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So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10



GOD OF MANY CHANCES!



hank God for this blessed New Year 2023! God has prepared us to see this new year with joy even though it is during difficulties and tears. We serve a God of all possibilities. He is a God who cannot be limited or defeated. He cannot be tired; He cannot be confused. God is a specialist in dealing with impossibilities. Stop considering the hopelessness of your situation and focus on God of all possibilities. He is immortal, everlasting, the beginning, and the end, He can make us alive! He will make dry bones come to life for his children.

"You are completely destroyed"- this is the biggest lie of the enemy. We all have a season or seasons in our lives, which we can look back at with pain, shame, and regret. Most of the time, the pain of our past will steal us from our future potential. But, throughout the Bible, God offers a person after a person, a second chance. Yes, our God is a GOD OF MANY CHANCES!

We serve a God of Second Chances. Peter denied Jesus 3 times - and 50 days later was anointed to preach a sermon where over 3,000 people received Christ! Thomas doubted the resurrection, and in His time, Jesus revealed Himself to Thomas...and Thomas spent the rest of his life spreading the Gospel! Paul murdered people who confessed the name of Christ--but Jesus changed Him from a murderer to a miracle-working evangelist! David committed adultery and murder - and became a man after God's own heart! Rahab was a prostitute - but, because the grace of God is found in the lineage of Jesus! ...and yet these people are heroes of the faith, NOT because of their greatness--but because of a God of Second or Many Chances!

Knowing that God is a God of Second Chances doesn't give us an excuse to sin - but rather the power to break free from it. If God says He will do something for you, He will do it! He always keeps His promises. But there is something we have to prepare in order to receive from Him.

Albert Einstein did not speak until he was four and did not read until he was seven, causing his teachers and parents to think he was mentally handicapped, slow, and anti-social. Eventually, he was expelled from school and was refused admittance to the Zurich Polytechnic School. He went on to win the Nobel Prize and changed the face of modern physics. No matter who you are, no matter what you've done - if you are still alive then

God STILL has a plan for your life, and it is far greater than anything you could ever imagine. Everyone deserves a Second Chance!!

Let this new year be another chance to discover our failures and gain new blessings!

Very blessed and Happy New Year to You All!

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THE GENERAL'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE FOR 2023

Dear Friends,

A New Year always holds great potential and most of us will spend some time thinking about the uncharted landscape ahead. We ponder New Year resolutions, we consider 'beginning again' — a new start or a clean page. In some instances, there are even things we want to leave behind and something rises within us suggesting that a refocused human effort will make a difference. Each year the voices come: 'clean up your act'; 'you can do better'; 'get a grip'; 'don't be so disorganised'; 'focus on the right things'. It isn't always easy to get off to a good start!

As I've been thinking of all that effort and trying harder, I am reminded of Old Testament narratives of people constantly making gigantic efforts to secure a right relationship with God. Like them, we try harder, we strive and we practise our religion, hoping all will be well.

If this sounds like you and this is how you are feeling as you welcome 2023, I have some good news which is linked to how we start this New Year and how we do things right.

I want to introduce you to the **'Once and for all God'** (Romans 6:10: 'The death he died, he died to sin **once for all**; but the life he lives, he lives to God'). For some it might be a new perspective but, it has history.

God's provision for us began with a new covenant commencing with the cross. This is a focus on what God has done for us and not on our striving and effort. It is a new beginning that is birthed in the dynamic of personal surrender.

So, step into this New Year with confidence, not that which comes from your human effort but rather from walking with the 'once and for all God' who says, 'my grace is sufficient for you'.

Hebrews 9:28 states: 'Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of



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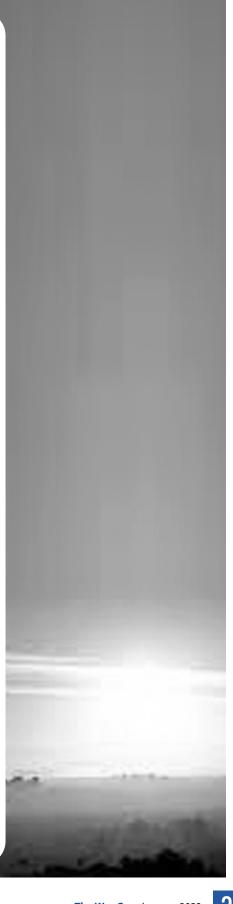
many.' That includes us. John 1:29 reads: 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!' That is my sin and your sin.

In the truth that Christ died once and for all, there is also the truth that he lives, and because he lives we can also live. Walking with God daily, let us confront the temporal and spiritual in such a way that no matter what comes, the truth of God's action on our behalf remains rock solid. That means, whatever comes — if economies fail, if health becomes challenging, if our plans are disrupted, and even if what we fear most becomes a reality — we are safe in his hands, fully aware of his provision.

In the arena of surrender there hangs a banner, reading: 'God is with us and he is faithful'. On that basis we can approach every day of this new year as 'more than conquerors' (Romans 8:37), and in the knowledge that Christ has 'overcome the world' (John 16:33), because his grace is sufficient and he is faithful.

Romans 5:8 encapsulates this: 'But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.' It is done! For once and for all time... and that changes everything.

May God richly bless you throughout 2023.



TO KNOW GOD: THERE IS NO GREATER RESOLUTION THAN THIS

t has long been a tradition to make some resolutions at the commencement of the new year. Many of us may have some resolutions as we stand on the threshold of the New Year. It is an important matter to consider how we keep up with the resolutions we have made and experience the results – or else we leave it undone, or totally forget about it in the middle of the year and go on with life, without purpose and meaning.

At the threshold of this year, if you are thinking of making any resolutions, I would suggest that you make this resolution for yourself: to know God and his purpose for your life. This way, you will truly make your life worth living, with joy beyond your expectations.

Through my recent Bible study, I have found twenty-one names attributed to the character of God. They tell me who God is to me and how I can know He is interested in my life. Knowing Him closely has changed my life and is making each day of my life joyful and meaningful, which makes me grateful towards Him.

