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COVID-19 vaccines are being procured for countries with limited access.

LOVE MY NEIGHBOUR

By Deepeka Sarup

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’”

— Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

The Love My Neighbour national campaign is an initiative undertaken by Millennium Kids in partnership with UNICEF Canada and diverse faith communities, which aims to ensure global COVID-19 vaccine equity by procuring doses for 92 countries with limited access to vaccines.

“We must be better neighbours,” says Sara Hildebrand, project co-ordinator. “We want to cross the COVID-19 immunity line side by side, and write this pandemic ending together.”

A single \$25 donation is enough to pay for the first and second dose for an individual, as well as the costs associated with it, which includes transporting the vaccine, training health-care workers to administer it and safely disposing the waste.

The Salvation Army in Canada has funded \$100,000 towards this initiative, with the Government of Canada matching the donation and doubling the impact. This will help supply more than 8,000 doses to the world’s hardest-to-reach communities.

This campaign will contribute to reaching global immunity, and for ensuring that every corner of the globe has access to life-saving vaccines.

The pandemic isn’t over until it’s over for everyone.



To learn more about the Love My Neighbour project, visit: LoveMyNeighbourProject.org

A LETTER TO YOU

By Kathy Nguyen



Goal 16 of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) centres on the importance of peace, justice and strong institutions. As a nation that signed on to the SDGs, we agreed to "promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels."

The United Nations declared September 21 as the International Day of Peace. As you read through the various stories in this newsletter, you can see that there are many different approaches that help us work towards peaceful, just communities. There is no "one-fits-all" solution. The issue of conflict is complex, and the approach will need to be multi-faceted.

Neson's testimonial highlights the important role that safe shelter and education have in building a foundation of security. The other stories highlight good health and well-being, the importance of partnership, and understanding that, together, we are better. Peaceful communities are formed when we take time to learn from each other, build healthy relationships and recognize that everyone has a role to play.

Peace takes many forms and building communities that are just requires all of us doing our part. What can you do today to move us one step closer to achieving our goal?

Sincerely,

Lt-Colonel Brenda Murray

Director of International Development

As back-to-school season begins, we are reminded of the thousands of children and youth around the world who can go to school and have a safe place to call home, thanks to the support of Canadian sponsors.

In Pakistan, 16-year-old Neson began living at The Salvation Army's Shiloh Boys' Home after his mother passed away when he was only four years old. Because of you, Neson is enjoying secondary school, regular meals and living with his friends at the home. We were thrilled to receive a letter from him, and hope you take comfort in knowing the difference you've made for youth like Neson.



Dear sponsors,

My name is Neson, and I've been living here since my mother passed away. I was only four years old, and it was not an easy situation for me. I could have ended up on the street or forced to work as a domestic worker. I know that many children in my community drop out of school due to unfavourable circumstances, but I am lucky that my father found a caring home for me to grow and explore new opportunities.

After the death of my mother, the staff provided me with love and care. I am who I am today because of this home. After I complete my education, I'd like to become a Salvation Army officer.

I pray for The Salvation Army, for donors and for the staff at Shiloh Boys' Home. May God bless you all richly. Thank you very much for your love and support.

The Shiloh Boys' Home is financially supported by Canadians through the Brighter Futures Children's Sponsorship Program.

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HOPE Around the World

The Salvation Army is blessed with knowledgeable and dedicated personnel who are committed to providing hope and support for vulnerable people and communities around the world. These project officers and personnel are instrumental in facilitating meaningful partnerships across the globe, as well as implementing projects that have a lasting impact on the future of our world.

In our "Hope Around the World" series, we will connect with international Salvation Army project officers to learn more about their work, hear some of their fondest memories, and see how your support has impacted them and the communities they serve.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN MOZAMBIQUE

By Robyn Goodyear



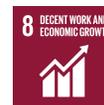
Lieutenant Delfina Zualo has been an officer at The Salvation Army in Mozambique for five years. While serving as the territory's assistant project officer, she's been inspired by the ways in which The Salvation Army works to provide holistic and sustainable support to those in need.

One experience Lieutenant Delfina recalls is working on the Community Orphans, Vulnerable Children and Livestock Banking (COAL) project, a project designed to empower orphans and guardian families through increased access to education, livestock and income-generating activities. This project is financially supported by The Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda.

"On the way to the opening ceremony, my husband and I came across a young boy who was selling goods in the market," she recalls. "After speaking with him and visiting his home, we learned he was an orphan who was living with, and supporting, his grandfather."

Upon this meeting, they invited him to participate in the COAL project, where he continues to receive invaluable support through gifts of livestock, educational resources and spiritual support.

