

**November, 2012**

**Dear Friends;**

What a joy it is for us to greet you in the name of the Lord as we present the annual report for 2011-2012. As you read and reflect on these pages it is our hope that you will associate every word and every number with the faces of people who gave of their time and resources to make the hearty substance of this report possible.

There is a time honoured statement that is as true today as the first time we heard it, although we will choose to frame it a little differently; 'God's method is always a man, woman or child.' The heart of God as revealed in scripture is to build people, redeem people, fellowship with people and to work through people. He has no other compelling or competing cause. So, it should be no surprise that His Son's church should be structured in the same way. We work hard to make sure our priorities reflect that. We need to always remember that in our Corps people don't serve programs, programs serve people. Buildings aren't for isolating us from the world, but a place where we can invite the world into a safe place to worship and explore a relationship with God through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

While the statistics show that we are continuing to experience modest growth throughout the Corps, we really do need to begin to 'tell our story' if we are to experience the growth we believe the Lord desires.

### **What story?**

**Your simple story of how the Gospel has changed your life.** Major Barb will be offering a very short, but powerful course on helping you to develop a 2-3 minute 'evangelistic testimony' that you can share with a friend, neighbour or co-worker. Listen for details.

**The story of a faithful, vibrant, compassionate and exciting Corps.** Yes we are talking about Conception Bay South Corps! There are over 300 corps across Canada – but none of them can rank higher than CBS in quality. You are a beautiful people in whom the Lord has done and is doing a beautiful work. One proven and very effective methods of church growth is people who often praise the place where they worship and serve the Lord. Nothing moves people to consider worshipping with us more than people who speak well of our worship services and our ministry programs.

**The story of our programs.** Delivered from the hearts and hands of faithful and competent leaders, we offer an incredible array of services and programs for everybody from an infant to the oldest citizen of CBS. You can find ministry descriptions on our website and it is also our hope to eventually print and publish an informational brochure outlining the various ministries and services available.

We want to finish this greeting by saying ***thank you!*** Thank you to the many leaders who form the ministry team of our Corps. Thank you to the prayer warriors who hold our people before the Lord on a regular basis. Thank you to those who faithfully give of their financial resources in joyful obedience. Thank you to those who simply do something, not because they were asked, but because they saw it needed to be done. Thank you to those who support spouses and children as they head out the door in the week day evenings to do ministry. Thank you to our incredible league of retired officers who are a

support that will never be fully calculated in this life. Thank you everyone for the many ways you find to encourage your Officers.

And lastly, thank you Lord Jesus Christ for giving us a reason to hope and work until you come again!

In His matchless name;

We gladly and affectionately remain your Corps Officers,

**Lorne and Barb Pritchett**

## **MAJORS**

### **Ministry Of The Program Committee:**

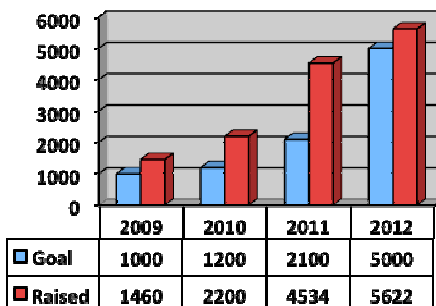
In March 2009, a new “Mission Board Leadership Model” was introduced to the CBS Corps with the establishment of four boards (later called committees). The Program Committee is chaired by the Director of Programs and is responsible for overseeing all matters related to Corps programs. Membership on the Committee include: HL Secretary, CCM Coordinator, Band Master, YPSM, Worship Team Leader, CSM, and Corps Officer.

A major focus for the committee at the onset was to reinstate “Army” programs in the Corps. In 2009, The Salvation Army Youth Discipleship courses (Junior Action, CROSSzone, and CROSStraining) was started along with the establishment of a Junior Brass Band and Singing Company.

The Program Committee is responsible for the planning and organizing of special Corps events throughout the year, of which the main events will be highlighted here.

