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### RESOLUTIONS WRITTEN 6 DECEMBER, 1849 I do promise, my God helping

That I will rise every morning sufficiently early (say twenty minutes before seven o'clock) to wash, dress, and have a few minutes, not less than five, in private prayer.

I feel my own weakness and without God's help I shall not keep these resolutions a day. The Lord have mercy upon my guilty

#### SOURCE:

The Founder Speaks Again Chapter 2

#### SECONDLY

That I will, as much as possible, avoid all that babbling and idle talk in which I have lately so sinfully indulged.

#### THIRDLY

That I will endeavor in my conduct and deportment before the world and my fellow servants especially to conduct myself as a humble, meek, zealous, follower of the bleeding Lamb, and by serious conversation and warning endeavor to lead them to think about their immortal souls.

#### FOURTHLY

That I will read not less than four chapters in God's Word everyday.

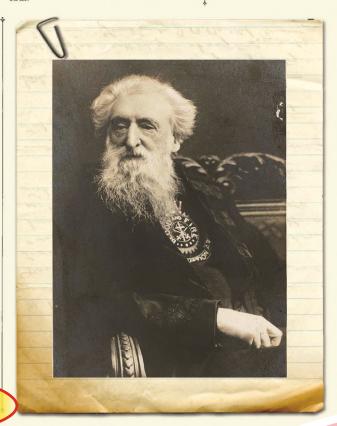
#### **FIFTHLY**

That I will strive to live closer to God, and to seek after holiness of heart, and leave providential events with God.

#### SIXTHLY

That I will read this over every day or at least

God help me, enable me to cultivate a spirit of self-denial and to yield myself a prisoner of love to the Redeemer of the world



Resolutions made by William Booth at age Twenty near The Elephant & Castle, London



## Be Ready for ...

hat a great blessing to know that hundreds of our young people from different territories of India gather in Jesus' name for a Congress in Hyderabad! Youthfulness is the marvellous and amazing time of every one's life. A time of maturing mind and body, with full of energy. Some inclinations of life formed during this period. This is the period of being constantly blamed and misunderstood too.

Youth is a time of all kinds of profound and serious inquiry. Children get the opportunity to study anywhere in the world and have the opportunity to choose their favourite subjects. Good academic exposure is there. But who will lead them from knowledge to wisdom? A good teacher, elder or leader can guide them to find out that wisdom. Christ will teach them what youth is for and how it should be.

"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man". It is the time to take serious care of the body, walk away from life patterns that don't suit for the good health of it. Stay away from fantasises and diets that make it lose concentration. Realize how precious is our life and avoid smoking and drug and alcohol, which is the main curse among young people. Let them realize youth shines through wisdom more than that of outward appearance.

Youth is the time when one must ask questions about his origin, destiny, and assignment. Children are always anxious about their education, career, and life partner. But as we are the part of our eternal home and life, we need to know our responsibility as a human on this earth. Then only one can set the priority of life. We cannot think of these things except God's favour.

Favour from men is the by-product obtained through the above three things. Do we have to give a lot of material benefits to our parents? Aren't they blessed with bright children who are loved and respected? May God help our youth to grow in stature, wisdom, Godliness and favour of God and men through this Youth Congress 2022.

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams" May the Almighty God use our International and national leaders to speak you with grace and wisdom so that you all will be revealed the Heavenly revelations and blessings. We pray all of you must have a holistic growth and development in Christ Jesus! May God make you guardian Angels to give hope to the lost friends, to bring light to those who walk in darkness and to bring back those who have gone astray.

"Your days at the most cannot be very long, so use them to the best of your ability for the Glory of God and benefit of your generation" – General William Booth

May Our Heavenly Father Shower His Blessings Upon Our Youth!

Major Evama Shaijuraj Editor



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## LOVE DOES NO WRONG

ome days ago, my phone rang. It was from an unknown number. As I had some free time, I responded to the call. The person was speaking with great passion. As the conversation continued, this person began strongly expressing his judgement about some people who did not match his expectation of what it means to be a Christian. According to him, most of his colleagues and those in the leadership were wrong. For this reason, he had stopped going to church, but would take every opportunity to prove them guilty. I tried to guide his thoughts to Jesus. Although he agreed to resume going to church again, somehow I was unable to convince him to change his attitude towards those whom he disliked. Nevertheless, I ended the call, and then spent some time in prayer for him and for those he was pointing at.

How often we treat people with a judgemental attitude, and in the name of godliness, treat our opponents ruthlessly, justifying our actions with unjustified reasons. Writing to the early Christians in Rome, Paul said, 'Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.' (Romans 13:8-10, ESV)

Reading through the Gospels, we know that Jesus our Lord has taught us to love one other, even to love our enemies. One of the greatest kingdom values he has given to us is to forgive. He said, 'For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses' (Matthew 6:14-15, ESV). He himself had shown us the greatest example of forgiveness when he was dying on the cross for our sins. Although he was blameless, he asked the Heavenly Father to forgive those

who were tormenting him (Luke 23:34).

Jesus always rebuked the Pharisees and Sadducees for their judgemental attitude towards others. They were the religious teachers of Jesus' time, but they never showed sincere concern for people. They expected high standards of religious behaviour from others, and made them feel guilty for disobeying God's commands, but they themselves never acknowledged their own wrongdoing. Jesus would say to them, 'You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye' (Matthew 7:5, ESV).

The church which is not built on the love of the Son of God will never be able to produce the fruit of love. Saint Paul had realised there was the lack of such love in the church in Corinth, which had divided the church over various disputes among them. Therefore he had to write to them, 'When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers,...' (1 Corinthians (6:1-20, ESV).

The love of God binds us together. The Word of God is our foundation. It teaches us to be merciful as our God the Father is merciful. He teaches us not to judge others, condemn others, but to forgive (Luke 6:36-37). James puts it this way, 'Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to



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save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbour?' (James 4:11-12). We must not let our self-righteousness take the place of God's love in our lives, which is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, by which we are sanctified. We should be watchful of Satan's evil trap which has been decisively laid to lead us astray from our call to love God and love others.

Although we may not understand perfectly well the things that disturb us deeply, we hope in God who is in control of everything. As we place our lives in the hands of Jesus, we lift others to his saving grace. Jesus is our risen Saviour, he has won the victory over every evil and sin for us. Following him, we will never be disappointed. For when we personally see in our own lives the evidence of our faith in Jesus, we know that we are dwelling in the Shelter of God, and his gift of freedom from our sins fills our lives with his love, which does not wrong others, but equips us to fulfil God's will for them.