Immanuel – God is with Us

The Name IMMANUEL is one of those beautiful words, describing God's special and sacred attributes. Like all other names I have discovered, this name resonates with me so much as I have experienced His presence in my everyday life. The name Immanuel is recorded in Isaiah 7:14, where the coming of Jesus Christ as a new-born baby is foretold, and Matthew 1:23 records this as it becomes reality when Jesus was born two thousand years ago. As we serve and follow the Resurrected Lord and Saviour, who lives forever in the life of the believer having received the Holy Spirit, it is very true, even today, that God is with us — Immanuel.

From the time I accepted Jesus into my life, I have experienced God's presence in my life. God is not distant, but very close to me; God is with me. Knowing His presence in our lives, we know our destination and thus we can live with freedom. Pleasing God becomes the uttermost aim of our lives. Sometimes I fail to live closely with him, but He always remains close to me. Make the small effort to pray and ask Him into your life, and you will know Him being your Immanuel – God with you. He made from one every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed time, and the boundaries of their habitation, that they should seek God, if perhaps they might reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and exist (see Acts 17:22-28).

Adonai – The Lord – The Supreme and Ultimate Being

The Lord God formed man out of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being' (Genesis 2:7). The Lord God is, therefore, supreme over all creation; he has created us and given us life. 'Abraham believed in the Lord and He reckoned it to him as righteousness' (Genesis 15:6). He was fully assured that what God had promised, he was able to perform (Romans 4:21).

God's supreme power is revealed to us in Jesus. He loves us and because of His love for us, Jesus gave His life on the cross, so that we may live and live abundantly. When we understand God's love for us, we can see his sovereignty in a whole new light. Although we may go through unpredictable and turbulent life situations, God's all-encompassing power takes on a new beauty. Nothing of this world is greater than the Lord God. In responding to the question about Jesus' statement regarding the young rich man who found it difficult to accept Jesus' call to follow him, Jesus said, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

God's plans are greater than our plans. He is the Author of our lives, and He knows where He wants to take us. While we may be concerned with our comfort, His ultimate focus is on our soul and the souls of those around us. Jesus taught his disciples to pray, "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). When we focus on the sovereignty of God's will, we can trust that his will is for us to be with Him for eternity.

Jehovah-Shalom - God our Peace

After very long oppression by the Midianites, who were always at war with the Israelites, Israel became very discouraged. oppression was so great that they were unable to face their enemy, they were losing their confidence, they became weak, and their situation was becoming intolerable. They had lost peace and were subject to daily harassment. They had become incapable of living a normal and trouble-free life. But amid this awful situation, they cried out to God. In answer to their cry, God called Gideon. He promised Gideon that He would deliver the people from the oppression of the Midianites. Trusting God's promise, Gideon built an altar to the Lord and named it 'The Lord is Peace' (Judges 6).

With everything going on around us: various kinds of oppression, the feeling of losing control over our own lives, and having lost peace in our lives, we can turn to God and find peace with Him - all things will be worked out according to His will. We may not understand why certain things happen and we might feel helpless in our circumstances, but we can turn to the One who



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holds the world He created in His hands and works all things for good for those who are called according to His purposes. Turning to Jesus, you will know that He who calmed the roaring sea, can calm your troubles, and give you peace. He is the Prince of Peace. He calls those who are burdened with heavy loads of worry and gives us peace (see Matthew 11:28).

Jehovah-Jireh - God Will Provide

Genesis 22 records Abraham's implicit obedience to God's call to sacrifice his son Isaac, who was God's promise to multiply Abraham's descendants like stars in the sky. He trusted God and God provided a ram to be sacrificed in place of Isaac. Abraham named that place 'The Lord Will Provide'—Jehovah-Jireh (verse 14).

Jesus has promised us that, for God, each life matters. He who provides food for the birds in the sky provides for our every need. He told us the secret of God's unfailing provision when He said, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore, do not be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matthew 6:33-34).

No matter how difficult things look, by trusting God and seeking his will through prayer and obedience, you will know that you have God, who is Jehovah-Jireh, your Provider.

Yeshua - God is our Salvation

The first mention of this name is in 1 Chronicles 24:11. 'Yeshua' means Salvation. Greek, 'Yesus'. English, 'Jesus'. He is the answer. All of God's names are found in Jesus. The Bible says, 'There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved' (Acts 4:12).

When the angel sought to assure Joseph concerning Mary's pregnancy, he said, "That which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit, and she will bear a son and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:20-21). The angels announced to the shepherds, "For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

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God does not change. We change in a variety of ways, but not God. The theological term for this idea is the immutability of God. Simply put, God does not change in his essence, attributes, or purposes. God's God-ness does not and cannot change. He is perfect and infinite in all of his attributes, and to change would diminish his perfection. Michael Horton writes, "God is never free to be not-God. None of his attributes can be suspended,"

God is the rock, the steady one, the one whose holy and good character never changes, whose steadfast love is sealed for his people by the blood of Jesus Christ. He will never leave or forsake. His plan for you is for your good, even in tough circumstances. He knows his people before they even existed, and he loves them to himself and will keep them into eternity.

withdrawn, diminished, or altered"

Since the world is so changeable, and we do not know what the next hour or next day will bring, we must fix our eyes on someone who is unchangeable. God's providence is real! The providence of God is one of the greatest themes of the scriptures and one of the greatest blessings of our lives. Let us realize God's concern for us. Let us realize His availability to us. Let us love Him and live close to Him. He will never force us to allow Him a place in our lives, but He is accessible and ready to be the greatest blessing that man can have. He has "made everything beautiful in His time." There is a wonderful harmony in the divine working of God or in His providence. "And we know that all things work together for good to them

that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28).

When we think about God as unchanging, we should also remember that this does not mean his relationship toward us is static or far removed. Scripture shows God being moved by the prayers and actions of his people. God is unchanging in his being, perfections, purposes, and promises, yet God does act and feel emotions, and he acts and feels differently in response to different situations.

