



# The Signal

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## PERSPECTIVE

The baby brother needed to be hospitalized overnight. After some discussion and last minute preparations, it was decided that Mom would stay with the baby and Dad would care for the two brothers at home.

Close to bedtime, Mom called home to say good-night to everyone. After exchanging their nightly expressions of love, the three year old was reluctant to say good bye.

The young mother tried to comfort and reassure him. "I'll see you in the morning, but I'll have to hang up now, okay?"

"That's not a good idea", declared the child. "We won't be a family anymore". The parents quickly set the matter straight.

Obviously, to that young child, a family meant being together, hugging each other, sharing joys as well as sadness. It meant quality time.

Oh that every family would enjoy such love and fellowship!

Major Cora Dodge



Greetings in the precious Name of Jesus.

In the year 2000, Americans spent \$1.9 billion dollars on Easter candy. It probably did nothing to make their nation a sweeter place to live, but the children might have more tooth decay. Such is the foolishness of celebrating Easter without Jesus.

Easter is truly capturing in our hearts the significance of the gift God gave us at Christmas. The Baby Jesus was sent into the world and we celebrate His coming. We know that Jesus is destined for the Cross, we have read the story. As we read Mathew and Luke, we think not of painful moments. We don't think about denial, betrayal, trial, beating, blood and sins penalty. At Easter we do.

We think of the cause of such suffering. It's you and me, our sin, that's what had Him to be crucified! Isn't it awful? How could we let a Saviour die and now look at Easter bunnies and chocolate eggs as the only means to celebrate? When they took Jesus' body from the cross and put it in the tomb, they thought they had done away with Jesus. Many of this age have again put Jesus in the tomb and have forgotten about Him and deny He ever lived. Just as those of that day were wrong, so are those who think likewise this day. Clarence W. Hall declares "**Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there.**" Nothing will change the truth. Denial won't, teaching won't, force won't and power won't change the truth.

Pope John Paul II said, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song." We believe that our Jesus arose from the dead and we shout Hallelujah! We believe that He is coming back again, we shout Hallelujah! We believe that Easter is not the defeat of Jesus, but we do believe that it is His Victory. We shout Hallelujah!

Salvation people, read your Bible, be much in prayer and discover again the truth about Jesus. The song writer said, "Jesus is the sweetest name I know, and He's just the same as His lovely name and that's the reason why I love Him so." Someday every child born of a woman will stand before His presence. It is of great importance that we all make our peace with God.

Mrs. Major Green and I extend to you and your family an invitation to worship with us this Sunday. We pray that this Easter will be a special time of renewal and dedication for all.

Yours in Christ,  
Majors Wayne & Rosemary Green

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## JUST LITTLE THINGS



At 28 years of age and the mother of two adorable young boys, Charlene (Dawe) Butler found that her life was in conflict.

As a young child, she had attended The Salvation Army in CBS and became involved in almost every available activity, because deep in her heart she loved Jesus and wanted to serve Him.

However, as an older teen, she questioned her faith and ran from the church and all that she believed about her faith in God. She had no desire to return until after her marriage and the arrival of her two boys. She suddenly felt led to bring them to church.

Through a series of events, which Charlene describes as ‘little things’, she gradually retraced her steps. It all began when she attended a Sunday morning service, and was really blessed as she listened to her mother singing. She began to think about her mother’s life and some troubling times she had experienced. Yet, her mother’s faith in God never wavered.

Soon after she was diagnosed with Post Partum Depression, even though her baby was now almost two years old. She was prescribed a medication and it helped for a while but a feeling of emptiness lingered with her.

During this time, as she experienced yet another sleepless night, she tuned into the Vision TV channel. She listened to the testimony of a man who said he was challenged to read the Bible. He agreed to do this, simply to impress his girlfriend but reading the Bible changed his life. That truth spoke to Charlene. The next day, one of Charlene’s friends came to visit her and before leaving, reminded her of a Scripture verse. It was 2 Timothy 3:16 “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness”. She was assured that the answer to every question was found in God’s Word. From that moment, she began to search the Scriptures and was amazed to realize how relevant the Bible was for her daily living.

Soon after, in another Sunday morning service, she was challenged and convicted by the words of the sermon. She felt God speaking to her; urging her to commit her life to Him. Lacking the courage to make that move to the altar, she wept and prayed for guidance. Then she felt the arm of a friend around her and they both stood up and went forward to pray. There she found peace and a real purpose for living. The emptiness was gone and happiness filled her heart.

Charlene testifies to the importance of these little things that led to her conversion; her mother’s example, a stranger’s testimony, an illness, a Bible verse and a friend’s encouragement. God is blessing her life today as she keeps busy caring for her family. She is also involved as a teacher with the Pioneer Program for children. “God uses little things and seemingly unexpected people”, says Charlene, “to display His power and grace.”



### A PLACE TO FEEL AT HOME

“A place to feel at home” is the heart-warming greeting that everyone reads on the newly erected Welcome sign at the entrance to Conception Bay South Corps. The sign and its construction costs have been kindly donated to the Corps by Mr. and Mrs. Fred (Elaine) Porter. Corps Officers, Majors Wayne and Rosemary Green expressed their thanks and appreciation to them for their kindness and generosity. It is considered to be a valuable investment to the ongoing Corps ministry. It is the prayer of all concerned that many people will feel welcomed to join our fellowship and truly feel at home.

You are always welcome at the Father’s House.

## JESUS LIFTED UP



**I**t was springtime in 1967. Cora and I were visiting Italy and enjoying our drive through the beautiful countryside. Suddenly, near the city of Milan, midst the busyness of the old city, we saw a bright glistening statue in the distance.

