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A failed employment project for village women in Bangladesh; a Canadian volunteer's craving for crisps; a slice of Black Forest cake at the Dhaka Sheraton - these and other seemingly unrelated events form the beginnings of 'Sally Ann', The Salvation Army's emerging global fair-trade venture. Enhanced with photographs from Norwegian international photographer Knut Bry, "Sally Ann - Poverty to Hope" tells this 'Sally Ann' story, a story about real people. Many of them live in poverty in the slums, in the brothels and in the villages of Bangladesh. In encounter with them, poverty becomes more than statistics. Poverty is personal - given a face by people who challenge us with their own individual stories of suffering and daily struggle. What do Christians do when the world's poor ask for help? The Salvation Army has never shied away from the poor. The movement emerged as a response to the questions of the poor in Victorian England. The answer the Army gave then, is the same answer the Army gives now: a gospel of salvation and practical care. Sally Ann is a gospel-response to the poor. It is about putting bread on people's table. It is about empowerment and self-help.

About the AuthorBo Brekke was born in Norway, but from the age of 10 he spent 9 years with his parents in

Switzerland and Germany before returning to study at Jeloy Folk High School. In 1978 Bo met Birgitte Nielsen - a Danish nurse - as they waited for interview at the start of Salvation Army officer-training in London. It was 'love at first sight' and two years later, now married, Bo and Birgitte were appointed as officers in Norway. Bo felt called to serve overseas, but not until 1986 did Birgitte feel God calling her to service in Asia. After that, six years in Sri Lanka were followed by seven years in Bangladesh where their passion for Fairtrade found expression. In 2002 they became divisional leaders in North Scotland and are currently appointed to MOSCOW to Serve in the Eastern Europe Territory of The Salvation Army. They have two sons and one granddaughter. The photographer, KNUT BRY (born 1946) started his working life as a chef. In 1975 he moved to Paris where, in the late 70s he made his name as an international fashion photographer after first having earned a living as a model. His photographs have gained high recognition and praise both in Norway and abroad. During his long career he has published numerous books and held many exhibitions. Knut Bry is under contract to the American travel magazine Conde Nast Traveler and is constantly on the move all over the world. In the wake of the Tsunami disaster which struck on Boxing Day 2004, Knut organised an 'arts auction' in Oslo for Tsunami victims. Many different artists, designers, photographers etc donated works which made a significant contribution to this worldwide appeal.