### **Partners in Mission Campaign:**

Prior to 2009, the average amount of contributions to the 6 week Partners in Mission campaign was \$500. The Program Committee plans a special project each year based on the country being highlighted. Our congregation is made aware of the needs and contributions have continued to rise. In 4 years, the total amount of funds raised during the 6 week campaign is \$13,816! We give God all the praise and glory for how the congregation have responded with financial gifts of love.



## **Corps Anniversary celebrations “A Glorious Past – A Victorious Future”:**

In April 2012, we celebrated 104 years with the Divisional Leaders, NL Division, Lieutenant Colonels Wayne and Myra Pritchett. The Program Committee has now started planning for the upcoming 105<sup>th</sup> Corps Anniversary (April 2013) with special guests Commissioners Max and Lenora Feener.

### **Rally Day celebrations:**

In September 2012, the Program Committee hosted a Rally Day event to kick start Fall programs. Over 50 children registered that day and well over 100 people (families) enjoyed a BBQ dinner together. A great day was had by all.

### **Christmas celebrations:**

This year’s theme for the Corps Christmas Celebrations is “Miracle in the Manager”. Special events being planned by the Committee include: the Corps Christmas Family Dinner, Breakfast with Santa, and Christmas Carolling. All events for the Corps have been prepared in the Corps Schedule of Events.

### **Other Initiatives:**

The Program Committee assists with the planning of the annual Open Air Summer Ministry and completes an evaluation of the ministry at the end of summer for suggestions for next year.

In March 2012, the Program Committee provided support to the Brass Band Fundraiser. Acknowledgements of donations were made on Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. On October 20, 2012 a Band concert was held to thank everyone for their generous support. On November 25, 2012 new equipment will be dedicated.

### **Conclusion:**

I am truly blessed to have the opportunity to work with a wonderful group of leaders from our Corps. We are a great team; everyone works well together to do all we can for ministry here in CBS.

**Claudette Hillier**  
**Assistant Corps Sgt. Major**  
**Director of Programs**

## **Banding Ministry**

### **CBS Senior Band**

The CBS Senior Band has 20+ members. The band practices on Thursday nights from 7pm-8:15. Our purpose and mission is to exemplify the love of Christ through expression of music. Our other key duty is to aid/support congregational singing during church services and community events.

This past year we have participated in a fundraiser to raise money to purchase new instruments. Our intent was to ask for donations from members of the corps and their families in memory of loved ones during Mothers and Father’s Day. The fundraiser was a huge success. The money from the fundraiser combined with a sizable donation from Women’s Ministries has allowed the Band to Purchase seven

new instruments. In recognition of the donations and as a thank you to the donors the CBS Senior and Junior band held a concert this past October. Also participating in the concert the GLOW singing group. The instruments will be dedicated during the Sunday Morning service on November 25, 2012

The senior band is now preparing for the Christmas Season. The band is participating once again in the CBS Christmas Parade by entering a float. The band will also participate through other means of ministry such as: Christmas Kettle Kick off, Serenading at Dominion, Sobeys, and Pipers. The band will also support corps carolling events and delivery of Sunshine Bags to the Seniors.

### **CBS Junior Band**

The junior band has grown over the past 3 years and is now averaging 20+ members. The program takes place on Monday nights from 7pm-8pm. The age of the group is 7and up. The group has 4 focus areas of training: Theory, Instrumental, Band and spiritual development.

The junior band has had several opportunities to perform publicly in recent months. Several performances include: Men's fellowship Spiritual night and band fundraiser concert.

Currently we are at our full capacity in regards to instruments that we provide to the junior band members. Even with the addition of several instruments that will be passed down from the senior band. The junior band is still in need of second hand instruments.

We would like to acknowledge the new volunteers that have been supporting our new program model this year. They help teach theory or instrumental small groups. They are Adam, Rose Marie, Roma, Charlene, Zack and Sherry. To our volunteers I just want to say thank you!!!

Junior Band is open to anyone over the age of 7who is interested in learning to play and instrument.