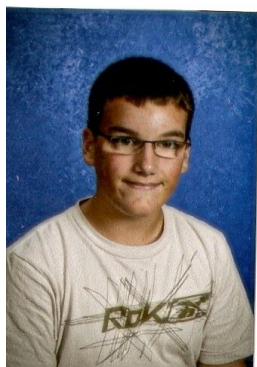
We had no map but we decided to drive toward the direction of this magnificent sight, for it towered into the sky.

We quickly discovered it was an ancient church building and as we neared the courtyard, we realized the form was actually a real life sized bronzed statue of Jesus Christ, right at the top. We marveled at the splendor and were reminded again of Jesus' words (John 12 :32) **"And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me."**

As we slowly entered the front entrance, we were taken aback by the sounds of a woman nearby, crying as if her heart would break. She was standing before another statue of Jesus, and as she lovingly touched His feet, His wounded hands and pierced side, even though we did not understand the language, we knew she was drawn to our loving Saviour. Oh, that we would respond to Him with such love and adoration during this Easter season!

Major Winston Dodge

## CONGRATULATIONS



Conception Bay South Corps family are very proud of Taylor Cassell. In the 2010 Kiwanis Music Festival in St. John's, he placed 1st in Piano Solo (14 and under) in Impressionist/Modern Category. He placed 2nd in his 'Complete Solo Work in Piano'. As well, he placed 1st in the Traditional Folk Song Solo Vocal Category (14 and under) with his rendition of Song of Newfoundland Solo. Great job Taylor! Keep up the good work!

## EASTER REFLECTIONS



**A**s I think about past Easters, two occasions stand out in my memory; one as a young teenager, new to The Salvation Army, and the other Easter was many years later as an Officer in The Salvation Army.

I recall specific emotions while attending the traditional three-hour Good Friday Service when all the churches of the city united. I remember sitting in the quietness of the church and I wept as I heard of the agony that Jesus suffered on the Cross. This was new to me and I entered in to the spirit of the moment when I realized that Jesus had died for me.

The following Sunday Morning, my spirit was lifted as the Band marched through the streets of Fredericton, NB. playing "Up from the grave He arose!" It was thrilling then, and it is now, to know that my Savior lives, and He lives within my heart.

Many years later, my husband and I were invited to conduct the Easter Services at Hare Bay. The Corps Officers at that time were Major and Mrs. Bill Norman (Lillian Porter formerly of the Long Pond Corps). This was in the early seventies. That Sunday morning the wind blew strong. The air was very cold, but it did not deter the Salvationist comrades as we marched along by the water and sang, with joy and assurance, the same refrain, "Up from the grave He arose!". Once again I sensed the assurance of His wonderful presence in my life. Another melody speaks peace to my heart:

**Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth  
the living just because He lives.**

Lt. Colonel Mona Stanley



## CONGRATULATIONS

**G**len Walters, along with his team mates, recently won a bronze medal in regular bowling at the Winter Olympics which were held in Grand Falls-Windsor, NL.



## JESUS WAS MISSING



During Christmas, 6 year old Abby Dawe was fascinated with the manger scene outside The Salvation Army church in Conception Bay South. She and her mom often came by to look at it but she was always concerned that there was no Baby Jesus in the manger. She became curious and wanted to attend a church service. Early in January, she finally persuaded her mom and grandmother to come.

A couple of weeks later on January 17<sup>th</sup>, Abby, daughter of Gerald (Jr.) and Bev Dawe, made the most important decision she would ever make. Following Major Wayne Green's sermon, a number of people responded to the invitation by kneeling at the altar. Then quite unexpectedly, Abby said to her mother "I want to go too".

As Abby and her mother knelt to pray, Major Rosemary Green shared with them in prayer and then specifically led Abby to understand the step she was taking in receiving Jesus as her Saviour. At the time she was presented with her very own New Testament (as shown in the photo). How precious to know that Jesus, the Saviour of the world, while missing from the manger scene was now living in the heart of a little child. Abby is one of the youngest people, in a long time, to make that commitment.

According to a recent survey, a number of people were asked at what age they received Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. The results were as follows:

0-4 years of age	1%
4-14 years of age	85%
15-30 years of age	10%
Over 30	4%

It seems obvious that the longer we wait to make that decision, the chances are we might never make it. It is something to think about. Thankfully, Abby has already made the right decision.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Nothing happens by chance in the life of a believer. God has a plan and a purpose for all things. That was one of the lessons instilled in me through my church from a young child through my teens and into young adulthood. My Sunday School teachers, Corps Cadet leaders and many others were a great influence in my life.

Along with the values that I was being taught in the Corps it was essential for me that these same values were being reinforced at home. Since my brother and I started attending the Corps before our parents it was vital for our spiritual well-being that the Corps taught us at such a young age. It wasn't long after we started attending the Corps that our parents also started attending and we would worship as a family.

All of the experiences of our lives prepare us for where we are today and our present realities. That is what I see as I look back over my own experiences. Once I was obedient to what God wanted, and gave up on my stubbornness, He has led me and my husband Paul through many experiences in Corps ministry in Hickman's Harbour, Buchan's and New-Wes-Valley, Newfoundland as well as Bridgewater, Nova Scotia.

In 2007 we were transferred to London Ontario to the Centre of Hope, a homeless shelter for men and women, with a vast number of other services for those in need. I will soon be completing 2 years serving as the Executive Director at the London Bethesda Centre, a Centre for pregnant and parenting teens 18 years of age and younger and Paul is the Family Services Director/ Spiritual Care director at the Centre of Hope.

Our children, Nathan (14) and Kelsie (12) are enjoying living in London but will always love our visits home to Newfoundland. I am assured always that a life submitted to God's purposes is enriched, blessed and a life well spent.



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