



The Signal

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Perspective

The simple prayer read from little Bible promise said "Father let me stop being stingy with my love". It brought a smile to all. Nobody is stingy at Christmas time, are we? Food hampers, toys, fruit baskets. Gifts of all sizes are in abundance. After all, Christmas is about giving. Everyone seems to catch the spirit of sharing gifts with family, friends, co-workers and the needy. Nobody wants to be thought of as a 'scrooge'

Yes, we give all these tangible gifts but are we just as generous with our words of love, and our acts of kindness, our compassion, our compliments and our words of support and encouragement?

In the rush and busyness of the Christmas season, let us take time to demonstrate God's love to others through our expressions of love to all we meet and hold dear to our hearts.

Major Cora Dodge



Merry Christmas to all our readers:

In New York, atheists have erected a sign in defiance of the Christmas Story and the Catholic League has erected a sign to proclaim a Saviour is Born. The media loves the controversy because it makes news. Do we need to defend Jesus? Is this the time when Christians should wake up and see how our cause and beliefs are the

subject of ridicule and attack? I read today that The Salvation Army has been asked not to ring its bells at the Eaton Centre in Toronto.

Let's do the horrible thing and imagine that the opponents of Christmas manage by some strange reason, to eradicate the world of Jesus. (It's never going to happen). What would you tell someone who is near death? How would you counsel a person facing life issues that are overwhelming? Will Santa Claus fill the void with his cheerful Ho! Ho! Ho? Or will human kindness and love rise to a new level and everything will be harmonious? We both know the answer to each question.

"For unto us a Saviour is born..." He is for us because we need saving. John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world that He gave...." Gave what? His SON! We need saving from Hell and eternal punishment and there is only ONE SAVIOUR! Jesus is His name.

Christmas removes the world's coldness and gives way to Hope, Joy, Peace and Love. Agnes M. Pahro wrote, *"What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace."*

Jesus has been under criticism and attack since the day He was born, but He has never been nor will He ever be defeated. There is one structure that stands higher and has lasted longer than the atheist sign in New York, that is the Old Wooden Cross!

This Christmas our prayer for you is that you will know, **'the Perfect Gift who gives Perfect Peace.'**

Major Rosemary Green, our Church Board and I, wish you and your families a very, very, Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Majors Wayne & Rosemary Green

P.S. Thank you for your every kindness and support for the Corps throughout the year.

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Nic Dobson

Personal Testimony

Born at an early age in Brighton, England to the Rev. John and Sarah Dobson. My father was an Anglican Priest and a Missionary. We left England when I was 2 ½ - 3 years old and immigrated to Australia - then to South Africa - back to England - to the Bahamas and then to Canada.

My life changed at 6 ½ years old when I was sent to boarding school and remained in boarding school until I was 19 years old. Within those years I was abused sexually, physically and emotionally. I also had major abandonment issues due to the fact that I felt rejected and couldn't understand why my sister was allowed to attend a regular school. I learned years later that this was the British 'way' (in the 1950's) for the young boys to attend boarding school plus my father was also head master of a school that I was not allowed to attend due to Church of England school rules.

By the time I finished high school I had become a full blown alcoholic in trying to deal with my life and was harboring resentments against God, the Church and my father, as he was a Priest.

In 1964 I joined the Reserves as a Private and was commissioned as an Officer in 1966. My girlfriend at the time gave me an ultimatum - her or the Reserves. I chose her and in 1968 we got married and later had two wonderful boys together. However, our marriage was a disaster right from the beginning and became worse in 1973 when God delivered me from drugs and alcohol and I turned my life over to Him. She did not want to have anything to do with me or the church. We stayed together for the benefit of the boys but when they were teenagers and finished school we divorced.

In 1992 I married my Newfoundland Angel, Rosemarie, who has been a great support and encourager over the past 18 ½ years. We have one son, Tim who is now 17 years old. Rosemarie and I have worked together in full-time ministry over the years, with The Salvation Army in British Columbia and Ontario. I have worked mainly in Addictions & Rehabilitation, Family Services and Corrections. Being a Chaplain for the last 17 years has been most rewarding and I have been able to incorporate my love for helping people who have addictions and especially those who have childhood issues.

I am now semi-retired but remain active in Chaplaincy. I currently work part-time for The Salvation Army Correctional & Justice Services and Carnell's Funeral Home. I also volunteer at The Salvation Army Wiseman Centre.

God has blessed me many times throughout the years and has allowed me to use my life experiences even the afflictions to His glory and shown me great mercy, love and forgiveness.

When I gave my life to God He gave me a verse that I have proven over and over in my life and ministry.

"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength" Phil. 4:13

(Editor's Note: Nic, Rosemarie (Bishop) and son Tim moved to the CBS area in 2009 and have become valued members of our



Congratulations to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 50 and CBS Monument of Honour Committee for a job well done. On November 11th, over 1000 residents and guests gathered at Stoney Hill Park to witness the unveiling and dedication of two beautiful bronze statues. Committee chairman, Wayne Miller has worked tirelessly to reach this commendable milestone. He is proud of the fact that this is the first time that a contemporary Royal Nfld. Regiment soldier has been carved in bronze. And it is also the first time that an active female soldier has been depicted. Mr. Morgan MacDonald, a local artist is to be congratulated for his fine artistry, his keen insight and precision which is evidenced in the compelling statutes.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 50 who have supported this venture, expressed thanks and appreciation to the many individuals, service groups and major corporate sponsors for their generous contributions.

