

All the World

In a time of uncertainty, we continue to be partners in mission.

BY LT-COLONEL BRENDA MURRAY

In 1985, the U.S.A. Central Territory hosted the international youth congress in Macomb, Illinois. It was as a delegate at this congress that I realized I was part of something so much greater than my corps, division or territory. The theme of the congress was "Building a New World," and as I sat in the bleachers along with thousands of young Salvationists gathered from around the world, my eyes were opened to the rich diversity of this global, missional movement.

Thirty-six years later, through the faithfulness of generations, The Salvation Army continues to march, spreading

the gospel message and meeting human needs within local communities.

As you read through this photo essay, I pray that you will see the joy in ministry; that you will catch the excitement that I experienced, knowing we are a small part of God's wider plan; and that you will have a deeper knowledge of some of the ministries we are involved in around the Army world.

Together, we continue to "build a new world." §

Lt-Colonel Brenda Murray is the director of international development.

There is joy in serving.

▲ When we love what we do, it shows in our encounters with others. Zondiwe Mweemba Ngalande (left), here with Lt-Colonel Brenda Murray, is the head of The Salvation Army's Chikankata College of Nursing and Midwifery in Zambia. Ngalande has worked at the college for 14 years, and her passion for her work radiates through the warmth of her smile. "I have a heart to serve the vulnerable and the poor," she shares. She is delighted to work at a college whose "mission is to serve God and to serve people." Ngalande is an inspiration.



Photo: Mir Clavford Matepeta

Health care is a right, not a privilege.
—Edward "Ted" Kennedy

▲ An impressive sight as more than 278 nurses and midwives graduate from the Chikankata College of Nursing and Midwifery in October 2021—the college's 70th graduation ceremony. It was officiated by Colonel Ian Swan, territorial commander, and attended by government officials and other invited guests. To God be the glory!



Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.—Hebrews 11:1 (ESV)

▲ The sound of the singing, the playing of instruments and drums, the spoken message and prayers of the people are heard across Zambia as Salvationists gather for worship services. It is in times of worship and fellowship that our faith is strengthened. It is in coming together as the body of Christ that we are edified for mission.

ZAMBIA

TERRITORY





An important message can be conveyed using any available surface—even a remaining tree stump. Reading the message, one quickly realizes that the roots of the environmental crisis run deep throughout all cultures, weathered by the elements, cut down for reasons we may not understand and negatively impacting society. We have a responsibility to work toward a clean, safe environment and combat disease.



244 Active Officers **70** Retired Officers



Zone **Africa**



24 Cadets



156 Corps



Languages

in which the gospel is preached:



33,806 Senior Soldiers

9,593 Junior Soldiers

▶ Chibemba▶ Chinyanja

2,498 Adherents

Chitonga English

598 Employees

KaondeLozi

CONGO

(BRAZZAVILLE) TERRITORY





Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.—John F. Kennedy

▲ Women learn new skills in tailoring at a vocational training program in the Congo (Brazzaville) Territory. The women's ministries department is heavily involved in this program as they identified a need within their community.





Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."—John 6:35

▲ A loaf of bread brings smiles to all. Here, the women have just had a baking lesson and will enjoy the fruits of their labour. When we support individuals, we need a holistic approach—body, mind and soul. The bread will nourish the body, and the skills learned will provide opportunities for women and their families to thrive.



There is joy in The Salvation Army. Joy! joy! joy! in the Army of the Lord. (SASB 963)

▲ A time to celebrate the efforts of the women at the vocational training centre-they are graduates now. The energy in the air is high as family and friends come to celebrate the students' achievements. With new friendships made and employable skills, there is much joy.



▲ Lt-Colonel Murray shares a moment with a woman at a Salvation Army Home for the Aged in India Central Territory. The Salvation Army in India serves the community in many ways—through hospitals, hostels, children's homes, feeding programs and seniors' homes, to name but a few. Salvationists take to heart and practise the "heart to God, hand to man" approach to ministry. It is the outward expression of our faith to "love our neighbour as ourselves."



Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.—Psalm 127:3 (NLT)

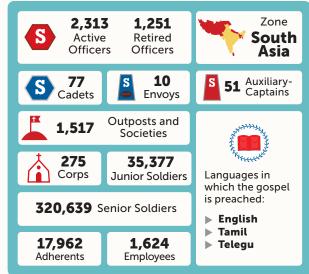
▲ Prayer is a central practice of our faith. Children learn at a young age that they are created in God's image, that they are loved and cared for, and that they are special. Every child matters!

THE SALVATION ARMY IN INDIA





▲ Evangeline Booth Hospital, India Central Territory.

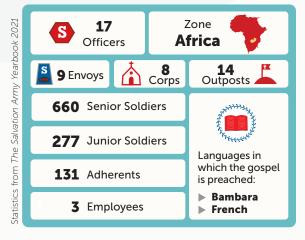


Including India Central Tty, India Eastern Tty, India Northern Tty, India South Eastern Tty, India South Western Tty, India Western Tty

Statistics from The Salvation Army Yearbook 2021

MALI REGION





We are bearers of good news!

▼ A family photo after the women's ministries Bible camp in Bamako, Mali, which focused on the theme: "Good news gives health to the bones." "This was an important gathering because it was the first time more than 100 women gathered for fellowship and to study the Word of God," says Captain Nana Fatouma Togo, regional secretary for women's ministries. "At the end, each corps received a home league flag." The Salvation Army Mali Region believes in growing saints.



▲ The work of The Salvation Army unofficially commenced in Burkina Faso in 2012 but officially opened on June 12, 2018. Since then, the Army has been marching through communities, sharing the love of Jesus one person at a time. Today, the ministry in Burkina Faso is vibrant and hopeful for continued growth.



▲ Ministry to women takes many forms around the Army world. Here, the home league members are taught how to cook *attieke*, a local meal enjoyed in West Africa. This income-generating activity empowers women by providing an employable skill to sustain their families. "Together, we can reduce poverty," says Captain Nana Fatouma Togo.





▲ Angela is mobilized for mission. Exercise of body, mind and spirit is important for our development. The Salvation Army Brazil Territory developed the Vila dos Pescadores program. Through arts, dance, films and various other activities, this program for children ages 7-15 addresses themes of structural racism, sense of belonging, violence, trafficking, environment and abusive relationships.



BRAZIL





▲ The Vila dos Pescadores program in Brazil offers a safe haven for children to grow and flourish. Play is integral to every child's development, as it teaches concepts of sharing, communicating and learning together. Here the children are having fun in an activity organized by the staff who are committed to these young people.



▲ From left, Pedro, Pamela and their mother, Sandra. Together, they have a passion for serving God and their community and are making a difference in the *favela* (informal settlement), running a vibrant children's program at the Vila dos Pescadores. Pedro is continuing his ministry as a cadet at the training college in Brazil.