



The **WAR CRY**

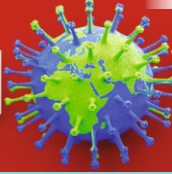
June 2021 | Vol. : 22 / No. : 6

***“See what great love the Father
has lavished on us, that we should
be called children of God! And
that is what we are!..” 1 John 3:1***

Happy Father's Day !



2nd WAVE



We often hear the phrase "Second Wave", depicting the pandemic devastation for the second time. There is no textbook definition of what constitutes a wave in an epidemic. The term is used generically to describe the rising and declining trends of infections over a prolonged period of time. When the coronavirus pandemic began early in 2020, experts wondered if there would be waves of cases, a pattern seen in other virus pandemics. The overall pattern so far has been one of increasing cases of Covid-19, with a surge during the seasons. In India so far, there have been two very distinct periods of surge, separated by a prolonged lull. There has been some speculation about the third wave being even stronger than the second. However, this is not something that can be predicted.

When I reflect on this second wave and its greater impact, I was contemplating on the realities that made this second wave worst hit than its previous one. Experts say that the so-called waves are usual in any pandemic, but the increased death toll was purely the man-made mistakes. The Virologists assumed that due to the negligent attitude, unpreparedness, not being self-disciplined, and not taking attentive measures or alternatives to subdue. Whatever or whoever be the reason, one thing we must admit that it not only led people to poverty, food loss etc., but it made a huge destruction to people pushing into fears, mental worries and emotional stigma and imbalance.

What does it teach to the followers of Christ? How can we relate this present situation to our personal spiritual lives? I would like this to be reminded about the Second Coming of Lord Jesus Christ, as we believe in the second coming of Christ. His return from heaven will be personal, visible, and glorious, a blessed hope for which we should constantly watch and pray. But are we talking it seriously? We all have been experiencing the love of God and receive blessings though we are not worthy or not true to Lord. But imagine, if this Second Coming happens right now, what would be your stand? The Holy Scriptures are clear. When the Saviour comes again, He will come in power and glory to claim the earth as His kingdom. His Second Coming will mark the beginning of the Millennium. The Second Coming will be a fearful, mournful time for the wicked, but it will be a day of peace for the righteous. The Lord declared: "They that are wise and have received the truth, and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide, and have not been deceived—verily I say unto you, they shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire but shall abide the day."


Here is a lesson from this Second wave applying ourselves to alter our attitude towards the Second Coming of Lord. I love to read the verse "But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:34-36.

My dear friends, as we focus our thoughts, hearts, and minds on our eternal Saviour, it is our earnest response to be attentive and prepared to face the Lord. It is very encouraging to know that the righteous need not fear the Second Coming or the signs that precede it. The Saviour's words to His Apostles apply to all who prepare for His coming and who look forward to it with joy: "Be not troubled, for, when all these things shall come to pass, ye may know that the promises which have been made unto you shall be fulfilled". Knowing for sure He will come, if not prepared and ready, it is absolutely your blunder.

I take this opportunity to thank our leaders for the privilege of working as Editor for the last two years, and this is the time for me to thank all the leaders, officers, soldiers and friends who contributed for His mission. I enjoyed and love working in this medium. It is my prayer and wish that the same support and cooperation be given to my successor Major Evama Shaijraj, who is more capable and right person in leading this publication.



This edition focusses on Father's Day, and May the Heavenly Father bestow His everlasting benedictions upon everyone.

With every blessing! 

Captain Latha Cheeli
Education Secretary
Secretary for Youth & Children.

Contents

03

Be wise Children of your Father

Commissioner Suresh Pawar

International Secretary, South Asia, IHQ

04

Farewell & Retirement service of

Commissioners Wilfred Varughese and

Prema Wilfred, Territorial Commander
and TPWM, ICT

05

God's vaccine to protect us from Virus

Rev. P. Y. Ratnam

India Central Territory

06

Living on Borrowed Times

Captain Shekhar Ghose

India Northern Territory

07

Heavenly Father as a perfect

Model of Fatherhood

Lt. Colonel Rajam Daniel

TSWM, India Northern Territory

08

Brief information about

Lt. Colonel Vishwas Daniel Pawar (Rtd.)

India Western Territory

09

Multifarious Characteristics of Nehemiah

Rev. Dr. N. L. Victor

India Central Territory

10

Commissioning, Graduation and

Appointment Service of Messengers of

Grace Session, ISET

11

▶ **Kollipara New Prayer Hall dedication, ICT**

▶ **Chukkapallivaripalem New Prayer Hall**

Dedication, Tenali Division, ICT

12

Buried Seed **Bible Study**

Lt. Colonel Dean Hinson

13

▶ **THQ Officers & Employees welcomed the**

New Territorial Leaders, ICT

▶ **Evangelical Congress at Emani Corps, ICT**

14

Christ Centered Family -

My Role as a Father

Lt. Colonel Joginder Masih

Chief Secretary, ISWT

15

Farewell Greetings

Commissioners Wilfred Varughese &

Prema Wilfred

Territorial Leaders, ICT

16

Obituary of Commissioner Lalzamlova

Territorial Commander, IET

BE WISE CHILDREN OF YOUR FATHER



Commissioner Suresh Pawar
International Secretary, South Asia, IHQ-London

The Bible has a lot of teaching on how we must journey in our Christian faith in our family relationships. That includes our relationship with mother and father, sisters and brothers, and with our children. As we celebrate 'Father's Day', let me lead our thoughts with these few words, about a child's relationship with their parents. This is inspired by the teachings of the writer of Proverbs, which says, *'A wise son heeds and accepts [and is the result of] his father's discipline and instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to reprimand and does not learn from his errors'* (Proverbs 13:1 – Amplified).

Some years ago, I met a father living on the streets of Mumbai. He was a daily visitor to the Social Center for a meal provided through the Free Feeding Programme. I had the opportunity to speak to many elderly people who would come daily to queue for food. This man was thrown out of his own house, but always wanted to reconnect with his family. The team at the Social Center worked hard to locate his son, and after lots of counselling were able to reconnect the father with his son. The father had worked hard to raise his two children. He loved them and did everything a good father could do for his children. Jesus, speaking about God, referred to the character of a worldly father, saying, 'Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his

son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?' (Luke 11: 11 – 13 KJV).


It was heartbreaking to learn how cruelly the elder son treated his father and mother when the father retired from his government job. He fought with his brother; cheated his father and got all his retirement funds for himself; treated the parents so badly that the mother died from heart attack and the father left the house, becoming a homeless beggar on the streets of Mumbai. Thank God for the Salvation Army and those officers who were able to help the father find his son; that the father was willing to forgive him, and that the son changed his heart towards his father, who loved him most, giving him the care and love he deserved from his children.

In the present generation, elderly people have various challenges. Many of them are ignored by their own children, and this makes their lives even more difficult. Elderly people are not treated the way they deserve to be. If we look at our own communities and neighborhoods, we see challenges the elderly people face daily - they are enormous, and yet unattended.

It is always expected that Salvationist children are surrounded by the love of Christ, which makes us wise children of our Father in this world, who walk in the goodness of Jesus, who was obedient to His heavenly Father.

