



The Signal

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Jesus is the Reason for the Season

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A GOLDEN NUGGET

The Gift for the Children

God loved and He Gave. Gave His Only Begotten Son that through Him we may receive the wonderful, gracious gift of Eternal Life. He continues to give without reservation; yet there are many in our community who do not know Jesus as their Personal Saviour.

Shepherds spoke the Good News of His Coming, having received the Message from angels. We, too, have a "Good News" message to share: more needed by the children than ever before.

"Peace on earth, goodwill toward men". Jesus your Saviour—the Gift of the Father to the children.

Lt. Colonel Ralph Stanley

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Conception Bay South Corps With Heart to God and Hand to Man

The Salvation Army has always been known for its motto "Heart to God and Hand to Man". Commissioner Andrew Miller has described our ministry as "The Army is like an airplane with a wing of evangelism and a wing of community services". Both are necessary in order to operate well.

In the CBS area, there are many avenues of service provided and



1. At St. Georges's Elementary School, Zita Butler coordinates a school breakfast program, twice a week. The editor recently spoke with Elizabeth Churchill, school principal, and she was happy to report that the breakfast program has made a tremendous difference in the lives of many children. While this is only the second year of operation, it has already proven to be a very worthwhile project.

Children coming to school without having had breakfast, for whatever reason, are at a disadvantage for the ability to learn and concentrate ties directly with good nutritional practices. The general feeling among the teachers is that children can concentrate better and they themselves are responding well in a positive manner. The specific students who need this service are the ones who are showing significant



improvements. Ms. Churchill reminds us that charity begins at home and she encourages the community to give generously so that

many more can be helped, especially at Christmas time.

2. An Emergency Response Plan has been implemented by the CBS Corps. Ken James is the coordinator, along with 17 other volunteers. The Salvation Army Emergency vehicle has already been used five times to date in the CBS area. Training sessions have been held at Kelligrews Fire Hall with Lieutenant Chad Murphy. He is so grateful for this kind of help. The van is equipped to serve much needed hot beverages and if needed, the firemen are invited to step inside for a welcomed few moments of rest in the event of a prolonged fire.

3. The CBS Paradise Food Bank is also represented by Rose Ivany from our local congregation. Again, this is a much needed service. We were all sorry to hear of the recent passing of Reg Jones who had served as coordinator for the past few years. He will be greatly missed.

4. During the coming weeks, members of our Community Care Ministry team will be visiting about 29 nursing homes as well as individuals. They will deliver close to 500 treats (Sunshine Bags) to the residents. Funds gathered from the Christmas Kettles are used to finance these projects for the CBS area. Four kettles will be staffed by volunteers for 15 ½ days requiring 300 shifts. Anyone wishing to help may contact Zita Butler at 834-5418.

The Walsh Family



The Walsh family, pictured above, are valued members of the CBS Corps. Michelle, the youngest, is a teenager, and this presents its own challenges.

However, Michelle was born with Spina Bifida and this has brought extra challenges to the family.

Even though there was a family history of the disease, yet a biophysical profile taken a day before Michelle was born did not show any evidence of this disease. So it was a shock to the whole family when this was discovered. There were some anxious days and Michelle required surgery but they found that God was with them. They realize now that trust in God and dependence upon His grace and strength is a great source of comfort. Prayer has brought them through, especially during the early diagnosis when facing many difficult decisions.

Michelle is very independent and feels that her greatest strength is being able to stand up for herself in making decisions and in her daily living. She attends youth group and Sunday services and is often featured as a soloist. She admits that sometimes, being confined to a wheelchair, she is tempted to say "Why me?", but she says, "I think about God then and say that there must be a reason for this and someday I'll understand."

Her faith is strong and she looks to the future with hope and anticipation. She plans to be a chef or a singer, and knowing Michelle, nothing is impossible.

Her brother Chris is very supportive and understanding. He assists her with homework and school assignments and they enjoy family time together. Sometimes it's frustrating for him when they visit places that are not wheelchair accessible so there are limitations to their activities. Chris is part of the Worship Team and often shares his talents as a soloist as well. Sometimes, he, Michelle and their Mom, Yvonne, sing together.