**Steven Barrett**  
**Bandmaster**

## **Ministry To Youth**

### **Nursery**

Sunday morning Nursery Program is functioning quite well. We have four teachers who are on a rotation and are currently preparing their own age appropriate curriculum. We do have Scripture Press material for the December quarter and we will evaluate to see if we will continue using it in the future. Currently we are averaging 6 children on a Sunday and parents stay with them and assist the teachers. It would be a great help if we could get 2-3 more volunteers to join our rotation.

### **Junior Army**

The Junior Army Program is also functioning quite well. Currently we have 7 teachers on a rotation as well as having some of our youth who assist. Teachers have been preparing their own lessons, some with the help of the YPSM. In December we will begin with the new curriculum that has been purchased, which will include story and activity sheets.

Currently we are averaging 12 children on a Sunday which is great; however the physical classroom size is not comfortable.

### **Cross Zones & Cross Training**

Unfortunately these programs are currently not functioning. It had been attempted but was felt there was lack of interest from the youth. Those who were able to attend would prefer to stay in church for the entire service. An alternate time may be possible.

### **Junior Youth Group**

This is a new group that has been put in place by Roma Whittle. The ages are 9-12 and will meet on a monthly basis. The hope of this program is to provide another means of outreach ministry for our church and Pioneer children and prepare them for Senior Youth Group when they become of age.

### **Senior Youth Group**

This group meets every other Friday night for a variety of events. We have had a photo scavenger hunt, bowling, city-wide worship and fun night at St. John's West and recently joined with Faith Pentecostal church for a Halloween themed event. Our numbers have been a little lower this year due to some of the youth working or involved in school and community sports teams. One of the aims of the YPSM is to have our youth get involved with other youth groups for various events throughout the year. The YPSM and the Faith Pentecostal Youth Group Leader are excited about bringing our groups together for worship nights as well as fun events.

YC NL 2012 brought out more of our youth (21 youth-young adults) and we were happy to report that one of the newest youth in our Corps gave her heart to the Lord.

Two youth have recently been added to the Youth Committee as it was felt that there was a need for them to be there, to speak on behalf of all the youth.

**SNAC (Sunday Night After Church)** has also been introduced once again and with this we hope that more youth will start attending our Sunday night church services.

Thank you for your incredible support of our youth.

**Dena Okhifoh**  
**YPSM**

### **Pioneer Club Ministry**

Pioneer Clubs is a Corps to Community outreach program for children. It is a Bible-based, relationship-focused, fun filled club that seeks to help children/youth follow Christ in every aspect of life. Pioneer Clubs curriculum and ministry are designed to help children grow physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially, and spiritually offering award badges to celebrate learning and achievement. This fall we have registered approximately 10 Skippers (ages 2-3); 20 Scooters (ages 4-5); 20 Voyagers (grades 1-2 ) 12 Pathfinders (grades 3-4); 15 Trailblazers (grades 5-7). We also have 15 leaders and assistants to help deliver the program and many Corps volunteers and parents who contribute to snack for the children each week. This fall, we are averaging 65-69 in our weekly attendance. This fall we had our opening night on September 25<sup>th</sup> when we welcomed several new members giving opportunity to connect with a number of new families. One of the interesting characteristics of our club this year is that 3 of the

graduates from the program last year have wanted to return to club this year as participants which attests to the fine teaching and relationship building that has been evident with the leaders. We are also seeing a number of our junior leaders now moving into teaching positions in our efforts to develop leaders. On October 30<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Clubs sponsored our annual 'Trunk or Treat' night where we filled the parking lot with over 50 cars/trucks with their trunks decorated and full with treats for the nearly 100 children who participated in the fun filled event. This fall as well each Pioneer group filled a Christmas Box for Operation Christmas Child which gave the children an opportunity to give to the less fortunate. Pioneer Clubs will hold our first Awards Sunday on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Our greatest challenge this year is finding enough appropriate space in our building to adequately accommodate each class. We are also in need of 3 more teachers or assistants.

