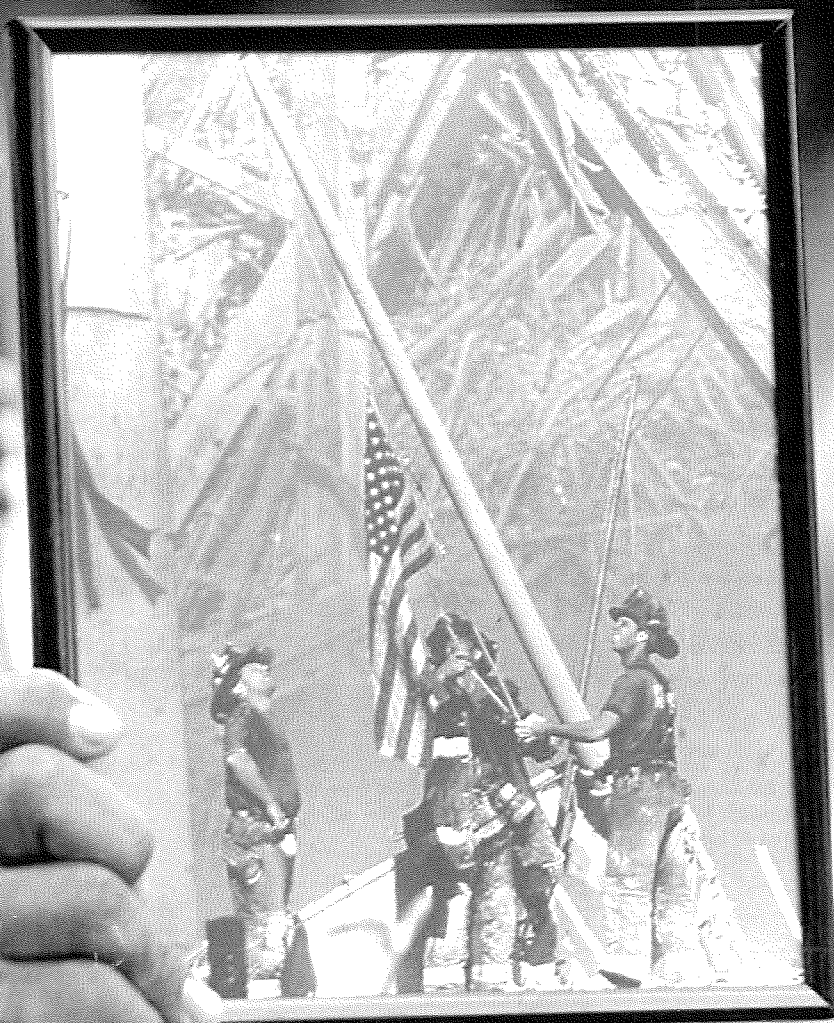


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The hands of the volunteers, reaching out to all ...

In the aftermath, compassion overcame the tra-
gedy. Unity and goodwill arose from the disinte-
gration. A nation returned to what is important
with fresh resolve when hatred and evil hit home
and tested the American spirit. Girders and glass
may have crumpled, but the foundation of liberty
in the hearts and minds of a people dedicated to the
high calling of love, dignity and a destiny under
heaven stood unshakeable. The outpouring of vol-
unteers who gave of their time, resources, prayers
and presence was so overwhelming that The Salva-
tion Army was immediately able to provide mate-
rial, emotional and spiritual support to victims and
relatives. The Army is well-prepared for the long
run to assist those hurt in mind, body or spirit by
the terrorist attacks. Such support and solace is at
the core of the Army's mission. As General John
Gowans, the Army's international leader, says, the
Army's goal is to "save souls, build saints and serve
suffering humanity." As the hours and days after
September 11 unfolded, the Army joined with indi-

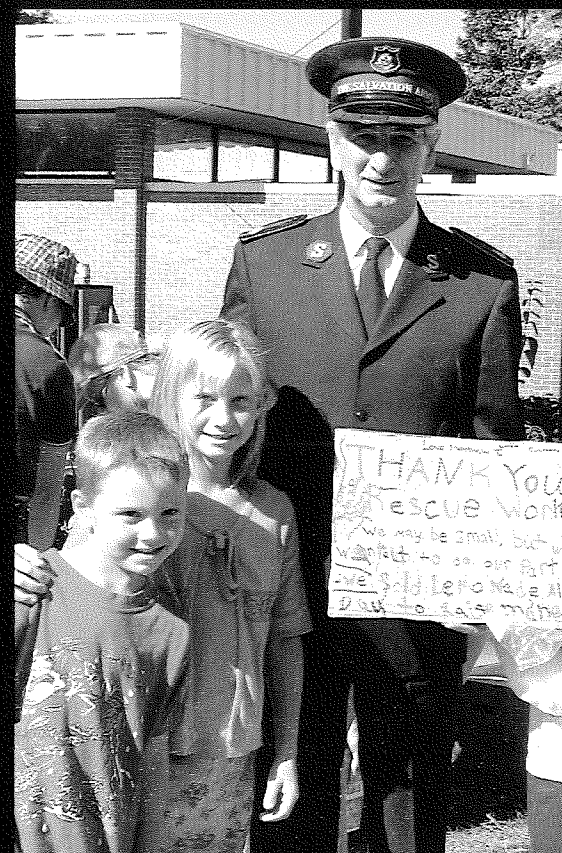
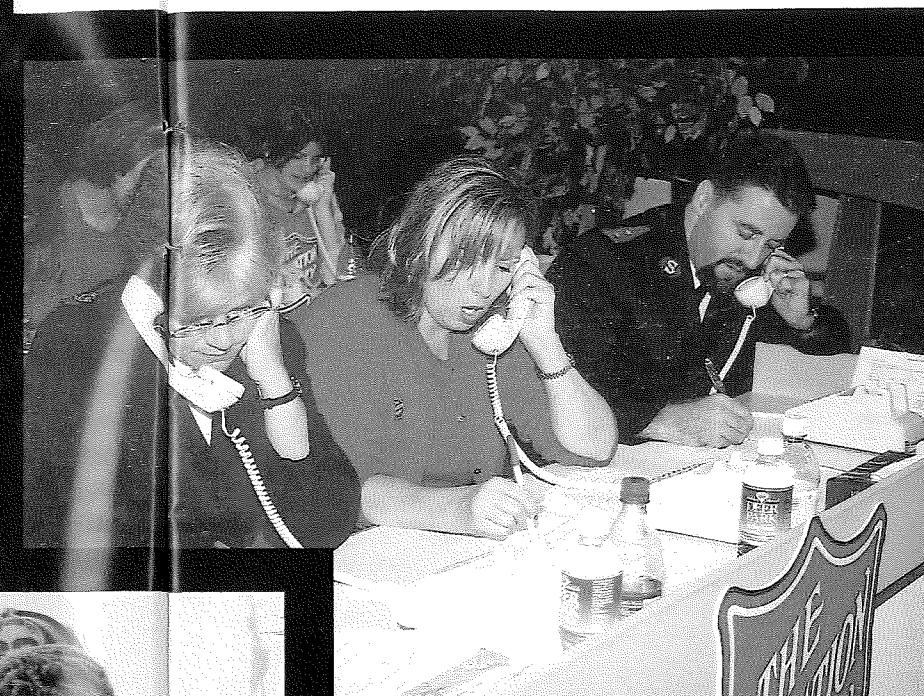
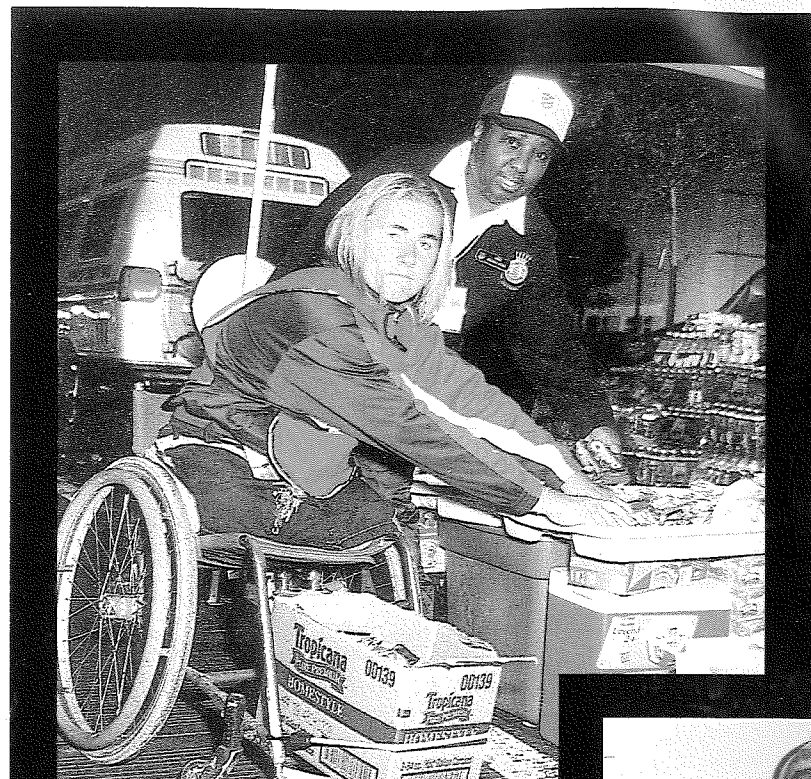
viduals, corporations, other relief organizations and govern-
ment and military officials to attend where needed to those
threatened by the principalities of
darkness.

