



# The Signal

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## A GOLDEN NUGGET

"Drowning in information but often starved for knowledge" so goes the description of our society as written by John Naisitt. During recent days we have been bombarded with words and commentary, whether fact or fiction, so often depended upon the bias of the recipient of the information.

In John 14:6 Jesus answered, *I am the way, the truth and the life....*" Therefore - you may follow and not walk in darkness - you may believe and never be deceived - you may die and be raised to Life Eternal.

*In Thee, oh, Lord, do I put my Trust."*

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**Picture this**

Erica Eason, a grade 12 student at Queen Elizabeth High School, had the experience of a lifetime in July, 2005. Erica and her mother, Valeria, participated in a "Hero Holiday" work term in the Dominican Republic.

Erica has always been involved in her church, especially youth related activities, such as the brass band, Bible classes and youth group. She enjoys sharing her faith with friends and fellow students. However, her trip and the work she became involved in have changed her life forever.

She shares her story: "This trip has changed my life in so many ways. I guess I could start at the beginning, when Mom and I first arrived at Hamilton, Ontario, to meet fellow Canadians, who would be working with us for the next 10 days. We were divided into groups that would become like family and we would support each other, as we worked together.

Shortly after arriving in the Dominican Republic, we set off to visit a few small villages. Our first stop was at Redemption, where we tried to set up a Vacation Bible School program. We discovered that the children would much rather play. It was important then that we show the love of Jesus to them as we worked.

A local missionary took us to a second village where we handed out little gifts which we had brought. In the crowd, I found a little girl with a badly infected hand from an untreated cut. I immediately took her to our group leader who arranged for her to visit a doctor for treatment. Had we not found her she may have died.

The last village we visited is where we did most of the practical work, from digging trenches to making concrete. I had never worked harder in my life but my inspiration was one little girl, Ramona, who stole my heart the first day we met.

She always met the bus and called for me. With pick and shovel we dug a mile long trench to bring clean drinking water to the village but it was a labor of love.

One picture stands out in my mind. We had gone to feed people at a dump area near Porta Plata. There we saw children scouring through the garbage, happy when they found small scraps of food or any item of value which they could sell for food for their families. These people had fled from the turmoil in Haiti and this kind of life was considered an improvement. As we left the area they sang a song of thanks.

Another highlight of my mission was when we attended a Spanish Church. People who had practically nothing, as we could see, yet they praised God for everything.

As they sang their songs of praise in a foreign language and as I looked into their beautiful faces I realized that God was calling me to be a missionary to do something for this little village.

I thank God because I have just been accepted to return in July 2006 for another "Hero Holiday". I look forward to this and would ask that you keep me in your prayers."

Editor's note: *We would like to assure Erica of our prayerful support and we are confident that many will give financial support as well. Erica is to be commended for giving her time, her interest and herself to such a worthwhile project. God bless and be with you We'll be waiting to hear about your next adventure.*



## Student with a Vision

**M**elissa George, the daughter of Majors Lloyd and Marlene George, is a Senior Soldier and a C.B.S Senior Band member. Though her presence at the corps is seemingly quiet, she feels it equally important for her to take the witness of her relationship with Christ to the world outside.

In June of 2005, she graduated from Prince of Wales Collegiate, St. John's with over 200 other graduates and was given the honour of being their valedictorian.

Melissa was highlighted in the June 13<sup>th</sup> issue of *The Telegram* as one of the students who received the 2005 Award for Excellence sponsored by the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Education. The award was given this honour based on:

**Academic Achievement;** recipient of the Principal's award for maintaining 90% average throughout high school, Canadian Merit Scholarship Provincial Award, Memorial University Entrance Scholarship, and Honor Roll for Levels I, II, and III.

**Extracurricular activities:** Student council representative, member of jazz band, concert band, concert choir, graduation committee, delegate at the Asper Foundation Holocaust and Human Rights Program (Washington, D.C.), delegate at other conferences at Langley, B.C., Ottawa, ON, and St. John's, NL.

