

A quarterly Newsletter of the USA Central Territory World Missions Department

# World Missions Perspectives



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It's that time of year again! Let's talk about Share Your Christmas Joy!

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

The fundraiser seeks to give \$100 to as many children's homes, schools, and centers to be used toward a special Christmas celebration. We want to invite you to Share Your Christmas Joy!

Last year, the Rajagiriya Boys Home in Sri Lanka used the donations from Share Your Christmas Joy to allow the boys to choose what they wanted from the store. Here is an update about the boys' Christmas Joy shopping adventure:



“Some sponsors from different countries have given money for the children to buy new clothes and uniforms. This brought happiness for the boys; they got pocket money to be used for whatever they wanted. Some wanted to save the money while others bought toys. As soon as the shopping centre was opened in the morning, the boys were ready to go shopping. The staff and the children enjoyed themselves and it was a great experience for them. This was actually the first time they did their own shopping; usually it is their mum or administrator that buys clothes for them. After a long day of shopping the day ended in McDonalds with a meal, a big thank you to the donors for this opportunity for the boys.”



This year, we want to encourage you to take this unique opportunity to Share Your Christmas Joy and make a difference in the lives of others.

To donate, visit [centralmissions.org/Christmas\\_joy](http://centralmissions.org/Christmas_joy) or mail donations to this address:

The Salvation Army

Sponsorship Office – SYCJ

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The Child Development Center in San Cristobal, Colombia has helped 30 children. The great majority of these families are currently in a difficult economic situation. This center has been a great contribution to the children who have benefited from the food products in this time of crisis.

For 2 weeks, the Officers visited the families of the children who normally participate in the Child Development Program at the Corps. The children selected for the program are in a state of extreme poverty. In these difficult moments, many children in the community are lacking food. The schedule for these visitations were in the afternoon, between 2 and 4 pm.

The general purpose of this aid was to benefit 30 children in the community of San Cristobal, providing food products during this crisis. These visits also brought change, hope was restored in the midst of the severe poverty that afflicts our communities. In addition to providing for the physical needs, the Officers also worked to meet spiritual needs through prayer and support. The Officers demonstrated the love of God through these beautiful works, in which families can feel supported.



A woman, Mrs. Mariela Angarita Silva, shared her testimony. She lives with her two children of 16 and 7 years old. She works at a recycling collection point in the San Cristobal sector, where they have lived for more than two years.

She says her family is very grateful for the contribution of the food products provided for her children. It has been difficult, since she is a mother who is the head of the family. Due to the

Covid-19 pandemic, the situation of compulsory confinement in the city of Bogotá, the economic options and opportunities are few.

By sponsoring a Children's home, school, or center, you are truly making in difference in the lives of others.

If you'd like to become a sponsor, click here to fill out the Sponsorship Interest Form on our website: <http://centralmissions.org/sponsorship-interest-form/>

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“Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” Isaiah 40:4-5

What are these goals and what does this brighter future look like?

Goal – “Developing meaningful work” – in this era, we all know exactly how necessary it is to work towards making this goal a reality. This is a struggle for so many around the world on a regular basis, but especially during these difficult economic times. Job training and opportunities, small business loans and support will help to *develop* the kind of *work* needed to provide a *meaningful* income for people.

Brighter Future – The great news is that we can see the international Salvation Army working towards this goal through ongoing programs and special projects around the world. You will receive information on how your division's Partner in Mission, how your World Services dollars, are making an impact to develop meaningful work opportunities.

Additionally, we have the goal of increasing our own sacrificial giving and fundraising in order to be personally invested in seeing a brighter future for ourselves and others. Our final goal is

to see the truth of this scripture come alive in our world today... that the rough ground will become level and that together we will see the glory of the Lord revealed.

Resources such as prayer cards, children's program ideas, Bible studies and videos will be available throughout the year which will help all corps members get involved in our Goals for a Brighter Future. Communicate with your corps officers or missionary sergeant for more details and access to these materials.

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ON THE MOVE! In our last newsletter, we reported the Carr's were heading to Argentina. In the months since then, their appointment has changed and they have just recently moved to Kingston, Jamaica! In other news, this fall, Commissioners Dawn and Merle Heatwole will be taking up new appointments as territorial leaders in the Latin America North territory. Please be in prayer for these officer families in transition.

# 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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- Kenya East Territory
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