### **Cradle Roll Ministry**

The Cradle Roll is a program in which parents are encouraged to dedicate their children and enrol them as members of the corps. It includes all children dedicated in the church up to their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. This program is a great way to get the family connected to a church and keep them in touch with the corps and future events involving children's programs. Throughout the year children are recognized in special ways on their birthdays and other events.

I make a special effort to hand deliver all birthday cards to the children listed on the Cradle Roll. With their cards I always include a small gift such as a Bible story book, pen, or pencil with a Bible verse on them. The children on the cradle roll that live outside the province are sent their birthday cards and gifts. Since last November I have delivered or sent approximately 43 birthday cards. Hand delivering the cards is one of the most important steps in maintaining contact with the parents and the family.

In October, after many attempts in trying to get the cradle roll families together, the church hosted our first Cradle Roll Luncheon. All children on the Cradle Roll and their families were invited to attend the morning service and then to stay for lunch which was sponsored by the Home League. The response was great, and there were approximately 45 people in attendance. The feedback was very positive and all enjoyed the luncheon and fellowship.

**Charlene Barrett**  
**Cradle Roll Sgt.**

### **Report of Junior Action and Junior Soldiers** **Overview of Program\***

Junior Action and Junior Soldiers are Salvation Army discipleship courses designed for children ages 7 to 10. These courses are part of the Youth Discipleship Program – a 10 year series of studies designed to nurture young believers in their faith and their knowledge of The Salvation Army's history and mission.

Junior Action develops an understanding of Salvationism, Army doctrine, and Christian growth through eight units of study over four years (2 units per year). Junior Action classes take place from mid-September to mid-June during the Sunday morning message.

Junior Soldier Preparation Classes (6 week duration) are available for those who choose to be enrolled as junior members of The Salvation Army. These classes take place usually in the Fall of the year

followed up by a special Sunday (usually in January) set aside for Junior Soldier Enrolment/Renewal and Junior Action Commitment Sunday.

### **Recent History:**

September 2009 – Leaders for the Junior Action classes had been confirmed and classes had once again started in the CBS Corps after several years of no Salvation Army programming being offered.

April 25, 2010 – This was a very exciting day at the CBS Corps! The congregation was so excited to see ten (10) new Junior Soldier's being enrolled.

February 6, 2011 – We held a special Junior Soldier Renewal and Junior Action Commitment ceremony.

February 12, 2012 – Once again we were blessed to have two (2) new Junior Soldiers enrolled. It was also a time of Junior Soldier Renewal and Junior Action Commitment.

### **Current:**

We are well underway in our 7<sup>th</sup> unit of the Junior Action Program. The number of children in attendance for this class ranges from 10 – 14. We alternate each second Sunday with teaching. Junior Soldier Preparation Classes will be starting on Sunday, November 25 with at least 4 children expressing an interest to become Junior Soldier's. Both of us will teach during these six week preparation classes.

### **Challenges:**

There are a couple of challenges that we face with teaching these classes. The Junior Action material is designed to be offered in two age groups: Juniors 1 (ages 7-8) and Juniors 2 (ages 9-10). However, due to limited space and human resources, we combine the two classes in one, which makes for a larger class size. Older children are encouraged to move to the second page of their workbook (Junior 2) where time permits. As well, we do not have a regular set of helpers that can assist with the class (whether with the workbook activity or craft).

- *Description of programs taken from [saMinistryResources.ca](http://saMinistryResources.ca)*

### **Conclusion:**

We are truly blessed to have the opportunity to teach these children the foundation of The Salvation Army beliefs and to be part of nurturing these young children in their faith.

***Claudette Hillier and Rosemarie Dobson***

### **Junior Action/Junior Soldier Leaders**

#### **Singing Company (GLOW)**

Every time our singing company stands to participate on a Sunday morning, a smile comes readily to the faces of our congregation. Those small in number, they are mighty in faithfulness and very well received. Thank you to their very capable and faithful leader, Lynette Barrett.