In the first week of Operation Noble
Eagle in support of rescue and relief
efforts at the Pentagon, over 4,750 vol-
unteers, 52 Salvation Army officers and
50 employees provided leadership and
service. Food service efforts were bol-
stered by 15 workers from eight North
and South Carolina Salvation Army com-
mands and staff members from Virginia
and West Virginia.

Cynthia Yobs and other family mem-

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On the cover: Quote from speech by Virginia
Governor Jim Gilmore on September 16 opening
help-line for Virginia residents in response to
the attack on the Pentagon. Photo by AFP
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bers came to the Army's warehouse in Arlington, Virginia to sort donations in honor of their father, Tony Bai. He had enlisted after the attack on Pearl Harbor, and as a retired anti-aircraft gunner wanted to do something after the September 11 attacks. He went to the warehouse and formed a production line in the medication area. That evening, he told his children and grandchildren about the efforts he witnessed and prayed with them. Later, while watching television, he passed away. "He was our hero," says daughter Margaret Clay. "We returned to the Army's warehouse to honor him by pitching in."

Wal-Mart personnel were instrumental in "Operation Compassion Under Fire," the Army's emergency response to the attack on New York City's World Trade Center. Wal-Mart donated bedding, T-shirts, respirators and supplies. The company also supplied software and personnel to organize the Army's warehousing operation.

"Every volunteer has been able to lean over to someone and say, 'here,'" says Major Gene Hogg, Camp Unity site commander at the Pentagon, of the cooperation between organizations including McDonald's, the American Red Cross and Starbucks. Volunteers distributed gloves, goggles and boots to emergency personnel. Phone cards were made available by AT&T and Sprint so military, fire and rescue workers could take a few minutes to call loved ones.

About 50 American Airlines pilots, attendants, agents and mechanics put on Salvation Army disaster service T-shirts to supply recovery workers at the Pentagon with food.

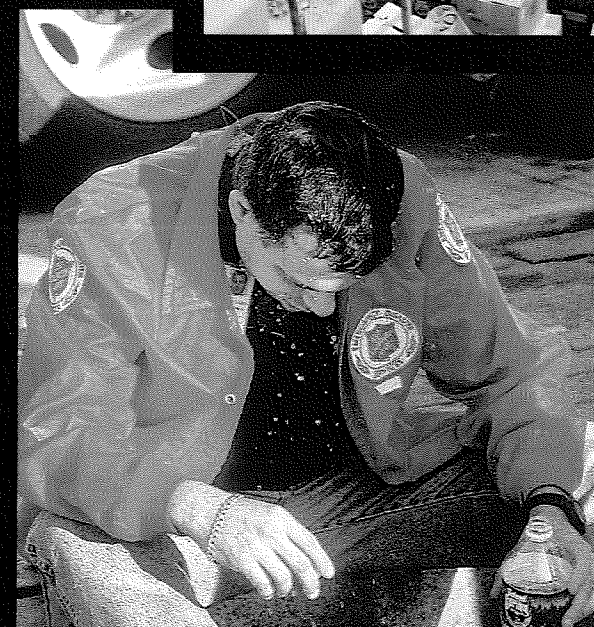
Tyson Foods supplied mobile kitchens to supplement the Army's feeding sites at the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Members of "Motorcycles for America" rode from Lancaster, Pennsylvania to the Army's divisional headquarters on 14th Street in Manhattan to drop off supplies and money. "It may not be a lot of money," says Tom Lenderman, an estate caretaker who organized the convoy, "but I keep thinking of those firemen and policemen. I have three kids, and I can't imagine how they would feel if I weren't here for them."

Youngsters in fatigues—part of the W.T.F. Marines from the Bronx—showed up to load cases of water and supplies onto a truck headed for the Army's canteens.

Every member of the New York Jets football team, including owner Woody Johnson and president Jay Cross, provided a boost to volunteers by helping load supplies at divisional headquarters in New York.

Before truck driver Scott Ferguson left from



Omaha, Nebraska with his 53-foot semi loaded with first aid and medical supplies donated by Omaha's citizens, J.J. Kuzma handed him a teddy bear addressed to "The children of New York" donated by 10-year-old Brandon Ahlstrom. When Scott and his partner Rick Mayo arrived at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City to distribute their cargo, they presented the bear to the family of a New York firefighter. Scott and Rick work for Werner Enterprises in Omaha, which donated the truck, fuel and Scott and Rick's time. The drivers made a second trip when New York City personnel requested emergency supplies, including flashlights, batteries and safety vests. Through tireless efforts like these, the Army was able to deliver critical supplies to ground zero, including 800 respirators to the "hot zone."

The Army's Team Radio Network (SATERN) utilized hundreds of volunteer amateur radio operators to relay information on the status of family members affected by the terrorist attacks.

The Dallas Cowboys held a rally at Texas Stadium to raise money for the families of victims of the attacks.

Pennsylvania State Treasurer Barbara Haefer directed her staff to expedite unclaimed property funds to relief organizations including The Salvation Army.

Contributions from ThyssenKrupp USA Inc., Sheetz, Inc., Siebel Systems, Citgo, Foster Wheeler, Inter-Tel, Merrill Lynch, American Standard Companies, Inc., the Lilly Foundation and others have made possible assistance for victims, their families and others affected by repercussions from the September 11 attacks.

These stories and those on the following pages are just a few highlights of the love in action demonstrated across the country as people squared off against adversity by reaching out to help the hurting, the lonely, the injured and the grieving. Their commitment to the common good has made The Salvation Army a thankful and humble steward, its foot soldiers ready to carry out the good intentions of the American public for the glory of God.

... and all finding comfort in God

A nation was brought to its knees, not out of fear or surrender, but to touch once again the bedrock of faith that underlies its history, character, institutions, hopes and dreams. People in prayer remembered that we are here to support, cherish and intervene for one another. We are here to bring each person to God's throne in prayer, so they may be blessed, and if lost found, and if caught in life's seeming absurdity or cruelty to discover their true identity. Salvationists joined ranks with millions to pray to the Author of all righteousness, the One without beginning or end who offers His fullness of redemption to a lost world, for healing, forgiveness, comfort, meaning, protection and guidance. In prayer a nation remembered how to rise up as one.

Major Raphael Jackson became part of an impromptu prayer team that surrounded a young female paramedic at New York City's ground zero who was so overcome with grief that she couldn't continue her work. Major Jackson offered counsel and prayer as two other Salvation Army officers and a soldier formed a circle around her.

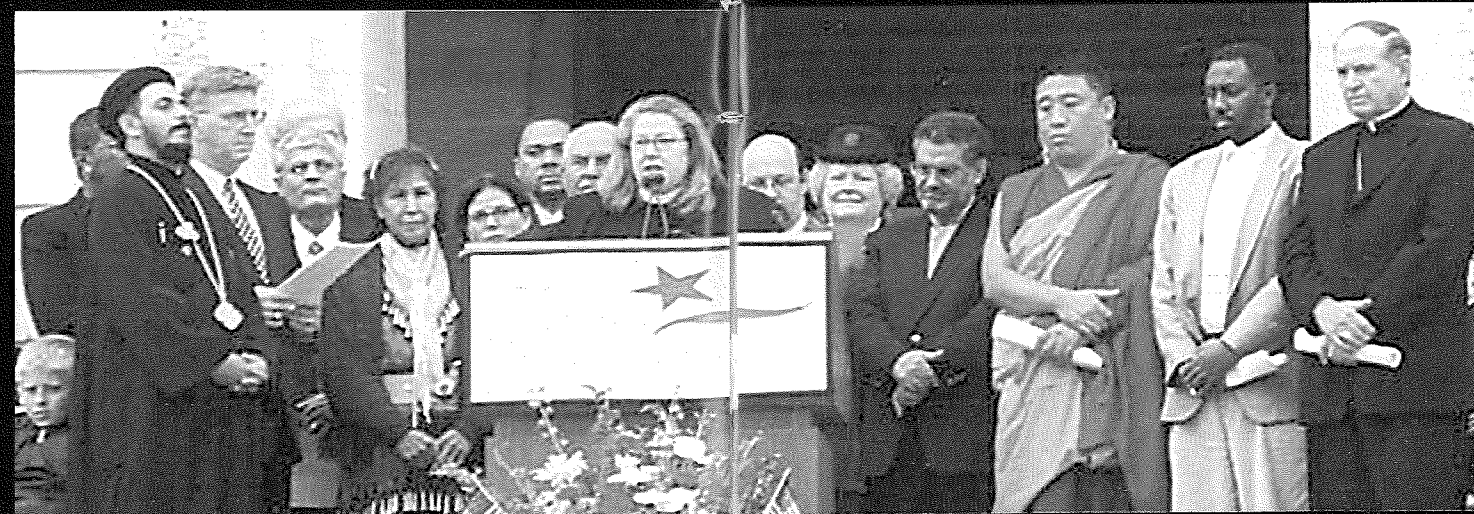
On Sunday, September 16, a Salvation Army brass ensemble played hymns and patriotic songs and Lt. Colonel Danny Morrow read a series of promises from the Bible during two prayer services at the Pentagon for relief workers and members of the media. During the second service, held across the street on a hill overlooking the Pentagon, more than 250 participants joined brothers Keith and Sergeant First Class Patrick Morris as the two Salvationists led a brass ensemble in "The Star Spangled Banner" to end the prayer service.

