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**General William Booth &
Catherine Booth**



REMEMBER!

Major Evama Shaijuraj, Editor

Be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery" – Deuteronomy 6:12. We are instructed many times throughout the Bible "not to forget" or warned "to remember" something in life. There are many things to remember while we celebrate another Founders' Day of the Salvation Army.



As the General lay in his bed, mostly blind and unable to stand, he gave his son and Chief of the Staff his instructions for after his death. With Bramwell attentively listening, Booth said, "I want you to promise me that when my voice is silent and I am gone from you, you will use such influence as you may possess with the Army to do more for the world's homeless men...The homeless women! Ah, my boy, we don't know what it is to be without a home...The homeless children, oh, the children! Bramwell, look after the homeless. Promise me!" (David M. Bennett, The General: William Booth, Volume 2 - The Soldier, p407-408).

Initially, the purpose of starting this movement by our Founders – William and Catherine – was to help the suffering souls throughout London who were not willing to attend or even not welcomed into a church. His tendency to convert prostitutes, gamblers, thieves, and drunks drove him from the Methodist church, where he worked as a priest before he left the church's traditional methods to serve the poor, needy, and wayward on the streets of London. In this humble situation, Booth found himself without a church to preach in, he became a travelling preacher, spreading Christianity wherever he could even on the streets. Fortunately, in 1865, he was invited to preach in London's East end and provided a piece of land on which to preach- land situated near a graveyard. Despite the melancholy surroundings, the graveyard sermons became a big success, and the location became the first Salvationists' base of operations – the humble beginning of an international movement of love and care, ultimately the salvation of lost souls! Now the Salvation Army operates in


133 countries across the globe to bring salvation to the poor, the destitute, and the hungry, by meeting their spiritual and physical needs. They also operate homeless shelters, provide disaster relief, and distribute humanitarian aid to developing nations. Through many programs salvation army has been striving to "restore family relationships where contact has been lost, whether recently or in the distant past." Every year helps thousands of people to reconnect with their families. Let's remember how faithful our God was and give our hands to the salvation army for "the advancement of the Christian religion, of education, the relief of poverty, and in all good things beneficial to society or the community of mankind as a whole". "I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old" – Psalms 77: 11.

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HAPPY FOUNDERS' DAY!

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On Founder's Day, when we traditionally look back on the birth of our movement, the religious zeal and sacrificial service of the Army of the past, perhaps we should turn our focus to the mission of the Army today. Are we impacting the world with the message of Christ, preaching to all those who do not know him? Are we working to serving the world, address social need and injustice in the name of the Father? Are we living up to the missional zeal of our Lord? 

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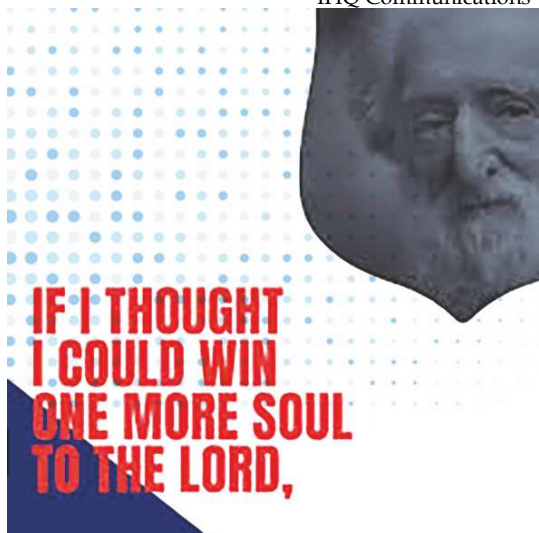
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Kia ora! You've just been elected as our next General. Are you surprised? Are you shocked? Or are you determined?

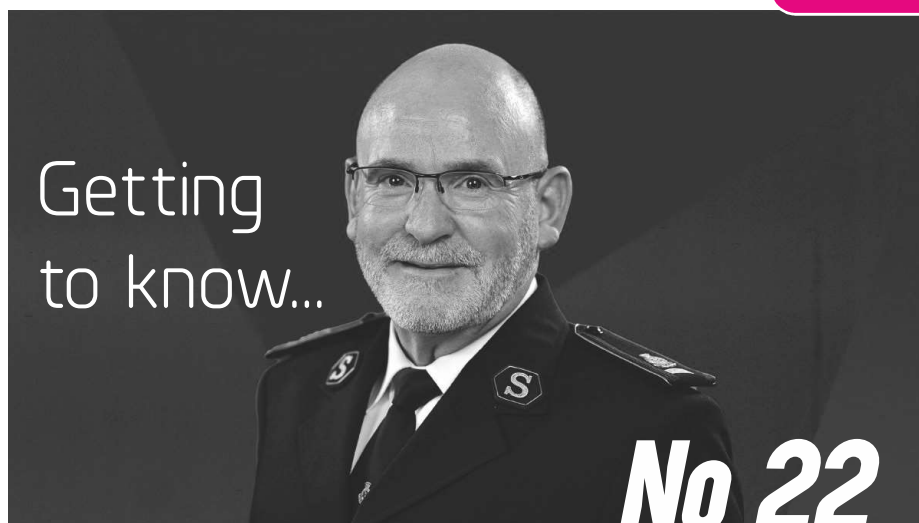
Probably there's a mixture of all those things. Yes, I think nobody comes expecting, but I think we all come with a mindset of making ourselves available to the will of God, ready to do what the Lord wants us to do. So I didn't come with any endgame in mind. But I did come willing to participate in whichever way was appropriate. And so, I'm feeling a little overwhelmed, but humbled, and grateful for the support of the members of the High Council and their endorsement. Commissioner Yusak Tampai, the High Council chaplain, had the golden bowl of prayers in the chamber. And it was just a visual reminder of thousands of Salvationists who not only prayed leading up to the High Council week but prayed us all the way through. You know, if I was reflecting on a highlight of the council itself, it would be just the spirit within the chamber, just a beautiful sense of the presence of God. Although feeling overwhelmed, and all of those things, I also feel that we have allowed the Lord to reveal what he wanted to happen and we've participated in that, and I take comfort from that. I've had a wonderful endorsement from the members of the High Council, and I receive this as from the Lord.

And I will serve, and I'm grateful because Bronwyn is right there with me. We will share this ministry together, and we'll try and serve the Lord and serve the Salvation Army. And yes, actually, I'm a little bit excited about the opportunity.

We know you as a family man – a dad and a granddad and, very recently, a new grandbaby. Have you had time to connect with them? How do they feel about this?

You know, the amazing thing is that my family is 18,000km away from this venue. So they're a long way away, physically. But in a little room off the side of the chamber I

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to know...



could FaceTime with them. So it was the middle of the night for them, but they were all awake and we've had an opportunity to share with both my son and daughter-in-law and my daughter and son-in-law, and the grandkids. I just thank God for them because they have been so positive. I mean, we've already been away from our homeland since 2013. So you know, we've already done a decade. They have been so supportive of us in fulfilling God's calling on our lives. And so to be able to see them on the screen, and have them go, 'Go, mum and dad!' It's just been absolutely wonderful. We were also able to connect with Bronwyn's parents, lifelong salvationists, now in their 80s, so they were still up in the middle of the night, ready to receive our call. And of course, they were also, you know, overwhelmed and, naturally, very proud.

