

Global View

NEWS OF SOUTHERN OFFICERS AND LAY PERSONNEL SERVING AROUND THE WORLD

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SAVING VENEZUELA THROUGH A CRAZY LADY AND IN SPITE OF MANY DELAYS...

MAJOR JEAN WILSON SHARES:



In the Fall of 1984 our then Divisional Commander, Colonel Fred Ruth, called to say that he knew we had felt led to serve overseas. He'd had a crazy lady in his office crying for help for Venezuela, and he wondered if we would consider going. He would call in a week for our answer.

We accepted the call and started preparing to go. This included enrolling in Spanish classes and beginning the paperwork for visas.

In June we farewelled from our Corps appointment and were sent temporarily to Camp Happyland to assist the DYS. In July we transferred to Charlottesville, VA., to hold on until the August moves and following that, we were appointed to assist at the Atlanta Peachcrest Corps, still awaiting our visas for Venezuela. Repeatedly we were told that only one more signature was needed.

In October 1985 an earthquake hit Mexico City. Donny suggested that he be allowed to go serve in disaster work. While there, it was decided that Donny take over a Corps and that Carrie and I join him while waiting for our visas for Venezuela.

At the end of the three months allowed on our travel visa for Mexico, we went to Nuevo Laredo and into Texas to obtain a new visa. The same border guard was on duty when we arrived and when we tried to leave. He marked our 180-day visa down to 30 and sternly warned us to not even try to renew. We transferred to Panama as Divisional Youth Officers at the beginning of February and were given the additional responsibility as Corps Officers. Late in the year the long-awaited visas came through. Donny went to Baltimore for the needed signatures and we transferred to Venezuela. But by then, the visas were already expired. So we spent the whole first year in the country trying to get them renewed.

The Children's Home in Maracaibo had been our intended appointment all along. Once there we met several challenges, including the crazy woman who had requested replacement officers for the Home. The court system had placed the children in the Army's care. The judges had been told that we were not trustworthy and were to be suspected of not complying. The children did not want to be in this facility and resented everything that it represented.

Donny was able to form an Advisory Board, and through their influence, things with the court system began to change. The members of the Board visited the Home and saw what actually went on. The pediatrician who saw all the children spoke favorably of our work and spoke to the judges on our behalf. An Open House was arranged and several of these individuals attended. The judges, I believe, were surprised at what they found and from that point on we had a good working relationship. There were 6 children living in the Home when we arrived. At one point we had 22.

The care and feeding of the children brought challenges as well. There were times when no sugar would be available, or milk, or some other staple. We would have to find a source. A steak house started giving the fatty meat they cut off their steaks. A pasta company started giving. Through an Advisory Board connection, Colgate-Palmolive started providing donations.

The brakes went out on the van. So for a while, we had to walk the kids to 3 different schools and/or take them on the public bus. I took two kids to one school - walking them

MISSIONARY PRAYER BOARDS: INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PERSONNEL

If you would like material to put up a Board in your Corps, Center, Office, etc. please go to www.southernspiritonline.org and click on ministries or missionaries

The most important thing is to pray for those overseas and encourage them with emails and notes.

God bless you!

there and then walking back at the end of the day to walk them home. Donny took the kids to the other two schools - often taking a bus to the first one and then getting a taxi to the second school.

During our mid-term furlough while visiting a Corps Officer in the Southern Territory, we were asked about our service and our needs. That Corps gave us the money to buy a used station wagon which allowed us also to take all the kids to the Corps on Sundays.

Back to the urgency of the crazy lady in Colonel Ruth's office: With no officer coming in to continue the work when that couple's term ended, the Army was facing the closing of its work in Venezuela. It had already been forced to relocate from the capital city, which meant a considerable downsizing of services. For the sake of those few children and for the small Corps, it was hoped that someone would come and keep the work going.



As we look back, Venezuela was our most difficult appointment. We are grateful that we were able to go and that we can remember our time there as something positive. One of the young ladies in the Corps at that time, a higher grade Corps Cadet, later became an officer and along with her husband served as Regional Leaders for Venezuela for several years. One of the children married into affluence in Spain. One was adopted by an executive of Chevron Oil. One or two have gone on to attend college.

The Army now has three strong Corps, an Outpost, the children's home, and a fishing boat ministry.

Note: Majors Donny & Jean Wilson have since served in Uruguay, Guatemala and El Salvador. At present they are the Corps Officers in Huntsville, Alabama.

MISSIONARY TRIVIA

Majors Donny & Jean Wilson are the only officers from the South who have served in Venezuela. Do you know the name of the Territory that Venezuela is a part of and what other countries comprise that Territory? In how many did the Wilsons serve?



PRAYER CONCERNS: After you pray, why not drop the person or persons prayed for a line or send an email of encouragement and blessing.