Commissioner Hasse Kjellgren, territorial commander for the Army's South America East territory, was invited by Argentine President Fernando de la Rúa to join 20 other religious leaders in a prayer vigil for the United States. Some 10,000 people attended the vigil in Buenos Aires.

"There was barely a person in this nation who did not want to do something," says Debra Lewis, volunteer coordinator for the 1-800-SAL-ARMY phone bank at Central territorial headquarters. Over 3,000 calls were answered during the hours the Central territory manned the phone bank. Many callers needed words of reassurance or made a request for prayer, which was submitted to the Army's prayer chain.

At the Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois corps, young adult leaders answered phones, prayed with those in distress and took part in a candlelight vigil and prayer service for teens outside the building.

At "A Memorial from the Heartland" in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Army's divisional band played "America the Beautiful" from the steps of the state Capitol as officers handed out water and soda and talked with people. The 35,000 people attending heard



reflections, prayers and anthems. Divisional commander Lt. Colonel David Grindle placed a wreath on the Capitol steps in honor of the firefighters at the attack scenes. Salvation Army tents were filled with officers distributing cards on which people wrote messages of encouragement for victims and for relief workers. Later, at a prayer service in the Metrodome in which the Army also took part, Laotian teenagers volunteering for the Army greeted people in Christ's name and handed out prayer cards. At another gate, members of the Army's Harbor Light corps distributed bottled water and welcomed people. "The diversity of the crowd was astounding," says April Schmidt, photographer. Coordinator Steve Loopstra addressed the crowd as the "Body of Christ." He read from the book of Joel: "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love" (2:13).

In New York City, the Army has been providing emotional and spiritual sustenance at two prayer centers behind the World Financial Center. Counseling services there and at the Medical Examiner's Office have been organized by Major Molly Sholtzberger. A Family Crisis Center directed by Major Dorine Foreman provided social services and prayer support to families residing near the disaster.

Salvation Army National Commander Commissioner John Busby brought encouragement to staff members at a service of prayer and thanksgiving at divisional headquarters in Manhattan. "We pray for America today, for those who lost their lives, those who lost loved ones and those who lost their feeling of safety. Evil has penetrated our defenses and desecrated the symbols of our economic strength and freedom. But we will be healed and grow stronger through this."

"There appears to be a powerful spiritual movement gaining momentum," one Salvationist in Manhattan observed as he helped plan a series of rallies and worship services at the Army's Centennial Memorial Temple.

Lt. Colonel Joseph DeMichael and Captain William Bamford traveled to Somerset, Pennsylvania, where passengers had heroically challenged the hijackers of their plane, resulting in the fatal crash. Captain Bamford held a short prayer service at the temporary location for members of the press, forming a ring with three local clergy and Senators Rick Santorum and Arlen Specter. Bamford also led a prayer service for the FBI, police and relief workers on the Sunday after the disaster.

Major Claranne Meitrott brought 100 Bibles to the Somerset site to hand out at the services. At one service, she noticed a young lady in great distress. The major spoke with her and learned that she had become overwhelmed by what had taken place. "I was able to pray with her," Meitrott says, "and to ask God to comfort her and to give her strength." As word spread of

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the availability of Bibles, a police sergeant requested 25 copies for his men, who were stationed at the morgue. He said it helped his men feel a part of the recovery process.

Before one of the memorial services in Somerset, a Salvationist saw a young woman standing a few feet from the bus that brought family members to the site. She was crying. "I approached her and learned that her mom had died in the crash. I prayed with her that God would bring her comfort. Later I was able to talk with her daughter, and during the service we prayed for the many, many family members hurt by the events here and in New York City and Washington, and prayed that God would give them strength and comfort and help them to know the saving power of Jesus Christ."

Salvationists at the memorial services for family members of crash victims in Somerset prayed with the families. "I prayed with Rose," says one. "Rose kept repeating, 'I can't believe my Joey is gone.' Joey was her nephew. We prayed together about her anger, and for her sister to be able to handle this tragedy."

"This young rescue worker came out of the pit and fell into my arms and wept long and loudly," recalls Commissioner Fred Ruth of the time he spent at the World Trade Center site. "I just held him and prayed that God would give him the strength to keep going. Many of these workers told me they were not prepared to face such a horrible ordeal."

In New York City, a woman named Marilyn fell down just in front of one of the Army's canteens. When two doctors asked if she needed medical help, Marilyn answered, "No, but I would like to talk to someone." Major Cheryl Miller listened as the woman told how she saw the entire event unfold, and how she couldn't sleep or eat, but only cry. "I prayed with her and she said she felt much better," says Major Miller. "I can't help but think that God allowed that woman to trip near our canteen so I could spend a few moments with her."

Major Miller was also touched by the policeman at the Medical Examiner's Office in New York who asked for a prayer service. "About 40 people showed up," she says. "Several officers couldn't sing since tears were streaming down their faces." The major decided to hold two prayer meetings every day.

Soldier David Hulteen of the Asbury Park, New Jersey corps encouraged friends to attend his family's customary prayer time on Sunday night, and his children picked up on the idea, turning it into a candlelight service and inviting neighbors. Salvation Army bandsmen took part, playing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" as about 150 neighbors with lighted candles filled the street. They prayed for safety, for unity, for freedom and for God's blessing.

Captain Charlene Myers, stationed at Liberty State Park in New Jersey, across from lower Manhattan, says that while viewing the disaster site, she prayed and "police officers, state troopers and national guard members started coming over to talk with me. It was as if the Lord were sending them to me. When I asked one officer what he had seen at the site, he said, 'No one has yet asked me that,' and began spilling out some of the horrible scenes he had witnessed. We were surrounded by the worst

devastation we had ever seen, yet the Lord kept providing us with supplies, food and the right words or touch to minister to these heroes. We were joined by warm, dedicated people who helped us through the night. In the midst of this tragedy, the Lord is very much at work, and people are seeking Him. Please pray that God will continue to use each one of us to bring people into His light and love."

In Santa Rosa, California, the Coddington Mall asked the Army to conduct a prayer and remembrance service for employees. Corps officers Captains Ian and Isobel Robinson and their daughter Laura presented a program of hymns and patriotic songs, Scripture readings and words of reassurance and hope. World-renowned saxophone player Michael Boolivar closed the service with a stunning rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner."

Representatives of the London diplomatic corps attended a Service of Remembrance at St. Paul's Cathedral in London on the day of the attacks, together with Her Majesty the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales and Prime Minister Tony Blair. Commissioner Alex Hughes was the Army's representative, accompanied by many fellow officers. General John and Commissioner Gisèle Gowans attended a televised prayer service at Westminster Abbey during which the General delivered a prayer. Also attending were Colonels Ray and Judith Houghton.

Commissioner Joe Noland, Eastern territorial commander, says of the relief efforts in New York City, "We ... hold fast to our faith and pray for our president and all our nation's leaders. Throughout our history, America has remained strong because we have relied upon our faith in God, who is our deepest and surest help in times of trouble."

Noland also offered the following prayer: "Heavenly Father, I ask that You will be to us a tower of refuge and strength. Your Word tells us that You will wait and You will comfort; that the hope for life can only be found in You. May the nations of the earth turn to You for guidance, especially as we offer the hand of love to America."

Author Max Lucado writes, "This is a different country than it was ... We're not as self-centered as we were. We're not as self-reliant as we were. Hands are out. Knees are bent ... Are we being given a glimpse of a new way of life? Are we, as a nation, being reminded that the enemy is not each other and the power is not in ourselves and the future is not in our bank accounts?"

"Could this unselfish prayerfulness be the way God intended for us to live all along? Maybe this, in His eyes, is the way we are called to live. The best response to this tragedy is to refuse to go back to normal ... We can resolve to pray more. And we can resolve that, God being our helper, we'll never go back to normal again."