Tell me a little bit about how you came to faith in Christ and how you were called to officership.

When I was about six or seven years of age, my parents took me to a Salvation Army congress. And at the end of the meeting, somebody from the platform said, 'If you would like to meet Jesus, come down to the front.' So I went down to the front, fully expecting to meet Jesus. I knelt at the mercy seat. After a little while, there was an arm around my shoulder. And I thought, 'This is Jesus.' When the person started talking, I said to myself, 'Sounds like my uncle Wes...' So I took a look – and it was my uncle Wes! And, although I was only six or seven years of age, I was disappointed, because I'd gone with an expectation that I was going to meet Jesus. And what I got instead was my

uncle. And so it created a little bit of doubt, in a small boy's mind. And from then on, I was a child who was sort of going through the Army ranks and going through the motions. I became a junior soldier. I even became a senior soldier. But I don't think I would be able to testify at that point that I had any real experience of my own. That changed for me on 12 August 1979, as a 17-year-old at a youth councils. It was in that meeting that the realisation of God's love for me in the person of Jesus Christ absolutely came alive. I mean, I just burst with this understanding. It was more than just mental. It was in my heart, it was emotional. I was full of repentance, I was full of sorrow, I was full of joy. It was like, 'It is real! It is for me!' So I made my way down to the mercy seat. And it's a strange thing. I was crying and I was laughing. And I had all of these emotions going on at the same time. The love of God burst into my heart. That's what happened for me. And I came into a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and, I believe, an experience of the Holy Spirit. And so impactful was it for me that I didn't wait to be called to be an officer. Before that meeting was over, I signed a little candidates covenant that you tore in half and kept for yourself, and gave the other half to the candidates' secretary. I still have that piece of paper in my Bible.

One of the things that will be very important in your role is to be an inspiration and an influence. Who influenced you?

I have had so many influences that it would be difficult for me to name them, but I would say faithful Salvationists who took an interest, who took time to listen, who were honest as I was growing up, local officers that put an arm around and said, 'Come on,

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COMMISSIONERS LYNDON AND BRONWYN BUCKINGHAM APPOINTMENTS OVER THE YEARS

- **January 1990**
Commissioned in New Zealand, appointed to Queenstown
- **1992**
Training college (New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory)
- **July 1994**
South Windsor (Canada and Bermuda Territory)
- **July 1998**
Wellington City, New Zealand
- **2003**
Youth and Candidates Department, THQ (New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga)
- **2007**
Divisional leaders, Southern Division (New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga)
- **February 2009**
Secretary for Programme and Assistant Secretary for Programme, THQ (New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga)
- **February 2013**
Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries (Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar Territory)
- **June 2013**
Territorial Commander and Territorial President for Women's Ministries (Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar)
- **2018**
Territorial Commander and Territorial Leader of Leader Development (UKI Territory)
- **2018**
Chief of the Staff and World Secretary for Spiritual Life Development, IHQ

get back into line.' They were very, very helpful in my upbringing. My own parents I would have to give testimony to – my officer parents who loved us and trained us in the ways of the Lord. A huge influence. These are people the Lord sends along to help us in our spiritual journey, and our discipleship maturing. They shape us, you know, and I'm grateful. There have been many, many influences. And I thank God for every one of them.

I asked some of the young people from my corps what they would like to ask the General-elect. This is what they wanted to know: what would your schoolteachers say if they could see you now?

They would not believe it! I think that, even if my father was still alive, he wouldn't believe it either. So I think I will have confounded them, because I was not a good student.

By necessity, your speech to the High Council is kept private. It's not shared with the Salvation Army world. What one thing, though, would you want to share with your Salvation Army family today?

I think one thing that I would feel very confident in sharing – because it's not confidential – is that I expressed my love for what I call the three big ideas of the Movement. By that I mean, one: we are a people that love to talk about Jesus. We want people to know that God loves them and that Jesus is the ultimate proof of that love. And so I love the fact that The Salvation Army has always been about recognising our responsibility to share the good news of the gospel, that God loves them, that Jesus is the proof, and that welcome is available through him. I would pray that Salvationists all around the world would find it very natural and easy to be able to speak to others about their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the transformation that he has made in their lives. That's a big idea of this Movement. We want people to know the good news that there is a life, there is purpose and there is hope and there is eternity, through faith in Jesus Christ. And if we could get excited about that, around the globe, think about the impact of that. Another big idea of the Movement is that we think that practical demonstrations of the values of the Kingdom of God are as impactful as talking about them. And so the sleeves rolled up, the caring for the needy, the helping the vulnerable, the being the voice for the voiceless, the advocating for justice,

the going after the things where people are being in some way tortured or separated or rejected. That we as a Movement go to those places, we put our sleeves up, and we say, 'We don't want to just talk about God's love. We want to show you guys the soup, soap and salvation that has been our history.' And I would love it if Salvationists would get this idea that, actually, I can do that. I can knock on a neighbour's door and say, 'Is there any way I can help you? Is there any way I can serve you?' And the third thing that I shared was we are a holiness Movement. We think there is some value in the world to being salt and being light. We value the indwelling Spirit that makes us clean and free and whole and joyful. And I think that when we are walking in the Spirit in such a way that it's the love of God that's bearing fruit in our lives, we underestimate the impact and the value of that in the world.

You are our first New Zealander. You're gonna be going around the world making history. What most excites you about the role of General?

I think it's the privilege of being able to encourage and inspire and facilitate Salvation Army mission around the world. My own love for the Lord has to be used to communicate to Salvationists around the world. So I think I am very conscious that I'm being afforded a wonderful and privileged opportunity to speak into the lives of Salvationists around the world about our mission and our purpose in the world. And that's a huge privilege.

What can we be praying for you in these days?

When we were at the Welcome to the High Council and Farewell to General Brian Peddle and Commissioner Rosalie Peddle, we were invited to fill out prayer cards. I wrote on one: grace, peace, wisdom and courage. If I was asking the Salvation Army world to be in prayer for myself and for Bronwyn, those would be the things. I think it's probably not inappropriate for me to say that if you could spare a prayer for our family, that would be wonderful. I General-elect Commissioner Lyndon Buckingham will assume office on 3 August, following the retirement of General Brian Peddle.

Captain Jo Moir

Territorial Communications Officer, THQ

Based on an interview available online at youtu.be/sNuc36DHWqI.

Care for one another!

One day, as I was walking from Victoria Station to Blackfriars on my way to International Headquarters, I heard behind me someone saying to me, "Thank you Salvation Army." I immediately turned back eagerly, and saw two men working hard, mending the road, and with a smile, appreciated them.

