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## **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

**"AS A FATHER HAS COMPASSION ON HIS CHILDREN,  
SO THE LORD HAS COMPASSION ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM"**

**Psalms 103:13**

# D.A.D – DEVOTED AND DEARLY

“The greatest gift I ever had come from God; I call Him Dad!”- John Walter.

How many divine fathers we meet throughout the Bible and in history! Those who have given up their land, home, and loved ones for the sake of the God they believe in and have done God's will. Those who fought against the enemy without valuing their own lives and achieved great success! Is it really a wonder that kings, priests, prophets, shepherds, fishermen and ordinary people of extra ordinary faith and courage did their part to write and protect the word of God? How can we forget our fathers who spent their money and time for the construction and preservation of God's Temple in the midst of great difficulties? Even in great persecution they came forward to sacrifice their lives for God! Yes, Godly fathers are really a blessing from God with his own mind and attitude!

We live in a time when we do not have courage to think about tomorrow. What is the greatest miracle that the Lord Jesus Christ has given to the earth? The big difference Jesus made was that he taught people to call God their father! Brother or sister is the noble words given by Christianity to the world. It helps the people who are associated with Christ to think that all are the children of one Father. It means there is something from our Heavenly Father inside of us- some piece of divinity- and since we did nothing to deserve it, there is nothing or someone else can do to take it away.

We live in a world where distance and time are subdued. Everything changes very fast. Sometimes, we forget that we are surrounded by the people with broken foots who have travelled for their families. Fatherhood is a lifetime big responsibility with it's all challenges, sweetness and bitterness. A Godly father is the guiding light whose love shows the way to the whole family. He is a friend the children can always rely on. Father is a man who works hard to fulfil his dreams through his children. But we need to think the purpose of our struggling, whether our goal is to win a race without a God in our children? By the end of our life, we all have to answer!

Fathers who had the shadow of Jesus always believed their lives have a meaning and purpose in God's hand. They accepted God as their designer. We should try to walk with these people when we realise the world is not in favor and in increased difficulties. The life of Abraham teaches us that 'nothing is impossible to God' and if we sincerely come down to Him, 'there is a solution for everything'. Noah is the person who can show you the 'rainbow' in every great problem. Job teaches us that God to whom He loves 'will be rewarded for all of their afflictions'. David shows 'no matter how small we are, God is able to take us to any heights. Does not St. John reveal that the fellowship of God is not lost in any loneliness and it's possible to see the glory of Heavenly father?

How wonderful it's to know that our Heavenly Father loves us – even with all our flaws! He understands our disappointments, suffering, pain, fear, and doubt. "God loves us more than a father, mother, friend or anyone else could love and even more than we are able to love ourselves" – St. John Chrysostom. On this Father's Day, we can tell our Heavenly Father 'To hold our hands, for it is a scary and confusing world without Him'.

Have a Wonderful Father's Day to All our Lovely Fathers!!

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# KNOWING THE EVIDENCE OF PERSONAL FAITH IN JESUS

**T**he devotion during the lent and beyond has helped me to focus my journey of faith in Jesus. It made me to examine and confirm that my life truly shows evidence of my personal faith in the crucified, resurrected, glorified Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who will return to judge the world and take us to heaven to live forever with God, the father and creator of the heaven and earth. It is for our spiritual benefit, that we produce authentic faith, which is seen by our own self and is visible to those who are around us.

Through the letters to the early Christians, Peter, one of twelve disciples of Jesus, an eyewitness of Jesus life, death and resurrection, who was also participant of anointed by the promised Holy Spirit, encourage the followers of our generation to know Jesus by faith and not by sight. He writes, 'And though you have not seen Him, you love Him and though you do not see Him, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls' (1 Peter 1: 8-9). As Peter realised, we too should know that knowing Jesus is a very personal experience and it can be lived out by living our life with him.

Though it expected that our Church and fellowship with other believers nurture us in our faith, we cannot blame them for our weak and dying faith. It is our personal conviction and faith that will make us the people we want to be. What are those evidences we must show as the result of our growing faith in Jesus? Reading through the letters written by saint Paul, Peter and John and others give us very valuable guidance and give us the evidence of our faith. I would like to high light some of them here for your benefit.

1. Living a holy life is an obvious evident of our continual personal faith in Jesus. By his blood, we are made holy and become the children of God. We may never be perfect, but we commence our journey to be holy like Jesus. Bible tells us "And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him Holy and blameless and beyond reproach" (Colossians 1: 21 -22).

Word of God further tells us, 'That you may

prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world'. (Philippians 2: 15) We abstain from every kind of wickedness, as it is written, "Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, 'The Lord knows those who are His', and, let everyone who names the name of the Lord abstain from wickedness" (2 Timothy 2:19).

2. To be accountable for our own life and for the lives of others is one of the of evidence that proves our true faith in Jesus, which unfortunately is ignored by most of the Christians. Knowingly or unknowingly, we carelessly live and fall into Satan's trap, some time by our behaviour of self-righteousness, we look down at other and even cause obstacle to their journey of faith. We know that Jesus by who's name we are saved from our sins, He will judge us when he comes to judge the world. Saint Paul writes, 'So, then each one of us shall give account of himself to God. Therefore, let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this – not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way' (Romans 14: 13).

But when we live our lives according to the word of God and take every care to help others grow in their faith in God, we not only prove our faith in Jesus but gain strength to care for others. Bible tells us, 'For God is not unjust as to forget your work and the love that you have shown towards His name, in having ministered and in still ministering the saints' (Hebrew 6: 10)

3. Led by the Holy Spirit is most powerful evidence and witness of our growing faith in Jesus. The Holy Spirit is promised by Jesus to all who ask to be filled by the power of the Holy Spirit. This happened on the first Pentecost when the disciples were together in a closed room, praying and praising God in unity (we read in Acts. Since then, this has been ongoing phenomenal of growing and Christ Centre Church. The word of God says, 'If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another (Galatians 5: 25, 26), And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption' (Ephesians 4:27)




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4. Having Attitude like Jesus – is ultimate evidence of our faith in him. We live every moment of our lives imitating Him. Like Paul's testimony, we testify in our lives that it is no longer we, but Christ lives in us. We are to take this instruction from God's words which says, 'Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bondservant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross' (Philippians 2: 5 -8).