The following is one of my favourite songs by Jim Reeves. You might like to pray this prayer with me.

- If I have wounded some poor soul today, If I have caused one foot to go astray, If I have walked in my own wilful way, Dear Lord, forgive.
- If I have uttered idle words in vain, If I have turned aside from want or pain, Lest I offend some other through the strain, Dear Lord, forgive.

Forgive these sins I have confessed to Thee, Forgive the secret sins I do not see, Guide me, love me and my keeper be, Dear Lord, forgive.

# SELF DENIAL

r. Ericsson of Colgate Palmolive Philippines gave 90% of his income instead of 10% to God. The willingness to deny oneself possessions or status, to grow in holiness and commitment to God. This is commanded and illustrated by Jesus. He Said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23) If we truly believe all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, then it's not difficult to accept that one of the primary principles of Christianity is "self-denial.

Jesus is our role model who denied everything for the sake of mission. "Who, being in very nature, God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant (Philippians 2: 6-7). He denied himself and came to this world and gave salvation freely to everyone. He is saying deny yourself and take up my cross and follow me. Self-denial does not mean you are denying everything about who you are, your talents, your personality, and your life-long desires. We must think a healthy view of self-care that we are fully accepted, forgiven, adopted, and loved in Christ.

Children of God must deny Personal time: As a child of God, we need to deny

every area of life and we need to practice. Once we start to practice the power of the Holy spirit help us to continue to increase our faith to live for Christ. We need to deny our sleep the very first time of the day to the Lord. Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went off to a solitary place to pray. Even Jesus needed time away to pray, how often do you give yourself time out of the everyday to meditate and pray. Jesus is our role model. In the morning, Lord you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly. Psalms 5:3.

Children of God must denv Comfort Zones: We can find many Heroes of faith in the bible. Self-denial is help us to live by faith. God said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed, and went, even though he did not know where he was going (Heb 11:8) Abraham denied all his comfort zones and went as the Lord had told him. He trusted God and started his journey. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6).



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Children of God must deny Self Centered: The widow of Zarephath played key role in the life of Elijah. She and her son gathering sticks and going to eat her last meal and then she was going to starve to death. Elijah asked her, little water, then for a piece of bread, and asked her to make first making bread. He also said She had only little handful of flour and little Oil for her last meal. The prophet then blesses the woman and her child and assures them that their supplies of flour and oil will never be diminished. She made the request for food on faith, knowing that God would watch over his word and make it come to pass She denied her last meal and gave the bread for him. God wants to trust Him each day. He wants lean on him and depend on him.

If we deny and obey for the command of God, we will receive Amazing blessings.



### **PRAY FOR NATIONAL OFFICE PROGRAMMES:**

- → 10th & 11th October 2022
- ▶ 21st 24th October 2022
- → 26th 28th October 2022
- ➤ 30th Oct- 2nd Nov 2022
- → 30th Oct- 2nd Nov 2022
- : Emergency Disaster Management Training, ISWT
- : National Youth Congress, Hyderabad
- : Conference of Indian Leaders 2022, Coonoor
- : Women in Leadership Training, Coonoor
- : Servant Leadership Training, Chennai

Kindly uphold the above events. Pray for the Zonal International leaders, and other resource persons and leaders who will betaking part in these programmes. May the spirit of God fill all the people involved and engaged in these programmes, so as to make God's mission sustained, reinforced and strengthened.

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# THE FLOODGATES OF HEAVEN IS SHUT

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Territorial Commander, India Western Territory

n every dam and flood prone area there is floodgate to block water. When the gate is open, water is rolling out like anything. Farmers get enough water for cultivation.

Floodgates of heaven we have seen in Malachi 3:10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the FLOODGATES of heaven and pour out

so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it".

Gates and doors can be opened by key. Each door and gate have their own key. The key should be matching to the lock to open it. There is one key to open the floodgates of heaven and that key is 'giving tithe to God'.

Tithe is invented by God. There is no poor or rich in giving tithe. Anybody can give

tithe to God. That mean anybody can open the floodgates of heaven. If the children of God are bringing their tithe to the house of the Lord, there will be enough food to eatour spiritual food and whatever we need for the ministry. Anyone who opens the floodgates will also receive blessings from God.

Let us open the floodgates of heaven and receive the blessings which is pouring out by God.

## THE JOY OF SELF DENIAL

n the perspective of the gospel, self denial means the end of seeking any good and righteousness in 'self' to earn God's favor, to look to Jesus Christ as the eternal good and ultimate satisfaction. It can be manifested in various ways during our day to day life. We need to analyse if we are really denying ourselves and picking up the cross and following Jesus Christ.

The spiritual discipline of self-denial is required: "Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me'

Denying yourself is an essential part of the Christian life. Jesus called upon those who wish to be His followers to reject the natural human inclination toward selfishness. The Lord Himself exemplified self-denial

Jesus says in Luke 9:23, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." If we truly believe all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, then it's not difficult to embrace that one of the primary principles of Christianity is "self-denial."

When it comes to an understanding of self-denial, we might naturally think that this practice was originated from the great philosophers or religious leaders, but we should not be surprised that the practice of self-denial originated from the very the mouth of Christ, the Word of God.

#### What is self-Denial for a Believer.

Self-denial does not mean you are denying everything about who you are, your talents, your personality, and your life-long desires. We must have a healthy biblical view of self-care that we are fully accepted, forgiven, adopted, and loved in Christ.

The Psalmist says, "In the morning, O LORD, you will hear my voice; in the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch" (Psalm 5:3). The word "morning" literally means "early morning." Early morning prayer is not an absolute command. But one way to practice self-



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denial against sloth and laziness is to pray early in the morning.

Self-denial is a summons to live by faith in the gospel. It's the lifestyle of those who are saved. Abraham was a self-denier. By faith, he obeyed and went out, "not knowing where he was going" (Heb 11:8). In what area of life do you need to practice self-denial? As the Lord helps us to bear the fruit of self-denial daily by the power of the Spirit, may our affections for Christ continue to increase so that we will be zealously living for the gospel!

Thanks and Regards,

# How Can We Express our Thanksgiving

• Enter his gates with Thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise His name" (Psalm 100:4).

We can lift up our thanks privately anytime. But there's something very special about gathering together to express gratitude to God. A Corps (church) I attended actually turned this into a celebration called a "testimony slam," People were invited to stand and share something God had done in their lives, or how coming to know Jesus changed their lives. Listening to stories always led me to be more aware and grateful for God's presence in my life. The list of things we could praise Him for is endless. But here are just a few reasons to give thanks to God all year long. Don't be surprised if more blessings come to your mind as you read these. "Let us come before him with Thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great king above all gods" (Psalm 95:2-3).

