



The Signal

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Pastoral Letter from our Corps Officers

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PERSPECTIVE

At a recent Kindergarten graduation, the budding future leaders were asked what they would like to be as adults. A fireman, a nurse, a veterinarian, a teacher were some of the responses. Then, one young boy, with no hesitation declared "I want to be a Daddy". Sure, there were the expected smiles, even laughter. But really is there any greater ambition?

Surely, no other job can bring greater satisfaction, responsibility or reward!

A famous Christian researcher shares this startling statistic. When a child comes to Christ, 3.5% of the family will follow. When a mother comes to Christ, 18% will follow. But, when a Dad comes to Christ, a staggering 89% will follow.

What an awesome responsibility lies with the father. Any man can father a child, but it takes a real man to be a Dad; to set the example of what it means to follow Jesus. Cora Dodge

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Greetings in the precious Name of Jesus.

Dear Salvationist & Friends:

It is our pleasure to greet you again through 'The Signal.' Since last time there has been much progress. Souls have been saved and many families have joined the Church. These are exciting and rewarding days here at The Salvation Army. We have been experiencing good crowds in the meetings and in the last 12 months we have added 35 family names of those who support the Corps financially.

We will begin our Open Air Ministry on the first Sunday in July and we are praying for a good summer of sharing God's Word. If you haven't been able to attend our regular Sunday Meetings perhaps the Open Air at the Town Hall will better suit your situation. We will be glad to greet you.

I don't want to use the space afforded me for fund raising, but just let me briefly tell you of our plan to purchase new chairs for the Church. We have raised over \$7000.00 already. The Sanctuary chairs are more than 25 years old and desperately need replacing. We are asking individuals & families to make a donation of at least \$50.00 to cover the cost of one chair. You may donate in memory of a loved one and at a later date all donations will be formerly recognized.

Psalms 107:1 says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." Verse 4 of that very same Psalm declares, "Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city, where they could settle." O dear friend, perhaps the psalmist is telling your story, you might be wandering in desert wastelands. Unrest, unhappy and hope all but gone, you feel that no one cares. The psalmist could not find a way to a city, then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble and He DELIVERED them from their distress! He satisfies the thirsty and the hungry with good things. (v.9)

Yes, we invite you to Church. Yes, we believe Jesus has a blessing for you. Yes, you will be warmly welcomed. Yes, we preach Jesus crucified, dead and risen, but we also believe He is coming again. Psalm 107 finishes with this verse, "Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the great love of the Lord."

We wish for you a safe, happy and healthy summer. Don't neglect the Lord and His House. Be blessed and Be A Blessing!

Yours Prayerfully,
Majors Wayne & Rosemary Green
Corps Officers



CORPS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

(L-R) Majors Woodrow and Maxine Boyde Weekend guests, Corps Treasurer Dave Ivany, (wife Rose), Majors Rosemary and Wayne Green Corps Officers.

Conception Bay South Corps recently celebrated 102 years of faithful ministry. Special guests for the weekend were Majors Woodrow and Maxine Boyde from the St. John’s New Hope Community Centre. The weekend began with a Festival of Praise on Saturday evening. A number of musical groups from the Corps were featured. This was followed by the cutting of the Anniversary cake. (Photo seen at the left)

Sunday services were well attended. There was a spirit of praise and thanksgiving throughout the day as 10 Junior Soldiers were enrolled in the Holiness meeting and 3 Senior soldiers enrolled during the Salvation meeting. Lively singing, thanksgiving testimonies and passionate preaching brought blessing and challenge. Many knelt at the altar in renewal and commitment to God .

Corps Officers, Majors Wayne and Rosemary Green, expressed appreciation to the Boydes for their ministry and thanks to God for His faithfulness in the past. Corps families were challenged as well to look to the future and dream big dreams. Nothing is too big for our God.



BOOMER CAPS

Just a couple of months ago the New Creations undertook a new project, introduced by Eileen Snow. “Boomer’s Legacy Initiative” was named in honor of Canadian Military Medic Corporal Andrew James Eykelenboom, who was killed by a suicide bomber in August 2006 at the age of 23. During his tour of duty in Afghanistan, “Boomer”, as he was known by his friends, helped to distribute medical supplies, education material and warm clothing to needy families. The Legacy will further these accomplishments.

New Creations will be sending 120 “Boomer Caps” (seen in the photo at left) for distribution through the local Military Family Resource Centre. Quite a number were donated by Eileen at the commencement of the project. Leader Lorraine Spracklin also reports that, as a result of their many hours of work during the year, a number of cancer hats, cast socks, adult bibs and afghans as well as over 200 baby hats will be donated to a number of ‘care’ facilities.



A PLACE TO FEEL AT HOME

This Welcome Sign has already attracted a number of people to Our Father’s House. Placed in memory of faithful Soldiers of the CBS Corps, James and Selina Porter by son, Fred and Elaine Porter, it is a fitting tribute to their life of service to God and the Army.

You are always welcome at the Father’s House.

Open Air Summer Ministries

July 4th– August 29th
At 6:00 PM

**Conception Bay South
TOWN HALL PARKING LOT**

(In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held inside, across from Scotia Bank, CBS Highway)

Come bring your family and friends

A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM.



In 2008, Wilson and Pearl Brenton were welcomed to the Conception Bay South Corps. In full Salvation Army uniform, they are sterling examples of true followers of Jesus Christ. Their love for Jesus is truly seen in their faces.

