



# The Signal

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## A GOLDEN NUGGET

In the church there are a variety of expressions used as we describe our relationship with one another and Jesus Christ. The expressions used are often the result of the circumstances we are in at a particular time.

Family" is often used as our relationship with Jesus Christ and each other. It is a very warm and easily understood description. It sets very high standards that are very difficult to live out when there is stress and strain; even more so when relationships are broken.

In the earlier days of our Army fellowship, "Brother" and "Sister" was as common and respectful as the beautiful words of our Newfoundland culture "Uncle" and "Aunt", still appropriate for today.

God bless you, "Brother and Sister".

*Lt. Colonel Ralph Stanley*

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Centenary celebrations continue at the CBS Corps. For the past few months, the 'Celebration Sundays' have been rich in blessing and inspiration as former Corps Officers and others have led these special services. For April month, a nostalgic feature highlighted those from our corps, who 'blazed the trail before us'. In the video presentation, old

photos, favorite songs and choruses and unique phrases of the testimonies of former soldiers and Local Officers were shared.

August 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> will be the culmination of our year long celebrations. The week will begin with the Annual Memorial Flower Service, at the cemetery on Reader's Hill, on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Lt. Colonel Ralph Stanley will preside over this event.

A Gospel Sing will be held on August 12th, at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

The Anniversary Dinner will take place on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. For ticket information contact the corps office. An old fashioned family picnic will be held on Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup> at Bowering Park and there will be a Youth Praise and Fellowship on August 16th, at 7:00pm.

Lt. Colonels David and Margaret Hiscock (seen in the photo) will be the Special Guests for this weekend. The Hiscocks come from long standing Salvationist families. Five other family members became Salvation Army Officers. David and Margaret both trained at the CFOT in St. John's and spent a number of years in Newfoundland Corps appointments. They served as Divisional Youth leaders in Central Newfoundland and Ontario, before becoming Territorial Youth Leaders.

In 1993, Lt. Colonels David and Margaret Hiscock returned to Newfoundland, when David became Training Principal at the CFOT in St. John's. Since then, they have been Divisional leaders and at present, they are serving at Territorial Headquarters. David is the Territorial Secretary for Program and Margaret is the Territorial Co-ordinator for Women's Ministries.

Join with us in prayer that God will bless our Celebrations and lead us into the future with renewed faith and vision.

## YVONNE (EASON) RALPH



As a young girl, Yvonne, with her two sisters, Phyllis and Jessie, regularly attended The Salvation Army Sunday services. However, during her teen years, she drifted away for a while. After her marriage, most of her time was given to caring for her home and raising their 6 children.

In 1976, her mother-in-law, Mrs. Christina Ralph was gloriously saved and her conversion, no doubt, impacted the whole family.

But it wasn't until October, 1979, as Yvonne and her husband were attending a Sunday night service, that she was convicted to make a decision for Christ. She left that meeting feeling very disturbed but the next Sunday night, she knelt at the altar and received Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour. It was the best decision she ever made. Yvonne was shy and quiet by nature, but she had a great desire to grow as a Christian, and she took the words of 1 Peter 2:2 as her guide, **“like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.”**

The following Sunday, with the encouragement of her husband, she stood and gave her first testimony. Since then she has grown in her walk with the Lord through prayer, reading her Bible and her personal devotional time. She was a faithful Home League member and a Songster, and eagerly looks forward to Bible Studies.

Yvonne is thankful for the encouragement she received from devoted Christians in the Corps, especially Gladys and Cyril Porter and her mother-in-law.

Even though faced with trials and difficulties, she has remained faithful and one of her favorite Bible verses is **2 Chronicles 20:15** **“This is what the Lord says to you: Do not be afraid or discouraged ...For the battle is not yours, but God's.”**

Yvonne continues to grow as a Christian and faithfully and effectively shares her personal testimony. Her constant prayer is for the salvation of her family. Her trust is in God and she relies on His strength and grace.

A favorite chorus describes her life quite well. It says,

**“I am blessed, I am blessed, every day that I am living, I am blessed.**

**When I wake up in the morning, when I lay my head to rest,**

**I am blessed, I am blessed, I am blessed.**

## FAREWELL TO THE HALES



Thank you to Majors Lyndon & Lisa for their ministry and dedicated service to our corps. They are appointed to the Grand Bank Corps. They leave you with this message:

Dear Friends,

Someone has said that being an Officer is like being involved in a relay race. As you leave a

Corps, you hand the baton off to the new officer and the race continues. That analogy only works from the officer's perspective. From the congregation's perspective, it is more like running a marathon. We have run with you for a while, to encourage you on the way, and soon, Majors Wayne and Rosemary Green will run with you.

As the writer of Hebrews says “...Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith...” (Hebrews 12:1,2)

As a congregation, you are at the 100<sup>th</sup> year mark of your journey together. You have stayed together this long because of your faithfulness to the gospel. Never forget that, that is your purpose; to care for and share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are thankful for all who have supported us in our 3 years of ministry in CBS. Our prayer is that you will receive and support your new Officers. If so, we know you will have a good “run” together.



## WELCOME

Majors Wayne and Rosemary Green will be welcomed at CBS on July 6, to serve as our new leaders. Commissioned as “Proclaimers Of The Gospel Session” (1984

– 1986), they have served in corps ministry for 22 years. They come to us having just completed 7 rewarding years at the Bonavista Corps.