#### **Under 50 Couples Fellowship**

The Under 50's Couples Fellowship group has been meeting since November 2011. The purpose of the group is to be an avenue for young couples to experience Christian fellowship and to build relationships within the church family.

The Couples Fellowship have been meeting on a monthly basis and taking part in many activities. Some of the activities are: dinners, bowling, games night, etc. Our monthly meetings bring out from 3 couples to 10 couples. In order to help out couples with young children, we have also offered child care for some of the events.

During February of 2012 the church hosted a "Date Night Challenge" through Focus on the Family. The event was very well attended and even welcomed some couples from other churches that heard the advertisement on the radio or through the Focus on the Family website. It was a great event

In the spring of 2013 we are hoping to plan a couples retreat to bring the couples together for a weekend of fun and fellowship, as well as spiritual teaching.

### **Keith and Charlene Barrett**

#### **The CBS / Paradise Food Bank**

The CBS / Paradise Food Bank has been in operation since June 1994, with 12 of our local churches involved, serving all communities from Paradise to Seal Cove.

The Food Bank is operated by a Board which includes a Chairperson, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and representatives from each Church, including Major Winston Dodge, who represents the local Ministerial Association, on behalf of Major Lorne Pritchett.

The Food Bank meets on the first Wednesday of each month, from 12:00 noon until 1:00 PM.

The Food Bank is supported by an annual financial donation from each Church, from the general public, local businesses, charitable organizations and local schools. Local Churches, schools and other groups mentioned earlier participate in a number of food drives during the year; the most significant one being the one held during Thanksgiving.

During our fiscal year (April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012), the Food Bank distributed 1241 regular hampers, plus 238 Christmas hampers. Lunches were also provided to local schools as needed.

The Christmas season is the busiest time of the year, with the filling and distribution of Christmas hampers. The Annual Christmas Tree Campaign will be officially launched on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The deadline for donations will be December 16<sup>th</sup>. The hampers will be distributed on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please note, that this year, our Corps will be covering the total cost of 30 hampers.

Food Bank finances for the year April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012 are as follows:

Balance March 31, 2012	\$115,866.00
Income	67,359.00
Expenses	69,295.00



Net Loss	1,936.00
Balance	113,930.00

Since March, 2012, the balance has depleted considerably due to the Food Bank having to relocate. The move has been very costly, due to the fact that the rent has increased from \$650.00 per month with everything included (taxes, heat and light) to \$1800.00 per month plus the tax, heat and light are now additional expenses .As you can see, our finances will continue to deplete in the coming years, due to the increased cost of operation.

Many thanks for your support over the years. This is crucial to the success of the operations of the Food Bank.

**Rose Ivany (The Salvation Army Representative)**

**50 - Plus Fellowship**

The 50 – Plus Fellowship has been operating at CBS Corps for a number of years. There is a monthly meeting held from September to May.

A Committee from the group meets regularly and plans for upcoming events. Members are contacted by phone to remind them of monthly meetings.

Our meetings vary from month to month. If there is a special date, such as Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, Valentine’s Day or Easter, the meeting may be geared to that topic. For the past few years, as a fundraiser for the Youth Corps, the 50 – Plus Group has sponsored a Pancake breakfast for our March meeting. Sometimes, we feature a luncheon with soup and refreshments, and then have a guest speaker. We have also featured an afternoon fun time with table games.

Often we invite guest speakers, to share with us on timely and age related topics, such as healthy eating, Senior resources, mental health and other topics of interest.

A ‘trip around the Bay’ is usually planned for the fall or the spring. This includes a pleasant bus ride, with a stop at some local restaurant for lunch. As time permits, the group will visit historical sites or places of interest.

We have also visited the Anglican Church Cathedral in St. John’s and had lunch at their facility. We toured The Rooms, The GEO Centre and enjoyed a tractor ride at Lester’s Farm, following a delicious ‘Jiggs Dinner’, featuring their fresh home grown vegetables.

The group has also catered to a couple of other 50 Plus groups, as part of their planned tours to St. John’s. The Carbonear group and Park Street Fellowship from Windsor have shared these events.

