



NEWS OF SOUTHERN OFFICERS AND LAY PERSONNEL SERVING AROUND THE WORLD

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TESTIMONY FROM THE CADET IN TRAINING IN JAPAN: FROM PRISON TO SCHOOL FOR OFFICERS

I'm Shinya Yoshida, a cadet of the "Reflectors of Holiness" session. It was in prison that I was saved. I was there for 13 years, and in my third year I met a Christian prison chaplain and started reading the Bible. Although there were some verses that caught my heart, I couldn't believe it until a miracle happened to me.

I had been using drugs so, after my arrest I suffered from muscle and joint pain very badly, due to withdrawal symptoms. Even more than 3 years later the pain continued to annoy me at night. I would spend the nights thinking, "If I have to feel so painful as this, I want to die".

In the morning, after breakfast, I would have to assume a posture of punishment. That was just to sit straight or to sit cross-legged looking at the wall from morning till night. On the 30th or 40th day, I would start to talk to myself....."What's going on? Today's heat is terrible." Then I found the sunbeam through the crossed window frames reflecting a beautiful shadow of the cross on the tatami mats. ...I prayed to this cross. "God! If you really exist, please release me from this physical pain!" Then, I felt like I was told, "Do not say 'if you really exist'. But just believe!" But I could not be sure. So I started thinking again "if I suffer in the night again, I want to die".

While sleeping that night, Bible words from Ezekiel 33:11 were revealed to me. "I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways!" I woke up and found that the pain that had annoyed me every night was gone. I was convinced that it was Jesus! When the punishment period was over, I told the prison chaplain about what happened and confessed that 'Jesus is my Savior!' After 7 months of preparation, I was baptized.

Four years later, I had to decide which church to attend after my term was completed, but I didn't know what to do, so I consulted with my prison chaplain. He said to pray and I prayed every day, "God, please show me the church I will attend after my release!" I was reading only Christian books and in many books The Salvation Army was mentioned. I asked the chaplain and he told me it was a fine Protestant church and he gave me an address to contact them.

I wrote to the officer and told him about my past mistakes and that I was saved by God and God showed me The Salvation Army. After exchanging several letters, the Major came to see me. I knew this would be next to impossible as only relatives, guarantees, and persons authorized by the prison director were allowed. I prayed "God, if the church I am going to attend is definitely the Army, please grant this meeting." After a long wait, the door opened and I was told, Prisoner No. 621, meeting permitted!



SPECIAL SALUTE TO: **MAJOR CHARLES TRASK** who's battle with cancer is over! Charles was Promoted to Glory on December 31, 2021. We praise God for the years that He gave Charles and the wonderful testimony that he shared. He grew up in the Eastern Territory, participating in many Army activities and especially playing in different bands. After serving in the US Navy Intelligence, he made his way south and entered the SFOT from Arlington, VA in 1974. He married Toni two years later, and after several corps appointments, they served as pioneer missionaries in the Philippines. Charles loved life and was kind to everyone. Please continue to be in prayer for Toni and the family.

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MISSIONARY TRIVIA

Besides Majors Charles & Toni Trask, have there been any other officers from the South who have served in the Philippines?

PRAYER CONCERNS: Even more than in this country, folks are struggling with situations brought on by Covid-19, resulting in limitations in ministry, loss of income, and how to cover daily expenses. After you pray, why not drop the persons prayed for a line; or send an email of encouragement and blessing.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

MAJORS TIM & BETHANY DELANEY - who have been in SOUTH AFRICA: along with their children - Jubilee (16), Zoe (15), and Israel (13), have returned and will be taking an appointment in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Please pray for them as they transition back to life here and also remember to pray for the Goodwood Corps that they are leaving in South Africa. delaneyandbeyond@gmail.com

MAJORS ALAN & MARY GONZALEZ - SPAIN: Since July, they have been serving in Barcelona as Corps Officers. Thanks to God, both are doing well after a bout with Covid-19. Their ministry is going well and they are actively involved in the community. You can check in with them on Facebook, as Major Alan has regular postings. Alan.marype22@gmail.com

COLONELS STEVE & WENDY MORRIS: With their hearts in JAPAN as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries. At the moment the borders to Japan remain closed, but they believe they will be in Japan in God's perfect timing. Their contact and participation, for the moment, is via Zoom. They are hopeful for the future and the direction the Lord is providing for Japan. Stephen.Morris@jpn.salvationarmy.org

CAPTAIN ASHISH & MAJOR SANDRA PAWAR - AUSTRALIA: along with their daughters, Priya Grace (10) and Alina Rose (7) have farewelled as Corps Officers in Auburn (close to Sydney) and returned and taken an appointment in Sarasota, Florida. They enjoyed very much serving in Australia. Pray for them in this transition. sandrapawar@yahoo.com

CAPTAINS CHRISTOPHER & JESSICA WELCH - ITALY: along with sons, Rafaël Zane (5) and Liam Matteo (7). Corps Officers of the Torre Pellice Corps, Italy with added responsibility as Youth Coordinators for the Command. Pray for them as they continue to find ways to do ministry. Christopher.welch@esercitodellasalvezza.org

MAJORS DIETER & BARBARA ZIMMERER - SPAIN: are Corps Officers of the Denia Corps and Directors of Camp Saron Conference Center. They are doing fine and have found ways of helping folks and providing meals to as many as 100 families. Prayers for them and daughter Christina (who is with them) are appreciated. dieterzimmerer@hotmail.com

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

Colonels Kelly & Donna Igleheart (USA West)
Major Maureen Diffley (USA Central) as of this month
Lt. Colonels Jonathan & Barbara Rich (USA Central)
Captain Valentina Wearmouth (UK) along with husband Captain Richard and baby son. Lucas.

Colonels Ken & Paula Johnson (NHQ)
Majors Stephen & Susan Ellis (NHQ)
Majors Matthew & Jamie Satterlee (NHQ)

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

SPECIAL DATES COMING UP (Birthdays unless otherwise noted)

JANUARY

- 10 Captain Valentina Wearmouth UK
- 13 Colonels Steve & Wendy Morris JAPAN (Anniversary)

FEBRUARY

- 22 Lillian Satterlee (15) at NHQ with parents

MARCH

- 6 Lt. Colonel Barbara Rich USA CENTRAL
- 19 Captains Richard & Val Wearmouth UK (Anniversary)

APRIL

- 12 Major Alan Gonzalez SPAIN
- 14 Liam Mateo Welch (8) in ITALY with parents
- 27 Major Susan Ellis NHQ
- 30 Lt. Colonel Donna Igleheart USW
- 30 Captain Jessica Welch ITALY

"Only one Word for one world, and only you to spread it."

Carolyn Holliday

Books on Bible translation

Missionaries not directly dedicated to translating the Bible, have, nevertheless, a need to know something about this, since their work is usually in a different culture and language than their own. A highly recommended "introduction" to this field is *How To Choose A Translation For All Its Worth* (Zondervan, 2007) by Gordon Free and Mark Strauss



ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION

YES
Majors Mark & Barbara Jacobs
2007 - 2009