As I continued walking, I uttered a prayer to God, thanking him for raising this great Army to spread the message of his love and salvation, doing what can be done to bring hope to the lives of people everywhere the Army goes - from the time our founders, William and Catherine Booth, took the step of Abrahamic faith, from East London to all corners of the world today.

I confidently believe that God has raised up the Salvation Army, and has blessed it with soldiers, officers, and local officers, from generation to generation, for the last 150 years, to do the work of his transforming and reconciling the people of this lost and broken world to establishing his kingdom and righteousness in the hearts of people. He brings us to be partners with him in building his kingdom, following the example of Jesus (Hebrew 3:1-6).

We are people of the Covenant. Having received the forgiveness of our sins by accepting Jesus Christ into our heart, every soldier willingly, and with spiritual conviction, enters a covenant with God, for his purpose, to live for OTHERS. While we are to live for others, we have made promises to God that we maintain Christian ideals in all our relationships with our families, neighbours, and fellow Salvationists - those to whom, and for whom, we are responsible - and the wider community. This is key to keep us united in our calling to our Mission. Therefore, it has become crucial that each individual Salvationist and officer finds strength in unity as described here in the third verse of Salvation Army song 971:

Onward Christian Soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus, Going on before!

Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God
Brothers [& I add Sisters] we are treading,
Where the saints have trod,
We are not divided,
All one Body we,
One in hope, in doctrine,
One in charity.

It is very important, and we desperately need to care for one another, in word and in action, with the burning love of Christ in our hearts. By this we will stand as the true Salvation Army, serving our generation, and making ready the next. I am saying this as I see a similar condition as Saint Paul, writing to the young pastor, Timothy, sensed in the Church of Ephesus. The Christians at that time were following myths and ungodly

influences, moving away from the truth and making controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work (See 1 Timothy 1:1-11 & 2 Timothy 3:1-5). Therefore, those who are strong in their covenant and faith need to wake up and care for those who have become weak in their faith, and who are struggling to keep their covenant. Paul, in his letter to the believers in Rome, writes: 'We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbours for their good, to build them up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope' (Romans 15:1-4).

Influence from the Changing Values of the World has tremendously played a role in weakening the faith of many of our people, who have lost their hope in the Church and in God. Some show dissatisfaction in the congregation and leave us, and some remain in the church, but may infuse confusion, division, and in many ways cause destruction to the mission. They annoy us and made us angry. This is seen as a growing concern in the corps (church) ministry. They cause fighting and disputes in the congregation.

Casting our judgment on such people or cursing them for their evil behaviour will only make us lose them. Having the mind of Jesus, we can possibly win them back, and give them opportunities to regain the values of the kingdom of God. Jesus taught us how to deal with such people. Let me paraphrase Matthew 18:15-18: We spend time with them, gently letting them know that what they are doing will ruin their lives; make them know how they are hurting themselves, and others. Give them enough time. We need to deal with such people one to one, and if that does not resolve things, then bring others in to witness. If that does not help, let the church as whole help. Even if that does not work, then leave them alone. Jesus has given us power to bind or to loose. Let us always try to bind for the good of God's Kingdom and loose that which does not value the kingdom of God.

Growing Disappointment is another factor that not only weakens our people's faith, but it also diverts their priorities from the kingdom of God and they give up keeping their covenant faithfully. Such people in return take every chance to revolt, take revenge, create obstructions, and try to damage the integrity of the Church. We hear of many such things taking place in the Church and even in the Salvation Army.

These disappointments rise out of false expectations, self-righteousness, lack of trust and accountability, lack of prayer and spiritual fellowship, lack of feeding on God's words. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, was addressing a



Commissioner Suresh Pawar
International Secretary
South Asia, IHQ-London

similar situation that had arisen in the Church. There was fighting amongst the believers and this had been taken into the courts. He wrote, "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, but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers?" (1 Corinthians 6:5-6). The Bible teaches us not to think more highly of ourselves than we ought to, but rather think with sober judgement in accordance with the faith God has given to each one in the church (Romans 12:3).

Love is what we need. The spirit of caring is imbedded in love. Jesus has given us the commandment, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:34-35). Love comes from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God (1 John 4:7). Therefore let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth (1 John 3:18). By this love we are compelled to care for one another. We are being called to Mission, and we will be stronger if we care for one another and build up one another. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly since love covers a multitude of sins (1 Peter 4:8).

In the true spirit of caring for one another, this is what we are to do: warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, and be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else (1 Thessalonians 5:12-15).

Brothers and Sisters, let us care for one another, for that is the way we will be able to keep our purpose alive. Together we further God's and our mission of saving souls, serving those who suffer, and building up each other in the righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ. 🏹



William Booth
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William Bramwell Booth
(1912 - 1925)



Edward J. Higgins
(1929 - 1934)



Evangeline Booth
(1934 - 1939)



George L. Carpenter
(1939 - 1946)



Albert Orsborn
(1946 - 1954)



Wilfred Kitching
(1954 - 1963)



Frederick Coutts
(1963 - 1969)



Erik Wickberg
(1969 - 1974)



Clarence Wiseman
(1974 - 1977)



Arnold Brown
(1977 - 1981)



Jarl Wahlstrom
(1981 - 1986)



Eva Burrows
(1986 - 1993)



Bramwell Tillsley
(1993 - 1994)



Paul Rader
(1994 - 1999)



John Gowans
(1999 - 2002)



John Larsson
(2002 - 2006)



Shaw Clifton
(2006 - 2011)



Linda Bond
(2011 - 2013)



Andre Cox
(2013 - 2018)



Brian Peddle
(2018 - 2023)



General Elect
(2023 -)

Generals of
The Salvation Army



Commissioner John Kumar Dasari
Territorial Commander
India South-Eastern Territory

“Kate I found my destiny”

The Founder's Day commences with the call of the founder William Booth at Quakers ground as he sits alone found the mission of God and call for him to meet the people who are oppressed and denied the privileges. This faith-based organization started by William Booth in London in 1865 to offer compassionate and tangible service to those who were homeless, hungry besides destitute, desiring to win the lost multitudes of England to Christ. He walked the streets of London to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the poor, the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

William Booth abandoned the conventional concept of a church and a pulpit, instead taking his message to the people. As this didn't, please the people he withdrew from the church and travelled throughout England, conducting evangelistic meetings. In 1865, William Booth was invited to hold a series of evangelistic meetings in the East End of London. He set up a tent in a Quaker graveyard, and his services became an instant success. His renown as a religious leader spread throughout London, and he attracted followers who were dedicated to fight for the souls of men and women.

Let us focus on three important statements of the Founder:

1. I found my destiny: The founder is very clear with his mission and field. Though he was engaged in preaching the gospel having the comfortable life, but not satisfied. When he finds the discrimination in the church, he was led by the spirit of God to go and preach the poor and needy. Through out his life he has a very clear missional plans and goals. As we are commemorating the Founder's Day that we are all expected to focus on the mission. As the salvation army we must have a Strategy and annual plan to lead our

forces. As soldiers we are all expected to have a destiny to reach. There are people in the world still not saved. There is still discrimination among the members of the church. The poor members are not given proper attention. Only rich and privileged find their advantage. There is no place of worship for some. Some people are still surviving in the poor living condition. They need the Army and God.