**Community Involvement:** Volunteer at Janeway, and Health Sciences Center, Rotary Food Drive for The Salvation Army; and with The Salvation Army Street Ministry.



In September, 2005, Melissa was accepted into the School of Nursing Studies. She hopes one day to study medicine and eventually help the children of Africa by volunteering with Doctors Without Borders.

In her valedictory Melissa quoted Anthony Robbins who once said, "More than anything else, I believe it is our decision, not the conditions of our lives that deter-

mine our destiny." She concluded by reminding fellow students: "It is the knowledge we gain from our experiences, from our mistakes, which if we choose to learn from, will better equip us to make the choices that define who we are and what we become...its choice-not chance that determines our destiny."

Melissa believes her most important life choice is to be a Christian and that all other decisions are affected by this life choice. She believes as a Christian she should not judge people, but to be their friend and help them through their struggles. Melissa believes by living a consistent Christian example every day and genuinely caring for others is the best way to witness to her faith in Jesus.

## An open Door

**A**s a young wife and mother, I left my hometown of Monkstown so my husband could find employment. With our three small children we moved to Mount Pearl. As a Salvationist, I was concerned about attending the activities at the local church. At that time, I did not have a driver's license so I had to depend upon someone else to take me where I needed to go.



However, God went before me and opened a door even before I got there. A kind, loving neighbor, Mrs. Adie Tippet, lived next to our apartment. The day after we arrived I was walking with our daughter, Edith, to school and Mrs. Tippet came out to greet me. Apparently she had heard from the neighbors that my name was Mrs. Monk and she was interested to know if I knew a Mrs. Captain Churchill (who later became Brigadier Churchill). She informed me that Mrs. Churchill had been her Corps Officer in Musgrave Harbour, some years earlier, and she remembered that Mrs. Churchill was also originally from Monkstown. I was very happy to say that Mrs. Churchill was my mother's sister.

In the course of our conversation she asked me if I attended The Salvation Army. I then shared my concerns with her that because the nearest church was on Adam's Avenue that I may not be able to attend because of the distance and having no transportation. Immediately she assured me that I shouldn't worry about that because she would make sure that I got to the Home League meeting and other church activities.

As a result of her caring spirit, I attended St. John's Citadel and made many new friends. Mrs. Tippet and I remained close friends for a long time but she may not have realized how much it meant to me that I was able to share in such rich Christian fellowship.

Some years later, when I was able to drive, it was my privilege to take Mrs. Tippet to church. I thank God for her sweet, caring spirit, for she certainly made an impact on my spiritual journey. I really learned the lesson well that God never closes one door without opening another.



## THE ANTICIPATION OF EASTER

As we approach the Easter Season through the reflections of Christ's sufferings and death and resurrection, we are awestruck by the joy of the mystery of His Resurrection.

That event has made all the difference in the world. The miracle of forgiveness makes it possible for us to live beyond our past.

I pray that this will be a time of wonder for us as we stand before God and simply say, "Thank You!"

*Majors Lyndon and Lisa Hale—Corps Officers*

## Christmas Kettle Appeal—2005

The Salvation Army, Conception Bay South Corps reports another very successful Christmas Kettle Appeal. Approximately \$24,000 was raised through this effort. According to the co-ordinator, Zita Butler, this would not have been possible without the support of 121 volunteers. Some gave freely of their time by standing at the kettles and others helped with practical administration duties.

The kettles were placed at Pipers in Kelligrews, So-beys and Dominion and Villa Nova Plaza in Long Pond. Also, a number of counter kettles were placed in convenience stores from Holyrood to Paradise. All the individual managers of the local businesses were very kind and co-operative and happy to be of any assistance.

Statistically, a total number of 530 hours was spent in kettle ministry. While there were 63 volunteers from the local church congregations, another 58 friends from the town gave commendable support.

