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Every day as I ascend the stairs to the bedroom level of my house, I am met with the words, Thankful, Grateful, Blessed. This table decoration sits on a shelf at the top of the stairs and is a constant reminder that I have many reasons to be thankful to God.

During this Thanksgiving month, as I reflect on the past three and a half years in this territory, it is not difficult for me to do so with those three words in mind... Thankful, Grateful, Blessed.

As I have had the privilege to travel around this wonderful and vast territory and engage with its beautiful people and ministries, I am **thankful** for the opportunities to have met so many of you! You will continue to be dear to my heart as I prepare to leave the territory in the coming weeks. When I think of the beautiful godly expressions of ministry carried out in this territory daily, it is with a sense of **gratitude** for the faithfulness and grace of God for the many lives that have been transformed through the faithful work of The Salvation Army in every corner of this vast western territory.

I will depart from here leaving a part of my heart behind and feeling truly **blessed** for the privilege afforded me. I am saddened to leave but feeling thankful, grateful and blessed for three and a half wonderful years. The friendships made will be with me for a lifetime. God's blessings on you all!