



The Signal

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Pastoral Letter from our Corps Officers

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331 CBS Highway

Perspective

Recently, a number of young children were invited to participate in a Sunday morning worship service. Some, no doubt, were a little nervous, but they were all eager, excited and proud to lead the adults.

A few smiles were shared among the congregation as one young participant bravely read a Scripture verse from Matthew 5:16. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your 'God' works (rather than good works) and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

It makes you stop and ponder, doesn't it? Good works will not bring us into God's kingdom. We may all strive to do good and be good; to be kind and helpful. However, if we choose to really do 'God's' work, surely that would involve a change from within us. Our 'works' would come from a sincere heart that is given completely to God. Surely it would make a whole world of difference if we individually choose to go God's way and not simply do good work.

Maybe, Hannah read the truth, as we should have known it all along.

Major Cora Dodge

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Greetings in the precious name of Jesus:

This will be the last time we will have opportunity to communicate in this way. June 26 will be our final Sunday, then my wife and I will enter into the blissful state (hopefully) of retirement. We will have spent 25 years in active Corps Ministry. We thank God for calling us to care for people and to preach His Word. Our replacement will be made known in late April.

We have enjoyed our stay in CBS. In the last year alone we have seen a 13% growth in attendance and many more successes mark the work of a great team.

Tuesday, the TV news reported on the disaster in Japan and it was followed by a reporter telling of the hardship caused in Corner Brook by all the potholes. What you are thinking now is what I was thinking then. There is no comparison and one situation makes the other so unimportant.

The Bible tells us in Isaiah the earth will wear out. Oil will be all used up, water will be used or polluted, trees will be gone and all the people of the world will probably be going around wearing masks, not unlike the people of Japan today. Is this something new, strange or unheard of? I am afraid not. Igor came with its destructive rain and wind delivering a painful punch. No one is immune, 'in this world we will have trouble.' The Bible (the book that many have forgotten) paints a picture of the end of time. To disregard it and go on living our lives endeavouring to obtain earthly riches and security is in comparison, complaining about potholes while our brothers and sisters in Japan can't find their families or their homes.

Just imagine, the earth rotated almost 3 seconds faster after the Japan disaster! That speed was fixed, right? We counted on that not ever being changed. The earth's speed is like the sun rising in the east and sitting in the west, it's fixed. Maybe! I know "the earth is the Lord's" because the Bible says it is, and I will believe what the Bible says about the future of this piece of land hung in the sky and going around the sun. I will trust in the Lord all my days because He said, "He was the beginning and the end."

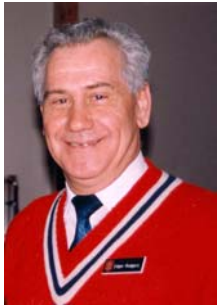
Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, the Russian who was imprisoned in Siberia by his government said, "in the landslide there is nothing to hold on to, except the hand of God." We are not in an earthquake zone, but we do have our troubles. What are you holding on to?

"Trust in the Lord and lean not on your own understanding."

Yours truly,

Wayne & Rosemary Green (Majors)
Corps Officers

P.S. We want to say thank you to all our readers for your support and encouragement.



Chesley "Edgar" Rodgers was Promoted to Glory on January 7, 2011, after a lengthy illness. He and his wife, Margaret, lived in the CBS area for over 52 years. They faithfully served in The Salvation Army Corps, since he accepted Jesus as His Saviour in 1991. He became a Senior Soldier in 1995 and since then, Edgar taught Sunday School, and was a member of the Men's Fellowship, the League of Mercy and served on the Building Committee.

He enjoyed helping around at the church and was always willing to lend a hand to friends and neighbors. Edgar often encouraged others by his kindly words. During his illness, he constantly witnessed to God's grace in his life. In the midst of pain and suffering, his hope and trust in God remained firm and sure. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 52 years; his five children and their spouses; ten grandchildren; four great grandchildren; three sisters and many other friends and relatives. He will be missed by his Corps family as well.

An over-flow crowd filled The Salvation Army in CBS on January 16th, to celebrate the life of Minnie Butler who had recently passed away. Minnie was well known in the CBS area, having lived here since a young girl of 13, when she came to work as a housekeeper. Minnie enjoyed a full and happy life and this was shared in the beautiful tribute given by her granddaughter, Jean. We were reminded of Minnie's resourcefulness, her love for animals, gardening and all God's creation. Later in her life, her faith in God blossomed and she sought to develop her relationship with God through church attendance and the Home League. She was a friend and helper to all she met and always faced every challenge with great strength and courage. Cooking, sewing, growing vegetables and even home repairs were among her list of talents.

Minnie and her late husband, Roy were proud parents of 16 children and providing for them was indeed a testament to her wisdom and hard work. Along with her 13 surviving children, she will be greatly missed by 24 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and their families, along with many other relatives and friends.



Major Wayne Green (C.O.) recently presented Gerry Mercer with a Candidates' Fellowship Pin. He is now an official member of a fellowship of young people who testify to God's calling upon their lives. Gerry has indicated his desire to serve God as an Officer in The Salvation Army. The CBS Corps congratulates Gerry and they continue to support him as he seeks God's direction in his life.



Giving
Hope
Today



Appreciation was expressed to Sherry Banfield and Claude Dunne in a recent Sunday evening service. Sherry was recognized for her service as Cradle Roll Sergeant for 16 years. She is still actively involved in the Senior Band, the Senior Worship Team and serves as a member of the Church Board.