These included representatives from a number of groups such as, Scotia Bank, Kiwanis Club, Lion's Club, St. John's Ambulance, the Loyal Orange Society, and the Town of Conception Bay South.

In recognition of this outstanding support an appreciation evening was held on Jan 22, 2006. Invited guests included Colonel Ken Tutton, Terry French, MHA, Elizabeth Marshall, MHA, Norm Doyle, MP, Mayor Woodrow French of CBS, Shirley Newhook, Frank Petten, Editor of *The Shoreline*, and the managers of the stores where the kettles had been placed.

The Corps Officers, Majors Lyndon and Lisa Hale, expressed their appreciation to the local congregation and also to the other volunteers, government leaders and other invited guests for their support.

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## A WORD TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT

Information has come to me from Major Beulah Le-Blanc, Retired Officers' Secretary in Toronto that there is a telephone scam on the go. Bell telephone was questioned about it and this is the information that they told her.

Someone will call and tell you that they are doing a line test and will ask you to press 90 and the pound key (#) and then hang up. He stated that if you do, you are giving the requesting individual full access to your telephone line, which enables them to place long distance calls that will be billed to your home phone number.

The telephone company said that if you receive such a request, HANG UP IMMEDIATELY!

**DO NOT PRESS 90# for ANYONE.**

**She loved her God.  
She loved her family.  
She loved life.**

## Mrs. Annie George

Annie George, a faithful soldier of the Conception Bay South Corps for many years, was promoted to Glory on February 5, 2006.

Growing up in Long Pond, she attended The Salvation Army and continued to do so in her adult life. She was involved in many of the corps activities. She first met John when she was 12 years old. Later they married and raised eight children. While the children were still young, she cared for John's elderly parents, who were bedridden the last two years of their lives.

Annie worked hard but never complained. She always had a smile for everyone and was always ready to help in any way, whether it was giving home made knitted mitts and caps to needy

children or visiting the sick and shut-in.

A capacity crowd attended her funeral service on February 8th. and it was a time of thanksgiving to God for a life of service.

In his tribute, her son, Major Lloyd said, "Mom was above all, a wonderful Christian woman. Her faith in God was the foundation on which she built her life. I remember time and time again coming home late at night and seeing Mom and Dad on their knees by their bedside praying, mentioning each of their children in prayer. Mom never had much of this world's possessions and she never complained but she was rich in the things of God. She loved her God. She loved life. She loved her family. She laid up her treasures in heaven. She has left a lasting legacy. We will miss her Godly influence."

Annie will be lovingly remembered by husband, John, son Lloyd and daughters Glenys, Millie, Evelyn, Mary, Gladys and Greta and their families, as well as her sister Evelyn and daughter-in-law Mildred.



## DID YOU KNOW?

**The CBS Corps has:**

28 Junior Soldiers  
102 Senior Soldiers  
455 Adherents



## PICTURE THIS



The Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Kick-off.  
Seen in the picture from left to right are: Zita Butler, Coordinator, Joy Hoyles, manager of Sobeys, Long Pond, Terry French, MHA. CBS.; Mayor Woodrow French, CBS.; Majors Lyndon and Lisa Hale, Corps Officers, CBS.



Bruce Oliver



Ralph Wiseman, Mayor of Paradise  
Guest speaker— Men's Fellowship



Elizabeth Marshall MHA— Topsail,  
Terry French—MHA—CBS  
Guests for Appreciation Night,  
CBS Corp



Mr. Fred Wicks,  
CBS Kiwanis Club



Jenifer Pennell and daughter  
Emily , CBS Lions Club



Elizabeth Marshall presenting  
CSM Woodrow Snow a gift of  
appreciation.



Some of the Sunshine bags—2005



Lt. Colonel Ralph Stanley presenting  
Shirley Newhook a gift for being a  
guest on our Appreciation Night.



Majors Lisa & Lyndon Hale and  
daughter Amanda presenting a  
Story on Christmas Night, 2005

A sincere thank you to all volunteers who participated in the Christmas activities. May God bless you.

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