2. The chief danger that confronts the coming century: will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, Salvation without regeneration and politics without God: Our founder is called the prophet. He professed the future of the Church and the Army. He warned that there will so dangers that our movement may fall into.

I wontedly divided these statements into 5 parts such as:

a. Religion with out Holy Ghost: The foundation to the Salvation Army worship and ministry is based on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. If we fail to know this holy ghost of worship will become empty blabbering. Just a noise so each soldier is expected to know this holy spirit in our personal lives and ministry.

b. Christianity without Christ: Sometimes we boast ourselves that we are the 4th or 5th Generation of the Salvationist. We are glad because we continue the tradition of our ancestors. Whether we knew the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. That personal knowledge of Christ makes you to live a life worthy of Christ.

c. Forgiveness without repentance: The ministry of the Lord Jesus is the ministry is forgiveness. We will become Christians only because we have been forgiven by Him. But if we don't have the repentance towards of misdeeds and repeat them again and again our experience of Salvation and Forgiveness becomes false.

d. Salvation without regeneration: Salvation is the Gift of God. Our righteous deeds are just like the dirty rags in the sight of God. But once we are saved, we are expected the life of regeneration (2nd Corinthians 5:17). Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, He is a new

creation. The old has gone, the new is here!”

e. Politics without God: The time of our founder in England was passing through a very tough time. So much of poverty and mistrust among the people. Lot of unemployment. Self-focussed politics. He felt that the church should deal with all these matters. He started a safety match factory and wrote a book called “the darkest England and its Way out”. For which the Founder is being invited to the Parliament and awarded him the honourable Doctorate called “Doctor of Civil Laws” DCL. Each of the soldiers should have some awareness on the political situation around us and they all should focus on God.

3. The Mission of the Army is fighting against the sin and Satan: “While women weep, as they do now, I'll fight. While little children go hungry, as they do now, I'll fight. While men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now, I'll fight. While there is a drunkard left, while there is a poor lost girl upon the streets, while there remains one dark soul without the light of God, I'll fight. I'll fight to the very end!”

During the Bhuj Earthquake time we were serving in the Border. Many military officials were with us. They used to ask us we are the Army, and you are also the Army, what is the deference between you and us. We used to have One doctor with us he used to say you are the army fighting with our enemies, but we are praying Army. Though our army is fighting army this is also an army that fights all the social evils in the world. This statement was given by our founder in they year 1912 at Royal Albert Hall where 7000 people were present. He very clears in his mission and call. His mission is to help the poor, feeble, minors, drunkards and vulnerable in any form.

On this auspicious day I would like to challenge all my fellow officers and Soldiers, do we really committed to stand with our founder to fight against the weeping women, hungry children, drunkard, prisoners and broken. Where are we fitting in our ministry today in accomplishing the Founders calls. I wish you all a very happy founders Day. May God Bless our Army. 🙏

Manifesto of William Booth, The General of The Salvation Army



Lieut-Colonel J. Daniel J. Raj
Chief Secretary
India South-Western Territory

I feel privileged, of greeting each of you, on the significant day of the Salvation Army, while attempting to write few lines, of what this day can mean for readers of war cry this year.

Founders Day: Salvationists think of "Founders Day" which is 2nd July, as historical event but, it becomes meaningful, only if it helps recapture the vision of William Booth, who, declared his **social manifesto**, as described in his book "**In Darkest England and the way out**" published in 1890.

Founders' day, as most of us know, is not the birthday of William Booth, rather the birthday of the Salvation Army. William and his Catherine were instrumental in bringing change and transformation in the lives of millions of people in England and elsewhere through the Army they were able to found with the aid of the Holy Spirit.

Social Manifesto: The social manifesto of William Booth, explored various ideas such as providing food and shelter for the poor, helping the disadvantaged, to learn agricultural trades and to assist people in search of a better life to emigrate. This eventually resulted in Army's mission two pronged – to provide social salvation and proclaiming personal Salvation.

Social Salvation: The plight of the poor in slums and streets made both William Booth and Catherine cry unto God and decided to relieve as much as they can from the poverty and offer as best as they can, safe and

healthy living. One Such example to cite was the factory owners who extracted maximum labour from poor people, at the cost of their lives, paying very little. The Salvation Army in 1891 opened a match box factory paying, higher wages and allowed employees to work in much better living conditions than other factories. The slogan written on the matchbox lid was "**Lights in Darkest England.**" This initiative led to the raising of standard in all British match factories.

Rehabilitation: William Booth believed poverty and social injustice indeed hamper people's path to salvation and succeeded in eliminating those obstacles by establishing colonies in cities, to rehabilitate, in addition to shelter homes for destitute, prior to sharing the good news of salvation for their souls.

William and Catherine, while travelling around England, discovered the amount of damage caused to the precious souls of men and women who, had been exposed to social wreckage caused by drink, prostitution. It's a reality that no one could concentrate on the message of the Lord on an empty stomach. Hence, Army created soup kitchens and shops were created to provide food to the poor with sustenance. This facility helped them to become free from addictions. However, The Salvation Army became widely known for its mission to socially backward with a well-known slogan "**Soap Soup and Salvation**".

Personal Salvation: William Booth was a passionate preacher, not sparing any effort to bring sinners to the mercy seat for repentance and helped them to accept Christ as Lord of their lives.

The Purpose of Army: When the Christian Mission, for which William Booth was "**General Superintendent**" became Salvation Army, William Booth the founder and the first General, has summed up the purpose of the Army in a simple and striking way as follows "**We are a salvation People – this is our speciality – getting saved and keeping saved, and then getting somebody else saved, and then getting saved ourselves more and more until full salvation on earth makes the heaven within, which is finally**

perfected by the full salvation without, on the other side of the river."

The Motto of the Army Flag: The first open air evangelistic campaign by the founder on 2nd July 1865 was at the old Quaker burial ground on Mile End waste in Whitechapel. His target was the victims of all social evils of his time, to drag them to meet the saviour by his preaching. The Army marched with flags indicating, the motto "**Blood and Fire**" signifying the blood of the Lamb-Jesus Christ and the fire of the Holy Spirit. He never hesitated to utilize popular music to attract crowds and aid conversion in the streets.

William Booth, as founder whom others saw him as charismatic champion of religion and reform, never thought of abandoning his preaching which he considered most important and did with utmost care in saving souls for the master. His wife Catherine too was a pioneer of women's equality and paved the way for women, to preach as men do in the pulpit based on biblical Truth.

Founder's Later Years: The founder though was worn out and blind in his later years yet, he was able to continue his passionate preaching. Many of his visions for both social and missionary work have continued to come true though he was promoted to Glory on 20th August 1912. His final public appearance was on 9th May 1912, making the most distinguished address to a packed crowd of 7,000 salvationists at the Royal Albert Hall, London. Those words still have practical application and they are "While women weep, as they do now, I'll fight; while children go hungry, as they do now, I'll fight; while men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now, I'll fight; while there is a poor lost girl upon the streets, while there remains one dark soul without the light of God, I'll fight, I'll fight to the very end".