Please Pray For:

MAJORS DAN & ALBA FORD (BRAZIL) Divisional Leaders in Rio de Janeiro. Development of Advisory Board as well as PR and fund raising strategies. Pray for the youth. Also remember their son Dylan (in Feb. he will turn 15) and daughter Ariel (20). Dan.ford@bra.salvationarmy.org

LT. COLONELS ALLAN & FIONA HOFER (SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA & HUNGARY TERR) As Chief Secretary and Territorial Sec. for Women's Ministries. They have served there since Sept. 2014 but are now considered officers from the US Southern Territory. The biggest challenge for them has been the issue of euthanasia (letting older people die rather than help them and prolong their lives.) It is already mandated in 2 states where the Army has Homes for the Elderly. Pray for guidance and wisdom in this situation. Allan.hofer@swi.salvationarmy.org

COLONELS WILLIS & BARBARA HOWELL (NEW ZEALAND, FIJI & TONGA TERR.) As Chief Secretary and Territorial Sec. for Women's Ministries. Please pray that God will send more candidates and that He would give encouragement to the officers who serve so faithfully. They would also like for their mothers who are 90+, in good health and live in Florida, to be remembered. Willis.howell@NZE.salvationarmy.org

LT. COLS. KELLY & DONNA IGLEHEART (SOUTH AFRICA) As Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries. Pray for their adjustment to so many new things as well as continued health and that the officers would have a greater passion, salvation of souls and that His Kingdom would grow. Kelly.igleheart@uss.salvationarmy.org

LT. ASISH & CAPTAIN SANDRA PAWAR (UK) As Corps Officers at the Southwark Corps in a multicultural community in the London Central Division. Pray for the spiritual growth of their congregation and a greater vision of ministry to include children and youth. Also don't forget their daughters, Priya Grace (will be 5 in Feb,) and Alina Rose (now 2). ashish.pawar@salvationarmy.org.uk

CAPTAINS KEN & NEVA PHIOUTHONG (THAILAND) as Resource and Development Officers, working to get the Army established and striving to build relationships through ministry with school children, prisoners, hospital visitation and HIV programs, as well as reaching out to Buddhists. Also remember their son Neville (15) who is doing well in school and learning to speak Thai. nevaphi@yahoo.com

LTS. CHRISTOPHER & JESSICA WELCH (ITALY & GREECE) as Corps Officers of the Torre Pellice Corps. Pray for their transition and adjustment. Also remember them as they endeavor to raise financial support for the work. With them is their almost 2 year old son, Lian Matteo. Chris.Welch@alive.com

MAJORS DIETER & BARBARA ZIMMERER (SPAIN) as Corps Officers of the Denia Corps and Directors of Camp Sharon Conference Center. Pray for their financial situation which leaves them overwhelmed with a feeling of helplessness as well as the physical demands of their appointment. More groups are needed to rent the camp. Remember daughter Christina (16). dieterzimmerer@hotmail.com

LT. COLS. GARY & SUZANNE HAUPT (EASTERN EUROPE) who have returned from Eastern Europe and are presently with new responsibilities at THQ in Atlanta. Continue to pray for the transition of the Eastern Europe Territory as well as Lt. Col. Suzanne's Mom. gary.haupt@uss.salvationarmy.org

MAJOR PAMM MCKEE (LIBERIA) (retired) her service in Liberia. Pray for health and protection. Pammckee16@gmail.com

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

Lt. Colonels Ron & Carol Busroe
Major Raymond Cooper III
Majors Frank & Libby Duracher

Commissioners David & Barbara Jeffrey
Lt. Colonels Allen & Esther Satterlee

PLEASE SHARE WITH OTHERS THESE NEEDS AS YOUR PRAYERS DO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.

- I warn you (every reader) that no one can read The Challenge of Missions, by Oswald J. Smith, and escape the missionary call. He shows biblically that no one Christian can deny a call to evangelize, not only at home, but "in the next towns" until there is no town left without the Gospel message.
- He also shows by his own life example, that God gives the "fire in the bones" to go where the need is greatest and the workers fewest. Then, he shows that God can close the doors to "going" and the fire burns in another way: send. If you cannot go, you have to send others who are called and want to go.
- And, of course, those who go and those who send, must pray for the missionaries and the people they minister to and the enterprises they forge for reaching the unevangelized.
- There is much more in the little book (practically all the excuses for not going are answered). And you find here that haunting phrase which others have repeated to us: "Why should anyone hear the gospel twice until everyone has heard it once?"
- The Challenge of Missions, in an inexpensive paperback, is available at OM Literature, 129 Mobilization Drive, Waynesboro, GA, 30830.

SPECIAL DATES COMING UP (Birthdays unless otherwise noted)

JANUARY

- 16 Lt. Ashish Pawar UK
- 23 Majors Dan & Alba Ford BRAZIL (23rd Anniversary)

FEBRUARY

- 5 Captain Neva Phiouthong (THAILAND)
- 9 Priya Grace Pawar, (2011) daughter of Ashish & Sandra serving in the UK
- 11 Colonels Willis & Barbara Howell NEW ZEALAND (38th Anniversary)
- 25 Dylan Ford, (2001) son of Dan & Alba BRAZIL

MARCH

- 3 Colonel Willis Howell NEW ZEALAND
- 30 Lt. Colonel Allan Hofer SWITZERLAND

APRIL

- 3 Colonel Barbara Howell NEW ZEALAND
- 14 Lian Mateo Welch (2014) son of Chris & Jessica ITALY
- 15 Lt. Colonel Fiona Hofer SWITZERLAND
- 19 Lt. Colonels Gary & Suzanne Haupt NOW IN ATLANTA THQ (37th Anniversary)
- 27 Major Dan Ford SWITZERLAND
- 30 Colonel Donna Igleheart SOUTH AFRICA
- 30 Lt. Jessica Welch ITALY

Stir me, Oh!, stir me, Lord – I care not how,
But stir my heart in passion for the world;
Stir me to give, to go, but most to pray.
Stir, till the Blood-red banner be unfurled
O'er lands that still in heathen darkness lie,
O'er deserts where no Cross is lifted high
(Oswald J. Smith)

ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION:

Latin America North – Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and Venezuela. The Wilsons served in 4.

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