For a number of years now, we have sponsored a New Year’s Eve Fellowship. We begin with a hot meal, a time of entertainment, and finish with a time of reflection in the sanctuary, as we welcome in the New Year.

At a suitable time, we celebrate with a 50 Plus weekend. Usually, a Saturday evening dinner is planned and a guest speaker is invited to share in the Sunday services. The 50 Plus members also participate.

An offering is usually received at our monthly meeting and often donations are made to worthwhile projects. On outings, the members themselves look after any meal expenses and entrance fees.

The group is pleased that a number of our members are from other local Church congregations and their presence is very much appreciated. Our average attendance is usually between 35 – 40. However, if there is a special event, many more have joined us.

The 50 – Plus group is a vibrant addition to the rich fellowship at CBS Corps and if there are others from our congregation who are not attending right now, we extend a warm welcome to you to come and join us.

### **Ministry To Women**

#### **Home League Report**

The Home League remains a very vital group in the Corps. The year has comprised of many exciting programs weekly, which have had a good attendance. There have been many opportunities for ministry throughout this year. Some highlights of the year are as follows.

In October of 2011 & 2012 they hosted a Ministry to Women Week where the ladies were involved in visitation of shut-ins, Bible Study, Bowling and full participation in the Ministry to Women Sunday conducted by Lieut. – Col. Myra Pritchett(2011)and Major Judy Mayo (2012).

In November, 2012 the Home League had their annual Fall Sale. It was a very successful venture with \$5017.92 being the proceeds raised.

On February 8<sup>th</sup> the Home League along with the Over Fifty Group hosted a Valentines Dinner, which was well attended and very much enjoyed by all who attended.

On February 15<sup>th</sup> the Home League had a White Elephant Sale and raised over \$200.00 for the renovations to the Sound Room.

On March 1<sup>st</sup> the Home League aided the Corps in hosting The World Day of Prayer. They provided the lunch for the evening, which added to the ecumenical fellowship of the evening.

On May 9<sup>th</sup> the Home League sponsored a Women's Banquet, which was a very lovely evening of fellowship and was attended by quite a variety of ladies from within and outside the corps.

There were 16 ladies who attended Women's Camp at Camp Starrigan.

The Home League opened for the fall on September 12, 2012 with a Pot-Luck Dinner and had as their special guest Gloria Guy.

On October 17<sup>th</sup> the ladies had their first annual bon-fire, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Throughout the year the Home League had two 'craft evenings', which was open to all ladies in the corps and was well attended.

From 2011 to 2012 the Home financially contributed to the corps in the following ways,

- We covered the cost of new counter top in the Corps Kitchen, a stainless steel top for the island in the kitchen as well as new kitchen counter top for the Quarters.
- Gave a donation to the sound room
- A donation of \$2000.00 dollars to purchase a new instrument for the Band

The Home League has also:

- sponsored a child in the sponsorship of a child overseas in the amount of \$ 360.00.
- given donations of \$500.00 to a Salvation Army Territorial Missionary Project and
- \$500.00 to the Divisional Camp, Camp Starrigan.
- Purchased four goats for the Salvation Army's Gifts of Hope Project

The Corps is blessed with a fine group of women in The Home League, under the leadership of Home League Secretary Lydia Penney, who work very hard to bring blessing to the Corps in many forms.

### **New Creations**

This is a small group of ladies who meet bi-weekly at Admiral's Coast retirement Residence. The New Creations group meets for fellowship and ministry through using their creative gifts to make items, which are donated to meet the needs of others.

This year the New Creations group have been:

- Knitting hats for the newborn babies at the Janeway.
- Making dresses for the little children of Africa
- Making baby blankets for the Janeway
- Making baby blankets for an orphanage in Africa

This year they have left the church to do their meetings at the Retirement Home thereby allowing ladies of that residence to have the opportunity of taking part in so many of the worthwhile ventures the group engages in.

Although this group is small in numbers it is a powerful group, which does a tremendous ministry.