Out of the Ten Commandments God gave to his people, the first four deal with how God's people relate to him, but the remaining six address human relationships and responsibilities towards one other. It starts with our relationship with our mother and father, *"Honour your father and your mother, so that you live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you"* (Exodus 20:12). Our love and responsibilities towards our parents should continue long into their old age, and until they breathe their last breath. As a church, we need to advocate the cause of the elderly and focus our teaching, encouraging people in our congregations to always be aware and mindful of elderly parents, and willingly and happily fulfill our God-given responsibilities towards them.

There are so many elderly parents left alone without any support, left to struggle, and die. How can we be mindful of them? Jesus commanded us to care for them. He said, *"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me"* (Matthew 25:35).

Let's do all that we can to love and care for the elderly parents in our congregations and be mindful of the needs of the elderly in our society! 

"Honour your father and your mother, so that you live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you"

FAREWELL & RETIREMENT SERVICE OF COMMISSIONERS WILFRED VARUGHESE AND PREMA WILFRED, TERRITORIAL COMMANDER AND TPWM: INDIA CENTRAL TERRITORY

The meeting was held on Tuesday 25th May 2021. Many people could not attend the event due to COVID restriction and lockdown. Only 20 people were attended. The meeting has also live telecasted on YouTube. Territorial leaders cabinets and officers arrived at the venue following the army flag. Lieutenant Colonel M. Abraham Lincoln, Secretary for Program Administration welcomed the leaders and handed over the responsibility to Lt. Colonel Yaqoob Masih, Chief Secretary.

Our Chief Secretary subsequently hosted the event. The opening song was sung by Lt. Colonel B. G. Prakash Rao, Secretary for Personnel Administration. The prayer session was led by Major D. Jeevaratnam, HRD Secretary Major Katam Prasad, PRS and Major M. Sunita Kumari, Social Secretary were offered prayers. Captain K. Rajashree, Finance Secretary read the Bible portion. The farewell special song was sung by Major G. Vijayakumar, Auditor and Major CH. William Booth, TYS. Afterwards, the Chief Secretary & Lt. Colonel Sumitra Masih, TSWM honored the Territorial Leaders with shawls on behalf of the entire Territory and the Territorial Commander & TPWM honoured the Chief Secretary and TSWM with shawls. Then Major C. Dani Samuel, Editor sang the farewell song

"God be with you till we Meet again"

Mr. P. Paul Rajkumar, CEP & H D, Lieutenant Colonel Y. Manoharan, Business Administration Secretary. Lieutenant Colonel Sumitra Masih, TSWM, Mr. Noel Varghese, Major Roy Joseph, Administrator EBH, Commissioner Paul Du Plessis, Commissioner Denise Swansbury, Major George Scott, Colonel John Kumar Dasari, Territorial Commander, ISET, Colonel Gabriel Christian, Territorial Commander, ISWT, Colonel Daniel Raju Dasari, Territorial Commander, INT, Lieutenant Colonel P. John William, Chief Secretary, IWT said goodbye to the Territorial Leaders. On behalf of General Brian Peddle the Chief Secretary presented the Certificate of Retirement to the Commissioner couple.

Commissioner Prema Wilfred greeted everyone with her response and greetings. Lieutenant Colonel M. Mercy Manjula, THLS prayed for the Word of God. The Commissioner couple sang a special song. Commissioner Wilfred Varughese expressed his happiness and gratitude for the event this meeting and preached the Word of God.

Major Jean Calvin, Chennai Divisional Commander led



the closing song and Territorial Commander prayed and blessed everyone.

THQ Farewell: On 31st May 2021 THQ farewell meeting was conducted at HRD Centre THQ All Officers and Employees attended. Lt. Colonel Yaqoob Masih, Chief Secretary hoisted the meeting. Lieutenant Colonel Y. Manoharan, SBA led the opening song. Captain K. Kanakarathnam, Legal Secretary led the prayer session while Major P. Suguna Raju, Statistician and Mr. James prayed. Then Mrs. J. Padma read the Scripture portion. All Officers and Employees honored Commissioners with shawls and gifts. Major M. Samsonu Education Secretary led the second song. Mrs. Lydia, Captain D. Aruna kumari, Captain CH. Venu said goodbye. The special song was sung by Mr. Vinu Jacob.

Commissioner Prema Wilfred expressed her response and thanked everyone. Lieutenant Colonel B. G. Prakash Rao, Secretary for Personnel prayed for the Word of God. Commissioner Wilfred Varughese expressed his gratitude and evangelized through Hebrews 13:7-8. The last song was sung by Lieutenant Colonel Sumitra Masih, TSWM. Finally, the Commissioner prayed and blessed.

Major C. Dani Samuel Raju
Editor, India Central Territory



GOD'S VACCINE to PROTECT US FROM VIRUS

The killer COVID-19 has claimed millions of lives around the world and continues to pose a major threat to humanity. Government machinery, medical department and police are working very hard to control this virus. Patients in the hospitals are crying for beds, for medicines and also for oxygen. People are waiting in queue in burial grounds to bury the dead bodies of their relatives. Even Kith and kin are unable to attend the funerals.

WHO declared the virus a global pandemic on expressing their concern on the alarming levels of spread and severity of the outbreak? Entire world is pondering how to control the virus and how to save the lives of the people? Some countries found the vaccine to stop speeding the virus.

1. What is meant by Vaccine?

According to Cambridge English Dictionary Substance containing virus, given to a person to prevent him from getting disease by the virus. Either dead or weak live virus of Corona is being injected into human body. When virus enters into human body, the immune system in the body gets alerted and start producing antibodies to fight any disease that enter by the virus.

"I am the way truth and life"

2. How Bible helps in preparing the vaccine?

Bible gave inspiration for many scientists for several inventions. As per Numbers 21:4-9 Israelites spoke against God and Moses in the wilderness. God sent poisonous snakes into people to punish them. When deadly snakes bite, people were dying. They requested Moses to pray to God for their lives. He pleaded to God. God asked Moses to prepare the image of snake and lift it on a pole. People who were bitten would look

at the snake and live. When Moses lifted a braze snake, they looked and lived.

These scientists did the same. They prepared Vaccine with dead or weak Corona virus and injecting into human body for generating antibodies to fight and prevent from any disease caused by the virus.

3. Does this vaccine save people from death?

Most of the people are recovering from Corona Virus; people with weak immune system and also with incurable diseases are dying. People who are recovering from Corona, may die after 10, 20, 30 years. The truth is that people are enslaved by the destructive power and death producing power of sin. The Sinners who are in the hands of angry God go to Hell. The Saved who opened their hearts to Jesus go to Heaven. Jesus told about Hell and Heave in Rich man and Lazarus story (Luke 16). Hell is a place of flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on

those who do not obey the gospel of Lord Jesus Christ. It is a bottomless pit, furnace of fire wailing and gnashing of teeth. This vaccine may post phone our physical death for some time, whereas God's vaccine permanently delivers us from eternal death.


4. Does God's Vaccine protect us from virus?

John 3:14-15 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of man must be lifted up that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him. When Israelites sinned against God, they died by the bite of snakes. The people of the world sinned against God, and sin bites them with several diseases in the name of virus. Most of the people go to hell, and very few to heaven. This is eternal death. No vaccine can save us. No idol and no false Gods can save us. Jesus

who did supreme sacrifice on the cross can save us from the eternal death because Christ is the universal saviour from sin. He is alone answer to the broken, wounded and dying world.