"God is doing amazing things," Lieutenant Delfina says. "Mozambique is growing as a country, and so is The Salvation Army. We are thankful for your support, and hope that one day, we can also become donors."



OUTSIDE THE BOX AND OUTSIDE THE BORDER

By Robyn Goodyear

Due to COVID-19 regulations, Ontario's North Toronto Community Church (NTCC) has not held an in-person worship service in more than a year. While these restrictions posed a challenge for church giving, it did not put a damper on NTCC's commitment to raising funds for the Self-Denial Appeal (also known as Partners in Mission), in support of The Salvation Army worldwide.

This year, NTCC's team of volunteers had to think outside the box when it came to their fundraising strategy. While moving to online activities has made things difficult, it has also opened new opportunities for fellowship.

As one of several fundraisers organized by the team, NTCC corps members and friends took part in a Zoom cooking class, led by the women's ministries department at The Salvation Army in Zambia.

The women demonstrated how to prepare a chicken fajita pasta, a traditional Zambian dish. While preparing the meal, they shared how food is an important element in Zambian culture, and this dish is one that is prepared for a family or brought to a neighbour's to engage in fellowship together.

Participants in the cooking class also shared their own experiences with cooking while living in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Uganda, South Africa and other parts of the world.

While COVID-19 continues to physically keep us apart, it also brings us together in new and surprising ways. Thank you to all who organize, participate in and donate to the Self-Denial Appeal. Thanks to you, the spirit of compassion and generosity lives on.

In the spirit of togetherness, the cooking class raised more than \$400 for the Self-Denial Appeal.

These funds, along with all other fundraising initiatives, will support The Salvation Army to carry out its mission in more than 130 countries worldwide.



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UNITED WE STAND

By Kathy Nguyen

“Your country and its people have captured the attention of the world due to the present surge of COVID and its impact upon families, neighbours and communities. Our hearts are moved, and I write assuring you of our prayers and practical support.”

— General Brian Peddle, international leader of The Salvation Army

In April, the world watched as India quickly became the epicentre of the global pandemic. With more than 20 million confirmed cases and 270,000 deaths, the deadly surge sent shock waves to India’s health-care system. As hospitals and clinics struggled to operate at over-capacity, people across the country were struggling to find hospital beds, oxygen cylinders, medicine, and even cremation and burial sites.

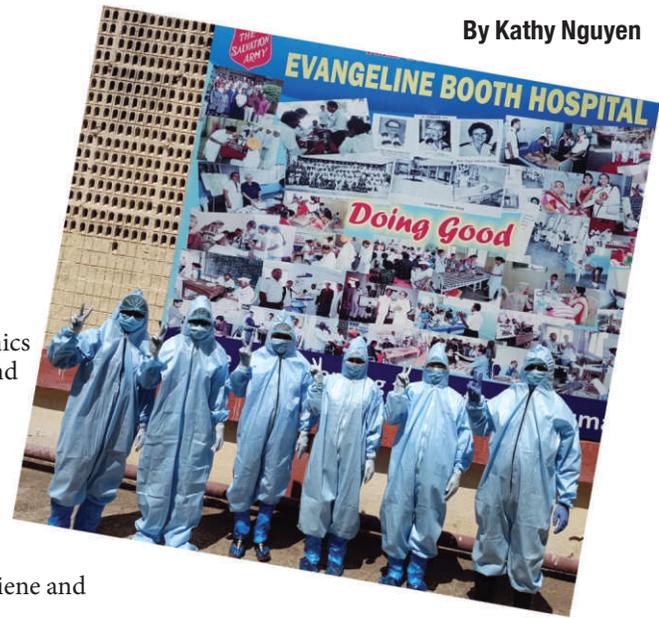
In 1882, The Salvation Army began work in India, starting evangelical and social work in the heart of Mumbai. Since then, the Army has established more than 100 schools, seven headquarters and nine hospitals across the country, bringing hope and healing to millions of people.

When the surge erupted, The Salvation Army in Canada provided the funds to deliver food parcels to quarantined families, personal protective equipment, and hygiene and sanitation kits to more than 15,000 individuals.

“The goal is to reduce hunger and human suffering,” says Captain Selva Kalapu, project officer at The Salvation Army in India. “This will help them survive and show them that there is someone to care for them.”

Being a part of an Army means marching alongside our friends, near or far, ensuring good health and well-being for all. This unprecedented surge set up a worldwide call to arms against crisis, and it is only with your support that we can feed the hungry, equip hospitals with life-saving support and strengthen our global neighbours.

United we stand, and together, the world will heal. Thank you for your ongoing support.



To support the India COVID-19 relief fund, visit: [SalvationArmy.ca/India](https://www.salvationarmy.ca/India)

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