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Emergency Response to Gas Explosion in Rosario, Argentina

Called to Action in Argentina

Addictions, emergencies and a five-year goal as the Army forges ahead in South America

I am grateful to the Territorial Missionary Focus for investing in South America East. With the last contribution, we were able to begin an addiction prevention program in the city of Santa Fe, Argentina. The Corps Officer, Lieutenant Martín Escudero, has credentials in this area, and the donation was used to prepare the print materials which he required to begin the program. He visits the main state school twice a month for the entire school year, working with 150 students to reduce their risk of addiction. The students are in grades 6 and 7, which in Argentina is a prime age to be recruited by drug traffickers. He also works alongside the government's anti-addiction agency in the Province of Santa Fe, and gives seminars in the Corps.

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Twice this year we were called into action due to emergency situations in Argentina. The first was in April, when flash floods ripped through a large section of the city of La Plata, including the neighbourhood where we have a Corps and Thrift Store. We were spared from the floods, but nearly 100 people who escaped from their flooded homes came to spend the next few days and nights in the Corps.

At the beginning of August a huge gas explosion in the city of Rosario, Argentina, resulted in 21 dead and many homeless and grieving. Our Rosario Central Corps is three blocks from the location and our Salvationists were on the scene very quickly. The Army was the only agency that stayed during the cold winter nights to assist the rescuers and families.

As to the rest of the territory, we are forging ahead with implementation of our 5-year plan launched in January 2013. We have some lofty goals, but we have a great God who said: “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” (Luke 11:9)

Prayer requests:

- A harvest of souls that will result in soldiers enrolled
- Deepening spiritual experience in our people
- Committed young people who present themselves for officership
- Divine guidance with regard to new and improved social and community programs
- Development of fundraising initiatives (Christmas 2013 we begin the Red Kettles for the first time)

*Colonel Susan McMillan
Territorial Commander, South America East*



Home League enrolment in Posadas



Drug Addiction Prevention class, Santa Fe

Message from the TMF President

Linda McNutt



Let me share with you a story that I discovered some time ago (Sorry, I don't have the author's name) ...

Shirley and Marcy

A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him.

The mother wanted to give her son the feeling that he had some independence, yet know that he was safe. She had an idea. She asked a neighbour if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance. Hopefully he wouldn't notice.

The neighbour said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbour and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with a neighbour girl he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she had done every day that week.

Finally she said to Timmy, 'Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?'

Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is."

The little girl said, "Well, who is she?"

"That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied, "and her daughter Marcy."

"Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?"

"Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest (surely goodness) and Marcy (mercy) shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"

The story has a familiar ring to it. A child wants independence. Adults aren't sure how much leeway to give. Because they love their child they set some boundaries (which the child may eventually appreciate).

As believers in Jesus, we want to follow the path that has been laid out for us. We want to know that God cares about the things that come our way. So the Psalmist has assured us, "Surely goodness and mercy (love) shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever" (Psalm 23:6). God's love will follow us everywhere we go and in whatever we do. A great blessing and encouragement.

For those of our friends and family who are serving internationally, we claim the promise of Psalm 23 for their lives and ministries.

Making many adjustments

We now find ourselves home in Canada after almost 19 straight years out of the country. While we miss our people and our roles of the past years we find our energy used up adjusting to life “back home”.

As we write, our hearts are heavy with the bombing of the cathedral in Peshawar and the mall tragedy in Kenya. This calls us to persistent prayer for the church throughout the world, for a fresh awareness of the love of God even in such circumstances. We have experienced something of the fear and sense of helplessness that comes following such disasters.

Many ask us how we are doing and our response usually is, “We’re getting there!” The other day I asked myself what does ‘there’ mean? – to which I did not have an answer. We do have a sense of not being through the process of transition but movement is still necessary and taking place. We are also resisting the idea of cold weather around the corner.

Although we are officially retired, we have taken appointments and are serving in Hamilton, Ontario. We regularly got lost until we discovered and learned how to use the GPS feature (oops, ‘app’!) on our cell phone.

Bob was handed the bass trombone so he is ready to make music. One of our joys has been the delivery of our piano and to hear those beautiful strains in our home. He loves playing and I love listening.

We attended our first retired officers’ fellowship - a spiritual day with Colonels Robert & Gwen Redhead. We were pleased to have the opportunity to take part in an offering to be shared with missionaries and Marguerite was able to express on behalf of all Canadian officers serving overseas how helpful the TMF monetary gifts are.

Thank you for the TMF newsletters and gifts we have received. They allowed us to add delight to special occasions, and to give gifts to others in our overseas service that otherwise would not have been possible.

We will now be pleased to be part of the giving.

Bob and Marguerite Ward

Making wonderful connections

Greetings from London, England! Thank you for your continued support and generosity. It is great to have this connection with the territory and it is always good to hear the stories from others around the world and how we can pray for each other.

I continue to enjoy my role at International Headquarters and understanding more of how we can support other territories with our project and development work. I saw the work we are doing in Haiti in response to the large earthquake in Port au Prince in 2010. It was wonderful to hear stories of how people have been coming together to rebuild their communities and support each other.

