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Perspective

The Gift Goes On

When searching for the perfect greeting card, what is most important? The picture or the verse inside? Some people hope to find both. Inside a plain looking card, I recently read these words by Norman Brooks, "Christmas is forever, not just for one day, for loving, sharing, giving are not to put away, like bells and lights and tinsel in some box upon a shelf. The good you do for others is the good you do for yourself."

That is the essence of the Christmas message! Can you imagine a full year ahead when we love, share and give, every day, just like we are doing during this blessed season?

Christian vocalist, Sandi Patti sings, with great conviction. "What was started by the Father is a gift that has no end..and the gift goes on and on and on..."

We are blessed when we give to others. How about if we start loving, caring and giving today and keep it going, long after we have packed away our Christmas trinkets!

Major Cora Dodge

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Corps Officers' Message



body and everything else!

But there was one problem. Ebenezer, now well up the ladder, discovered that he was climbing the wrong wall!

It seems to me that Scrooge never ever stopped to take stock of his past until one day his past took stock of him. One soul-searching night, Ebenezer was confronted with an honest assessment of his life. As he wanders around the useless relics of his past, and then sees his projected future - he feels hopeless and helpless. Finally Scrooge comes to the most amazing discovery - the only thing that can change his future is a change in him. What a morning it was when he awakened to the dawn of Christmas day and realized that there is a second chance for him.

What a story!

Truth be told, we should all look at our past. We should all examine our lives to see if what we are building is of any value. However, evaluation without hope on the other end is utterly devastating. That's where the good news about Christmas comes in. Jesus Christ came to give us a second chance. We don't have to wallow in our defeats or drown in our despair. Life can 'come alive' for us too.

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11) The purpose of that birth was announced by Jesus Himself. "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

God bless you my friends and have a very Merry Christmas.

Faithfully yours,

Lorne & Barb Pritchett
Majors



Wise men still seek Him.



**Greetings from our Leaders,
Newfoundland and Labrador
Division**

It is a joy for Myra and me to warmly greet you at what is, according to an old Christmas song, "The Most Wonderful Time of The Year".

It is wonderful because the baby who came on that first Christmas was promised to be the "Wonderful One" (Isaiah 9:6). He is wonderful in His birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, exaltation and His promised return. He is wonderful in His offer of forgiveness for sinners, intercessory prayers for the saints and eternal fellowship in heaven for all believers.

Our prayer is that the love, joy and peace of Christmas will continue with you through the holiday season and into the New Year (2013).
May God bless you and yours.

*Wayne and Myra Pritchett
Lt. Colonels*



Honorable Paul Davis, MHA, District of Topsail
Minister of Department of Transportation and Works

Christmas is a time meant for sharing with family and friends. It is a time of loving and forgiving. As we celebrate this Christmas, let us remember those that are less fortunate.

To all the residents of Topsail District and all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, I would like to wish everyone the year ahead to be full of contentment and joy and extend best wishes for a wonderful Holiday and a Happy New Year. May peace, love and the warmth of Christmas grant you all with many blessings.

Honorable Paul Davis, M.H.A.

The Holloway Family



Ivan and Kim came to the CBS Corps in 2003. Ivan is from Musgravetown and Kim is from Burin. They are the proud parents of two handsome sons, Ethan, age 5 and Andrew age 9. The whole family attends church regularly, morning and evening services.

Ivan is part of the worship team and also plays with the senior band. Kim works with the Pioneer Club and also helps in the nursery. They are both willing to give assistance whenever they are called. By profession, Ivan is a skilled carpenter and Kim has an In-Home Day Care center.

Ivan and Kim are valued members of our Corps and we are pleased to have them as part of our Corps family.



Mayor Woodrow French

Christmas is the time to reflect on our blessings. It's a time for family and friends to unite and celebrate the Christmas Season.

On behalf of myself, my family, my fellow Councilors and staff, may you and your family have a joyous Christmas and prosperous and Happy New Year.



*Honorable Terry French, District of CBS
Minister of Tourism, Culture, & Recreation*



Christmas is a special time of year that invites reflection and stirs fond memories of treasured times spent with family and friends.

During this holiday season we should remember and honour those who are no longer with us and cherish those who are.

To the residents of Conception Bay South and to all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, my family and I extend best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a new year of health and happiness!

Terry French

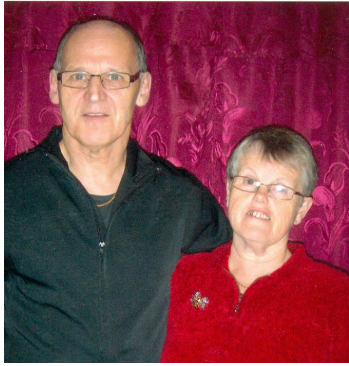
"Santa Shuffle"



Majors Lorne and Barb Pritchett are seen with the other brave participants in The Salvation Army Santa Shuffle which took place on December 1, at Bowering Park. It was a 5 km.

run, held in 39 cities nationwide. The run is presented by All Weather Windows, in partnership with the Running Room. Donations from the run will help to assist families and individuals who are in need during this Christmas season and throughout the year. This is the first time we have had participants from the CBS Corps. A great job for a worthy cause.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Monday, December 24, 2012 at 6:30 pm**



I'm in His Hands

Rebekah (Baird) Walters was brought to Church as a baby, and as she grew older, she faithfully attended the regular services. As a young child, she remembers kneeling at the altar during a young people's after school meeting, conducted by a brigade of Cadets from The Salvation Army Training College in St. John's.

