



Giving  
Hope  
Today

# World Missions

THE SALVATION ARMY CANADA & BERMUDA TERRITORY

## Global Link



Rosario Morville, Nicaragua

### KM 21

Rosario Morville, better known as KM 21 for its distance from Managua, is one of the communities in Nicaragua where the Salvation Army shows compassionate care. Families living in KM 21 are unable to earn enough to live above the poverty line, yet it is a community built on hope.

Families apply for land through a Government program and once approved receive a certificate for the land. The family must then build a home, usually a temporary shelter until they have saved enough for a house, within the first month of receiving the certificate.



Reyna Luz Aviles is a single mother of 6 and moved to KM 21 3½ years ago. Although a real estate agent, this is not a high paying career in Nicaragua. Reyna makes as little as \$200/ month and it takes up to two months to finalize a sale. In the past year Reyna has sold 4 homes which has allowed her to purchase a pump, desperately needed in a community without water or electricity.

*"Welcome! This is my house where me and my family serve the Lord. I am very happy to have you in my home."*

Every Sunday, Reyna and her family make the trip to attend the 9:30 worship service at the Managua corps. There are many times when they do not have the money for the bus ride and on those Sundays, Reyna holds a worship service in the community just outside her home under a tin roofed area. During our visit a little boy ran excitedly to Reyna hoping that there would be a service, providing a little glimpse of the difference Reyna's witness is making in a community built on hope.



A personal message from  
World Missions Director  
Major Gillian Brown

Choosing which of the many stories we have to share will be included in our quarterly newsletter is never easy! God is at work and we have the privilege of being part of the achievements of our partners!

In this issue we highlight the ministry of the Salvation Army in Latin America North. This territory includes ten countries and is one of our most recent partner territories.



This issue of Global Link also provides an update to our continuing response in the Philippines following typhoon Haiyan.

The centre section includes a program report of special interest to those supporting our Sponsorship program. Please be assured of the difference your support makes for children and youth internationally.

We are grateful for the many words of encouragement we have received from our readers. Please uphold the International Salvation Army in your prayers.

*Major Gillian Brown*



An introduction to our new  
Sponsorship Coordinator

Major Donna Barthau

Greetings!

I am pleased to be able to serve God by helping the vulnerable children of our world as the new Sponsorship Coordinator.



Previously I have ministered as a Salvation Army Officer in various places in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. I have worked on the front lines in education and social services, supporting local Corps and Headquarters. Many of the children I served acquired an education and received care through sponsorship.

I know the great benefit of our sponsorship program, how grateful the children and their families (if they have one) are, and how God uses these children as they become adults and leaders in their communities.

I look forward to partnering with you, as donors, and the countries where we send your money to help vulnerable and poor children in our world. Together we can, and do, make a difference!



If you would like to Sponsor a Salvation Army project internationally, please contact us at **416-422-6224**, email **world\_missions@can.salvationarmy.org** or visit our website **www.saworldmissions.ca**. Your monthly donation will help children, families & communities dreams come true!

Thank you for your continuous support of the work of The Salvation Army World Missions department. We would not be able to do what we do without you!

# On the East Coast of India...

India Central Territory



Located on the east coast of India is the small city of Bapatla. Many families who live there or in the surrounding villages, are migrant workers or peasant farmers struggling to make a good income to send their children to school.

Through the Sponsorship Program, The Salvation Army supports over 200 children in the Bapatla Salvation Army Boys' and Girls' Homes, as well as the Tissot Sunrise Residential School and Hostel.

The Tissot Sunrise School and Hostel supports children whose parents suffer from leprosy and provides them with the schooling and residence

they need to receive adequate care. Due to the nurture and financial partnership that The Salvation Army provides, the homes have seen nearly all primary and secondary school children pass their Government exams after their 7th and 10th grades. Through semi-annual medical check-ups, along with a balanced diet and regular physical activity, the children in the homes are happy and flourishing

physically, emotionally and educationally.