During times of change, stay closer to our Lord in devotion, fellowship and prayer, As the world seems to spin out of control, the media is filled with more bad news, and difficult personal changes keeping coming, Jesus is an ever-present help to you at this beginning of the new year. Commune with God in prayer, trusting his promises. By his Holy Spirit, he assures us that we are loved, his promises are indeed for us, and we are safe in the midst of change. Let God's perfect love cast out our fears. Even though the seasons of change come and go, dear friends, you can be firmly planted in the steadfast love of our heavenly Father. Know that he is a constant and ever-faithful protector to you not only in this new year 2023, but alwavs.

My wife Colonel Indumati Christian joins me in wishing all the readers a happy and blessed new year. May God bless us all!

greet all the readers a happy new year. "New" is always exciting. New Appointment for the officers bring happiness. New Job for the employee bring cheer. New home or asset makes people much happy. Whatever the 'new', it surely makes people happy, although some people do not mind for, they are always pessimists. Another new year has approached right on schedule. This is the time of year so many of us start making resolutions to change a certain area, or multiple areas in our lives. Maybe we have some extra weight to lose. We might be committed to changing a specific, harmful behaviour. New Year's resolutions range from simple desires to extensive life change. What we all have in common is the hope that something will change, and life will be different (and better) in the year ahead. We hope for a change, and we hope for things to be different, and we still hope for newness in many areas of our lives. Being optimistic and hopeful is the Christian attitude, and we must have such hope for the Lord does great things for his children. While we all await some change, there is still that never has any change and see change - Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever." It shows the immutability of Jesus Christ! The Greek word for the "same" emphatically states that Jesus Christ is unchangeable.

With the timely changes, we are continually learning new facts that alter our perception, continually facing new developments that alter our plans, and continually experiencing trials that threaten our relationships. We change, and the world changes around us. Yet,

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Introduction: 'Care and Share' or 'Caring and Sharing' is divine and important. Its Bible references are – "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ (Gal. 6:2,3). The supporting verses can be 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' (Lk. 10:27). The words 'Care and Share' is like a fused sentence - command, order, insist or instruction. This 'Care and Share' is the need of the Indian Christians.

Biblical approach: The word 'Care' is originated from God. God is the creator of everything. He did not just created, but He governs, cares, protects and preserves all His creations. God focuses more to human being as we are created in His own image (Gen. 1:26-27, 31). To man God shows His full measure of care, love and attention. 'Care and Share' is the characteristics of God.

We are grateful that God patiently preserves humanity and faithfully remains with us even through death. God has made provision for the salvation of humanity and the redemption of creation. We believe that the image of God in all its fullness has been revealed and restored in Jesus Christ, in whom we find our true humanity

As God cares us so much, He shares His very own to us, that is His only begotten Son; to save us from our sins. So, caring and sharing is going together. To be able to a caring and sharing person one must need to have a self-less life

CARE AND SHARE NEED OF INDIAN BELIEVERS

and a denying life.
Actually there is no 'self' in the Salvation
Army. What we have is in 'self-denial' but the second word deleted the first word, there is no 'self' in the Salvation Army. What General William Booth emphasized was OTHERS.

To whom we need to show our care?: We cannot serve God directly. Serving and caring to others is serving to God. Jesus taught us to follow His footsteps. He said, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

Care and concern, love and sympathy, kindness and affection must be shown to others. Jesus told us to love one another, because in this way others can know we are the followers of Jesus Christ.

To whom to share? William Booth's plan was to set up big family in this world. God used William Booth to set up His church to accomplish His mission. We can summarise God's mission as

- 1) Saving souls
- 2) Growing saints and
- 3) Serving suffering humanity.

We, the Salvation Army are one big family. We need to share our financial resources and human resources to each other. Why? Because it will become our strength to accomplish the mission of God. The main purpose of the Salvation Army is to accomplish the mission of God.

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We are unable to prove ourselves righteous by our good deeds, or by doing religious obligations. We are not saved by any earthly power or person but saved only by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. When we repent of our sin and turn to God by the way of the cross, we receive forgiveness of our sin. In Jesus, we become new — we have life with God, walking in His light, and having a pure, clean heart. This is the greatest miracle that one could experience of change and transformation: living a Christlike life.

The more you know God, the more you gain for your life. I know a young woman who thinks that the problems that she has cannot be solved. So much so, that she has stopped praying, she has lost faith. She is very much bothered about the way people in her family treat her, that she has lost confidence in herself. She does not see any good God-driven purpose in her life. There are many men and women living such miserable and hopeless lives. There is only one way to overcome such

a life, and that is to turn to God and know him, seek him in faith and sincerity.

The more you look at those who want to tear you down, the more you feel discouraged and hopeless. But when you turn to God, you learn to know Him more. You find him walking with you in every situation. You find Him with you. He is the limitless God; He is Supreme - bigger than your oppressor - bigger than your problem - He will teach you to handle your problems with great courage. He is your provider, and he provides you with the needed strength, wisdom, and grace beyond your expectations. He calms down the troubled situations of your life – He is peace and will give you peace in your heart. You no longer worry but find courage to stand firm, letting His love rule your heart. Turning to Him you will receive salvation and new life.

Therefore, your greatest need now is to know God, who loves you and cares for you. Turn to God and revive your life. There is no grater resolution than this.

SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

e are welcoming and celebrating this new year by having Christ centred mind. God has given us another beautiful year in this spiritual journey. Our lord Jesus Christ be kind to bless our families, our work and listen our prayers and grant us with whatever we desired in our life. Each day the Lord sends a bountiful blessing in our way. Some of the blessings are the people that he sends into our life. God rains down showers of blessings every day, but sometimes we miss them because our focus is on earthly things. The world always focuses us with all the ways to be blessed or happy, so it is challenging to keep our eyes on Jesus to receive the blessing s of God.

SHOWERS OF BLESSING: As the rain waters the earth, and turns barrenness into fruitfulness, in the same way the divine grace transforms

this humanity from a wilderness of sin into a Paradise of God. The need of such blessing is apparent from the spiritual barrenness which prevails where it is not bestowed. The source of such showers of blessing come from the clouds of the sky, so the Spirit descends from the presence, the heaven of God. The time of such blessing is indicated as appointed by supreme wisdom; the shower comes "in its season," and the promise of the Father was given in the Father's good time.