5. Who is Christ to the world?

God so loved the world. He gave His only begotten son, whoever believe in Him shall not perish but everlasting life (John 3:16) But the world rejected God's son started worshipping idols and false Gods. Therefore, God's son left heavenly glory came to this world. He shed His blood for our sins. He was beaten for our sickness. He had crown of thorns for our curse. He hanged on the cross for our punishment. He was pierced to open the life gate for all of us. At Calvary our condemnation lifted, our death sentence revoked, the doors of Heaven are opened. Jesus is the reality of God's love; the ocean of God's matchless grace and He had become God's vaccine to open the gates of Heaven.

Dear reader! Jesus alone said *"I am the way truth and life"*. If we accept God's provision and invite Jesus into our heart, we escape the eternal death and enter into glorious land claiming eternal riches. 



Rev. P. Y. Rathnam
Hyderabad
India Central Territory

LIVING ON BORROWED TIMES

These are challenging times, aren't they as there are panic and caueos all around us?

As human beings no matter how strong and brave we might be, but this Corona Virus has put the human civilization on its knees. Whether it's our country or the superpowers as we say everybody is affected by this so-called Virus.

But as Christians these are challenging times for us, we may wonder why God is letting all this happen to us, deaths of our loved ones, no job, prices are increasing day by day, there is uncertainty for the future and so on.

But let me tell you among all this panic and grief moments God tells us to STOP. The Government has given us some restrictions and norms that we need to follow as citizens of this country.

We are forced to stay in our homes and spend quality time with our loved ones with our kids and above all spend it wisely. But during this Pandemic I have come along a Scripture verse in the Bible which is found in the New Testament in Philippians chap. 4: 6-7. As Paul says do not be anxious and let not worry but as children of God we need to pray as in Vs 7 Paul tells us what will be the outcome or the impact of the Prayer. But Paul tells us that when we the children of God Prays the peace shall surround our heart and will protect our heart, so we need to spend more time in

***He says that
Peace I leave with
you, my peace I
give you. I do not
give to you as the
world gives.***

Prayer during these days then peace of God will come into our heart. Allow the peace to surround you to not to be panic.

As we are the people of faith and dwell in His precious love and his security that he provides to each one as individual. The Bible tells us that perfect love cast out all fear.

So, in the midst of all panic and uncertainty all around us, let just allow the peace of God to fill our lives, our family and loved ones the peace that he provides.

But we need to utilise our time in a sensible manner. Let's spend much time in personnel Prayer, family prayer and teaching our children the importance of prayer. We had no enough time to spend with the family due to busy schedule but, now we can use and utilise our time for them.

The rules and regulations and the guidelines given by the Government for our individual safety and the safety of our family members. We need to avoid being in large group, stay indoors as much as possible. Or else spend time to speak with small groups and speak to them about Jesus and his love and concern for the entire human race and what the Lord wants from us during this borrowed time that he has given to us not just to waste doing things that are irrelevant and baseless. But rather be safe and secure and allow the




Captain Shekhar Ghose
Assistant Finance Department
Territorial Headquarters, New Delhi
India Northern Territory

Lord to bless us and be a blessing to others during this rough patch of our lives.

Lastly, we the precious children of God need to have immense faith in God's loving and caring hands and pray as the Psalmist says in Psalm 32:6. *"Therefore let everyone who is Godly pray to you while you may be found, surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach you."*

God once again tells us to trust him with all our hearts and all our mind though we live in times that are not what we had ever imagined or seen in our wildest dreams but in the gospel of John chapter 14: 27,

He says that *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives."*

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." 

HEAVENLY FATHER AS A PERFECT MODEL OF FATHERHOOD

It is true that we are all part of a family, regardless of faith, race and nationality and it is impossible to be have earthly existence without parents – mother and father. In fact, everyone has a father, no matter we know him physically or unknown unfortunately, for varied reasons, for which one cannot be blamed. Nevertheless, the heavenly father bridges the gap, by becoming a better father on this planet. How wonderful the world would be, if heavenly father is taken into consideration, to live out our lives, even if survival is only for few years. If anyone needs to know, how should a father be like and without any hesitation, we can say Heavenly Father who, is a perfect model for all children of this world.

The term model is found expression in every area of human existence. A little boy or girl, waiting to write tests, gathers model question papers, to get prepared to face examination, to secure high score. Youngsters are looking for models to imitate and become like one of them. Some even feel proud of declaring themselves that, they have so and so who have been their role models. Modelling has also become a profitable art these days. Model and fashion became a thing of attraction, in the market world. Having said all of these, they are imperfect and cannot claim to be perfect in every way. Any person projects himself or herself, as good only until his/her hidden reality is exposed to the knowledge of the public and they are intellectually hidden from human eyes. None can deny that, only Heavenly Father is the perfect model of fatherhood which, we all must consider in making this world a better world, a perfect world.

Father of all Perfection:

We cannot deny the fact, children on Fathers' Day, similar to that of Mothers day, say and adore fathers, for their love and inspiration in their lives. I am sorry that, some have lost their fathers on this world yet, continue to live with those good memories. A person looks good physically healthy and energetic but, the medical report should confirm as we hear of sudden

cardiac arrests and other physical complications unknown to us. God knows how good and bad we are, though they are not reflected in any way with others. The omniscient God, like scanner, will be able to tell us because, he is the only perfect model that, we should consider becoming like Him. Jesus was referring how we are. *"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"* (Luke 11:13). It is clear, even while being evil he/she gives good gifts to their children. Fathers who are evil can still behave well but, can disappoint us, once we know who they are. We do not need any more evidence to prove that we are imperfect with our own shortcomings but, Heavenly Father alone is a perfect model for fatherhood.

Father with Plan of Redemption:

Human fathers are selfish on this planet, in a way. In this materialistic world, each family wants to give the best education possible to their children, to place them in a well settled job, to earn more money, so that future will not be very bleak. No one wants their children to be dependent on somebody, for financial resources or living as underprivileged, though it has to be for most of the families. Fathers compete and avail every opportunity either for them or for their children, to live a comfortable life, receiving every benefit rather than, rendering the best to God by living a life of sacrifice. Our heavenly father, the creator of the world, with cosmic concern, though has only one son, sent him to the world, to die for the Salvation of the entire human race and the race to come in the future. *"For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting Life"* (John 3:16). God did not spare his own son to save the perishing world, choosing no other alternative for redemption plan.



Lt. Colonel Rajam Daniel
TSWM, India Northern Territory

Father with a Plan of celebration:

No father on this earth wants to live or to suffer without family fellowship. If for any reason, children go astray, how father wants to restore their relationship, by taking all means possible, no matter what that might costs. The reality of this expression could be well illustrated by the parable of the lost son in Luke chapter 15. When father lost his son, he was bereft of the fellowship of his younger son. The life became abnormal, depressed in spirit and was restless. The return of the lost son was great news to be shared, and arranged a banquet with musical entertainment, to alert and signify that his son was back home which he longed for. The jubilation was high and his heart was overwhelming, with boundless joy. Our heavenly father too, rejoices over one repenting souls *"there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents"* (Luke 15: 10).

