



# The Signal

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Conception Bay South Corps and Community.

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## Perspective

### Graduation

The last day of school! Did all that learning help us face the world? Choose a career? Find employment? Maybe I should have paid more attention to these words: "what you are is what you will become".

Let me also share some other words of wisdom to those who graduate.

Live in a state of being, not just doing. (Wendy Quan) Take a moment, take a breath, feel the gratitude of your life.

The future can be yours. Embrace it and see what eagerly lies ahead.

Own your own feelings. Contrary to popular belief, no one can make you feel good or bad.

Don't worry. Be happy! "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life... but seek first, His kingdom..." Matthew 6:25:33.

Major Sidney Brace

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## I STAND AMAZED IN HIS PRESENCE.



In 2012, Claudette Hillier was commissioned as the Assistant Corps Sergeant Major at the Conception Bay South Corps. Since then she has displayed excellent administrative skills in creating and organizing a number of very successful Corps projects. She has grown and developed as a Christian and as a local Corps leader. Claudette has experienced an amazing journey.

During her early childhood days in the town of Fortune, she accepted Jesus as her Saviour at The Salvation Army. However, at the age of 16, following her high School graduation, she moved to St. John's to further her education and unfortunately did not connect with a church there. She slowly slipped away and remembers feeling very lost. Fortunately though, she did not forget her Christian upbringing, and the truths of the Bible and she never forgot God. In fact, she often turned to her Bible for encouragement and comfort.

Many years later, in 1994, having married her high school sweetheart, Steven, the family moved to Conception Bay South. She occasionally attended Church and she started to read her Bible again. Claudette and her husband were blessed with two sons and life was wonderful, but there was something missing. Claudette testifies, "It was in my home on a cold February night, that I cried out to God and once again welcomed Jesus into my life. I was on the start of a new journey and a wonderful relationship with my Lord and Saviour".

In February, 2009, Claudette's whole family were devastated with the news that her middle sister, Cindy, a young mother of two beautiful children, was diagnosed with bladder cancer. Cindy, however accepted her diagnosis with incredible courage and determination. "Why not me?", she often said. Claudette recalls "She taught us to be thankful for every day, and every morning, she would joyfully say 'it's a new day' ". On Mother's Day, Claudette's Dad gave their Mom a beautiful but significantly meaningful picture with the words "Always give thanks". This message became a challenge and an inspiration on their journey. These words and Cindy's amazing attitude toward life had a tremendous impact upon Claudette.

In the midst of this pain and turmoil, Claudette was asked to provide leadership at the Corps and it was difficult to make such a commitment at that time. However, Claudette recalled that, what was so profound was that months before, God had placed a calling upon her heart for work that needed to be done. Therefore claiming the words of Philippians 4:13, "For I can do everything God asks me to do, with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power" (Living Bible), Claudette accepted the challenge.

On Christmas Eve, 2009, Claudette and the family said their earthly goodbyes to Cindy. Claudette experienced a great sense of loss and sadness in her heart and wondered if she would ever experience joy again.

However, she realized her own family depended upon her and in her weakness, she knew, that in the midst of loss and pain and grief, she had to trust in God and depend upon Him. She said "I am so thankful that I was able to call upon my Lord any time. He was always there for me. He is my Rock, my Salvation. Now, with joy in my heart, I have the hope and assurance that one day, I will see my sister again and will spend eternity with Jesus."

Claudette is thankful for all that God has done in her life. She is blessed with a loving family and she desires to live so that others will see that even though our lives may be turned upside down, and we don't always understand what is happening, yet God promises that He will never leave us or forsake us, as we trust in Him. "God keeps His promises", Claudette affirms, "and He has been faithful to me. I stand amazed in His presence".

CBS Corps is blessed to have Claudette as part of the local leadership team. She is always ready to share a word of encouragement, lend a helping hand and always shows the beauty of Jesus in her daily living.



## From Your Corps Officers

### The Passion Of Our Lives!

"Some wish to live within the sound of Church or Chapel bell;  
I want to run a Rescue Shop within a yard of hell." C.T. Studd

**W**ell here we go for year four. What a blessing! Barb and I count it a privilege to be the Corps Officers here in beautiful Conception Bay South. We believe sincerely that we are not here simply by 'Army appointment', but by Divine appointment. God has given us deeply contented hearts as we serve Him here.

If a clock is defined by it's 'tick and tock', a servant of God ought to be defined by their 'tick and *talk*'. You may have heard our 'talk' – some may say all too much! But what makes us tick? What gets us up in the morning and what fuels the deep passion that we hope we demonstrate in our service? It is singularly based on two promises of Scripture;

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

These verses contain the key to understanding the passion of our hearts. We sincerely believe that everybody we meet needs to know Jesus Christ and experience His forgiveness for their sins. We also believe that when Jesus Christ comes into our lives, he radically changes our lives and makes us a brand new person. Over the years, we have seen this happen a thousand times, and we look forward to seeing it a thousand times more. If it already hasn't, it could happen to you today!

Don't know how to begin a conversation with God? Here is what I call the perfect prayer to begin a relationship with Jesus Christ – it was written by Horatius Bonar;

**Lord, I confess to Thee sadly my sin;  
All I am tell I Thee, all I have been:  
Purge Thou my sin away, wash Thou my soul this day;  
Now to be pure I pray Lord, make me clean.  
Faithful and just art Thou, forgiving all;  
Loving and kind art Thou when sinners call:  
Lord, let the cleansing blood, blood of the Lamb of God,  
Healing life giving flood pass o'er my soul.**

Have you prayed that prayer? Please let us know! That's what makes us tick. That is why we labor joyfully. In fact, that is what our whole congregation is about.