#### **His Love**

In 1 John, the disciple says straight out that, "God is love" (1 John 4:8). In Scripture, we see those that received and embraced His unconditional love for them humbly and joyfully thanked the Lord for it. Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever" (Psalm 106:1).

"Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind..." (Psalm 107:15).

God's love is just as strong for us today as it was for those in Scripture. He is still our Abba Father, who seeks relationship with us. His deep and abiding love should lead us to praise Him just like those we read about.

#### How has God shown His love to you? **His Provision**

It doesn't take much thought for us to come up with our own testimonies of how God has carried us in hard times. He wants us to recognize that He, and no one else, is our Provider, and to hear our response.

#### In what situation has God provided for you?

#### **His Forgiveness:**

King David and the disciple Peter are two examples in Scripture of men who were impacted by their sinful choices, and later received the forgiveness of God. Both were

deeply changed in the process. Others join with them in Scripture to express thanks for such amazing grace.

"I will praise you, Lord. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me" (Isaiah 12:1).

Every believer throughout the ages has been able to hold onto the same promise of receiving God's forgiveness for sin. We too can feel that lightening of our spirit and respond with gratitude.

#### What sins has God forgiven you for?

#### **His Word**

Even before the Bible we know today existed, its teachings and truths were shared. Sometimes it spread by word of mouth, other times in written form. But whatever way it reached people, the Word of God changed minds and hearts, and inspired gratitude in those that heard it.

Today, most of us are immensely blessed to have access to the whole Bible. On any given day, we can be impacted by the life-renewing power within its pages. God is pleased when we use this gift and thank Him for it.

#### What Bible verse has made a difference in your faith walk?

#### **His Creation**

God created the earth for His pleasure and ours and took great care in the process of making it. Every detail was intentional. King David was one of many who delighted in nature, seeing evidence of the master's hand all around him.

We have the opportunity to appreciate God's handiwork as well. Looking up into a bright blue sky, sitting on the beach or a walk in the woods is a way to find refreshment and calm.

#### What is your favourite spot in nature to spend time?

#### **His People**

The Apostle Paul often expressed gratitude for his fellow Christians, for the encouragement and support they gave. He recognized that God was ministering to him through those believers, while giving them a chance to know the joy of serving the Lord. Feeling the power of community brought out praises.

"We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your face is growing more and more and the love all of you have for one another is



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increasing" (2 Thessalonians 1:3).

The church was part of God's plan for His people. Most of us who belong to a local church family can agree that there is comfort and strength to be found in fellowship. We are given chances to serve each other and help each other grow closer to our Lord. The sound of thanks coming from a congregation sounds sweet to God.

#### How has being in a church family made a difference in how you live?

#### His Plan for Us

The Apostle Paul wrote repeatedly that the followers of Christ have been set apart by God. He taught that believers have the privilege and responsibility of growing in holiness and of joining the Lord in His work. Paul also mentions God's plan for us to share in numerous blessings through what Jesus did on the cross: victory over the enemy, restoration with God and an eternal Kingdom to enjoy.

#### How has the knowledge of God's plan for you now and in the future encouraged you?

#### **God Gladly Receives Our Praise**

In this age we are even closer to seeing the return of Christ. That should awaken us to greater determination to be known as God's children, and more gratitude for His wonderful promises.

Saying "thank you" to God hardly seems like enough in light of all His blessings to us. But whenever we do that, He gladly receives our praises. Studying verses about thankfulness will bring us to a place of humility, and a place of joy, and that is how God wants us to live every day.

"What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people" (Psalm 116:12-14).

May God bless you, 🦳



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In the Year 538 BC Cyrus King of Persia Issued the Edict Concerning the Rebuilding of The Temple In Jerusalem. He allowed the Jews to return home from Babylon and gave back the temple vessels carried off when the city was captured. The text of this edict is found in Ezra Chapter 6.

In the year 537 BC a small number of Israelites returned from Babylon to Jerusalem. Soon afterwards the foundation of the house of God was laid which we found in Ezra 3:7 onwards.

But the progressive work was stopped very soon, which we can find in Ezra 4 and Haggai 1: 1-11. Prophet Haggai appeared with his message that all progress and prosperity of Israelites depended on the rebuilding of the temple. Prophet Haggai emphasised on the idea that the salvation of Israelites was depended on the rebuilding of the temple where people would worship God and do all their ritual practices, whereas trito Isaiah shows a different picture.

- 1."Entire creation and human heart is God's Sanctuary"
- 2."Fully repented and submissive heart and spirit pleases to God"
- 3."Heart to God hand to human"

Isaiah 66: 1 and 2 says like this... Thus says the Lord.

"Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my foot stool what is the house that you would build for me and what is my resting place?

God's sanctuary is God's entire creation which God made, and which came into existence at God's word. God's sanctuary is human heart as Paul also cleared to the church of Corinthians in 1st Corinthians 3:16-17 "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy and you are that temple.

if we read verse 1-4 as whole , there is a comparison between two types of Israelites, first type of Israelites are those who were the people of God for name sake only, their righteous deeds were like a filthy rags, they were indulged into the idol worship , God compared their idol worship with adultery ( Isaiah 57: 7-8) they worshipped evil spirits yet they pretend themselves as holy people ( Isaiah 65 ) these people sinned deliberately although they listened the voice of God when God called them yet they were chosen to do what pleases them.

# THE WORSHIP THAT PLEASES GOD

Isaiah 66:1-4

At the same time, they act so pious, they used to go to the temple every day to hear the laws, they used to observe Sabbath and fasting, yet they oppressed their workers, they fought and quarrelled with each other.

The second type of people were the remnants to whom God has assured hope and Salvation. They had right relationship with God and right relationship with humankind.

But this is the one, to whom I will look, to the humble and contrite in spirit who trembles at my word.

The word contrite in spirit has been used here which means showing deep regard for having done wrong. Here God demanded from the people of Israel fully surrendered, repented, broken, submissive heart and spirit who trembles at God's word by thinking that without God their existence is impossible. Verse 2(b) also portrays the picture of a father who is standing over there, waiting for a long period of time for his sons and daughters to welcome them, to have compassion on them, to embrace them and to kiss them.

Verse 3 & 4 convey a message for us that humility and obedience are the essential elements of worship. Rituals counts for nothing if these are lacking. Without them outward ritual sacrifices are no better than murder, blasphemy, and idolatry.