ABUNDANCE OF BLESSING: God's spiritual favours come to his people, not in drops, but in abundance such as are fitted to refresh the parched and thirsty land. The effects of such blessing are life and fertility. The wilderness and the solitary place are made glad, and the desert rejoices and blossoms as the rose. Spiritual growth and fruit of the





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spirit are the blessed result of showers of divine mercy. Those who are in Christ are distinguished from unbelievers in that they have been gifted with the holy spirit, enabling them bear fruit. The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Galatians 5:22 -23).

HEAVENLY BLESSING: God has blessed us with all spiritual Blessings. God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realm with every spiritual blessing in Christ. God has given an invitation to everyone saying Come, you who are blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. (Matthew 25:34). He prepared everlasting home for us.

In this new year let us decide to have wholehearted devotion, willing minds, and pure motives in our relationship with God and others. By giving our whole heart to God, we keep a right relationship with Him. We will be under His wings, safe and secure. We must constantly follow all his commands and seek his face to receive every blessing which he kept for us.



JESUS CHRIST IS THE SOURCE OF LIFE

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mitations, Fashions and technologies are controlling many of the human being in these days. In the midst of all these miserable situations many millions of people are following the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ. The believers are normally accepting Jesus as their role model and source of their life. What Jesus has done to become the role model of believers? The Bible says, "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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn, but to save the world through him."(John 3: 16, 17) Apostle Paul says, Jesus gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father." (Galatians 1:4) Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2) "He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people, and he will appear again a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him." (Hebrew 9:12 & 28) Jesus made himself a sacrificial death on the cross to save all human being from their sinful life. So he became a redeemer to all human being. Apostle Peter says, "For you know that it was not with the perishable things such as silver and gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefather, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect."(1. Peter 1: 18 & 19)

Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

Jesus is a problem solver:

In these days the multipurpose companies were proudly announced the importance of their products and sometimes they are giving many years warranty to it. Jesus also publically declared about his products. He offered the same to the human beings, such as -

v Joy (John 15:11, 16:20

v Peace. (John 14:27, 16:33, Ephe 2:14, Colossians 1:20)

v Forgiveness. (Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:14)

v Healing. (Mathew 9:22, 14:36, Luke 6:19) v Eternal Life. (John 10:28, John 3:16, 36.

Can you take an inventory of your products what you can offer to someone? Everything God makes is a solution to a problem, in the same way every person God created is a solution to a problem. That means our life is a solution to someone in trouble. Our duty is find those who need us and what we can to offer. We need to build our life around that contribution. Jesus said that, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14: 27) Christ declared to the people, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Jesus went where the people were.

The Bible says, "For brother, you have been called, unto liberty, only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." (Galatians 5:13) The human beings responsibility to find the needy people wherever they are. Nobody succeed in their life unless they are connected to people. Jesus was always reaches to the people. Also successful people are reaches. Jesus went where people were hurting. Many years the Jews were not cross the boundaries of Israel because they had faith based problems. But Jesus crossed the boundaries of Samaria and reached Sychar and sat down near the well. He asked water from a Samaritan woman. A great change was happened there, the woman and many of the Samaritans were became believers. Still this kind of problems we can see many places in our country and also sometimes in our surroundings. We can be a helping person there.

Jesus had something others needed.

The people all tried to touch him, because the power was coming from him and healing them all. (Luke 6:19) Each man was created to change somebody; every person we meet today is trying to change their life in some way. One of the best example we can see in the Bible i.e. Zacchaeus. (Luke 19: 1- 10) There we are seeing that Zacchaeus wish was just to see Jesus but Jesus talked with him, went in his house and stay with him. Jesus is able to provide much more than what we wish to get from him. A great change of life happened to Zacchaeus life. If you like to know Jesus or see Jesus he is always available to you. When we wish to see him definitely he will come to us and be with us. Jesus said, "Here I am stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and he with me. (Revelation 3:20) Please invite Jesus in to your life.

Jesus never discriminated people.

In Bible King Solomon said, "These also are saying of the wise, to show partiality in judging is not good." (Proverb 24:23) Jesus never discriminated people because of someone's Race, sex, status, appearance, place etc. Jesus knew that every person contain potential. He never eliminated people just because of their past. Many examples we can see in the Bible. Even the Pharisees, Sadducees and the Scribes were criticized him many times but he never bothered about their criticism and complaints. He broke the traditions and customs of the Jews. He interacted with the Samaritan woman, Touch the Lepers, Healed the people in Sabbath days, Love the enemies. These are unthinkable to the traditional Jews but Jesus broken all the barriers and never discriminated people.

Apostle Peter said, "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism. (Acts 10:34) Jesus is God he cannot show favoritism to any human being.

Jesus lived and exemplary life. He has shown us the pattern of life which we can follow in this world. When we are accepting Jesus our Lord and Saviour then he will be with us as our partner and guide. Also he became the source of our life. Are you accepting Jesus as the source of your life?



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hen we think about the word Blessings, everybody thinks about the earthly things. But when we read from the word of God (Matthew 4:8,9) Again the devil took Him up into a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdom of world and the glory of them and said to Him, All these things I will give thee, if falling down thou wilt adore me.

Let us try to understand that devil has authority to give a person all the earthly things and why he gives only earthly things because he wants that every person should always think about these, his mind may always set upon these things and may not think about Jesus who shed His blood on the Cross for us, who was nailed for us, who was persecuted for us.

Think about our blessings we have or receiving. Are these from God or not?

Colossians 3:2 says "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things". What we understand from these verses. Is our God against the earthly things? Is our God wants that we should not have the earthy things, "No" what I understand from these. God is not against and God want to give us the best things. But God forbids having all these earthly things received in wrong way. God wants that we should not always set our minds on these. He wants us to give our time to Him by reading the word of God, by praising Him, by having family prayer and worship, by going to the house of God in worship and moreover by our actions upon the commandments He has given.

KNOW YOUR BLESSINGS

We read from Matthew 19:16-22, a rich young man came to Jesus saying that what good shall I do that I may have everlasting life.