Claude was recognized for his work as the Corps Secretary. He also is a member of the Senior Band, the Men's Fellowship, the Senior Worship Team and gives musical support to the Community Care Ministries outreach.

Sherry and Claude were presented with gifts from the CBS Corps. Their work has been much appreciated.



The CBS Corps recently honored a number of groups, organizations and individuals who faithfully support The Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign. Major Wayne Green, Corps Officer, hosted the event and warmly welcomed all the volunteers and guests. Deputy Mayor, John Hicks, representing the CBS Town Council and MHA member Terry French, brought greetings.

As in previous years, the Kettles were placed at Piper’s, Dominion, Sobey’s and the Liquor Store business centers. A total of 300 two hour shifts were volunteered by the following: CBS Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, LOL, LOBA Foxtrap, CBS Town Council, St. John Ambulance, CBS Fire Department, Scotia Bank, High School students, individuals and members of The Salvation Army congregation.

All funds collected remain in the CBS area and provide financial support, not just to needy families at Christmas but all through the year, and when there is an emergency situation. Financial support is also given to the School Breakfast Program at St. George’s Elementary, which has been ongoing for 6 years.

Major Green expressed thanks and appreciation to all who gave their time and especially to Mrs. Zita Butler who has successfully coordinated the Kettle Appeal for almost twenty years and to Mr. Ted Snook who gave assistance this year. A number of the Community volunteers are seen in the picture above. If anyone would like to help with the School Breakfast Program, you may contact Zita at 834-6395 or 727-5914.

We Burst the Bubble



The Salvation Army Partners in Mission six week Campaign was recently launched at the CBS Corps. The Salvation Army currently serves in 122 countries and this year, the Canada and Bermuda Territory will specifically support the work in Liberia, a small country in West Africa. Funds will help to provide schools and education, clean drinking water and access to medical care. With a population of over 3.4 million, it is considered to be one of the 10 poorest countries in the world. The unemployment rate is 85% and the average wage is less than \$2.00 per day.

CBS Corps was challenged by our Program Committee to contribute funds toward the “Employ a Village” project, remembering that every \$2.00 raised will support a family for one day. The Committee Coordinator, Claudette Hillier gave a weekly update and kept the congregation informed. The goal was set for \$2100.00 and a chart was posted, so we could see the progress being made. (Picture at left) Well ! CBS Corps accepted the challenge. In just three weeks, they ‘burst the bubble’. In only half the allotted time, about \$2700.00 was registered. This particular project will finish on March 27th, and until then, everyone is encouraged to keep up the excellent work.

In Appreciation

On behalf of the Corps family of CBS, let me express thanks and appreciation to Majors Wayne and Rosemary Green for their fruitful years of service at our Corps for the past three years. They will officially retire in June and will farewell from our Corps on the 26th. They have served well and endeared themselves to all our people, both young and old alike. We have seen much growth, both financially and spiritually and attendance at Sunday services has greatly increased. We wish them good health, peace and fulfillment in their retirement years.

The Editor

What's Happening!

Special Passion Week Services 7:30 PM.

All Corps unite for worship

Tues. (April 19th) St. John's West Corps
Wed. (April 20th) CBS Corps
Thur. (April 21st) Mount Pearl

At CBS

Friday (April 22nd) Prayer Breakfast
at CBS Corps
(9:30A.M.)

Good Friday Morning Worship
(11:00 A.M.)

When I survey the wondrous cross



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mr. Walter Bishop celebrated his 83rd Birthday on March 9, 2011. Greetings from all your family and the CBS Corps.



Congratulations to Majors Sidney and Rachel Brace who celebrated their 53rd Wedding Anniversary on March 12, 2011.

Best wishes from your family and all your friends at the CBS Corps.



With a grateful Heart

On February 5, 2011, while Dorreen and Winston Sparkes were attending an appreciation function in St. John's, they were given the sad news that their home in Holyrood was discovered to be in flames. It didn't take long to realize that their home was a complete loss and all they had left was what they had with them.

Within minutes of the start of the fire, and the hours that followed, Dorreen and Winston were surrounded with love and support. In the midst of the chaos, turmoil and fear, they witness to the fact that they could not have borne this great burden were it not for the support of their Conception Bay South Corps family and especially their faith and trust in God. Dorreen said that "our hearts are broken but you (the Corps family) are giving us the power and strength to heal". They truly are thankful to everyone who has helped in these difficult days.

Through faithful friends, God has provided and met their every need. While they wait for the construction of their new home, a temporary home has been provided, along with donations of food, clothing and financial help. They have proven again the experience of the words we sometimes sing "God will make a way when there seems to be no way.." He is a faithful God and works through His people, the Church family.



New Leadership

The Salvation Army has announced its new world leader and the 19th General will be Canadian-born Commissioner Linda Bond. Commissioner Bond becomes the third woman and the fourth Canadian to hold this position, since The Salvation Army was founded 146 years ago. She will have the title of General-Elect until she succeeds the current world leader General Shaw Clifton, who retires in April.

Newfoundland born Officers, Colonels Brian and Rosalie Peddle have been appointed as Territorial Leaders for Canada and Bermuda Territory.

Colonels Wayne and Myra Pritchett return to their home Province to become our new Divisional Leaders for Newfoundland and Labrador Division

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