The founder was able to establish Army in 58 countries, travelling 50 lakhs miles preaching sixty thousand sermons. His social manifesto is still relevant and may we all be instrument in discharging them in our lifetime. God bless you all. 🏹

Unique Vision of *The Salvation Army* towards Globe

The Salvation Army remains committed to supporting the marginalized community across the globe that; because of enduring determination of Founder General William Booth and Co-founder Catherine Booth to keep on wrestle with the evil deeds for the better world. They had unique vision to reach out poor, despised and unpopular community with the Love of God. We the Salvationist made covenant with God, with blood of Lord Jesus in the presence of company of Salvationist who bears witness that to be faithful and obedient servant and to reach out the needy community to support and help the people in His name.

One day the Lord Jesus paid a visit around the village, he propagates **"Good News"** to the people, he observed and found that there were many people who are suffering from different kinds of sickness. They were suffering from spiritual and physical sickness. Nobody was available there to take care of, lead and guide them. There were many social issues in the village. The people strayed from the way of God. So, the Lord Jesus compassionate and pity on them. The Lord Jesus wants them to help them. He said harvest is large, but the workers are few, he need the people work for thy ministry to bring the people into the Lord Jesus. These marginalized people are belonging to God. So, He invited the disciples to gather the harvest for the Lord Jesus (Matthew 9:35-38). It was universal invitation by the Lord Jesus to accept and join in His ministry to bring the people into the light of the Lord Jesus, those who are in the darkness.

An Invitation of the Lord Jesus is to Repent: Matthew 4:18-22 One day the Lord Jesus was walking on the seashores, he saw Peter and his brother Andrew decorating their fishing net. The Lord Jesus proceeds to them and said, "come and follow me, I will teach you to catch the men". They left their net and followed the Lord Jesus. Then he saw bit little distance John and James sons' of Zebedee with his father and their fishing net. Jesus Called to follow, at moment they left their father Zebedee and followed the Lord Jesus without knowing anything. The Lord Jesus called to four fishermen to repent, it means turned away from the old way of life and follow the Lord Jesus to walk on new way of life. They accepted the Lord Jesus and followed to catch the people for the Kingdom of God.

Those who accepted his invitation and follow their will changes happen in their life. Bible says in **2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old**

has passed away; behold, the new has come". The old things have passed away, but new things have been replaced. The holy life is possessed by God's transforming grace, separated from the life of sin and failure. I would like to quote from the book of Chosen to be a Soldier "The God's Commandment be loving even towards people whose attitude could provoke to unconcern, bitterness, self-assertion, enmity, strife, and the life. In such circumstances the love of Christ helps the sanctified Christian to show the concern, helpless, and forbearance for others". Chapter VI, Section 3 past para page no. 29)

An invitation of the Lord Jesus to reuse the Gift have: Each Skills and talents must be used to prosper the kingdom. People have different gifts and skills individually; it should be reused positively whenever required. Peter, Andrew, John, and James had fishing skills, which they obtained from their parents and own cultures. Similarly, among the Salvationist there are many people with various professions, skills, and talents, this could be used and reused wherever necessary, for the expansion of Kingdom of God.

An example to learn lessons from the book of Acts 18 Priscilla and Aquila they both Jewish Christians and by profession was tent makers. They persecuted and they expelled by the Roman Emperor from Italy. They met Paul at Corinth and became good friends. Paul also having same skills in tent making. They re-used their skills to earn the money to survive and they worked together to share the Good News to the people and founded a Church in Corinth.

An Example to learn lessons Matthew 17:24-27 Says, When Jesus and his disciples arrived at Capernaum, the tax collector of Temple asked to the disciple that; does not your teacher pay the Temple tax? Disciples share this with their master to the Lord Jesus. Then Jesus told to Peter "Go into the sea and throw out the line and take the first fish catch open its mouth and you will find a shekel and take that and give it to temple tax collector for me and yours. This was an opportunity to reuse their gift to pay the temple tax. So, the Lord Jesus made them to reuse their skills to give the tax. This is how the incident teach us to reuse wisely our skills for thy Ministry when needed.

An Invitation of the Lord Jesus to Share the Good News: Still now there are many more people in the world those who never listen the Good News. Still the large amount of mankind is waiting to listen the word of God. Therefore, we need to keep continue to send the




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missionaries propagate the Gospel. In practically when we go the Corps, community, we can understand that; still many people are there who never listened the word of God even single time. Therefore, we need to keep continue propagating and sending the missionaries to communities to share the Gospel, this should not be stopped. The **"Good News"** to be carry on to next generation. **"The former General of the Salvation Army quoted the three aspects; i) Preach the Gospel ii) Grow up the saints iii) Meet the human needs in His name.**

It is written in the book of Matthew 25:14-23, The story about a man who was on a journey and called his servants and distributed wealth according to their capability. Five bags of gold, two bags of gold and one bag of gold. The man after returned, he called the servants to settle the accounts, but he found two were faithful and well done and who had received one bag of gold he dug a hole in the ground and covered, he done nothing and because of that owner punished him, and all responsibility took away and those who are faithful and obedient in their responsibility will be given more.

A man going on a journey: Refers to the Lord Jesus who ascended on heaven, but once day the Lord Jesus will return to settle the individual accounts. His **servants:** The people of salvationists and believers called by God, we have divine responsibilities to carry on to gather the harvest for God. His **wealth:** Refers to the Gospel that the Lord Jesus has been given to us to share with the people without discrimination. It should be invested to multiply to bring more people into God.

We are called by God, ordained, and commissioned by the Local Church to share the love of God with others. It is time to sustain in our Covenant to God and remain in main vine. Love does not know the boundary. It's all about boundless salvation flows for everyone. It is a time to go nearer to the Lord Jesus, be remain in our promises and be obedient and faithful as we are His servant in ministerial life. God Bless you!
Yours-in- His Service. 

A reflection on our journey towards eternity

The human quest for eternity transcends the limitations of our temporal existence, as we long for a deeper meaning and purpose in life. Through this short exploration containing biblical references, I would like to expose the divine promise that shapes our understanding and pursuit of eternal life. Eternity, as described in the Bible, contains more than just an unending stretch of time. It is a state of existence that transcends the boundaries of the physical world and offers eternal communion with God. Ecclesiastes 3:11 states, "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart." This verse highlights humanity's innate yearning for a timeless connection with something greater than ourselves.

Our God, being the eternal God, we are provided through holy scriptures, a clear promise of eternal life for those who embrace faith and trust in God. One of the most well-known verses, John 3:16, affirms this promise: "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." Through faith in Jesus Christ, believers receive the gift of eternal life, characterized by an everlasting relationship with God. The promise of eternal life is not limited to a future existence but begins in the present. Jesus declares in John 17:3, "Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." Here, eternal life is not merely a duration but a quality of intimate relationship with God that begins on Earth and extends into eternity.

