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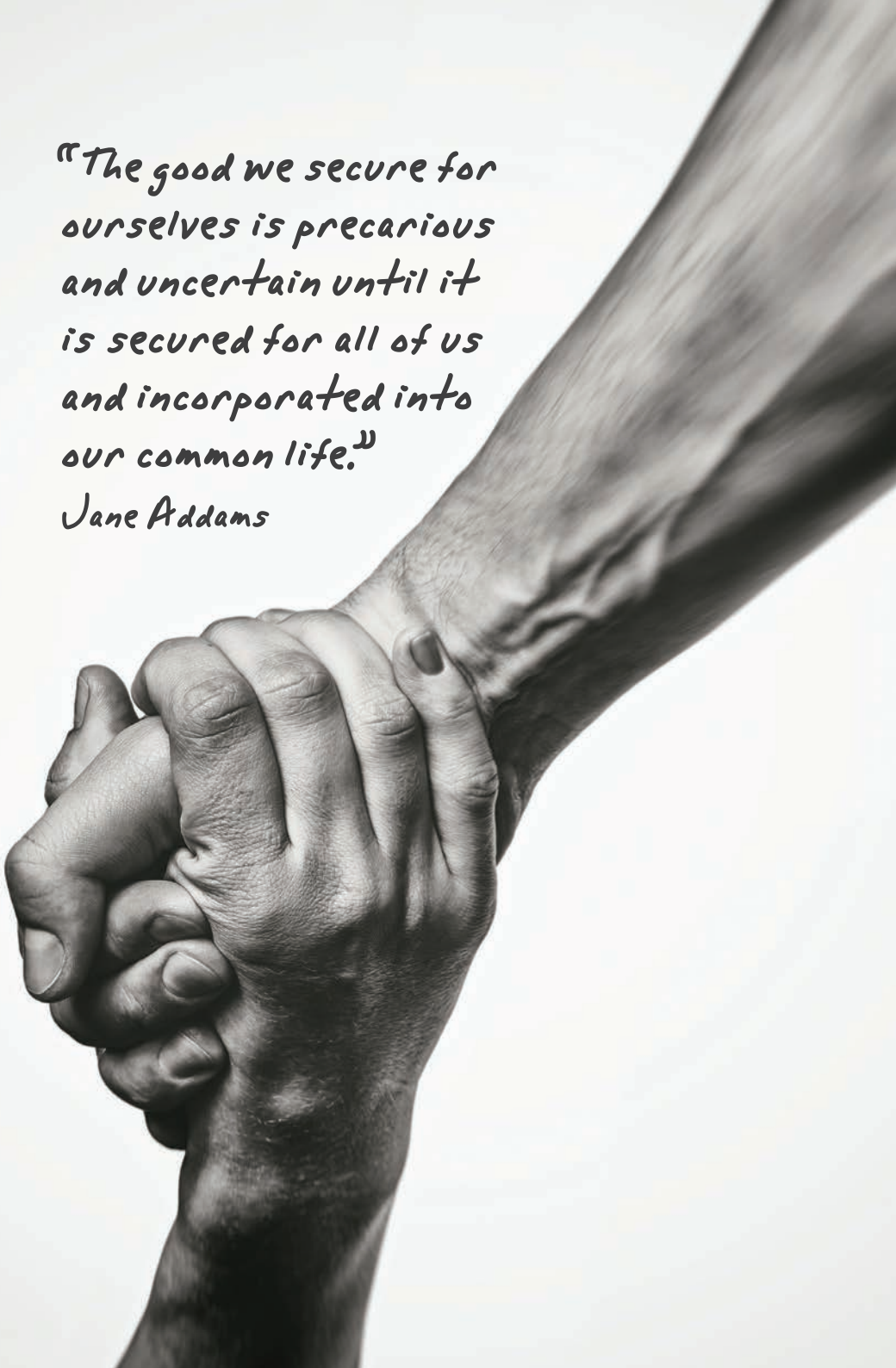
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"The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life."

Jane Addams





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What is The Salvation Army?

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church.

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- Creating faith pathways
- Building healthy communities
- Working for justice



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International Salvos

The Salvation Army is an international movement working in 132 countries. The Army's International Headquarters in London coordinates this work.

