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## GOD'S PROMISES ARE TRUE.... HALLELUAH!!

**W**I am delighted to welcome Guinea into the worldwide Salvation Army fellowship. Africa is a wonderful example of God's presence. It is fantastic to see God answers prayers made in faith so many years ago in creating this opportunity. God bless The Salvation Army in Guinea". These are the victorious words of our General Brian Peddle after the confirmation that Guinea will be the 133rd country in which The Salvation Army is officially at work. Yes, God's promises are true and is keeping His faithfulness. Hallelujah!

No salvationist can remember Frederick Booth Tucker and group without gratitude who came to India carrying the Salvation Army flag, 140 years ago. God used Frederic Tucker as his instrument to accomplish this mission here. He was a man well acquainted with India, its people and belongings, as his father held the position of Commissioner in the Indian Civil service. He was brought up in a religious atmosphere, but a real awakening of his spiritual life came to him during a revival meeting led by Dr D L Moody, where he felt that God spoke to his soul and called him to service. But he tried to combine Christian witness with official duties as assistant commissioner.

At the same time he came to know about the new movement which had started in England – The salvation army. Then he sent one donation to the Army and with the receipt of this he received a copy of its paper-The War Cry. An article by founder William booth spoke directly to his heart and he said, "Here are the people I have been seeking". Then he decided to take leave and travelled to England. His first encounter with General William Booth was at Exeter Hall, London. There he heard him preach. After the meeting, he offered himself for service in the Salvation Army. But William Booth Advised him to take little more time before deciding. "You have not seen enough of us to know what we are" he said. "Go among my people and find the dark side as well as the bright. Discover everything about us for yourself. Then come back to me. If you still want to be one of us then I will decide".

Soon after this incident he attended the meeting in Bristol led by Captain Isaac Unaworth. After the meeting he went up to the Captain and said "I am going to be a soldier in your Army. So, give me a badge to wear. The founder of the Army while sending out his very first missionary force to India had instructed them: "with the Apostle, to become all things to all men, in order that you may win them to your master. This must mean if anything to all, that to the Indians, you must be Indians"

After the four – Major Tucker, Captain Henry Bullard, Lieutenants Arthur Norman and Mary Ann Thompson- had stepped ashore, in Bombay in 1882, the superintendent of police approached them asking "When will the rest of your army land?" Major tucker replied, "we are the whole army" They did not come to offer a western way of life, they came to contribute the love of God in service. The salvation Army pursued their agenda to help the Indian people to come out of the bondage of sin and poverty, even when the British authorities disapproved of the Salvationist's activities. Love was the motivating power of these missionaries, and the same divine love was borne in the hearts of the Indian brothers and sisters, who rose up to serve their own people. There they found their destiny among the poorest of the poor.

Those were the days when world realized how much stronger is the work of Holy Spirit than the number and the status of the people of this Army. This is the time to remember the sacrifices made by our forefathers. A big salute to the fathers who gave their heart to God and hands and shoulders to this mission. Let us show our gratitude. Let us express our humanity. Let our words be creative, instead of destructive. Let this Army flag not down by us...May this army fire continue to spread.... As this Army chariot rolls into the 134th country, let us proudly lend our hands and shoulder to build up the Army on our Soil! "Love is the centre and soul of Christianity"- Gandhiji

**HAPPY COMMEMORATION DAY TO ALL  
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# THE LEGACY WE ARE BLESSED WITH

**I**n my last article, I shared my thoughts on Freedom and how sensibly we should use it to build up others. I referred to the story of Cain in the Bible. He dreadfully misused his freedom, resulting in killing his innocent and God-fearing brother, Abel, and became subject to God's judgement. This was the seed of sin and disobedience he inherited from his parents, Adam and Eve, that carried forth to his generation.

The Bible also records accounts of great patriarchs like Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, and other great heroes of faith who, by their obedience and faith in God, left precious legacies of God's blessings for the generations to come. We thank God for William and Catherine Booth, the founders of our great Salvation Army movement. We praise God for Booth Tucker, Wirsoorya, and many other servants of God - lovers of souls, who brought the Salvation Army Movement to our great country of India. By their faithful and consecrated lives, they raised the Salvation Army to serve God and serve people. They have a left wonderful legacy for us.

We so proudly talk about them. Some of us proudly say that we are fourth, fifth, and so on, generation salvationists. We always talk about the good old days of the Army and wish that we would carry on the same legacy for the next generation. As we have been doing in the past, we are now celebrating the 140th anniversary of the commencement of the Salvation Army in India. As we celebrate and thank God for the Legacy we are blessed with, at the same time, as soldiers and officers, we must ask this crucial question of ourselves: "How are we growing, and what legacy do we want to leave for the next generation?"

As Saint Paul suggested, let us not join with those who shrink back, but join with the people of God, saved by the precious blood of Christ, led by his Holy Spirit, and persevere in faith (Hebrew 10:39). Many of us may be experiencing discouragements because of some of those around us who have lost their faith, and in ignorance stand against us, trying to distract us, and who look down on us. Sometimes we are confused, and lose heart. But be encouraged, for God has not finished with the Salvation Army in India! Therefore, to those who are sanctified and called by our Lord Jesus Christ to serve, take courage, stand firm in faith, and persevere in your journey of faith

and the covenant that you have made as a soldier or officer of the Salvation Army.

