



Giving Hope Today

Global Link



A Mother and Her Child A story from Zimbabwe

Each year, nearly 4,000 babies are delivered in the two Salvation Army hospitals in Zimbabwe. Many of the women arriving to deliver their first child are still teenagers. The risks of childbirth remain high in many African countries, yet both Tshelanyamba and Howard Hospitals are known for their excellent care improving the chances for the safe delivery of healthy babies. Dr. Tatenda Madamombe, one of the Dr.'s, attributes this success to the monitoring of the women throughout their pregnancy and the resources available to care for the women.

Tshelanyemba Hospital is located in the south-western corner of Zimbabwe near Bulawayo. It is a particularly poor region of Zimbabwe which often struggles with drought. Major Edwin Jeremiah, the Hospital administrator, shares "Our hospital cares for people beyond the borders of Zimbabwe, people from South Africa and Botswana. We see God at work in the lives of people every day."

Howard Hospital has long had a reputation for providing compassionate care. Mr. Thomas Mudyiwa, the local Headman and village chief of 17 villages, recently expressed his thanks to The Salvation Army for their continued support of Howard Hospital, "The hospital is an essential part of our life. We are privileged to have the hospital near us."

Reconstruction of a new hospital facility at Howard Hospital is scheduled to be completed in the fall of this year. New initiatives are underway to provide sustainability and address the needs of patients. Among these initiatives is a multi-nutritional garden which will provide healthy produce for children; a chicken project to add eggs and meat, as well as the continued development of a small herd of cattle.



↑ A healthy baby waiting for his regular
checkup at Howard Hospital.
← Mothers to be gather in one of the
common areas of accomodation at
Tshelanyemba.

Maintaining Hope

In this issue of the Global Link we are pleased to provide a brief update on the continuing response to the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

The photos catch a glimpse of the slowly changing scenario as families who lost their homes have been able to move from temporary shelters (is four years temporary?!) to new earthquake resistant houses.



Major Gillian Brown
Word Missions Director

We are grateful to the generosity and the patience of donors and trust that the stories provide encouragement.

Each issue of the newsletter provides stories from the Sponsorship program. In this issue, we highlight The Vila dos Pescadores Community Programme in Brazil and Salvation Army After School Programs in the Republic of Georgia.

I was recently asked how I maintain hope when the needs of the world are so great. I often find myself returning to the words of Paul in Romans 5: 4 – 5 and the reminder of the "confident hope of salvation a hope that will not lead to disappointment, for we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love." Wherever I travel, God is already there, and where He is, there is hope!

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Training Provides Hope & Confidence in Haiti

Caribbean Territory



↑ A group of students perform a skit during the enrollment ceremony.

↓ Newly enrolled students at the Vocational Training Institute.



For the individuals in these photos, life is about to change. Confidence and optimism now run through their blood. Recently enrolled in the Vocational Training Institute in Haiti, the reality of education leading to employment is an exciting step to these promising students. Representatives of The Salvation Army World Missions Department were there in April participating in the enrollment ceremony, where 180 students will begin their specific trade training.

The program funded by the Canada and Bermuda Territory has seen over 400 people graduate thus far. By 2015, 1,500 individuals will have been enrolled in the six different trades offered, which include construction, plumbing, vehicle mechanics, agriculture, electrical and carpentry.

With your help The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda Territory has provided them with the chance to rebuild their lives, help their families and give back to their community through what they've learned.

From a Shelter ...To a Home



Over 50 homes have been built in Haiti since 2012; 25 are in progress and over 170 homes are left to build. This project is completely funded by The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda Territory with support from our donors.

In the photo to the left, a glimpse of what the shelter that this woman lived in prior to moving in to her newly built home to the right. In the smaller photo, Rushel is sharing her gratitude to The Salvation Army and its generous donors with World Missions Program Director for Overseas Projects Manjita Biswas. In 2010, when the earthquake struck, Rushel and her family completely lost their home. Since then, Rushel has given birth to two beautiful little girls. She is happy that she is in a home where she can raise her daughters providing shelter, safety and security for many years to come.

Providing a Beacon of Hope

Brazil Territory



↑ Students of Vila dos Pescadores Community Programme enjoy an educational field trip.

There is a beacon of hope and health in the “Valley of Death” 12 km from the Atlantic coast of Brazil. The city of Cubatao is considered one of the 10 most polluted cities of the world; there is much industry and terrible poverty in the whole valley. When The Salvation Army started an Outpost Sunday School, parents pleaded for social protection and educational assistance for their children and teens.

Now, with help from our faithful Sponsors, The Salvation Army operates a vibrant Community Centre for youth from 8 am to 10 pm each day. The Vila dos Pescadores Community Programme provides educational support, skill-building, social protection from drugs, gangs, violence, juvenile prostitution and kidnapping for trafficking purposes.

