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HOME AT LAST



Brenda Brown grew up in Grand Bank, NL, the youngest of 12 children. She remembers the challenges and difficulties they faced in trying to properly feed and clothe such a large family. Yet, even in the midst of these trials, she recalls the Christian influence of her mother, and the fact that they attended church every Sunday.

In her late teens, she married Brian and they had four children. However, after thirty years together, they separated and later divorced. A few years later, he passed away.

Brenda decided then to move to London, ON, to make a new beginning. After a while, she met Gary and eventually they married. Life seemed good. However, in 2012, her life was shattered again. On Christmas Eve, her husband ended his life. She was devastated. She lost all hope and lived in a fog for many days. Her children lovingly supported her through this valley experience but she felt angry with God for allowing such pain in her life.

Yet, in the midst of the pain, she sensed that God was speaking to her and carrying her through this difficult time. By now, she had returned to Newfoundland and tried to put her life back together. She felt lost and all alone. She knew she had strayed from God for a number of years and always felt that there was something missing in her life. She experienced terrible nightmares, thinking that she would die before making things right with God.

Brenda admits that she had begun to go down a wrong path. Instead of choosing God, she tried to ignore Him. She spent her weekends partying with her friends. Then quite unexpectedly, her friend, Anne invited her to attend The Salvation Army in CBS. She came up with many different excuses, because she knew God was calling her back. She knew that if she went, she would have to make a decision. One excuse was the fact that she would not be able to kneel at the altar, because of a knee injury. But God was in control.

She eventually came to church and to her great surprise, Major Lorne Pritchett, the Corps Officer, included these words in his final invitation to come to pray. He said **"If you can't kneel, ask for forgiveness, right where you are"**.

That's all Brenda needed to hear. She cried out to God and received His wonderful peace and joy. A great burden was lifted from her heart and as she said "it felt like I was coming home. I am so thankful that God did not give up on me. My faith grows stronger each day and I love Him and trust Him with my whole life".

Since then Brenda has been enrolled as a soldier and enjoys attending Bible studies, Sunday services and many other ministries. She is so thankful for the support of her children, her 7 grandchildren and her loving husband Bob. **"She came to realize that the God of the mountain is the same God in the valley."**

Perspective Forgiveness

This is the season of Lent; a time to reflect upon the greatest sacrifice that was ever made, when Jesus died on the cross for my sins and the sins of the world.

As we prepare to journey with Jesus on the road to resurrection, may this be a time of personal reflection.

Think about the sacrifice made. Maybe we can say with the words of the chorus: **"Search me, oh God, and know my heart today"**. Is there anything in my life that I need to ask my Heavenly Father to forgive? But we have to take it one step further. We too are called to forgive (Matthew 6:15). Is there someone in my life that I need to forgive or ask for forgiveness from?

Don't delay! Ask for and accept forgiveness today!

Claudette Hillier,
Assistant Corps Sergeant Major

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Easter Celebrations:

Special Guests: Lt. Colonels Wayne and Myra Pritchett
Saturday, April 13th "Road to Resurrection" (Starting at 10:00 am)

Call Corps Office (834-6596) for more details

Good Friday, April 19th: 8:30 am Family Breakfast 10:30 am Morning Worship

**Easter Sunday, April 21st: 11:00 am Easter Celebration Service
6:00 Evening Service**

The Debt I Could Not Pay



I went into the garage with dread in my heart. The transmission had gone in my car and I had to get it repaired. Now the moment of truth had come and it was time to pick up the car. I walked slowly to the counter and Louie handed me a bill for \$500.00 I never had \$5.00 let alone \$500.00. I began to speak with what seemed to me to be a very small voice, "Louie, can you wait 'til I get my income tax back and....". Louie's big hand covered mine and he said, "Lieutenant, you are not looking at the sheet. Look again.". I did, and suddenly my eyes fell on the phrase, paid in full. "How Louie?" I said, "Who...?". Louie just looked at me with his kind face and said, "It's a secret." What a feeling of both humility and joy I experienced in that moment some 40 years ago. I can still feel that deep emotion, as I write about it tonight, these four decades later.

Paid in full. Wow!

Of course, you will not be surprised to know that I am thinking of another debt much more substantial than that one. It was my massive debt of sin that I brought to Jesus Christ as a teenager. And we sing a chorus that tells what happened when I repented;

**He paid a debt He did not owe,
I owed a debt I could not pay,
I needed someone to wash my sins away.
And now I sing a brand new song, 'Amazing grace!'
Christ Jesus paid the debt that I could never pay.**

Jesus makes the same offer to you today. Right where you are, you can ask Him to forgive you and be confident that He will. You have His word on it.

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

*Grace and Peace
Major Lorne and Barb Pritchett
Your Day to Day Pastors*

Lady of the Century



At the age of 101, Major Annette Vardy recently received the Order of the Founder. This award recognizes individuals who have rendered distinguished service in The Salvation Army.

Major Vardy spent 30 years serving as a nurse in The Salvation Army's hospitals in India and even shared patients with Mother Teresa. Major Vardy is seen in the photo with Colonels Edward and Shelley Hill Territorial Headquarters (left) and Divisional Leaders for Newfoundland and Labrador, Lt. Colonels Eddie and Genevera Vincent.