I want to encourage you with some very sacred and Holy Spirit-prompted advice, as described in God's words in Hebrews 10:19-25. I hope and pray that by these words you may find new strength to affirm your covenant, become firm in your faith, and persevere in the good work that our Lord had commenced in you as a faithful soldier/officer of the Salvation Army, so that others may be blessed and find their way to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Keep up your confidence in Jesus. You are saved by the precious blood of Jesus and are called to serve others in His name. Do not let anything shake your confidence in this truth. Jesus warned us, "Watch out that no one deceives you" (Matthew 24:4). We are able to grow in confidence if we pray more and pray earnestly. The more we pray, the more we see the goodness of God, and the more we grow in our confidence in God and his work in our own lives.

Keep drawing closer to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings. Through prayers and daily feeding on God's word, we hear him speak in our soul and mind, but when we obey his voice and live according to it, that brings us closer to God. Some years ago, when I was going through a testing time, someone suggested I should pray and leave God to act. I told the person that there is a problem, because every time I pray, God asks me to take steps of faith. Prayer is not religious formality. When we pray, believe me, God does speak, and he asks us to act. As faith is dead without action (James 2:26), so our prayers are useless if there is no action of obedience to God's voice.

Let your hearts be continually sprinkled by the blood of Jesus Christ, cleansing from guilty conscience. My personal experience of encountering God's saving grace took place many years ago. I was a young man living my life my way. Sinful, I was living without God and without purpose. One night God spoke to me in a gospel meeting. That night I confessed my sins to Jesus and invited him into my heart. He forgave my sins. He made me a completely new person. He called me his child, and hence my life was made holy, cleansed from every past sin and guilt. Although I am saved once and for all, I must keep myself clean and pure. This is



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an ongoing process of holiness and sanctification. Saint Paul writes, 'Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work' (2 Timothy 2:21, NIV).

Hold unwearingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. Our hope is in Christ, who died for our sins, was buried, rose again - many eyes saw him ascending to heaven and heard that Jesus will return to judge the world and gather his church. There will be a new heaven and a new earth and we will reign with him. This is our hope that we know will come to pass. 'And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us' (Romans 5:5). This is the hope we gain as we set our minds on heavenly things and not the things of this earth (Colossians 3:1-2).

Consider how you may spur one another on towards love and good deeds. The God-given mission of the Salvation Army is well achieved when we encourage one another and become good examples ourselves in contributing to the mission by living up to our calling. 'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers (Galatians 6:9-10). Let us keep encouraging one another by continually meeting together, having fellowship with one another, and doing the work of God together in unity.

I pray that we who are now engaged in this Mission of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, serving suffering humanity, and making saints, will take this to heart and take every opportunity to forward the mission with personal conviction and commitment, leaving a good legacy for the next generation.

May God bless our Salvation Army. 



# LION OF GOD



**Colonel Vanlalfela**

Territorial Commander, India Western Territory

**T**he Salvation Army has now reach 140 years in Indian soil! We all know that Frederick St. George de Lautour, who was popularly known as Booth Tucker or Fakir Singh was the founder in India. The meaning of Fakir Singh is Lion of God.

India born British, educated, talented and sport person became ICS (now IAS). God called him to start Salvation Army in India just like God called a scholar like Paul. As Tucker was born and grown up in India, he was very familiar to the Indian culture, caste system, languages, and way of life. He knows many languages among them he was very fluent in Urdu. He also composed 'English-Persian Dictionary'.

How he has shorter name from his long

name 'Frederick St. George de Lautour'? During his time there was around 60 million outcastes in India. Untouchability practice was also there during his time. So, he decided to minister among the outcaste people. So, he removed his western Salvation Army uniform and replaced by saffron robe and dressed up like Indian Sadhus. Then he was called Fakir Singh (Lion of God).

Another his short name is Booth Tucker. How he had this name? His wife Louisa Mary Bode was 18 years older than him. After his wife died, he married Emma Booth, daughter of William and Catherine Booth. As per the usual practice in Booth family, Frederick Tucker also took 'Booth' in his name and became Frederick Booth Tucker and later on known as Booth Tucker.

Booth Tucker adapted Indian culture and system in his ministry. He removed his western Salvation Army uniform and applied saffron robe and turban. This is to win the hearts of the people whom he ministered to. Now, we are removing Indian style uniform like closed neck tunic uniform and copied western style uniform. Fortunately, women still continue to wear saree uniform. We need to think carefully how far we are going to 'westernization' and 'Indianization'.



He applied the system of Indian sadhus and priests while he was visiting people. He ate their offering after they listen his words only. There is a small village in Gujarat called 'Atmapur'. It is said that Fakir Singh was based on this village under the tamarind tree. He set out whole day with bare foot. Meeting the people. Talking to the people. Visiting houses then came back to under the tamarind tree. His feet were wounded, cut, and bled. The passer-by used to say, "During daytime he preach by his mouth and during the night he preach by his feet".

The Gate of India, where Frederick St. George de Latour and his three friends were landed still remain standing, witnessing the arrival of Salvation Army in India soil. The Tamarind tree in Atmapur still witnessing and bearing fruits where Fakir Singh was used to take rest at night. India Western Territory constructed Fakir Singh Chapel in Atmapur to commemorate the ministry and dedication of Fakir Singh – the Lion of God.

