



NEWS OF SOUTHERN OFFICERS AND LAY PERSONNEL SERVING AROUND THE WORLD

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More information can be obtained about our overseas personnel on the internet at www.southernspiritonline.org

WHAT IS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE?

Lt. Col. Mary Capsey at IHQ has put together a small booklet, titled HORIZONS to help those who are thinking about serving overseas. If that is you or if you have wondered what makes that kind of appointment different, we thought the following excerpt might be good for everyone to read.

"International service, strangely enough, is not primarily about serving in a cross-cultural ministry or supporting the work of The Salvation Army in other parts of the world. It certainly is not about a 'join the Army, see the world' type of adventure.

"So what is international service? It is first and foremost a faith-venture. A stepping out of your comfort zone, very similar to what Abraham did, to obey a call or make yourself available to the Lord in a completely new context (Gen. 12:1-3).

"In a certain sense a term of international service is first about you, about your personal relationship with the Lord and about issues of faith, trust, and obedience to God (Deut. 5:32-3). Like many spiritual growth opportunities, it involves sacrifice, self-denial, and, possibly, pain. We don't use these words as often as we used to in The Salvation Army. International service has less to do with self-development (though this will be a side effect) than about faith development. You may be leaving behind your comfort zone and all the support that, at present, you are not even aware you rely on to do your ministry.

"In an appointment within your home territory's main country, you might change region, size of town, and corps or appointment type—but you are still in your general culture. You understand the language and the expectations, even though you might be challenged by some aspects of your new environment. You are rooted in your own culture and at ease as you move about your daily life and respond to the challenges of your appointment. Though you pray and rely on the Lord, there are, amazingly and dangerously, quite a lot of things that you are perfectly capable of doing on your own.

"International service can be one of the greatest challenges but also one of the greatest opportunities for deep spiritual growth. Why? Because stripped of the things you rely on, you will learn to rely solely on Christ. Like Peter stepping out of the boat, you will learn that you can actually 'walk on the water' of your new life and ministry by keeping your attention and trust focused on Him (Mat. 14:25-9).

"As you learn to rely on other people to guide you, teach you, and be your interpreters in this new context, you will develop a humble attitude and servant leadership will have a completely new meaning for you (Jn. 12:26).

"Always bear in mind that this should be a mutual learning experience. You have experience to share with the people around you, and they have experiences to share with you. You may not be the expert, but together you can have a great impact."

PROMOTIONS TO GLORY



The "Mother" Teresa of The Salvation Army, is how Major Teresa Hawley's daughter Bethany made reference to her during the Celebration of Life service held recently. Maybe you did not know her in that way, and you may not have known of the more than 12 years she served overseas with her husband Mike, first in West Germany, and then actually starting the work in the Middle East Region in both Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates. She served faithfully and with great love for the people wherever she was appointed.



Major Barbara McWilliams, along with her husband Joe, became Auxiliary Captains in 1980. She wrote at that time that "the Lord led them to The Salvation Army and officershipwe know that our life will only be complete and fulfilled in His service." After a short time as assistants in Huntsville, AL they were given the opportunity to "pursue their true calling from God to become missionaries." They served 10 years in South Africa in the ARC, as Corps Officers, and at a Retirement Home. After several appointments in Florida, they retired in 2002 to Brownwood, TX. Joe was promoted to Glory in 2011.



MISSIONARY TRIVIA

How many officers have served overseas from the Southern Territory?

A. Is it 375? B. Is it 495? C. Is it 266?

THE NEXT ISSUE OF GLOBAL VIEW WILL
BE AVAILABLE JULY 2023

PRAYER CONCERNS: More than here, folks are struggling with situations brought on by the war in Ukraine, as well as continued Covid-19-related challenges, that cause limitations in ministry and loss of income. After you pray, why not drop the persons prayed for a line or send an email of encouragement and blessing.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



COLONELS STEVE & WENDY MORRIS - JAPAN as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries. Be sure to check this out: Colonel Wendy has regular postings on Facebook, sharing their "adventures". She explains not only a lot of what is happening in The Army but gives insight to many of the traditions and customs of the people. Beautiful photos are always included. Recently, their son Andrew was able to visit, and their daughter and son-in-law Angela and Chris Murray, are visiting now. Pray for the Morris family as they travel to London to attend the High Council in May.
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CAPTAINS CHRISTOPHER & JESSICA WELCH - ITALY: along with sons, Rafaël Zane (6) and Liam Matteo (9). Corps Officers of the Torre Pellice Corps, Italy with added responsibility as youth coordinators for the Command. There are only 19 Jr. Soldiers there, but the Captains feel up to the challenge and are working to rally the young people. Besides their corps café, they have established an online book club! Pray for the Welch family as they return to the Southern Territory to take up new appointments in June.
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CAPTAINS MINKEE & GRACE KIM - KOREA: along with 13 year old daughter, Yoanna, have taken an appointment as Corps Officers as of April 1. They received a warm welcome and are learning many new things. The Corps is in a residential area and they hope that, by walking around in the evenings in uniform, they may converse with some of them. They are waiting for the "resident card" so that they can open a bank account and activate their cell phones. Yoanna is being home schooled and hopes to go to a school in the fall.

125 is the number of Officers who have expressed interest in serving overseas. We may not know who they are but God does, and He can open doors if this is His will for them. Please pray to this end.

We would like to recommend also that you pray, from time to time, for those who are serving out of the Territory, not on "foreign" service, but sometimes they may feel like it!

Major Maureen (Diffley) Duskin, along with husband Robert (USA Central)
Lt. Colonels Jonathan & Barbara Rich (USA Central)
Lt. Colonels Stephen & Susan Ellis (NHQ)
Majors Matthew & Jamie Satterlee (NHQ)
Captain Valentina Wearmouth (UKI)
along with husband, Captain Richard and baby son, Lucas.

Please share these needs with others, as your prayers do make the difference.

SPECIAL DATES COMING UP (Birthdays unless otherwise noted)

APRIL

- 14 Liam Matteo Welch (9)
ITALY
- 27 Lt. Colonel Susan Ellis
NHQ
- 30 Captain Jessica Welch
ITALY

May

- 30 Capts. Christopher & Jessica Welch
ITALY (12th Anniversary)

JUNE

- 3 Rafaël Zane Welch (7)
ITALY
- 9 Lt. Colonels Steve & Susan Ellis
NHQ (Anniversary)
- 12 Andrew Morris (22)
USA (son of Cols. Morris in Japan)

JULY

- 22 Captain Chris Welch
ITALY

***"If you know a sinner
you have a mission field
appointment."***

Carolyn Holliday

Book

"From Wheaton To The Nations" by David M. Howard, the story of cross-cultural missionary outreach from Wheaton College (from 1860 to 2000). Many unsung heroes, as well as some extremely famous ones; all very inspiring.

ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION



As of this month, (C)266 is the correct answer.

If you would like a list of all their names, you can request one from Major Evelyn Repass. Copies will be available on our International Service table at Bible Conference.