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Children from Concordia Corps receive education, encouragement and spiritual support.



## FORGET-ME-NOT

By Robyn Goodyear

Children dropping out of school early in order to work and contribute to the household income is an unfortunate reality that happens far too often, particularly in the global south, where approximately 60 million children do not have access to basic education.

In Concordia, Argentina, widespread issues such as addiction and food insecurity result in an upsurge of school dropout rates. The Salvation Army has been active in this community for several years and is working to combat this problem by engaging children both academically and socially.

That's why we're supporting The Salvation Army's Concordia Corps and their Nomeolvides after-school tutoring program.

"Nomeolvides," which translates to "forget-me-not," seeks to provide a space where children can learn while feeling safe, loved, respected and listened to.

Using a holistic framework to tackle the causes of dropout rates, this program combines educational, social and practical elements.

By offering after-school tutoring, the children in our care can strengthen their skills in a wide range of subjects and are provided with more individualized attention.

And beyond just teaching academics, this program also provides monthly outings, field trips and special celebrations, where children can have fun and are encouraged to be creative, self-aware and conscious of others.

Recognizing the importance of this program, The Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda will provide the funds for a qualified teacher, school supplies, equipment and operational support for the corps.

This would not be possible without the support of our Brighter Futures children's sponsors. Thanks to you, children in Concordia and beyond can access the tools and resources for a promising and "unforgettable" future.



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# HOPE FOR HEALTH

By Kathy Nguyen



Theologian Henri Nouwen once said: “Community is the fruit of our capacity to make the interests of others more important than our own.” The act of philanthropy changes the world, for it is not only the gift, but the intent of the heart behind the giving.

In this issue of *Global Link*, you learn about the gifts of time, talent and resources, and the impact these gifts are having around the world. “Heart for Humanity” highlights the gift of time and lessons learned. “Hope for Health” and “Rebuilding Okoko Item Church” illustrate the impact that a charitable gift can have in rural Zambia and Nigeria. Finally, the articles “Forget Me Not” and “Safe and Secure” convey how funds raised through children’s sponsorship keep children safe and help break the cycle of poverty.

As we mark International Day of Charity on September 5 by calling attention to various acts of giving, it is our desire that you will consider ways in which you can make your community a better place.

For more information, please visit [salvationist.ca/international-development](http://salvationist.ca/international-development)

Sincerely,  
**Lt-Colonel Brenda Murray**  
*Director of International Development*

In more than 130 countries, The Salvation Army strives to ensure healthy lives for all. We do this by investing in future nurses and doctors through our Salvation Army schools, bringing life-saving medical treatments to rural clinics, purchasing medical equipment for hospitals and hosting maternal health workshops across vulnerable communities.

In rural Zambia, The Salvation Army’s Chikankata Public Health Clinic serves as a lifeline in the community.

Chikankata provides health-care services to nearly 75,000 people through a network of community health workers and health clinics.

“The Salvation Army is really helping,” says Dr. Gamaliel Misago, a doctor working at Chikankata Hospital. “Without the assistance, people would be suffering.”

And we’re making sure this community’s landmark remains stocked with life-saving essentials.

Thanks to the support of a Canadian donor, we’re equipping Chikankata Public Health Clinic with medical and non-medical supplies, repairs and maintenance, and mother and child health sanitation facilities.

This project is being implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Health, and more than 60,000 individuals from Chikankata and surrounding communities will benefit from the clinic’s strengthened capacity.

We believe in a world with reduced suffering and accessible health care for all. That’s why The Salvation Army will continue to mobilize resources to ensure clinic shelves are never empty and to reduce disparities in health care.



Visit [SalvationArmy.ca/giftsofhope](http://SalvationArmy.ca/giftsofhope) to see how you can make a difference.



