

GROWING HOPE

Through our membership with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank we are now 'growing hope'!

The Salvation Army is one of 15 members of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, an association of church-based organizations, whose vision is a 'world without hunger.' As a member, we have had the privilege of supporting projects around the world by providing food during crisis and supplying farmers with an opportunity to increase their yield.

This summer we have joined the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries in a Growing Project in Alberton, Ont. Scott Brooks has generously donated the use of his 74-acre farm, joining over 250 growing projects across Canada to raise funds to end hunger. The Salvation Army has given funds for seeds and fertilizer for 20 acres of the donated farm land, helping Scott to grow corn, soybeans and wheat. After the crops have been harvested and sold to a local buyer, the proceeds will be used to support new projects through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.



Scott Brooks stands with donated land

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Major Brenda Murray with a beneficiary after she's filled her jug with water

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The official opening of the well

CLEAN WATER FOR SRI LANKA

By Major Brenda Murray

Polannaruwa is a beautiful community in north central Sri Lanka. It is the main city of the country and today tourists flock to the area to enjoy its art and medieval architecture. However, lurking in the shadows of this tourist haven is a serious problem; lack of safe, clean water. As a result of limited access to this basic necessity, there is a high rate of chronic kidney disease among middle-age male farmers which the World Health Organization believes is in part related to contaminated water.

In response to the water crisis, The Salvation Army in Canada partnered with the local Salvation Army in Sri Lanka for the development of a Safe Water and Livelihood Development (SWALD) project. This provides clean water to approximately 7,000 people through the development of boreholes and water supply facilities in several communities across the region.

During a recent visit to Elahera, a small community of Polannaruwa, I attended the opening of one of the newly constructed

water supply facilities. People lined the street in anticipation of the official opening. There was a sense of relief and excitement in the air as villagers received their first jugs of clean, safe drinking water. Following the ceremony, several beneficiaries expressed how much it meant to have this new facility and the positive impact it would have on their daily life.

One woman said "Thank you so much! My husband is in the hospital sick with the kidney disease. Having clean water means so much to us," while using her arms to embrace the crowd.

In September 2015, The United Nations adopted the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's). The objective of goal number six is "to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all." The Salvation Army SWALD project is a practical local response to this goal which makes a positive difference in the health and well-being of residents previously affected by contaminated water.

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THE PROMISE OF WORLD MISSIONS

The role of the World Missions team is unique and diverse. We are privileged to work with partner territories and commands around the world, as together we seek to respond to community needs and opportunities. The global need of our partners knows no season, thus our response is year round and continuous.

For the World Missions team at Territorial Headquarters, this is a period of reflection and transition as Major Gillian Brown will enter retirement on June 30, 2016. Gillian has given valued leadership to the department for the past 10 years. Her influence and sensitive understanding of global development issues have been appreciated by partner and donor territories alike. Her dedication and commitment will leave an indelible legacy in the World Missions Department and we wish her well as she enters a new season of life.

In this edition of Global Link, we are pleased to share stories that feature The Salvation Army's work with orphans in Liberia and how sponsorship is positively impacting the lives of children in Indonesia. We also highlight a clean water project in Sri Lanka and a wonderful ministry in Bolivia. Thanks to all who continue to invest in the lives of many through The Salvation Army.

For more information or to make a donation, please visit SalvationArmy.ca

Major Brenda Murray
Word Missions Associate Director



Helping orphans get back into school

A NEW BEGINNING FOR EBOLA ORPHANS

By Major Gillian Brown

Everyone in the small villages of Sierra Leone I visited had the same story to share; loved ones who became ill with Ebola were unable to receive proper medical care and died within days. This is true of most communities in Sierra Leone, yet their grief was still palpable.

Kalia village, population of about 500, is a far distance off the main highway from Freetown to Bo County. As family members shared their stories, they reverently laid the death certificate of those they loved on a small table in front of me. Thirty-seven had died, 29 in a single day. Concerned that the villagers would flee, spreading the virus to other communities, the military surrounded the village during the many weeks of quarantine.

In the midst of the Ebola crisis, Colonel Samuel Amponsah, the leader of The Salvation Army in Sierra Leone, signed off a teleconference saying: "Don't forget us." And we have not. Working with the community, a project is being developed that will help people to recover and experience hope and joy once more.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN BOLIVIA

By Major Donna Barthau

While visiting three homes in Cochabamba, I witnessed the benefit of the agricultural training as well as the eco-cookers that Canada provided through your donations to Gifts of Hope. The women love their cookers and use them all the time. In addition, a model greenhouse is set up that allows others to learn how to make their own with some supplies given to them.

It was a privilege to meet some of the

During the first year of the project, school tuition and supplies for the orphans will be paid to help ease the financial burden on families. This would provide time for their income to increase. We also recognized that orphans have experienced a lot of trauma. While identifying this issue, it was decided that we would include a psycho-social component to ensure that all children received care.

