



## NEWS OF SOUTHERN OFFICERS AND LAY PERSONNEL SERVING AROUND THE WORLD

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Our hearts go out to the people of Ukraine and especially the Salvationists there. We thank God for each of them and the spirit they have shown during these horrible days of war. We can only imagine how those from our territory, who have served in Ukraine or one of the nearby countries, and know many of the soldiers personally, must feel.

Colonels Kenneth & Paula Johnson – as TC for Eastern Europe  
Majors Brad & Anita Caldwell – Georgia/Moldova/Russia  
Majors William & Sue Cundiff and Major Dianne Johnson – Moldova/Romania  
Major Maureen Diffley – Georgia/Russia/Ukraine  
Majors Bobby & Anne Westmoreland – Georgia/Ukraine  
Lt. Cols Gary & Suzanne Haupt, Majors Victor & Ellen Tidman, Captain Evelyn Thornhill –Russia

The Army's work was extended to Ukraine in 1993 and spread to 8 key locations. Programs have included humanitarian aid, prison ministries, feeding centers, after-school programs, clubs for seniors, work with disabled people, sports and theater groups, marriage enrichment ministry, to mention a few, as well as corps. In these days, officers and staff continue to serve in churches, offices, and their own homes. However, it is becoming more difficult, or even impossible.

The escalation of conflict has caused civilian casualties and destruction, forcing people to flee their homes seeking safety, protection and assistance. In the first 5 weeks of the conflict, millions of refugees crossed the borders into neighboring countries, and many more have been forced to move inside the country. They are in need of protection and support.

In the surrounding countries of Slovakia, Bulgaria, Moldova, Hungary and Romania, the Army is responding to the needs of the refugees arriving every day, providing food, clothing and hygiene items. The Salvation Army is working with the Red Cross, Baptist Aid, and other agencies to provide shelter, emotional and spiritual counseling, and in locating loved ones.

Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Spain and the Netherlands are also receiving refugees. Providing food, shelter and taking care of health problems are main concerns. Where possible, activities for small children and primary and elementary school teaching in cooperation with the town authorities is on going. Many corps have opened their buildings to provide shelter and housing. As far away as Spain, some are seeking refuge in the Army's conference center in Denia, where our own Majors Dieter & Barbara Zimmerer are serving. In the Netherlands, the Army is hosting refugees and managing several temporary shelter locations, including on cruise ships, made available for this purpose.

According to the latest count from the United Nations, 4.1 million refugees have fled Ukraine and more than 12 million remain stranded in-country, unable to leave due to ongoing hostilities, destruction, and lack of information. Pray for those trying to serve in this overwhelming situation and help in any way that God lays upon your heart to do so.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** More than here, folks are struggling with situations brought on by the war in Ukraine, as well as Covid-19, that deal with 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 ALAN & MARY GONZALEZ - SPAIN:** Will be returning from Barcelona to take an appointment as Corps Officers in Greenwood, SC in June. Pray for them in this transition as they readjust to life here and for the ministry they leave behind in Spain. You can check with them on Facebook, as Major Alan has regular postings, and assure them of your prayers.

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**COLONELS STEVE & WENDY MORRIS:** With their hearts in JAPAN as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries. After months of waiting, it appears that God's perfect timing has arrived and as we share this information, they should soon be in Japan! They are excited about this and appreciate your prayers for them and the work in Japan. They are excited about this and appreciate your prayers for them and the work in Japan. In March they attended a preparation for leadership conference in London and met in person their Chief Secretary from Japan, who was also there for the conference. This occasion also allowed for them to have some time with Captains Val & Richard Wearmouth, who were participating in a renewing of their vows and dedication of their son, Lucas.

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**CAPTAINS CHRISTOPHER & JESSICA WELCH - ITALY:** along with sons, Rafaël Zane (turns 6 in June) and Liam Matteo (8). Corps Officers of the Torre Pellice Corps, Italy with added responsibility as Youth Coordinators for the Command. Pray for the Lord to connect them with people who can help support the mission of the Army, and for wisdom as they begin activities again, especially the youth and children's activities this summer. Pray that they and their people will grow deeper in intimacy, love and obedience to Jesus. Pray for their sons as they continue to grow, learn about Jesus, and fight and make up, as siblings do!

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**MAJORS DIETER & BARBARA ZIMMERER - SPAIN:** are Corps Officers of the Denia Corps and Directors of Camp Saron Conference Center. Praise God that after 2 years of limited business, this year promises to be quite busy! Also, shelter is being provided to some of the refugees from Ukraine. Their daughter Christina (tuns 23 in July) will have her church wedding on May 28th to a wonderful young man, whom God brought there as a volunteer several years ago. Prayers for them and for the camp season are much appreciated.

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We would like to recommend 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)  
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)

## SPECIAL DATES COMING UP (Birthdays unless otherwise noted)

### APRIL

- 12 Major Alan Gonzalez  
SPAIN
- 14 Liam Matteo Welch (8 years)  
ITALY
- 27 Major Susan Ellis  
NHQ
- 30 Colonel Donna Igleheart  
USW
- 30 Captain Jessica Welch  
ITALY

### MAY

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

### JUNE

- 6 Rafaël Zane Welch (6 years)  
ITALY
- 9 Majors Stephen & Susan Ellis  
NHQ (38th Anniversary)
- 20 Colonels Kelly & Donna Igleheart  
USW (41st Anniversary)
- 28 Majors Dieter & Barbara Zimmerer  
SPAIN (37th Anniversary)

### JULY

- 13 Major Mary Gonzalez  
SPAIN
- 22 Captain Chris Welch  
ITALY
- 26 Major Jamie Satterlee  
NHQ
- 30 Christina Zimmerer (23 years)  
SPAIN

***"Tell it again!...till none can  
say 'Nobody ever has  
told me before'."***

Mary Slade

### Book

***Unfreezing Moves: Following Jesus Into The Mission Field*, by Bill Easum  
(Abingdon Press, 2001)**

**9 moves to get churches unstuck and free to serve missions effectively.**

**SAVE THE DATE - TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022**

***During Bible Conference Week***

***International Service Fellowship Breakfast***

***With Special Guests: Majors Bobby & Anne Westmoreland***

***Reservations are open now at: [evelyn.repass@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:evelyn.repass@uss.salvationarmy.org)***