### **Community Care Ministry**

Our CCM consists of 25 members, which makes up three groups. There are also thirteen more (retired officers and others) who assist by doing devotionals and supplying musical support when we visit nursing homes. We visit two nursing homes and two retirement homes each month to meet our responsibility for 26 establishments each year.

This year, we held our CCM weekend with Majors Wayne and BettyAnn Pike as our special guests. The weekend consisted of a dinner Saturday evening and special services on Sunday with member participation.

Another meaningful ministry for CCM is the serving of lunch for bereaved families and their guests following funerals.

In October of this year, we were very pleased to have 13 of our members attend Advanced Training sessions conducted by Major Lorraine Davis and seven more attended basic training held here at our Corps.

Our School Breakfast program at St. Georges Elementary continues to be a tremendous delight for us. All of our members participate at least once per month and are supplemented by volunteers from Scotia Bank, Kiwanis Club, and the town of CBS. We are responsible for every Monday and Friday morning from 7:45 to 9:15. We are very, very grateful for those who make this possible and a priority in their schedule.

On December 10,11 we will prepare 600 sunshine bags to deliver to our 3 retirement homes and 23 nursing homes. In addition, we will provide sunshine bags for our Corps shut-ins in CBS, Topsail and Holyrood.

Also this year, we were able to provide dozens of home cooked meals to those who were ill.

The Community Care Ministry continues to be a vibrant one that is well received by those who receive it and a great source of blessing to all our members.

Oh – by the way – we are always looking for new members – and you are welcome!

I am so grateful to our group for their most excellent service and commitment. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and God bless you for caring!

**Zita Butler**

**CCM Secretary (a.k.a. ‘Drill Sgt.)**

### **Technology Ministries**

**CO’s Note: With the rapid advancement of technology, we would be much less than good stewards if we surrendered all of it immense value to the enemy! We are very grateful to those who work in this field and have helped us develop not only our resource base but also the deployment of these assets into real ministry. It is imperative that we do what we can stay current with opportunities to increase our effective use of tastefully employed technology in our services and to extend our evangelistic and compassionate impact both within the community and, believe it or not, around the world. So to those who work in everything from the sound room to the website and every place where advanced technology is used to enhance our services or extend our reach, thank you and God bless you!**

## **Report on Video Production Ministry**

Since October 2011, we have been recording the Sunday Morning services and other events. Currently we have 67 videos online on our website. In March 2012 we acquired a reliable video camera, microphone, and video editing software and subscribe to an online video hosting service. The equipment allows for the production of DVD's, and about a dozen DVD's have been produced for interested parishioners. We now make a point of providing a DVD of baby dedications to the parents. We expect to record the annual general meeting this year, and hope to soon provide a highlight reel of the previous 12 months. Many positive comments have been received from parishioners saying how family members who are away enjoy following the services and some folks who have been sick and unable to attend in person have indicated they routinely follow the videos. Since October 2011, our videos have been fully or partially watched over 3,700 times, which is an average of 66 times per week.

**Adam Denny**

## **Report on Website Ministry**

In October 2011 we began a major overhaul of our website. The initial goal was for the website to become more professional looking, to become a repository for Corps documents and publications, and to allow members of the Corps to become better connected with each other and the community. We unveiled our new site in April 2012. Currently on the site a visitor can expect to find:

- General information about our Corps and our Officers and weekly schedule
- Brief descriptions and contact information for our active groups within the Corps
- Full details of important registration dates and calendar events
- A copy of the most recent weekly bulletin and announcements
- A place where prayer requests can be provided for online
- Copies of The Signal, our Corps newsletter
- Job advertisements
- Links to other Corps and other National Salvationist websites and resources

Increasingly leaders within the Corps are choosing to ensure documents are provided for electronic posting to the website.

With only one year under our belt for both the videos and the website, suggestions and comments from all members of the Corps are most welcome and can be directed to Adam Denny via email at [cbscorps@gmail.com](mailto:cbscorps@gmail.com) or in person any Sunday Morning.

