

Elsewhere in the world

U.K.—The Salvation Army’s Sunderland Homeless Shelter is home to two Cameroon boxers who vanished from the Olympic Village last year with five others from their team. The English government granted the two—Thomas Essomba and Blaise Yepmou Mendouo—asylum and secretly relocated them to the Army’s facility.

The group claimed their lives were in danger if they lost their bouts.

Essomba and Mendouo train at a local gym with Phil Jeffries, father of 2008 Olympic bronze medalist Tony Jeffries, who is mentoring them in a bid to make them amateur champions.



CANADA—The Salvation Army’s Men’s Hostel and Charlotte House in Quebec City held an art show, showcasing paintings by residents who participate in an art program at the centers.

“The primary purpose of the program is to improve the lives of the participants through activities that help them develop a more positive image of themselves,” said Thomas-Mathieu Fréchette, program coordinator.

The paintings were auctioned, raising \$2,500 that will support the program and allow the purchase of art supplies.

From salvationist.ca

ARGENTINA—On Sept. 26, The Salvation Army in Argentina inaugurated Hogar Betania (Betania Home) for women living in the streets of Constitución. The home offers shelter, food and emotional support to the women.

Major Dalva Dos Santos, in charge of Hogar Betania, said the goal is to help women in need of emergency housing, so they can get back on their feet and have a voice in society.

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MALAYSIA—Members of St. Justin BEC (basic ecclesial community) from the Parish of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Kuala Lumpur visited The Salvation Army’s Joyhaven home for the elderly. The group found the 17 residents healthy and independent, enjoying a family atmosphere.

The visitors presented the home with a blood pressure monitoring set and assorted groceries. They also treated the residents to lunch and gave them personal gifts of shower cream and bath towels.

From HERALD Malaysia

SINGAPORE—Acting Minister for Social and Family Development Chan Dhun Sing was guest of honor at The Salvation Army’s annual Red Shield Appeal Luncheon, at which Advisory Board Chairman Bill Foo introduced two new programs in the Prison Support Services-Kids in Play (KIP). “Journey with Me” is a befriending initiative to provide emotional support and positive role models for children of prisoners, and “Children Helping Other Children” (CHOC) is a peer mentoring program led by previous members of KIP.

From WAR CRY

TASMANIA—Salvation Army Emergency Services volunteers joined other volunteers at Clarence City Corps to be recognized for their efforts during bushfires in southeast Tasmania earlier this year. Army volunteers worked in teams in locations including Dunalley and Nubeena.

Some attendees represented businesses, such as Bendigo Bank, Bidvest and McDonald’s, which contributed significantly in goods or money to The Salvation Army’s bushfire response.

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