The Salvos focus on moving into the world of the hurting, broken, lonely, dispossessed and lost, reaching them in love by all means with the transforming message of Jesus, bringing freedom, hope and life.

In this edition, we look at the work of the Salvos in several global settings – from those working to bring hope, strength and faith to people facing enormous suffering in Eastern Europe, to an international development project in the Philippines, outreach to sex workers in the Red Light District of Amsterdam and assisting the homeless in the United Kingdom.

Canadian author Phil Callaway shares his story of faith, describing how the vastness of space and the power of God as Creator gives him strength and assurance to face anything that comes his way.

In our uncertain world, this assurance is something so many of us are searching for. What about you?

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Leading a war-torn region with courage and faith

Facing the crisis in Eastern Europe

Australian Salvation Army officers (pastors) Colonels Cheralynne and Kelvin Pethybridge lead the Salvos in Eastern Europe. This vast area comprises the nations of Bulgaria, Georgia, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine. Salvos Magazine caught up with the Pethybridges while they were recently back in Australia for a short break.

Salvos Magazine: How long have you been in Eastern Europe?

Cheralynne Pethybridge: We arrived in Chisinau, the capital of Moldova, where the headquarters for this region is located, just over four years ago.

SM: What relationship do you have with The Salvation Army in Russia?

Kelvin Pethybridge: Russia became a separate command [Salvation Army region] in 2014 and is overseen by International Headquarters. We continue to work closely together. We share the Russian language, work together on a magazine and have a strong relationship. Until recently, we also shared an IT department.

CP: All the officers know each other, and many have trained and worked together. They are friends and, in some cases, family.

SM: What are the Salvos' focus areas in Eastern Europe?

KP: In 2020, we set a five-year plan with the theme 'Faith and Courage', based on Joshua chapter 1, verse 9 and without knowing what was just around the corner. We are focusing on building strong churches, developing leaders and sustainability. It's a grassroots mission strategy, and the crisis has focused that. We are championing Psalm 46, especially verse 10: "Be still, and know that I am God." To do



Colonels Cheralynne and Kelvin Pethybridge lead the Salvos in Eastern Europe.

this in the midst of chaos requires faith and courage. Over the past four months, we have also frequently looked at verse 1, which talks about God being our refuge and strength in times of trouble. We are grateful that all our people in Ukraine are safe and are thankful for the prayers of people all over the world for this.

SM: Can you describe what it's like to live knowing that fighting is going on just a few hundred kilometres away?

CP: The day after Russian forces crossed into Ukraine, we went to pick up our permits

to live in Chisinau. We were confronted by rooms full of people, young families, all trying to leave, to get as far away as possible. It was confronting and surreal, and we just went and had a coffee [to discuss what to do next]. We were wanting to do something ... and we continue to respond today.



Salvation Army teams in Bulgaria are assisting refugees from Ukraine.

KP: In other ways, life is normal, but yes, surreal. There is a sense that this could go on for some time, and the longer it goes, the more normal it can seem. It's not like in Ukraine where our pastors and people are working, serving others, and then sirens go off, and they dive into bomb shelters. When the immediate danger is over, they come out and resume what they were doing. It's a different world. We just want them to look after themselves too and stay safe.

CP: The Ukrainians in our churches and centres are our heroes – they continue doing children's ministry, Bible studies, worship, holiday clubs – as well as looking after many internally displaced and traumatised people. Officers around the world have been galvanised to support and help their Ukrainian brothers and sisters in whatever way they can.

SM: How is The Salvation Army in Europe responding to the crisis?

KP: There are many stories online available in Salvation Army publications that outline this.

Food and other products are distributed to refugees throughout the region. In Moldova, churches have turned buildings into accommodation to help facilitate the constant flow of people coming in and out. Over 100,000 people have stayed in Moldova. We give out vouchers, mainly for children who are so disadvantaged in this crisis. In Romania, our teams have left border areas and are now at Romexpo in the capital, Bucharest, assisting with vouchers, caring for children who need some sort of normality, anti-human trafficking work, and other social and spiritual outreach. In Georgia, Ukrainian refugees are staying mainly in the town of Batumi on the Black Sea and the capital, Tbilisi. A restaurant in Batumi is feeding Ukrainian refugees every day. In Bulgaria, teams are in the capital, Sofia, and on the border, caring for the refugees still coming in.