September 11, 2001—"The Day Everything Changed"



"Some wish to live within the sound of church or chapel bell; I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell." —Charles Thomas Studd

ALEXANDRIA, VA—September 11, 2001 began as a routine day—until 8:45 a.m., when our world changed forever as four hijacked airplanes crashed their way into every aspect of life in the United States and around the world. Within minutes The Salvation Army dispatched teams in New York City, Washington, D.C., Northern Virginia and Western Pennsylvania to offer assistance where needed.

The Army began the effort not fully

knowing the level of coordination and commitment that would be required over the days and weeks ahead. Emergency canteens provided food and refreshment to the disaster workers on site. Salvationists from around the country were mobilized to do anything and everything possible to support the efforts of emergency, rescue, law enforcement and government personnel. Officers, soldiers, friends and thousands of community vol-



unteers from across the country rallied to the massive effort.

At the invitation of the airlines involved, Salvation Army officers came to the airports in Los Angeles and San Francisco to counsel those whose friends and loved ones never arrived at their intended destinations.

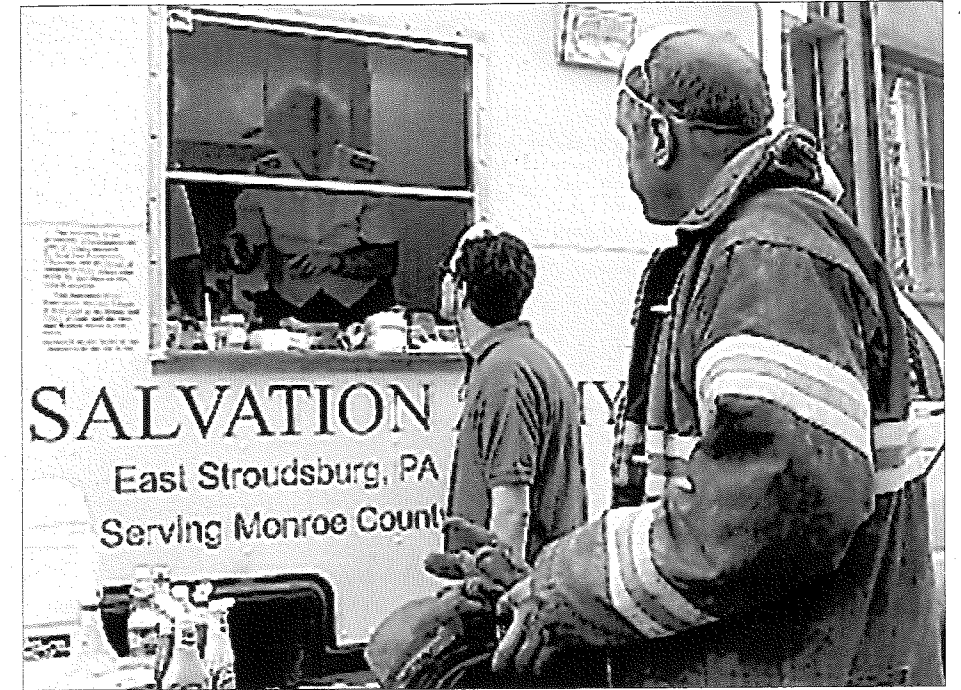
At all three major disaster sites, the Army set up mobile feeding stations to serve hundreds of thousands of meals and to provide shelter and rest for exhausted rescue workers. Those working so close to death and destruction could also speak to a counselor offering prayer, encouragement and a listening ear.

Cadets from the Eastern territory School for Officer Training manned the emergency canteens in shifts, 24 hours a day for the first week of the disaster in New York. Other officers were deployed to morgues, medical examiners' offices and hospitals to counsel the bereaved and those awaiting news of the fate of the missing. Throughout the United States, The Salvation Army and other volunteer and civic organizations have held prayer vigils, fundraising events and other activities to support the recovery efforts. From lemonade stands and car washes to benefit concerts by major recording stars, telethons and visits from professional

The Salvation Army Helps in Rescue and Recovery



National Guard soldiers take a break from their rescue and recovery efforts for food and rest at Camp Unity. Break times often provided opportunities for grief and crisis counseling.



football players (New York Jets, Pittsburgh Steelers and Washington Redskins), thousands have expressed a desire to help those who have suffered so greatly.

The business community and the public at large has been incredibly generous in their outpouring of support. The Army secured warehouse space to house and process the donated materials. As soon as a call went out to the public for a special item the rescuers might need, that item came in abundance.

According to Lt. Colonel Abraham Johnson of the Greater New York division, who was in charge of deliveries at divisional headquarters on 14th Street, in the course of one day following the collapse of the World Trade Center, the Army unloaded 60 tractor-trailer loads of donated supplies. The Army is storing nearly a million square feet of donated goods in 24 warehouses in the Greater New York area.

In the greater Washington, D.C. area, the receiving and processing of donated materials was shifted from the overwhelmed Arlington corps facilities to a 150,000 square-foot warehouse.

National Commander Commissioner John Busby visited the scene of the World Trade Center. Like others who had surveyed ground zero, the Salvation Army leader was shocked by the ravaged urban landscape, made even drearier by a steady rain and dark skies. "This is going to take a long time," says the commissioner, referring to the Army's long-term commitment to serve emergency workers in the World Financial Center and other locations, and to assist those families and individuals whose lives have been disrupted.

Following the visit to ground zero, Commissioner Busby went to the Medical Examiner's office where Major Molly Sholtzberger and other officers have set up

a counseling center that also provides regular worship services. Busby was heartened as Major Robert Reel told of an encounter with a steelworker whom he had counseled on Monday. The man was despondent after finding a number of bodies in the disaster. The steelworker asked to speak with Major Reel and, in the course of several subsequent meetings, accepted the Lord. "Now, I see him and he's on cloud nine," says Reel. "He goes in every day with a new sense of purpose and energy to do what he can for the families still waiting for news."

In Pennsylvania, along with providing around-the-clock food service for disaster workers and the families of the crash victims who came to the Somerset site, the Army provided two worship services—one for the families of victims and the other for relief workers including mem-

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The Army operated two feeding sites within the secure area at the Pentagon for rescuers, law enforcement and emergency personnel and erected "Camp Unity" in the adjacent parking lot.

(Right) Vice Admiral Walter F. Doran, Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, confers with Commissioner Busby on the Army's disaster work at the Pentagon.



This fully equipped mobile command center was sent from the Central territory to the World Trade Center disaster site in New York to take part in the Army's continued relief effort.



"The Day Everything Changed" *continued*



Colonel William Francis surveys the damage at ground zero at the World Trade Center, where an estimated 1.5 million tons of rubble must be removed. The Army operates a counseling site nearby where emergency workers can rest from their labors. The area, still considered a crime scene, is under tight security.



bers of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Traffic Safety Board and Pennsylvania State Police. Salvation Army officers conducted the services to the accompaniment of a brass ensemble. Those in attendance were grateful for the

was once New York's proudest edifice.

"Regardless of how seasoned these rescue workers are, nothing can compare to the gut-wrenching devastation we've all witnessed this week," says Major Shotzberger. "We believe that having an extra measure of emotional and spiritual support will be the key to getting us through these dreadful weeks ahead."

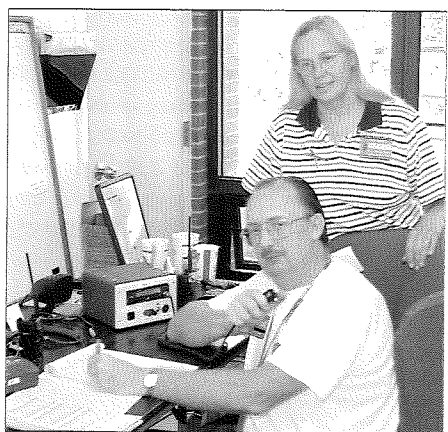
"I saw a fireman sitting off by himself," says Captain Joseph May of a worker taking a dinner break from toiling in the Pentagon blast site. "He wore dark glasses and never took them off. These events are triggering emotions and situations people have repressed," the captain notes. "He wanted to talk about something besides the disaster to let off some steam."

"People need more than religion and spiritualism. They need relationships," says Major George Price, a veteran of at least 20 Salvation Army disaster relief efforts. Price talked with a Marine who had discovered the bodies of three victims. "I expected to handle casualties in battle or military actions," the young man said. "But I never expected to handle casualties at the Pentagon. I'm trying to keep detached from my feelings."

As the emergency response shifted focus from rescue to recovery, the Army made the transition to help meet the short- and long-term emotional and

practical needs of families and individuals by providing counseling and financial assistance for those who lost loved ones, offices, businesses and homes.