Jesus told him what to do but he did not follow His command because he loved his wealth more than Jesus, this mean that his mind was set up on earthly wealth. God blessed Abraham, Genesis 13:2 say, Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold. God blessed Isaac, Genesis 26:16, Insomuch that Abimelech himself said to Isaac depart from us for thou art become much mightier than we. God blessed Jacob, God blessed Job, many more examples we can see, and all these were blessed by God.

We know the story of Zacheus, he became very rich, he had too much wealth but we need to know how all the money or wealth he had collected. Did he

collect in right way? No, he did not collect in right way but in wrong way, that is why he repented before Jesus all his wrongs.

We should go little bit deep, if anything we have and it stops us in connecting with God that is not a blessing from God. Proverbs 30:9 the word of God says "Otherwise I may have too much and disown you and say, who the LORD is? The earthly things which lead us to forget our Lord are not from God.

We have to be very careful and strong in Spirit. Beware of our thoughts, our works, our habits, and our fellowship. The blessings from God will be beneficial for our life and our family but the blessings from anti Christ will be harmful for our life and family.

Let us be best before God to receive best.



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Losing control again being manic
Bipolar in the age of no molars
missing the son like there's no solar

Oppressed our country Many lives in depressed state Alienated by society All this pressure gives us anxiety

Take my place, just to see
What it's like to be me
I'll be you, let's spread love
Just to see what it'd be like to,
I Feel your pain, you feel mine
Go inside each other's minds,
To see what we find
Lets looks for each other like we're one mankind

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Captain Latha Cheeli Secretary for Education, Youth & Children India National Office.

od has been so good and his faithfulness in the last 365 days has been tremendous. After having received an intimation on the mobile that our small bike was due for servicing, both my sons were sharing with my husband the need for it to be given for servicing and maintenance. While the elder one was telling about the urgency to change the engine oil, my younger son complaining about the breaks. Timely maintenance and servicing are mandate for the vehicles to run and work smoothly. From tyres to oil changes, vehicles require regular maintenance. Without it, they lose their ability to function properly. And though skipping maintenance for a day, a week, or even months, may not produce any sudden consequences, slowly but surely that vehicle's ability to function shall deteriorate. Maintenance is something we perform regularly regardless of circumstances, or how things seem. It is



NEW YEAR — A TIME FOR SPIRITUAL MAINTENANCE

about preparing to face sudden problems or conditions that might arise. This is true that so many people are cautious of the maintenance of the vehicles are other electronic goods in order for those items to work and give good result, but unfortunately they fail to look after their own souls which require a regular spiritual maintenance.

At the beginning of this new year, we must contemplate the need for the spiritual maintenance. It is vital we check on how our spiritual growth is doing because the Christian life is meant to be one of spiritual growth. 2 Peter 3:18 says: "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." How can we know if we are spiritually improving, without comparing our progress from the year before? Are you aware of any weaknesses? Do you know what to guard yourself against? Are you spending enough time in the Word? The answers to these questions are found as we assess our spiritual lives. When we fail to pay diligent, ongoing attention to our prayer lives, personal Bible study, worship and Christian service, we become unclean and in a state of spiritual disrepair. This downward spiral doesn't happen overnight — it is a gradual process that sneaks up on us. In fact, if we are not careful, we can neglect our own salvation in the process. Our external behaviours, our internal spiritual processes and our thought lives can easily get stuck up and ruined by the difficulties of various sins. In other words, we do not do what we are supposed to do. Therefore, we are more susceptible to falling prey to temptations.

The Bible says, "Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith" (2 Corinthians 13:5). It also tells us the vitality of a thriving spiritual life is to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength (Mark 12:30).

As stated earlier, maintenance is very much needed. It can be painstaking, monotonous, dirty, and time consuming. Being Christian, this new year in another opportunity for us to revisit at our souls. Breaking sinful behaviours, leaving our uncertainties in God's hands, confronting our spiritual struggles, resolving doubts in our faith, repairing relationships that we have damaged, and working towards tangible growth in our spiritual lives can be far from exciting or fun. These things require effort, discomfort, confrontation, and dedication. They will help us to be the best that we can be. When we do our spiritual maintenance we become better encouragers, better soul-winners, better friends/family, and we develop strong endurance. Our goal in all of this is to reduce the wear and tear of our spiritual lives by living like Jesus. This kind of maintenance will allow us to do more than last a while - properly maintaining our spiritual lives and relying on God's grace will cause us to last for eternity with

Can we take this new year as another privilege of doing a thorough spiritual maintenance, so that we may come closer to God while leading an exemplary Christian life. May God help us in reviewing and reviewing our souls.



NAYNA BHAGAT is happy to greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord has done wonderful and unbelievable work in my life. Really, I have experienced invaluable, unbroken love of God in my life, which I share with you.

All have gone through and suffered Corona epidemic we are not excluded. In APRIL 2021 due to Corona, we were trying to admit BHARAT (My

husband) in the hospital. Because of the shortage of beds in the hospital, we did not find place in the hospital to admit him. After 7 to 8 hours of efforts we were able to admit him in the ICU ward. After diagnose Doctor declared his (Bharat) lungs were 90% damaged and because of this heavy infection in lungs he has slipped into Coma, after 8 days in Coma and 3 days on life support, God gave him new life, but because of zero movement of diaphragm he was tossed up between life and death, and daily I was surviving in a hope of good news.

I was also Corona positive and was on oxygen for seven (7) days, after 18 days I got an opportunity to see my husband, my son was home quarantine. Due to international flight ban daughter was unable to come from Canada.

On the other side disappointing remarks of doctors were constantly drawing me near God. Talking with daughter on Video Call, her words energized me in my dying faith and disappointing thoughts which said "Mummy your protecting Angel is coming. We will pray together with fasting/, as if negative assaults and huge stream of faith has been drained off. Time was passing without ceasing. Despite everyday diagnosis and multiple tests results were zero. When we realized that situations are worst, we began to cry out bitterly and were waiting for result.

In doing so since last five months we saw



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Bharat is passing through the valley of death, daughter arrived at the doorsteps of our house from abroad, my son stood with me shoulder to shoulder and suddenly, we felt the presence of God, leading us to the Doctor's office, my daughter and son were also with me. We prayed and were filled with happiness and decided to ask for discharge.