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As believers of Christ, we carry on our journey towards eternity, the Bible offers valuable guidance and principles that shape our path. Firstly, we are called to seek God and His kingdom above all else. Matthew 6:33 advises, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Prioritizing our relationship with God allows us to align our lives with His eternal purposes and experience the fullness of His blessings. Secondly, our journey toward eternity involves living a life characterized by love, compassion, and service to others. 1 Peter 4:8-10 reminds us, "Above all, love each other deeply because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.


Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others." Through acts of love and service, we reflect God's character and contribute to the eternal well-being of others. Also, our journey toward eternity calls for perseverance and endurance in the face of trials and challenges. In 2 Corinthians 4:17, the apostle Paul encourages believers by stating, "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all." By enduring hardships with faith and hope, we grow in character and deepen our trust in God's eternal plan.

Our journey toward eternity is a transformative quest that shapes our perspective, purpose, and actions. The Bible serves as a guide, offering a clear promise of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. By seeking God's kingdom, living a life of love and service, and persevering through trials, we align



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ourselves with God's eternal purposes. Eventually, our journey towards eternity is not a solitary pursuit but a divine invitation to participate in a profound and everlasting relationship with the Creator of the universe. 



3 Foundations of Christian Life



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“...Be joyful in hope; patient in affliction; faithful in prayer;” Romans 12:12

Romans 12:9-21 has been titled “*The Christian Life Code*” by Bible scholars. It is also appropriately called the “*Christian Constitution*” or “*Christian Code of Life*” because it contains good proverbs that can be applied immediately to any Christian. Among these great proverbs, let us consider the three most important foundations of the Christian life, which the holy apostle Paul clearly and eloquently stated.


1. Joyful in hope: “*My righteous one will live by faith,*” the Bible tells us, which is the words of the Lord Jesus. But today, it is so hard to stand firm and solely rely upon God's mighty hand because there is so much in the world to trust and rely on, not because we doubt in God. Just as we see in the Bible “*Some trust in chariots, some trust in horses,*” there are so many things that human strength can do, and so many things that money can buy where men can have confidence within apart from God. Furthermore, for most Christians, it is easy to say the word “*I put my hope only in Jesus*” when we are healthy and well but find difficult in hardship. However, seemingly money can buy health and some happiness in a blink,

but the happiness that money can buy has a limitation, only last for a while. They have not yet found the ever-springing well of wealth and happiness in the world! Therefore, to Jesus' followers, even in the midst of poverty and suffering the song “*Even when all things perish God is our reliance and hope,*” is our greatest comfort under the presence of the Spirit. The New Testament describes hope as the “*anchor of the soul*”. That means hope is an anchor for the soul, making us secure, sure, and firm in the Lord. So let us move forward with a living hope that God has given us.

2. Patient in affliction: Since we are still living in a world ruled by sin, Christians too often have to endure hardship, suffering, and persecution because of Satan and his sinful act. From the time of the early church till today, affliction and suffering have been a part of the life of the follower of Christ, and it will continue until Christ's second coming. The early congregations were also greatly encouraged to endure the suffering of their time and therefore with the help of the spirit, they stood firm in the name of Jesus Christ till their last breath. They set an outstanding example in faith for their offspring, for today's Christians. The Bible contains many words of encouragement for the Christian's endurance upon suffering, we are also shown the need for living faith in the Lord is of utmost importance to possess the promised rewards that we will receive after our endurance. (II Tim 4:5; Rev. 2:10) A Christian who is unwilling to suffer and who avoids suffering will never learn from suffering and will never

be blessed. It is crucial that we prepare ourselves to endure suffering as God's Word urges us to do.

3. Faithful in prayer: Finally, the above-mentioned foundations can only come from having a living relationship with God. A believer who never keeps a living relationship with God may not expect the said foundations in his/her life. The most important thing a person can do to have a living fellowship with God is to take time to read God's Word diligently and listen to His voice and pray to Him constantly. Prayer is the key to communicating our desires to God, moreover, it is also the greatest lock of bond between us and God.

These three foundations guide, strengthen and equip the believer's life to be faithful to Jesus Christ. 



Others

As human beings, we frequently succumb the temptation of being self-centered and giving priority to our own needs and desires, even if it means neglecting the well-being of others. Sometimes we believe that serving ourselves is the key to happiness. However, as Salvationists, we are called to live in a different way. Serving others is ingrained in our DNA and is at the core of our mission.

During the Christmas season of 1910, General William Booth, the visionary founder of the Salvation Army, was gravely ill and unable to attend the organisation's annual convention. Despite his physical limitations, he was determined to inspire the officers and soldiers in attendance. Someone suggested that he send a telegram to be read at the opening of the convention, and General Booth agreed. However, he was mindful of the Army's limited budget and the expenses associated with sending telegrams. Therefore, he decided to send one message that would encapsulate his life's work and encourage the soldiers to persist. With great thought and reflection, General Booth searched his mind for the perfect word that would embody the mission of the Salvation Army and inspire his followers.

When the delegates gathered for the convention, the officer announced that General Booth would not be able to attend due to his declining health. However, he had sent a telegram to be read at the beginning of the first session. The officer opened the message and read just one word: "Others." This phrase has since become a slogan for the Salvation Army and serves as a reminder of our foundation.

Catherine Booth, the co-founder of the Salvation Army, beautifully summed up our mission: "You are not here in the world for yourself. You have been sent here for others. The world is waiting for you!" As followers of Christ, we are called to prioritise serving others above ourselves. Jesus himself came to the world to serve others, and we are called to follow in his footsteps.

As humans, we often find ourselves fixated on our own needs and desires. Yet, God reminds us that true fulfillment comes from prioritising the needs of others. This is exemplified by Jesus, who selflessly served those around him during his time on Earth.

"That is what the Son of Man has done: He

came to serve, not be served - and then to give away his life in exchange for the many who are held hostage" (Matthew 20:28 from The Message Bible).

Jesus exemplified true humility and kindness by never assuming a position of superiority over others. He selflessly served those around him, performing miracles such as feeding five thousand people with only five loaves of bread and two fish. He walked great distances to visit and heal the sick, and he even raised the dead. Jesus took the time to touch and heal a sick woman, demonstrating compassion towards those who were often marginalised. He spent time with those who were marginalised and forgotten by society. In a powerful display of humility, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. Through his actions, Jesus demonstrated what it truly means to love and serve others with a servant's heart.

"It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows" (Galatians 5:13 from The Message Bible).

When we serve others, it is not only about the actions we take, but also about the attitude we bring to those actions. Our hearts and attitudes towards those whom we serve are just as important as the tasks we perform. Love is the essential component that makes our service truly significant. Jesus is the ultimate role model for this kind of service. He did not just go through the motions; he approached every act of service with genuine humility and love. He did not discriminate based on one's background or social status; he provided the same level of care and compassion to everyone.

"If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, 'Jump,' and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing. If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love" (1 Corinthians 13: 1-3 from The Message Bible).