The people of Israel might have said that they worshipped Lord, but in practice they have done what they wanted to do. Their worship did not reflect any love for God because it was not combined with obedience, they did not give their heart to God.

Jesus Christ also condemned these people, their rituals, and traditional practices by repeating same words of Isaiah in Gospel according to St. Matthew 15:8

Question arises here what kind of worship which God is there demands and it will please to God. The book of Isaiah has already cleared in the introductory chapter Isaiah 1:17 which says like this: "Learn to do good, seek justice, Rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan plead for the widow".

We see people who have been created on in the image of God are suffering with hunger, poverty, Pandemic, atrocities, modern slavery, and human trafficking and so on. If we talk about Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, according to Global report about Trafficking in person "the most common form of human trafficking (79%) is sexual exploitation. The victims of sexual exploitation are predominantly women and girls. Surprisingly, in 30% of the countries which provided information on the gender of traffickers, women make up the

largest proportion of traffickers. In some parts of the world, women trafficking women is the norm.

The second most common form of human trafficking is forced labour (18%), although this may be a misrepresentation because forced labour is less frequently detected and reported than trafficking for sexual exploitation.

Worldwide, almost 20% of all trafficking victims are children. However, in some parts of Africa and the Mekong region, children are the majority (up to 100% in parts of West Africa)"

In order to respond modern slavery and human trafficking The International Salvation Army has launched the International Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Response Strategy in September 2020. The Salvation Army has a strong history of working in areas of social justice and has made strengthening its response to modern slavery and human trafficking a global priority.

"The mission of the Fight for Freedom Strategy is to create, implement and ensure a strong and sustainable Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (MSHT) response in every Salvation Army territory, command, region and community, in order to strengthen its response around the eight identified actions areas: Prayer, Prevention, Protection, Partnerships, Participation, Policy, Prosecution and Proof."

This is not the first time that Salvation Army has extended the hand toward the people who are suffering due to Modern slavery and human trafficking but there is a long back history of extending hands towards the victims of Modern Slavery and human trafficking.

In nutshell our heart to God and extended hand to human is the worship which pleases the God. Let us have a heart like Good Samaritan who extended his hand for suffering man.

Let us have a heart like Jesus Christ who extended his heart to serve the suffering humanity. Let us imitate our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us examine ourselves, is our worship pleasing to God. Are we worshipping our God for name's sake or Are we worshipping God with repented submissive heart & spirit?

Are we extending our hands to the suffering humanity?

Friends, someone has said,

"Extending one hand to help somebody Has more value than joining two hands for prayer"

Global Report on Trafficking in Persons (unodc.org) The Salvation Army International - Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Response Strategy Launched Online and Across Social Media Platforms

# HIT THE BULL'S EYE (TO BE EXACTLY CORRECT)

Philippians 4: 13; 1 Corinthians 9: 26

**Introduction:** The origin of the term bull's eye is a bit uncertain. Some believe it dates back hundreds of years to when English archers would gather after church services in small villages. To practice their skills and see who the most accurate shooter was, they would use the white skull of a bull as a target. The person with the greatest skill was the one who could shoot an arrow through the empty bull's eye socket.

In our Christian life hitting the Bull's Eye is to prepare ourselves for something/ s? Like

- a. Personal Relationship with the Lord
- b. My living style in the Lord
- c. My Salvation in the Lord
- d. My Faith in the Lord
- e. My prayer life in the Lord
- f. To be more like Christ
- h. Being prepared for the second coming of my Lord
- i. My relationship with my family
- j. My relationship with the leaders
- k. The place where work
- I. Stay away from temptations

The list may just go on....

As Christians are we hitting the bull's eye. There are so many targets in our Christian life that we must achieve to. Or we like Christians that when we release the arrows of aim land not on the targeted spot and then we ourselves circles the landed targets and make ourselves believe that we are hitting the Christian bull's eye?

As Christians, we should stand for what's right! We should stand for the truths in the Bible. Paul did not say, "I'm not pressing toward anything in particular . . . I'm just drawing a bull's eye circle around my lifestyle. Paul didn't say, "I press toward what would make me appear to be a really super nice guy!" No! Paul said, "I press toward the mark!" This mark had been set forth for Paul by the Lord.

Have you ever tried to find out the bull's eyes of your Christian life? Think back sternly and you will get those targets in front of you know itself? The Bible encourages us Psalm 119: 105 "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Let me ask you a question; What would be the most important practice to hit the bulls' eye of our Christian life? How are you preparing yourself for the game of your Christian life or must I call fate?

People often are with the understanding that living life to God accordingly will result in a kind of sacrificial living. In the Bible a son asks for bread, so the father did not give a stone or a snake for a fish. Then how much more our

Father in Heaven will give to us! How well are you using exercising your Christian exercising machines or equipment to build yourself and hit the bull's eye.

Let me share with you an instrument of exercising your Christian faith:

ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR SALVATION IN JESUS CHRIST BEFORE ITS TOO LATE

We are saved by whom? Jesus Christ – God's only Son. The Bible tells us that Jesus is God in the flesh, God in human form. God came to earth to teach us, heal us, correct us, forgive us—and die for us! Jesus Christ is God, the Creator, the sovereign Lord. Have you accepted this Jesus?

#### Why do we need Jesus as Saviour?

The Bible tells us that we have all sinned (Romans 3:10-18). As a result of our sin, we deserve God's anger and judgment. The only just punishment for sins committed against an infinite and eternal God is an infinite punishment (Romans 6:23). Salvation is a gift from God and not a result of our own deeds. Ephesians 2: 8 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God"That is why we need a Savior!

Jesus' death was an infinite payment for our sins (2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sins (Romans 5:8). Jesus paid the price so that we would not have to. Jesus' resurrection from the dead proved that His death was sufficient to pay the penalty for our sins. That is why Jesus is the one and only Savior (John 14:6; Acts 4:12)! Are you trusting in Jesus as your Savior?

#### What is true Christianity?

True Christianity is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Accepting Jesus as your personal Savior means placing your own personal faith and trust in Him. No one is saved by the faith of others. No one is forgiven by doing certain deeds. The only way to be saved is to personally accept Jesus as your Savior, trusting in His death as the payment for your sins and His resurrection as your guarantee of eternal life (John 3:16). Is Jesus truly your personal Saviour?

We are talking about preparing ourselves hit the faith-based bull's eye. You need to have the right DART with you to hit on the target and please God.

