



# The Signal

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Conception Bay South Corps and Community.

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## Miracles Still Happen



331 CBS Highway



Cassandra Butt believes in miracles. In fact, she has already experienced miracles in her life. Just a day or two after her birth, she became critically ill. Her distraught parents anxiously watched over her and were told by the doctors that their precious baby girl may not be strong enough to fight the stress on her fragile body. However, in answer to many prayers, Cassandra miraculously recovered. She considers this her first miracle.

As a result of the illness, the medical staff had cautioned the family that, due to the complications at birth, Cassandra's development rate may be less than normal, and as she begins school, she may require extra help and attention in her learning skills. However, another miracle! Cassandra was never placed in a special needs classroom environment. She successfully finished her schooling and graduated from Cape John Collegiate High School in Lascie. She continued her education at Booth University College in Winnipeg and received her BA in Christian Ministries. She also successfully completed a Diploma in Business Management at the Keyin College in St. John's.

Since her baby days, Cassandra was regularly brought to church by her loving Christian parents. They taught her good Christian values and how to live to please God. They often reminded her how God had healed her body and her mind. At the age of four, her desire was to know this loving God as her personal friend.

During a Sunday School decision time, she knelt and prayed a simple prayer of repentance, and asked God to always watch over her. Today, twenty years later, Jesus is still her best Friend and He has never failed her.

After moving to St. John's a couple of years ago, Cassandra began attending the Conception Bay South Corps, where she feels truly loved and accepted. She is an excellent guitar player with the local Worship Team and is also a member of a contemporary musical band "Direction". The band travels to other Corps, challenging young people, as they share their music and personal testimonies, and Cassandra usually shares a Bible message.

Cassandra testifies "my aim every day is to draw closer to Jesus and to know Him better. No matter what storms I have faced in my life, I know that God has been with me all the way". One of her favorite Bible verses is her personal testimony as well. "The Lord your God is with you. He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you. He will quiet you with His love. He will rejoice over you with singing." (Zephaniah 3:17) Cassandra is committed to service and is making an impact on both young and old alike at the CBS Corps. God bless you Cassandra.

### Perspective

You hold in your hand a copy of "The Signal". This is the publication, which shares news and commentary regarding the Conception Bay South Corps, and the individuals who share in this ministry.

This production gives ample evidence of the competence and commitment of Majors Winston and Cora Dodge. Competence, reinforced by commitment, and stimulated by challenges results in this excellent publication known to us in CBS as "The Signal". The efforts put forth by our comrades is a strong testimony to their commitment.

As readers of "The Signal" we have a responsibility as well to share with our colleagues news and views that will be of blessing and interest to others. Also, to cooperate in the widest possible distribution of this good news publication regarding God's work in our Church.

To Majors Winston and Cora Dodge - our sincere thanks and appreciation; to our contributors - Thank You; to our readers - God bless you all.

*Lt. Colonel Ralph Stanley*

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God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.' Billy Graham



## From Your Corps Officers

Philippians 3:10  
New International Version (NIV)

' I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings...'

A few years ago while in Rwanda, I visited the memorial to the hundreds of thousands of men, women and children who were murdered in the genocide of 1994. It was a very moving and gut wrenching experience as we saw some of the instruments of torture and murder used and some of the raw film footage. There was one spot where there were hundreds of actual skulls of the little children who were murdered. It broke my heart and actually made me ill.

Sometimes I wonder what it would look like if we had such a memorial where we preserved some of the things used in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ? What if you could walk in and see the crown of thorns, the whip, the robe, the spear? What if you could run your hand over the old rugged cross? Even as I write these words now, I am moved at the thought of the incredible price that Jesus paid for our salvation.