SM: How is the region managing financially with the huge influx of refugees?

KP: Money has come in from around the world, mainly through The Salvation Army World Service Organisation (SAWSO). So far, we have given out more than AUD\$4.5 million in four months – some into Ukraine directly, some into other countries supporting refugees. Some other major Salvation Army contributors are the USA, Norway, Sweden, UK, Switzerland, Netherlands and Australia. ►



Salvos teams supported refugees on the border with Romania soon after the crisis began.



Salvos throughout Eastern Europe are assisting locals in need, refugees and displaced people.

CP: There is a taskforce set up to look at the future of Ukraine in the long term. Their work will focus on looking to the future and what to do to restore normality. We are praying our existing churches will still be in operation. Some, such as the Donetsk Salvos that is still operating may have to locate. We don't know how the future will look and will be praying to continue the ministry and look for new opportunities.

SM: With everything you face, what motivates you to get up each morning and keep going?

CP: Knowing we have people on the frontline doing amazing things. We are there to support them in that, through active prayer and practical help. We are a conduit for what we can get them access to.

KP: A sense of what we can do to help those on the frontline make a difference. God has placed this work in their lap. It's a faith thing. We tell them that if they don't have

the resources they need, just do what they need to do, and we will work out the funds. It's a challenge, but we desire to make the resources available to them to do the work.

SM: How can people here in Australia help the work you do?

KP: First and foremost, pray – for peace, for strength and courage, and for protection. Financial support can also be given via SAWSO.

To donate to The Salvation Army in Ukraine and those supporting refugees, go to: bit.ly/3OgWHAB

For the full interview, go to others.org.au/global-focus/



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Finding hope in times of war



Lieutenant Anastasia Pomytkina fled Ukraine with her daughter, Ariana, and is now serving refugees in Moldova.

At the very beginning of the war, after nights in a dusty and damp bomb shelter, I realised that I would not survive with my asthma. I became worried for my little daughter and for the baby to whom I must still give birth. God said, 'Run!' That is how I became a refugee, leaving my husband Dima, who stayed to help people in Kyiv Mayak Salvos, and my dog, Daisy.

I managed to get to Moldova, to my native Salvation Army. It took a few days for me to recover, and so too for my daughter Ariana.

Sitting back and lamenting is not for me in any situation. Ministering to my compatriots from Ukraine who have fled the horror of the warzone gives me great joy.

I experienced fear. I was cut off from my precious people. I left my home. Every morning for me was uncertain. What's next? How

long will it last? When will I return to Ukraine? Will I find what I left behind? Will I meet those whom I last saw a few months ago?

I see the same questions and the pressure of uncertainty in the eyes of my compatriots. I know how they feel, and that is why I am here on this side. I meet them, hug them, and say there is always hope: We will return and restore our country with God's help.

– **Anastasia Pomytkina**

Lieutenant Anastasia Pomytkina is a Salvation Army officer (pastor) for the Mayak Salvos, Kyiv, Ukraine.



Scan here for more on finding meaning.

The Salvation Army International Development

The Salvation Army International Development (SAID) works globally in specific countries, empowering vulnerable communities to prosper in their economic, social and spiritual lives.

SAID works in partnership with other Salvation Army territories and commands in two key areas: community development, and supporting The Salvation Army mission work globally through mission support.

BUILDING BETTER LIVES

A Salvation Army sponsorship program in the Philippines is making a significant difference to the lives of many families in the South-East Asian country.

The Espinosas* are one such family. They are part of SIKAP, a Salvation Army International Development initiative that helps transition children and families out of individual child sponsorship and empower them to support their own livelihoods.

SIKAP stands for Sponsorship Isang Kaagapay Program and aligns with the United Nations Development Goals.

Young Henrico Espinosa is reaping the rewards of his parents' involvement in the project. In the past, Henrico's father had inconsistent work and the family struggled to make ends meet. Since joining SIKAP, Henrico's father has gained regular work in the fishing industry, which has helped boost their income and savings. The money management training from the project has been beneficial for the family in learning the importance of savings and avoiding unnecessary financial pressure from impulsive spending, complementing the regular income.