What evidence of faith in Jesus you do you see in your own life? I would like to leave this question with you. You may just want to seeking answer in simple prayer to God in Jesus name. This is always my prayer, and it might be prayer that you may pray as well.

To be like Jesus!  
This hope possesses me;  
In every thought and deed,  
This is my aim, my creed;  
To be like Jesus!  
This hope possesses me;  
His Spirit helping me,  
Like Him I'll be.

Note:

All Bible verses are taken from New American Standard Translation. 

# LET'S CELEBRATE THE FATHER'S DAY

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**I** praise the Lord for the wonderful opportunity to write an article on Fathers' Day. It is always pleasant to think and thank the fathers for the sacrifice that they made in our lives. I do remember my father who is my hero. He is my role model and my mentor. He is the one who introduced the world to me and me to the world. He was a teacher, and social reformer in the very interior villages. Helped many parents to put their children in schools and hostels in the nearby town. As we celebrate, let's try to know how this Father's Day came into practice.

The first Father's Day was celebrated in Washington state on June 19, 1910. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd came up with the idea of honouring and celebrating her father while listening to a Mother's Day sermon at church in 1909. She felt as though mothers were getting all the acclaim while fathers were equally deserving of a day of praise.

Sonora's dad was a quiet man. William Smart, a veteran of the Civil War, was left a widower when his wife died while giving birth to their sixth child. He went on to raise the six children by himself on their small farm in Washington. To show her appreciation for all the hard work and love William gave to her and her siblings, Sonora thought there should be a day to pay homage to him and other dads like him. So it was observed in Washington the third Sunday in June. Of course, there are other stories as well.

Let's celebrate some fathers from the Scriptures:

## 1. The praying father:

Job was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. He had seven sons and three daughters, and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had many servants.

He was the richest, most well-known, and renowned man of his time. His sons used to hold feasts in their homes on their birthdays, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would decide for them to be purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom."

As we look at the practice of Job as a father, he has a habit to pray for his children every day in the morning. He was rich having lot of possessions and people. So may be very busy with the day-to-day business. But he never neglected the family. He kept aside some time for his family and children.

Now a day we are living in a very disturbed and confused world. Though the parents and children sit together in one room we don't speak with each other. Instead, everyone will be speaking with someone the other side of the world. Because of the nuclear families the children are missing parental love and elderly care. Both mom and dad will go to work in their responsibilities and the children were left without proper supervision.

As the father of the family, we must spend our time with children and praying for them and leading them into spiritual life.

## 2. The Guiding father:

Abraham being commanded by God to take his son Isaac to Mount Moriah and sacrifice him. Isaac was the son of promise, a miraculous gift from God. He was the promised child whom God had promised to make into a great nation. He was God's provision, or so it seemed until God said to lay him on the altar and offer him as a sacrifice. Now as Abraham and Isaac, were travelling up the hill, the son bearing the

wood, and the father holding fire and the knife, the boy said: 'Where is the lamb?' and Abraham, thrusting down his emotion and steadying his voice, said: 'My son, God will provide Himself a lamb.' In spite of very challenging situation Abraham was teaching his son to depend upon God. He said God will provide on the hill. Many a times we fail to guide our children to depend upon God rather we try to take the situation into our hand to get the solutions. So, he named that place "God's provision"—'The Lord will see,' or 'The Lord will provide.' We need the fathers to guide their children in right way and manner. If we fail in guiding them the right way, they will be lost. Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

## 3. The Saving father:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. God Himself will provide a Lamb - the spotless sacrifice of Jesus for the sins of the world. As we celebrate the Father's Day let's remember our heavenly father who gave His Son to redeem our sins through the blood that He shed on the Cross of Calvary. To save the sinners the sinless Jesus became a sin, As He became a sin or the representative for sinners God left him in the greatest darkness. We hear the Cry of Jesus "My Lord, My lord why hast thou forsake me. Our Heavenly father is ready to sacrifice His one and Only begotten son to save the dying world. Let's hold fast to this saving father through Him we may lead many fathers who are living in darkness of sin. Many are exposed to the wrath of God so let's pray for such fathers.

Also remember the bereaving families who lost their father during these days and mourning for their departure. Once again a very happy Father's Day. 🇮🇳



# GODLY FATHER – A UNIQUE & SPECIAL GIFT

**F**ew weeks back, I went to a shop to look for some domestic items to our home. A family with father, mother and their two grown up children also were there. As I carry on my own business, I got attracted to the attitude of the father. The children were taking the items of their need or interest, and in the middle the wife was bringing some items that he might be in need or take, whenever she brought any item for his use, he was just refusing and convincing her that those items were either not good for him or not good quality, eventually he could not take any item for him, as I found that his interest was only to make his family happy. This might be the same case in every home, where fathers would make every possible effort to keep the family happy and cheerful.

When we think about the Father's day, I always recall a good verse from the Bible, and from the words of Lord Jesus mentioned at his sermon on the mount as recorded by Mathew in 7:11b – "how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask Him". The concept of fatherhood is important in the Bible because God has a specific design for how the family is to operate, and at the centre of it is the father. There are many different aspects of fatherhood I could concentrate on, but for today, I want to focus on the characteristics of Godly father, as we celebrate the father's day this month. Godliness is the overall characteristic of the man who will make it easy for his children to joyfully honour him. The hallmark of godliness is being controlled by the spirit of God which of course is then demonstrated in the fruit of the Spirit which Galatians 5:22,23 lists as "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

## **I. Godly Father nurtures through Scriptures:**

A godly father knows God. He considers his own relationship with God the most important one in his life and models that godliness for his children. A Christian father's first and greatest responsibility is to acquaint his children with God through Scripture. This is so important because what children learn about God will put them in good standing throughout their lives, no matter what they do and where they go. God uses the Christian father as an instrument for instruction and discipline, in which God commands and

administers. The prime management responsibility of a father is ensuring the children are diligently taught to walk with God. The godly father is to bring up his children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). He is to love God with all his heart, soul and might and diligently teach his children to do the same. This means talking about the nature and attributes of the Lord as well as His commands at every opportunity throughout daily life (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

## **ii. Godly Father cares the wife and family:**

A Christian father loves and respects his wife. He serves as an example to his children of what a loving relationship looks like so that they may also reflect it in their lives, particularly when it comes to their marriages. When a man enters into a covenant relationship with his bride, he commits to the responsibilities of loving, honoring and cherishing her. The strength a Christian husband needs in order to carry out these responsibilities flows out of his relationship with God.