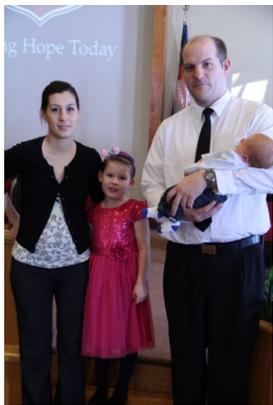
Yet, much better than handling His relics, we can actually know Him, experience His love and talk with Him in prayer. Jesus does not need a memorial or a tomb for He is alive and among us. In fact, you can speak to Him right now where you are and He will hear you.

Major Barb and I want to assure you of our love and concern for you. As the Corps is expanding rapidly, we find ourselves more than challenged with somewhere between 800 and 900 people belonging to our congregation. Yet let us say clearly, if you need, or for that matter want a home visit before your name comes up again in the natural order, please don't hesitate to call us and we will make an appointment to come and see you. We don't see pastoral care as our burden and obligation, we see it as our blessing and privilege.

God bless you my friends and we look forward to seeing you at the Barracks!

*Lorne and Barb Pritchett*

## The Hart Family



Brian Hart first moved to Conception Bay South, with his family when he was five years old. So, he practically grew up in the Corps and was involved in a number of youth activities.

In 2004, he moved to Nova Scotia to seek employment. While there, he met and later married

Amanda Nickerson. They have been blessed with two beautiful children, Meghan, who is 5, and a new baby, Michael, who was born in January, 2014. Brian's great passion is music, and he is an accomplished pianist. In fact, he has recorded 2 successful instrumental CD's featuring gospel hymn tunes. He is also part of the senior brass band. He currently works with Cabot Ford Lincoln Sales in St. John's.

Amanda grew up in Nova Scotia and attended Sunday School as a child. She is a busy stay at home Mom and enjoys spending time with her family and likes to be busy doing crafts.

The Harts moved back to CBS in 2012. It is a privilege to have the Harts as part of the Corps family, and their ministry and involvement is very much appreciated.

## Service with a smile



**Luke Kennedy and Glen Walters** are seen in the photo with **Corps Treasurer, Dave Ivany**. The Conception Bay South Corps appreciates these two special young men who faithfully, always with happy smiles, assist in receiving the offering in our Sunday morning worship service. Thank you

Luke and Glen for doing a great job.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Interest continues to grow and people are still coming. Major Lorne Pritchett leads a very interesting Bible study on the book of Luke every Tuesday evening at 8:00 pm. Lt. Col. Ralph Stanley leads another Bible Study on Thursday morning at 10:00 am. Come and be informed, challenged, inspired and blessed as you study and share fellowship with others.



## What's Happening at The Pathway?

After years of planning, preparation and prayer, The Salvation Army Pathway Community Church, under the direction of Majors Danny and Lori Pinksen, was officially launched in September, 2006.

It is a modern fresh church expression, which is Bible based and their philosophy is to keep things simple, as they seek to love God, each other and the community, putting their faith into action.

Captains Sheldon and Ashley Bungay, with their children, Alexis and Maxwell, (seen in the photo) were appointed as Corps Officers in July 2013. The congregation meets for worship on Sunday, at 11:00 am at The Rotary Youth and Community Centre in Paradise. There is a relaxed, informal atmosphere, with contemporary worship music. The Bible messages challenge the congregation in their daily living. During this time, as well, a Sunday School program is available, with age appropriate lessons and activities.



For the quarter ending, December, 2013, Pathway had an average attendance of 129. They are pleased to have 194 adults and children as official members.

Along with Sunday worship and Sunday School, Pathway offers a Junior Youth Group, House Church Bible studies, music ministry and fellowship for men. It also operates a unique ministry, Basics for Babies NL (BFBNL). Their mission is to provide low income families with basic supplies, diapers, food and other baby needs, for infants up to two years of age.

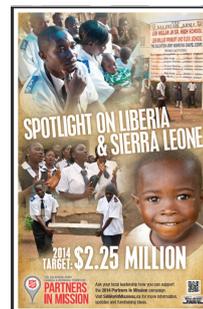
As a congregation, they would solicit your prayers for a young girl Grace and her family. 'Grace' faces some very serious health issues. The Bungays are endeavoring to implement new programs and one of the biggest challenges is finding a permanent place to worship, so that they can better minister to their congregation and to the town of Paradise. Pray that God will continue to direct them and meet these specific needs.