All of the children take part in various sports programs and competitions. There is one competition that the children specifically enjoy; Bible Memorization Contest. This contest is held each year with its popularity and success growing year after year. The children in both homes not only receive a good school education but also, through programs, learn about HIV/Aids awareness, social issues (poverty, trafficking, child abuse, etc.), ethics, tailoring, embroidery, flower arrangement, nutrition and about the local culture. As their parents still live and work in Bapatla, they are kept informed on their children's medical and educational progress. When children are orphans, the staff make it their mission to treat these children as their own so they may grow into beautiful, smart and caring individuals.



From the many children and their leaders who strive for the best care possible, thank you for your faithful support through the Sponsorship Program!



The Philippines

# "Bangon Caldgcog": Rise Up, Stand Up

From the view of World Missions Program Director for Overseas Projects; Manjita Biswas



It was three months since Typhoon Haiyan, and we were visiting Tacloban, the devastated capital of Leyte Province (which is approximately 360 miles southeast of Manila). I was attending the partnership conference hosted by The Salvation Army Philippines in early February 2014. This conference was aimed at coordinating the recovery and development response to Typhoon Haiyan.

As we drove to the Tacloban city I could see uprooted

trees; destroyed houses; tumbled electrical poles; roofless churches; everything seemed to have been wiped out by the forceful winds. One of the handmade signs captured my eyes: "Roofless, Homeless; but not Hopeless". The phrase finished with "Bangon" (rise up) and "Caldgcog" (stand up) to encourage the families, friends and neighbours. These are outward signs of the hope and healing that people are experiencing as they rebuild their homes and lives. The resilience of the Filipino people is something from which to learn.



The emergency efforts of the Salvation Army have been concentrated in Tacloban which bore the brunt of the storm. Over a quarter of a million meals have been served, 4,000 have received medical care and 3,000 families have received roofing materials in the emergency and early recovery phase.

Aside from providing meals and basic assistance, one of the projects supported by the Canada and Bermuda territory is a Vegetable Seed project,

enabling 5,000 families to restart farming with tools and seeds. While the Filipino people have rebounded in amazing ways, the recovery effort is far from over. The Salvation Army will continue to play an active role in the recovery.

We are grateful to the people of the Canada and Bermuda Territory for their combined donations of over \$600,000 to The Salvation Army's Philippines relief efforts.



*"'Roofless, Homeless; but not Hopeless'. I was deeply move seeing the spirit of the Filipino community".*





# GIFTS OF HOPE EASTER PHOTO SEARCH



An Easter gift idea! To give the Gift of Hope this Easter, visit [www.saworldmissions.ca](http://www.saworldmissions.ca) and click on Gifts of Hope. Find the hidden pictures in the Gifts of Hope Easter photo search!

1. Goat: Great for providing milk and meat for families.
2. Mosquito: Mosquito nets are used to protect people from disease.
3. Bookworm: Children's Education is important for children to learn.
4. Chicken: Provide income and nutrition.
5. Child coughing: Providing basic medical supplies to mother & child makes a difference.
6. Pig: easy to raise and sell in local markets.
7. Tent: Disaster relief helps people recover after a disaster occurs
8. Eco-Cooker: Eco-Cookers are solar cookers that are economically friendly and cost effective.
9. Books: The gift of education in Adult Literacy.
10. Water Well: Provides a family with clean and safe drinking water.



Parents & Guardians: You are encouraged to talk with your children or grandchildren about each item and why it's important for others internationally to have these Gifts of Hope.

Visit our website for more inspirational stories!

[www.saworldmissions.ca](http://www.saworldmissions.ca)



@saworldmissions

## Global Link

Spring 2014, Volume 1, Number 3

Published by

The Salvation Army Canada & Bermuda Territory

World Missions Department

2 Overlea Blvd, Toronto, ON M4H 1P4

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to

World Missions - Global Link, 2 Overlea Blvd, Toronto, ON M4H 1P4

Legal Disclaimer... © 2013 The Salvation Army. All rights reserved.

If you wish to subscribe to our free newsletter, please call us at

416-422-6224 or email

[world\\_missions@can.salvationarmy.org](mailto:world_missions@can.salvationarmy.org)

or visit our website at [www.saworldmissions.ca](http://www.saworldmissions.ca)