A Godly father makes time for his family and anchors his family in Christ. He provides the needs of his family. No other teacher can affect a child as much as their parents. For this reason, it's important that fathers teach their children both by their example and their words. A Christian father not only meets the physical needs of his family, but also the emotional needs of his family as well. The family turns to him as a support in all areas of need and he provides as best he can.

## **iii. A Godly Father sets Model**

A Godly father not only teaches about the scriptures, but puts them as a practice, and show an exemplary life. A father's daily practice ought to match his eternal position in Christ, indicating he has been freed from bondage to sin and can now live in a manner pleasing to God. His behaviour should be excellent in the sight of God and man, and his mode of everyday living must conscientiously declare that Jesus is Lord of his life. By looking at the father's godly life, the children would put themselves in practice, shall be the lights of the world. Also, With humble submission to our gracious heavenly Father's good will, a godly father lives intentionally according to principles derived from God's Word. He has decided beforehand how he will handle



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temptations and has resolved to pursue the righteousness of God. A godly father does well to pay attention to his own example, knowing that his children and others are watching and may follow his lead. Paul exhorted Timothy, "Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers" (1 Timothy 4:16).

## **iv. A Godly Father walks like Heavenly Father:**

Heavenly Father is perfect. As a perfect being, He has commanded us to become like Him. He loves every one of us. His love for us is perfect as well. Learning to love with a perfect love is one of the responsibilities of mortality. Scripture reveals God to be an ideal Father: He is patient and slow to anger, compassionate, nurturing, and understanding. He is a wise counsellor who gently instructs us and leads us along paths of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. God the Father wants the best for His children; He is forgiving and abounding in grace, but isn't afraid to discipline us or allow us to learn from the consequences of our behaviour. Our Heavenly Father delights in His children, longs to spend time with us, cares about our hearts' desires and our deepest secrets, and wants us to know Him as well. He is everything we could ever hope for in a Father, and so much more. Jesus made it clear that His heart was to draw us into a relationship with the Father. It is also our Heavenly Father's desire that we know how precious and awesome we are to Him. Godly Fathers must try and act like a replica of Heavenly Father.

As we celebrate this Father's Day, let us all recollect the heavenly father's love towards us and bringing us the hope for the life through Jesus. Let us all inculcate the divine characteristics being the fathers to who our children with the Christian discipline, love, and life. I urge the children to be of mindful of caring, loving and be devoted to your fathers as well.

May God Bless us all! 



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# OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

I do not have the least doubt, that sacrifice through His son Jesus, by the Heavenly Father, enables to have more children today calling Him "abba Father" (Romans 8:15). If that did not happen, our lives on this earth would continue to be sinful, without any hope. How wonderful it would be, if Fathers reconsider living with those sense of sacrifice on this planet. I would dream, Fathers of such sense of attitude and gratitude would arise and emulate godly fathers to transform families on this earth.

**Abraham's only son – Isaac:** We have been blessed with children. The promise of God to Abraham was, yet to be fulfilled, while he was one hundred years old and his wife Sarah ninety years old. All hopes of having children vanished from their minds and the couple began to contemplate alternatives for building families. To their amazement, Isaac was born as gift, as God never tells lies or promises without fulfilling. Joy cannot be adequately expressed, as each day could have been a celebration in having the boy, Isaac in Abraham's house. All their hopes were then on Isaac for future generation.

Suddenly, call from God with a command and demand to sacrifice his son Isaac on mount Moriah could have been a depression and disaster to the aged couple. For a normal human being, they were not words but swords to them. Abraham with a sense of obedience and sacrifice, paid his attention to the word of God instead of human thinking. He left early in the morning, to mount Moriah with all preparations for a sacrifice, taking wood and fire accompanied by his faithful servants. Nevertheless, he was aware of God, who never demands anything without a purpose, which would be of spiritual value. Interestingly, the entire act of sacrifice of his only son Isaac was intervened by God and a substitute was organized. However, sacrifice was given on the altar not his son, but a ram found in the thicket "Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son." (Genesis 22:13).

This act of obedience turned out to be a great blessing to the entire human race. It

is the will of the Father to make us all children of Abraham, regardless of our ethnic backgrounds. This is true when Zacchaeus invited the lord into his house and Lord told this man too is a son of Abraham "Jesus said to him, today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham" (Luke 09:09). We all have become Children of Abraham, since God intended to bless the world through Him "all peoples on earth will be blessed through you" (Genesis 12:3b).

I remember singing a chorus cheerfully, as Sunday school student "Father Abraham had many sons, Father Abraham, I am one of them and are you, so let us praise the Lord. This became possible only through a father, who had a sense of sacrifice, but resulted in great blessing for the world.

**David's only Desire:** The world has incredibly changed, as we see the spiritual values have not been given utmost importance, the attendance in the church is lesser than other public events and entertainments. But David whose one and only desire was to dwell in the House of the Lord all the days of his life. David as king lacked nothing, but the Joy of the Lord. David realized that he fell from the spiritual standard which made him deeply sorrowful. He cried bitterly for restoration and confessed "Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me because sinner have to turn back to you" (Psalm 51:11-13). That is why David wants to dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

We hear war, political unrest, economic crisis, speeches of hate which have been the resultant effects of fathers who failed to be good fathers in the past and present. Our Heavenly Father is like the father of the lost son, waiting to receive and restore the relationship with gladness. Our Father in Heaven bothers, if we have lost His relationship and fellowship.

May this Father's Day stimulate our thinking, to engage in making the world better even it costs sacrifice of our comforts. I pray, that we with His strength build better family, community, and a better world at large. I wish all readers a Blessed Father's Day and pray "Our Father in Heaven". 🙏

**T**he world cannot be in existence without God, who is the father of all creations, however, it has deviated from the divine will of God, as we see now. If we are honest, we need to confess, that Fathers are part of the reasons, that human race had rebelled against the will of God.

It is vital and necessary to rethink and consider while we celebrate, how we as fathers could prove to be good fathers to our generation. While making this day memorable and meaningful, it is very unfortunate for some to have lost their fathers and sadly few have to suffer, due to separation and death, which God alone could heal by becoming Father to them.