Henrico is now more settled at school, particularly as the project encourages better social interaction between other families and children. After he finishes his schoolwork, Henrico is often seen helping his father with fresh catches off the boat or at the fishing farm, sorting out the best fish for sale at the market.

* Name changed



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Queen Máxima opens Salvos centre in Amsterdam

Queen Máxima of the Netherlands officially opened The Salvation Army's Major Bosshardthuis (Major Bosshardt House) in Amsterdam, recognising the remarkable

ministry of Lieut-Colonel Alida Bosshardt who ministered in the city's Red Light District for more than half a century.

Major Bosshardt House is a former home of 'The Major', the building where she sheltered and supported vulnerable people from the city centre. The new facility aims to inspire people by showing The Major's life and ministry and sharing some of the vital work in which the Salvos are still actively engaged.

Before receiving a tour of the house, the Queen unveiled a wax statue of Lieut-Colonel Bosshardt, showing her in the Salvation Army uniform that made her instantly recognisable. Queen Máxima also spoke with several Salvation Army clients.



Queen Máxima of the Netherlands, right, Commissioner Hannelise Tvedt, leader of the Salvos in the Netherlands, left, with a waxwork of Major Alida Bosshardt.

Pop-up pods help tackle homelessness

Pop-up accommodation to house entrenched rough sleepers is helping tackle homelessness in Sheffield, United Kingdom.

Each sleeping 'pod' provides a bed, chemical toilet and charging facilities. They are aimed at helping people who have been sleeping on the streets and have complex needs so may struggle in hostel-style accommodation.

As part of a pilot scheme, The Salvation Army has provided two pods, made by Amazing Grace Spaces, with Sheffield City Council supporting the clients to help them move into more permanent accommodation.

"In just a couple of months, we have seen a real difference in the two clients who have been placed in them. They are more engaged

with mental health and housing services. One has now been offered a flat, and the other has been referred into long-term supported housing," said Andy Parkinson, Salvation Army service manager.



The pods provide a warm, dry and safe place for people experiencing homelessness to sleep.

Star-struck by God's heavenly tapestry

Faith strengthened amidst the vastness of space

WORDS Phil Callaway

Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson decided to go on a camping trip. After a sausage sandwich and some stories around the fire, they set up their tent and lay down for the night.

Hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his friend.

"Watson, look up at the sky. Tell me what you see."

Watson replied, "I see millions of stars."

"What does that tell you?"

Watson pondered a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me there are billions of stars and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Theologically, I can see that God is all-powerful and that we are minute. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, Holmes?"

Holmes was silent a minute, then replied: "That someone has stolen our tent!"

BERT AND THE BIG SLIPPER

As a child, I loved lying on my back on warm summer nights, looking up at the stars. The night sky is a perfect canvas for a child's imagination to scribble on. Were the stars looking back at me? What were they thinking? Could I reach them in a hot-air balloon?

My budding brain envisioned cities and civilisations out there – creatures with tentacles and big eyes hurtling toward us in flying saucers. Or perhaps the aliens were cute and cuddly.

Sometimes my brothers pointed out constellations to me. "That big cluster over there is Bert the water buffalo. That long squiggly line with the scoop on the end? That's the big slipper."

A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE

As the years passed, my fascination with the night sky only grew.

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There is a human tendency to lose interest and momentum when things get a little hard.

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I learned that our humble little Milky Way galaxy contains somewhere between 100 and 200 billion stars. And if you leave the Milky Way, you'll find billions upon billions of galaxies so distant that you couldn't reach them in our fastest spaceship in a billion lifetimes.

Smart people say there might be as many as three sextillion stars in the universe. That's a three followed by 23 zeros.

Our star, the sun, is so big you could barely squeeze 1.3 million Earths inside it. But as stars go, our sun is just a little fellow. The largest star our telescopes have discovered is UY Scuti. If I were to name it, I'd call it YU Sohuge. If you wrapped a measuring tape around Scuti, it would have to reach 7.5 billion



kilometres. Scuti is an estimated 21 billion times the volume of our sun. Yet it's only a tiny speck on God's vast tapestry of space.

