very busy year as we attempt to get reacquainted with the work and ministry of The Salvation Army here in Hong Kong and China it has also been a time filled with blessings and adventures.

Thank you for your prayer support and encouragement.

Flag Day - 15 March 2014

Some 6,500 volunteers recruited from 109 schools, 32 social centres, and 14 corps participated in the event helping to sell flags (stickers) in various districts around Hong Kong.

We raised \$1.4 million for units in Tung Chung, Kowloon City and Kwai Chung to help less fortunate families to overcome their difficulties.



Some of our best collectors were students from our kindergartens who brought their Moms along for the morning.

This program aims at meeting the educational needs of children and youth in rural Mainland China. Aid is provided to enable students from poor families to continue their studies. Support is given at the school level to enhance the quality of teaching.



South America East

Susan McMillan puts TMF funds to work

I would like to thank the TMF for the Christmas donation we received. I was able to channel it to Resistencia, where we have a Corps, Thrift Store and Outpost, with feeding program and after school programs. They also have an adult education program, in partnership with the government.

The young officers there had no real means of transportation to the outpost, and this motorcycle has come in very handy for them. Following is a letter from them with a photograph of the motorcycle:

On February 27th we received the funds for this Project.

The purchase was completed on March 5th. We are very grateful to God for the possibility He has given us to serve Him better at the Puerto Antequera Outpost.

Thanks to this moto, and the possibility of travelling to the Outpost in a more direct and

faster way, we will be able to do the following activities:

- Dressmaking course
- Bible Study
- Salvation Meeting
- Home League

The comrades were so happy to know that now we will visit the Outpost every week.

In addition to the moto, we could buy an extra helmet, a reflecting vest, lock and pay for the administrative costs: driving license, registration fee and insurance (4 months).

Thank you very much for supporting our community work in Puerto Antequeras Outpost.

Sincerely,

Lieutenants Ferrada, Resistencia Corps Officers



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South America East (cont'd)

TMF funds made it possible for the officer in Santa Fe to implement a new cycle of Workshops for Drug Prevention at local public schools. During 2013, more than 400 Grade 6 and 7 students participated in different workshops where they received useful information and practical tools to prevent the misuse of drugs.

Other important family issues arose during the conversations, and workers could support the kids, listening to them and giving advice to those who required it. The Salvation Army Corps in Santa Fe was made a reference centre where they and their families could go for further information and counsel.

Ricardo Martin Escudero, Corps Officer, says: "On behalf of Santa Fe Corps, comrades, children and teenagers, we say thank you for your sincere contribution. You have helped us to be present at our schools, taking with us a health care message, as well as we sowed seeds of hope with our word and Christian testimony. Thank you very much for trusting us, and being our partners in this local mission."



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).



The Certificate in Recognition of Exceptional Service award was recently presented to Colonels Robert and Marguerite Ward by General Cox. It is the highest recognition The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda Territory can give to Salvationists and friends of the Army whose work in and for the Army is of such outstanding value that it should be placed on permanent record.

Colonels Robert and Marguerite Ward entered retirement on May 31, 2013

When Cadet Robert Ward provided his testimony for the November 1968 *War Cry*, he mentioned looking forward to ‘this great adventure.’ Little did he realise how prophetic those words would be in the ensuing years.

Marguerite joined The Salvation Army as a teen, entering the Undaunted Session (1968-70) from the Swift Current Corps, Saskatchewan. There she met Bob, a fourth generation Salvationist from Brock Avenue Corps, Toronto. They were married in 1971 and served as corps officers in Ajax (Ont.), Melfort (Sask.) and London South Corps (Ont.)

In 1978, the Wards were appointed to the Azam Town Boys’ Home and School in Karachi, Pakistan. Four years later they returned to Canada and spent the next 17 years in studies and hospital work. This work took them from the Grace Hospital, St. John’s, Newfoundland, to the Booth Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa during the early years of post-apartheid South Africa. While Bob managed the hospital, Marguerite was given responsibility for the Western Cape response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. She was also manager of the Carehaven Shelter for abused women and children and chaplain of the hospital. Bob was the first Provincial Social Services coordinator to be appointed to the Western Cape.

Five years later, they were appointed as divisional leaders for Eastern Cape before being appointed respectively as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women’s Ministries in Zimbabwe. After a year in Chicago as territorial programme secretaries, they received their last appointment as the territorial leaders of Pakistan, following the tragic death of the Territorial Commander, Colonel Bo Brekke. Over the next five years they helped to bring stability, growth and renewed vision to the advancement of the Army’s work throughout that territory.

Bob and Marguerite are grateful to God for their children, Rob and Merrilou, and the many other people who influenced their lives and supported them. This has sustained and guided them through this privilege of Salvation Army officership, in Canada and overseas. They are grateful, too, for the many people who have supported their leadership, especially during their last appointment in Pakistan.

As they enter retirement we pray God’s richest blessing will be on them as they take hold of fresh opportunities for service in His name.