Children and young people are looking for good models to imitate, in the field of their own liking. We see several of them have been attraction the young lives in sports, academic, music and the list are endless but, very few think of becoming the Father, whom God is pleased with. I attempt to bring out few models for consideration during Father's Day 2022.

**God's only one son - Jesus Christ:** We adore many men and women, even children, for their academic achievements and awards in excelling others, but, if it is with a sense of sacrifice for the spiritual benefit of others, we must consider those models, for replication whenever possible.

It is evidently clear, that our "Father in Heaven" had only one begotten son and He gave it to the world, to be sacrificed anticipating, to rescue the perishing. The love for the lost world was immeasurable, that He sent Jesus to die. I cannot deny the fact, that fathers on this earth sacrifice their comforts in making their children and loved ones comfortable. We have innumerable examples in the political arena and freedom we enjoy is due to the legacy they left for generation to come.





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# WAIT FOR GOD

**B**ut those who wait for the Lord will renew their strength. They will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run, and not be weary. They will walk, and not faint. (Isaiah 40: 31)

The Selaginella Lepidophylla is a species of desert plant in the spikemoss family. Unlike most botanicals, it can wait. That is, it can wait for years and years, known as "Resurrection Plant", is renowned for its ability to survive almost complete desiccation. Even though, its stems curl, turns black, dry, and utterly dead looking, it uncurls when exposing to moisture.

Waiting for God's time is written all over the stories in the Holy Bible such as:

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. Noah waited for a year through rain and flood water, and he was 600 years old when the flood waters came on the earth. (Genesis 6:6) Finally, was given a renewed earth.

The Old Abraham waited for twenty-five years for promised child. Though his age was growing but he is not weary and not fainted. He waited for until he enjoyed a son in his old age.

Joseph was one of the characters in the Bible who suffered for truth and justice. He never leaves his hope. Even he was waited for justice in prison. Finally, he was awarded Egypt's higher honor.

Queen Esther waited for the Jewish people to be rescued from slaughter. She fasted even told his Jewish people to be in fast and prayed & wait for until God will answer our petitions. Finally, Esther celebrated justice given by God.

Moses' mother waited for while her baby floated down the Nile, but she never leaves her hope and waited for. Within a time, God showed His mercy and mother watched royalty adopt her son. She didn't leave her hope up to the end of his son's destruction and waited for even last movement.

Daniel was a righteous man in the sight of God. Though, he was in the captivity of Babylonia. But he never lavished the valued gifts. He was upright With His Mighty God. Because of his loyalty and honestly towards His true God, he was thrown in lions' den, but he waited for God's rescue in the den of lions. Finally, Daniel was restored to his honored position as His God 's name was proclaimed throughout Babylon. He had exalted him a great visionary and man of interpretation.

There was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel and Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Finally, when the time fulfilled, he prayed Sovereign Lord, as you

have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. My eyes have seen your salvation. (Luke 2:25-30)

The other prophetess Anne was also a very old who was waiting for the God. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Finally, her prayer was answered and she gave thanks to God.

Beside it, there is many of our Bible heroes waited for while their situations seemed black, dry and utterly dead but Almighty God listened their prayer and answered them in deadly situations. When God is involved, waiting for is a hopeful place, on the other side of waiting is God's perfect plan for justice, honor, joy and renewal.

Say to dear loving God; help me wait for the bright future, you prepared for me. Surely, God answers at His on time. Trust, wait and obey.



# HUMANITARIAN AID OFFERED BY THE SALVATION ARMY IN RESPONSE TO RUSSIA/UKRAINE WAR

As we know from international news reports and statements from other official bodies, eastern and southern parts of Ukraine continue to face fierce fighting, exacerbating the already dire humanitarian crisis. As intense fighting and air strikes continue to cause civilian casualties and damage to civilian infrastructure across the country, the duration of martial law in Ukraine has been extended until 25 May 2022. According to the United Nations International Organization for Migration, 600,000 additional people were internally displaced in the first 17 days of April, bringing the total number of internally displaced persons to 7.7 million. In total, nearly 12.8 million have been displaced internally or across borders since 24 February.

The civilian toll of the ongoing military offensive has now surpassed five thousand. As of 20 April, the number of civilian casualties since 24 February 2022 stands at 5,264, including 2,345 killed and 2,919 injured, according to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Responding across Europe The Salvation Army has continued to respond to the humanitarian crisis unfolding across Europe as a result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, whilst recognising that not everyone in Russia either supports the war or is free to state their objection and there are Ukrainians living in Russia today. The Salvation Army has responded to the needs of refugees in all but two of the European countries in which it operates, by providing food, hygiene, practical advice and spiritual care. As always, this care is offered without prejudice or discrimination to all those in need. The number of people leaving

Ukraine has reduced, and as yet unconfirmed numbers of people are reported to be going back into Ukraine. The Salvation Army in Ukraine is providing relief such as sandwiches, hot meals, hot drinks, drinking water and other non-food items to internally displaced people in various locations. Cities like Lviv, near the border with Poland, receive a large number of displaced people and The Salvation Army has been able to transport goods to three corps (churches) there. Another delivery was planned for the end of April. The Eastern Europe Territory and International Headquarters' (IHQ) International Emergency Services (IES) are in daily contact with corps officers in Lviv. There are also plans to implement a 'care for the carers' package to support all responders with additional spiritual



care. Officers remain largely in their corps locations and are serving where they are appointed. Female officers and children were given the opportunity to evacuate to Moldova, but most decided to stay. In Dnipro, The Salvation Army provides prepared sweet pies and has distributed them to displaced people. It has also distributed more than 100 pieces of survival equipment – supplied by the Red Cross – to displaced people at the train station every day. In Lviv, The Salvation Army stocked-up other supplies and shared contact details on social media to enable displaced people to get in touch and receive the most essential items. Both urgently needed food and non-food items have been transported to Ukraine via Poland.



The facility has some 90 private rooms with access to kitchens. The Salvation Army is providing clothing, food, laundry services, and emotional and spiritual care. In addition to community rooms and an outdoor playground, there is a classroom programme for Russianspeaking children to continue their education. The Salvation Army also works in coordination with the 'Centre for Refugees Reception' in the village of Mikhaylany in the Ryshkansky district. During the time of the humanitarian corridor in March, the Salvation Army

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# ORDINATION & COMMISSIONING OF “MESSENGERS OF RECONCILIATION” SESSION 2020-22

**I**ndia Northern Territory, Cadets of “Messengers of Reconciliation” Session 2020-2022, received their Ordination & Commissioning on 19th & 20th April 2022.