As the days stretched into weeks, the disaster effort at the Pentagon and World Trade Center enlisted the aid of officer reinforcements from the other U.S. territories. Teams of grief counselors and social workers have joined the effort, processing victims' requests for emergency



Volunteer radio operators at the command center in Arlington, Virginia coordinate delivery of supplies.



"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

funds. At Pier 94 in New York, Salvation Army officers and counselors accompany families as they begin the grim process of securing death certificates and rebuilding shattered lives.

On the day of the terrorist attacks, all air travel was suspended and planes were forced to land at the nearest airport. The U.S.-Canada border was closed and all incoming international flights were forced to land, stranding an estimated 40,000 international travelers. Long-haul truckers and motorists found themselves far from their destinations at abruptly closed border crossings. Salvation Army officers and volunteers brought beverages and food and offered whatever assistance they could. From Gander, Newfoundland to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canadian Salvationists provided housing, food and sometimes transportation to the thousands of travellers forced to make alternate plans. The needs of the travellers were many—from portable toilets to Internet connections and telephones so they could reassure worried family members of their safety.

The population of Gander, Newfoundland more than doubled with the arrival of 39 diverted aircraft. The Salvation Army looked after the needs of 7,500 passengers and provided temporary accommodation for more than 1,000 persons. In Winnipeg, Manitoba, the faculty and staff of the Army's William and Catherine



People across the country rallied to help The Salvation Army help others. Here Lt. Colonel Gladys DeMichael receives a check from a motorcycle club in Pittsburgh to aid in the Army's work at the crash site of United Airlines flight 93.

Booth College helped to care for diverted passengers. Some travellers were housed and fed in student residence facilities.

Similar services were offered across the United States as planes were forced to land far from their intended destinations. Salvation Army corps and camps were called into service to house and feed travellers. In Wichita, Kansas the Army furnished housing and kosher meals for a group of Orthodox Jews. Cadets from the College for Officer Training in Chicago provided meals for stranded air travellers and flight crews at O'Hare Airport.

Commissioner Shaw Clifton, territorial commander for Pakistan, reports that "All is well in Lahore at present as life goes on as normal. The work and witness of the Army has not been disrupted, with all personnel safe and well. Further developments are being closely monitored. Many messages of concern, interest and support have been received at territorial headquarters and are infinitely precious at this time of tension and uncertainty. We are trusting God for all present and future needs and are united in prayer and empathy with those so deeply affected by these recent events."

In the months ahead, the Army will address ways to help the children and families of victims of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks. The Army is evaluating proposals to establish up to 20 family centers in the New York City and New Jersey areas, and the Wall Street center in the city will remain open for two to six months. The Army will continue to assist the families of the passengers and crew members of the hijacked airliners; the families of military personnel called up to active duty; and the many others suffering in body, mind or spirit from the repercussions of the attacks.

To make a financial contribution to the Army's continuing relief efforts, call 1-800-SAL-ARMY or visit the National Headquarters website at www.salvationarmyusa.org.



Assisting stranded passengers at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

spiritual dimension of the Army's service during the crisis that included reaching out to members of the media who were also emotionally overcome by the scope of the death and destruction.

The cleanup process has proven to be an excruciating task for even New York's dedicated professionals extricating victims from the still-smoking rubble that

For all those who helped, our nation is most grateful.

—President George W. Bush



"These good charitable efforts need the support of Americans everywhere." President George W. Bush thanks leaders of disaster relief organizations and rescue operations, including National Commander Commissioner John Busby.

This world [God] created is of moral design. Grief and tragedy and hatred are only for a time. Goodness, remembrance and love have no end. And the Lord of life holds all who die, and all who mourn.

It is said that adversity introduces us to ourselves. ... In this trial, we have been reminded, and the world has seen, that our fellow Americans are generous and kind, resourceful and brave. We see our national character in rescuers working past exhaustion; in long lines of blood donors; in thousands of citizens who have asked to work and serve in any way possible. ...

America is a nation full of good fortune, with so much to be grateful for. But we are not spared from suffering. In every generation, the world has produced enemies of human freedom. They have attacked America because we are freedom's home and defender. And the commitment of our fathers is now the calling of our time. ...

We ask Almighty God to watch over our nation, and grant us patience and resolve in all that is to come. We pray that He will comfort and console those who now walk in sorrow. We thank Him for each life we now must mourn, and the promise of a life to come.

As we have been assured, "Neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, can separate us from God's love." May He bless the souls of the departed. May He comfort our own. And may He always guide our country.

—President George W. Bush

The horrific scenes witnessed on September 11 at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon exploded in the hearts and minds of everyone across America. Through tears of disbelief, we began to pray for our country, for the people who lost their lives, for those who lost their loved ones and for those who lost their sense of safety in this unprecedented tragedy. Our vulnerability became all too obvious. Evil had penetrated our defenses and destroyed the symbols of our economic and military strength and took away many precious and innocent human lives.

The result of this action was the unification of the American spirit in a way we have not experienced for many, many years. The heartfelt generosity of individuals, corporations and foundations throughout the nation became evident as everyone wanted to be part of a compassionate response to those with such deep pain and need.

The Salvation Army's response to the anguish and pain of Americans was made possible by the powerful national network of centers of service right across the country. Not only was there an immediate response at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, but also at Salvation Army locations from coast to coast in response to the over 2,000 planes that were diverted from their original destinations. As I have viewed the work going on in New York City and Washington, D.C., I can only say that it has been our privilege to serve on hallowed ground.

—Commissioner John Busby, Salvation Army National Commander

No matter how hard we try, words simply cannot express the horror, the shock and the revulsion we all feel over what took place in this nation on Tuesday morning. ... Today we say to those who masterminded this cruel plot, and to those who carried it out, that the spirit of this nation will not be defeated. ... The Bible's words are our hope: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea" (Ps. 46:1,2). ...

The lesson of this event is not only about the mystery of iniquity and evil, but secondly, it is a lesson about our need for each other. ... A tragedy like this could have torn this country apart, but instead it has united us and we have become a family. ...

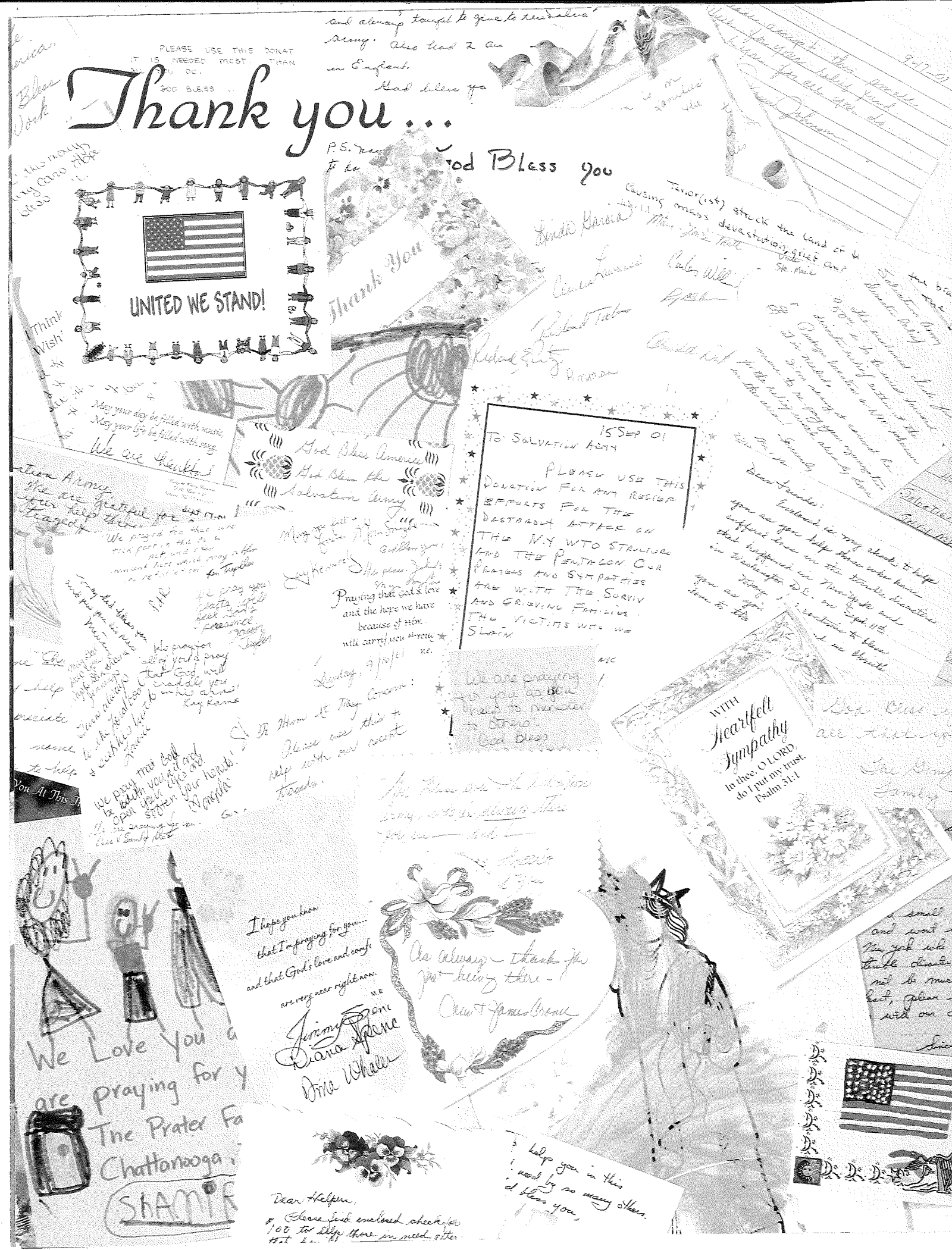
Yes, there is hope. There is hope for the present because I believe the stage has already been set for a new spirit in our nation.