### Volunteers make a difference



The Salvation Army Conception Bay South Corps recently sponsored a well attended appreciation reception, where a number of volunteers were honored, especially for their many hours spent with the Christmas Cheer Kettle ministry. Many local businesses and organizations attended, as well as a number of individuals from local churches and the community.

In particular, gratitude and appreciation was expressed to a young teenager Hilary Young, daughter of Willis and Lorraine Young of Foxtrap. Hilary is a grade twelve, French Immersion student at Queen Elizabeth High School, and is very actively involved in a number of sports; hockey, badminton and softball. As well, Hilary works part time and was a member of the CLB. Yet, despite such a busy schedule, Hilary, as part of her service requirement to earn her gold level in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, chose to volunteer 13 two hour shifts with The Salvation Army Christmas Kettle ministry. Majors Lorne and Barb Pritchett, Corps Officers, expressed their appreciation, (as seen in photo). Congratulations Hilary and thank you for your help!



**THE  
JOURNEY  
OF  
HOPE  
BEGINS  
HERE.**

The Salvation Army 'Partners in Missions' focus for 2014 is on Liberia and Sierra Leone Territory in West Africa. This war torn area has experienced poverty and hardship for a long time. The Salvation Army has been active in Liberia since 1988 and they operate 12 schools across the country. CBS Corps is aiming to raise \$7000.00 to help provide funds for educational programs, which will give the children hope for their future. We want to make a difference in the lives and the future of many precious children.



Five new Junior Soldiers proudly display their enrollment certificates ; (L –R) Mackenzie Butler, Bryan Butler, Katelyn Dawe, Keegan Boyde and Madison Butler. They are see with other Junior Soldiers, leaders, Rosemarie Dobson and Claudette Hillier and Corps Officers, Majors Barb and Lorne Pritchett.



Becoming a Junior Soldier was extra special for Keegan Boyde. He was pleased to be supported by his brother Jaiden, his father Shawn, his grandmother, Major Maxine Boyde and his 89 year old great grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Canning. Congratulations!



Sisters, Mackenzie and Madison Butler accepted the challenge from Major Lorne’s sermon and designed these beautiful posters from a Scripture verse from Deuteronomy 31:6 “ Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” This verse was the focus for the young people as the Corps celebrated Junior Soldiers Sunday. Good job girls! They were presented with New Testaments, for their great effort.



Ten active boys recently enjoyed an outdoor adventure of fun and fellowship. Sliding, a snowball fight, a fire for a wiener roast are just some of the activities they shared. A special thank you to Youth Pastor, Dena Okhifoh, YPSM Charlene Butler and special helpers Elvis and Loretta Dawe. A great adventure!

**Calling all Ladies**  
 Women’s Ministries will sponsor a Spring Fashion Show on April 2, 2014 at 7:00 pm  
 The ladies will model some wonderful fashions from the local Thrift Store.  
 Free of charge  
 Dessert lunch will be provided

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**  
**April 15th—17th, 2014**

**Tuesday, April 15, 7:30 pm**  
**Mount Pearl Citadel Corps**  
**Major Cathy Ritson,**  
**Public Relations Officer**

**Wednesday, April 16, 7:30 pm**  
**Conception Bay South Corps**  
**Lieut-Colonel Douglas Hefford**  
**Divisional Commander**

**Thursday, April 17, 7:30 pm**  
**St. John’s West Corps**  
**Major Frank Pittman**  
**Area Commander Eastern Area**

**Conception Bay South Corps**  
**Good Friday Family Breakfast 9:00 am**  
**Worship Service 10:30 am**

**Saturday (19th) Youth Easter Carnival**  
**Y.P. Hall from 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday Celebration Worship Services**  
**At 11:00 am and 6:30 pm.**

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