To appreciate his excellent work among the poor, Fakir Singh was awarded the gold Kaiser-i-Hind in 1913 by Viceroy of India Lord Hardinge (Picture: Gold Kaiser-i-Hind). He was also given Order of the Founder in 1920. 🏆







**C**olossians 2: 6-7 (NIV) says this: "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

Why is it vital to have a strong foundation? A proper foundation does more than just hold a house above ground. Building foundations also keep out moisture, insulates against the cold, and resists movement of the earth around it. So is with our Christian life because we are compelled to live our lives deep rooted in the saving grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, our Christian life too does encounter the shades of life in the form of – joy, happiness, sadness, sorrows, situations where one just feels like giving up on their lives... This is not the life our God wants us to live. As a strong foundation will keep the bugs and critters out of our homes, so does being deep rooted in Jesus Christ will also give us the strength to stand firm as we continue to live our lives for our Master.

One integral part of having a strong foundation, maps us out to stand and be showcased to the world around. That's the power of being rooted in Jesus Christ. If we are going to live out our purpose as followers of Christ, we are to live the Christian life and fulfill the mission God has for us with being rooted in Christ.

### 1. So what does it mean?

If you visualize a tree that is the best way to analyze being rooted in Christ. The strong roots of the tree are the foundation and allow the tree to grow tall and strong. The roots provide nutrients through the soil, to grow eventually and bear fruits. So, the meaning of being rooted in Jesus Christ means that we are to grow and produce fruits as Christians for God's glory. Let's add this to our mission list that we are to fulfill the mission of the Salvation Army i.e., to Save souls, grow saints and serve suffering humanity. This message is

completely based on the Bible, look into Luke 6: 47-49 "As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. 48 They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. 49 But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed, and its destruction was complete"

### 2. Be rooted in the Word of God

Apostle Paul urges in us to be deep rooted in Christ so that we do not get deceived by false teachers. Colossians 2: 6-8 "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy..."

Here Paul says that the people are called to be rooted, to establish a strong faith in Christ, allowing themselves not to be deceived by false teachers. Paul knew that the Christians would be led away from following Jesus Christ and His Word, so he emphasizes by saying that it is important for us to Read, Understand and Meditate the Word of God. The Word of God highlights to us in Psalm 1: 1 saying "Blessed is the One who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of the mockers" This Psalm also tells us what will happen to those if they are not rooted in the Word of God. Please remember, a person is like a tree planted by the streams of water from meditating on God's Word, the wicked are like chaff that the wind blows away.

### 3. Be rooted by Power of the Holy Spirit

Understanding the meaning of being rooted in the Word of God is a necessary foundation of being rooted in Christ. But it is also important



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that we are deep-rooted by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Bible encourages us by saying in Ephesians 3:20 "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." Be affirmed that our power to work comes from the Holy Spirit, so it is extremely important to have a personal relationship with the Lord and know what God's Spirit wants to tell us. As we establish our roots in Christ Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit, we will accomplish Godly values to extend the Kingdom of God.

### 4. Be rooted in Christ is to bear more fruits

The Gospel of John tells us in 15: 4 "Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." Establishing our roots in Christ enables us to be successful in this world and accomplish what God has created us to do. Jesus is the true vine. There is none like Jesus, we cannot do anything. As Christians, we are to root ourselves to Jesus to do what He has called to do in this world. Jesus is our source to bearing fruit for this world.

Let us encourage ourselves by the words of William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army – "Not called!" did you say?

'Not heard the call,' I think you should say. Put your ear down to the Bible and hear Him bid you go and pull sinners out of the fire of sin. Put your ear down to the burdened, agonized heart of humanity, and listen to its pitiful wail for help. Go stand by the gates of hell and hear the damned entreat you to go to their father's house and bid their brothers and sisters and servants and masters not to come there. Then look Christ in the face — whose mercy you have professed to obey — and tell Him whether you will join heart and soul and body and circumstances in the march to publish His mercy to the world.

Impactful words by the founder himself accentuating on being rooted in Christ and not to forget the work entrusted upon us. Let us not delay, all we have to do is invite Lord Jesus Christ into our lives – repent, confess, accept the amazing grace of Christ as our Saviour and continue to live our lives humbly, faithfully and joyfully.

Stay abundantly God blessed. 



# THE SALVATION ARMY COMMENCEMENT DAY IN INDIA AND ITS IMPACT ON SOCIETY

Everyone knows the person behind the commencement of the Salvation Army in India. On 19th September 1882, Major Fredrick St. George de Lautour Tucker, commenced the work of the Salvation Army in India. He renamed himself as Fakir Singh to identify himself with the Dalit Indian community (outcaste), and to serve in India for their upliftment. In 1881, While he was on leave in England, he joined the Salvation Army and in 1882, along with 3 more officers, he arrived in Bombay to start the Army work in India. In his early work, he saw the rigid caste system of India, and he not only changed his name, but all of them decided to adopt the way of life of outcastes. Their Salvation Army uniforms were replaced with the saffron robes of the Indian fakir. He dedicated his life to work among sixty million outcastes of India. He preached equality and salvation to the people, which proved to be effective, as many were converted (some information has been extracted from Wikipedia).

The Viceroy and Governor General awarded him the Kaiser-I-Hind medal (first class) 'For Public Service in India. There were many pioneering officers, who followed him, dedicated themselves, and worked hard to spread the work of the Salvation Army all over India.


Today, the Salvation Army has spread its work throughout India through 6 Territories. It has 9 hospitals as well as



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Nursing schools, and about 100 educational institutions. Moreover, there are many homes and hostels for children including blind and deaf and dumb children. There are aged homes, daycare centers, motherless babies' homes and rehabilitation centers. The Salvation Army's national secretariat is in Kolkata, West Bengal.

When we see the work that flourished throughout India, we feel proud about it. But we still need to do many things to address the issues of the people of India, such as untouchability, illiteracy, unemployment, sickness, poverty as well as many other current issues. We need dedicated, compassionate soldiers, Officers and employees to work together for the eradication of such ill-fated issues, and to start sustainable programs to continuously work for them.