One of the things we desperately need is a spiritual renewal in this country. We need a spiritual revival in America. And God has told us in His Word, time after time, that we are to repent of our sins and we're to turn to Him and He will bless us in a new way. ... And from the Cross, God declares, "I love you. I know the heartaches and the sorrows and the pains that you feel. But I love you." ...

But now we have a choice: whether to implode and disintegrate emotionally and spiritually as a people and a nation—or, whether to choose to become stronger through all of this struggle—to rebuild on a solid foundation. And I believe we are in the process of starting to rebuild on that foundation. That foundation is our trust in God. ...

My prayer today is that we will feel the loving arms of God wrapped around us, and will know in our hearts that He will never forsake us as we trust in Him.

—Reverend Billy Graham, ©2001 BGEA



TURLOCK, CA—After presiding over their own Salvation Army church service Sunday, September 16, Captains David and Diane Ebel attended Guru Nanak Sikh Temple in Turlock with the city's Mayor Curt Andre, who presented the Army with a \$10,000 check from the Vishav Gurmat Roohani Mission Charitable Trust (VGRMCT) in India and the United States, and another \$500 from members of the local temple.

Guests at the event were there by invitation of temple member Mohinder Gill, an American Sikh originally from Punjab, India, on the border of Pakistan, a step away from Afghanistan. Gill spoke about seeing people in turbans as individuals, not stereotypes. He focused on how important it is to learn more about the world's history, geography and about our common humanity.

In recent months, Gill has provided recreational equipment for the Army's facility in Turlock and developed a working relationship with Captain Ebel. As chairman of the VGRMCT in the United States, he investigated how best to help relief efforts after the terrorist attacks. He chose to support The Salvation Army.

There are 2,000 Sikhs in Turlock, representing three different temples. According to Gill, most of them would be willing to



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dig through rubble, give money, give blood and help in any other way possible.

"Our whole religion is based on protecting the good from the evil," he explained. "Our whole community's heart goes out to the victims of this terrible tragedy. Please let people know that we are praying for them morning and evening."

Mohinder Gill is an active participant in the Turlock community. He came to the United States in 1968 and graduated from California Polytechnic Institute. He traveled with the U.S. team to compete in international track and field competitions in the early 1970s, including the World Championships, Commonwealth Games and Asian Games. He was captain of the Indian track and field team for the 1972 Olympics. Records he set in the triple jump 15 years ago remain unbroken. He participates in track and field coaching clinics, provides scholarships to students and operates his sporting goods business out of Turlock.

In light of the September 11 tragedies, his place of birth and religion have connected Mohinder Gill to a part of the world that many Americans know little about and are quick to stereotype, as if the actions of a few could ever represent the whole. Certainly not all people from the Middle East are terrorists. And not all people who wear turbans look alike.

To define his community as a separate and identifiable entity, Gill described his spiritual beliefs, marvelling at a universe that is interconnected and interlinked by a cosmic "tune." Gill's way of life includes cleansing of the body and mind, meditation on God's name, work and living a family way of life, practicing truthfulness and honesty in all dealings and sharing the fruits of labor with others, thus living as an inspiration and support to an entire community.

—Judy Vaughn

THE SALVATION ARMY'S POSITION ON HUMAN EQUALITY

As an international branch of the Christian church, The Salvation Army has been concerned from its inception with the spiritual and social needs of all people, recognizing that all, regardless of race or national origin, bear the divine image and are equal in intrinsic value. "From one person God made all nations who live on earth" (Acts 17:26 CEV).

The Salvation Army affirms its full support, on all levels, to the Biblical imperatives of human and civil rights. We oppose unlawful, unjust, or immoral discrimination and seek to promote sensitivity, understanding and communication. Christ-like attitudes compel and empower the building of strong cross-cultural relationships. Shared values and common goals shape and positively influence the broad culture of Salvation Army ministries. Diversity strengthens those ministries. Christ brings unity within diversity.

All Salvation Army positions of full-time service, lay leadership, employment and volunteer service are open to qualified persons, with exceptions dictated only by the religious purposes and moral positions of The Salvation Army.

All Salvation Army social welfare services are provided on a non-discriminatory basis; such services shall be equally available to all persons on the basis of need and capacity to benefit from the service.

All Salvation Army worship services are open to everyone. We affirm that racial and multicultural integration of believers is desirable and feasible within a local body of Christ because the gospel transcends human culture. "Faith in Christ Jesus is what makes each of you equal with each other, whether you are a Jew or a Greek, a slave or a free person, a man or a woman" (Gal. 3:28). The Salvation Army is intentional in its efforts to incorporate different styles of worship to meet the specific needs of its increasingly diverse ministries. "You Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens with everyone else who belongs to the family of God" (Eph. 2:19).

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Salvationists Worldwide Express Solidarity—A Brotherhood in Christ

Reaching across political, ethnic and social borders is one of the hallmarks of The Salvation Army. To Salvationists in Christ there is no East or West. The Army's brotherhood in the Holy Spirit now brings the Army's work to 107 countries and territories worldwide. Here are a few of the expressions of unity sent to National Headquarters after the terrorist attacks on the USA.

The heroic response of Salvation Army officers, workers and volunteers to the challenge of these days continues to fill us with admiration, and I write on behalf of the General to say thank you to you as leaders, and through you to all who have been engaged in meeting physical, emotional and spiritual need in these traumatic days.

The whole Salvationist world is with you in thought and prayer. We pray for all who have been bereaved and who are suffering as a result of this tragedy. And especially do we pray for all Salvationists and volunteers who in the name of Christ and under the banner of the Army are giving of themselves so freely to this service.

We pray for everyone who is engaged in the relief of suffering—of body, mind and spirit. And in those prayers we pray especially for you who are serving in the name of Christ. Thank you for your willingness to give of yourselves to the utmost to help your brothers and sisters in their greatest hour of need.

—Commissioner John Larsson,
Chief of the Staff, England

For two nights we had sat watching in horror as the events unfolded before us. Then as a reporter was telling us how bad things were going with the rescue effort my mother screamed, "Look there, Salvos!" Sure enough behind the reporter were two ladies wearing Salvation Army hats setting up tables and chairs—right smack in the middle of harm's way.

—Peter Glenister, Western Australia

On behalf of the territorial commander, I would like to express our deepest sympathy and solidarity. We assure you that German Salvationists and friends of the Army are united in prayer with comrades around the world.

—Lt. Colonel Horst Charlet,
chief secretary, Germany

I assure you and all other fellow Salvationists of our heartfelt sympathy as we share with you in the tragic events which have occurred. Be assured of the prayers of Salvationists of the Korea territory for you all at this time.

Especially we think of the comfort and support which is being supplied by Salvationists through mobile canteens, counseling and other forms of relief for the injured, loved ones of victims and the missing, rescue workers and all others involved in the aftermath of such a tragedy.

—Commissioner Kang, Sung-hwan,
territorial commander, Korea

Your rescue teams are demonstrating and showing us all what is a human being, someone who risks his or her own life and works until exhaustion, just to rescue people they don't even know. The United States of America is giving the whole world a good example of what it is to be human.

—Lucia, Spain

I send you my love and prayers today. God is with you, your friends and loved ones.

—Major Barbara Sampson,
New Zealand, Fiji & Tonga

The whole world has been stunned by this horrific act of terrorism. We want you to know that as fellow Salvationists, friends and employees of the Australia Eastern territory, we stand with you in solidarity. We uphold in prayer you and all families affected by loss of life or injury.

—Colonel Ivan B. Lang,
chief secretary, Australia Eastern

The Salvationists of Pakistan are with you in prayer today and for the long days to come. May grace and divine energy and wisdom attend you and all your people.

Today in Pakistan, we gather to pray for your national leaders, the victims and their loved ones, the emergency teams and their loved ones, and especially for the Salvation Army staffs involved.