# SAFE AND SECURE IN SOUTH AMERICA

By Robyn Goodyear

Near or far, we all dream of a future where all children and youth can attend school in a safe and secure learning environment. At The Salvation Army, we know that infrastructure resilience is the cornerstone of sustainable development and that disaster risk reduction needs to be integrated into everything that we do.

In partnership with our friends at The Salvation Army in South America, we're committed to building safer and stronger communities.

At the Faro de Angeles Kindergarten in Valparaíso, Chile, your support has enabled us to construct essential safety features to ensure the well-being of all students and staff.

Through financial support from our Brighter Futures Children's Sponsorship Program, The Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda will provide funds to build an emergency slide, designed to allow the evacuation of children in the event of an earthquake. This is critical infrastructure as Chile is a hot spot for earthquakes and tremors.

This project will also include the construction of an outdoor structure with a well-built roof, which will protect students and staff from the elements, allowing the school to extend outdoor activities and exercise into the rainy months.

With this funding, the school can obtain official recognition from the government's Ministry of Education. This will qualify the school to receive additional financial support, ensuring continued access to schooling for children in the community.

Thanks to you, we can create safe, strong and resilient learning environments for students across the globe.



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# HEART FOR HUMANITY

By Kathy Nguyen



September 5 marks International Day of Charity, a day established by the United Nations to mobilize people, non-governmental organizations and stakeholders around the world to help others through volunteer and philanthropic activities.

The annual Self-Denial campaign, also known as Partners in Mission, is a time of year when Salvationists across the Canada and Bermuda Territory come together to support the international work of The Salvation Army. All donations are sent to The Salvation Army's International Headquarters in London, England, who then distributes them to Salvation Army programs around the world.

To celebrate International Day of Charity, we're recognizing incredible fundraising efforts made by Canadians and Bermudians.

This past Winter, Sharon Dury and Janine Oblak, who attend Etobicoke Temple in Toronto, did more than just raise money for The Salvation Army's international work. They both stayed outside overnight to experience how many in other countries live on a nightly basis throughout the winter.

"By staying out in the cold with only a sleeping bag, cardboard and a bit of pocket money, I learned how many people around the world live their lives," Sharon says. "It made me realize that we must give. By giving everything, we will help people all over the world have access to meals and places where they feel accepted."

Through this initiative, Sharon and Janine raised \$3,600 for Partners in Mission.

"God taught me that I can live with less material items," Janine says. "This experience was life-changing in the best way. I have a greater heart for international missions."

Being charitable goes beyond monetary transactions—being charitable also means being compassionate, empathetic and having a heart for humanity.

What are you doing today to show up for humanity?



# REBUILDING OKOKO ITEM TEMPLE

By Kathy Nguyen

On May 19, 2020, a truck driver in the village of Okoko Item, Nigeria, lost control of his truck and drove straight into The Salvation Army Okoko Item Temple. Fortunately, no lives were lost, but the church was destroyed.

Established in 1929, this church was instrumental in nurturing members who would eventually become community leaders, government officials, Salvation Army officers and more. A staple location in the village community for more than 90 years, the building's destruction was a devastating loss.

When news broke of the accident, Nigerian Salvationists in North America were quick to find ways to help.

Working together, they raised \$70,000, which contributed to cleaning up the debris, booking a temporary place of worship and starting the preliminary building stages of the new building.

“Our group was inspired by the spirits and lives of our parents who were Salvation Army officers and comrades, and who had built and nurtured this corps,” says Dr. Emmanuel Abara, chair of the building and property committee.

With a fundraising goal of \$210,000, the purpose of this project is to rebuild a new church and officer's quarters on the same land.

With sheer determination and passion, Salvationists rallied the troops and began the reconstruction of this church, ensuring the gospel can still be shared.

“God put this project in our hearts and minds,” Dr. Emmanuel says. “We hope to rebuild his house for his worship and service to the community.”



If you'd like to support the rebuilding of Okoko Item Temple, visit [SalvationArmy.ca/Nigeria](http://SalvationArmy.ca/Nigeria)



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