It is well known even to Sunday school students Lord's Prayer. Disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray and it began with these words *"Our Father which art in Heaven"*. He has given the privilege of calling him as Father that we remain in his Fellowship. We have both a privilege and right to approach him and to have constant fellowship with Him because; he is the perfect model of Fatherhood, in whom there is no blemish. May the Lord bless all of us to continue in considering the perfect model of Fatherhood in God through Christ Jesus to make a difference on this earth. May it be so!



Brief information about Lt. Colonel Vishwas Daniel Pawar (Rtd.)

Born on: 13th August 1931.

Promoted to glory on :19th May-2021 (89 years of age)

Rtd. Lt. Colonel Vishwas Daniel Pawar S/O of Major Daniel Govind Pawar who was also God's servant and served in The Salvation Army. Even though native place was Rajapur/Kokan, most of his life spent in Ahmednagar.



Colonel was so humble, humane, kind, straightforward, helpful to all, and law-abiding personality in The Salvation Army.

His last appointment (retired) as "Training Principal" (1988-1992) at Ahmednagar, Maharashtra, India.

Colonel completed his training in the year 1954, under "Meshpal" title. & His 1st appointment was as assistant at "Training College" and he got married to Ms. Hemlata in 1957.

In 1960 Colonel got appointment as Editor & he also got opportunity to go for further studies to London.

Colonel not only worked as Marathi editor for long period for "Tarun Shipai" & "Sinhnad", but also for English "The War Cry".

He translated several religious books & songs from English to Marathi.

As Colonel had good command over English language, he was known 1st Indian corps officer for English corps at Byculla, Mumbai.

He had conducted two sessions called "Witness of God" & "Followers of God" in his tenure.

He was excellent lyricist & composer, his popular song in Marathi "Prabhu Maza Khambi Gela" included in Marathi song book.

Two weeks he was ill, under treatment, hospitalised and promoted to Glory on 19th May 2021. He left his wife (Rtd. Lt. Colonel Hemlata Pawar) four sons, daughters in law, grandchildren, great grandchildren.

Please pray for his family, God bless all. 🙏



THE WAR CRY

The Official Organ of
The Salvation Army in India

Regd. No. 69291/1997
June 2021
Volume: 22 Number: 6

William & Catherine Booth : Founders
Brian Peddle : General

International Headquarters
101 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4EH, UK

Colonel Lalhminglana : Publisher
Colonel Lalhminglana : National Executive Officer
Major Evama Shajjuraj : Editor
Mr. Buddha Dev Bramhachary : Designer

The WAR CRY is published monthly. Single copy ₹. 10.00
Annual Subscription India ₹. 120.00, USA \$ 20.00,
UK £. 12

Money order or Demand Draft in favour of "THE SALVATION
ARMY INDIA NATIONAL OFFICE, KOLKATA"

Postal Address:
National Executive Officer
The Salvation Army
India National Office
37, Lenin Sarani (1st Floor)
Post Box. - 8994, Dharamtala Post
Kolkata - 700013, West Bengal, India

Phone: +91 (33) 22497210
Fax: +91 (33) 22497210

email: national@inn.salvationarmy.org
editorial@inn.salvationarmy.org

Please visit our National website
www.salvationarmy.org/india

Our Mission

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

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

Multifarious Characteristics of NEHEMIAH

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



Nehemiah was a cup bearer at the court of Artaxerxes. He was greatly honored as advisor to the King. He was also given the responsibility of keeping the King from being poisoned while discharging his duties. However, his heart longed for Jerusalem.

'NEHEMIAH' MEANS 'YAHWEH COMFORTS':

He had a great leadership quality. He was also a man of prayer and fasting. He had powerful eloquence. Inspirational organizational skills, confidence in God's purpose and quick decisive response to problems qualify him as a great leader and man of God. Most importantly, he shows us a 'Self-sacrificing' spirit whose only interest is summed up in his repeated prayer 'Remember me, o my God, for good'.

NEHEMIAH'S LIFE CONSISTS OF FOUR LASTING ETHICS:

First his compassion is often the springboard of obedience to God's will. His second ethics was his cooperation with others in carrying God's will. Third confidence results from fervent prayer and the exposition of the Word of God which reveals God's will. His fourth ethic was his courage manifest itself as sanctified tenacity in refusing to compromise on the conviction that one is doing God's will.

NEHEMIAH WAS A MAN OF STABILITY AND INTEGRITY:

He was an important officer. He was not a priest, king, or prophet instead he had the important responsibility of administrator. He was a leader of men, courageous and steadfast in purpose. He was an alert, exemplary patriot, unflinchingly facing the realities of life. Perseverance was the key stone of his activity.

NEHEMIAH WAS A MAN OF VISION AND ALSO OF ACTION:

When he saw a need, he took the responsibility to do something about it. When he learned the deplorable state of the wall around Jerusalem and the broken-down condition of the gates he sought permission from the King Artaxerxes to return to the city so he could organize the work, repair the damage and restore order.

In the midst of severe testing for the people who stood with him in his vision of restoration for the city of his father's tombs (Neh 2:3) he displayed a deep sense of compassion, sensitivity to their dangers and their welfare. His conduct revealed the meaning of his name Nehemiah 'Comfort of Jehovah'.

NEHEMIAH, A MAN OF PRAYER:

A dominant feature of Nehemiah's life was Prayer. Eleven times in the book of Nehemiah, it is recorded that he prayed, fasting, confession of sin, repentance, and praise (worship) were vital to the success of his mission. He led the way in these spiritual exercises and the people followed.

NEHEMIAH WAS A MAN OF THE BOOK – THE WORD OF GOD:

He revered the Word of God greatly. By his direction, the Law of Moses was not only read 'distinctly' but it also was explained (Neh 8:8) on occasions it was read from morning until midday (Neh 8:3)

NEHEMIAH WAS A MAN WHO DOES GOD'S WORK IN GOD'S WAY:

He was a master builder, implicitly following the plan of the Master Builder, the Lord God of Israel.

NEHEMIAH WAS A MAN OF COMMITMENT:

His commitment for God's work was his priority in his service. On one occasion, Nehemiah sent a message saying, 'I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and do down to you (Nehemiah 6:3). He gave utmost priority in repairing the gates and rebuilding the walls surrounding the city of Jerusalem.

NEHEMIAH REPAIRED TEN GATES:

There were ten gates. The repair of each Gate was assigned to a specific leader. The names of Gates were 1. The Sheep Gate (3:1-2), 2. The Fish Gate (3:3-5), 3. The Old City Gate (3:6-12), 4. The Valley Gate (3:1-13), 5. The Dung Gate (3:14), 6. The Foundation Gate (3: 15-25), 7. The Water Gate (3:25-27), 8. The Horse Gate (3:28), 9. The East Gate (3: 29-30) and 10. The Inspection Gate (3: 31-32).

NEHEMIAH WAS A MAN OF VISION:

He led the men through discouragement, encouraged them by prayer, reading the Word of God, exhortation and by full dependence on God. The feast of Tabernacles was restored and fasting, and repentance were revived. Nehemiah's life was full of watching, praying, praising, and confessing and cleansing, dedication, and devotion. He loved God great, and God honored him greatly.

