



The Signal

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Perspective

I remember Doreen because I sensed an aura of purity and innocence about her. We met shortly after I retired in this town and we talked once or twice, mostly about life's pains and pleasures. Then a wrecking ball demolished her dwelling. A bulldozer's blade ravished a bunch of daffodils she cherished and nourished. Doreen was gone too.

A year later, I saw a beautiful, new home but I saw nothing to remind me of Doreen.

Well, not until I noticed beneath a dogberry tree two daffodils pushing through a ploughed-up sod. That day I saw Doreen, in a way!

From my perspective, we are as fragile as daffodil bulbs. But we too, by God's grace, can overcome life's wrecking balls and bulldozers.

Like Doreen the daffodil lady, we may be seen long after we are gone.

Major Ira Barrow

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The Gospel changes Rwanda



The sign said 'Welcome to Rwanda'. How surreal is that? Here I was in this land filled with beauty and had the world's undivided attention in 1994 when 800,000 to 1,000,000 men women and children were murdered in 100 days. With a population of roughly 12,000,000 that meant 1 in 12 people were killed at a rate of 800 to a

1000 per day.

Now it was 13 years later I was on a visit to the country on behalf of the Canadian Bible Society. As we were flying from Nairobi to Kigali (Rwanda's Capital), I tried to envision what I would find. Just about every conclusion I came to was wrong. We soon encountered a peace loving, gentle people who were friendly and very welcoming. The land itself was absolutely beautiful. It is in fact thought of as a resort location by some. Yet, the toll of the genocide was very evident.

On Easter Sunday morning, I was scheduled to preach at a beautiful Anglican Church in Kigali. By 11 0' clock they had already baptized two babies before we began the service. Then the time came for me to preach to about 800 people who had gathered. I dressed in a business suit because I was told they would not understand my uniform.

Through an interpreter in a church where you could have heard a pin drop, I declared the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the grace of God and in the power of His Spirit. At the priest's request, I gave a very firm altar call. My heart overflowed when I saw 57 men women and children respond, some with tears streaming down their cheeks.

Afterward, a Cabinet Minister from the Rwandan government told me clearly that it was not her government that had turned their country around – it was the Gospel.

It was a most welcomed but humbling experience. Once again, I came away with strong evidence that Jesus Christ can redeem and transform people anywhere when genuine repentance is made.

I hope you will take time this Easter to Thank God for the unspeakable gift of His precious Son.

Barb and I take this opportunity to assure you of our love and would welcome you to our Corps. We are really hoping that over the next few months, every person on our rolls that physically can, will make a personal appearance in our services. Easter Sunday morning is a great time to start! God bless you!!

John 3:16

New International Version (NIV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.





Alice (Manuel) Lambert grew up in Campbellton NL and regularly attended The Salvation Army with her family.

After her conversion at the age of 7, during a Decision Sunday service she eventually became a Junior Soldier, a Singing Company member, a graduate Corps Cadet and then a Senior Soldier.

She married in 1966 and she and her husband, Harvey had 2 beautiful children. However, during these years, Alice drifted away from the church and describes herself as a 'backslider' for over 20 years.

In 1989, following a move back to Random Island, her husband's home town, Alice reconnected with the church again. The following year, during Holy Week services, she recommitted her life to Jesus Christ. She felt she had finally 'come home', because for years, she felt there was something missing in her life. This was an answer to the faithful prayers of her mother who had been a Soldier for many years. A few years later, Harvey, who had never sensed a need to be saved, became a true believer as well.

In the Corps there, she served God as the Corps Secretary/Treasurer for 12 years. She was also a member of the Corps Council and the Home League and also worked with the young people.

God has always been faithful to Alice and her family, even though there have been challenges and trials. Yet, Alice has never wavered in her faith. She believes that God can 'do the impossible'. She testifies that she is not perfect but she is forgiven. She is thankful to realize that God knows us better than we know ourselves and He loves us in spite of our faults and failures.

Due to an employment opportunity for Alice in 2005, she and Harvey moved to Conception Bay South. They began to attend the Corps in Long Pond and immediately felt warmly welcomed and felt encouraged and uplifted by many caring people.

In 2011, after many years of ill health, Harvey passed away. It has been a difficult time dealing with the loss but Alice is comforted by the knowledge that they will meet again. She is so thankful for the support of her children and grandchildren and her many friends. Words of a chorus express Alice's testimony:

*My lovely Jesus came and He has set me free
I thank you Jesus for your glorious liberty.
When I was lost in sin, with no one to deliver me,
My lovely Jesus came and He has set me free.*

At CBS Corps, Alice has been a real blessing to many people. She faithfully supports the Home League, Community Care Ministries and in her own pleasant caring way, always has a word of encouragement to share. Her greatest desire in life is to love and serve Jesus Christ, knowing that physical death is not the end but the beginning of a new life with Jesus, our blessed Redeemer.



Promoted to Glory

*Terrence (Terry) Horatio Banfield
September 17, 1959 - March 13, 2012
Age 52 years*



But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

The Salvation Army St. John's and Area.
Holy Week Worship Schedule
All Services begin at 7:30 pm

- Tuesday, April 3rd. Mount Pearl Citadel
Speaker: Lieut. Colonel Ray Rowe
- Wednesday, April 4th. Conception Bay South Citadel
Speaker: Major Marlene George
- Thursday, April 5th. St. John's West Citadel
Speaker: Lieut. Colonel Wayne Pritchett

Conception Bay South Corps
Good Friday Special Events

- 9:00 am Corps Breakfast
 - 10:30 am Good Friday Service
Speaker: Major Lorne Pritchett
- "Christ our Passover"**

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.
Isaac Watts*



Congratulations to Judy Ivany, who was recently honoured for her creative artistic skills. As a child, Judy always enjoyed drawing and doing crafts.