Cadet's covenant Day service was held in the Training College on 19th April. Major Philip Nayak (Training Principal) commenced the meeting with prayer and Training college staff and cadets took part by leading songs, prayer, testimonies, and Bible reading. After the opening prayer and song Training Principal handed over the meeting to Lt. Colonel Jashwant Mahida, Chief Secretary. Captain Aradhna George, Librarian read the scripture from 1 Peter 1:13-20 and Lieut. Colonel Tarsem Masih, secretary for Personnel, prayed for the message.

Commissioning was conducted at the central Corps, Bareilly on 20th April 2022. All Divisional Commanders, District Officers and Parents of all the Cadets were invited to grace the ceremony.

Our Territorial leader, Training Staff and Cadets entered the prayer Hall in a ceremonial way. Lieut. Colonel Jashwant Mahida, Chief Secretary commenced the meeting with prayer. He led the song and welcomed all. Lieut. Colonel Raj Kumar led



and He has chosen us for His work. The Territorial Commander concluded the meeting with the prayer and benediction.

## APPOINTMENTS:

On 20th April 2022, after the lunch break, the Appointment service for the Cadets was led by Lt. Col. Tarsem Masih. Lieut. Colonel Jashwant Mahida, C.S delivered the word of God very effectively. He said, Jesus sent his disciples for his great mission, He called us through the Lord for peace. Commissioner Baby Sarojini Dasari, TPWM presented the Silver Star and Certificate to the parents of New Lieutenants. Major Samson Macwan, HRDI Secretary presented the B.Th. Degree to all New Lieutenants.

After B.Th. Degree presentation the Territorial Commander gave Appointment to the new Lieutenants. The Territorial Commander Concluded the meeting with Prayer and Benediction. All the meetings were a blessing not only to the Cadets, but to all those who were witnessed in church and through live telecast.

May God bless the New Lieutenants! 



Commissioner Daniel Raju Dasari, Territorial Commander delivered the Word of God, said 'it's time for you to make covenant with God and the Army'. It's time to renew ourselves just like Peter being a fisherman, when received the call from Jesus for His ministry, left everything behind and followed Jesus. After hearing the inspiring message, all the Cadets responded to the call, knelt down at the Mercy seat and signed their Covenant forms before God and the leaders. The Territorial Commander concluded the meeting with prayer and benediction.

## Ordination and Commissioning Service

The special service of Ordination and

the testimony song, and two cadets shared their experience. Lieut. Colonel Tarsem Masih, read the General's Message for Cadets, and after that Commissioner Baby Sarojini Dasari, TPWM, in her response encouraged all Cadets with her invaluable experience and Word of God. After that Cadets presented their sessional song which led by Major Cyril Masih, FTO. The Cadets recited the “Declaration of Faith” which was led by Captain George Masih, Education Officer.

The Training Principal, Major Philip Nayak handed over the Cadets to Territorial Commander and he gave Ordination and Commissioning to them. The Cadets read from Acts 13:1-10 together and Territorial Commander proclaimed the word of God which was very challenging and inspiring. He said, we all are the Instrument of God

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**Major Samsonu Mikkili**

Education Secretary, India Central Territory

# EVERYTHING WE LEARN IN LIFE IS ALSO “EDUCATION”

**P**roverbs 22:6 “Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

I am so delighted to wish all our war cry readers a very happy and prosperous New Year.

An article I recently read about “EDUCATION” made me think a lot and the Spirit of God compelled me to write this article to our War Cry.

## 1. Education is a lifelong process:

We all know the definition of education, according to the English dictionary. Education is the process of facilitating learning, or the acquisition of knowledge, skills, values, morals, beliefs, and habits. One of the most important thing that can influence a person is education.

Education is a life-long process. It starts with the womb and ends in the tomb. Truly, we can say that, Man can become a man through education only. Education is needed sense, is to humanize humanity, it is all our common expectation.

We all know the difference between the educated and the uneducated. The learning is a never-ending process. However...

In the present world the uneducated are living lives with slightly better values than the educated, there is a proverb in Telugu “chaduvukunna vadikantay chakali vaday melu” which means washer man is better than educated Man. Whether people agree or not agree.

## 2. Education is not just having a degree or knowledge:

Education is not just having a degree or knowledge. Education is an implementation of knowledge in real life.

The real education is a journey from converting the Human Being in to Being

Human. Unless the education makes you, a good human being it is of no use. Education is not only what we learn in school or college. Everything we learn in life is also education.

Present world is running after Degrees and knowledge but not seeking the wisdom. But truly it seems we are missing reality somewhere...

## 3. Education is life:

MOST of the people understand education as matter of read and write, which is just a portion of what it really is. It is very important to have a deeper understanding of what education really is. Education is a Life.

According to John Dewey; “Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.” It is through education that you can change the face of the world. It very important to mankind because it is. used to mitigate most of the challenges faced in life. Through education helps open doors to many opportunities for better prospects in career growth and much easier to get survive in a world. Education is life. Take it or leave it.

## I would like to share the true story, which I read and inspired:

In my village I have some relatives (not real one) to whom I call Nani (mother's mom) now she is above than 70years old. She is illiterate and a homemaker. She has 4 children in which 3 daughter and 1 son. She believes that girls are liabilities and boys are assets .She did not believe to educate daughters so she only educated her son up to post graduation and they got all their children married.

After that her husband died 1 year ago at the age of 75 all relatives started coming and their daughters also came for funeral but at the time of funeral her son said “I don't have money for funeral “and walked away .Now this is a turning point of her life after the death of her husband but her daughters arrange the money and cremated remain.

After this, her son got all the property of Nana's (Nani's Husband) because he is a single son. In addition, he started ignoring Nani. She used to do all work of home and also farming too. But her son and daughter in law always they used to taunt her.

Before some months, her daughter in law was beating her son and Nani went to save him but her daughter in law pushed her and she got fracture in her right leg at that time her son is on out of town.

Her daughter in law tried to hide this from her husband and nani's daughter but somehow this news went to daughters and daughters called their brother (Nani's son) but He Said “I don't have money and time for mom. Fracture will recover automatically”. After that, her daughters send money for their mother's treatment but nani could not recover yet.