A LONG POND LEGACY



The name Sallie Chesham is known all over the Army world. Her mother was a sister to Major John Ebsary who retired in Long Pond. Apparently the family eventually emigrated to the United States of America. Margaret and her husband became Salvation Army officers (Sr. Capt. and Mrs. Robert Keeler). Their daughter Sallie, an officer as well, became a renowned writer.

Born to Battle, a history of The Salvation Army in America, is an outstanding book. Sallie's telling of the War Services ministry of the doughnut girls on the battle fields of Europe is particularly gripping.

In Peace Like a River Sallie tells the exciting story of The Salvation Army's first, and greatest exponent of holiness—Samuel Brengle. The interesting thing about it, Sallie does not put

Brengle on a pedestal. She puts him on his knees, crying out to God.

Three years ago, at a gathering of some of the greatest theologians in the States, Commissioner Andrew Miller, made reference to Sallie's writings when he said: "... Sallie clearly portrays Brengle as a flesh-and-blood man, prone to the usual joys, sorrows, temptations and disappointments of life."

Those of us who have read several of Sallie's many books would say her best book may have been *Sycamore*. In it she tells how the Man of Sorrows who died on a tree, took time to notice a little man in a big tree and changed his life. She goes on to trace the life of Christ along the dust of the Galilean roads, healing and changing all the Zachaeuses who sought His tender touch.

When Sallie was dying in 1990 she asked that the flag be put behind the head of her bed, by an open window, so that she could see it in the big mirror on a far wall. As she watched the flag rippling to the gentle breeze coming through the bedroom window, Sallie would wave her weakening hands and pledge allegiance to the Army and God.

By the way, Sallie was a poet too and for that reason she was listed among the Salvation Army's top ten writers of all time. Imagine the influence of one life committed to God. The Ebsary name will live on, for the actual site, where our present Corps building stands, was originally given to the Long Pond Corps by the Ebsary family on which to build a modern school. Ebsary Elementary continued until the school amalgamation by the Provincial Government.

(Submitted by Major Ira Barrow)



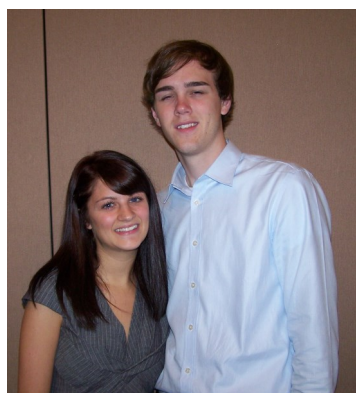


Community Care Ministry members prepare to serve a good nutritious breakfast to about 150 children at St. George's Elementary school. This happens twice a week and they now celebrate 6 years of this faithful ministry. Coordinator Bev Butler agrees that this is much appreciated by the children and the staff. The children are always polite and well behaved. She says, "It is always a good way to start off your day." A big thank you!



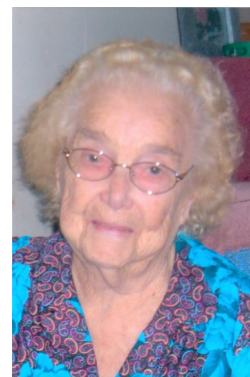
Right now, 147 Christmas shoe boxes are on their way to be given to children in underprivileged countries. The response this year has, again, been wonderful. This year's coordinator, Coralie Dodge will be helping to distribute boxes to children in Costa Rica in April. We will look forward to exciting stories and pictures

What's Happening!



Congratulations to Megan Pollett of Winnipeg, and Jordon Brace, (son of Derek and Peggy) who recently received their Bachelor of Education degrees from MUN. (Left) Best wishes also on their recent engagement.

Happy 95th birthday to Mrs. Lydia Hiscock (Right) on November 25th. Best wishes from CBS Corps family.



JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON.



The Home League Annual Fall Sale was a great success. Record crowds came to support the ladies. Tastefully decorated tables and a variety of sale items including baked goods, craft items, popular grab bags, home made fudge and a delicious lunch of soup and pie were great crowd pleasers. The ladies would like to thank everyone for their support.



December 4th marked the official 'kick-off' for The Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Appeal at Dominion Supermarket. Major Wayne Green (Corps Officer) and Abby French (daughter of MHA Terry French) made the first contribution. Kettles will also be seen at Sobey's, The Liquor Store and Piper's in Kelligrews. Your kind support is much appreciated.



Brothers Jack and Don Crane, residents of Canning's Personal Care Home happily receive their Christmas treats from Lydia Penney. In the CBS area, over 620 Sunshine Bags will be delivered to 24 Personal Care Homes and 3 Retirement Homes by Community Care Ministry members. The singing and fellowship is appreciated by everyone.

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