- D Deny your old self
- A Allow Jesus to come into your life
- $R-Repent \ and \ Confess \ of \ your \ sins$



**Captain Christopher A. Macwan** Territorial Youth Secretary (Gujarat), IWT

T – Be Thankful for yourself

So, what happens after you are saved in the Lord? It's an important question to ask the answer for.

#### We Become New

- 2 Corinthians 5: 17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: [a] The old has gone, the new is here!"
- · Old ways of thinking have gone
- · Old ways of looking have gone
- · Old habits have gone
- · Old desires are replaced with the ones to please God
- · Our old conversations have gone
- · Our old gossips have gone
- · Our old life is replaced with the one to please God

#### We become partners with the Holy Spirit

- $\dot{}$  We become the body of the Holy Spirit The Holy Spirit dwells in us.
- The Holy Spirit becomes our earthly guide to mentor us
- · We become the children of God, Sons and Daughters of the highest God "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" John 1: 12

We must also think – what will happen if we are not saved in Jesus Christ?

Revelation 21: 11-15 "11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15 Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire."

## SHADOWS PROVE THE SUNSHINE!



**Anugraha Dushing**Byculla Central Corps
India Western Territory

ave you come across people saying, "He is walking in his uncle's shadow" or "she is walking in her boss's shadow" I'm sure you have. It's good to look up to someone you admire, but to what extent?

There are dangers of having role models who you do not know very closely, Just as the sun sets through the day and there are no more shadows, People can change as time goes by. Sometimes they can be pure evil from inside. People can miserably fail. Walking in someone else's shadow will get you hurt and A guru, mentor, a disappointed. celebrity or any priest, Evangelist, prophet can attract you by their charismatic personality and fool you into doing the most moronic things ever. And believe me I have witnessed grown men with highest educational qualifications, people working at high places fall prey to this idiocy! At a certain point in my life I too had fantasised to be like some of the great men of God, only to know that their life was nothing like they projected and I felt betrayed and heartbroken. May I ask you this.

## Who is your role model? and how are they in their personal life really?

No one can precisely answer the second question, but the Bible teaches about a

perfect role model. We all know through our childhood that Jesus never sinned, was a perfect human, He is fully God and was fully man. We all know this. but let's dive a little deeper as we see why Jesus is the best to be called as The role model.

1) Jesus: the ultimate Light: To actually have a shadow one should have the light first. we find natural shadows of trees only under sunlight because there cannot be any shadows without light.

John 8:12 says this, "When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." although this allegory Jesus is referring is about the light of His truth, the light of eternal life but Jesus also is very much like a bright sun. Matthew 17:2 says, "And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light"

I want you to understand this, Jesus is not just a spiritual allegory of Light but He actually is the Light.

### 2) Jesus: The perfect Shadow for shelter:

We just saw that only light can produce shadows. let's see what the scriptures talk about shadows. Psalm 91:1 says "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty" since we face trials and tribulations while on this earth, we can totally with utmost trust seek shelter in His shadow because as Jesus said on the cross, "It is Finished" it is the finished work on the cross that allows us to seek shelter in His shadows that comes from His perfect light.

**3) Church:** The light imitators: Matthew 5:14 says You are the light of the world. Here is a very distinct mention of being a light of the world. As we are ought to follow Christ, there is no better role model of perfect light than Jesus Himself. Is there anything better than being able to imitate the Light Himself?

Further verse 16 says that "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" Jesus did everything to glorify His Father, He mentioned this on so many occasions, that the works He did was to glorify His Father, to fulfill His will and purpose on earth.

## Concluding I would like to remind you the question again, Who is your role model today?

John 1:4 "In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men"

Let's be the Light in the world by imitating the source of Light Himself, let's be in the shadow of the one who is the creator of Light and in whom we are made perfect in His likeness. Because only in His shadow we will find completeness, eternal rest and safety, no matter what we face in this life, in death, or in the life to come.

Reminds me of a wonderful song by Switchfoot:

"We are crooked souls trying to stay up straight

Dry eyes in the pouring rain where The shadow proves the sunshine

Two scared little runaways

Hold fast to the break of day light where The shadow proves the sunshine Shine on me, shine on me

Let my shadows prove the sunshine"!

A verse to encourage you as I end, John 12:36(a) " While you have the Light, believe in the

Light, so that you may become sons of Light"

I pray that as you be the Light in this world, let your shadows prove the source of your Light, which is Jesus- The Light of the World!

God bless!



## GOD IS INTERESTED IN THE YOUTH

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Rev. Dr. N. L. Victor O.F., CSM Hyderabad Temple Corps India Central Territory

modern Theologian says that the 'Youth' is the spinal cord of the Church. A Clergy says that they are backbone of his Church. A Pastor or an Evangelist of a Fellowship or an Assembly says that they are pillars of the Church. Whatever be the connotation of the word 'Youth' they are an 'entity' in the Church.

A cursory look at the youth in the Bible reveals several factors. The Bible tells us that God is interested in the youth. God's nature is that He loves the Youth fathomless because God has eternal plans for them.

#### **SOME NOTABLE YOUTH IN THE BIBLE:**

The Bible speaks specifically about some youth. They were chosen by God. They were also called by God. They were committed, dedicated, eminent, stalwarts and notable youth. They discharged their duties and responsibilities according to God's plan. He fashioned their lives. He shaped them to His likeness. He nourished them to a state where He wanted them to be. Some of them were Aaron, Adam, Abed-Nego, Aquila, Ahaz, Anna (Prophetess) Bernabas, Bethesheba, Benjamin, Cleopas, Cornelius, Daniel, David, Elijah, Elisha, Enoch, Ephraim, Esther, Eve, Ezekiel, Ezra, Gaius, Habakkuk, Hagar, Hannah, Hezekiah, Hosea, Isaac, Ishamael, Jacob, Jehoshaphat, Jeremiah (Prophet) Jesus', Joel, Laban, Lazarus (brother of Mary and Martha) Matthew, Mary (mother of Jesus'), Martha, Methuselah, Michael, Miriam, Moses, Naomi, Nehemiah, Nathaniel, Noah, Onesimus, Philemon, Philipp, Priscilla, Ruth, Samson, Samuel, Solomon, Tabitha, Thomas, Timothy, Titus, Zechariah, Zipporah etc, later years in their life time they became notable men and women and legends.