Thank you so much for the blessing of serving such a wonderful congregation. We love you and should you need us, please don't hesitate to call!

*Lorne and Barb Pritchett, Majors*



## From a Generous Heart

**N**inety year old Mrs. Harriet Porter is the oldest member of Conception Bay South Corps. She gave her heart to the Lord, as she sat at her kitchen table a number of years ago.

Mrs. Porter and her late husband Eric, raised nine children and lived a very busy life. She has been blessed with a generous heart; always looking for ways to help other people.

Just recently, she made a donation to Radio Station VOWR, toward a fundraising project, which was organized to buy new broadcast equipment, to improve the station's output to the listeners. The event raised more than \$26,000. for which the volunteers were very thankful.

As part of the 'radiothon', Reid Music Co. of St. John's donated a Fender Acoustic guitar as a draw prize to be given to a selected contributor. As a result, Mr. Geoff Peters of VOWR presented the guitar to Mrs. Porter, who was thrilled to win such a prize. She immediately made a decision as to what she would do with it.

In the photo (above), she is seen presenting the guitar to Major Lorne Pritchett, Corps Officer of The Salvation Army in Long Pond. It was donated in memory of her husband Eric and will be used by members of the Worship Team. The CBS Corps is very grateful for the kindness and generosity of Mrs. Porter.

**"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us." — Helen Keller**



Through donations, yard sales and recycling, Mackenzie and Madison Butler raised \$3,000. They are seen here proudly presenting their donation to the annual Janeway fundraising telethon! Congratulations!

**“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”**

Mother Teresa



At the annual closing of Pioneers, Jaiden Boyde received the “Riley Mercer” award. In Riley’s memory, his parents, Bernard and Louise (above) inaugurated a special award to be given to the young person who best displays friendliness, helpfulness, Christian faith, a caring spirit and a fun loving personality, which is so like Riley.

**Congratulations Jaiden!**



**Congratulations!**

CBS Corps has done it again and even better! In only 8 weeks of giving to our “Partners in Mission” project, the goal of \$7000.00 was already surpassed. A total of \$13,715.00 was received and will help provide funds for educational programs in Liberia and Sierra Leone Territory in West Africa.

**It is Official! Dave Ivany is Retired!**



After giving 38 years of valued service to CBS Corps as the Corps Treasurer, Dave Ivany is now retired. In sharing his personal testimony, (left) he thanked God for the opportunity of service; his family for their support and the Corps for their faithful giving.

In appreciation for his years of service, Major Lorne Pritchett commended him for his loyalty, his faithfulness, his integrity, his passion for ministry in the financial aspect of our Corps and thanked him for his consistent Christian principles. He was presented with a gift of appreciation (right) by newly commissioned Treasurer, Donna Pritchett, during a time of fellowship, following the service.



**THE CLUETTS**



Recently, Conception Bay South Corps warmly welcomed Ern and Ruth Cluett to our congregation. Ern was born and raised in Garnish, NL, and after completing five years of study at MUN, he taught in Salvation Army schools in the St. John’s area, for thirteen years.

In 1963, he married Ruth Smith, who was born in Heart’s Content. Ruth grew up in St. John’s, NL, and Dartmouth, NS. For a time, she was employed with CJON Radio and TV Station. Ruth enjoys reading, walking and doing embroidery hand work. To further his career opportunities, Ern achieved his Masters and Doctorate degrees in Boston and later joined the Faculty of Education at MUN where he taught for thirty years.

Ern and Ruth have two children, Jeff and Lori and five beautiful granddaughters. For a number of years, Ern and Ruth were involved with St. John’s Temple, especially during the planning and building of the new facility on Torbay Road. The move to CBS to be near their son’s family also involved a transfer to the CBS Corps, where they really enjoy the singing and the music. Guitar music has always been a part of their lives and on occasion, Ern blesses the congregation with his singing and guitar playing.

Having studied philosophy and history, both at MUN and in Boston, Ern enjoys the challenging Bible studies. They enjoy the worship and fellowship at CBS Corps and Ern adds “This Corps is a caring congregation and quickly it has become our spiritual home.”

The Salvation Army in Conception Bay South will begin their annual Open-Air Ministry Sunday, July 6th and will continue until August 24th, at the CBS Town Parking Lot. Services begin at 6:00 PM, and will feature the brass band, great singing and a challenging Bible message. **Come and join us.** If weather is not suitable, the service will be held at the CBS Citadel (same time). You may sit and listen in your car by tuning to FM 91.1 on your dial.



**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES**



Erika Stonehouse will work toward a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Visual) at the MUN Campus in Corner Brook.



Leah Bailey will prepare for a career in Occupational Health and Safety.



Lauren Cave will attend MUN in September and is planning to be a Nurse.



Matthew Hibbs is undecided as yet, but will seek employment.



Kayla George completed her course in Hairstyling.



Nikki Eason received her Bachelor of Arts Degree



Lynette Barrett completed her Office Administration Technology course with honors and distinction and is presently employed as Office Manager with CMH Construction.



Congratulations to Melissa (George) Bennett who recently received her Doctor of Medicine Degree.



CBS Corps celebrated 106 years of ministry. Seen cutting the anniversary cake are Junior Soldier Mackenzie Butler and Senior Soldier Mrs. Maizie Bishop.

**WELCOME TO CADETS**



We are pleased to announce that Cadets David and Lorenda Dale have been appointed to CBS Corps for the months of July and August. Please pray for our friends as they prepare to minister here. They will be officially presented to CBS Corps on June 29, Sunday morning service. **COME AND MEET THEM.**

**New Leaders Commissioned**



(L-R) Deputy Bandmaster Brian Hart, Band Sergeant Adam Harris and Cradle Roll Sergeant Loretta Dawe.

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