Transformation in the lives of youth through our project is a wonder to behold! Through activities such as music, art, drama, wall mural painting, English lessons and homework assistance, young people grow in skills, confidence and self-esteem.

Families are assisted through monthly parent meetings where they discuss the progress and concerns of their children. Workers also visit families and help in times of crisis, at which point they make referrals to health centres and the Child/Adolescence Bureau.

As youth that go through programs at our Community Centre find jobs, finish High School, and even go on to University, we rejoice that there is such a place of light, hope and health in what is known as “Valley of Death”.



↑ Students enjoy a small break from their studies to say thank you to donors.

After School in the Republic of Georgia

Eastern Europe Territory



↑ Students receive extra help after school

Tucked between Turkey and Russia, the Republic of Georgia emerged from Russian rule in 1991. It has struggled through civil war and economic collapse, and is striving to thrive once again.

To assist the children of Georgia, The Salvation Army operates after school programs through their churches. Over 240 children come to get help with their homework, read, participate in sports, have a nutritious meal and remain in a safe environment. Their lives are improving significantly from this special assistance.

The projects will continue to provide more educational materials and computers to help the teachers to provide better assistance with their homework. Older children will also learn how to do research for school projects.

Truly, at-risk children have been blessed through the caring ministry of sponsors in the Canada and Bermuda Territory. Thank you.

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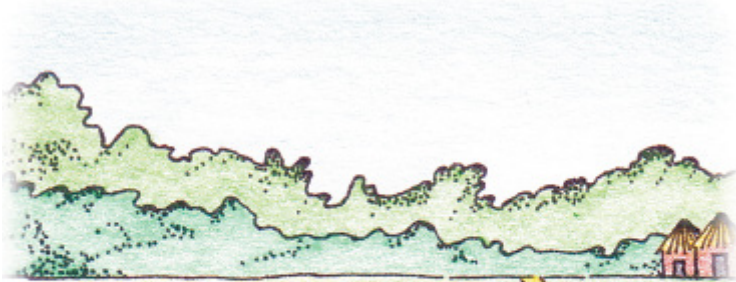
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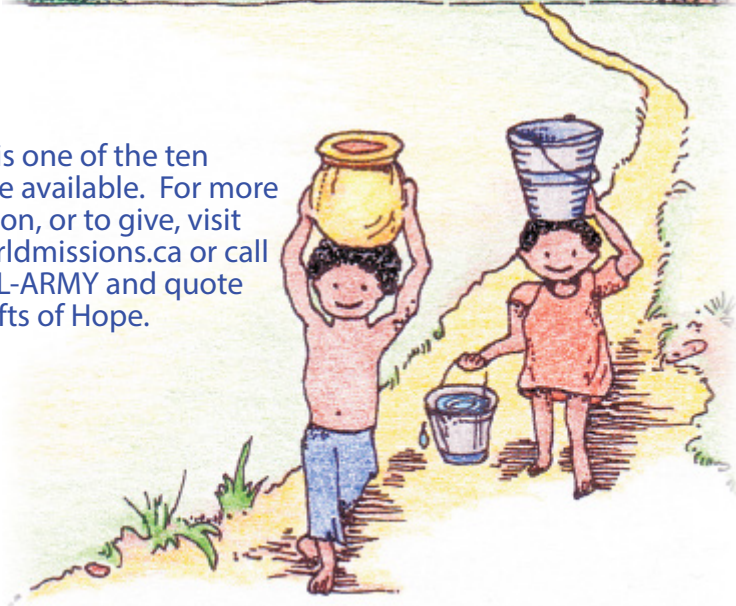


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An excerpt from *"Penelope Green loves the Ocean"* written by Captain Denise Walker and illustrations by Carmina French;

"There are places on earth where it just doesn't rain,
So nothing will grow – not even some grain.
Children are thirsty – no safe water to drink,
It's muddy and bitter and starting to stink.
There's no tap to turn, no well in the yard,
In fact, fetching water is incredibly hard!
They walk for miles with jugs on their heads,
Collecting the water, before going to their beds.
This water they find, it's not a great pick –
This water they find, its what makes them sick."

If you would like your own copy of *"Penelope Green Loves the Ocean"*, it is available for download on our website, www.saworldmissions.ca.



2014 Canada & Bermuda Territorial Congress

The staff of the World Missions office looks forward to greeting you at our exhibit during the Congress, June 20, 21 and 22 at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga. Our exhibit will be located at the main entrance. Please come to see our photos, information, youth leaders resources and an opportunity to meet World Missions staff to answer any of your questions. See you there!



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