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Incarnational Ministry: Takin' it to the Streets

Jesus did not sit in heaven looking upon our plight of sin and say, "Come on up! He dwelt among us here on earth, took our nature upon himself and died so that we might be forgiven and live for eternity. In like fashion, Church Army does not believe that Christians should sit in their churches and say, "Come on in". Instead they should get out where people are suffering and offer sacrificial service so that others might know Jesus and also receive the gift of eternal life.

You can help us make the gospel incarnate by making a Christmas donation [here](#).



If you stop by the Hartford Connecticut City Hall at 11:30am on a Saturday morning you will be able to worship with the Street Church. For four years Church Army officers Rev. Capt. Bryan Bywater (pictured above) and Capt. Dorathy Smolkis (pictured below) have been worshiping on the steps of City Hall with anyone who wants to join them. If you have a chance to stop by, some of your fellow parishioners will be homeless; some will be seeking recovery from addiction; some will be born-again believers who do not yet have a church home; others will be church members who are convicted that the gospel needs to be shared outside the walls of the church. One thing is for sure; you will hear the gospel and find grace to help in your time of need. In addition to preaching and sharing communion the Street Church distributes clothing to the homeless. The most valuable commodities are underwear and socks. The clothing that is distributed is brand new thus providing dignity to those that are often overlooked. This is a way that Church Army USA is making Jesus real and present to people who would not ordinarily seek him. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, seeks after his sheep. He does not wait for them to show up in the sheep pen. As Jesus' ambassadors we go to assist in seeking those that are lost. Thus, we are taking the gospel to the streets! Please join us!

Note: The ministry was recently featured in the [Apostle Magazine](#)



The Street Pastor - Beaver Falls, PA

For several months Christian leaders in Beaver Falls, PA had dreamed of getting a pastor on the streets to help serve the needs of the homeless and distressed in the city. There are many services that are offered to the homeless in Beaver Falls but often the services and those that need them do not get connected. This past fall those leaders, the Beaver Falls Collaborative, turned to Church Army to help them fulfill their dream.

The role of the street pastor is to get to know the homeless, build relational trust with them, and connect them with the physical and spiritual services that they need. On November 1 Church Army Captain Herb Bailey (pictured below) stepped into that role on a part-time basis.

Building trust is not easy. Recently, a homeless told Herb that he wanted to see his badge, assuming that Herb was an undercover policeman. Regardless of those challenges, Herb is gradually building those relationships that will enable him to help with the physical and spiritual needs of his homeless "parishioners". As he gets the ministry established Herb will identify someone who will take on the ministry as their full-time work.

Please pray for this ministry as we have the opportunity to serve Christ incarnationally, taking the gospel "to the streets".



I'd like to provide a Christmas gift to Church Army USA to help you keep "Takin' it to the Streets"