I was also able to see some of the work in Kingston, Jamaica. This was an added blessing, having been in Jamaica as a child with my parents. It was great to see how the work has progressed since my childhood.

I was privileged to be part of a training seminar in Kenya with project officers from the area. The connections with people working in some difficult situations were amazing. I always come away from such encounters encouraged by their dedication and their stories that express how God is working.

This year I have settled in a bit more. I go to Bromley Temple and have joined the songsters, which I enjoy. I have been a part of a great Bible study group and have taken the lead on a care group, all of which helps me connect and be supported a bit more.

A personal achievement for me this year was taking part in a walking marathon through the night to raise funds for breast cancer. I have always wanted to do a marathon and finally achieved it!

I continue to be thankful for my time here in London and at International Headquarters. It continues to be an amazing blessing for me as I see God’s hand at work around me and in my own life.

Thank you again for your interest, support and prayers! May God continue to use and bless you all where you are for His Kingdom.

*Elizabeth Nelson
International Headquarters*

Jamaica

Prayer Concerns

Finances: The Jamaican dollar has lost 20% of its value in the past year; this has made a challenging financial situation even more critical ... pray for the provision of the basic needs for our officers and people.

Freedom from Hurricanes: As I write this we are in the middle of what has thankfully been a very quiet hurricane season. Last year the entire Jamaican banana crop was wiped out by Hurricane Sandy. We are just now seeing bananas in the market again. Our people rely so much on the produce of the land so a year free of major storms would be such a blessing for everyone.

Continued good health: Since coming to Jamaica we have been blessed not to have any health issues; pray that this blessing will continue throughout our stay here.

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.

Little resources, amazing ministry

During the past year we have been blessed to experience the Caribbean Congress celebrating 125 years of Salvation Army ministry in this territory. Salvationists in Jamaica love to gather for divisional events such as the annual Holiness Convention, Youth Councils and, of course, regional and divisional Home League Rallies. Attendance at these events is always between 300 – 500 people.

Sunday worship at most corps is always inspiring; it doesn't matter if there is a lot of music or just the beat of the drum – two or three hours go by all too quickly.

Our people do amazing ministry with very little resources ... a visitor from Canada brought a suitcase full of school supplies which was enough to assist three Salvation Army Basic Schools which, together, teach over 200 students. On another occasion a League of Mercy collected eggs and delivered them to those in need.

We thank God and The Salvation Army for the opportunity to minister in this land and work with such awesome officers and laypersons.

*Clarence and Karen Ingram
The Salvation Army Western Jamaica Division*



Hungary



Commissioners Boschung,
Lieutenants Benedek,
Majors Morgan

Many ministry expansions are underway

There is never a dull moment in our ministry here. Needs are great, opportunities abound, and we are keen to meet the challenges with God's leading.

We are thankful for the commissioning in June 2013 of two new Hungarian officers! The last commissioning was in 2005, so we are excited about this addition, increasing the number of active Hungarian officers from 8 to 10!

With this addition of officers, we have opportunity to expand ministry. Re-pioneering work commenced in Miskolc, Hungary's third largest city, on August 1, 2013. The Salvation Army's work in all of Hungary was proscribed by law during communism, so restarting ministry in this city after 64 years of absence is cause for celebration. Pray for the officers in this pioneering work, for the people of Miskolc who need the Saviour, and for the support of city officials.

An exciting expansion of ministry is under way in the Gyöngyös Corps. They have purchased property and a building to be reconstructed to accommodate: a) a larger hall for the growing corps, b) a children's day care, c) a daily feeding program that will assist the needy in Gyöngyös as well as many poor outlying communities, and d) an after-school program for children.

Pray for a smooth and timely completion of this project, and that young and old alike will soon hear the Gospel through these new ministries.

Please pray for guidance, wisdom and protection as we begin to work with agencies in Hungary and other territories in Europe in the fight against human trafficking, especially in the areas of re-integration, prevention and protection. Sadly, Hungary is a "source country" of people into the sex trade, especially to certain cities in Switzerland, part of our own territory, and the Netherlands. Pray for the freedom and safety of those trafficked, and the development of viable alternatives in Hungary that would offer hope for a new life.

Please pray for guidance and wisdom as we begin to work together with agencies in Hungary and other Salvation Army territories in Europe regarding the Roma minority (close to 8% of Hungary's population). We are thankful that our government looks to the Church for guidance and assistance to bring about lasting positive change.

A new Temporary Home for Senior Women in Budapest is a ministry that local government requested from The Salvation Army. The regional headquarters building has undergone substantial renovations to meet this need, as well as to more fully utilize the building. Since then, the national government has instituted austerity measures blocking additional funding, preventing the home from opening. Without this funding the program is not viable. Pray for a lifting of the funding block, or other clear direction relating to this situation.