Since last five months he was unable to speak due to

Tracheotomy, his weight reduced from 67 kg. to 35 kg. Only rice tube feeding was supplied to him several times in a day about 92% of oxygen was supplied to him through bottles. At one time Doctor advised me to take him home and serve him.

We decided to take discharge, destroyed some of the furniture made space for ICU, brought BHARAT home, my life was stunned and thoughtless. I was always in the presence of the Lord. There were no words in the shut lips, but the Lord was knowing my silence.

Hospital staff was at home for 24 hours, two staff plus medical equipment's (ventilator, oxygen) everything in home by which he felt very well. Every day's Doctor's home visit attempts to save Bharat and I requesting our Saviour. In the increasing unreasonable anxiety, it happened one day in the morning Bharat asked for slate and pen to write even though he was unable to speak.

Forgive me, it is a tough paper for me, and he showed that slate to the sky. I was unknown to the words as we were sitting in the gallery, he showed the slate to the Lord prayer of forgiveness with heart was accepted. One mouth had already passed after his home stay five months in the Hospital and one mouth at home had passed but complete result was not obtained. But sins were forgiven. Suddenly on 16th September again he was rushed to the

hospital and the Doctor said it's a miracle. Your Tracheotomy will be removed today, and, on that day, God gave a new life.

For the first time after 8 hours, we got admission in a ventilator hospital, twice in a day we were allowed to visit. Daily I was laying my hands on his head and earnestly praying. I consistently used to lay on my knees and pray anytime in 24 hours. Every now and then I used to proclaim John 14:18 and Dan. 10:10-12 which encouraged me and used to recollect from the living words of the Lord that you were the one who brought Lazarus out of the Tomb after 4 days, whereas Bharat is in the bed. Your servant is alive. Command him to rise. You were the one who added 15 years in King Hezekiah's life. So do add 5 years in Bharat's life. Recollecting several miracles of the Bible and pleading for the forgiveness of sins I was saying to the Lord I won't be able to bare the temptation as King David. Forgive me and my family.

One night I suddenly woke up and was scared. I saw hospitals, bed, and Bharat with my open eyes and instantly I closed my eyes prayed and as if it was a dream, I saw a man standing in a white robe near Bharat's bed. I brought to the alter whichever words I recollected pleading to the Lord touch thy wounded hands and sprinkle the blood of the cross, grant him new life. Everyday our whole family use to gather near his bed in family prayer, those prayers changed the situation. Presently Bharat is in his routine life with 56 kg weight. It's a miracle of God which he has proved by his word Mark 10:27 "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God". The alter of prayer is live in our home, do remember our family in your daily prayers.

Miracle – Once there was a moment when the Doctor insisted to visit him, it was a tough time for me waiting in prayer for the call of the Doctor. When I entered the cabin with a strong faith in the Lord, the Doctor stood up approached me and asked which God do you believe in? I replied Living God, Jesus Christ. It is a miracle responded the Doctor instantly, Bharatbhai is out of Coma by your strong faith.

Thanks – I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart, several people were praying. Prayer requests were given in social media. Received phone calls from abroad and within the country. Thanks to elders, servants of God, Kins, friends and family members.



PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING ARE THE WILL OF GOD

t. Paul's letter contains several 'Spiritual exhortations'. These are considered as a specific rules or guidelines for spiritual growth of a believer. He writes be careful, be helpful, be joyful, be merciful, be prayerful, be respectful, be thankful, be watchful etc. among these spiritual exhortations, he thoughtfully emphasizes believers on 'Prayerful life'. Unless a person is in the habit of a prayerful life, he will not exhort his followers to have a prayerful life. St. Paul adopted this nature from the prayerful life of Jesus Christ. Not only St. Paul adopted this prayerful nature but also adopted other 'Spiritual insights' of Jesus' life. Hence, he boldly said, 'imitate me just as I also imitate Christ'. (I Corinthians 11:1).

PRAYER- A WAY TO GOD:

Prayer is the only way to approach to God. It is one of the pillars of the Christian life. It is also an unique activity. It is a precious gift from the Lord- a gift none of us should ignore. It should be continuous process in a Christian's life. It leads us to enter into God's presence. It also brings heaven came down to earth experience. It moves the Hand that moves the world. In prayer, we put all our burdens, requests to Almighty God. It allows us to talk to God. We can make conversation with God as His children. We thank Him profusely for what He has done to us. We have what we say (Proverbs 18: 20-21; St. Matthew 7:7; St. Mark 11:24).

SALIENT ELEMENTS IN PRAYER:

To the Thessalonians Church, St. Paul in his first letter, he expressed his motive, his compassion , dedication and inner most feelings in a gentle way. A believer life shall have two salient elements to grow spiritually. They are a) Pray without ceasing and b) Giving thanks to God in everything. He emphatically said that 'this is the will of God'. (I Thessalonians 5:17-18).

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING:

Pray without ceasing means 'Pray continually'. It reveals that a believer shall have communion with God all the time-

morning, noon and night (Daniel 6:10). A believer shall always be in the attitude of prayer and always conscious God's invisible presence. When you are alone, you can communicate God with your spirit. 'Pray in Spirit' St. Paul said (I Corinthians 14:15; Ephesians 6:18). Hannah prayed in Spirit (I Samuel 1:15). Jesus said, 'that men always ought to pray and not lose heart' (St. Luke 18:1). It means Jesus' Christ, our Lord urges us not to cease praying when we do not see our problems disappear immediately. In a believer's life prayer is a continuous process. We need to 'cast all our care upon God for He cares for us' (I Peter 5:7). We do not use vain repetitions (St. Matthew 6:7). Pray continually with forgiving heart (St. Matthew 6: 14-15). Our continued prayer must not be seen and admonished by others (St. Matthew 6:5). We need to pray continually for our enemies. Our prayer must be a continuing one so we may not enter into temptation (St. Matthew 26:4).