Men on a Mission



Wilson Brenton and Lee Noel recently returned from St. Kitts in The Salvation Army Caribbean Territory. They were involved in a building project to repair and renovate a school building, which will be operated by the local Salvation Army. Over 20 volunteers were

part of this project which lasted for three weeks. The McArthur family from North York Temple in Toronto, ON, have been organizing and sponsoring similar mission projects for 31 years. Laurie McArthur was the leader for this trip. In addition to restoring the building, CBS Corps, as partners in mission, and the Lee and Brenton families donated funds in order to provide appliances (fridge, stove and freezer) to benefit children who will attend the school. Great job!

I have plans for you



Since Danielle was only a few weeks old, she has been faithfully brought to The Salvation Army by her Aunt Roxanne. While she cannot remember the exact date when she surrendered her life to Jesus, she knew she always loved Him and was assured that Jesus loved her.

As a young teenager, she participated in many youth activities and today, she is a leader with the Youth Group and the Pioneer Club and she also helps with the "Alpha Teen" ministry, "Ready to Serve" and "Crosszones".

As a teenager, she was often challenged in her chosen life style, because many of her friends did not share her interest in attending church and living a Christian life. She also experienced 'bullying' in her struggle to maintain a more healthy weight. Often, she felt alone and wondered where God was. However, a little plaque she read at a local retail store gave her the answer. It said "if God brought you to it, He will bring you through it." She realized that God was always there and He would give her the strength she needed.

The recent passing of her Grandfather left a void in her life, for he always encouraged her along the way. Since then, however, God has surrounded her with His love and brought comfort to her in the hope that they will meet again. Her favorite Bible verse is **Jeremiah 29:11**, "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

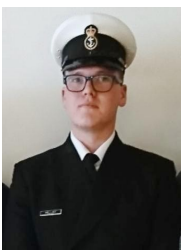
When Danielle was recently asked to share her testimony in a Sunday evening service, her first thought was "I don't have a testimony", but she quickly realized that she can testify to the faithfulness of God Who kept her on the right path and protected her from all the sinful habits of the world.

At 23 years of age, Danielle still attends church, with her Aunt Roxanne, and has been an effective youth leader. She works as an Early Childhood Educator. She sums up her testimony with the words of a chorus "More of You, more of You; I've had it all, but what I need is more of You. Of things I've had my fill and yet I hunger still; empty and bare, Lord hear my prayer, for more of you".

It is Danielle's desire to learn more about Jesus and to serve Him every day. It is very encouraging to see Danielle growing in her faith and using her gifts in leadership which God has given to her. **God bless you Danielle!**

(Editor's note: Due to an omission in the December Signal, we are now reprinting Danielle's testimony, in full. We apologize for the error.)

Congratulations



Ordinary **S**eaman Daniel Pelley has completed Basic Training (Boatswain) with the Navy Reserves and is now stationed in Halifax doing course training. He is hoping to join the regular forces soon.



Brandon **S**heppard has completed his basic training with the Air Force Reserves and is now in Shearwater, NS, doing course training. Following two years with the reserves, he plans to join the regular Air Force to engage in Officer training.

Great Fellowship



The Men's Fellowship, Home League ladies and the 50 Plus Group recently came together for a special Valentine's Day celebration. A delicious Pot Luck dinner was enjoyed by all. This was followed by a time of singing, fellowship and entertainment. About 110 were in attendance.



A capacity crowd of 135 ladies attended "Ladies Night Out". In the photo (above) along with leaders and organizers are Major Melva Elliot (left), the guest speaker and the "Gypsy Belles" who brought great delight and entertainment with their performance. They meet regularly for fellowship and exercise. A delicious lunch was served and enjoyed by all.



Youth Ministries



In the top photo, (left) are some of the Pioneer Leaders and helpers, with Coordinator Major Marlene George. They recently celebrated another milestone in their accomplishments of learning and training. Special guests for the celebration were Divisional Youth Leaders, Captains Sheldon and Ashley Bungay (center). Over 40 Moms, Dads and children on the Cradle Roll met for a time of fellowship and luncheon in February. Thank you to leader Loretta Dawe for making the arrangements. In the photo, to the right, are young people, with their leaders who recently enjoyed a fantastic youth event with special guests Captains Brent and Melissa Haas (seen at the back to the left). Among the group are a number of young people who are attending the Youth Alpha Studies. There was fun, fellowship and worship and in particular the Sunday evening “cardboard testimonies” brought great blessing and encouraged everyone.



Ready to Serve



Newly enrolled Junior Soldiers are sisters Callie and Chelsea Hart. They are supported by other Junior Soldiers on their day of Renewal, and by their Corps Officers and leaders.

Conception Bay South Corps welcomes new Senior Soldiers. God continues to change lives and equip them for service.



Major Winnie Perrin, (left) Coordinator for Community Care Ministries, recently organized a special day for workers. Major Loretta Fudge began the day with a time of devotion. Special teaching presentations were made by Majors Barry and Christine Gray and Paul Grimes, Regional Manager of Long Term Care with Eastern Health (right). Throughout the day, time was given for sharing ideas and suggestions.



Men's Fellowship and families enjoy a Basketball game at Mile One Stadium.



Thank you to the CBS Kin Club for their generous donation of toys

The Goal is Set

Choirs of America



Congratulations to Richard Whittle, a member of Holy Spirit School Choir (Viva) who recently performed at Carnegie Hall in New York. “Viva” was the only choir from Newfoundland and one of two from all Canada!

Conception Bay South Corps, as Partners in Mission will support the ongoing work in Mozambique Territory and the Bangladesh Command! With everyone helping, we can do it: \$14,000.



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