



Barbara Higgins draws from more than 40 years experience in ministry with preteens and teens. Barb taught public school for 34 years after completing her master's degree in secondary education.

Currently she is the Territorial Director of Youth Ministries for the Central Territory. She has been married to her husband, Edward for 39 years, has two married children and four grandchildren. Her greatest desire in life is that teens will become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Her love for God and for teens is what motivates her day by day.

Barbara—learning more!

Barbara Higgins has been a soldier of the Rockford Temple Corps for the past forty eight years. She attended the character building programs during her youth and is a graduate corps cadet, played percussion and tambourine.

Barbara earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Northern Illinois University. Within in two years she earned a Masters of Science in Secondary Reading Education. She continued in the educational world earning more than forty credit hours of post graduate work.

Barb taught in the Rockford Public Schools for thirty four years. During that time she worked in the high schools as a reading diagnostician and reading therapist. Her duties included the training the high school teachers to work with students that had reading difficulties. She rewrote course work to enable the disabled reader to learn the content that was being taught.

Barb also taught general education at the elementary level.

Barb has been involved in teen ministry for over forty years. She has taught the teens Sunday school class, served as Day Camp Director, Guard leader & Jr. Church director.

Barb was involved in the organization of Central Bible and Leadership Teen Track as it is know today, the development of the peer leadership training elective and has remained been involved in the programming of the Teen Track for over 25 years.

Barb has been on the staff of many committees for The Salvation Army over the years. She served of the staff of the National Seminar of Evangelism for eighteen years where she taught Child Evangelism.

In 2009, she served as the chairperson of the Ad Hoc committee for the Corps Cadet program with a special assignment of reorganizing the Leadership Development Track.

After retiring from thirty four years of teaching, Barb began a second career. She is the Territorial Director of Youth Ministries for the Central Territory. This ministry has allowed her to teach and train leaders in the area of youth ministry and teen discipleship around the territory for the past four years.

Barb has been married to Edward Higgins for thirty nine years; has two married children and four incredible grand children.

Her love for God and her love for teens motivate her daily to be a part of the ministry of loving teens into the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The outcome of her ministry is show today's teens through the word of God how to become fully devoted followers of the Lord Jesus Christ who with a love and a passion will serve their Lord under the banner of The Salvation Army.