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# World Missions Perspectives

## Honoring Chris Shay

On August 9, Chris Shay retired after serving faithfully as an employee of The Salvation Army for 27 years. She began by serving as the Youth Pastor at the Oakbrook Terrace Corps and then as a Youth/Young Adult Specialist in the Territorial Youth Department for 4 years. In December 2004 the World Missions Bureau was formed, combining all programs and initiatives related to World Missions in to one office. As shared by the Personnel Secretary and the Territorial Commander at that time, when they were brainstorming who would take over this new role in World Missions, they both knew that Chris was just the right person for the job!

These are just a few highlights of the accomplishments the World Missions Department has achieved under Chris's direction these past 14 and a half years:

- Reinstated the **Global Mission Teams (GMT)**, which had been stopped for a time. These teams have provided for practical needs/assistance in partnership with the receiving location, and have helped our Central Territory team members gain a greater understanding of the worldwide Salvation Army and World Services/Self-Denial. Under Chris's leadership, over 40 Global Mission Teams have been sent out. Chris served as the team leader for 10 of these teams.
- Further developed the **Summer Mission Team (SMT)** program in many ways including adding a scripture memorization component, expanding debriefing, inviting international delegates to serve on the Central Team, and more! During Chris's tenure, 101 different Summer Mission Teams have been mobilized with 360 different individuals making up these teams!
- Introduced the **Standards of Excellence in Short Term Missions** to the territory which has helped to establish a strong emphasis on partnership and cultural training for all mission teams going out from the territory.

- She created a ¼ funding policy, that went on to be approved by TFC, that allows a corps or divisional short term team to receive financial assistance from THQ for their mission trip. This has enabled more corps and divisions to send out mission teams.



- Had the vision for a youth missions awareness/fund-raising program which was developed and is now called **Project:FAST** (originally called Project 24/29).
- Established the practice of fundraising/educating about a specific missions project at the CBLI and Regeneration conferences.
- Assumed the role of project manager for the **World Services/Self-Denial** promotional materials and videos. The department took on the task of developing the World Services theme for the year, writing scripts for the videos and working alongside the VisCom bureau to develop videos and printed materials for the territory.

However, leadership is less about what you DO and all about who you ARE. Chris has taken the words of 1 Peter 5:2-4 to heart: "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away."

We are so grateful for Chris's example, leadership and vision, and we pray God's continued blessing upon her in retirement!

## Share Your Christmas Joy>>>



Many children in Salvation Army children's homes, schools and centers overseas have never experienced the real JOY that Christmas can bring. The annual Share Your Christmas Joy fundraiser is designed to give those children that unique feeling of excitement, love, and joy that only happens at Christmas.

We invite you to become a part of the JOY experienced by children in need when you contribute to the Share Your Christmas Joy campaign. Our goal this year is for over 75 children's homes, schools and centers overseas to receive \$100.00 each to help celebrate Christmas. For more information or to donate online, visit [centralmissions.org/christmasjoy](http://centralmissions.org/christmasjoy).



As a reminder, giving to Share Your Christmas Joy is an additional campaign and does not count toward corps or divisional World Services goals.

## Upcoming Events>>>

Please keep in mind these important dates and be in prayer for the upcoming events:

- September 22—Annual Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking
- October 18-20—The ONE Conference

Also, please remember our Partners in Mission in your prayers:

- Caribbean Territory
- Congo Brazzaville Territory
- India South Eastern Territory
- Kenya East Territory
- Sri Lanka Territory

## Global Mission Team>>>

We are pleased to announce that there will be 4 Global Mission Team (GMT) opportunities in 2020! For more information or to submit an application visit [centralmissions.org/global-mission-teams](http://centralmissions.org/global-mission-teams). Additional details will be posted on the website as they become available.



### South America East One week within January 18-28, 2020

Applications due October 1, 2019

Primarily a construction team with some light program ministry.

Personal contribution: \$1,000



### Bluefields, Jamaica Winter 2020 (exact dates TBA)

Applications due October 15, 2019

Primarily a construction team with some light program ministry.

Personal contribution: \$750



### Bangladesh Spring 2020 (exact dates TBA)

Applications due November 22, 2019

Team members will learn about the OTHERS program, refugee ministry and initiatives in Bangladesh and assist with programs and light construction projects. Given this specialized opportunity, there will be specific requirements for team members.

Personal contribution: \$1,000



### Japan Olympics Team July 22-August 5, 2020

Applications due January 10, 2020.

This team will be involved in evangelism and service opportunities during the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Given this specialized opportunity, there will be specific requirements for team members.

Personal contribution: \$1,000



During the summer of 2019, 33 young adults were a part of Summer Mission Team (SMT). SMT is a leadership development program that invites young people into a deeper relationship with the Lord through participation in a seven-week team missions experience. While the teams minister with The Salvation Army overseas or throughout the Midwest, they are given the opportunity to discover God's plan for all people to be part of His Kingdom. Summer Mission Team members also benefit from gaining a broader perspective of The Salvation Army. So what does that look like?