PRAY AS LORD JESUS PRAYED:

Jesus' had the habit of spending early hours in prayer (St. Mark 1:35). Jesus also after day time ministry, he spent evening in prayer (St. Mark 6:46). Certain times Jesus' withdrew Himself into the wilderness and prayed (St. Luke 5:16). He also continued His life 'all night' (St. Like 6:12). Sometimes, He was alone in Prayer (St. Luke 9:18). In the Garden Gethsemane, He kneeled and prayed to God (St. Luke 22:41-42).

THANKSGIVING:

St. Paul says, 'In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God' (I Thessalonians 5:16). He reveals the greatest truth that Prayer always accompany 'thanksgiving to God', this is God's will. Prayer is interlocked with thanksgiving and Vice-Versa. The Bible reveals from Genesis to Revelations everywhere and in every situation, God's people should continually 'give thanks to God' for creation, for redeeming, for Divine protection and for provision. In the book of Psalms, 'thanksgiving' is dominating. King David's attitude was always gratitude towards God for His goodness. David's body, heart, soul, spirit and mind were



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always, and all the time 'giving thanks to God' in all aspects of his life. As the son of God, Jesus' set a role model of 'giving thanks to Heavenly Father (St. Matthew 10:25; St. John 11:41). St. Paul life reveals that he honored, praised and thanked God profusely in every area of his life.

PRAYER AND THANKGIVING SHALL ALWAYS BE BELIEVERS ATTITUDE:

- 1. If we do not give thanks to God, it is amounting violation of God's will. It could be counted as a sin (St. Luke 17:11-19).
- 2. You will have a relationship with God (St. Luke 2:37).
- 3. You are enable to honor God (I Samuel 2:30)
- 4. You will make a gentle reminder to God about the promise He made to you (Roman 4:21).
- 5. You will keep enemy away to you (Psalm 121:7).
- 6. When it becomes a part of your life, you will experience God's leading in your life (Romans 8:28).
- 7. You will grow spiritually (Philippians 4:13)
- 8. You will forgive your enemies (St. Matthew 6:44).
- 9. You will experience God's unmerited favor in your life (Proverbs 8:17-18,21).
- 10. You will always feel the presence of the God (Isaiah 41:13).
- 11. You will experience favor with people, divine protection and abundant provision and right happening in your life (Isaiah 41:10).
- 12. You will grow more in grace (II Peter 2:18).

Dear Reader, as you read this article, you will experience God's leading in your prayerful life. May God continue to bless you and your family always and in all your ways.

HOW AMY CARMICHAEL HAS INSPIRED ME

AMY CARMICHAEL



Amy Beatrice Carmichael was an Irish Christian missionary in India, who opened an orphanage and founded a mission in Dohnavur. She served in India for 55 years without furlough and wrote many books about the missionary work there.

"It is a safe thing to trust Him to fulfil the desires which He creates"

Amy Carmichael

my Carmichael was born in the small village of Mill isle, Ireland, in 1867, the oldest of seven siblings. Her parents were David Carmichael, a miller, and his wife Catherine, both devout Christians. Amy's father moved the family to Belfast when she was 16, but he died two years later. It really is difficult to lose your father, especially if you're young, like Amy was.

The Carmichaels founded the 'Welcome Evangelical Church."

In the mid -1880s, Amy started a Sunday - Morning class which quickly grew to include several hundred attendees. That's a lot of people to teach! It sounds exhausting and exciting at the same time! However, bigger space was needed. But the Lord Provides! Amy had received 2 donations- £500 from Miss Kate Mitchell and a Plot of land!

This led to the 1st "Welcome Hall" in 1887.

Amy continued here until she received a call to work among the Mill girls of Manchester in 1889, despite suffering from Neuralgia, a disease that made her whole body weak and often put her in bed for weeks on end.

She discovered her call for missionary work and applied to "China Inland Mission" and lived in London at the training house for woman. I too hope that I will discover my purpose early in life. However, at one point Amy was ready to sail to Asia but Her health made her unfit for the work. So, she postponed her missionary career and decided later to join the Church Missionary Society. She didn't Give up or waste her time. I would also like to make use of my time and not lose hope.

Initially Amy travelled to Japan but fell ill and returned home. After a brief service in Ceylon (Sri Lanka), she went to Bangalore, India for her health and found her lifelong vocation.

Amy's most notable work was with girls and young women. She gave a shoulder to cry on. All those suffering females... she was a pillar to lean on. This has impacted my life a lot. I often need someone to comfort me, to listen to me patiently without complaining... I also always need someone to hug!! I guess Amy was that person for all those people. She had affection towards those people...

Amy often said that her ministry of rescuing temple children who were often into forced prostitution; started with a girl-Preena a girl who had become a temple servant against her wishes, and she manages to escape. Amy provided Preena with shelter and stayed strong against the threats of a lot of people. These kind of incidents grew, thus beginning Amy's new, unique Ministry. Amy wasn't afraid or ashamed of her ministry. She saw the need for it

When the kids were asked what drew them to Amy they most often replied, "It was love, she loved us."

To Respect Indian culture, she dressed in Indian dresses and died her skin with dark

coffee. That took Guts. She was willing to completely change her outward appearance for those kids. She was willing to walk hot dusty roads to save one child from suffering. Amy founded Dohnavur Fellowship which took Queen Mary's attention who helped in funding a hospital. In 1931 she had as severe fall which left her

bedridden most of the time until she died in 1951 at the age 83. She wrote many inspiring books. She never sat idle, she made herself useful. This is what made her unique. This is what inspired me.

Amy is remembered in the church of England with a commemoration on 18 January.

SHE WAS A TRUE BLESSING FROM GOD...





"You Can Always GTVE Without Loving, But You Can Never LOVE Without Giving."

- Amy Carmichael



Jolena Immanuel Booth Tucker Hall India South-Eastern Territory

A FAITHFUL SOLDIER OF CHRIST!

A Tribute to Lt. Col. Sumant L. Parkhe



ur parents were not only officers of The Salvation Army but they were more than brothers. They treasured their valuable relationship until their last breath. Hence, Sumant became my childhood friend. He was like a brother to me. While I write this tribute, many memories of the past flash before my eyes. However, I would prefer to pen down few of those memories related to Sumant's ministry.