Now she is on bed. She can't do anything by herself.

## Moral of the story:

Education is not just learning or gaining knowledge. Implement it on practical life. From our childhood, we used to learn that in our Indian culture behave well with other, respect your parents. Our parents are God. but have we ever follow it in our real life? The answer is no.

Real education makes person wise and enable him/her to take wise decisions for the society in general and humanity in particular .Convert yourself from human being to being Human.

My intention is not to hurt anyone, but make realise How Educated should behave and bring change in the Society. It is not just secular reading but it is to study our lives morally, spiritually, and secularly.

Those who want have a good life, all the time won't learn anything in life neither or they being matured in the process, give up on yourself and change, when God and people tries to correct you it is our responsibility to learn and humble ourselves and move through lives.

Once again, I am thankful to all our war cry readers, and may God continue to bless all of us.





# ENOCK WALKED WITH THE LORD

**I**n the Bible there were great men and women. But God had chosen two of them namely Enoch and Elijah. And he took them into heaven. It is said, 'Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him' (Gen 5:24). Elijah went up by a whirl wind into heaven.

Let us study Enoch's life. His lifestyle, achievements, his commitment, and dedication. His faithful life pleased God. He was proved that he was worthy of walking with God all through his life on the earth. One day the Lord told him, 'Enoch come home with me'. We shall continue to walk in heaven. So, he went with the Lord into heaven.

Enoch was the seventh generation from Adam. He was a believer. His forefather Enosh was a man of prayer (Gen 4:26). He imbibed his forefather qualities. Enoch believed God. During his life on the earth, he set his eyes on God only.

## ENOCK WAS A RIGHTEOUS MAN:

He was a righteous man, strong in the Lord and in the power of His might (Ephesians 6:10). He was also like a tree planted by the rivers of water (Psalm 1:3). Rooted and grounded in the truth (John 8:32). The Lord knows the way of righteous (Psalm 1:6) because they walk with Him in righteous. Enoch was governed by high moral principles and adhered to all the virtues of a true believer.

## HUMILITY WAS ENOCK'S OTHER VIRTUE:

He was a humble person. He did not have a common disease known as 'inflated ego'. John the Baptist led a humble life. He exalted Jesus (St. John 3:30). When you are having a fellowship with God, "I" will diminish. And as such Enoch 'humbled himself and gave first place to God as St Paul said in Galatians 6:3 which reads, "For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself".

## ENOCK'S COMMITMENT:

The other greatest quality in his life was his commitment. His entire life was committed to God. His entire person-Soul, Spirit and Body placed on the altar of God as a burnt sacrifice. When a "altar call" was given, William Booth, went forward and knelt at the Mercy seat and said, "God shall have everything of William Booth" God honored his commitment and blessed his ministry which spread all over the world as "the Salvation Army: We the Soldiers and officers of the Army need this kind of commitment William Booth had and earlier Enoch exhibited in his life. 'Nevertheless, God honors this kind of commitment in any believer's life (Prov 16:3)'.

## WHEN YOU WALK WITH GOD YOU WILL FEAR NO EVIL:

God leads you through the valley of shadow of death (Psalm 23:4). God's grace is sufficient for you (II Cor 12:9). You will never walk in darkness because God who is with you is the light. You will have a fellowship with Him (I John 1:5-7). When we walk with God as Enoch did, we have fellowship with the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit and with all the saints of God who are walking with Him. This is heavenly fellowship, and it is forever and ever. To walk with God is to walk with the Lord Jesus Christ who is the Living Word. Enoch walked with the Living Word (St. John 1:1).

## ENOCK'S LIFE WAS FULL OF FAITH:

He believes the existence of God. He also believed God is the Sovereign Almighty Eternal God (Heb 11:5-6). Enoch sought the Lord by faith found him and walked with him by faith (Rom 1:17). His faith must have been tested and tried many times. He did not lower the 'Shield of Faith' (Eph 6:16).


By faith, Enoch was taken into heaven-body, soul and spirit and his body of flesh was glorified because. 'Flesh and blood



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cannot inherit the kingdom of God (I Cor 15:50-55). Enoch did not see death (Heb 11:5). He is a type of all born again believers who will alive when Jesus comes back to this world (I Thess 4:13-18). Enoch was pleased God by His faith (Heb 11:5). His faith revealed in his activities. Those who walk with God are humble persons. Enoch walked with God three hundred years. He never boasts himself that he was walking with God (Gen 5:22).

Enoch walked with God in agreement with God. "Can two walk together unless they are agreeing (Amos 3:3). In every area of his life Enoch was in agreement with God for three hundred years.

Dear Reader, Enoch's life reveals how a believer, a servant of God, a soldier or an officer of the Salvation Army should be. May his life's 'Spiritual Insights' help you to grow like Enoch and enable you to walk with God daily. God bless you. 

# LOVED BY THE FATHER

**Lieutenant Christopher Macwan**

Assistant - COFT (Gujarat)

The Salvation Army, India Western Territory

**H**ow wonderfully the Bible affirms to us in the Gospel of Matthew 7: 9-11 "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? Knows if you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him ". Our God whom we call Abba — Father knows what is meant for us. Let us not even doubt up to a millimetre — whether you are loved by the father or not. Dying on the cross our Lord stretched out his arms to a specific width but portrayed boundless love that God still has for us.

Be motivated you are watched by the Father Psalms 121:8 "The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forever more". No matter far we go we are under the radar of God. It's just like the GPS not the Global Positioning System but under GOD'S PROTECTIVE SHIELD - GPS.

## **F — YOU ARE FEATHERED UNDER GOD'S PROTECTIVE WINGS**

Psalms 91: 4 "He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

## **A — YOU ARE ATTRIBUTED TO DO GOOD TO OTHERS, JUST LIKE THE FATHER**

John 13: 15 "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

## **T — JUST SAY THANK YOU GOD FOR EVERY GOOD BLESSING**

I Thessalonians 5: 18 "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this God's will for you in Christ Jesus.


## **H- GOD'S PRESENCE IS YOUR HIDING PLACE**

Psalms 32: 7 "You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

## **E- YOU ARE ETERNALLY INSURED**

John 3: 16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life "

## **R — YOU ARE GOD'S RIGHTEOUS SLAVES**

Romans 6: 18 "You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness Wishing all the fathers a Very Happy and A Blessed Father's Day. Remember you are loved by the father above. Stay Abundantly God Blessed. 