However, life was not always like that. Born in Roddickton, one of nine children, Wilson had been taught good Christian values and faithfully attended Sunday School at the Apostolic Faith Church.

At 17, he moved to St. John's, and after studying Marine Engineering, he secured a job with the Canadian National Railway. During this time, he was drinking heavily and enjoyed partying, in his new found freedom, as he thought.

Following a Christmas visit with his parents in 1973 to Goose Bay, he felt that this was the place to be, living the life style, to which he had grown accustomed. He found work with the Ministry of Transport at the Airport Fire Department. He also met Pearl, who was working at the Grenfell Hospital.

Eventually they married and had four children. His drinking was still an issue in their home. Some years later, he was deeply disturbed by the words of his daughter Teena. She had just returned from a church youth meeting and had accepted Jesus as her Savior. Through her tears, she said "I don't want to go to heaven without you and Mom." Wilson promised he would get saved later.

In the years to follow, many people encouraged him and prayed for him, seemingly to no avail.

In 1990, he spent three months at the CF Fire Academy in Borden, ON, and looked forward to a good time of drinking and enjoying the night life. However, he discovered that something was happening. He felt miserable and confused. On one particular night, he didn't want to drink with his buddies. Instead he went back to his motel room and he began to reflect back upon his life. He thought about the way he had treated his family and those who loved and trusted him. He began to feel fearful and uneasy. He found a Gideon Bible and began to read it and made this a nightly practice. He found comfort and peace and always finished by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Upon returning to Goose Bay, he discovered that his wife and children were attending The Salvation Army and before long Pearl and the daughters were saved and became actively involved in various activities. In the next few weeks, Wilson felt convicted and burdened with his load of sin. On one occasion, his younger daughter Amy sensed that something was wrong. Unexpectedly, she asked "Dad, are you okay? You look sad". Wilson was speechless. She continued "Dad, are you afraid to go to the altar?" He couldn't believe what he was hearing. He knew God was speaking to him through this little child. "Dad," she said "I'll go with you."

After much soul-searching, in a Sunday night meeting, near closing time, and after a battle with Satan, Wilson wept his way to the altar praying "Jesus, if you can change me, please save me." The burden of sin was lifted.

Now, some 20 years later, Wilson and Pearl witness to the faithfulness of God. He claimed the promise of Proverbs 3:5,6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not upon your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." Wilson is thankful for God's abundant mercy, for the patience and understanding of his wife and for his children who were used by God to help him be the Dad that God would have him be.

Today, they lovingly share their experience and faith through Community Care Ministries and many other Corps activities, especially the Men's Fellowship and the Home League. They enjoy spending time with their children and five grandchildren. He believes the truth of Isaiah 11:6 "A little child shall lead them". CBS Corps is blessed to have the Brentons as part of our fellowship. They genuinely love people and this is seen so often as they welcome new people and they extend the hand of friendship.





New Junior Soldiers with leaders Claudette Hillier and Rosemarie Dobson along with CO's Majors Green.



New Senior Soldiers Glen Walters, Minnie Cassell & Jerry Mercer

Happy 40th Anniversary



Dave & Rose Ivany

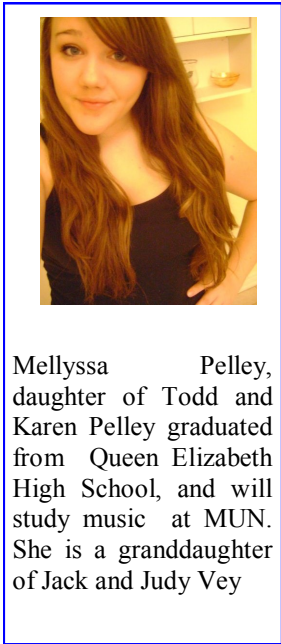


Congratulations to Nicholas Burt, who took part in the "Shave for the Brave" fund-raising campaign for cancer research. This was in honor of his Mom Cindy, who passed away in December, 2009. Nicholas raised over \$2000.00 from sponsors and donations. Great job! CBS Corps is very proud of you Nicholas! He is seen at the left with his sister Tiffany and Dad Mike.

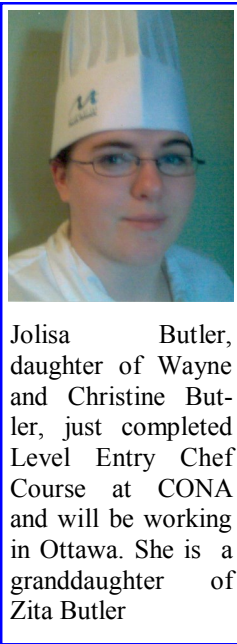
CONGRATULATIONS



Jordon Fewer, son of Loralee Sparkes, graduated from Roncalli Central High School in Avondale. He plans to study Environmental Sciences. He is the oldest grandson of Winston and Dorreen Sparkes



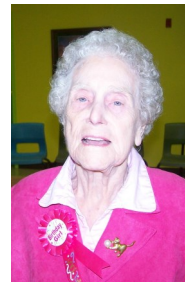
Mellyssa Pelley, daughter of Todd and Karen Pelley graduated from Queen Elizabeth High School, and will study music at MUN. She is a granddaughter of Jack and Judy Vey



Jolisa Butler, daughter of Wayne and Christine Butler, just completed Level Entry Chef Course at CONA and will be working in Ottawa. She is a granddaughter of Zita Butler



55 active members of the PIONEER CLUB



Happy 90th Birthday To Mrs. Geneva Bowering (June 9th) Best wishes from CBS Corps Family.

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