A VIEW OF CREATION

Each morning at breakfast, I read from a little devotional book, a collection of Bible verses.

This morning, various verses from Psalms, Romans and Acts spoke of the stars. "The heavens are telling the glory of God. They are a marvellous display of His craftsmanship. Since earliest times men have seen the earth and sky and all God made and have known of His existence and great eternal power. He never left Himself without a witness. Day and night, they keep on telling about God. Without a sound or word, silent in the skies, their message reaches out to all the world. When I look up into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers – the moon and the stars You have made – I cannot understand how You can bother with mere puny man, to pay any attention to him."

In 1962, John Glenn became the first American to orbit Earth, circling it three times. As he gazed out the windows of Discovery, he said, "To look out at this kind of creation and not believe in God is to me impossible. It just strengthens my faith."

Let's take time to gaze at the stars this week. And let's ask ourselves why we would fear anything we face today when the God who created all of this loves us.

Phil Callaway is a Canadian award-winning author and speaker. He hosts the daily radio show Laugh Again. This story first appeared in the Canadian Faith & Friends magazine and uploaded to salvationist.ca/articles/star-struck



Scan here for more on finding meaning.

Hope, healing and music

Marshall uses life's experiences to reach out to others

WORDS Naomi Singlehurst

Marshall, a talented musician, songwriter and Warlpiri Alyawarre man, talks about his challenging life journey and the keys to stability he has achieved through friendship, faith and music at the Salvos' Sunrise Centre in Darwin, Northern Territory.

Many challenging life circumstances and experiences led to Marshall's experiences of homelessness, incarceration and ongoing struggles with addiction.

After prison, Marshall was referred to the Sunrise Centre in Darwin for its alcohol and other drugs service. He graduated earlier this year and is now supported by the centre's homelessness arm to help him stay on the right path.

Major Adye Viney, a Salvation Army officer (pastor) for 32 years, serves as Chaplain at the Sunrise Centre. He offers community members accessing the service essential spiritual and emotional support.

"For some, the experience of homelessness is one of profound loss of hope and despair, so my role ... is to provide practical and spiritual support to those who request it," Adye explains.

"It is important that homelessness services support people in their personal growth while providing ongoing care and support. Otherwise, people exiting prison and residential rehab services [too often] end up back on the streets.

"My chaplaincy role is part of a wider staff team, including case managers and other support staff that work together as a team to provide holistic support to all our residents."

The Sunrise Centre offers ease of access between the major arms of the service, ongoing case management and referrals to other services, plus pastoral care.

MUSIC AND FAITH

"Homelessness is a traumatic experience, and trauma takes a long time to recover from and needs a lot of support," Adye explains.

"Music, art and spirituality can be a way of connecting with people, finding inner strength and resilience, and re-engaging with family, loved ones and the community.



Marshall wants to use his music to support and help others live life in the best way they can.



Marshall connected with Major Adye Viney, right, at the Salvos Sunrise Centre in Darwin.

"As I got to know Marshall, I soon discovered that he has a love of, and talent for, music as a singer, guitarist and songwriter.

"I, too, have a passion for playing the electric guitar. In the beginning, we didn't have an electric guitar at Sunrise, so I let him practise on mine until we were able to purchase one. I got together a couple of other Salvos to join in, and soon we had a band.

"Marshall had also grown up knowing Jesus, and I learned that for him, writing and performing music, including music that reflects his faith, was an important part of his healing process."

CONFIDENCE AND HOPE

Marshall says that the support he has received through the Sunrise Centre has profoundly impacted his confidence and way of thinking.

"It was helpful to me to see things much more clearly in my life in a way that I had never seen them before," he shares. "It has helped to change the way I live my life and the decisions I make."

Performing an original song for guests at the Darwin Red Shield Appeal breakfast in May was another confidence-booster for Marshall,

who says: "I would like to thank Adye, and [local Salvos and musicians] Zane and Jayden for backing me up with the song I wrote and bringing that song to life. And for organising the opportunity for me to perform it from my heart. It meant everything to me.