Yvonne started attending the Women's Ministry Program a few years ago and it was the beginning of bringing the whole family to the corps.

Tom and Yvonne are so thankful for the support and acceptance from the members of the corps family. They testify that God has been faithful.

Both Michelle and Chris appreciate their friends

at the corps and their love for them. Michelle says, "They love me like I'm part of their family. They are awesome people."

A Testimony

Winston



Sparkes, a faithful member of the CBS Corps, comes from Rocky Harbour, on the Northern Peninsula. He grew up in a Christian home and was involved in most of the corps activities, such as Sunday School and

Corps Cadets.

When he was 16, he left Newfoundland to find work. Away from home and family, he drifted away from his Christian upbringing, and became involved in the things of the world. Life was a struggle for a few years and he was not happy.

In 1970, he married Dorreen and they lived again in Rocky Harbour. Work was scarce and it was difficult to make ends meet. Discouraged, he often found himself sitting in a club, trying to find peace and happiness.

Late one night, he was alone with the bartender and he definitely heard God speak to him. "You weren't brought up like this." Winston was jolted to his senses. This was so true. He left and went home.

Shortly after he went back to the corps for the Sunday evening service and it was then, in 1978, that he rededicated his life to God. Dorreen had become a Christian just two weeks after they were married. Then, together they gave support and leadership to their Corps.

In 1993 they moved to CBS and became involved in the corps. For many years they have volunteered in prison ministry and they have also worked with the League of Mercy. Winston also served for a time as Acting Corps Sergeant Major.

Before he begins each day, Winston finds strength and guidance in spending time in prayer and devotion, even though it means rising at 5:00 a.m. He claims the promise that God will supply our needs both spiritually and financially.

His favorite Scripture verse is found in Isaiah 53:5 "**He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and by His stripes, we are healed.**" The aim and desire of his life is summed up in his favorite chorus "Use me Lord, Use me for Thy glory.

Editor's Note



A SON IS BORN

Isaiah 9:6

Majors Lyndon and Lisa Hale, Corps Leaders, and my wife, Cora, join me in wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God bless you.



Mrs. Ethel Perrin

Ethel Perrin has been affectionately called "mother" by family and friends for many years. God has blessed her to live a long and productive life. On December 13, 2005 she will celebrate her **100th birthday** if God wills it. She now lives at the Clinton View Lodge in Clinton,

Prince Edward Island. The home is owned by her son, John and wife Geraldine.

She was born and lived in Conception Bay South for over ninety years and was widowed at age 59, leaving her with a young son to raise with the help of her other two sons Harold and Bill.

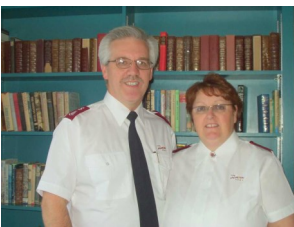
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Ethel and her family opened their home to many foster children over the years until she was approached by the Newfoundland Government to pioneer a new idea for institutional adults. Over the next few years her home became a 65 bed facility that is located in Long Pond, Conception Bay South.

Her desire to help people in need was so great that even in her 70's she bought another home in Topsail, Conception Bay South and provided a residence for 16 individuals and herself. Through the years her faith in God and her ability to recognize needs around her has been a strong point. She still has a keen mind and enjoys crocheting and hand-stitching.

Ethel is still able to read her Bible and enjoys watching Christian programs on TV. She has a wonderful faith in God that has carried her through many trials and tribulations. She has never doubted His presence in her life and can tell you many personal stories. She is grateful to God for her long life and counts herself blessed of God.

Where are they now?



