

# The Signal

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#### A GOLDEN NUGGET

Inside the house, outside the house, around the house the lights have gone up for Christmas.

Various colors, shapes and sizes. All with the intent of adding to the celebration of Christmas.

Some have even braved the elements to decorate the exterior of their homes. One would be very callous not to appreciate the effect. The children sing:

Jesus bids us shine with a clear pure light, like a little candle burning in the night.

In this world is darkness so we must shine, You in your small corner and I in mine.

Lt. Colonel Ralph Stanley

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# Touched by an Angel.



helsea Allison Hart was miraculously born on November 16, 2004. From day one, both the pregnancy and the awaited birth were at high risk. Her chances of survival were very slim.

Within 13 hours of her birth, Chelsea survived her first seizure, and in fact, since then has experienced seizures on a daily basis; sometimes as many as 20 in one day.

She spent her first Christmas at the Janeway Hospital, enduring tests and trying to adjust to suitable medications. In the following months, she made numerous trips to the Janeway and spent many hours either in the emergency department or admitted to the hospital (including several times in ICU), attached to wires, tubes and machinery.

However, in the early hours of Christmas Eve, 2005, Chelsea suffered a major seizure. It was so severe that after arriving at the Janeway, and receiving several extra doses of medications, things weren't looking good. But Chelsea pulled through, and her Mom calls it a Christmas miracle.

Christmas Day was spent at the hospital. As Barry and Kim anxiously waited, the message of Christmas took on a new meaning. It wasn't about all the shopping, the decorations, the gifts and the big

turkey dinner. It was about love; love for each other, love for their baby and the love and support of family and friends.

The isolation room where Chelsea was staying was anything but festive. However a bright colored blanket hung over the head of her crib. It was a prayer quilt presented to Chelsea by members of the CBS Corps. Well over 100 people had prayed for Chelsea, indicated by the number of 'love knots' that were tied into the squares. They were also a promise for continual prayer support. ("See photo on left column".)

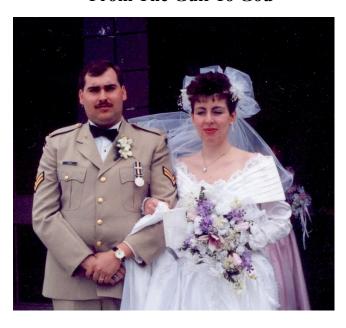
The quilt symbolized happiness, the real spirit of Christmas and most importantly, "hope". Kim and Barry were overwhelmed by the love of the staff, and especially their love for their special little girl.

Chelsea came home on Boxing Bay and continues to face health challenges. But her smile warms every heart. Kim says "...it has been two years since God sent His sweetest most beautiful angel to Barry and me, to take care of. What an honor but what a responsibility. Sometimes I actually sit back in awe when I think about how perfectly she fits into our family. She is a miracle in every sense of the word; a true gift from heaven, an angel who touches all of our lives" *Editor's Note: If you would like to read more about Chelsea and see more pictures, go to -*

www3.nf.sympatico.ca/barry\_hart/index.htm



### From The Gulf To God



Cory and Ellen Pardy married in May 1994

I ar from home in a war torn country with the continual sound of fighter jets flying overhead, the blasts of artillery guns both near and in the distance, the roar of scud missile overhead and the blaring of occasional air raid sirens would be enough to make any brave soldier feel nervous and uneasy. Yet, Private Corey Pardy, as he worked with the Canadian Field Hospital, during the Gulf War, and experienced these frightening realities, always felt God's protecting hand upon his life. However, a nagging question always came to mind "If something should happen to me here, where will I go?"

Corey had faithfully attended The Salvation Army at his home in Grand Bank, but he never really made a personal commitment of his life to God.

In 1989, at the young age of 18, Corey fulfilled his life's dream and away from home for the first time, he enlisted for training with the Canadian Army at Cornwallis, N.S. With further training at Camp Borden and Lahr, Germany, he received his first official posting at the Canadian Forces Hospital in Halifax as a qualified Medic.

His career went well, but Corey always sensed a feeling of guilt in his spiritual life. He knew he wasn't right with God. However, when troubles and concerns weighed heavily upon him, he knew the answer was prayer.

His deployment to the Gulf War came in January, 1991. Even though that was a great challenge, yet Corey was overwhelmed by the love and support of

family and friends and especially his home town. Letters, cards and care packages arrived regularly.

It was a welcomed relief when Corey returned home in March, to his Halifax posting. He received a hero's welcome at Grand Bank, being honored by his school and the town. He was presented with plaques by the Mayor and The Salvation Army congregation. The sight of the huge tree in his parents front yard laden with yellow ribbons, stands out in his mind even today.

In the course of the next few years, he met and married his wife, Ellen and they attended Fairview Citadel in Halifax. They were married there in May, 1994 by Colonel Ken Tutton. God has blessed them with two wonderful boys, Nicholas born in 1995 and Dylan born in 1997.

