

# Dr. Marco Herrera Lopizic and April Barthau

Doctor in Charge Nurse and Clinic Manager The Salvation Army Koki Clinic Papua New Guinea Territrory



We have been working hard to manage Koki Clinic and Urban Health Center in the National Capital District, Port Moresby. We continue to see patients who are HIV-positive and who are victims of gender-based violence (GBV). We provide several monthly support groups and are implementing programs for outpatients, chronic diseases, child wellness and antenatal care.

Another activity we enjoy is working with the School of Music at our church. On average, we have 25 participants from ages 6 to 30. Many of the youth have started to attend church regularly and will have an opportunity to do their Soldiership classes in the coming months.

This is our first appointment together as adults and as a couple and we have had to adapt to being 'alone' in a new country. Fortunately, our new friends are very supportive.

# **Prayer requests:**

- For peace in the country;
- To stop the TB and HIV epidemic;
- To support women that suffer from GBV;
- For safety and security in the city;
- For the church youth.

#### **CANADIANS SERVING ABROAD**





Major Mark Hall Corps Officer Singapore Central Corps

Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar Territory

"Lord we pray Your church may flourish, deeply-rooted in Your love. Growing upwards — moving outwards." Words by Colonels Redhead

In May 2017, a group of Junior Soldiers were enrolled at The Salvation Army church by Commissioner Lim. We hope to encourage more attendees to become members of the church.

We are using a number of new initiatives to reach people throughout the community here in Singapore. We share our live prayer meeting on Facebook. Also, since cycling is the most popular sport in Singapore, we started a bike ministry in July.

- For us, as we strive to grow upwards and reach outwards;
- That the message of the Cross will go out to Singapore.





Lieutenants
Leonard Heng
and Peck-ee Wong
Corps Officers
Bishan Chinese Corps, Singapore
Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar Territory

It has been a little over a year since we landed in Singapore. Even though we were born and raised here, we are more western in our thinking and work styles. Still, we are thankful to the Lord for the improvement we have made since we started ministry at the corps. We are able to preach and teach more fluently, and we are getting used to the overwhelming love shown towards us by the seniors.

While we have come to terms with the heat, humidity and frequent thunderstorms and rain, it is not easy to cope with the materialism that we see all around us. For many, religion is at best superficial and self-serving. We want to praise God for this open door and for this season of our lives. We know that we are exactly where He wants us to be for such a time as this.

# **Prayer request:**

 That we will constantly draw near to the One who is the source and goal in everything we do.

#### **CANADIANS SERVING ABROAD**





# Majors Clarence and Karen Ingram

Divisional Commander
Divisional Secretary for Women's Ministries
Bahamas Division, Caribbean Territory

We consider it a privilege and a blessing to be entering our sixth year of ministry in the Caribbean Territory. In September 2016, we were working through the details of the burglary and fire at our quarters; then Hurricane Matthew arrived the first week in October. The 265 kilometre-per-hour winds and heavy rain caused significant damage, especially in Nassau and Freeport. Two months after the hurricane, electricity was finally restored to Freeport corps.

In the midst of the recovery effort, the division held a major event in celebration of 85 years of Salvation Army ministry in the Bahamas. After the difficult months following the hurricane, our officers enjoyed their first retreat in four years.

In April 2017 we moved back into our fully repaired quarters. We are thankful beyond words for the help of The Canada and Bermuda Territory in repairing the house.

- For candidates for officership. It has been many years since the Bahamas Division sent a cadet to training college – young people are interested, but find it difficult to step out in faith;
- For the Turks and Caicos Islands Corps, which is growing quickly and moving forward with building plans;
- For the safety of our people violent crime is becoming a serious concern, especially in Nassau.





Chief of the Staff International Secretary for Women's Ministries International Headquarters London, England

We continue to thank God for His calling on our lives, for His sealing on our covenant and for the Holy Spirit's courage and boldness to take on the challenge of these roles. We are blessed with the many opportunities we are given to travel around the International Salvation Army world, experiencing the many different cultures as we observe the Army at its best, engaging in the mission of Christ.

We are excited about *The Whole World Mobilizing* and have been very encouraged as Salvationists around the world have moved out of their comfortable pews and into their neighbourhoods and communities, sharing the love of Jesus.

Our family continues to inspire, make us laugh, make us cry and make us proud. Our grandchildren bring much joy and conversations with them are always a highlight.

# Prayer requests:

- For health and wholeness physical and spiritual well-being;
- For inspiration and influence at speaking engagements and leadership of board meetings;
- For wisdom and discernment help us to make wise, Godly decisions regarding International needs;
- For family and friends especially those battling cancer;
- For projects and passion for continued passionate leadership and coordination of the international Whole World Mobilizing initiative.

