

## July 2016 Territorial Prayer Focus

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear my voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd” (John 10:14-16 NASB).

As the Good Shepherd, Jesus taught that Christianity involves knowing Him personally (John 10:14).

Pray for a deeper knowing of Jesus, not just a knowing about but a personal experience of ‘walking and talking with Jesus.’ Pray for engagement in the pursuit of knowing Jesus; practicing spiritual disciplines, reading and applying the truth of God’s word, sharing in corporate and private prayer, paying attention and giving thanks for the blessings of every day and serving one another out of love for God.

Pray for an experience of oneness as people work together for the glory of God. As members of various Corps come together to share in the leadership of Divisional Camps and Salvationists join with other denomination and organizations to host summer ministries may all know through the testimony of ‘united effort’ that “we are one flock with one Good Shepherd - Jesus.”

Pray for those who have spiritual, physical, emotional or relational needs, asking the Good Shepherd to work in their lives that they too can testify, as David did, “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want” (Psalm 23:1).

Pray for all summer camping ministries; Holiday Camps which welcome campers sponsored by community and family services, Moms and Tots camps, Music Camps, Performing Arts Camps, Sports Camps, Day Camps, Officers Camps, Camp at Home Programs... Ask God to watch over and be the Good Shepherd of all the camp staff and participants.

Ask God to use all camping ministries to strengthen relationships. Pray that all staff and campers would know that they are deeply loved by God, that the camp setting would provide a safe and welcoming setting to respond to and receive God’s love. Pray for the development of supportive friendships that nurture Christian living.

Ask God to protect and keep safe all camp staff and campers as they explore nature and engagement in a variety of outdoor and indoor activities.

Ask God to strengthen leadership skills as youth and young adults give leadership to summer camping ministries. Pray that this strengthened leadership is creatively utilized in Corps ministries throughout the year.

Prayer for new Divisional Leaders: Majors Brian and Anne Venables in British Columbia Division, Majors Everett and Violet Barrow in Ontario Great Lakes Division, Majors Grant and Lauren Effer in Quebec Division, Majors Wade and Linda Budgell in Maritimes Division and Lt. Col. Eddie and Genevera Vincent in Newfoundland and Labrador Division.

As people of God’s pasture let us delight in the knowledge of His care and His keeping (Psalm 95:7-9).