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## Our Mission

"The Salvation Army is an international movement, a part of the Christian Church whose spiritual motivation has practical application in an evangelical, social, educational and health ministry.

It's goal is to help all people find fullness of life in a relationship with the living Christ discovered through the scriptures and demonstrated by holy living in peace and harmony with others."



'This is the Story.....  
This is the Song'

# HORATIO RICHMOND PALMER

1834–1907

**SHORT NAME: H.R PALMER**

**Born:** April 26, 1834, Sherburne, New York.

**Died:** November 15, 1907, Yonkers, New York.

**Buried:** Black Creek Cemetery, New Hudson, New York.

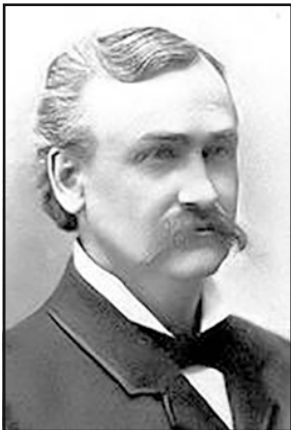
## BIOGRAPHY:

Horatio was the son of Anson B. Palmer, and husband of Lucia A. Chapman. Palmer, Horatio Richmond, MUS. DOC, was born April 26, 1834. He is the author of several works on the theory of music; and the editor of some musical editions of hymnbooks. To the latter he contributed numerous tunes, some of which have attained to great popularity, and 5 of which are in I. D. Sankey's Sacred Songs and Solos, London, 1881.

Palmer's mother died when he was three years old. At age seven, he began singing in the church choir directed by his father. Horatio attended the Rushford Academy in New York, then taught there (1855–65), becoming the Academy's music director, and organizing a cornet band there.

Palmer later moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he was choir director at the Second Baptist Church. In addition, he published the magazine Concordia.

He moved back to New York in 1873, and set up the Church Choral Union in 1881.



In 1877, the Summer School of Music at Chautauqua, New York, was established, and Palmer led it for 14 years. He also conducted annual music festivals in Cortland, New York, and directed the choir at the Broome Street Tabernacle in New York City for 11 years.

His publications include Songs of Love for the Bible

Yield not to temptation (ESB 994)

Tune: Yield not to temptation

Lyricist&Composer: Horatio Richmond Palmer (1834 - 1907)

Ab Eb Eb7 Fm C(suss4) C7 Db Ab Fm Eb7

Yield not to temp - ta - tion, for yiel - ding is sin; Each victory will help you some o - ther to

8 Ab Ab Eb(sus4)Eb7 Fm C(sus4) C7 Db Ab Bb7

win. Fight man - fu - ly on - ward, dark pas - sions sub - due; Look e - ver to Je - sus,

15 Ab Eb7 Ab Ab Eb7 Ab Fm Eb Ab Ab7


CHORUS

He will ca - ry you through. Ask the Sa - viour to help you, com - fort strengthen and keep you;

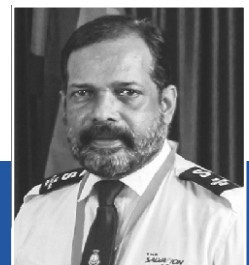
21 Db Ab Bb7 Ab Eb7 Ab

He is wi - ling to aid you, He will ca - ry you through.

The organization eventually grew to 20,000 singers, and performed in locations such as Madison Square Garden in New York City (where it fielded a 4,000 member choir). Palmer went on to organize similar groups in New York state, Pennsylvania, and Washington, DC.

School; and Book of Anthems, the combined sale of which has exceeded one million copies. As a hymnwriter he is known by his "Yield not to temptation," which was written in 1868, and published in the National Sunday School Teachers' Magazine, from which it passed, with music by the author, into his Songs of Love, &c, 1874, and other collections. In America its use is extensive. Dr. Palmer's degree was conferred by the University of Chicago in 1880. 

Courtesy : Wikipedia



Mr. Justin Benjamin  
Senior Songster Brigade Leader  
Trivandrum Central Corps  
India South-Western Territory

## BRENGLE INSTITUTE FOR SOLDIERS ON 16TH -18TH FEBRUARY 2022 AT RED SHIELD CENTER, MUTTAM

India South Eastern Territory conducted Brengle Institute for the Soldiers from 16th -18th February 2022 at Red Shield Centre, Muttam. The event was commenced by the Flag hoisting of Mr Chandra, CSM. Then the inaugural session was conducted by Territorial Commander, and he took a lecture on the subject 'Who is the Salvation Army Soldier?'. What is Soldiership? Who is Salvationist? and The Salvation Army 'Mission and Calling,' through the quote of General William Booth 'Let us go for souls and go for the worst'. He stated the vision of General John Gowers 'Saving Souls, Growing Saints and Serving the Suffering Humanity'. He shared about the Mission statement, Corps Values, Mission values. It was a challenging message to the Soldiers. Lt Colonel Ponniah (R) took a lecture with the heading on Moral Integrity of every Soldier and what is the work of Holy Spirit? Colonel shared about the definition and explained it to the congregation. In the evening 12 delegates shared their experience with the heading 'God's way with me.'

The Second day was commenced with the morning devotion by the Secretary for Spiritual Development Major J. Vetha mano. He talked about 'Be Holiness' He explained What we are? We called be a Holiness. It was very blessed to the Soldiers. Followed by the Territorial Commander Commissioner John Kumar Dasari took a lecture on "Ownership and Stewardship" What is the Difference between Ownership &

Stewardship? He indicated the salvation Army Soldiers should be a Steward in the corps.

The Secretary for Programme Lt. Colonel Aruldhass took a lecture on "Soldiership will not tolerate addiction" 'The Secretary for Business administration Lt Col Christopher Selvanath took the lecture on "Salvation Army Music & Songs". The Secretary for Personnel Administration Lt. Colonel Saharidas on "Marriage and family" and Lt. Colonel Sam Devaraj (Rtd.) on "Proclaiming the Gospels." Every message was challenging and meaningful to the soldiers. In the evening all the delegates and Leaders went to the Ganapathi Puram beach for a Prayer walk. It was new experience to the delegates and had blessed time.