GOD GAVE NEHEMIAH A DESIRE TO REBUILD THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM CITY:

He diligently pursued spiritual, political, and social order and he discharged his duties faithfully and honestly. He exhibited earnestness and integrity as a Governor. Nehemiah pleads God to forgive sins of his people. He also asked to fulfill His promise to restore His exiled people to their home if they return to God (Neh 1:1-11). He also institutes Temple Service and other reforms to ensure that the Israelites follow God's law (Neh 12:14 - 13:31)

NEHEMIAH OVERCOME HIS OBSTACLES:

The enemies ridicule and threaten the wall builders but Nehemiah post guards to protect them. He also eases financial burdens of the people by convincing the lenders not to repossess their property. The enemies resume their opposition. Despite the many obstacles such a ridicule (4:1-6), conspiracy (4:7-9), discouragement (4:10), intimidation (4:11-12), internal strife (5:1-9), ruse (6:1-4), slander (6:5-9), treachery (6:10-14) the Jews complete the Wall in 52 days. The Jews enemies were fearful, realizing that their project had indeed been done with God's help.

Dear reader, you may be a revered officer or a soldier or an employee. Nehemiah's life teaches us so many ethics. His commitment to work and dedication to God revealed us that we should imbibe his exemplary and multifarious characteristics in our day today activities. May God continue to bless you and your dear ones always and in all your ways.



COMMISSIONING, GRADUATION AND APPOINTMENT SERVICE OF MESSENGERS OF GRACE SESSION, ISET

Covenant and Commissioning Services of Messengers of Grace session was held on 23rd & 24th April 2021 conducted by the Territorial Leaders Colonels John Kumar and Mani Kumari Dasari.

Covenant Service


On 23rd April 2021, Covenant service presided over by Lt. Colonel Davidson Varghese, Chief Secretary at the Training College Prayer Hall. Major Y. Joseph, Training Principal offered opening prayer with introductory words. Colonel Mani Kumari Dasari, TPWM encouraged all the cadets by words of wisdom. Major S. Subash, Divisional Commander and Major Vasantha, DDWM, shared their experience and their paths in the ministry of the Salvation Army they had traversed. Special prayer offered by Lt. Colonel Mariamma Davidson, TSWM. Colonel John Kumar Dasari, Territorial Commander quoted the Scripture words from Genesis 12:1-7, the Call and Covenant of Abraham and encouraged the Cadets towards Covenant signing. Lt. Colonel J. Sahari Das, Secretary for Personnel conducted the song for Consecration *"Jesus, I my cross, have taken"*. Cadets inspired by the Spirit of God and signed their Covenant on the Cross with tears to be witnessed by all the Divisional leaders. Territorial Commander and the Training Principal prayed in kneeling and acknowledged the covenant and signed it. When Lt. Colonel S. Retna Bai led closing song cadets, officers and

Divisional Leaders remembered their covenant and dedicated themselves in the mercy seat. TPWM prayed and concluded the covenant service by benediction.

Commissioning and Ordination Service

Commissioning Service held on 24th April 2021 at BTMC Church, Nagercoil. The Chief Secretary glorified God started the commissioning meeting with prayer and song. Major Vanaja, DDWM and Major R. Aruldas, Divisional Commander, prayed for the commissioning service when Major Y. Selvam, Divisional Commander conducted the prayer session. The Training Principal presented the report of the messengers of grace session and handed over the cadets to the Territorial Commander. After the sessional song cadets S. Anish and T. Malarvizhi shared their testimony. Lt. Colonel Christopher Selvanath, Secretary for Business Administration, read the congratulatory message from the General. Territorial Commander ordained and promoted all the cadets to the rank of Lieutenant. TPWM prayed for them. After the prayer of silver star secretary Captain Thaya Anusuro, Lt. Colonel Daizy, THLS conducted the closing song of the first session.



TLOMS prayed for the Graduation and Appointments. Territorial Commander presented the Bachelor of Theology Certificates issued by the India National Office, Kolkata. Major S. Babu Samraj, Divisional Commander and Major J. Vethamano, Secretary for SLD led the song and prayed. After the Bible reading of Major M. Indra Rani, DSS, Chief Secretary delivered the word of God from the verses Jeremiah 1:4-5; He explained and quoted the call and commitment of Jeremiah by the Spirit of God. After the prayer by Lt. Colonel Mariamma Davidson, TSWM, Personnel Secretary gave the call for mission. Major A. Jeyasekar, Divisional Commander, conducted the closing song *"Mine to rise when thou dost call me"* the new Lieutenants and Candidates dedicated themselves in the mercy seat. Finally, gifts were given to the new Lieutenants on behalf of all the Divisions and Districts. Leaders accepted all the new lieutenants by garlands. After the prayer by the Territorial Commander, the retired Chief Secretary Lt. Colonel Ponniah concluded the service by benediction. Leaders from THQ and DHQ, officers, retired officers, parents, and friends were present to greet and bless the new lieutenants. God bless all our new lieutenants. 

Graduation and Appointment service

Graduation and Appointment service led by TPWM. After the song by Chief Secretary, Lt. Colonel M. Saratha,



Captain A. Viji
Education Officer
India South-Eastern Territory

KOLLIPARA NEW PRAYER HALL DEDICATION - ICT

On 5th April 2021 morning by 10 '0 Clock, Kollipara new Prayer Hall dedication programme has been done. Commissioner Wilfred Varughese and Commissioner Prema Wilfred Varughese were invited as Chief Guests to this programme. Lt. Colonel M. Abraham Lincoln, SPA was arranged as the Translator to the Leaders. Major V. Yesupadam, Divisional Commander was the leader to this programme. The Kollipara Corps Officers, local officer, Home League members, soldiers, youth and children gave the Territorial Leaders a grand welcome. The Divisional Commander spoken some words and handover the dedication programme to the Leaders. The Territorial Commander, in the name of Trinity God unveiled the curtain the dedication place of the Kollipara Corps Prayer Hall.

After that Commissioner Prema Wilfred Varughese, TPWM prayed to the Lord and cut the ribbon of the Prayer Hall and entered the Prayer Hall. Then all with happiness entered the Prayer Hall. Major K. Perumallu, gave introduction and handover the programme to Divisional

Commander, Major V. Yesupadam. Major V. Yesupadam conducted the programme. Major V. Prasanthi Kumari, DDWM led the opening song. Captain J. Jyothi and the soldiers of Kollipara prayed for the meeting. Major D. Ananda Singh, Property Secretary read the Bible portion. Captain D. Mohan Kumar, Project Officer, has read the Project Report, Captain J. Ramesh, DYS, Mr. Sanjay Gandhi, soldier of the same corps expressed their welcome words to the Territorial Leaders. Then the Kollipara corps women youth sang welcome song and honoured the leaders. After that Major K. Perumallu read the corps.