The very aim of the Army is to win and save soul, in order to protect them from sin, and guide them to the heavenly above. Self-Denial, Selflessness, and sacrifice of our wants and greed could help us to win them. May All glory be to the Lord, who will bless us continuously and guide us to expand the Salvation Army to the utmost part of our country. 



## NATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS

21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Ashirwad Global Learning Centre, Hyderabad.

### Prayer Request.....

#### Pray for

##### 1. Delegates

- Spiritual Renewal
- Developing relationship with God
- Godly fellowship among the delegates
- Raise at least 100 officers for the future Army in India
- Safe Travels

##### 2. International Leaders

- Commissioners Lyndon Buckingham and Bronwyn Buckingham- the Chief Guests
- Commissioners Suresh & Martha Pawar- Zonal International Leaders
- Timely Visas
- Spirit filled messages

##### 3. Resource Persons

- Various Resource Persons and their participation with holy spirit and thoughts

##### 4. Venue

- Good and encouraging weather
- Accommodation & Food
- Various Arrangements

##### 5. Other Needs

- Financial Resources
- Volunteers
- Supporting Personnel
- Media
- Various Leaders and Committees supporting at back end National Office Team engaged in various preparations

### NATIONAL PRAYER DAY FOR NATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS

Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
All Corps/ Centres/ Institutions/  
Divisions/ Territories will observe and  
pray unitedly with one accord for the  
success of the programme.



# SOCIAL GOSPEL AND THE SALVATION ARMY'S WORK IN INDIA EASTERN TERRITORY: AN APPRAISAL

Often people of other faith in general, and non – Salvationist Christians in particular, get confused and misunderstood about the essence or identity of the Salvation Army. To some people who are deeply impressed by the Army's work and activities around the world, it is true for them to claim that Salvation Army is a non-governmental organisation focusing heavily on social service and charity. On the other hand, many people, without doubt, belief and assert that the Salvation Army is a Church-body of Christ. What makes people have such different opinions regarding the fundamental nature of the Salvation Army is a big question. From the light of this, we may presuppose the Salvation Army as having two identities -one identity as an international charitable organisation, the other as a protestant church. This may perhaps be an irrefutable reality. Its distinctive nature and diverse functional work make the Salvation Army has two identities. Therefore, as a commemoration of the Salvation Army's work in public, this article will be kind of appraising the Salvation Army's Work from the view point of Social Gospel with special reference to India Eastern Territory.

## What is Social Gospel?

The term social gospel is usually used to refer to a Protestant Christian intellectual movement that came to prominence in the late 19th and early 20th centuries in United States and Canada. At the time of its inception promoters of the social gospel sought to apply Christian principles to social problems, with a focus mainly on labour. Other issues, such as poverty, nutrition and health, education, alcoholism, crime, and warfare, were also addressed as part of the social gospel. In addition, Social Gospel aims to apply Christian ethics to social problems, especially issues of social justice such as economic inequality, racial tensions, slums, unclean environment, child labour, lack of unionization, poor schools, and the dangers of war. Theologically, Social Gospel sought to put into practice the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:10): "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven". Prominent names who promoted social gospel were Washington Gladden, Charles Sheldon and Walter Rauschenbusch. The most important exponent of the Social Gospel was a German-American Baptist, Walter Rauschenbusch (1861 – 1918).

## Salvation Army's work in India Eastern Territory:

Founded by Colonel Kawkhuma way back in the year 1917, April 26 Salvation Army in India Eastern Territory had celebrated its Centenary in 2017. Right from its establishment till today, from soul saving to child care, the Salvation Army in India Eastern Territory has been engaging in a wide range of work. The work of the Salvation Army does not come to an end despite facing variety of immense challenges

internally and externally time after time. Today, India Eastern Territory, by God's grace, continues to extend its ministry and comprises of Nepal extension is also another area where the IET Salvation Army has commenced its work. The increasing growing area of Salvation Army work is a clear indication that the Salvation Army, IET is developing, and it goes marching forward.

Out of its extensive variety of works, the Salvation Army IET never neglects or side-lines the importance of Social Service. Salvation Army IET is pushing forward to doing more charitable and social service for the needy depending on the demand of the people in areas where the Army functions without discrimination. The social service it renders to the society and community is, of course, the reason behind its growth and progress. The mission in IET has been backed up strongly by social service. When it comes to church growth or the like, one would not exaggerate if one asserted that the strength of the Salvation Army, IET depends tremendously on Social Service. In other words, social service is the backbone which makes the Army grows in India Eastern Territory.

Various social institutions under the Salvation Army, IET includes Schools, children homes, Deaf & Dumb homes, Home for Blinds, Motherless baby homes, Old age homes, Rehabilitation centers etc.

Apart from these social institutions, there are also various educational institutions under the Army regime; It is significant to note that all these educational institutions play important roles in the upbringing of people in the society.

In addition, Salvation Army IET continues to give earnest effort to bring better society and uplift the community by running programmes like Community Health Action Network (CHAN) in Tuikual South, Aizawl; Community Caring Programme, Manipur. Many projects have been successfully carried out through these said programmes.


