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Some of the 150 goats provided to communities in Malawi by the Canada and Bermuda Territory



GIFTS THAT KEEP GIVING

By Kathy Nguyen

The United Nations defines 'sustainability' as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." With the appropriate training and tools, livestock can help provide for a family for generations.

Livestock farming is integral to international development, impacting food security and livelihoods. Not only does it provide an excellent source of nutrition, but a sustainable source of income. For families in need, selling dairy, meat, hide, hair and offspring is an invaluable income-generating activity.

Last year, the Canada and Bermuda Territory, in partnership with The Salvation Army Malawi Territory, was able to purchase 150 goats and 24 pigs for five communities in Blantyre, Malawi. The animals, along with veterinary vaccines and livestock management training, were gifted to families raising orphaned and vulnerable children.

With a steady income, these families are now able to meet their needs—those caring for orphaned and vulnerable children can pay for essentials such as food, school fees and educational materials. Thirteen-year-old Suwema has re-enrolled in school now that her family can afford her school fees thanks to raising pigs. Over the years, as the livestock continue to breed and be sold, children such as Suwema will gain a quality education, the communities they live in will be strengthened and they'll become self-sufficient, ending once and for all the cycle of poverty.

Gifts of goats and pigs were made possible through donations to our **Gifts of Hope** program. With grateful hearts, we say thank you to our dedicated donors who continue to provide hope through farming.



FROM HARDSHIP TO HIGHER EDUCATION: Elisha's Story

By Major Donna Barthau



Over the past few years, the word 'sustainable' has grown in popularity. The word, traditionally used in business, has infiltrated the development world and changed the way we engage and navigate within the context of humanitarian aid. 'Sustainability' literally means the 'ability to sustain or endure' and is based on three principles or pillars: economic, environmental and social.

The Salvation Army supports international development projects that are holistic in nature and promote sustainable outcomes. We do this by ensuring all projects are developed and designed within the local context and by the local people. In addition, where appropriate, we support projects that span three to five years instead of small one-year projects. And lastly, when opportunities arise, we fund complementary programs within the same community for greater impact.

In this issue of *Global Link*, you will read about projects that have long-lasting impact on both individuals and communities and become aware of upcoming 'United Nation' days so that you can advocate amongst your friends and colleagues.

As you will see, we believe that sustainable development promotes a positive culture of change and helps to break the cycle of poverty.

Sincerely,

Lt-Colonel Brenda Murray
World Missions Director

We were thrilled to receive this letter from Elisha, a former resident of The Salvation Army Tororo Children's Home in Uganda. Once a vulnerable child unable to go to school, he is now a university graduate who will soon be able to support himself, his family and give back to his community in a meaningful way. Elisha's success story is one of many, including those still being written, thanks to your support of **Brighter Futures Children's Sponsorship**.



My grandparents raised me after my father abandoned me as a child. It was very hard for them and they couldn't afford to send me to school. The Salvation Army officer at Bumbo Corps in Uganda saw our need and that I had potential, so he spoke to my grandparents and recommended that I go to Tororo Children's Home.

The good meals at the children's home helped me grow and focus at school. The Salvation Army and children's sponsors helped me get the school uniforms and supplies I needed and paid for my school fees. When I did very well in high school, they helped me continue my studies at university.

I recently received my degree in Business Administration and Management from Uganda Martyrs University. As I look for a job, I want to take this opportunity to share my deep gratitude to the sponsors who helped take care of our home, and who have helped me for so many years to get an education so I can help my family and community.

I have nothing tangible yet to repay the debt of gratitude I feel towards The Salvation Army and children's sponsors, but when God answers my prayers to help me with a job I will stand with The Salvation Army in Uganda and give a hand to help others who are afflicted by poverty and are alone without hope.



HAPPY FAMILIES: KATYA'S STORY

By Yamuna Kanagalingam

A family struggling to make ends meet found hope at The Salvation Army Riscani Corps in Moldova. Riscani is one of seven corps in the Eastern Europe Territory with a children's program supported by **Brighter Futures Children's Sponsorship**.