Report and told his experience. The women of the Kollipara corps sang a song with Timbrels. While Major K. Jeevakala is leading a song, offerings were taken, Major K. Vrasanamma, DWDO prayed for the offerings. Commissioner Prema Wilfred



gave a short message which attracts the people. Commissioner Wilfred Varughese gave an inspiring message on the topic "GOD'S TEMPLE" and many people came to the mercy seat and dedicated their lives to the Lord. At the end, Commissioner Wilfred Varughese prayed and pronounced the benediction. Finally, Major V. Yesupadam expressed the thanks to the Territorial Leaders and staff of the THQ and the corps people. 🇮🇳

Major K. David Paul
D.S. Tenali Division
India Central Territory

CHUKKAPALLIVARIPALEM NEW PRAYER HALL DEDICATION, TENALI DIVISION - ICT

On 14th April 2021, Wednesday, the New Prayer Hall dedication programme of Chukkapallivaripalem Corps was conducted in the morning. For this programme Lt. Colonel Yaqoob Masih, Chief Secretary and Lt. Colonel Sumitra Masih were the Chief Guests. In this programme, our Chief Secretary and his dear wife were given a grand welcome at Gowtham



Grand Hotel and were taken among a big Bike rally with Divisional Leaders, Divisional officers, and their wives especially Ithanagar Youth to the Chukkapallivaripalem Corps. At the entrance of the village, Captain John Mark, C.O., Captain K. Pameela and Local Officers and Soldiers gave a good welcome to the Leaders. Major K. Yesupadam expressed some words and handover the programme to the Chief Secretary. The Chief Secretary spoke some words about

the Church and in the Trinity God's name he dedicated the Church and unveiled the curtain on the dedication plate. Lt. Colonel Sumitra Masih, TSWM prayed for the new Prayer Hall and cut the ribbon and entered into the Church, followed by the congregations by singing a song with happiness. For this meeting programme Major V. Yesupadam, Divisional Commander took the leadership and led the meeting. Major V. Prasantha Kumari, DDWM led the opening song and Dasari Sundaramma, village Sarpanch prayed for the meeting.

Captain D. Anand Singh, Property Secretary read the Bible portion. Captain D. Mohan Kumar read the Project report. Major David Paul, D. S. expressed welcome words to the Leaders. The women of Chukkapallivaripalem Corps sang a welcome song to the leaders. Captain John Mark read the Corps report and shared his experience. While Major K. Varadanamma leading a song, offerings were taken and Captain K. Jyothi, DMFS prayed for the offerings. Lt. Colonel Sumitra Masih, TSWM a brief talk which attracts the people, Finally Lt. Colonel Yaqoob Masih, Chief Secretary a wonderful message on the topic "The Church Construction" from the book of 1 Kings 9:1-9 when there was later call 157 came to Mercy Seat and dedicated their lives.

The Chief Secretary closed this meeting with prayer and benediction. Major V. Yesupadam, Divisional Commander expressed his heartfelt thanks to the Chief Secretary and TSWM and the local officers and the corps people to God be the glory. 🇮🇳

Captain J. Ramesh
DYS, Tenali Division
India Central Territory

Buried Seed

Lt. Colonel Dean Hinson continues the Bible Study series by exploring John 12:24 by Lt. Colonel Dean Hinson

As I complete these Bible Studies series on Gardening with God, I want to look at Jesus' words recorded in John 12 referring to the death of the seed: *"I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives"* (John 12:24 NLT). At this time of year, we see the evidence of this truth as trees, bushes and plants that have appeared dead over the winter burst forth with glorious blooms and flowers testifying to life.

In John 12, Jesus is talking with some Greeks who have come to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration and asked to meet Jesus. In John's Gospel, this takes place just after Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem that marks the beginning of the week, we call Holy Week, leading up to his crucifixion and resurrection. He illustrates His coming death and burial by a seed that is planted in the ground. Just as this buried seed will provide a *"plentiful harvest,"* Jesus' death and resurrection on Easter will also result in a bountiful harvest of souls for the Kingdom of God.

In *"Reforesting Faith"* by Matthew Sleeth, he tells of archaeologists excavating the fortress Masada in the Judean wilderness finding a jar of date seeds tested to be 2,000 years old. Forty years after they were discovered, someone said, *"Why don't we see if these things will sprout?"* They treated the seeds with germination hormones and one 2,000-year-old seed sprouted.

The tree that resulted now stands over ten feet tall and is producing pollen. They call the 69+. It was used to pollinate a female date palm and fruit has been produced from this ancient seed. What appeared dead has come to life and produced fruit!

This reminds me of the scene in Ezekiel when the prophet is taken to a valley filled with completely dried out bones. God used this valley of bones to teach the children of Israel, who were exiled in Babylon, not to lose hope even when things appear hopeless. As the world has suffered through this pandemic, causing panic, uncertainty, change and fear, we can have hope that the God who caused these completely dried out bones to live again is the God who has promised to never leave us or forsake us. Ezekiel said, *"So I spoke the message as He commanded me, and breath came into their bodies. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great Army!"* (Ezekiel 37:10). Therefore, we can have hope even in the darkest days that God can take care of any situation, no matter how hopeless it may appear.


In reading Matthew Sleeth's book, he mentioned a passage in Job that I don't remember reading. He said that at one point Job wished that he was a tree.

"Even a tree has more hope! If it is cut down, it will sprout again and grow new branches. Though its roots have grown old in the earth and its stump decays, at the scent of water it will bud and sprout again like a new seedling."
Job 14:7-9 NLT



Lt. Colonel Dean Hinson is the secretary for Spiritual Life Development in the USA Southern Territory.

It is my prayer that over this last year as we have gardened with God, we have gained a new appreciation of how important trees, bushes, plants, seeds, roots and fruit are to God. We have seen how God uses common gardening ideas to open Scriptural truths. From the tree in the Garden of Eden in Genesis to the tree beside the river flowing from the throne in Revelation, trees fill Scripture. From the Garden Tomb and Jesus being mistaken for the gardener to the vine and branches of John 15 and the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians, we can see how important these visuals are in deepening our relationship with God.

Paul says in his prayer for the Ephesians (and this is my prayer for all of you), *"I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong"* (Ephesians 3:16-17 NLT). 

THQ OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES WELCOMED THE NEW TERRITORIAL LEADERS - ICT

On 1st June 2021 Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. the THQ Officers and Employees gave a hearty welcome to the New Territorial Commander Colonel Yaqaob Masih, & Colonel Sumitra Masih, TPWM and Chief Secretary Lt. Colonel Y. Manoharan, Lt. Colonel Vethamani, TSWM. Lt. Colonel Abraham Lincoln, Program Secretary presided over the meeting and opening song was sung by Major Jeevaratnam, HRD Secretary. The prayer session was led by Major Katam Prasad, PRS while Captain Ananda Singh, Property Secretary and Major CH Christu Rani, Secretary for Children prayed. Trade Officer Captain N. Samueyelu read the Scriptures. Subsequently all the Officers and employees honored the New leaders with shawls, towels and bouquets. Lt.



Colonel B. Annamani, TLMS prayed specially.

The second song was led by Major C. Dani Samuel Raju, Editor and addressed the new leaders at that time. Lieutenant Colonel B. G. Prakash Rao, Secretary for Personnel Administration, Lieutenant Colonel M. Mercy Manjula, THLS, Captain K. Rajshree, Finance Secretary, Major G.