It would be injustice if we fail to mention the works and ministry of the Youth, LOM, Home League, YP, Corps Cadet, Men's Fellowship in each Division and Corps. At the same time, space and time will not permit us to jot down every detail of the works the Salvation Army IET in each Corps and Section accomplish. Only few of the fascinating programmes and eye catching projects shall be mentioned, such as: micro start up programme, street ministry, feed the need, open air meetings, and distribution of food for free, charity shop, giving charity gifts, sponsoring the poor and handicapped, awareness campaigns etc. All these services and programmes contribute a lot and have immense impact in the society which builds the Army's identity.



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## Social Gospel and Salvation Army's work

Social Gospel aims for better society with the slogan "what would Jesus do". The social gospel emphasized how the ethical teachings of Jesus remedy the social problems and challenges. Christians must follow the footsteps of the master "Jesus" and obey his teachings. Therefore, social gospel is more of social salvation responding the social problem. Though historically short lived, because of its impact and influence the Social Gospel Movement has been described as "the most distinctive American contribution to world Christianity. Likewise, salvation of God and the word of God are not confined to personal salvation only. It is holistic. Our ministry should transform the society, bringing change in the society; Every Christian is responsible to it. And this is what Salvation Army, IET exactly does. The Salvation Army, IET is and will always work for the needy people, reach the unreached, help the poor, transform the society for good, bringing the kingdom of God into this world.

The criticism of Social Gospel is that it is often identified with theological liberalism. Of course, the advocates and proponent members were liberal theologians and postmillennialists. This remains a possible threat for the mainline protestant evangelical church. But fortunately, God is so merciful that there is nothing to fear or doubt about because God Jehovah is on our side. He (sic) protects us and preserves us. The Salvation Army is a worldwide evangelical Christian church called to do social service. This is our identity, our DNA. Having a genuine Christian Church identity, the Salvation Army never fails to respond the challenges in the society. It is our mission to serve God through words and deeds guided by the three 'S'- soup, soap, salvation. To conclude, the Salvation Army is a kind of Church which the present world needs so badly- to evangelize the world and respond to the needs of the world through social service. 

# SUCCESSFUL TEACHER

## — JESUS CHRIST



**D**r. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was one of the few great leaders born from the soil of this beautiful country. He was a learned and efficient teacher. When he became the President of India, many of his students and friends requested him to be allowed to celebrate his birthday on 5th September. He replied, "instead of celebrating my birthday, it would be a matter of pride for me if 5th September is celebrated as Teachers' Day, because the teachers of the country shape the future of the country." Since then, his birthday is celebrated as Teachers' Day in India. Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan is no longer with us but still he is in our hearts.

### What is the definition of a teacher?

- A teacher is like a potter, he creates beautiful works out of clay.
- A teacher's job is like that of a gardener who gives tender – loving care to struggling plants and enjoys seeing them to grow and flourish.
- A teacher is a sculptor, who beautifully shapes the raw material into an idol.

I express my heartfelt gratitude to all my teachers – academic, spiritual, and all those who have shaped my life. I will always be indebted to them for their love and guidance. Happy Teachers' Day to teachers all over the world.

### Was Jesus a Successful Teacher?

So the answer is yes, yes, and yes... Jesus was a great and successful teacher. I saw only one such person who became a teacher and

washed the feet of his disciples. He came into this world to serve others.

As we delve deeper into the New Testament, we see that Jesus Christ is addressed by different terms, such as, "Rabbi means Master (Teacher), Lord, Saviour, Redeemer." For us too he is the Lord, the Saviour, Redeemer and the Teacher. In the New Testament, Jesus is referred to as the Teacher 60 times. The disciples considered Jesus to be their teacher, and Jesus himself used words, "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord', and rightly so, for that is what I am." (John 13:13). Nicodemus came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that

you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." (John 3:2).

In Matthew 23:10 Jesus says, "Don't be called teacher, because Christ is your one teacher." In other words, Jesus tells us that he is our one teacher and our true teacher. This means Jesus is the one who teaches us how to live and act in this world.

History has echoed the truth of that verdict. Scottish Theologian James Stuart said, "The teaching of Jesus has had a power and an effect with which the influence of no other teacher can even for a moment be compared." When Jesus had finished giving the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew tells us the crowds were so amazed at his teaching because "he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law." (Matthew 7:29). Jesus spoke the genuine and authentic words of God on that day.

Jesus Christ did more teaching than any teacher with an academic degree could do. He



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never entered the classroom. He had no academic degree from any university, yet the whole world was his classroom.

Was Jesus a true teacher, and did he teach everyone well? Consider His words, instructions and final command in the Bible, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19). This was his final message - education.

How vindicated was his final message? "He gave orders to the apostles he had chosen with the help of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 1:2). The apostles carried out the commandment given two thousand years ago, and today, we see that more than two billion people worldwide bear their name, believe in the promise and act according to the rules given by Jesus. Jesus' virtues of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self-control are found in the life of a Christian. Christianity spread from Jerusalem to every corners of the world.

Today thousands of missionaries are working in many countries, following the final message of Jesus. "Make disciples of all nations." If students' success is the measure of a teacher, then the success of Christianity is due to the one and only successful teacher, Jesus Christ, who has never been and never will be.





# THE SALVATION ARMY DURING THE FREEDOM FIGHT

**E**vangelism is easy to preach, but not so easy to practice. Jesus gave advice that gave preference to actions rather than words. The parable of the lost goat, the lost sheep, the ox that fell into the pit on the Sabbath, and the parable of the Samaritan all point to this one truth Words without love are just like cymbals. Its intensity is decreasing. The world remembers Christ's words through actions. It is better to say that the works of the Lord amaze us than the miracles of Jesus. Because all actions are possible with the Lord.