#### **GOD CHOSEN SOME YOUTH:**

We learn from the Bible that God not only interested in the youth but virtually chosen them for His Mission and Ministry. He chooses youth according to His own measures but not as we do. God did not consider age, qualifications and abilities. God chosen Joseph. It is said about Joseph, 'The Lord was with Joseph, and he was successful man'. (Genesis 39:2) God chosen David when he was only a youth. In the case

of Solomon, God anointed him when he was a little child. As regards to Samson, God revealed His plans through an Angel to Manoha and his wife about Samson their son and told them that he would save Israelites from Philistines. Daniel, since childhood, was a devoted believer and God's favor was upon him. God gave wisdom, knowledge and understanding abilities to interpret dreams and visions. Nehemiah was a man of visions and action. He rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem. He was a man of prayer. He made steps prayerfully and completed the given task faithfully and honestly. God led him at every stage. He visualized God's leading in his life.

#### **GOD CALLED YOUTH:**

God had eternal plans for Moses. God guided him since he was an infant. In fact, God trained him at Pharoah's place for forty years and another forty years trained him at Senai Mountain. Then God called him to take up His Mission and Ministry in bringing six lakhs Israelites from the bondage of Egypt. As in the Old Testament, several Youth were called by Lord Jesus during His time on the earth for His Mission.

#### **GOD INTERVENED:**

When King Saul disobeyed God's commandments, God rejected Saul as King. God said, 'I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments'. (I Samuel 15:11) When at times, any one whom God shown interest deviates from His plans, He intervenes and bring them into His right path. It happened in the life of St. Paul. God said to Ananias, 'Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My Name before Gentiles, Kings and His children of Israel'. (Acts 9:15) Later, he became a great Apostle and many of his epistles formed a base for the New Testament. St. Paul led several vouths to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

#### **GOD FAVORED YOUTH:**

God's favor is upon the youth. They are entitled covenant of kindness and covenant of favor. An Angel said to Mary, 'Highly favored one, the Lord is with you'. (St. Luke 1:28) God favored young woman Esther immensely. (Esther 5:8. 8:5) There were several young

men and women in the Bible who experienced God's favor immeasurably, limitlessly, and surpassingly. Never again will they be without the favor of God. It rests richly upon them. It profusely abounds in them. The favor of God produces wonderful things through them.

#### GOD'S WORDS IGNITE FIRE IN OUR HEARTS:

In an evangelistic meeting, a youth of sixteen years old, went forward and knelt at the Altar and said, 'God shall have everything of William Booth'. The young man made that commitment with God faithfully and honestly. That was an historical moment in his life. God honored his commitment. A fire was kindled in his heart which made him to evangelize his village, town, city, his country and all countries around the world. That fire burn in his heart spread like wildfire and engulfed all over the world in the form of the Salvation Army. He was General William Booth, Founder of the Salvation Army.

#### **GOD IS INTERESTED IN THE YOUTH:**

God loves you. He is interested in you. You are the child of the Most High God. He created you with utmost care. God created you wonderfully. You are amazing, beautiful, talent and wise. You are worthy. God has specific plans for you. You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. Like William Booth, if you say to God, 'God shall have everything of me.' Then you will see wonderful things happened in your life.

#### **JESUS' WORDS ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE:**

When you receive Jesus's Word, you will be transformed person and you will experience that your heart is burn with fire. Because Jesus' Words are Spirit and Life, they will ignite fire in your heart. No demon can stop that fire. The fire continues to be in your heart always and in all through your life. The fire that burns William Booth's heart still exists if you receive Jesus' Words into your heart. It should be your experience also. God bless you.

## AND IS IT SO? A GIFT FROM ME

## 'This is the Story...., This is the Song'



#### **Richard Slater**

Short Name: Richard Slater

Full Name: Slater, Richard, 1854-1939 Birth Year: 1854

Birth Year: 1854 Death Year: 1939

(Richard Slater; 1854-1939) (b. June 7, 1854 in Clerkenwell; worked in the Salvation Army's Musical Dept. from 1883 until his retirement in 1913; was the principal Salvationist composer, arranger and musical editor of the period; awarded the Order of the Founder, the highest honour bestowed to Salvationists, in 1923; d. Dec. 7,

**Born:** June 7, 1854, Clerkenwell, London, England.

**Died:** December 7, 1939, Westgate-on-Sea, Kent, England.

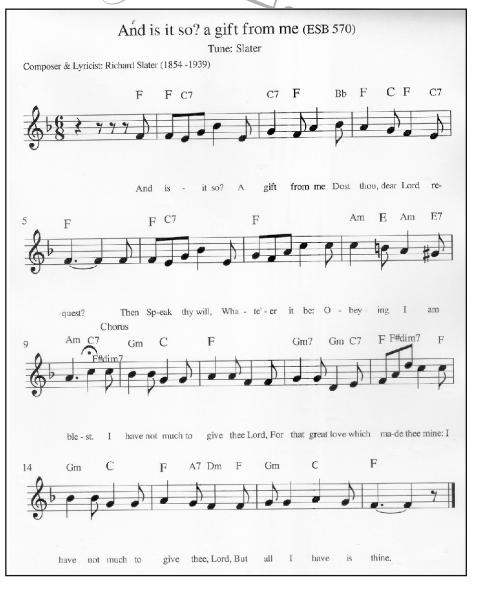
**Buried:** St. John's Cemetery, Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent, England.

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

Slater was the son of Alfred Richard Slater, a brass founder, and Mary Ann Smith.

Known as the father of Salvation Army (SA) music, he joined an SA drum and fife band at age seven.

He went on to learn to play the violin, and



became a music teacher and member of the Royal Albert Hall Orchestral society.

Converted to Christ in 1882, he began working in the SA Music department at Clapton, rising to the rank of brigadier, and retiring in 1913.

He wrote over 500 songs, and produced: Courtesy: Hymnary.org, The musical Salvationist, Dictionary of Music, circa 1908, Salvation Army Song Writers, 1929.

Courtesy: Wikipedia, Hymntime.com, hymnary.org



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





**Mercy Solanki** Pandoli Corps, Petlad Division **India Western Territory** 

"new virus" called tomato flu is highly contagious viral infection that has been reported in Kerala and has infected under the age of 5. Apart from Kerala, Tamilnadu, and Odisha, no other regions in India have been affected by the virus.

Experts believe the virus could be a new variant of hand, foot and mouth disease, a common infectious disease targeting children under five years and immunocompromised adults. Young children appear to be at increased risk because of the use of diapers, their tendency to touch unclean surfaces and their propensity to put things into their mouths.

The virus gets its name for the red blisters throughout the body that gradually enlarge to the size of a tomato, according to the Lancet Respiratory Medical Journal. It added that the new infection is a self-limiting illness - one that tends to resolve spontaneously without treatment – for which no specific drug is available.