Sisters Katya and Sveta joined the children's program at Riscani at the invitation of a classmate. At the time, their mother Maria was unemployed and their stepfather was in Russia looking for work. The corps officers also welcomed four-year-old twin boys, Iura and Artiom, who happily joined their sisters in the children's activities.

When she came to visit the program, Maria was happy to see the children behaving well, playing freely and communicating with others. She saw how much they were enjoying the Bible lessons, singing, and benefitting from homework help and nutritious meals and snacks.

After some time, Maria found a job to meet the family's needs and her husband returned from Moscow to work in Moldova. Their financial situation has greatly improved and God's work in their lives is clearly evident.

Due to your commitment to sponsoring vulnerable children, The Salvation Army is able to provide affordable child care so parents can work or seek employment to support their families. These programs offer physical, social and spiritual enrichment for the children, preparing them for a brighter future.



Katya (left) with her mother Maria, her younger sister, Sveta, and the twin boys, Iura and Artiom.

WATER FOR ALL

By Kathy Nguyen



School kids at the Keng'uso Primary School in Kenya are happy for clean water provision from The Salvation Army.

Living in Canada, it's easy to take for granted everyday things such as the ability to hydrate, shower, wash dishes, and flush the toilet with a bottomless supply of clean running water. These may seem like simple tasks, but by trivializing the privilege of water we forget that in other parts of the world a child is unable to attend school because he or she must walk miles to fetch water from a river, a mother carries her child on her back under the sweltering sun as she carries a heavy water jug above her head, and a father is dying from a preventable disease caused by drinking contaminated water. Water is not a luxury. It is necessary for survival.

Through your generous donations The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda Territory was able to gift a 10,000-litre water tank to Keng'uso Primary School in Kenya. This source of clean drinking water has brought relief not only to the school, but to the surrounding community.

"I'm so thankful that The Salvation Army has provided water to this school. It was our cry for help for so long," says Phillip Majanga, school principal. "The children are happy. Now they have time to study comfortably without worrying about water."

The students are hydrated and healthy thanks to the clean water now readily available at their school. Washing their hands regularly has improved sanitation and health. No longer thirsty, tired or unable to concentrate, the children's grades are improving as well.

Thank you to our faithful donors who support the international work of The Salvation Army. Your donations continue to positively impact communities as they move toward a sustainable future.



LET'S CELEBRATE UN DAYS!

By Ruth Hobbis

September 8 – International Literacy Day

The goal of the UN's Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #4—Quality Education—is for all young people to achieve literacy and numeracy and to give adults lacking these skills the opportunity to acquire them. The benefits go beyond the classroom, positively impacting people's opportunities, options and outcomes.

Are you passionate about literacy? On September 8, tweet us @SalvationArmy with hashtag #InternationalLiteracyDay to encourage others to donate to this important cause.

October 16 – World Food Day

SDG #2—Zero Hunger—seeks to give all people access to the nutritious food they need to survive. The Salvation Army offers training and support in sustainable agricultural practices to help communities work toward food security.

Why not host a bake sale or potluck at your school or church to celebrate World Food Day? You can donate the proceeds to one of our five 'Hope through Farming' Gifts of Hope gift items.

November 20 – Universal Children's Day

Universal Children's Day advocates for, promotes, and celebrates children's rights. Do children have a special place in your heart? Become a Brighter Futures children's sponsor to provide orphaned and vulnerable children with shelter, nutritious food and a chance to go to school. Visit salvationarmy.ca/brighterfutures to learn more about becoming a sponsor.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

By Ruth Hobbis

Congratulations to Alex Stoney – winner of the World Missions contest during The Salvation Army's 2019 Congress and Commissioning weekend in Vancouver, BC.

We asked visitors to our booth to guess how many grains of rice were in a jar at our display. There were many guesses ranging from less than 2,000 to over 1 million. 77,250 was the correct number and Alex's guess of 84,152 was the closest.

As a thank you, we have donated a pair of chickens in Alex's name through our **Gifts of Hope** ethical giving program. His gift will provide a family in need with a sustainable source of income, as well as nutritious eggs and meat.

Thank you to Alex and to everyone who visited our booth during the event in June!

To learn more about the **Gifts of Hope** program, visit salvationarmy.ca/giftsofhope.



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