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In a world where there is brokenness, widespread, betrayal, disrespect, and fallenness, it is easy to feel unappreciated and taken for granted. It is difficult to trust and serve people who are flawed and imperfect. But amidst all of this, there is one constant we can rely on: our unwavering trust in God. Our service is not for the sake of others, but for Him. By serving Him, we discover the resilience to overcome the obstacles of this world.

"Then the king will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth; whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored that was me - you did it to me'" (Matthew 25: 40 from The Message Bible).

When we serve others through our services in the Salvation Army, we embody the spirit of Jesus. Just as Jesus humbly washed the feet of his disciples, we too can demonstrate love and compassion by serving those who are in need.

"So if I, the Master and Teacher, washed your feet, you must now wash each other's feet" (John 13:14 from The Message Bible).

The focus of God's attention does not depend on the quality of our service, but rather on the intention behind it. He observes the willingness and eagerness with which we serve, driven by our love for Jesus and gratitude for his blessings. In our endeavours to serve others, we can lean on God's strength and guidance, seeking his wisdom, discernment, and compassion. We can rest assured that God will equip us with everything that we require to serve others with excellence.

May we approach our service to others with a joyful heart and a spirit of humility, recognizing that our actions have the power to impact not only the lives of those we serve, but also the kingdom of God. Let us emulate the selfless love and service of Jesus, shining as a beacon of hope and compassion to all those we encounter. 

GOD WILL FILL YOUR LIFE WITH BLESSINGS THAT CAN NOT BE BOUGHT



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When we are Obedient to God, we can know an abundance that people who have not accepted the Saviour simply cannot understand. Not one of these mighty blessings on the following list can be purchased, yet all of them are part of true biblical prosperity and come from the gracious hand of our wonderful, prospering Lord.

1. salvation: *"For God so loved the world, that gives his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting Life"* John 3:16

Salvation is the great work of God (Jonah 2:9) in which He forgives sin and gives eternal life to a believing sinner as a free gift of His grace (Eph. 2:8-9). Forgiveness is needed because all people are born sinners showing their sinful nature soon after birth. *"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."*

2. Health: *"Who forgives all thine iniquities, who heal the all thy diseases"* Psalm 103:3 *"Beloved, I hope that you are prospering in every aspect and in good health, just as your soul is prospering"*. Proverbs 17:22 — A joyful heart is the health of the body, but a depressed spirit dries up the bones. Philippians 4:13 - I have

the strength in everything through Him who empowers me.

3. Deliverance: *"He Delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me"* The Lord has the power to deliver us from problems and troubles from day to day. As we experience His deliverance daily, we increase our faith in His ultimate power to deliver us from our greatest challenges: sin and death. As we remember the Lord and His deliverance. He remembers us.

4. Protection: *"For the eyes of the lord run to and from throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong on the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore, from henceforth thou shalt have wars"* (2 Chronicles 16:9)

5. Answers to Prayer: *"Now know I that the lord seeth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand"* (Psalms 20:6) Jesus taught, *"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find"* (Matthew 7:7). When you are sincerely striving to obey God's commandments, He will give you answers to your prayers, and you will be ready to receive them. God *"heareth the prayer of the righteous"* (Proverbs 15:29).

6. Victory: *"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Corinthians 15:57) I John

5:4. 4 for everyone born of God overcome the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

7. Preservation: *"The Lord preserved all of them that love him but all the wicked will he destroy"* (Psalms 145:20) *"He can guide us in our decisions and protect us from physical and spiritual danger"*. Through His power, we are sanctified — or set apart, or made holy — as we repent, receive saving ordinances, and keep our covenants.

8. Reward: *"If any man's work abides which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward"* (1 Corinthians 3:14) *"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that he exists and that 1--1e rewards those who earnestly seek Him."* The Good News: *"Have faith in what is not seen, for God rewards us for our belief in Him and His rewards when we don't need to see to believe"*

9. Eternal inheritance: *"The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be forever"* (Psalms 37: 18) Proverbs 13:22: *"A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children"*. (NKJV) This verse keeps our life goals, our vision, and our legacy front and centre when we're choosing how to use our money today. May God Bless you all. 🙏

76th Graduation and 79th Lamp lighting ceremony




76th Graduation and 79th Lamp Lighting ceremony was conducted by Evangeline Booth Hospital under the leadership of Commissioner Daniel Raju Dasari, Territorial Commander. The Lady Coville School of Nursing, Ahmednagar at Shirley Miller Memorial Prayer hall on Saturday 27th May 2023 at 5pm.

On this auspicious occasion we had the honour of having our newly appointed Chief Secretary Lt. Colonel Zothanmawia and TSWM Lt. Colonel Vanlalnungi as our chief guests. Also we had Lt. Colonel Sanjay Kristi and Lt. Colonel Randive to grace the occasion. We were also privileged to have (API) Mrs. Pallavi Deshmukh as our guest of honour.

The program started with the song and entry of the students who graduated. The Lamp lighting ceremony was conducted in which all the chief guests and the students participated. The students of second year presented wonderful performances to make the occasion even more lively and graceful. Motivating and encouraging speeches were given by the Our chief guests and guest of honour. Our guest of honour API Pallavi Deshmukh delivered a wonderful encouraging speech, educating the people about the 'Nirbhaya Squad' and assured to extend help in times of need.

Our chief guests, Chief Secretary Lt.

Colonel Zothanmawia and TSWM Lt. Colonel Vanlalnungi motivated the students. Chief Secretary Lt. Colonel Zothanmawia encouraged the students by quoting the example from the bible of the widow's son who was raised by Jesus, showing how Jesus has compassion on the widow. In the same way we also must carry the heart of compassion while dealing with the sick in this profession. Lt. Colonel Vanlalnungi encouraged the students wonderfully quoting a scripture which says let your light so shine before men so that they may see your good works and glorify God the father who is in heaven. She also shared and motivated the students to follow the example of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing who always went out of the way to serve the

The Chief guests and guest of honour felicitated the graduated students and the rank holders for their achievement. The program ended with a song and the students marching out holding lamps symbolizing as carrying the light of their knowledge and service to the world. Administrator - EBH Chief Secretary Lt. Colonel Zothanmawia Nursing college Principal (left), Tutor (right). 

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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."

Education Workshop 2023 held at the Earth Centre, Dalhousie organized by Education Department, India Northern Territory

On the 4th of June 2023, all the delegates from the Salvation Army schools and college, arrived at the Earth Centre, Dalhousie to attend the Education Workshop. On the 5th of June 2023

The workshop commenced with praise and worship led by teachers from Batala. Major Joseph Khan led the devotion and Lt. Colonel George Patrick, welcomed the delegates, as well as along with other faculties inaugurated the workshop.

The goal of the workshop was:

- To introduce the new Education Policy
- To remind the mission and vision as well as the value of the Salvation Army
- To give the Delegates time to be refreshed, reequipped, and refocus on teaching methods that required in the current situation
- Understanding Child Protection and the environment is required for children to develop holistically.