Wherever the gospel is to be preached, the gospel is preached in a peaceful atmosphere. But the gospel is worked among the sick, the hungry, the wounded, and the outcast. It is from such a thought that the role played by the Salvation Army in the history of the Indian freedom struggle is discussed. When the Salvation Army arrived in India, it had been twenty-five years since the independence struggle had started here. Frederick Tucker, who was part of the British administration and an Indian civil service officer, brought the congregation here. Movements for independent India started spreading in Bengal and after that throughout North India the rulers suppressed movements against apartheid, exploitation of mineral resources and the imposition of British supremacy. The leaders of the strike worked hard in creating an organized public march against this. The freedom hungry natives accepted all the opposition like brutal torture, imprisonment, and execution. The civil disobedience movement led by Gandhi gave a new face to the struggle. More and more people and more states joined the struggle against the British rule.

In between, the First World War (1914-1918) and the Second World War (1939-1945) were taking place. Severe food shortages, epidemics, and violence became common. Princely kingdoms that are divided from each other, different castes, languages, cultures, and religions create insecurity. The All-India Muslim League, started in 1906 under the leadership of Muhammad Ali Jinnah, came forward in 1938 for an independent country for Muslims only. At that time there were seven territories in the Indian subcontinent namely Northern, Western, Eastern, Madras & Telugu, South India, Ceylon, and Burma. Vast areas including

Delhi, Punjab United Provinces and North Western Frontier Province were under the Northern Territory (Year Book 1933 p. 77). In the last days of the freedom struggle, the demand for an independent Muslim state led to communal riots. Accordingly, the British decided to divide India and in July 1946, Sir Cyril Radcliffe formed a committee to prepare the partition document. Accordingly, west Pakistan was formed with Lahore as the center and East Pakistan (later Bangladesh) with Dhaka as the center. A deed of partition done without adequate study or preparation, dividing homes, relatives and property that were held in love led to massive bloodshed.

The Salvation Army went out among the people, establishing hospitals and schools along with evangelism. The Salvation Army focused on the basic needs of the common people. Pandemic diseases in 1895, during the outbreak of smallpox, the first Salvation Army hospital in Nagercoil, Catherine Booth Hospital, was started. In 1904 Under the leadership of Dr. Harry Andrews, General Higgins laid the foundation stone for a 50-bedded hospital building in memory of Julie Emery in Anand, Gujarat, where medical care was scarce. This hospital was mainly relied upon for the treatment of the soldiers as well as the common people. Dr. Harry Andrews returned to India after further training. Thomas Emery Hospital started in Moradabad, United Provinces in 1913 by Sir H. Lord Weston inaugurated. The doctors and staff of these hospitals were assigned to treat and care for the wounded soldiers in the First and Second World Wars. The British government sought the services of the Salvation Army to provide a good funeral service to the deceased soldiers. On the battlefield Dr. Harry's services were requested by the military, and he undertook the task in 1919. But he was attacked by enemy forces and killed there. He was later honored with the Victoria Cross.

In the Punjab province, Dhariwal McRobert Hospital, Moradabad's Thomas Emery Hospital, Ahmedabad's Evangeline Booth Hospital, etc. all worked to help both soldiers and villagers. Hindu and Muslim religious extremists unleashed violence in the name of freedom struggle. Murder, gang-rape, abduction, have become daily occurrences. The All-India Muslim League, started in 1906 under the leadership of Muhammad Ali Jinnah, came



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forward in 1938 for an independent country for Muslims only. Along with that, the freedom struggle got another religious face. and a British province centered on Lahore. In this situation, Britain was ready to give independence to two countries, India with a Hindu majority, and Pakistan with a Muslim majority. Pakistan became independent on August 14 and India on August 15, 1947. Hindus fled to India and Muslims to Pakistan and Bangladesh. Those who leave their country and loved ones were a sad sight. Riots and rapes continued. Hindus and Muslims were praised for their service in the refugee centers in the Wagah region of the India-Pakistan border. The Salvation Army MacRobert Hospital in Dhariwal received thousands of wounded and dead. A rehabilitation camp was set up at Kalyan in Bombay to provide employment schemes to the unemployment and homeless and to provide mental strength to the victims of violence. Captain Margaret Barker and Lieut. Esther Bai also worked hard for the needy.

In an interview between Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and General Albert Osborne, Nehru said that everyone remembers with gratitude what you have done for the welfare of the people of India, and the Salvation Army has shown it in action. The Salvation Army preached the gospel and worked when the people were full of mental conflicts and worries.

Courtesy: Year books, War Cry, Freedom at midnight (Larry Collins, Dominique Lappierre)



# WHEN WE WALK WITH THE LORD (TRUST AND OBEY)

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



John H. Sammis

## Lyricist: John H. Sammis

**J**ohn H. Sammis (1846–1919) was the writer of the Christian hymn "Trust and Obey" with Daniel B. Towner in 1887. Sammis also wrote the hymn "He's a Friend of Mine".

### Biography

Sammis was born in 1846, in Brooklyn, New York. He was a businessman who became a Presbyterian minister. He taught at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

Sammis wrote over 100 hymns. Most of them can be categorized as "songs of trust" and "songs of obedience". They were compiled by T. C. Horton (a founder of Bible Institute of Los Angeles) and R. A. Torrey in 1918.

Sammis died in Highland Park, Los Angeles on June 12, 1919, and was buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale.

