



NEWS OF SOUTHERN OFFICERS AND LAY PERSONNEL SERVING AROUND THE WORLD

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MISSIONARY SERGEANT BRIGADIER EUNICE BLACKIE (R)

This dear saint who has been sending birthday cards to Southern Territory missionaries for over 2 decades (as well as anniversary cards and greetings for other holidays) will celebrate her 90th birthday on January 20, 2008.

Her Corps Officers, Majors Phil and Donna Murphy, are requesting that "her missionaries" turn the tables and shower the brigadier with special birthday greetings. Any former missionaries - and missionary supporters - are invited to send her a card, addressed to Captain Pam Werner, to P.O. Box 2792, Sarasota, FL 34230.

It would be a special birthday "gift" to Brigadier Blackie for anyone to join her in the all-too-thin ranks of Missionary Sergeants. This position in a Corps will help the congregation to be reminded to pray for and write to our missionaries. Gathering up to date information about those serving overseas to share with the Corps family through short Sunday presentations, bulletin board items, etc. can promote more interest in our World Service giving as well. Ask your Corps Officer today if you can serve in this capacity.

SALUTE TO A SAINT

One of the Southern Territory's great missionary officers of the past was promoted to Glory on November 30, 2007. Inez Newberry became an officer in 1944. Her first overseas service began in what is now Sri Lanka in 1953. In three different epochs, her missionary service included appointments as Financial Secretary, Hospital Secretary (Nigercoil), Chief Secretary in two of India's territories, and Territorial Commander in three of them - one included responsibility for Bangladesh.

In retirement, her concern for "the world" can be seen in her poem about modern "little town of Bethlehem", praying for God's blessing on that troubled and violent area. A Spanish translation of the poem appeared in another mission field: one of the Latin American "War Cry" publications.

We praise God for her dedicated life and influence on other missionaries, and ask God's blessing for Jenny, her sister and last care-giver, as well as other loved ones and friends. And we pray for the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His vineyard.

IS YOUR MISSIONARY PRAYER BOARD UP TO DATE?

Those currently serving overseas are mentioned on the back page (under prayer concerns). If your Corps display is missing any of the cards for these folk, please contact Major Evelyn_Repass@uss.salvationarmy.org.

If you still have on the Board any of those who recently returned to appointments in the Southern Territory, namely: Majors Ron and Carol Busroe, Major Diane Johnson, Majors Will and Sue Cundiff, Majors Fred and Miriam Musgrave (r), and Majors Dieter and Barbara Zimmerer, may we suggest that as you take their cards off of your Bulletin Boards, you have special prayer for them in a public meeting and send them a note of thanks for their missionary service [perhaps on the back of the card itself].

KENYA X 2

The Salvation Army in Kenya, Africa, has grown so much that it has been decided to make two Kenyan territories. Pray for our missionaries there as the transition period is being carried out. Captain Nancy Fabal, secretary to the Chief Secretary, was recently involved in a "Transitional Work Group" considering how to allocate territorial equipment, among other points. Majors Roy and Jacquelynn Johnson, recently appointed to the staff of the School for Officers' Training, have been profusely welcomed by local salvationists and have been organizing the curriculum of the School. A recent note from Nancy shows the other side of missionary ministry: personally touching lives, as she has been asked to make a cake for one officer's wedding. (She had made a 4-layer cake last year for a wedding, and this one has asked for a 7-layer cake!).

MANY SALVATIONISTS, AS THEY PARTICIPATE IN THE TERRITORIAL 24/7 PRAYER CAMPAIGN, ARE INCLUDING PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO CONTINUE TO REMEMBER OUR OVERSEAS PERSONNEL REGULARLY. HERE ARE SOME PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:

MAJOR SHIRLEY ADAMS, MEXICO

Hard at work (and daughter, Nicole, at study), but there are still difficult adjustments in lifestyle. Keep them in prayer.

CAPTAINS BRAD AND ANITA CALDWELL, EASTERN EUROPE TERRITORY

They request prayer for some new converts, for elderly and sick who suffer greatly because of the severe cold weather, and for the Territorial Commander to be able to get a work visa so that he can stay longer than 90 days without renewing a visa too often. They also give praise to God that 3 cadets have been able to get visas for Russia.

A/CAPTAINS ANTHONY AND TERESA DELLA MONICA, SPAIN

Pray for a smooth transition into Spanish life and work as they take up a Corps appointment, and for their 10 year old son, Harley, who is with them.

CAPTAIN MAUREEN DIFFLEY, UKRAINE

On homeland furlough until February, please pray for her safety as she travels and for a good rest.

CAPTAINS MARK AND TANYA DOOLEY, ENGLAND

Pray that God will continue to bless their ministry at the Kendal Corps (which, by the way, was able to raise funds to help 134 children for Christmas in Romania.)

CAPTAIN NANCY FABAL, KENYA

Pray that she will keep in good health and that she will continue to be a blessing to the people around her.

CAPTAINS MARK AND BARBARA JACOBS, PHILIPPINES

Pray for their continued adjustment in lifestyle. Mark has been in charge of a very different kettle campaign during the Christmas season.

MAJORS ROY AND JACQUELYNN JOHNSON, KENYA

Pray for their continued adjustment in the new country, and for the safe arrival of their personal effects.

MAJOR WARD AND CAPTAIN MICHELE MATTHEWS, CARIBBEAN

Thanksgiving that they were able to have some time with family back home for Christmas. Pray for the political situations in the countries of their Territory; especially intense at this time is Suriname.

CAPTAINS VICTOR AND ELLEN TIDMAN, RUSSIA

Pray for people who are out in the cold in the bitter winter season, for transportation needs, and for a large building with better access in which to worship and from which to serve the needy.

MAJORS DON AND JEAN WILSON, GUATEMALA

Thanksgiving for some answered prayers: new songbooks for Tierra Nueva Corps, and a watchdog for the property. Pray for their move to a new appointment now: Tecpán Corps and school (both primary and high school programs) which has been without officers for 6 months.

MAJORS FRANCISCO AND CAROLYN ZÚÑIGA, MEXICO

Prayer is needed concerning lack of funds to cover their appointment's expenses, and for their positive ministry with the officers in their Division.

WE NEED HEROES

During the 2008 Holiness Congress, there will be a 'We Need Heroes' ministry fair on Saturday, June 7. It will be aimed at young people between the ages of 20 and 40. Please pray that God will use this event to confirm His call for workers, some to foreign lands. (For more information, contact the Territorial Candidates Secretary, Major carol_busroe@uss.salvationarmy.org



CAPTAINS TIDMAN GET NEW TRIM FROM CAPTAINS BRADLEY AND ANITA CALDWELL.

WORLD SERVICE GIVING

Do you wish you could give more each year but don't see how you can? The best suggestion we know of is this: Each time you have income and set aside your tithes (10%), set aside also something for World Services. Mark your "cartridge" envelope with the amount of the tithe and the amount for World Services. A little each payday hurts less than a larger lump-sum just near the ingathering Sunday, and you will be surprised that you were able to give so much more than you used to at one go.