

Front lines/ News briefs of the West

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But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy (Ps. 5:11 NIV).

LODI, CALIF.—With the opening of three units for single-parent families, The Salvation Army in Lodi completed its shelter and celebrated on June 20 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The final phase also includes a classroom for the culinary program and a workout room. Corps Officer Captain Dan Williams thanked God for his faithfulness and the community for its support in bringing the project to completion.

NAMPA, IDAHO—Sunbeam member Jillian Miller received her Commissioner's Sunbeam medal before a full house at the Nampa Corps' third annual music recital. The corps invited the community to attend, using the occasion as an outreach opportunity.

Corps officer Major Brenda Hathorn shared the history of the Sunbeams, The Salvation Army's character-building program for girls, as well as other resources offered at the corps.

ROSWELL, N.M.—The Roswell Corps traveled to Hobbs, N.M., to help the corps there with outside evangelism. About 80 people came to an open-air event, including kids, teens, families, the elderly, and the occasional drunk or pot smoker. One man accepted Christ and promised to "bring 100 people" with him next week.

Captains Ramon and Amanda Perez are Roswell corps officers.

DENVER—To assist The Salvation Army in responding to recent Colorado wildfires, United Parcel Service, Inc. (UPS) secured a 53-ft. truck and a driver to transport emergency supplies from Southern California to Denver.

"UPS has been a great partner to The Salvation Army, stepping up in time of need," said Intermountain Divisional Commander Lt. Colonel Daniel Starrett.



To help those affected by the wildfires, visit imsalvationarmy.org or call 1-800-SAL-ARMY (1-800-725-2769).

BOISE, IDAHO—Fifteen students graduated from The Salvation Army’s Marian Pritchett School—part of the Boise Independent School District—at the Booth Memorial Campus. Since 1964, the school has provided a safe haven for pregnant and parenting young women who want to earn a high school diploma.

Continuing many years of success, 100 percent of the 2012 class graduated with job offers, continued employment or plans for further education. With minimal government funding, the school remains open through private donations and a continued partnership with the school district.

PORTLAND, ORE.—Corps Officers Lt. Raymond and Major Nancy Dihle hosted the Portland Tabernacle Corps’ first ever “Star Gazing” parents’ evening to thank them for the blessings their children bring to the corps.

The evening’s grand finale was a showcase of every Wednesday night activity, from junior band to puppets.