The Nyiracsád Outpost, which commenced as a result of physical aid following a tornado in June 2012 and given support from the Debrecen Corps in the east part of Hungary, is attracting an increasing number of people. However, the outpost experiences opposition from the local Greek Orthodox Church, preventing them from securing property as a place of worship to accommodate the growing congregation. Pray converts will be rooted and nurtured in their faith despite this persecution.

As in many places, there are more opportunities than available funding. Local fundraising is a challenge as philanthropy is still a relatively new concept 24 years after the fall of communism.

With so many ministry expansions underway, we want to ensure that deepening and strengthening the spiritual life of corps and institutions remains priority, and proclaiming Jesus is always the focus.

Thank you for your part in God's work in Hungary!

*Andrew and Darlene Morgan
Regional Officers, Hungary*

Hong Kong, Macau, Australia South and Belgium

Hong Kong and Macau Command

We were warmly welcomed by family and friends upon arrival back in the Hong Kong and Macau Command. We are settling comfortably into our new quarters which includes a small green garden and magnificent view of the Ma Wan Channel.

Our first few months have included welcoming the Heralds of Grace session, re-opening the Training College after a two-year closure, conducting a Command women's retreat as well as meeting Hong Kong and mainland China government and religious leaders. We are now preparing for Mid-Autumn Festival where we celebrate God's blessing of family.

We are appreciative of prayer for:

- the successful completion of several disaster relief projects
- wisdom in the preparation of the Command's next three-year strategic plan
- new ministry initiatives with young female professionals

*Ian and Wendy Swan
Hong Kong & Macau Command*



Australia South Territory



As of June 1, 2013 we became responsible for the operation of the 600 Salvation Army community and social program centres in Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

Since our arrival we have travelled across the territory, meeting officers, soldiers and adherents as well as employees. We are quickly sensing an Army actively living out the mission expressed through four mission imperatives: Transforming Lives, Caring for People, Making Disciples, and Restoring Society. We have been carefully listening and watching to understand what God is doing, in order that we might understand His intention and vision for the territory at this time.

We are settling in well and are grateful for the warm welcome. The people here have been gracious and supportive as we transition.

Thanks for your prayers and support.

*Floyd and Tracey Tidd
Australia Southern Territory*

Canadian Forces Chaplaincy

Valerie and I are grateful for the privilege to minister in a multinational and ecumenical environment here at SHAPE. Our primary responsibility is to minister to Canadian military personnel and their families stationed here permanently by providing a strong ministry of presence and pastoral support.

As the Senior Chaplain Canadian Forces Europe, I travel extensively throughout Europe, most notably in Italy, France and Belgium where we provide support to remote military families.

I work with chaplains from several different nations ministering to the wider international community. Valerie also works with the International SHAPE chapel.

We are grateful to God and The Salvation Army for appointing us to carry on a century old tradition of providing Salvation Army officers to serve military personnel and their families.

We would appreciate prayer for wisdom in dealing with people facing difficult circumstances, and that we would be effective in our witness for the Lord.

*Patrick and Valerie Lublink
Canadian Forces Chaplaincy*

Tanzania

Overwhelmed, privileged, blessed and inspired

Jambo! Mungu awabariki! (Hello and God bless you!)

We greet you in the precious name of Jesus and thank you for your continued love, prayers and financial support.

It often overwhelms us to realize we have now been ministering to people of African descent for over 16 years! God is good! We thank Him for His daily provisions that have included such things as wisdom, guidance and protection during these past 18 months of ministry in the Tanzania Territory.

We have been privileged to travel to the eight divisions and districts throughout Tanzania and to meet with our officers and Salvationists. As Baba and Momma Colonels, we have offered words of encouragement from God's Word and assisted in leadership development in very rural and primitive settings. It is always exciting to observe the various Mission Support Projects taking place and in meeting the precious people whose lives have improved greatly because of the generous and loving gifts from Partners in Mission Territories!

Please note...

Because of Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) rules we are no longer able to give receipts for donations given to the Territorial Missionary Focus. These donations go directly to individuals and not to projects. 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).



Masaai women sing praises to the Lord!

We have dipped our feet in the waters of Lake Victoria, driven through the Serengeti Game Park and gazed upon the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro during our travels. What fantastic fringe benefits we have enjoyed on our ministry safaris (journeys)!

The officers, cadets and workers on our Salvation Army compound continue to enjoy the Thursday morning International Prayer meetings. We are particularly blessed and inspired by our morning chapels and Major Beverly Ivany's writings in *Words of Life*. The daily devotionals are translated into Swahili and shared with our people each morning.

We are both kept extremely busy with office work, correspondence, teaching and preaching, but fulfilled and contented in His will.

In our relaxing moments, we enjoy visits to the beach, reading, jogging/walking and keeping in touch with family and friends via Facebook and Skype.

Prayer Requests:

- for love and unity of spirit among the tribes who make up the officers and Salvationists of Tanzania;
- for a revival of holiness throughout the territory;
- for the health, strength and personal safety of our leadership team;
- for our ongoing work with the young women and girls being rescued from human trafficking;
- for financial resources and eventual sustainability.

*Lindsay and Lynette Rowe
Tanzania Territory*