Tomato flu gained its name on the basis of the eruption of red and painful blisters.

Children are at increased risk of exposure to tomato flu as viral infections are common in this age group and spread is likely to be through close contact.

#### What is Tomato Flu?

According to the Lancet report, Tomato Flu is non-life threatening but "highly infectious" disease which needs to be vigilantly managed to prevent further outbreaks.

"The rare viral infection is in an endemic state and is considered non-lifethreatening; however, because of the dreadful experience of the COVID-19 pandemic, vigilant management is desirable to prevent further outbreaks," the Lancet reported.

Tomato Flu shows symptoms similar to those of COVID-19 - fever, fatigue, and body aches - but the virus has not been found to be related to SARS-CoV-2.

Tomato flu is diagnosed after tests have ruled out Dengue, Chikungunya, Zika, chickenpox and herpes.

Tomato Flu blisters resemble those seen with the Monkeypox virus.

#### What are the symptoms of Tomato

Symptoms of Tomato Flu include:

- sore, red blisters that appear on the skin
- fever
- fatigue
- joint pain
- vomitina
- diarrhoea
- dehvdration body aches
- common influenza-like symptoms

In some cases, albeit very few, a change

in limb colour was reported.

"It is not a fatal disease, but it is contagious and can spread from person to person, although the actual ways in which the infection spreads are still being studied," Dr. Subhash Chandra, assistant professor of Internal Medicine at Amrita Hospital told India Today.

#### How do you treat Tomato Flu?

Even though the virus is not dangerous and may be treated, if a child develops any signs of a fever, they should be taken to the doctor immediately.

If a child exhibits any of the symptoms, parents should seek emergency medical attention.

Tomato Flu currently has no antiviral drugs or vaccines available for treatment or prevention, with health experts urging "careful isolation" mandatory in preventing the spread.

"Isolation should be followed for 5 to 7 days from symptom onset to prevent the spread of infection to other children or adults," the Lancet reported.

Patients who develop tomato fever should drink plenty of fluids and rest in bed, as it is also advised for other viral fevers, to keep the body hydrated and well-rested. The blisters and rashes should not be scratched.

The medical experts said the best solution for prevention is "hygiene and sanitisation" as well as preventing infected children from sharing toys, clothes and food with non-infected people.

Please contact your family doctor for more information.

#### THE SALVATION ARMY MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY OBSERVED IN INDIA EASTERN TERRITORY

he Salvation Army Medical Fellowship (SAMF) was at a near standstill in the past two years due to the pandemic that led to an abrupt halt of SAMF activities within the territory. Salvationists of India Eastern Territory witnessed Salvation Army Medical Fellowship Sunday on 31st July, 2022 with much fervor and enthusiasm. Members of the fellowship were assigned to various Corps on this day, the Sunday service was held in such a way that members of the fellowship deliver a message on a special Sunday focusing on the Biblical perspectives on the challenging health issues today. Sunday worship service were followed by a free medical where members of the checkup fellowship conduct a routine blood test, health talk, consultation etc. free of cost. It is noteworthy to mention that none of the SAMF members in the

territory were hired by The Salvation Army, but their relentless and determined service were highly commendable.

The earliest members of the SAMF in India E a s t e r n Territories comprise of 6 female nurses

and 1 male nurse and their membership card bear the date- 9th November 1979 and a Ruby Jubilee celebration was held in the year 2019 at the Territorial Headquarters. Members of the fellowship contribute towards free clinic in the remote and

inaccessible areas within the territory, offering services to economically disadvantaged individuals.

Major Aichhungi Fanai Education & SAMF Secretary India Eastern Territory

#### SILVER & GOLD STAR PARENT'S FELLOWSHIP — INDIA SOUTH EASTERN TERRITORY

ilver & Gold Star Parents Fellowship was held first time in the territory on 20th of August 2022, at The Salvation Army Community Hall, Nagercoil, under the Leadership of Commissioners John Kumar and Mani Kumari Dasari, TC and TPWM with the support of Lt.Colonels Lalbulliana and Lalnunhlui, CS & TSWM. Silver Star Parents - 225 and 8 Gold Star mothers, total 233 participated along with all the DDWM'S and some women officers in this fellowship.

Commissioners Suresh Samuel Pawar and Martha Pawar, the International Secretary & Zonal Secretary for Women's Ministries, were the chief guest for this special event. Some of the Silver & Gold star parents took part in this meeting by





leading the prayer, sharing their testimonies, and leading the songs, etc. As a Silver Star Parents, our Zonal leaders were welcomed and appreciated. Commissioners Suresh Samuel Pawar I.S, gave the response and ZSWM preached the word of God, from I Samuel 1:20-28. The word of God touched the hearts. Many of the parents rededicated and 35 came to the Mercy Seat.

The International Secretary closed the fellowship with prayer and gave the benediction. All the Silver & Gold Star Parents, welcomed with the welcome gift worth of Rs. 500/- and a Coconut Sapling also given as a symbol of growth and Prosperity. Everyone enjoyed in this great fellowship.

All Glory and Honour to be God Only.

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Major Gnapushpam Territorial Silver & Gold Star Secretary India South-Eastern Territory

#### FINANCE WORKSHOPS – UTTAR PRADESH & WEST BENGAL, INT



e are Praising God for the successful completion of Finance Workshops throughout the Territory. We are so much thankful to our Territorial Leadership for allowing us to conduct finance workshops for 20 + 14 = 34 Officers from Corps, Division, District, Extension, and social institutions.

Finance Workshop at Bareilly – Uttar Pradesh State 08 – 10, August 2022, the officers from Uttarakhand Extension, Moradabad and Bareilly were invited to be part of this workshop. The Workshop conducted as part of building capacity plan of the India Northern Territory.

The workshop including teaching, practical, and policies and procedures of TSA India Northern Territory were explored and very informative, knowledgeable, and adoptable for every level of the Officers were assigned to teach and officers in their responses very active and very much anxious to learn through the practical of Budget, Audit, Final accounts.

The Final meeting and certificate were distributed to every delegate as a mark of their participation and successful completion of the Finance workshop.

Finance workshop at West Bengal 22 -24, August 2022, the officers from Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, and west

Bengal States 20 Officers were invited to be part of this workshop.

The workshop has a design to equip our officers in Finance, Audit, Budget, Final accounts, Forecasting, Resources of TSA within India Northern Territory, Management and Control, accountability, TSA policies and procedures and every faculties were well prepared to make our officers knowledge more than before. The practical was very interesting for Audit, Budget, and Final accounts.