## Composer: Daniel B. Towner

Daniel Brink Towner (March 5, 1850 – October 3, 1919) was an American composer who held a Doctor of Music, and used his abilities to develop the music to several Christian hymns which are still popular today

When we walk with the Lord  
Tune: Trust and obey


John Henry Sammis (1846- 1919) Daniel Brink Towner (1850 - 1919)

When we walk in the Lord, In the light of his word, What a glo-ry he sheds on our way, While we do his good will, He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way, To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.



Daniel B. Towner

Daniel B. Towner died in Longwood, Missouri on October 3, 1919. He was buried at Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago.

The American Temperance University in Harriman, Tennessee, awarded Towner a Doctor of Music in 1900. 



Daniel B. Towner was born in Rome, Pennsylvania on March 5, 1850. He received his early musical training from his father, J. G. Towner. He later studied under John Howard, George Root and James Webb.

Towner was the music director at Centenary Methodist Church, in Binghamton, New York (1870-1882); York Street Methodist Episcopal Church, in Cincinnati, Ohio (1882-1884); Union Methodist Episcopal Church, in Covington, Kentucky (1884-1885); and Moody Bible Institute, in Chicago, Illinois (1893-1919).

Courtesy: Wikipedia,  
Hymntime.com, hymnary.org



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**I**n 2017, the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind asserted that India was “facing a possible mental health epidemic”. A study revealed that in the same year, 14% of India's population suffered from mental health ailments, including 45.7 million suffering from depressive disorders and 49 million from anxiety disorders.

God created the entirety of man—body, soul, spirit, and mind. Each of those parts is designed to operate and function as whole. None of us talks at the idea of providing our bodies with nourishment, rest, or exercise. Or, if we get sick, we do not refuse medical care.

We should give the same regard to the care of our spirit, soul, and mind. While they are not physical, each impacts our physical well-being as well as our relationships with God, family, and friends. Seeking a counsellor when our mental health is tenuous is like providing the nourishment, rest, and exercise we need to a part of us that needs support.

### What is Mental Health?

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood.

Over the course of your life, if you experience mental health problems your thoughts, mood, and behaviour could be affected. Many factors contribute to mental health problems, including:

- Biological factors, such as genes or brain chemistry

- Life experiences, such as trauma or abuse
- Family history of mental health problems

Mental health problems are common, but help is available. People with mental health problems can get better and many recover completely.

### Early Warning Signs

Not sure if you or someone you know is living with mental health problems? Experiencing one or more of the following feelings or behaviours can be an early warning sign of a problem:

- Eating or sleeping too much or too little
- Pulling away from people and usual activities
- Having low or no energy
- Feeling numb or like nothing matters
- Having unexplained aches and pains
- Feeling helpless or hopeless
- Smoking, drinking, or using drugs more than usual
- Feeling unusually confused, forgetful, on edge, angry, upset, worried, or scared
- Yelling or fighting with family and friends
- Experiencing severe mood swings that cause problems in relationships
- Having persistent thoughts and memories you can't get out of your head
- Hearing voices or believing things that are not true
- Thinking of harming yourself or others
- Inability to perform daily tasks like taking care of your kids or getting to work or school.

### Mental Health and Wellness

Positive mental health allows people to:

- Realize their full potential
- Cope with the stresses of life
- Work productively
- Make meaningful contributions to their communities

Ways to maintain positive mental health include:

- Getting professional help if you need it

- Connecting with others
- Staying positive
- Getting physically active
- Helping others
- Getting enough sleep
- Developing coping skills

The mind is one of the most powerful organs in the body, regulating the functioning of all other organs. When our minds are unstable, they affect the whole functioning of our bodies. Being both physically and emotionally fit is the key to success in all aspects of life. People should be aware of the consequences of mental illness and must give utmost importance to keeping the mind healthy like the way the physical body is kept healthy. Mental and physical health cannot be separated from each other. And only when both are balanced can we call a person perfectly healthy and well. So, it is crucial for everyone to work towards achieving a balance between mental and physical wellbeing and get the necessary help when either of them falters.

### Communicate, share, and care.

Communication is the key. In trouble or confuse or is there anything that is bothering you, talk. Talk to the people with whom you're comfortable to share your problems. Find help to get out of the situation. If you know someone who is going through depression or any other mental health issue, talk to them. Let them know it's okay and you are with them to help. Let the people know God has the healing power just pray and believe all your burden has been taken away by our Almighty God.

Keep Faith in Jesus, accept yourself, you are not alone. Believe that Lord Jesus Christ is always with you.

**STAY HEALTHY AND HAPPY. FEEL THE HAPPINESS AND SPREAD THE HAPPINESS.** 

# TRAINING ON SPORTS MINISTRY – 2022, IWT



**I**ndia National Office organized a "Training on Sports ministry" program, from 28th June 2022 to 30th June 2022 at the Salvation Army Christian Conference Centre, Coonoor, with a theme "Reaching the unreached with Sports and Talents".

Its aim is to build relationships within the centres of the Salvation Army and impact the local corps/centre by mobilizing sports participants to serve and proclaim gospel through their sports related skills, to strengthen the mission and ministry of the Salvation Army.

Colonel S. P. Simon National Executive Officer, Colonel Annamma Simon Secretary for Women Development were the chief guests, Captain Aseervadam Cheeli Executive Secretary to National Leaders, Mr. Paul Moses Sangeetha charitable Trust, Chennai and his team were the Resource Person to this training program.

This training program was inaugurated by the chief guests by lighting the candles. In inauguration meeting chief guests, resource person and the delegates were welcomed by Captain Latha Cheeli Education, Youth and Children Secretary. In his inaugural address Colonel SP Simon shared that in this changing world, for our better ministry we also need some changes in our ministry, youth are very important because they are the present and future generation. This training is to our youth leaders to motivate the youth and children in right direction and helps in membership growth.