In Dec. 1999, Corey officially retired from the Military as Corporal, and eventually moved to the CBS area. Since then, he has worked with the Fisheries and Forestry Government Departments. At present, he works with RNC as a Communications Technician.

The best decision of his life was made in October, 2003, during a Sunday evening service. After months of conviction about his need for God, Corey received Jesus Christ as his Saviour while he sat in his seat in Church. His wife Ellen was saved a year later.

Since then, Corey has endeavored to be a good father and set the right example for his boys. A few months ago, as Ellen was feeling a little saddened by the death of a dear friend, Nicholas took a Bible in his hand and walking to his mother, said "Maybe you should read this now".

Corey enjoys working with the young people and has a warm spot in his heart for their spiritual growth. He enjoys their passion in the way they worship God. He desires to provide a good family life by attending church regularly, reading the Bible and praying together as a family. He is becoming a hero in every sense of the word.

When asked for a favorite Bible verse, he quickly responded with the words of Matthew 21:22 "And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

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Corey can become excited as a Christian, and believes the words of Psalm 149, about praising God.

Verses 3,4 read "Let then praise His name with the dance, let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and the harp, For the Lord takes pleasure in His people."

Dylan & Nicholas

# Where are they now?



Bajors Lorraine and Roland Shea
Orn as a Child of Grace (The SA, Grace
Hospital), I am ever aware of the Grace
of God and how He has traveled with me on my
Life's Journey.

Growing up in the Long Pond Corps, I was-saved at the age of 10 at what was then the Old Duckworth Street Corps. At the age of 14, while attending Youth Councils, I heard the call of God on my life to full time ministry. I entered CFOT in the "Overcomers" Session, 1974-1976. It was during my training days I met my future husband, Roland Shea, who was a member of the "Companions of Christ" Session. I served as a single officer for a year and a half, and then we married in January 1978.

We have served in a number of appointments from Newfoundland to BC and points in between. We have been Corps Officers, served in Public Relations and now for the last 7 years, we are in Community and *Family* Services, in Cambridge, Ontario. It is hard to believe that as of June '06, I have completed 30 yrs. of service. "God indeed has been good."

We have been blessed with 3 sons; Bradley, Berkley, Brendan, two daughters-in-law, Charissa and Debbie and 3 beautiful grandchildren, Caleb, Ruby and Joshua.

My favourite verse of Scripture, - "Even there shall thy hand lead me and thy right hand shall hold me fast." Psalm 139:10 (KJV)

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

May God bless you and your family this Christmas and may the New Year bring to you His richest blessings. Cora joins me in sending you Season's Greetings.

Majors Winston and Cora Dodge
Pastoral Care Committee

# Greetings for the CBS Corps

Winter and Christmas, family, snow, skidoo rides, winter cook-ups, building snow forts, and making homemade gifts. Poppy disguising himself as 'the man in red' and Nanny making Christmas treats and decorations for the season. These are precious memories of Christmas treasures. Best of all, the celebration of Jesus' birth, God's gift to us of His only Son. As you enjoy your family traditions and make new memories to





Some of you are aware that the paper and wrappings that will be ripped to shreds this Christmas has cost way more than the whole Christmases of forty or fifty years ago. Yet those of us old enough to remember these days, do so with the fondest memories. And so we wish for you, the pleasure of these memories, plus the joy and peace that Christmas 2006 will bring, which, by the way does not come wrapped but is in our hearts all

through the year.

And when Christmas passes, and it will, May gladness linger with you still; May friends be true the whole year through, And all things good abide with you. (Author Unknown)

Majors Sid and Rachel Brace Program Committee

The opportunity to greet you in this manner is one that is very much appreciated.

We of the Business Administration Committee have been challenged in the management of the financial resources of our Corps.

The prayerful and financial support of our corps family has been so necessary as we have faced these demands. Our thanks is sincere and with

full appreciation for your sacrificial giving as we strive to meet our commitments.

God Bless You!

Lt. Colonel Ralph Stanley



## **Award Winners**



Joel Howlett
Joel received the Norman
Chayter Award at Music
Camp in 2006, for outstanding achievement in
theory and Instrumental.



Kayla George
Kayla received the Sam
Piercey Award for 2006
for consistent improvement
in her music skills and for
her commitment to the
CBS Band

## Picture This.



Left to right: Major Lyndon Hale; Elizabeth Marshall, MHA; Terry French, MHA; Harry Warren, Q.E. School Student; Zita Butler; Paul Davis, Deputy Mayor, CBS; Roy Andrews, Manager of Dominion, Long Pond Store



Walter Bishop



Maizie Bishop



People of CBS Corps packing Sunshine Bags for the Homes



Eric Dodge, LOL Foxtrap



Shirley Parsons, Lions Club



Winston and Dorreen Sparkes, coordinators of the Shoebox Project for the CBS Corps.

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