Many thanks to the Major for encouraging the development of both the videos and the website.

**Adam Denny**

## **Sound Room Ministry**

We are so grateful to Dave Williams for his most excellent service to our congregation. For over a decade now Dave has been very faithful at his post. With donated labour, we recently expanded our sound room and through donated funds, we have bought some much-needed new equipment. With the

expansion of the room, Dave will soon begin some training of others who have already been approached and have expressed an interest. When the project is complete, there will be a dedication of this new equipment and sound room early in the new year. Thank you to all who donated funds for this project!

### **CO's Notes On Various Corps Activities:**

#### **Salvation Army Cemetery**

We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Elvis Dawe who is the volunteer manager of our Cemetery. There is a tremendous amount of work involved in that task and we are very grateful. Recent work there has brought a great sense of dignity to those who repose there. Elvis and the cemetery committee remain strongly committed to perpetual care, though the cost of providing that is creeping upward every year. Right now, we provide that care for a one time fee of \$1345.00 which includes a concrete vault, and annual grass and grounds maintenance. Because of the fact that the vaults help us to maintain the integrity of the ground allowing us to keep our annual perpetual care costs down, we feel compelled to continue this practice. It should be carefully noted that the upfront charges from the Corps is never levied as at a rate that will allow us to make a profit. The fee structure is designed only to cover our actual costs. Though we do have an a small surplus now, we must maintain that kind of a balance to ensure that we can continue the pay the costs of perpetual care and be ready for other needs as they become apparent. The surplus mainly comes from our annual cemetery offerings and other small collections we channel to that account.

#### **Bible Study**

Bible study is a deeper look into scripture. This function is critical to Christian growth and development. We offer two such opportunities;

Every Thursday morning, Lt. Colonel Ralph Stanley teaches an excellent bible study at the Citadel. There is regular attendance by a good number of people and more are welcome.

On Tuesday evenings, Major Lorne offers a Bible Study on various topics. Again, everybody is welcome.

#### **The Vital Ministry Of Prayer**

There are four regular prayer meetings held at our Corps. They are held on Wednesday night, Saturday night, and prayer meetings before the morning and evening services on Sunday. Prayer is vital. This is something that we all must participate in. We must be private prayer warriors, but we also need to pray corporately. Please see CSM Nic Dobson or ACSM Claudette Hillier if you wish to discuss your involvement.

#### **Sunday Greeters Ministry**

We have an excellent team involved in the critical ministry that greets people when they walk through our door on Sundays. We need more trained people for this ministry. If you feel this is a place where you can serve, if the lord has gifted you with a personality that makes people feel welcomed and appreciated, please see CSM Nic Dobson or ACSM Claudette Hillier for more information.

### **Samaritans Purse**

We are so grateful to Coralee Dodge for her excellent leadership in this project. She continues to inspire the Corps to give generously to this ministry and in fact, this has been our greatest year on record. Well done.

### **The Signal**

Could any report from our Corps be complete without a hearty thank you to Majors Winston and Cora Dodge for their excellent work on the signal? It is an excellent and much appreciated publication that not only has an excellent readership locally, but has furnished many stories for other Army Publications.

### **Personnel Needed**

**Please see Corps Sgt. Major Nic Dobson or Assistant Corps Sgt. Major Claudette Hillier for more information about;**

- **Sunday morning greeters**
- **Teachers for Pioneer clubs**
- **Jr. Church leaders (During Sunday morning services)**
- **Christmas Kettle workers**
- **Handyman/Handywomen type volunteers (smaller projects)**
- **Community Care Ministry worker**
- **Musicians to assist with Community Care Ministries during their visits to nursing homes**
- **People who will help in the home delivery of 'The Signal'**

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**A charge to keep I have,  
a God to glorify,  
a never-dying soul to save,  
and fit it for the sky.**

**To serve the present age,  
my calling to fulfill;  
O may it all my powers engage  
to do my Master's will!**

**Charles Wesley**