Following her high school graduation, she completed a business management course at Keyin College, and worked for a short time. After her marriage and the arrival of her two children, Judy chose to be a stay at home mom.

A couple of years ago, with more spare time available, Judy began to do some creative writing. She has written several short stories and a number of them were entered in the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Arts and Letters competition. She received great comments and commendations for her efforts.

Her next venture was writing poetry. Her goal is to, one day, publish a book of short verse. She has written several already and recently entered one of them in a contest opened to budding Canadian writers. Now in its 18th year, this nation wide competition is sponsored by The Poetry Institute of Canada to encourage the art of poetry. After each contest, an anthology of the best poems is published. Judy's poem, "Message in a Bottle", was selected to be included in their 2012 edition of "Fire and Light", an Anthology of short verse. She received her personal copy of this particular volume. A commendable achievement!

Most recently, Judy has discovered her artistic talents in painting. She has completed several pieces and has shared them with family and friends. For inspiration for her writings and paintings, Judy shares from her Newfoundland heritage and true to life experiences. Always on the lookout for a challenge, she entered her latest painting entitled "A Sufficient Catch" in a recent competition by NL Arts and Letters Awards. The 14 by 18 acrylic production is done on canvas. Shortly after, she received word from the judging committee that her entry has been selected for public exhibition at "The Rooms", during the weeks of May 1-13th. Be sure to drop by for your personal viewing.

Congratulations Judy! The Corps family wishes you all the best in your future endeavours.

Message in a Bottle

I threw a bottle out to sea,
Sealed with vengeance and iniquity.

It was not easy to let go,
I stumbled with it an hour or so.
Lingering.

I wept.
My courage – the wind took it,
Dispersing it to the four winds.

What will be the consequences?
Where will you journey into the Ocean Blue?
Will you ride the waves awhile?
Can you satisfy its craving?
Will the sea accept you, or spit you out?
Whatever your fate may be;
If you ever become lonesome
Overtime,
You may come back,
To my fourth finger.



Meet the Barretts

Conception Bay South Corps has welcomed many new families over the past number of years. It is always a joy to see young couples bringing their children to worship on Sunday. The Barrett family have been faithful in doing just that. Charlene (Peddle) was born in St. John's but lived in Bonavista until she was five years old. After moving to St. John's she became actively involved in the Salvation Army as a Junior Soldier and then a Senior Soldier. She was also a member of the Junior Band, Singing Company, Senior Band, Sunday School teacher and Corps Cadet Councillor. She was raised in a Christian home for which she is very grateful

and has always felt the support of her parents.

In 2001 she married Keith Barrett and they have 2 children. Sarah is 9 and Philip is 4. After moving to CBS in 2008 they began attending the CBS Corps and their family became involved in many of the church activities. Both Keith and Charlene are part of the Senior band and Charlene, an accomplished soloist is often featured during Sunday services and special occasions.

Charlene was commissioned as the Cradle Roll Sergeant in 2011. The Cradle Roll ministry includes all children who have been dedicated at the Corps and remain on that roll until their 5th birthday. It is a very rewarding ministry to watch the children grow up in the church and see their faith and relationships develop. But it also includes many challenges. Many of the children on the Cradle Roll do not attend church regularly. Through visits on birthdays and occasions throughout the year, Charlene's prayer is that the families will realize that someone from the church is remembering them in prayer. She is praying that this will encourage them to attend the church and find Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

Keith and Charlene have also recently formed a Couples Fellowship for the under 50 age group. This group meets monthly for fun and fellowship. The aim of the group is to build Christian relationships for the couples. In turn, they believe, marriages will be enriched; families will be made stronger, and the church will be strengthened so that they can reach out to the community and have an impact for Jesus Christ.

Conception Bay South Corps is very pleased to have the Barretts as part of our Corps family and we appreciate their dedication and commitment in building God's kingdom.



Shayla Barrett and Noah Denny enrolled as Junior Soldiers on a Renewal Sunday, supported by their Leaders.



"Awaiting Spring" by Judy Ivany



Ladies from New Creations and Residents at the Admiral's Coast Retirement Home preparing items for Janeway Children's Hospital and cancer patients.



Pioneer Club members received their badges at a recent awards Sunday. They also participated in the morning service. Seen to the right with some of the leaders are (back row, center) Captain Julia Butler, Divisional Youth Secretary, guest for the event; Major Lorne Pritchett, C.O. and Major Marlene George, Pioneer co-ordinator.



In 2011, the Conception Bay South Corps 'burst the bubble' in their contributions to the Partners in Mission campaign and raised \$4534.00 in just 6 weeks. The focus this year, is the South American East Territory, which includes Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay. With over 50 million people, there is a great divide between the rich and the poor. Many of the people in this territory live in extreme poverty.

The Salvation Army is reaching out to the poorer communities bringing HOPE, in the form of shelters and homes, access to medical care, and programs for children, while sharing the good news of the gospel.

The Program Committee of CBS Corps, led by Chairperson, Claudette Hillier (above) have prayerfully set a goal for \$5000.00 for 2012. The special project for our Corps is "Save a Child" and is focused on supporting programs for children.

Help us make a difference in the lives of these precious boys and girls. The campaign will finish on April 1st and we solicit your prayers and financial support. Thank you for your continued support.



Congratulations to Riley Mercer, who finished his cancer treatments on March 5th. He is doing really well. To show their support, Holy Spirit High School hosted a benefit concert "Riley's Happy Face Foundation" on March 9th. More than 500 attended the event and over \$6000.00 was raised. His parents Louise and Bernard appreciate the generous support. All the best Riley. God bless you, and we will keep you in our prayers.

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