"I first learnt to play guitar from my brother-in-law about 30 years ago. I have loved music ever since then. Music teaches me about how to live my life in the best way I can. Music is everything to me."

Marshall hopes to use his music and experiences to help others, saying, "There are some good people [who need help]. They've just lost track. I know the Salvos can bring them back ... and maybe I can help with my music.

"[Sunrise] has been really, really good. I have got to know some great people who have supported me in my life ... God needs more people like them."

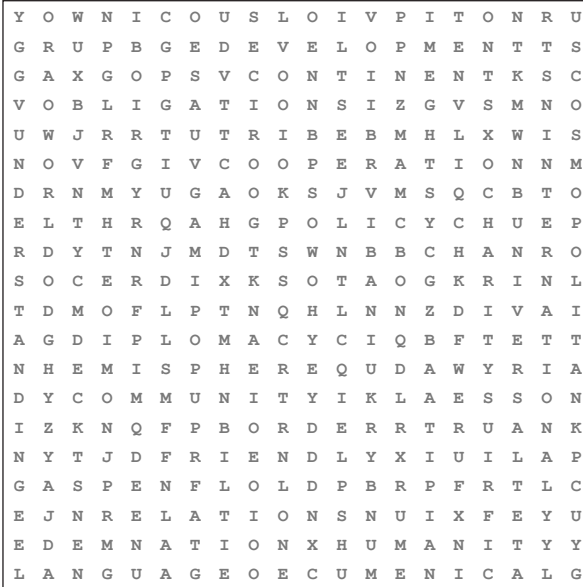


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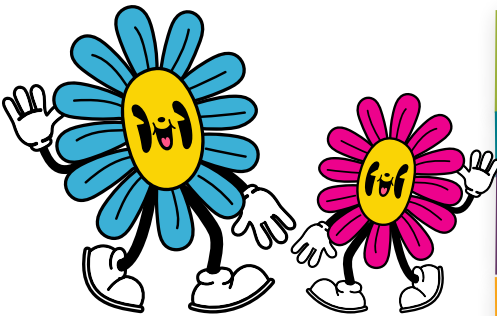
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HAVE A LAUGH



- What did the big flower say to the little flower?
Hi bud!
- What can you catch but never throw?
A cold.
- What do you call a parade of rabbits hopping backwards?
A receding hare-line.
- How do you get Pikachu on a bus?
Poke him on.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The national flag containing the most colours is **Belize**, with **12**.
- The most-visited country on the planet is **France**.
- Russia is the world's most forested country, with **815 million hectares**.
- The deepest place on Earth is the **Mariana Trench** in the **Pacific Ocean**, at **11,034 metres**.

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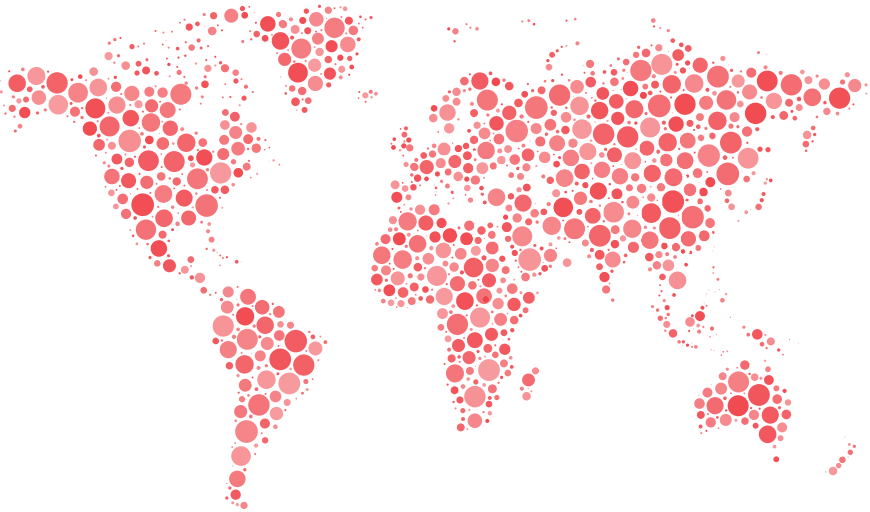
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