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Argentina Global Mission Team

Though team members faced challenges of snowstorms and cancelled/rerouted flights, these obstacles were not able to prevent the seven members of the Argentina Global Mission Team from the ministry and learning that God had in store for us in Villa Elvira, Argentina from January 18-27.

Upon arriving in Argentina we were met by Captain Mauricio Gutierrez who became our eighth team member and served as our translator for the week.



- Team members were able to experience first-hand the impact of World Services/Self-Denial.
- We saw how our giving in self-denial allows real needs to be met and ministry to continue around the world.
- Some of us were inspired by the joy that we saw through the lives of the children who visited our worksite each day.
- Others were challenged by the sacrificial service that we observed from our hosts and from fellow team members.

The highlight of the week was gathering with the congregation of the Villa Elvira Corps for Sunday worship before heading to the airport to catch our flight home. For all on our team, whether we had lived or served overseas in the past, have been on many mission trips, or were serving on our very first mission trip, our time together in Argentina reminded us of the calling that God has for each of us:

to serve Him faithfully wherever He leads.

The Salvation Army's property in Villa Elvira includes two large meeting rooms, a kitchen, a small thrift store sorting room, and an officers' quarters. The team's main assignment was to renovate the meeting room areas and provide updated equipment for the kitchen. While these projects were accomplished during the team's time in Argentina, we discovered that the lessons God had in store for us were greater than the work projects.




Here's how our Partner territories are serving their communities and congregations during the COVID-19 pandemic:

Caribbean—The territory has been encouraging online worship and online worship from corps around the territory are shared on their Facebook page. They have called Salvationists to prayer providing a specific prayer calendar to join together in prayer over the COVID-19 crisis.

Children's homes in Jamaica have made the adjustments necessary to keep the children safe and healthy, including whatever they can do to continue their education through remote learning.

The Bahamas division has donated 70 pallets worth of health and safety supplies to assist health care workers. They continue to serve their population with food supplies, even as they've had to change methods of distribution to keep workers and clients safe.


 May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing, as that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. *Romans 15:13*

Prayers During the Coronavirus Pandemic
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CARIBBEAN TERRITORY MEETS AT AN ALTAR OF PRAYER						
April 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				International Prayer Focus: Sweden & Latvia Territory		
5 Caribbean Leadership God grant from the nations to lead us through these times.	6 For our governments that have not decided on how to handle the necessary measures to fight the pandemic.	7 For our countries that are currently being hit by the pandemic. God give them knowledge, wisdom, and perseverance.	8 For the media, who are spreading the virus. God give them wisdom and discernment to report the truth.	9 International Prayer Focus: India Territory	10 Social Friday For the government of the United States and the people of the world. God give them wisdom and discernment to report the truth.	11 For those with mental health issues. God give them wisdom and discernment to report the truth.
12 Costa Rica God grant from the nations to lead us through these times.	13 For the families that are suffering from the pandemic. God give them wisdom and discernment to report the truth.	14 For the international community that is suffering from the pandemic. God give them wisdom and discernment to report the truth.	15 For the people who are suffering from the pandemic. God give them wisdom and discernment to report the truth.	16 International Prayer Focus: PH & Solomon Territory	17 For the people who are suffering from the pandemic. God give them wisdom and discernment to report the truth.	18 For the people who are suffering from the pandemic. God give them wisdom and discernment to report the truth.
19 General Public God grant from the nations to lead us through these times.	20 For the people who are suffering from the pandemic. God give them wisdom and discernment to report the truth.	21 For the people who are suffering from the pandemic. God give them wisdom and discernment to report the truth.	22 For the people who are suffering from the pandemic. God give them wisdom and discernment to report the truth.	23 International Prayer Focus: Tanzania Territory	24 For the people who are suffering from the pandemic. God give them wisdom and discernment to report the truth.	25 For the people who are suffering from the pandemic. God give them wisdom and discernment to report the truth.
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Please keep in mind these important dates and be in prayer for the upcoming events:

- April 12—Easter Sunday
- April 18-28—Global Mission Team—Bangladesh—Postponed
- June 12-14—Free weekend for all
- June 9-July 26—Not Summer Mission Team, I can tell you that!
- August 1-11—Another GMT postponed
- Summer 2020—Easy to schedule vacation since there are no conflicts to work around
- Fall 2020—Hope for a return to a new normal

Congo (Brazzaville)— The Salvation Army in Congo (Brazzaville) is preparing a community awareness-raising programme to increase people's knowledge about COVID-19 but also to equip individuals with practical disease-prevention measures. Handwashing material will be provided as part of the initiative.



India South-east—The Army's efforts to provide care and resources to their community has drawn the attention of the media and they have been featured on nightly newscasts. This provides an exciting opportunity for The Salvation Army in India to be more well-known and appreciated in their local context.

