





NEWS OF SOUTHERN OFFICERS AND LAY PERSONNEL SERVING AROUND THE WORLD

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ITALY - CONGO - USA - ITALY

Perhaps the youngest Salvationist in the World! Baby Tiya was born November 25 in Rome, Italy. Her parents are Cadets Gildas & Wally Ouakatoulou, who are from the Congo. Gildas went to Italy 12 years ago on a scholarship to the University and Wally joined him 2 years ago, when they were married. They courted without ever seeing each other!

Gildas is an evangelist and opened an outpost in his home with Bible study and meals around the table, and saw neighbors, friends, and local merchants convert to Jesus. Wally has a beautiful voice and is a powerful preacher, as well. They had difficulty getting pregnant. They were concerned that they might lose the baby, who was to be born this past December. They so wanted it to happen this time. They talked to Captain Monica Seiler, presently serving in Italy, and asked that she pray for them, and to show their faith, they asked if she could make a uniform for their baby girl to wear when she came. Monica reached out to Lt. Colonel Karol Seiler, who in turn shared the request with Major Evelyn Repass. With the help of her good friend, Pat Rebel, they were able to put together this very small uniform and send it off in time for Tiya's arrival!



A WORD FROM LT. COLONEL KAROL SEILER, TERRITORIAL DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PERSONNEL SERVICES

I was appointed as the Director a brief 18 months ago, and what they say is true: "Time flies when you're having fun!" This appointment has been rewarding in so many ways: putting names and faces with the work of The Army around the world; supporting officers who are serving sacrificially in other countries; assisting officers who are called to international service with the laborious application process; working alongside the best volunteers (Majors Larry and Evelyn Repass) and administrative assistant; and spreading the word about our dedicated missionary officers and their families and the places they are serving. It is my privilege to pray for each of them by name, letting them know that they are not forgotten, and encouraging them in their ministry. I am humbled by their devotion and perseverance; despite the difficulties they encounter every day. My prayer is that they always stand in God's armor and that their service is not in their own strength, but in the grace and strength of the LORD. Join me in praying for them today!

FROM THE MISSIONARY BOOK SHELF

"As far as you can go and still be in God's hands" by Marcia Cocker, published by 'Others Press' (USA Eastern Territory), 2011.

This book of *Letters from Papua New* Guinea is about Salvation Army missionaries from the USA, chronicling their experiences and emotions. Covering a 3 year period, the book is a window into a world little understood by most of us, but confidence inspiring as they found God always present in such a unique part of the world.



MISSIONARY TRIVIA

Over the years, there has been someone who has given faithful and valuable service to whomever has occupied the position of Director of International Personnel Services, as well as to those serving out of territory.

Who is that person?

<u>PRAYER CONCERNS:</u> After you pray, why not drop the person, or persons, prayed for a line; or send an email of encouragement and blessing. (Most are on Facebook)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

<u>CAPTAINS TIM & BETHANY DELANEY-SOUTH AFRICA:</u> Captains Delaney are excited about all the activity that is going on in their appointment as Corps Officers of the Goodwood Corps in the Western Cape Division. Pray for God to call the right people into leadership roles, guidance in outreach to their community, and success in the Thrift Store that funds programs. Remember their 3 children; Jubilee (14), Zoe (13), and Israel (11). bethany.delaney@saf.salvationarmy.org

MAJORS ALAN & MARY GONZALEZ—SPAIN: Corps Officers of two Corps in Mallorca; one with a Spanish speaking congregation and the other with a bilingual (English) congregation. Pray that God will lead persons to become Corps' leaders, as well as, someone to help with the music. They would like to organize a Women's Auxiliary. Alan.marype22@gmail.com

LT. COLONELS KELLY & DONNA IGLEHEART – SOUTH AFRICA: Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries. They will be hosting the Africa Zonal Leaders, and this has not happened for some time. The Public Welcome of 10 first year Cadets will be February 2. Pray for a smooth transition for those going to new appointments.

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<u>CAPTAINS OLIVER & CATHY MICHELS – CARIBBEAN</u>: PR and Development Secretary with additional responsibilities as IT Consultant and Secretary for Spiritual Life Development, League of Mercy Secretary and Retired Officers. They are going to be grandparents in June; son Lee and wife Ashlyn will be parents. Cami (16) continues to do well, living in the States and being involved with the youth in the NSC Division. Pray for officers in Jamaica who are going through some very hard times.