HIS CALL FOR THE OFFICERSHIP

Though Sumant was born in the Salvationist's family, participated in various Corps activities and also was a bandsman at Byculla English Central Corps, he never thought of becoming an officer of The Salvation Army. On the contrary, he joined Indian Navy to pursue his career. But the Lord had special plans for him. While he was serving the Indian Navy, the Lord called him to serve Him through The Salvation Army. Thereafter, Sumant surrendered his life completely to serve his Master and entered the Officer's Training College.

IN THE RANK OF THE ARMY OF GOD

I remember when my father was the Divisional Commander of Shevgaon Division, all the cadets had come for the Field Training. Cadet Sumant was one of them. I noticed that Sumant was a completely changed person with a clear vision, extra ordinary energy and enthusiasm to go forward in the world to preach the Gospel of Christ and also had deep love in his heart for the poorest of the poor.

I had the privilege to witness his life right from a cadet till his retirement, shouldering the responsibility as the Chief Secretary of IWT. with a rank of Lt. Colonel.

HIS MINISTRY

He was a multi-talented officer. He was a powerful preacher, good Bible teacher as well as an able leader. I was very closely associated with him in the ministry. During those years, I was doing my graduation at Ahmednagar College. Sumant was a cashier at E.B. Hospital. On numerous occasions, I got an opportunity to share the platform with him and other missionaries.

I vividly remember when Sumant was appointed at Red Shield House, Mumbai, there used to be devotions every morning. But, Sumant thought of introducing worship meetings on Sunday afternoons too. It was well attended by the overseas and local visitors. He continued this ministry as long as he was there. I was invited to share the Word of God in these meetings. Thus, Sumant was very keen in exploring new opportunities to reach the unreached with the soul saving Gospel of Christ.

After his retirement, he moved to Ahmednagar and he continued his ministry through the Corps. He was also invited by the churches of various denominations and groups. He was also invited by many families for prayers on special family occasions.

He conducted family prayer daily in the evening at his residence which was attended regularly by the neighbours, both Christians and non-Christians. The Lord performed many miracles in those prayer meetings.

Unfortunately, due to his ill health he was admitted at Booth Hospital where best possible medical treatment was given to him. But, his health was deteriorating day by day. Finally, on 26th September 2022, he breathed his last

I salute such a faithful warrior of Christ and my dear brother.

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

TERRITORIAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL TRAINING, IWT

his workshop started with praise and worship with two Officers from Gujarat and Maharashtra under the leadership of the Territorial Commander Colonel Vanlalfela. The morning devotion was led by the Chief Secretary Lt. Col. P. John William from Romans 13: 1-5. We must tune ourselves with the dynamic world around us, its situation, and the technology for a progressive ministry and work.

An introduction to Governance structure was shared by Major John Rohmingliana, IHQ Governance Advisor from India. Then, Ms. Susan Finch, the main governance advisor from the International Headquarters gave a short brief on the governance motivation including the world financial crisis and the cultural change within external and in the Salvation Army.

The main topics for the first day were:

- 1. Introduction of Participants
- 2. Governance Motivations
- 3. Principles of Governance
- 4. Functions of Governance
- 5. Governance and Management
- 6. Council Composition

The principle of Governance was led by Major John Rohmingliana. The participants were made to understand that there are six theological and seven organizational principles. The



participants were made to understand that the principles of governance are solely based on the scriptures.

Governance and management were also a part of the training. This session explained a deeper understanding of the Territorial Governance Council and Territorial Management Council. In this session, the participants got a deeper understanding of the working of governance management.

At the end of this day, the Territorial Commander led Divisional Review Template and many of the doubts and concerns were cleared away. This was the end of the day of the training.

Afternoon He taught about Risk Management. Identify it and make a priority for risk, analyzing risk, these topics explained by the graph. Also explained servant Leadership topic, Governance council TC, TPWM, CS, TSWM, and leaders should have qualities of Jesus based on Phil 2: 1-11

At the end of training Payer offered by Territorial Commander Colonel Vanlalfela, this very informative Governance Council Training was closed.

Major David S. Chauhan Divisional Commander India Western Territory

DIVISIONAL YOUTH CAMP NEYYATTINKARA, ISWI



THE FINANCE WORKSHOP PHASE II, ISET

he Salvation Army ISET has conducted the Finance Workshop -2nd phase for all the officers and employees working related with finance, from 7th Nov to 9th Nov 2022 at The Salvation Army Red Shield House situated at Muttom Seashore.

Under the guidance and blessings of our Beloved Territorial Commander Commissioner John Kumar Dasari, the meeting was inaugurated on 7th Nov morning by the Chief Secretary Lt. Col. Lalbuliana. Selected 34 Officers attended three days workshop and in the 3rd day 14 employees along with 10 Divisional Commanders have also joined in this workshop. Keynote address was shared by Lt Col. G. Christopher Selvanath, SBA and all other subjects like Financial Management, Chart of Accounting, Fixed Deposit, Fixed Asset, Depreciation rates, Accrued Interest etc. Trial Balance and Balance Sheet Preparation, Budget Preparation with the practical



assignment, Orientation to IFAS, privileges of Officers and How to claim it, were taught to everyone, by the Business Administration staff. The faculities were the THQ Auditor, Financial Director, Property Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Chief Accountant. In addition to this the FCRA, GST, TDS etc were taught by the External Auditor Ms. KL. Vandhana.

The Final Session was a Spiritual meeting where the participants shared their Feedback and rededicated their life once again. All honour and glory be to God alone. May God bless our Beloved Army.

Lt. Colonel G. Christopher Selvanath **Secretary for Business Administration India South Eastern Territory**

NATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

ational Office is conducting a Risk Management workshop for three days from 10 - 12th January 2022 at Trivandrum for all Territorial Commanders, Chief Secretaries and Secretary for Business Administrations. Sri Lankan Territory and Bangladesh leaders are also attending this workshop. This workshop will be inaugurated by International Secretary Commissioner Suresh Pawar. Resource persons:1. Mr. Philip Bates 2. Mr. Jean-Luc Wenger (Switzerland)

Colonel SP Simon National Executive Officer India National Office, Kolkata



Srilankan delegates attended in National Youth Congress, in Hyderabad