Kenya East—This territory is using this platform to educate their people on health and hygiene based on directives from the government. They

have also committed and call all Salvationist to a personal prayer time at 7:30 am every day. In addition, for ease in providing online worship, each week in April the officers in Leadership at THQ are recording a sermon for the entire territory to use.

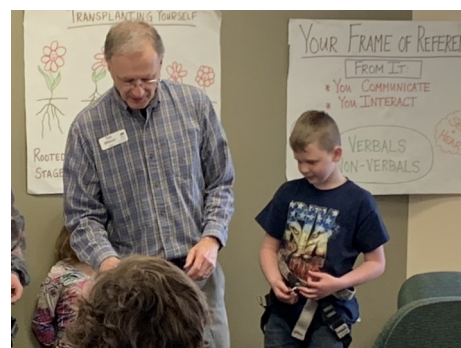
Sri Lanka—All over the country, the Salvation Army has been mobilized to provide food rations to homeless and people in need. They have worked alongside the military to reach those who need help the most. The Army has continued their work in medical clinics and providing their communities with hygiene supplies as needed. Even before the country was in isolation, corps were providing hand sanitizer to everyone who came to worship in an effort to keep everyone safe and healthy.



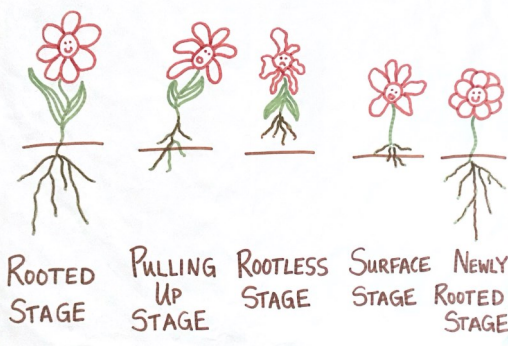
Overseas Personnel>>>

Major Valerie and Capt. Jeff Carr have been appointed to serve in the South America East Territory starting July 2020.

“Be prepared.” It’s a good motto for Scouts, and it’s good for a family headed to a new country to serve in ministry. As we prepare to relocate to Buenos Aires, to serve with the South America East territory, we are busy sorting our personal belongings into three categories: “Ship to New Home” “Store in the States For At Least Three Years” and “Give Away.” It’s the arduous process of determining what can we live without, what would even work (or fit) in our new home, and “why did we buy this in the first place?”



TRANSPLANTING YOURSELF



In addition to physical preparations, we have had to prepare ourselves emotionally and spiritually. In January 2020 our family attended COMPASS training at Mission Training International (MTI) outside of Colorado Springs. We spent an entire month with other missionary families, from various denominations and organizations, learning to be prepared for cross-cultural ministry. There were classes for each member of our family in order to help work through the material in an age appropriate way. The first two weeks were spent in exercises to figure out “how” to learn a language. We did not spend time learning a specific language, but on the mechanics and techniques for hearing and producing the sounds of languages that are not English. The



second two weeks were spent learning how to navigate the stress of living in a culture you are unfamiliar with and how to thrive as a family.

The time spent at MTI was extremely beneficial. It provided a common language for us to discuss our feelings during transition in order to work together as a family for the good of all of us. It also gave us tips and tricks for “missionary success” that we regularly remind each

other of, such as regular transition check ins, language learning plans and practices, and including “Joys and Thanksgivings of the Day” as an everyday conversation. While we can never be fully prepared for the adventure God has before us, we trust Him in the process and know that “even when we settle on the far side of the sea, even there His hand will guide us.” (Psalm 139: 9 - 10, *adjusted*)



Ways to pray for our family specifically:

- *Language acquisition and adjustment
- *Schooling situation for our three boys
- *Learning Argentine culture
- *Finding joy in the adventure

Due to Covid19, there are specific prayer requests from its impact:

- *For borders to open between the States and Argentina soon
- *A chance to have “good goodbyes” before we leave the States



(All photos are from the Carr family’s time at COMPASS training at MTI in Colorado.)

USA Central Territory Missionaries



Lt. Colonels Philip & Sheila Davisson
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Birthdays 5/22 (Sheila), 12/21 (Philip)
Anniversary 8/23

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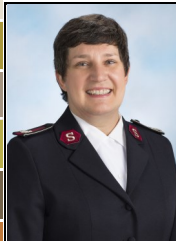


Commissioners Merle & Dawn Heatwole
England—International Secretary for Business Administration / Secretary for Spiritual Life Development & IHQ Chaplain

Birthdays 1/7 (Merle), 11/26 (Dawn) *Anniversary* 7/25

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Anniversary 9/17

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Major Valerie & Capt. Jeff Carr (July 2020)
Argentina—Territorial Youth Secty. & Asst. Secretary for Business

Anniversary 8/21
Birthdays 3/20 (Jeff), 4/16/07 (Jonas), 8/15/11 (Ethan), 8/21 (Valerie),

11/07/05 (Bramwell)

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Partners in Mission

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