—Commissioner Shaw Clifton,
territorial commander, Pakistan

On behalf of the territorial commander, I want to assure you of the thoughts and prayers of the Zambia and Malawi territory in the very difficult circumstances which you face. We hurt with you; we pray with you and for you. We serve a great God who will help you as individuals and as a nation.

May God bless you as you serve humanity even in the midst of your own shock and trauma.

—Lt. Colonel Geoff Blurton, chief
secretary, Zambia & Malawi

Salvationists here have you in their prayers. We are proud of the Army's emergency services and of Salvationists serving so sacrificially in New York, Washington, Pennsylvania and elsewhere.

—Lt. Colonel Geoffrey T. Perry,
United Kingdom

We want to assure you at this time of unprecedented tragedy and turmoil that the Salvationists of this territory are praying for the president and people of the USA.

Despite all appearances to the contrary, God is sovereign. We pray for you and assure you of our love in Christ as you give leadership in the mobilization of the Army in this crisis.

—Colonel Robert Redhead, chief
secretary, New Zealand

The whole world is shocked by the fanaticism and inhumanity of these diabolical terrorists. We are in prayer for America, its leaders and its people, and for our Salvation Army leaders as well, especially those of you in Washington and New York.

—General Eva Burrows (R),
Australia

My congregation and I have been totally devastated by the news coming from the USA. We want to assure you of our prayers and to let you know how inadequate we feel in being able to respond practically.

—Major Jacqui Griffiths,
United Kingdom

We are wholeheartedly with the United States at the time of this great tragedy with prayers on behalf of our territory. The terrorists have targeted humanity.

—Commissioner Mohan Masih,
territorial commander,
India South Western

I contacted my staff on the night itself to pray for the relief workers and the bereaved relatives. Our hearts are overflowing with grief and sadness, but at the same time we uphold all of you in the throne of grace for comfort and consolation.

—Colonel P. Yohannan, territorial
commander, India South Eastern

What has happened in America is almost incomprehensible to us, and we cannot begin to comprehend the suffering and agony that the people there are going through. I would like to assure you and your fellow Americans of my thoughts and prayers at this time.

—Rosemary Dickens, United Kingdom

May you all, by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, be able to overcome this testing and emerge with greater faith and inner strength. From our editorial department we wish you the peace and comfort that only God can bring.

—Major Manuel de los Santos,
South America East

We have been shocked and appalled to hear of the attacks on the United States. Please be assured of our prayerful support for you during this difficult time.

—Colonel Robin Forsyth, territorial
commander, Latin America
North

Our THQ cabinet has a prayer meeting once a week. Last night we met and prayed for the work that the Army is doing in these days to relieve human suffering as a result of the tragic events in the USA.

Please know that we will continue to pray for you and the many officers and volunteers during this terrible time. We, of course, are praying for all who are suffering.

—Major David W. Waite
field secretary, Brazil

I write on behalf of all Salvationists in the Caribbean territory to send our deepest condolences to the American people following the horrendous events that took place in New York and Washington. There are strong links throughout the Caribbean with both of these cities and the sense of shock and outrage being expressed here is widespread and heartfelt.

—Colonel John Matear, territorial
commander, Caribbean



WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN—WHERE'S GOD?

Luis Palau

On Tuesday, September 11, citizens of the United States of America wept—and continue to weep. We truly live in a tragic world.

How does the God of the Bible relate to these tragedies? Where is He when they occur? Can we continue to believe in a loving God who would permit such terrible things to happen?

Some truths from God's Word help answer these important questions.

Accidents and even mayhem are a part of life in a fallen world.

The moment Adam and Eve disobeyed God they brought sin into the world, and deadly accidents and murderous acts soon followed. Cain, the first human baby, grew up to become the first human murderer (see Gen. 4:1–8). And accidents have plagued humankind ever since the race was driven from Eden.

No one is exempt, not even the most godly. The Apostle Paul was one of the most dedicated Christian workers in history, yet his life was peppered with accidents until it finally ended under the blade of a Roman executioner. Paul suffered through at least as many accidents and hardships as any of us ever will, and yet their occurrences never shook his confidence in God. Why not?

Unlike us, Paul did not see tragedy as *prima facie* evidence against the existence of a compassionate heavenly Father. In fact, he wrote, "for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor. 12:10). Paul did not delight in hardships because he enjoyed pain. No, he meant that when life overwhelmed him, he knew God would step in to help. Paul delighted in his weakness because that weakness gave God the opportunity to display His strength.

Jesus, too, told us to expect pain and difficulties in this life. "In this world you will have trouble," He warned His disciples in John 16:33. And to the public at large, He said this about the future: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places" (Matt. 24:7). It isn't a pleasant thought, but that's the way life is sometimes in this fallen world. It may shock us, but it shouldn't surprise us.

Tragedies are always agonizing and often senseless. But, thank God, that is not where the story ends.

God is in control, even when it doesn't seem as if He is.

Events never spiral out of God's control, as if He lacks the power to direct the affairs of our little planet. That is why Paul could

write, "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth. From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us" (Acts 17:24–27).

The Bible insists that God is sovereign, that "His dominion is an eternal dominion; His kingdom endures from generation to generation. He does as He pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back His hand or say to Him: 'What have You done?'" (Dan. 4:34–35). Even when tragedies occur and innocent life is taken, God remains in control. Nothing happens that does not first pass through His loving hands. We may not understand how this can be when we face tragedies, but our lack of understanding does not diminish or destroy its truth.

God has a purpose in what He allows, even if we don't know what it is.

From our perspective, tragedies look meaningless and senseless and chaotic, but God knows how to take tragedies and bring good out of them. I do not believe that God causes all tragedies. The Bible says God is incapable of sin. But I believe He has a pur-

pose in allowing painful events to occur. Nothing that happens is an accident. We may not understand what His purposes are, but we can take comfort in the fact that they exist. God specializes in taking evil and bringing good out of it.

Does the Lord cause some to die so others could be spared and the souls of still others might be better? No. God is not a murderer. But He does know how to take tragedy and bring good out of it. When we get to heaven, we will finally see His purposes even in the tragedies of life. Meanwhile, we must continue to believe that He does have a purpose in everything that happens, even if right now we are unable to see a shadow of what that might be.

Tragedy can serve as a wake-up call.

C.S. Lewis wrote years ago that "pain is God's megaphone to a deaf world." In that way, some tragedies may serve as wake-up calls for spiritually sleeping people. In a way, "tragedy" is a big reason why the cross and crucifixion of Christ still grip our imagination. There is something so profound about Calvary that even people whose religion has nothing to do with Christianity, even people who reject Christ both intellectually and verbally, nevertheless are gripped by the story. Thank God, perhaps, that He allows tragedy to so grab people.

It is possible to embrace hope even in the midst of tragedy.

I cannot imagine what it would be like to endure a tragedy without the hope that God offers. Without Jesus Christ, there is no hope. There is simply an eternal, black, cold and unrelenting void. Just last week I came face to face with a man who didn't believe in anything. What a miserable way to end life.

Of course, we Christians grieve when those we love are taken from us, but we do not grieve as those who have no hope. We do not believe that people cease to exist when they die; the Bible tells us that we will again see all those loved ones who put their faith in Christ. As Paul writes, "Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who die, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have died in Him" (1 Thess. 4:13–14).

Hope is available to us, even in the midst of tragedy. And not only hope for eternal life and hope of being reunited with those we love. Hope is available now, even in tragedy, because God has promised to walk with us through any disaster that might overtake us.

This world is not our final home.

When loved ones die in tragic accidents or at the hands of wicked men, it is good to remember that this world is not our final home.

We were created for eternity, and tragedy can never change that. This is only a prelude to what God really has in mind for us. Because we usually look only at the present, we often consider someone's death premature or untimely. We tend to look only at what could have been (and in our minds, should have been) down here on earth. But God looks at all of eternity. If we are to cope with tragedy, we must learn to look at it through eternity's lens.

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COMFORT IN AN "EMOTIONAL EARTHQUAKE"

Our beloved country, and the world, has entered a new era, no longer secure from the deadly attacks of terrorists who seek to destroy us. But some shafts of light have broken forth out of the darkness. Leaders of government joined in a prayer vigil and sang "God Bless America" on the Capitol steps. We have witnessed our nation on its knees, in prayer to God Almighty.

Tragedies can hit us like emotional earthquakes. What can we do when shattering experiences come upon us? "Come and see the works of the Lord" (Ps. 46:8), counsels the Psalmist. When we contemplate the might and grace of God, we will have confidence that He will sustain us amid life's most devastating circumstances. The Psalmist reminds us of:

- **God's protection:** "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Ps. 46:1).
- **God's presence:** "There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells" (Ps. 46:4).
- **God's power:** "He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear, He burns the shields with fire" (Ps. 46:9).

"Therefore we will not fear." In contrast to the devastation about him, the Psalmist sees God's grace bringing sustenance to

the believer. We can experience this renewal by entering the stillness to which He directs us: "Be still, and know that I am God."