Vijaya Kumar, Auditor and Mr. James made a welcome speech. Colonel Sumitra Masih, TPWM expressed her gratitude for the event and hoped for everyone's cooperation. The Chief Secretary couple also expressed their joy and gratitude. Major V. Neelambram, Cashier sang a special song. Education Secretary Major M. Samson prayed for the Word of God. Territorial Commander said that he had a vision of the Territory and hoped that everyone would contribute to the development of the Territory and expressed his gratitude for the hospitality, delivered a solemn thought through the word of Jeremiah 29:10-14, and then concluded this program with prayer. May God bless our new Territorial Leadership. 🏠

Major C. Dani Samuel Raju
Editor, India Central Territory

EVANGELICAL CONGRESS AT EMANI CORPS - ICT



On 5th April 2021 evening at 5 O'clock the Territorial Commander Commissioner Wilfred Varughese and Commissioner Prema Wilfred, TPWM were welcomed at Gowtham Grand Hotel by youth and all Divisional Officers along with wives and proceed with procession with Bike Rally up to the Meeting Place at Emani Corps. In the Corps, the Corps Officer and all the soldiers and Local

Officers have made the arrangement for the Evangelical Congress. The Territorial Commander and TPWM were invited as Chief Guests for this congress. Lt. Colonel M. Abraham Lincoln, Secretary for Programmes Administration was the translator for Territorial Leaders. In this meeting Major K. David Paul, D.S. gave introduction and invited the Guest on to the platform. Major V. Prasantha Kumari,

DDWM. opened the Evangelical Congress with a song.

Captain D. Mohan Kumar, P. S., Major D. Babu Rao, C.O., Chivaluru prayed for the meetings. Captain K. J. Jyothi, DMFS. read the Bible portion. The women of Emani Corps played Timbrels with song. Major K. Varadanamma, DWDO and Major P. B. Franklin said farewell words to the Leaders while Women officers singing, offerings were taken and Captain Anand Singh, P. S. prayed for the offerings, TPWM gave a short speech from the Bible which attracted people who attended in the congress. Finally Territorial Commander delivered a wonderful message on topic "RISE UP" from the book of Daniel. Major V. Yesupadam, Divisional Commander expressed his gratitude for the Corps Officer and the Corps people who initiated a great arrangement for the success of the meeting and gave glory to the God for the success of this meeting. 🏠

Major B. Daniel
C.O., Central Corps, Tenali Division
India Central Territory



Lt. Colonel Joginder Masih
Chief Secretary
India South Western Territory

CHRIST

CENTERED FAMILY

– MY ROLE AS A FATHER

The family is the foundational institution of society ordained by God. It is constituted by marriage and is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood or adoption. The family is a fundamental institution of human society. This is how the Lord God defines the term 'family' as we read in Genesis 2:20-25. The families with God and with no God are existing in the world from the beginning.

The members of a Christ Centered Family require to be the people of character, people of humility, moral behaviour and of helpful speech. Such families are rooted with Christian values of love, joy and peace: The Christian values demonstrate Christ's nature in our daily living and code of conduct. It reflects the application of the blood of Jesus Christ on our heart.

Each parent wishes their children to be healthy and strong both physically and mentally. The strong immune system will keep them healthy generating pure blood. Nutritious food and healthy environment generate the pure blood and vice versa will make it corrupted. When we think of the wholistic health, the source of 'malnutrition' is not only related to the edible commodities but also, the ways through which these are earned and availed. Mostly such important things are often ignored acquiring our basic needs. St. James (5:4) talks about the oppression and unjust on selfish grounds to those who are in urgent need of it. The wages of the labourers withheld and many other ways to acquire unjust wealth have never been the business of the Christ centered family. The sole purpose of the existence of such a family is always to be a means of glory and honour of God and the promotion of the people around. The fruits of the labour of their hands never goes into the pocket with holes. They are satisfied with what they have. They are compassionate and loving people. They love God and His people selflessly. They are the heart, mouth, hand and feet of God. They never put God to shame.

A Christian family is a balanced life family: It loves the Lord Almighty in heaven and the human race below on this earth. Living in the world they are not lost in the world rather they shine as stars like the children of God. He uses them to do His business in the world. We see God at work in their lives as prophets in the old age and the apostles in new era. They receive favour of God and man. They give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. The people talk of their deeds and glorify the Lord in Heaven.

God testified Job saying, *'There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.'* (1:10) He was the father of seven sons and three daughters. Keeping in tune with God's commandments, he would purify his sons regularly thinking that if they had sinned and cursed God anyway. We pray to God for our children to keep them from sin and wickedness in their lives because we do not want them to be the enemies of God. We want our children to live in the house with strong and firm foundations.


As a born-again Christian, you would not like to disturb your relations with the Lord, your God by doing anything that displeases Him. It will only make your life pleasant after death and thus you become selfish making your life good. In fact, you are not alone here in this exercise, there are others dear to you - the partakers of God's blessings along with you. You would not like to do anything that will put them in trouble. So, you would not think of you alone but of all others who love you – your dear ones! You would not be interested in any kind of unjust gains just because you are aware of the consequences both in the eyes of the law of the land and of the Lord Almighty. You would not like the blood of your dear ones be corrupted leading their lives in a worldly pattern and fall short of the glory of God.

It was 1980 when Shanti and I left our home for the Salvation Army Training College in Bareilly and together we were commissioned as God's Messengers. Many ups and downs came during

our journey of 41 years but we have found our God faithful to us. He has bestowed countless blessings in our lives including our children and their children. He has been using us, as we are, for the promotion of others for His glory and honour. The Lord we have been serving all these years have kept us faithful to Him in doing and dealing with His business. We count it His love and compassion to us as His children. He never left us alone in our difficulties and crisis. We have always found Him as bystander. We say to Him a 'BIG THANK YOU' for sustaining us to reach the point of our retirement for our active service which is like a crown of His blessings in our lives.

As a father I have been trying my utmost to avoid anything in my way of working, talking and behaving that will distract my children from the fear and love of God. I have achieved the goal of being faithful to Him with His support and guidance and the cooperation of our children. I am sure they are in relation of the Lord Almighty. They trust and fear God.

I do not believe in telling my deeds in my own words rather others make its mention. I am sensible God knowing my going out and coming in. He knows if I have been living as His obedient child - if I have been fulfilling the purpose of Him calling me as His Messenger - if I have been serving His people selflessly - if the people I have been serving were blessed with what I was able to give them in His name!

My conscience does not condemn me working in the present without compromising the future all these years. My wife, Lt. Colonel Shanti has been a great support to me in God's service together. We acknowledge the goodness of God and His providential care and support thus far. We are thankful for the due support and guidance of our Army leaders, the comrade Officers and employees during the period of our active service. We consider our retirement from active service is our reward from God and His Army. We are stepping down from our active service with a multitude of God's blessings with us. We give glory to His holy name! 

FAREWELL GREETINGS

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

"The faithful love of God never ends, His mercies never cease" Lamentations 3:22 (NLT)

These Bible words have been the testimony of our life's journey and ministry in the kingdom of God Almighty. God has been so good to us in all our circumstances and has made us victorious in Christ Jesus.



The commencement of our journey for the mission of God was not a surprising one, rather we started with determination, dedication, and discipline. I entered The Salvation Army ministry through the "Guardians of the Truth" Session in 1985 and my dear wife Commissioner Prema has entered through the "Guardians of the Peace" session in 1987. Ever since the Truth and the Peace journeyed together humbly by the Grace of God to fulfil the mission of Christ and The Salvation Army for the last 36 years.