Major Stephen Raj, Territorial Evangelist conducted morning devotion on the 3rd day based on Acts 1:8 'When the Holy spirit comes on you, you will be strengthened. It was a blessed message to the Soldiers. Followed by the Chief Secretary Lt. Colonel Lalbulliana gave a lecture on Involvement & Salvationism. Lt. Colonel Sam Devaraj (Rtd.) talked on "Communication and Relationships."



Finally, the Spiritual Meeting was conducted by the Chief Secretary. Based on the bible 11 Tim 2:3,4 "Like a good Soldier of Jesus Christ" In this time some of the Soldiers were shared their Testimony what they have learned from those days? The Chief Secretary delivered an inspiring message to the Soldiers on the topic 'Jesus is walking with you'. It was a challenging message to the Soldiers. Everyone was touched by the message and while the final call given to everyone surrendered and re-dedicated their lives in the mercy seat.

All glory and praise to God! 🇮🇳

**Lieut Colonel James Saharidas**  
Secretary for Personnel Administration  
India South-Eastern Territory

## TERRITORIAL FINANCIAL WORKSHOP, ISET



Territorial financial workshop was held at VTC/HLRC, Nagercoil on 16-18/02/2022. Under the leadership of Territorial Commander Commissioner John Kumar Dasari, and it was organized and conducted by Lt. Colonel G. Christopher Selvanath, SBA and his Team. There were 37 selected officers throughout the territory had attended as a delicate on this meaningful

workshop. It was very innovative and informative workshop which gave a deep understanding and knowledge about our policies and procedures in handling finance, to generate and develop mission resources, Government and institutional audit, Mission and financial Management, handling the records and documentation, to resist the expenditure, planning for budget, self-support, and mission

support, not only that, the important of various boards and councils, basic of digital accounting and also about army business. Including that, Home league related business and accounting, handling the records including that, official business also was taught. The practical works had much impact and clarity. The undergone subjects were necessary and useful. Talented and expert faculties worked had behind to bring the valid data. Morning devotions, food, peaceful atmosphere and spiritual meeting supported and encouraged us to utilize the meaningful workshop. 🇮🇳

**Captain V. Seemon**  
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## 2022 HIMALAYAN DIVISION SOLDIER'S & HOME LEAGUE RALLY REPORT



The 2022 Himalayan Division Soldier's & Home League Rally was held from the 4th of March to 6th March 2022 at Kalimpong Corps. There was an attendance of 235 rally delegates and a delightful rally was held. What makes this Himalayan division rally stand out is the fact that all the rally delegates stayed around the Church compound which resulted in a friendly and close relationship being formed between each other. "Blood & Fire" was the slogan of this rally, which created the opportunity to talk about the importance of the Holy Spirit's fire that burns the sins and the blood of our savior Jesus Christ.

During this rally there was no specific speaker as the sermons and words of gospel were given by the Corps officer and Divisional Leaders. On the 4th of March 2022 The welcome meeting was held during the night and the Divisional Commander Major K. Lalrinpuia gave a speech on "Blood & Fire" The slogan of this Rally and had a dedication for the new song book for Praise and Worship called, "Sangeet kitaab". This song book contains Hindi, Nepali, Bangla and Adivasi. He asked the rally delegates to once again open our hearts to God and walk our ways towards him.



The morning service of the 5th of March 2022 was organized for the Home League Rally and the evening service was for the Prayer meeting and a cultural night was held right after this. The 6th of March 2022 which was Sunday had a Holiness meeting, a Praise meeting and a Salvation meeting. On average there were 242 meeting attendees and the most attendance for a meeting was the Holiness meeting which had 260 attendees.

On the 5th of March 2022 during the Home League Rally, Ten Home League

members in the Division that had read out the Holy Bible in its entirety during 2021 were given out citations. Prizes for the 2021 Rice collection were given out by Major Lalmuanpuui Sailo DDWM. They are as follows :

1. Mrs. Lalbiaknungi, Shillong corps
2. Mrs. Lalthantluangi, Madanting corps
3. Mrs. PK Nachi, Shillong corps

### Consolation prize :

1. Mrs. Lalbiakzami, Mandanting corps
2. Mrs. Lalronguri, Mandanting corps

During this rally Five officers gave six sermons and five short speech. There was Ten worship dance, Twelve group singing, Eleven solos and two duets. The retirement programme for Major Lalthlamuani ,CO Guwahati city was held on the 6th of March 2022 ,1:30 pm. The DC Major K. Lalrinpuia gave a farewell speech and appreciation and farewell gift



was given by the Divisional Headquarters.

On the Salvation meeting Major K. Lalrinpuia DC gave a sermon on "Blood & fire " and gave a clarification on the reasons why The Salvation Army does not use Water baptism and Wine sacraments and he also talk about how Jesus Christ is our only way towards salvation. Many soldiers dedicated themselves once again on the Mercy seat and the Himalayan Division Soldier's & Home league rally came to an end on the night of 6th March 2022. 🇸🇦

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team in Moldova managed to send urgently needed medical items across the border where a team from Ukraine transported them to a children's intensive care unit in Odessa. Several trips to transport further items have taken place since. The Salvation Army in Moldova also provides free assistance to refugees from Ukraine including temporary accommodation, hot meals and drinks and access to Wi-Fi. 'Food for All' The Salvation Army has prepared relief parcels for Ukrainian refugees coming into Poland. The regional officers and corps officers in Warsaw, together with members of the IHQ IES team, supplied much needed items to a Warsaw reception centre in early April. In English, the Ukrainian sign there reads, 'Welcome, free food for all', a simple act of kindness that expresses so much to those fleeing their homes. The Salvation Army is also working in the Romexpo refugee reception centre in Bucharest alongside the municipality and other stakeholders. Part of the responsibilities are to raise awareness of the risks of human trafficking. Information material has been developed in various languages and to date more than 4,000 Ukrainian refugee families have received this, along with thousands of supermarket



shopping vouchers targeted specifically at families with children.

Tens of thousands of refugees passed through the Siret camp in Romania in March. The Salvation Army emergency team offered help to complete asylum seekers' documents, gave advice about how to obtain biometric identification

documents, assisted with the emotional aspects of family reunifications with those waiting outside the camp, and coordinated the need for and distribution of relief material with other organisations.

Where they have been supplied, full-resolution photographs to illustrate this story can be downloaded via the IHQ Flickr channel, [sar.my/flickr](https://www.flickr.com/photos/sar-my/flickr/). 

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