A Prayer for Our Nation

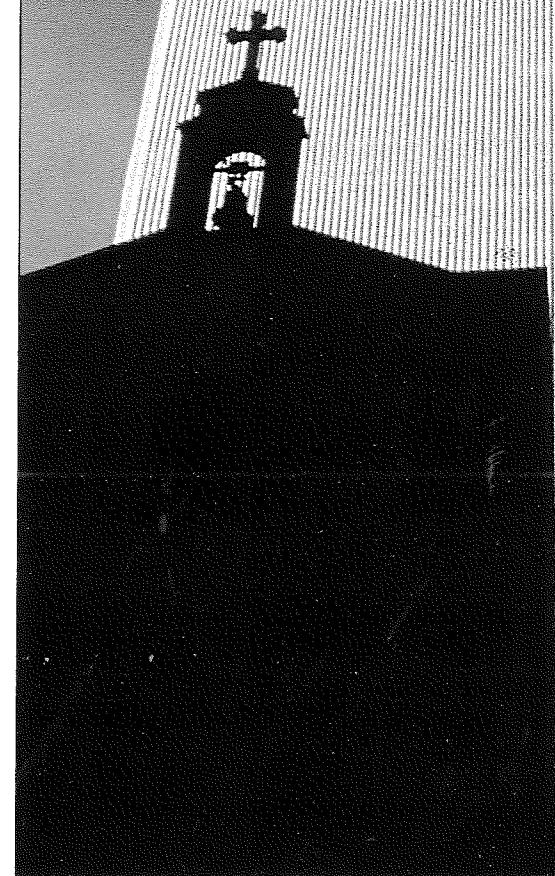
Heavenly Father, we come to You this hour with our hurts, our heartbreak over what we have seen. The violence, the suffering, the dangers that may yet come. We come to You, "our help in ages past, our hope for years to come." We bring our hearts, our concerns and our fears. In this hour of crisis, we pray for our beloved country, that we may indeed be "one nation, under God."

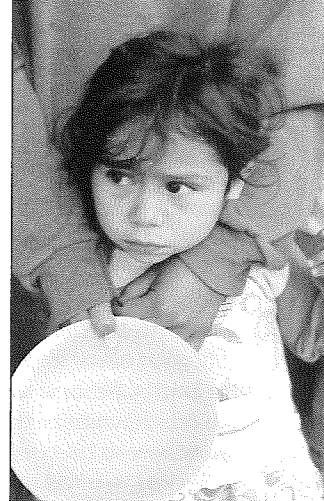
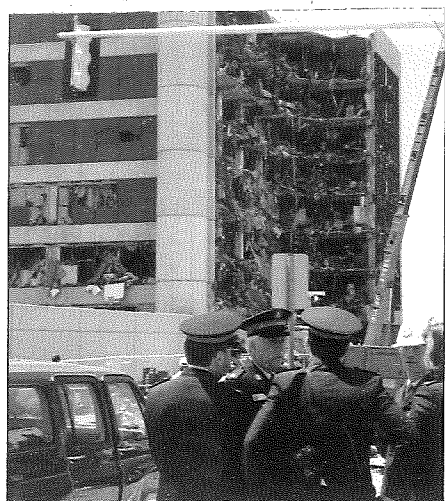
We pray for our president and national leaders.
We pray for forgiveness where our nation has strayed.
We pray for all those who suffer anguish in their time of loss.
We pray for the heroes who brought comfort into the abyss of destruction, that we may be so bold and self-sacrificing.
We pray for our comrade Salvationists, all those who lead and those working at ground level.

In this hour we affirm our trust in You as "our refuge and our strength." Send us forth from this hour in Your strength and Spirit, as reflections of the One who is the Light of the world.

—Colonel Henry Gariepy

Speed the cross through all the nations
Speed the victories of love
Preach the gospel of redemption
Wherever Christ is not known
Make the future in the present
Strong of heart, valiant and selfless
God is with us, God is with us
Christ our Lord shall reign as King





A Caring and Compassionate Response

100 Years of Salvation Army Disaster Relief Services

Major David Dalberg

From the trenches of World War I to today's front lines of sandbag bridges, neighborhoods ripped apart by tornadoes, the devastation created by hurricane winds and rains, the incredible destructive power of earthquakes, the indescribable sorrow and loss experienced by families of air crash victims, and in many minds the worst of all disasters—man's intentional acts of terrorism, The Salvation Army is among the first responders to the scene and often the last to leave.

The emergency canteen has become the Army's symbol of service during the time of disaster, equal to that of the doughnut girls serving coffee and doughnuts to soldiers during World War I. Still, there is much more to the Army's disaster services than coffee and doughnuts.

The Salvation Army in the United States formally began its first national disaster response on September 8, 1900 when a hurricane struck Galveston, Texas, killing over 5,000 people and vir-

tually destroying the city. For the first time in America, the Army mobilized personnel and resources throughout the country to provide counsel and practical assistance.

On April 18, 1906, one of the greatest natural disasters since the Galveston hurricane was experienced in San Francisco, where in just a few moments an earthquake brought total destruction to that city, creating incredible pain and devastation. For weeks following the earthquake, the Army attended to the needs of thousands of families and individuals, providing food, clothing and shelter. In all that the Army did during those tragic days, it sought to instill hope and courage in the hearts of those who had lost everything.

This experience was a prelude to August 1917, when (then) National Commander Evangeline Booth dispatched Salvation Army forces to the muddy trenches in France and embarkation stations in the USA to minister to American men and boys sent to fight in World War I. During a meeting between Evangeline Booth and General John Per-

shing, which led to the authorization of The Salvation Army's participation in World War I, Pershing thanked The Salvation Army for its kindness to him when he lost his family in a house fire in San Francisco.

The ministry of Salvation Army personnel serving in World War I went far beyond coffee and doughnuts. A sense of community and home and, above all, an expression of God's love and personal interest were brought right to the hearts of America's fighting forces during trying times.

The Salvation Army emerged from World War I with the country's thanks for a job well done. President Woodrow Wilson awarded Evangeline Booth the Distinguished Service Medal. When World War II began two decades later, the Army utilized its earlier model of service to help establish the USO.

A long-lasting appreciation for the Army's front-line ministry during one of humankind's greatest tragedies was highlighted by the Army's significant participation in the remembrance of the 50th Anniversary of D-Day. Even

though the memory is fading as time passes, this Christ-filled, practical response has had a profound effect on The Salvation Army in the United States over the past 50 years.

Recent Response

When Hurricane Andrew ripped through Florida in 1992, the Army faced new challenges in the recovery, restoration and reconstruction phases of that disaster. The Army's commitment and support of a recovering community set a new standard for ministry. Our response to the Midwest floods, Los Angeles Northridge earthquake, Oklahoma City bombing and Red River Valley-Grand Forks floods all exemplify the development of our many levels of disaster response ministry.

Natural and man-made disasters have played havoc on the United States over the past several years. In one year (1998), ice storms hit New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and Canada; relentless flooding and mudslides struck throughout California; and tornadoes caused severe damage and flooding in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Minnesota, Illinois and Michigan. In addition to weather-related incidents, the country was shocked by the first in a series of school shootings.

The scope of these disasters requires a multi-level emergency system to respond to the many different needs that result. The Army is more active today than ever before in disaster preparation and training. It is a member of National and State Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters. The public

generously supports the Army through financial means and volunteer efforts. Large corporations and small businesses partner with the Army to further enhance our disaster services.

Some might find satisfaction in the numbers of meals served, shelter provided, material assistance given, or the number of volunteers who become part of The Salvation Army during times of disaster. Even though all of these factors are critical to the ability to respond to disasters, the Army's ultimate strength is not found in any of these or even in service. The Army's strength is found in its ability to minister in the name of Christ. God has given The Salvation Army the unique capacity to serve the hurting, grieving masses one by one.

I have been asked many times, "What does the Army really do during disasters?" The real key to the Army's ministry during disasters is not *what* the Army does, but *why* and *how* Salvationists do it. The Army is motivated by love for God and a desire to share His love with those who are deeply hurting and grieving. Every action taken at a disaster site, whether great or small, is done in His name and through His Spirit empowering the ministry.

During times of disaster, The Salvation Army is privileged to be God's practical expression of His love and care for those who suffer and grieve.

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"For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon You."

(2 Chron. 20:12)

The army on the facing hill
waits in ambush, sharpens its sword
and finding its moment spills
into our peace.

The frightening horde advances,
blood in their cold eyes,
but faith is in our own and flies
upward in quick and sure appeal.

We have known God's power to
heal in days gone by. And shall we
now faint before this present foe?

O, Lord, show us how
to let our quaking fears go
and when we don't
know what to do
keep our eyes intent on You!

—Lt. Colonel Marlene Chase