This project also includes the provision of seeds, fertilizers, pesticide and farming tools during year one. Ebola began at the beginning of the planting season, which resulted in the loss of the crops. Due to rust and use by people affected with the virus, farming tools were destroyed. The goal is to provide agricultural training to increase productivity.

The presence of The Salvation Army in more than 125 countries means that there can be an immediate response when disasters happen. Being in so many countries also means that The Salvation Army committed to being there for the long term, caring for the needs of vulnerable families.

beneficiaries. One of the women I met, Teofila, is from the Tiquirani community and was happy to have us in her home to share how The Salvation Army has made a difference in her life. She is a single mom and uses the greenhouse but has grown her own separate garden. She also raises chickens that were given to her from the Gifts of Hope program.

"I use my eco-cooker every day and go to the market to sell my baking," says



Major Gillian Brown
World Missions Director

WORLD MISSIONS LEADER SAYS FAREWELL

Over the past 10 years, The Salvation Army has expanded from 111 countries in 2006, to more than 125 countries, with more to be announced in the days ahead. At the same time we have seen the capacity to implement projects excel.

Through the launching of the Millennium Development Goals, life has improved for international communities in the areas of education and health, clean water and sanitation. Yet challenges still remain. Too many people are displaced from their homes, trafficked into slavery, or children do not live long enough to celebrate their fifth birthday. But we are not without hope, God is always at work and as His hands and feet, The Salvation Army is making a difference everywhere.

It has been a privilege to have been appointed to the World Missions office. I will miss sitting in simple corps buildings with mud floors, sharing a laugh, a tear or a prayer with colleagues in the field internationally. There is much joyful worship that is an expression of faith in so many countries. I leave a committed team and look forward to hearing stories of transformation and hope in the days ahead.

OTHER PROGRAMS IN BOLIVIA

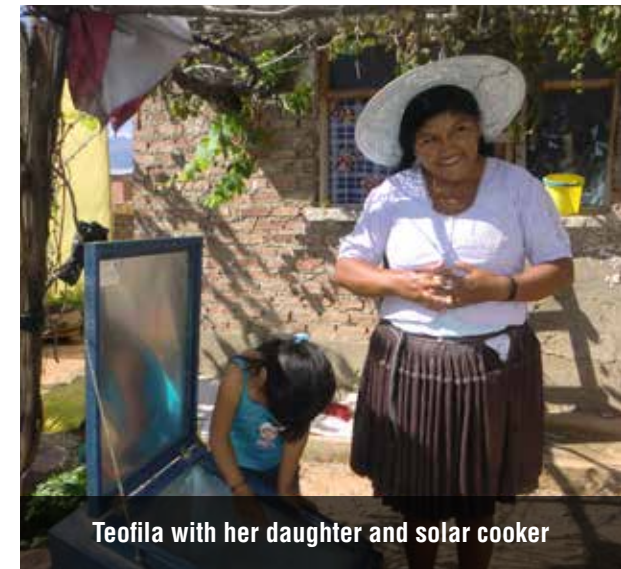
Teofila. "I take care of the chickens and my garden as it helps my family to survive." With tears in her eyes, she thanked us and the donors.

A landlocked country, Bolivia continues to be a region of many people of diverse cultures, where 64 percent of the population lives below the poverty line. The Salvation Army is active and strong in the country. My visit to the Cochabamba area revealed great ministry in the community through day-care centres, children's homes and a mobile health clinic.

Brighter Futures Children's Sponsorship is assisting The Salvation Army's Girl's Home in Cochabamba. Their church-run day-care centres are

beehives of activity and provide significant help to working, marginalized, single parents. The home also supports orphans and children coming from abusive homes.

We are also assisting The Harry Williams Hospital that provides service to the city and surrounding impoverished communities. The mobile health clinic, with a crew consisting of a doctor, nurse, dentist, nutritionist, agriculturalist, youth worker, and a woman/small business assistant, visits communities for 6-12 months at a time. The team conducts health clinics and work groups with women to help them learn skills and crafts so they can earn a sustainable and steady income.



Teofila with her daughter and solar cooker

EMPOWERING AT-RISK GIRLS IN INDONESIA



Denpasar Education Centre

"Dear Sponsors, thank you for all you have done," says Vanny, age 9, a student attending Denpasar Girl's Home in Indonesia. "I am so happy and feel blessed that you give your attention to me and my friends. We learn to cook, bake, sew and other educational skills. We also attend vocational training that will help us in our future. I pray that God will always guide you and give His blessing to you."

The Salvation Army's Brighter Futures Children's Sponsorship Program maintains quality care for 45 girls in Denpasar. Your assistance provides repairs, upgrades and equipment such as printers, computers and sewing machines, which has allowed staff to apply for government accreditation, the first of our homes to do so.

Typically, three girls of different ages live in one bedroom with the older ones helping

take care of the younger ones. There are separate areas for girls to study according to their age and grade level. This includes pre-, primary and high schools.

The Salvation Army ensures that every child in its care receives love and support when circumstances prevent them from returning home to their family.

