



Christmas 2015

At a recent meeting of the Anglican Global Mission Partners, the Most Rev. Mouneer Anis from Egypt made the statement that love is difficult because it means that you must enter into the hurt and pain of someone's life. Love does not stand aloof. It becomes involved with people right where they are.

That is exactly what our God did in the person of Jesus Christ. He came down from heaven, put on our human nature, and walked in our shoes. He was obedient to the law because we couldn't be. He was obedient unto death to pay the penalty that we could not pay. His was broken for those who were spiritually broken.

People who are marginalized are broken people. Their lives are often wrought with pain and suffering. To love someone in the margins is not easy. The church often reacts to broken lives by telling the broken that they ought to just get fixed. The reality is that doesn't work. In order to love people in the margins you have to spend time with them. You have to listen to them. You may not be able to walk in their shoes but you need to try to understand what they are going through.

Church Army's role is to help the church to reach people in the margins of society with the gospel and with the love of Jesus Christ. It helps the church to enter into their lives and draw them Christ and into fellowship with the church. That is the call that we have been given and it is working!

We have seen a woman trapped in a lifestyle of drugs and prostitution released from prison on a pre-release program. She began working at a Church Army café where she felt the love of Jesus for the first time. Eventually, she accepted Christ, joined a church, and has become a key member of the café staff where she ministers to others like herself.

This year a non-speaking Jewish resident of a senior living facility was visited by our Church Army officer, Bryan. He approached her and asked if he could pray for her. She actually spoke and said "I love Jesus!" The homeless are attending Christian worship in an outdoor park in Connecticut and receiving underwear, socks and sleeping bags in the name of Christ.

As we are spreading the message of what the Lord is doing through Church Army we are seeing pastors and priests recognizing the responsibility of the church to reach out to people in need as Jesus did. They desire to reach out but often do not have the knowledge or resources to do so. That is where Church Army can help. We help train the church to locate and serve people in need around them.

Training and equipping the church takes resources. We need prayer. We need people. We need monetary resources. We are in the process of rebuilding Church Army's ministry. We have ambitious goals that necessitate us raising \$1M over the next year, and \$5M over the next 5 years. Doing this will enable us to get 50 more Church Army Officers mobilized and established out in the field helping ACNA parishes and other churches to reach people in the margins.

If you would like to see the church reach people in the margins more effectively; if you would like to see the church be more incarnational in its ministry, then please consider making a gift this Christmas to Church Army USA. It is easy to do and it could save a soul for eternity.

Here's all you have to do. Go to <http://www.churcharmyusa.org/Give> and make a donation on-line using PayPal.

Or send a check to:
Church Army USA
P.O. Box 413
Aliquippa, PA 15001

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; (Isaiah 61:1).

"Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." (Matthew 25:40)

May the Lord bless you this Christmas and always!

Sincerely in the Love of Jesus Christ,
Rev. Greg Miller
National Director