See You At The Pole
By Major Paul Cain

Well - here I am. I told my youth pastor I’d be here and here I am.

I even woke up an hour earlier to get to school to attend this prayer meeting at the flagpole. You see - every year our school hosts this national event called “See You at the Pole”. It supposed to be a prayer meeting by the students around the flagpole. I’ve known about it for a couple years but this is the first year that I thought I would come. My youth pastor and my corps officer said it might be a good way to meet some other kids from my school who are Christians. I know there’s nobody else from The Salvation Army who attends my school, but I don’t know if there are any other kids who attend other churches.

Sometimes, it’s pretty lonely thinking you’re the only Christian in school. Being in middle school is awful hard and there are a lot of things that happen every day which influence me to want to do bad things or think bad thoughts. It sure would help if I had a friend or two at school who were also Christians. I could talk to them throughout the day or maybe even have lunch with them.

So - here I stand! I’m the only one here. Hello? Anybody else out there? (Looks around…)

(Looks at watch/phone - getting impatient)

Maybe I should leave. I don’t know… my youth pastor did say it’s important to stand for
Christ even if I am the only one standing (looks around)... (shouts up to God) Well ... I am the only one standing here!!

(Excitedly) Oh here comes some people...Who is it? Hey I know them! It’s Jimmy and Michelle from my math class... (waves) - Hey guys! Oh.. and right behind them - that’s Julie, Oscar, and Mickey. I didn’t know they were Christians … but that’s cool! I’M NOT THE ONLY ONE!!!

(Keeps looking around - very excited)

Wow - a bunch of kids are coming now! We’re actually getting a full circle around the flagpole. Here comes Mrs. Livingston, I think she’s the teacher who’s in charge of this. (Wave) She just gave me a big thumbs up – Nice!

(Reaches out - imitating holding hands with others on either side)

(Turning to people on the right) Hey Michelle and Jimmy...I didn’t know you guys were a Christians… (pause) Oh… you didn’t know I was one either. Well - now we’re good!

Hey Mrs Livingston ... let’s get this party started!