

Cox becomes first General to visit Romania

International leaders visited four Eastern European countries

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International leaders General André and Commissioner Silvia Cox, world president of women's ministries, recently visited four countries of The Salvation Army Eastern Europe Territory: Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia.

The visit to Romania was the first by a Salvation Army General. The Coxes visited corps and danced with children at Ploiești. At the SALVATtex warehouse they spoke with people in a work-training program as they sorted donated goods for the Army's recently opened store in Bucharest. The Coxes also joined the Army's new mobile medical team in its work on the streets of the Romanian capital.

Two young people in Romania interviewed the General, who revealed that he is a fan of the Manchester United football team and that his favorite Bible hero is Joshua.

In Moldova, they witnessed a similar ministry when they joined the long-standing mobile clinic that provides medical services to remote communities. In Dolinoe village on a Sunday morning, Cox spoke to local people about God's healing touch to the broken soul.

During the public meetings held in Romania, Moldova and Georgia, representatives of different corps testified to God's work in their lives through physical healing and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The message of "God's Priceless Kingdom" was illustrated through singing, words of witness, and by timbrels. Dance in national costumes in Romania and Georgia illustrated local traditions.

In Moldova, the divisional band played in the public meeting. In Georgia, the regional youth worship band led the congregation with vibrant singing in Georgian and Russian. A broadcast on Georgian TV station Tabula featured video clips from the public meeting along with an interview with the General.

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During officers councils in all four countries, the Coxes shared the challenge to live out the message of the living, practical gospel. The General called everyone to be holy in today's complex world.