The Officers were benefitted through this workshop and in return their responses are so much healthy to keep the Army banner in good way in term of Finance, Audit, Budgeting, and final accounts. The closing session was led by Lieutenant Colonel Jashwant Mahida Chief Secretary India Northern Territory and challenged the Officers to be a good steward of the resources God and Army have given in your hands in the form of people, buildings, lands, inmates, guest, and finance as well.

God Bless India Northern Territory and our Territorial Leaders for their kind vision to uplift the spirit of the Army.

Major Emmanuel Masih TFT, THQ New Delhi India Northern Territory



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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 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."

### INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY'S REVIEW IN ISWI



s part of the annual reviews, International Secretary for South Asia Zone Commissioner Suresh Pawar and Zonal Secretary for Women's

ministries Commissioner Martha Pawar were visited the India South Western Territory from August 11 to 17 August 2022. Both of them arrived at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport at 6 pm on 10th, and were received by the Territorial Commander Colonel Grabiel I. Christian and Territorial President of Women's ministries Colonel Indumati Christian, Chief Secretary Lieut. Daniel J. Raj and Lieut. Col. Rajam Daniel TSWM, along with other officers of THQ. On 11th August, the International Secretary and his wife were received a warm welcome meeting at the Territorial Headquarters under the

leadership of the Territorial Commander.

Commissioner Suresh Pawar reminded

that the T H Q and its officers are the

powerhouse of this territory and the

from here should strengthen the corps, institutions, Districts and Divisions. In the following days, meetings and discussions were held with Section Officers, Heads of the Departments, and Focus Groups of Youths Senior Local Officers, Women Local Officers and TG C

energy received

members.

On 13th Saturday 4.30 PM Adoor Divisional Headquarters were filled with



Officers and Soldiers of the Adoor Division to receive International Leaders who opened the newly constructed shopping complex that situating wayside of the Main Central Road of Kerala.

Commissioner Suresh Pawar and Zonal Secretary Commissioner Martha Pawar Zonal Secretary for Women's ministries were given sent off during the morning devotion which held at Priya Hall on 17th August 2022. The Territorial commander has given special appreciation and thanks to the International Leaders for their support and inspiration.

the Divisional Commander, Adoor has

given a colourful reception at

Pathanapuram Junction when

International leaders arrived with

territorial leaders to attend the Sunday

holiness meeting which arranged at

Pathanapuram corps. Following to the

enthusiastic reception and march of

witness, Lt. Col. Daniel J. Raj, chief secretary led the holiness meeting at

Pathanapuram corps the hall and

compound was fully packed with the

village people to receive the blessings from

the international leaders. The

International Secretary has given an

inspiring and prophetic message. In his

message, he pointed out that, "every

soldier must have the conviction about the

mission and ministry of the church and a

model to the family and the community

where they are working". At the end of the

themselves before the mercy seat.

meeting 30 people dedicated

The International Secretary

International Secretary urged the officers and employees to complete the mission successfully as we are passing through a pandemic situation. On that day at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, both of them said goodbye to our territory and left for the India South Eastern Territory.

On 14th Sunday morning Major Thampy Thomas



Major P. J. Michael Assistant Editorial Department India South-Western Territory



#### SALVATION ARMY COMMENCES WORK IN 133RD COUNTRY — GUINEA

ENERAL Brian Peddle has confirmed that Guinea will be the 133rd country in which The Salvation Army is officially at work. The country will be part of the Liberia and Sierra Leone Command, under the leadership of Lieut-Colonels Mary and Samuel Mkami.

Guinea is a country with a population of more than 13 million people. It is differentiated from Guinea Bissau and Equatorial Guinea by the use of its capital city, Conakry. It achieved independence from France in 1958 and has retained French as its national language. It is a predominantly Muslim country, with a Christian population of less than 10 per cent.

Preliminary exploration of ministry potential in the West African country took place in 2018. The first expression of interest was received from a Canadian Salvationist working in Guinea. The Liberia and Sierra Leone Command indicated its willingness to explore opening the doors of ministry and by January 2019, in cooperation with the Congo (Brazzaville) Territory, Captains Benarde and Thomas Mbouabani were appointed to initiate the new ministry. Their work led to the official registration of the Army as 'Armée du Salut' on 15 November 2021.

The work has grown rapidly since those first days, such that today one corps and five outposts are established. In their visit to Liberia in February 2022, the General and Commissioner Rosalie Peddle (World President of Women's Ministries) noted a contingent of more than 100 people who had come from Guinea to participate in the celebrations and

whose expressions of joy to be part of The Salvation Army family were evident.

Commissioner Keith Conrad, International Secretary for the Africa zone at International Headquarters, said, 'The official confirmation of Guinea as the 133rd country in which The Salvation Army has opened fire is an assurance that God is true to his Word, as when Jesus said to Peter, "On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18 English Standard Version). The Africa zone celebrates this confirmation as the mission of God continues to advance

through The Salvation Army in Africa. Hallelujah!'

Speaking about the establishment of work in Guinea, the General said: 'I am delighted to welcome Guinea into the worldwide Salvation Army fellowship. Africa is a wonderful example of God's presence. It is fantastic to see God answer prayers made in faith so many years ago in creating this opportunity. God bless The Salvation Army in Guinea.'

Report by Commissioner Ted Horwood



s informed, arrangements are in full swing for the national Youth Congress to be held from 21st to 24th October 200 at Ashirvad Global learning Centre, Hyderabad. With the theme "Be Ready" based on the General's call to mission, this

#### NATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS

youth congress is planned with 500 selected delegates from 6 Indian territories and international delegates from Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Commissioners Lyndon Buckingham and Bronwyn Buckingham, the Chief of the Staff and the World Secretary for Spiritual Life development will be the main speakers and Chief Guests, along with Commissioners Suresh & Martha Pawar, Commissioner Samuel Edward Horwood, and Captain Marc Potters from International headquarters. God is good in granting every strength to make this programme meaningful and bring Glory to His name. This will have the following main activities.

21st October 2022 : Inauguration & Welcome Session 22nd & 23 October 2022 : General Sessions, Break-Out Sessions & Cultural Evening

24th October 2022 : General Session & Spiritual Meeting

Apart from above, praise & worship from the spirit filled youth representatives from all the six territories will be another attractive event. Please continue to pray. It has been the desire to raise at least 100 young people to take up the officership in the Salvation Army for the future Army in India.

For those selected delegates who have not yet completed their online registration, please do so

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May God bless you!

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