"leadership development program" – members receive training and experience in all sorts of ministry. They are taught evangelism, dramas, songs, they prepare testimonies and devotionals, they lead VBS (Bible, craft, recreation, songs, etc.). SMTers are taught to be flexible, to be ready for anything, to stretch beyond their comfort zone. Members of **the Spain/Portugal Team** put this into practice. Some preached, gave their testimony at open airs, or presented object lessons for the very first time. When the team was unexpectedly separated during travel from Portugal to Spain, team members were called into action to lead and work without a full team together.



"deeper relationship with the Lord" – Each year, we choose a portion of Scripture that SMT memorizes, this year it was Philippians 4:4-13. Memorizing and meditating on this Scripture leads to the object lessons, devotionals and sermons they prepare for the summer. It becomes the foundation for their relationship with God during their summer experience. They also take turns leading their team in devotional times together. Many of our SMTers also draw nearer to God in their home-sickness, culture shock, the struggles of living and working in community, etc. **The Central Team** experienced God in a deeper way through the prayer devotional they worked through together throughout the summer. Each member spoke about the impact these prayer times had on their own relationship with God. Prayer



was a huge part of what united this team, which had members from three different countries!

"seven-week team missions experience" – The 2019 summer included 5+ days of orientation, 5.5 weeks in ministry, and debriefing during CBLI. The "missions" experience comes from living and working outside of one's comfort zone, language, or culture. **The CAST Team** has a unique experience in that their first 7-10 days consists of rehearsal camp, further training for their creative arts ministry. Then the team stays in ministry additional time to be able to serve at CMI as well. This year, their creative arts focus went beyond drama and music to encompass visual arts at several camps throughout our territory.



"the teams minister with The Salvation Army overseas or throughout the Midwest" – In the summer of 2019 teams ministered in 6 different divisions within the USA Central Territory and served in 8 countries outside of the USA! The teams participated in residential camps, VBSs, homeless ministries, Sunday worship, manual labor, thrift store work, community outreach, and much more.



"discover God's plan for all people to be part of His Kingdom" – As they experience God in new places, they see that God is the same God wherever they are. And as they meet believers from around the territory and the world, they experience the great big family of God. They see God at work all over the world, and they see His love for all His people. **The Southern Africa Team** was able to spend time in Namibia, a country where the Salvation Army is still relatively new. The team was able to work alongside local divisional leaders to help plan and carry out their first Divisional Youth Councils. What beautiful partnership for the Kingdom!

"gaining a broader perspective of The Salvation Army" – sometimes it's easy to forget about the world outside of our sphere. SMT introduces Salvationist young adults to The Salvation Army outside of their communities. In doing so, they see the similarities and differences in the Army worldwide. **The Denmark Team** was impacted by the focused attention Danish Salvationists have on building relationship with people in their communities. They were challenged by the example that was set for them of intentional relationship building with social service clients, neighbors, etc. It was a challenge they certainly brought home with them.



If you know anyone interested in serving on SMT in the summer of 2020, be sure to direct them to our website: [centralmissions.org/SMT2020](http://centralmissions.org/SMT2020) for more information and an online application. Applicants must be Salvationists between 18-28 years old.

# USA Central Territory Missionaries



**Lt. Colonels Philip & Sheila Davisson**  
**Spain and Portugal**—Officer Commanding/ Command President of Women's Ministries  
*Birthdays* 5/22 (Sheila), 12/21 (Philip)  
*Anniversary* 8/23

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**Thailand**—Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar Territory as Research and Development Officers

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*Anniversary* 11/5

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**Majors Violet & Dr. Felix Ezeh (Matthew)**  
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*Anniversary* 5/19  
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**Captains Luis & Raisi Zambrano**  
**Spain & Portugal Command**—Associate Corps Officers La Coruña and Cayón Outpost

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*Anniversary* 9/17

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## Prayer Requests

- Many of our overseas officers travel often. Pray for safety while traveling.
- Many of the missionaries have aging parents, adult children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other loved ones who they are separated from while they are serving overseas. Pray for these extended families.
- The Ezeh family is in the process of moving from Jamaica to St. Maarten where they will serve as the Corps Officers. Please pray for them during this time of transition, especially for Matthew as he settles in to a new school and as they wait for visa approvals.
- We have received the following praise reports from the Spain/Portugal Command:
  - Response of soldiers to full-time ministry. We have 3 confirmed in the process and up to 10 more to start the process for the next few years.
  - IDE(i)A Iberica Program for our young people was a great success this summer. Intensive Discipleship En(In)Action is a 10 week program for young people to deepen their faith and become stronger leaders in the Corps or full time in ministry.
- We have received the following prayer requests from the Spain/Portugal Command:
  - Enrolled over 75 soldiers over the last 18 months
  - There are many changes with new finance programming, an IT Software upgrade, new email system, new general secretary (never had one) and still very new in the job. We ask that you pray for stability, vision and wisdom.
  - Finding ways to fund the various programs. Thrifts Stores - Rental Properties and Grant Writing.
  - Training in the Command. To organize & create a program for training Officers within the Command and do it well.
  - Strength, Wisdom and Stamina. We are a small staff of five Officers (full-time) trying to manage two countries