Wilson is the eldest of three sons of Harold & Stella Perrin of Long Pond. Since childhood The Salvation Army has been a very important part of his life. While growing up in the then Long Pond Corps Wilson attended church services faithfully, participated as a band member, taught Sunday school, held position as YP treasurer and assisted the corps officers in delivering SA periodicals. In September, 1972 he entered The Salvation Army College for Officers' Training at 21 Adams

Avenue in St. John's, NL. After two years of training, corps appointments took him to places such as Monkstown and Griquet. On July 4th, 1975 Wilson married Winnie Duffett of Lower Lance Cove, Random Island, NL. Their first married appointment was in Carmanville North. Further corps appointments took them to Glovertown, Embree and Campbellton, Newfoundland. The next 13 years would see other corps appointments in Ontario and Manitoba. Following corps work, appointments were as Memorial University Chaplains for four years, Divisional Secretary for Business Administration in the Maritimes with Winnie holding the Divisional Secretary for Seniors and Retired Officers position. They are presently stationed at The Salvation Army Dinsdale Personal Care Home in Brandon, Manitoba where Wilson is the Executive Director and Winnie is the Chaplain.

They have two children who live in Winnipeg, MB, Corinne, who is married to Victor Shea. They have one grandson named Riley and expecting another grand child in January, 2006. Their second child Chad is now 24 years of age working in Winnipeg.

Wilson gives thanks to God for the Christian heritage he has and considers the years spent growing up in his home corps to be formative years that help to shape his future.



Mrs. Stella Perrin

Stella Perrin, a faithful soldier and local officer of the Conception Bay South Corps, passed away, after a long illness, just a few days before her 75th birthday.

Born on August 31, 1930, Stella grew up in Kelligrews and joined The Salvation Army when she married Harold in 1950. Through the years she has been faithful in many activities of the corps. She was a member of the League of Mercy, the Songster Brigade and in 1991, she retired as Home League Secretary, having given leadership for 34 years.

Always with a smile, Stella endeared herself to the corps family, the community and especially her immediate family. Many will remember her kindness, her words of encouragement and her acts of love. Her home was filled with warmth and love for her boys and they will remember, with deep respect, her sterling Christian example.

She will be greatly missed by husband Harold, sons, Major Wilson (Winnie), Rene (Donna) and Robert (Wanda), six grandchildren one great-grandson, as well as four sisters. Stella will be remembered with love by the corps family and her many friends.

PICTURE THIS

Out of the mouths of babes

Hannah, who is five years old and daughter of Robert and Marie Rowsell is seen in the picture with Major Lyndon Hale. During children's time at the church Sunday morning, Hannah stood beside the Major as he was telling a story. When she was told that she had a beautiful name, she looked at Major and politely said, "Thank you." He told her that God loves her, she replied, "I know that God loves me." Finally, they finished singing, "Deep and wide, There's a fountain flowing, deep and wide." Little Hannah is seen doing the actions to the chorus. Well, done Hannah.



The above pictures are: left—Community Care Workers doing a service in a home in Holyrood.

Right—Part of a group with the Ladies Night Out.



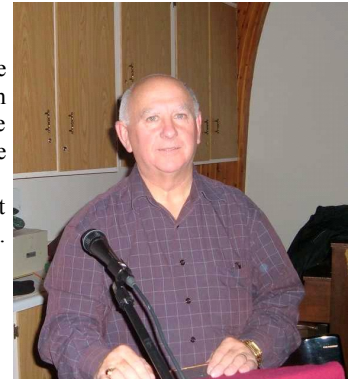
Winston and Doreen Sparkes are The Salvation Army Coordinators for the CBS Corps in looking after the shoe boxes—Samaritan's Purse. They have about 228 boxes to go to children who may never receive a Christmas gift. They started four years ago with 75 boxes. Thanks for all your help.

Rose Ivany, Food Bank Coordinator with groceries that came in on Thanksgiving Sunday.



Oliver Langdon, MHA for Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune, took time from his busy schedule and spoke to the Men's Fellowship recently on the topic "I have a story to tell."

Each of us has a story about what God has done and can do for us. What is your story?



CBS Corps Emergency Response team with the CBS Firemen, attending a training session. Seen at the back in the center is Ken James the coordinator.



Victor and Evelyn Howlett are seen in this picture at Evelyn's 80th birthday party. Happy Birthday Evelyn! God bless you.

CBS Community Care Workers are trained to do ministry in the local area, providing school breakfasts, visiting nursing homes and giving out Sunshine Bags.



Mrs. Lydia Hiscock celebrated her 90th birthday in November, 2005.

Happy Birthday and God bless you Lydia.



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