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# Captains Jean-Curtis Plante and Rachele Lamont

Associate Officers at Athens Corps

Regional Business and Administration Officer Volunteer Coordinator, Green Light Project and Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, Greece Italy and Greece Command

- For our work with asylum seekers/applicants, for our work with victims of sexual exploitation, and for our work with the many Greek families who are still struggling because of the economic crisis:
- That we hear exactly what God wants us to do and are obedient immediately;
- That we make huge impacts in all of these communities for God's glory and honour:
- That, like the tribe of Issachar, we would understand the times and know what to do;
- For our very small team of staff and volunteers who so faithfully serve others;
- That God gives us ears to hear and understand the languages we work in Greek, Farsi, Arabic, Albanian, Bulgarian and French;
- $\bullet\,$  That we will learn Greek. Also pray blessing on all of our translators;
- For our family for our sons, Josiah and Micaiah, to continue to flourish here. Pray for their safety and protection, but more importantly for them to grow up being men of God. Please also pray that they will learn Greek and will make good friends here.





Under Secretary for Business Administration International Auditor International Headquarters London, England

It is amazing to be in a city with so much history. It is even more amazing to be working side-by-side with Salvationists and officers from around the world. Commuting is truly an adjustment. And where's the sun? The view from the desk is spectacular -3:00, the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral and at 10:00, the London Eye. Two markers that are continual reminders of faith and integrity.

The Audit department where Bev works is very multicultural: Denmark, Norway, Sweden, USA, Canada, The Philippines, Australia and the UK are all represented on the staff list. The Business Administration office where I serve as Under Secretary is less diverse, but is filled with many dedicated employees who have served the Army well for many years.

Corps-wise, we have settled at Bromley Temple, where Bev previously soldiered. Opportunities to be engaged in the ministry of the corps abound: band and songsters, open-air outreach, drop-in centre and community presence. We will certainly find plenty to keep us busy!

# **Prayer requests:**

- · For wisdom and discernment;
- · For cultural adjustments;
- For us to be a positive impact on our co-workers;
- For family parents, siblings, kids and grandkids, who are all adjusting to the distance now between us.

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Lieutenant-Colonels Ian and Wendy Swan

Officer Commanding Command President of Women's Ministries Hong Kong and Macau Command

It was a privilege to attend the swearing-in ceremony and celebrations of our new government in July 2017, which was presided over by President Xi. The new Chief Executive, Ms. Carrie Lam, is a friend and supporter of The Salvation Army and we look forward to further collaboration on community projects, especially with the elderly, children and youth.

We celebrate with gratitude God's provision of new ministry opportunities including two new schools, the opening of a special needs educational centre in Macao, two new elderly residential centres with a focus on those struggling with dementia, two new family stores, two officially registered regional offices in mainland China, and partnerships with both national and provincial Christian councils.

Our son Jason graduated from the Vancouver Film School in August, having completed a program in film script writing. Our daughter Brianna continues her history studies in Peterborough, Ont. Wendy and I are doing fine and enjoyed a full Canadian-styled barbecue on July 1st.

- For the **Whole World Mobilizing** campaign, to continue to provide an opportunity for our various ministry streams to work together;
- For our network to expand across Hong Kong;
- For partnerships that, through collaboration, we may better provide support and care of those in need.





Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd

National Commander National President of Women's Ministries Australia Territory

Now in our fifth year of service in leadership here in Australia, we continue to stand in awe of what God is doing through The Salvation Army in Australia.

We are leading through the transition from two territories (Eastern and Sourthern) to a single national territory – an exciting and challenging time for the Army.

Kaleena and Anthony introduced us to the phenomenal experience of grand-parenting as we welcomed Arlo into the world and our family. We celebrated Chris' completion of ten years service in the Canadian military, including three deployment experiences. Chris and Kalyn have relocated to London, Ont., for the next chapter in their lives and careers.

This year we also celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary. We were in Bali, Indonesia, at a Zonal Conference on our anniversary and took the opportunity to take our relationship to new heights with a parasailing experience. Floyd, who is not fond of heights, described it as the longest 6 minutes of our 35 years of marriage.

# **Prayer requests:**

- For continued wisdom, discernment, and courage for the Australia One journey
- · For continued health for the demands of leadership
- With thanksgiving for past provision and continued prayer for our partners who share life's journey with our family members in our physical absence.

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# Lieutenant-Colonels Morris and Wanda Vincent

Chief Secretary Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries Kenya West Territory

Residing in rural Kakamega and serving in Kenya West has broadened our understanding of life in developing countries. We have adjusted to the road traffic now, with hundreds of boda-bodas (motorcycles), three-wheeled tuk-tuks (mini-cars), and matatus (small vans) that control the roads as taxis. Morris is brave enough to drive, but I choose not to.

Kenyans are warm and friendly and make us feel welcome. They love to feed you — just like Newfoundlanders! We enjoy some of the local cuisine, while some dishes we graciously consume to show respect. The working language is English, but they naturally love to use their native tongue, Swahili. The people are quite happy when our morning greeting is "Habari asubuhi." And of course, worship for us now includes lots of upbeat singing and dancing — yes we join in. We love the occasions that connect us with youth and children, so we jump at any opportunity for school visits or seeing youth in divisional gatherings.

- For our health and safety, and the implications of living far from family;
- For a mission-driven Army on every level and spiritual growth for all Salvationists.



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