India South Eastern Territory Spiritual Retreat

On 14 October 2015 a Spiritual Retreat was conducted for the senior women officers at HRD Retreat Center, Muttom, attended by 32 delegates. Morning devotions was conducted by Lieut-Colonel Retnam, DDWM, Azhagiapandipuram Division. She shared from Luke 12 (vv 42-47) and explained that God expects greater things from us.

Devotions was followed by a keynote address and introduction by the TPWM. Then the delegates were divided into seven groups and were asked to write names of the trees given in the Bible and their importance. All delegates participated interestingly.

Praise and worship: We sang many songs and choruses and worshipped the Lord and we prayed for many prayer requests. Really the time we spent in praise and worship gave happiness to us.

Colonel Sumita Masih shared on the subject ‘Spiritual Growth’, speaking from Colossians 1:9-13. The colonel explained the four steps to spiritual growth – Read the Word of God, Meet with God, Worship God and Pray to God.

Lieut-Colonel Indumati Christian took the subject ‘Women and Evangelism’. She quoted examples from Old Testament (Sarah and Rahab), from the New Testament (Mary Magdalene, Dorcas and Lydia). Highlighting the Great Commission given by the risen Christ to go and preach the gospel she shared the following challenges with the delegates: they should win members of their own household; bring the helpless to Christ; bring others to Christ; and carry out works befitting repentance.

Major Caroline, DDWM of Coimbatore led a Bible study on the Book of Esther, under the topic ‘Passion for the Perishing’. The key phrase was ‘If I perish, I perish’ (Esther 4:16b). The three divisions of the book – the rise of Esther (chapters 1 and 2), the lies of Haman (chapters 3-5), and the prize of faith (chapters 6-10) were explained clearly and the major also quoted words from Salvation Army Founder General William Booth. She concluded her words by highlighting the need for Esthers in today’s world.

In the evening we spent our leisure time in the seashore. During ‘cultural night’ all delegates participated happily and glorified God’s name.

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Group Prayers

Discussion

Delegates at Sea Share