All the delegates introduced themselves individually. Experts from educational establishments were invited to speak in the workshop.

Lt. Colonel George Patrick, SPA, spoke on “Army Mission and Vision”. In his introduction, he said the purpose of our school work and the aim for which these schools are running across the territory. He explained the mission and vision statements for educational institutions. The learning environment, goals, minimum standard, and challenges of the future were some of his key subjects that he explained very nicely.

Major Anugrah Masih, Secretary for Social Justice, spoke about “Developing a Safe Environment in the School”. In her subject, she defined the importance of Child Protection, rules concerning child protection, forms of Child Abuse, differently abled children, grooming, online abuse, etc. She also spoke about the theological Basis of developing a safe environment for children. International and Territorial Child Protection policy and Child rights in the Indian constitution were explained elaborately, as well as cautioned all to take the challenge seriously to avert any future problems in the school.

Dr. David Teja, Ex. The Registrar of the Baring College spoke about “teaching in an inclusive school environment”. He spoke of his subject by separating all the words like teaching, inclusion, school, and environment. He explained that it is the process of increasing the participation of the students and reducing their exclusion from the culture, curriculum, and communities of local schools.

Major Suresh Masih, Development Secretary, spoke on “Physical aspects of the school building”. He explained the resource, components, classroom aspects, characteristics of a good school building, plan for school development, etc.

After tea in the afternoon, all the schools presented their school reports, where they informed about the present condition, achievements, and challenges they are facing to develop the schools.

Major Sukanta Limma closed the 1st-day workshop with Devotion.

On 6th June 2023, the workshop was commenced with Devotion by Lt. Colonel George Patrick. After Devotion, he welcomed the Territorial Leaders, the Chief Guests of the Workshop, Colonel Chawnglut Vanlalafela, Territorial Commander and Colonel Ropari Khupchawng, TPWM.

The first session was taken by the Territorial Commander, who spoke about “Understanding Army Values” and explained the education work. He explained how we are responsible for children and what is the meaning of working in a Salvation Army school. How to keep the value intact. He further elaborates, A good teacher has special respect when everybody likes to obey him. His or her behavior changes the environment of the classroom. The success of a school depends on the attitude of a teacher.

He explained, “To children, you are representing the goal”. Therefore it is better, if you know yourself, because you are like a book and children read you. If your children learn good ethics, that will bring success. Be familiar enough with the textbook, and teach, they will be more interested in your teaching, as you watch them and teach them, Be wise enough.

As you know that the Salvation Army has its Child Protection Policy, you must know that Child Protection Policy is approved by the parliament, and therefore, you have to obey it. He gave many examples and taught nicely.

Finally, he quotes from the Bible saying, “As Jesus said, be seasoned with salt that others may find test in you.”

Mr. Raju Daniel, the Principal spoke about the “New Education Policy” which was passed with some changes in the old version in the parliament in 2020. He spoke about the vision of this policy and the changes it brought with curriculum and pedagogy based on Principle 5+3+3+4 design. He explained all the changes that will affect the current education with modern education.

There was a group discussion that took place to suggest the development initiatives of the school, where all the delegates through their groups gave various suggestions to develop various prospects of the School.



Major Joseph Khan spoke about 'becoming a favorite teacher of students.' Essential points for a teacher to be a good inspiration to their students. He spoke about adaptability, empathy, patience, active learning, and creativity, which leads to being a good and favorite teacher in the school.

Advocate Shahenshah, spoke about the “Law required to be abiding by”, where he spoke about school management, Child Protection Policy, fundamental rights of a child given by the Indian constitution, JJ Act, POCSO Act, Prevention of child abuse, etc. At the same time, he stressed the need to be careful, as there are many false accusations taking place by using these acts to defame someone.

The final meeting was started with prayer by Colonel Ropari Khupchawng, TPWM. There was two experience sharing where delegates participated and spoke about the workshop, they shared their experience, that they feel fortunate to attend such workshop, and learned to work in the school with a perspective to develop their personal quality and to live exemplary life for the students.

Colonel Vanlalafela, Territorial Commander gave the sermon and told that though we are from different religions, we are one, our religion speaks many good things, and we need to follow them. We need to love one another. Because our very moto is to work together for good. He said as written in 1 Cor.10:31 “whatever therefore you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”

After giving much valuable advice to all the delegates, he concludes the workshop in Prayer. After the meeting, there was certificate distribution done by Territorial Commander and TPWM.

We thank God for all the protection to reach Dalhousie, and the delegates going back safely to their respective places. We are thankful to our leaders for this opportunity to conduct this workshop in such a beautiful place. We are thankful to the donors who showed their concern and paid for this good cause, which will be benefitted to all our schools.



Major Joseph Khan
Education Secretary
India Northern Territory

The General Announces Next Chief of the Staff

General Brian Peddle has sent out the following announcement to Salvation Army leaders around the world.

Following the conversation with the General-elect, I am happy to announce that he has chosen and appointed Commissioner Edward Hill to be Chief of the Staff and Commissioner Shelley Hill to be World Secretary for Women's Ministries effective from 3 August 2023.

Commissioned in June 1993, in the USA Western Territory, Edward and Shelley Hill began their shared ministry as officers on the beautiful island of Hawaii at Leeward. Two years later they were appointed to divisional headquarters as divisional youth leaders where they served until July 1995, when they were appointed to training college work.

Further corps leadership experience was theirs at Pasadena Tabernacle Corps from February 2002. In June 2008, Majors Hill was appointed to lead the Hawaii/Pacific Division, as Divisional Commander and Divisional Director of Women's Ministries. They were subsequently appointed to



THQ in June 2012 – Major Edward Hill as Secretary for Programme and Major Shelley as Women's Ministries Secretary.

In July 2016, their first experience of international service came to them as they were appointed to the Singapore, Malaysia, and Myanmar Territory as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries. Further international service opportunities came in November 2018 with their appointments to the Canada and Bermuda Territory as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries.

May 2021 saw the Hills, with promotion to the rank of commissioner, assuming responsibility as Zonal Leaders for the Americas and Caribbean Zone, based at International Headquarters in London. In these roles they have served in various capacities: Edward Hill is a SAITCo Director as well as a member of The General's Council and International Appointments Board and Shelley Hill is a member of the International Finance Board, The General's Council and International Appointments Board as well as taking the lead in the zonal department on all mission and community projects and Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Response.

Commissioner Edward Hill holds a Master of Christian Education, and a Master of Divinity and Commissioner Shelley Hill is a graduate of the Arrow Executive Leadership Course.

I know you will join me in assuring Commissioners Hill of thoughts and prayers as they prepare themselves in heart and mind to take on the onerous duties that will be theirs in support of our new international leaders. 🇬🇧

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The Chief of the Staff is appointed by the General to be second-in-command of the International Salvation Army. The first Chief was Bramwell Booth, eldest son of the Salvation Army Founders, William and Catherine Booth. Commissioner Edward Hill will be the 28th Chief of the Staff.



William and Catherine Booth with their five oldest children

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