Major Green has a background in finance and Mrs. Green was a teacher prior to Officership. They have two grown children: Rosalie (Glenn) Loveless living in Calgary and a son Jason (Kelly) living in Fort MacMurray, Alberta. They have one grandchild, Emily who is 11 years old. We warmly welcome them and assure them of our prayerful support.



Winston's service under the Salvation Army flag commenced when he went teaching at Greenspond in 1961. After three more years teaching he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and did basic training at St. Jean, PQ, before being posted at Camp Borden, ON. and then Cold Lake, AB. In 1965 he winged his way to Zweibrücken, Germany where, of all things, he worked on nuclear weapons. A year later he took his new bride, Cora (*nee*: Porter), back to Germany where they eventually confessed to each other their earlier call to officership.

In 1969 they were commissioned in the *Evangelist Session* and commenced their corps work in Newfoundland corps. (*We only wish we had space to tell of Winston's corps campaign experiences!*) A decade later, in 1979, now the proud parents of Stephen and Coralie they returned to Germany where they served with the Army's Red Shield Services in Lahr for two years.

Health concerns abbreviated their stay and when they returned to Newfoundland they served for a few months as Assistant Officers at St. John's Citadel. Six years and a few corps later they were appointed in charge of Red Shield Services in Comox, BC, where, in addition to demanding responsibilities at the center Winston and Cora, at the request of the Divisional Commander gave oversight to some corps work. Winston even carried out a corps audit or two.

In 1994 they returned to the island and after one year of ministry at the Haven of Hope Corps they served at the Christian Book Store before health issues dictated early retirement. Winston, along with Cora whose support and loyalty, he testifies, made it possible for him to minister in many places and in many different ways, soldiers at Conception Bay South.

### EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Convinced there was a ministry to the Russians, Portuguese, and other European fishermen and seaman who frequented St. John's harbour an insightful and energetic Captain Winston used sound amplification to play gospel music that augmented his distribution of the printed word — Bibles and tracts. He was able to secure gospel music on small cardboard players that had to be mobilized by turning it with a pencil or by hand. Over his three-year term as Commanding Officer at Duckworth Street Corps, Winston distributed hundreds of the unique music records.

On one occasion a Portuguese fisherman came back to the hall where he, a Christian seaman, and the "Glory Shop" Officer communicated entirely by reading the Bible in their respective languages. (The determined sailor did manage to tell, by charade, that he saw the Army at work in his homeland.)

One day a businessman from the mainland walked by as Winston carried out his usual ministry. He was delighted to learn that an Army Officer would do a one-man mission on a consistent basis. As it happened, the gentleman had some association with the CBC and money he collected as an honorarium for being Santa Claus at the local station he donated to the Army for Winston's outreach ministry.

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Submitted by Major Ira Barrow





## NEW CREATIONS



New Creations is a ladies group who meet bi-weekly, with a mission in mind. When they began a number of years ago, they enjoyed creating attractive and practical crafts and ornaments for their own

pleasure. However, they quickly discovered that there was a strong desire among them to make their handiwork a ministry to the community. With this in mind, these dozen or so members under the leadership of Lorraine Spracklin, (pictured above with Betty Tizzard) started working. A number of other ladies help at home and consistently donate hand-crafted items to the group.

Some of their recent projects include: lap quilts for wheel chair patients at the Health Sciences Complex and the Janeway; bib aprons for residents at the Glenbrook Lodge who need assistance at meal time; attractive hats for chemotherapy patients at the Cancer Unit; toe socks for patients wearing casts; finger puppets to give to children at the Janeway when they give blood samples; cozy blankets and soft caps for new born babies; large afghans for dialysis patients and for cancer patients following their treatments; as well as prayer shawls, specifically for cancer patients to be reminded of the value of prayer and that people are praying for them. Most items are delivered to the Volunteers Department and distributed as needed, and some items are placed in the Gift Shop for purchase.

The ladies have also lovingly crafted a number of infant burial gowns which are carefully wrapped in tissue paper and kept at the hospital site as needed.

Some of their supplies are donated by the Corps and when needed they make their own purchases from their weekly offerings. If anyone wishes to donate wool for this worthy cause, they would be very happy to receive it. You may contact the corps office (834-2373), or bring it to the office. Thank you.



### If it Wasn't for Jesus

If it wasn't for Jesus, O where would I be  
Lost and forsaken - adrift on life's sea  
No hope for tomorrow and less for today  
With no one to guide me, to show me the way.

For years I had wandered in paths of my own  
No time for my Saviour, with self on the throne  
Involved with the world with its pleasures and sin  
No thought for the danger I'd placed my soul in.

Just drifting along and hoping to find  
The joys of this world that would bring peace of mind  
But sadly I found only emptiness there  
No healing or cure for my doubt and despair.

But God in His mercy reached down from above  
And opened my eyes to His wonderful love  
He broke Satan's fetters that bound my poor soul  
Forgave all my sins and made my life whole.

Now I'm born again - alive from the dead  
And feasting each day on God's spiritual bread  
My thirst has been quenched by His heavenly wine  
I have a new home and eternity's mine.

So I look ahead to the day when I'll see  
The One who shed freely His life blood for me  
And though I'm unworthy, I'll praise the blest One  
Who took this lost sinner and made him God's son.

- Calvin Hepditch

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