None of her other family members professed to be Christians at the time, and so as a teenager, Rebekah drifted away from the Lord. In 1969 she married the love of her life, Douglas, and they were blessed with three beautiful children. Once the children began school, Rebekah went back to work, and quickly, she and her husband became involved with the 'pleasures of the world', causing great stress on their marriage.

In 1991, during a Sunday evening service, Doug gave his life to Jesus, after weeks of sensing God speaking to him. For a while, Rebekah felt separated from him and couldn't understand what was happening. However, just a little while later, as Rebekah agreed to go to church with Doug, she too felt God speaking to her. The Cadets were visiting the Corps again and their Brigade Leader, Major Linda Bond (Now General Bond), preached the message that night and Rebekah knew that the message was for her. She knelt at the altar to pray and to seek forgiveness and the heavy burden of sin was lifted from her life.

She was so thankful for people who encouraged her, led her along the way, and invited her into their home for personal study. She really appreciated the ministry of her sister-in-law Gloria, and Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Porter, who have since been Promoted to Glory. She was enrolled as a Senior Soldier in April, 1992 and then joyously participated in many Corps activities; Home League, New Creations, Sunday School teaching and Prayer and Bible study groups.

However, on January 11, 2011, Rebekah's life took a challenging turn. Following a funeral service at church, she was suddenly stricken with severe back pain, necessitating a visit to the emergency department. She was given medication and returned home. However, due to a medication reaction, she was returned to the hospital, not knowing what was happening.

Since then, she has had four back surgeries; has spent months doing therapy at the Miller Centre in St. John's, and since she returned home, she is still continuing with her therapy, twice a week. Rebekah does not fully know what the outcome will be, but she now walks again with the help of a walker and is back to church, when she is able. One of her favorite Bible verses is Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me"

Through all of these experiences, with many setbacks and disappointments, her faith has never wavered. She has remained very positive and is thankful for all the prayers and support of her family and the friends of the Corps. Rebekah has been an inspiration to many people, both at the hospital and rehab center and to her Corps family as well.

She expresses her faith and hope in the words of the chorus, "I'm in His hands,..whate'er the future holds, I'm in His hands." If you do not know her Lord and Saviour in a personal way, Rebekah's prayer is that you would seek Him today.



Promoted To Glory

Elsie May (Butler) Burry
Nov. 18, 1918—Nov.18, 2012
Age 94 Years

Correction from September Signal

Byron Dawe passed away on August 29, 2012
Olive Mercer passed away on August 31, 2012



The Simmonds Family

Heidi (Eason) grew up in the CBS Corps and participated in many activities, especially the Band and singing, and many of the youth programs. Tyson is from Charlottetown, NL with a fine Salvation Army heritage. His dad is presently the Corps Sergeant Major and his mom is the Corps Treasurer. Tyson is Project

Manager with Trident Construction and Heidi is a Pharmacy Technician.

They recently welcomed their baby boy, Carson into their home. CBS Corps is proud to have them worship with us and participate in Corps activities.

For the first time, Linda was privileged to distribute Christmas gifts to the family. She did a great job, but kept looking around the tree and among the branches. Finally, her father asked "what are you looking for dear?"

To this, Linda replied "I thought Christmas was Jesus' birthday but I can't find His gift. I guess everyone forgot Him. Did they Daddy?"

PICTURE THIS.



October 28 was Officer Appreciation Sunday. The Pritchetts were presented with a gift from the Corps family along with expressions of thanks.



Congratulations to Claudette Hillier who is seen accepting her commission as Assistant Corps Sergeant Major.



The Women's Ministry Annual Fall Sale and Luncheon was a great event. There was something for everybody. With lots of work and tremendous support, income amounted to over \$6000.00. Congratulations ladies and thank you to all who supported them.

Santa Claus Parade



The Salvation Army CBS Corps participated in the Santa Claus Annual Parade. With the help of Jim Butler's vehicle, the Corps Band rode in style, followed by Major Lorne Pritchett on his dune buggy, and then Corps Sergeant Major Nic Dobson in the Corps van, as they collected toys along the way. The true meaning of Christmas was clearly seen and heard.



Joshua Okhifoh, with his Mom Dena chatted with our International Leader, General Linda Bond, when she visited our Division in October.



The Primary children present their version of the Christmas program "Miracle in the Manger". There were about 300 in attendance.



With the help of the Denny family, Arch Penney, Major Winston Dodge and all our Corps family and friends, Coralie Dodge was delighted to deliver 309 Christmas Shoe Boxes to the regional collection center in St. John's. A record number! Thank you to everybody for your generous support.



Many hands make light work! Dena Denny and her children were among the number who helped fill about 600 sunshine bags which were distributed by Community Care Ministries.

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