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<u>CAPTAINS ASHISH & SANDRA PAWAR – AUSTRALIA</u>: Multi Cultural Plant Officers in Blacktown. Pray for a new apartment ministry and English classes to begin in the local library. Remember all those who have suffered because of the recent wild fires destroying a very large area. Don't forget their daughters, Priya Grace (8) and Alina Rose (6) beginning a new school year. sandrapawar@yahoo.com

<u>CAPTAINS ANDY & MONICA SEILER- ITALY</u>: Director of Rome Social Centre & Guesthouse, Support Officer to the Finance Dept., C.O. of the Rome Corps, and Chaplaincy for the Social Centre. Pray that the corps might become self-sustainable; that they may attract young people, and for Bibles in different languages to offer to those who are coming to their Bible Study and don't have one of their own. Remember their boys, Elijah (8) and Benjamin (4).

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<u>CAPTAINS ROBERT & GLENIS VIERA – UNITD ARAB EMIRATES</u>: Corps Officers to the UAE Corps, as well as Assistant Regional Officers for the Middle East Region. They are working to establish a Men's Shelter. Many of the Corps people are experiencing issues with visas and troubles in their work places. Pray for their safety, as well as that of their daughters, Alana (9) and Leyla (8), who are doing really well.

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CAPTAINS CHRISTOPHER & JESSICA WELCH – ITALY & GREECE: Corps Officers of the Torre Pellice Corps, Italy and with added responsibility as youth coordinators for the Command. Remember their sons, Rafaël Zane (3) and Liam Matteo (5). With both now in school (which they love), this has freed up more time for Chris & Jessica to give to ministry. christopherwelch@esercitodellasalvezza.org

MAJORS BOBBY & ANNE WESTMORELAND – DENMARK & GREENLAND TERRITORY: As they have returned to this Territory and take on new responsibilities at THQ. Pray for their transition and for their future appointments. Also, continue to pray for the Denmark & Greenland Territory and the leadership there. Bobby.Westmoreland@uss.salvationarmy.org

MAJORS DIETER & BARBARA ZIMMERER – SPAIN: Corps Officers of the Denia Corps and Directors of Camp Saron Conference Center. Praise Report: Financial Situation has improved and they have many bookings already for 2020! Pray for their witness and ministry to their volunteers, some are not Christians. Remember their daughter Christiana (20). Dieter will have carpel tunnel surgery in February. dieterzimmerer@hotmail.com

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 may feel like it!

Majors Rick & Janeen McConniel (USA Central)
Colonels Ken & Paula Johnson (USA East)
moving to a new appointment at NHQ in Feb.)
Majors Daniel & Sarah Choi (USA East)

Lt. Colonels Ward & Michele Matthews (NHQ) Major Jason Swain (NHQ)

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

SPECIAL DATES COMING UP (Birthdays unless otherwise noted)

JANUARY

- 8 Captain Andy Seiler ITALY
- 16 Captain Ashish Pawar AUSTRALIA

FEBRUARY

- 1 Lt. Colonel Michele Matthews NHQ
- 5 Captains Robert & Glenis Viera UAE (Anniversary)
- 6 Captain Robert Vlera
- 9 Priya Grace Pawar (9) In AUSTRALIA with parents
- 23 Captains Mike & Cathy Michels CARIBBEAN (35th Anniversary)

MARCH

- 23 Jubilee Delaney (15) In SOUTH AFRICA with parents
- 24 Captain Monica Seiler ITALY

APRIL

- 9 Benjamin Seiler (5) In ITALY with parents
- 12 Major Alan Gonzalez SPAIN
- 14 Liam Mateo Welch (6) In ITALY with parents
- 30 Lt. Colonel Donna Igleheart SOUTH AFRICA
- 30 Captain Jessica Welch

"The Bible is not the basis of missions; missions is the basis of the Bible."

Ralph Winter

ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION

was recognized for 25 years of employment at THQ; with most of that time in her current position as Administrative Assistant. in International Personnel Services.