We aimed to glorify God and uplift the Army as much as we can throughout our ministry. Although we are very much blessed, our journey was not easy, challenges were many such as financial, health, as well as the scarcity of nourishing food. However, in all those situations we felt that God has held our hands and gently walked us through difficulties to teach us that He is the Provider, He is the Mighty Healer and He is the strength. In our early days we had taken a personal decision that we will not ask for any favour instead we will prove that we are faithful, obedient, dedicated, and capable officers for the mission. We served the Lord with great joy wherever our leaders have sent us and were able to render our humble service wholeheartedly for our Master. I recollect the memories while we were in the training College as Education Officer and Officer in Charge of Library respectively, Commissioner Prema was selected to pursue a four-year Bachelor of Divinity course as a regular student. It was a very challenging time as she had to handle her studies, family, and ministry, but we have experienced the grace of God as he was moulding us for greater responsibilities for the future. Serving as the National Executive Secretary for All India Human Resources Department and National Executive Secretary for Women's Advisory Council of India has respectively opened the doors for extending our service to all the six territories in India. It

was an immense experience and a great exposure to the All India Salvation Army to learn and implement many seminars and programs for the development of officers.

The Army has provided us many opportunities to serve in different capacities not only in India but also in Africa. We were so privileged to do our ministry and serve among the people of the Zimbabwe and Botswana Territory as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries. It was a blessed experience and the most cherishing time of our life with Shona Choruses and spirited soldiers. This has allowed us to understand the greatness of the International Army and widen the perception of the impact that the Salvation Army has been creating on many lives beyond borders and across cultures. Coming back to India Northern Territory as the Territorial Leaders has given us many opportunities to implement all our learnings, experience, and vision to uplift the territory. Finally, to our last appointment before our retirement as Territorial Leaders of India Central Territory. Although it was a short time and challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic, God has protected us and kept us moving forward with the mission to work on the development of the territory through strategic plans.

We loved working with many people from various cultures in The Salvation Army and have learned many qualities from them. We have profound memories of serving in various territories through the love and support we have received from our dear officers, junior soldiers, youth, and senior soldiers. In all our appointments we experienced His wonderful leading hands-on us, As the Bible says "Taste and see that the Lord is Good" in Psalms 34:8, we can say that we have tasted the love of God and it is so good. His goodness and mercies followed us and that has been the source of strength to our ministry. We also cherish the

fellowships we had through the International conferences, National Level conferences, meetings, and seminars held in different countries and on various occasions through which we were pleased to have great friends and supporters in The Salvation Army. We have given our best to uplift the Army standard and encouraged our Salvationists to be loyal and faithful to God and towards Army. We have nothing to boast but only about Jesus who has lead humbly and victoriously. When we look into the years when the Truth and Peace have started the journey, our hearts are filled with praises and thanksgiving to God and The Salvation Army. Great is his faithfulness. We do not have any regret, and we are contented with the life God has given us. We are blessed with two children Eva and Noel who are well in their profession and have supported us in putting our mission first.

As we look back on our Journey, we are thankful to many people and this page will not be sufficient to fill all their names. However, there are a few that I would like to mention. I remember my parents Late Brigadier P. K. Varghese and Joice Varghese for their love and prayers in raising me. General John Larsson and Commissioner Freda Larsson for their teachings as they were also my training principals. Major George Scott, Commissioner Du Plessis, General Shaw Clifton, General André Cox, for trusting and believing in us. I salute and express our sincere gratitude towards the International Leaders General Brian Peddle and Commissioner Rosalie Peddle, Commissioners Lyndon and Brownie Buckingham, Commissioners Suresh and Martha Pawar who stood beside us as inspiring towers rendering a great bond of support to us. We are also grateful to the leaders of All the Indian Territories and the National Executive Officer for their cooperation and support extended to us especially while I was serving as the Chairman for the Board of Directors of The Salvation Army Association and The Salvation Army Property Company Private Limited for the last three years. We cannot forget the officers, youth, and soldiers who have showered their love and prayer upon us during our ministry. We thank each and every one who has supported us in making our journey filled with memories to cherish for the rest of our lives. We will continue to pray for you all. Last but not least We salute The Salvation Army for giving us this wonderful journey with God to serve the people. God is Great! And he is faithful.

May God Bless you all. 🇮🇳

Wilfred Varughese & Prema Wilfred
Commissioners
Territorial Leaders
India Central Territory

Obituary of

COMMISSIONER LALZAMLOVA
TERRITORIAL COMMANDER
INDIA EASTERN TERRITORY



By Simon S. P., Chief Secretary, India Eastern Territory


Commissioner Lalmazlova Territorial Commander of the Salvation Army, India Eastern Territory, was Promoted to glory at the age of 60 on 28th May 2021 morning, his sudden demise jolted every heart of the Salvationists around the world, the members of all other churches and specially in India Eastern Territory soldiers. The funeral was taken place in Temple Corps Aizawl, where he is a member of the Corps. His remain mortal was taken into the Prayer Hall solemnly by carrying the Active selected officers. And the funeral ceremony was conducted by Lt. Colonel Simon S. P., Chief Secretary, India Eastern Territory. Amid COVID - 19 pandemic restrictions and in compliance of the standard operating procedure Issued by the Government, solemnize funeral service was held with dignity, as he was considered faithful servant of God by everyone. Dignitaries and fellow workers joined the funeral services coming from far distances, The Lord almighty exalted his servant and was with Him even in his funeral service.

He was blessed with a knowledge of his wisdom to lead the Salvationists of India Eastern Territory and his warm smile and his gentle heart made him a compassionate channel of the good news of Jesus, as he had a deep relationship with God, in his preaching he always emphasize 11 Chronicles 20:12 "Our eyes are on you".

Commissioners Lalmazlova & Nu-i have three blessed sons, his eldest son Captain Timothy is serving as an officer of the Salvation Army at Mary Scott Home for Blind, Kalimpong along with his wife and

blessed two daughters, and the other two sons got married and were blessed with children residing in Aizawl city Mizoram. They all are faithful and pillars of the Salvation Army ministry. Commissioner Lalmazlova was having five siblings in a large family, one of his brothers is an ordained Pastor in the Presbyterian Church in Manipur state, and all his brothers and sister are faithful for the Lord and their churches.

Commissioner Lalmazlova served as Territorial Leader in Sri Lanka Territory and Philippine Territory Successfully and then became International Secretary for South Asia zone in London, thereafter; he became the Territorial Commander in India Eastern Territory from 2017 till his last breathe. At the same time recently he had been elected as the Chairman of the Board of Directors in India National and an active member of the COIL.

He was successful Messenger and servant of God wherever he was given responsibilities by the Leaders of the Salvation Army. Under his Leadership India Eastern Territory various sections of Salvation Army ministries are moving and progressing peacefully with good cooperation, however, while he was fervently working for God, the divine eternal plan is to lay his body to get eternal rest with Him. He then peacefully put his sword on the 28th May 2021 and left his three sons and beloved wife Commissioner Nu-i, TPWM and grandchildren. Commissioner Lalmazlova will not be forgotten by India Eastern Territory with his indelible imprint of his good works left for us. 

“
Anyone can be a
father, but it takes
someone special to
be a dad, and that’s
why I call you dad,
because you are so
special to me.

—WADE BOGGS



*A father just
like you*

***I just want to let you know
You mean the world to me
Only a heart as dear as yours
World give so unselfishly***

***The many things you’ve done
all the times that you were there
Help me know deep down inside
How much you really care***

***Even though I might not say
I appreciate all you do
Richly blessed is how I feel
Having a father just like you***

