

FrontLines – News briefs of the West

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Jesus answered, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6 (NIV)

Oceanside women reach out

Sierra Del Mar Divisional Women’s Ministries Secretary **Major Cindy Dickinson** reports the **Oceanside, Calif., corps’** women’s ministries are continuing to grow under the leadership of **Captain Hilary Patterson**. A new mom’s Bible study group, created through **accepted candidate Caroline Rowe**, reaches out to **Marine wives with preschool children**. Since March 2009, the six women in the **weight loss group**—who journal, memorize scripture, and exercise—have lost 70 pounds between them.



Detox celebrates 2nd birthday

The Salvation Army celebrated the **two-year anniversary of the reopening of its detoxification center**, located on the grounds of the San Francisco **Harbor Light Center**. In that time the unit has **served almost 1,000 people**. About 90% have gone onto programs at the Harbor Light or other facilities for longer treatment. “People are given a second chance at life,” **said Captain Martin Cooper**, Harbor Light administrator. “It’s a chance for chemically-dependent people to move from the cardboard box into a loving and caring recovery program.” The Harbor Light Center has provided critical substance abuse services for men and women since 1941, and is one of just two residential detoxification programs in the city.

Warming up Polar Bear jumpers

Alaska Divisional Commander Major Doug Tollerud and **Divisional Secretary Captain Daniel Freeman** recently went to the community of **Seward** for the annual **Polar Bear Jump** to benefit the **American Cancer Society**. The **Salvation Army** provided **fresh doughnuts and hot chocolate** to the jumpers who braved the chilly waters of Resurrection Bay, and to those who braved the chilly day to be supportive. In all they served about **24 dozen doughnuts and 275 cups of cocoa and coffee**.

Army responds to Boulder crash

Sherry Manson, Intermountain divisional emergency disaster services director, reports the **Boulder**,

<https://caringmagazine.org>

Colo., sheriff's department asked The Salvation Army to respond to the site of a **mid-air plane collision/crash** which resulted in three fatalities. "We immediately distributed cold sandwiches and fruit prepared by the Boulder County jail to the search and rescue teams to take with them to the crash sites," said Manson. Coffee, cold drinks and snacks were provided to **100-plus law enforcement, fire and rescue, National Transportation Safety Board, FAA and media.** **Emotional and spiritual care team members** spoke with first responders who had been at the crash site.

Haiti workers on Youtube

Lt. Colonel Dr. Herb Rader and Captain Dr. Cindy-Lou Drummond of the **U.S. Eastern Territory** recently **returned from Haiti**; you can **see them on Youtube as they discuss their experiences** with The Salvation Army's medical team there. Part 1 — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6dVky02HuE>; Part 2 — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ytXRfJBJPg>