After the inaugural meeting, Colonel SP Simon NEO took class on "Youth and Children ministry – Sports significance" in this he told that though bring youth and children to God and engaging in ministry is a challenging, it is our duty to bring them. To attract them sports are one of the ways and youth and children are right person and must find new strategy. For that we chose this sports ministry.

Resource person Mr. Paul Moses who were sports person, founder of Sangeetha Charitable trust and doing Sports ministry, along with four of his team members took classes in lecture, demonstrative, and practical methods, subjects are Sports and Leadership, Sports ministry and Play, Sports Ministry through fun games, Experimental games,

Sports and Academics, tours and teams, Sports ministry through Health, and Fitness. Through all these subjects team explained to all the delegates, how can we engage our youth and Children in His ministry, how can we relate sports to our ministry very clearly. Had group discussions on "How to revive youth and Children ministry in the 21st century" which was facilitated by Captain Aseervadam Cheeli, Executive Secretary to National Leadership. Delegates discussed and come up with the answers for the questionnaire like where we failed? Which program did not work well? What are the expectations of youth? How can we bring revival? The facilitator suggested some ways to revive our youth.

Thought provoking devotions were taken by colonel Annamma Simon and Captain Aseervadam Cheeli on days 2 and 3.

The whole team had a very good and enjoyable time in team building activities and on cultural evening. On final day evening we had spiritual meeting was led by Captain Latha Cheeli and challenging message was given by Colonel SP Simon based on the text Luke 14: 15 to 24 he encouraged the delegates through his message that God doesn't like people to perish – John 3:16, and He wants us to fill His house with people – Luke 14: 23 to we are the ambassadors of Christ and need to do our responsibility. All the delegates rededicated their lives to God and went with Spirit filled heart.

These three days we all enjoyed delicious food and comfortable accommodation and cold climate of Coonoor. Administrator and home care officer were supportive and friendly.



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Youth Secretary  
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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."



## THE COMMISSIONING, ORDINATION, APPOINTMENT, CONVOCATION AND COVENANT OF THE MESSENGERS OF RECONCILIATION 2020-'22, ISWT, TRIVANDRUM

On 24th April 2022 was one of the remarkable days in the history of the India South Western territory, especially the College for Officer Training, there were nine cadets of Messengers of Reconciliation received the commissioning and ordination from Territorial Commander. The blessed event was held at Commissioner P. E. George Memorial Central Corps, Trivandrum and the event solemnised by Colonel Gabriel I. Christian, Territorial Commander and Colonel Indumati Christian, TPWM.

The program started with the introduction and prayer of Lieut. Colonel J. Daniel Jebasingh Raj, Chief Secretary who was the leader of the meeting. The greeting of the General was read by Lieut. Colonel Saju Daniel, Secretary for Programme Administration. Major Jose P. Mathew, Training Principal presented the sessional report and given back the cadets of Messengers of Reconciliation session to Territorial Commander for commissioning. The cadets were pronounced the doctrine and presented the session song by the leadership of Major Alice Jose, Education Officer. A spirit filled message was shared by Territorial Commander the scripture portion based on St. Matthew 9: 37-38 and who challenged the cadets to fulfil their duty. He reminded the cadets to the significance of the ministry of the Salvation Army and importance of sacrificial service and there after colonel has given commissioning and ordination to the cadets. The honouring of the silver star parents was another item in the programme and it was conducted by Colonel Indumati Christian, TPWM.

Colonel S. P. Simon, National Executive Officer and Colonel Annamma Simon, SWD were the special guests in the programme, and the BTH Degree to the cadets was configured by Colonel S.P Simon. Captain Aseervadam Cheeli from National Office was participated in the meeting. The cadets' magazine Kripasanam released by Lieut. Colonel Rajam Daniel, TSWM and thereafter Majors C. J. Joseph (late) and K. J. Mariam (late) memorial award to cadets was distributed by the leadership. Lt. Sunil Jose the newly commissioned lieutenant represented the session and shared



personal experience, who had extended the gratitude to the leaders, training officers and all those who were participated in the training program. The Territorial Commander gave first appointment to the new Lieutenants with the exhortation of taking challenges of the day and doing the mission fruitfully.

Lt. Colonel Yohannan Joseph, SPA, Lt. Colonel Jacob Joseph SBA, Capt Ajeshkumar Joseph, TYS, Major John Joseph, FTO, Lt. Kiran P. Jose, ATO and Captain C. J. Jomon, Corps Officer had taken part in the program. Major M. Moses, Divisional Commander, Trivandrum and Major Prema Jose, DDWM, Nedumangadu offered intercessory prayers. The corps songster brigade's presentation was another blessing in the meeting. Finally, the newly commissioned officers renewed their commitment and prayed at the mercy seat. The meeting was concluded by the prayer and benediction of the Territorial Commander. The Divisional Commanders from various divisions and the full packed Church had witnessed the blessed and moving event.

### Covenant Day

The covenant service of the Messengers of Reconciliation 2020-'22 session was held on 22nd April 2022 at College for Officer Training, Trivandrum. The meeting was led by Lieut. Colonel J. Daniel Jebasingh Raj, Chief Secretary and who has given the introduction about the importance of making covenant with God. Colonel Gabriel I. Christian, Territorial Commander has conducted the covenant service and shared very blessed message to the

cadets. Lieut. Colonel Rajam Daniel, TSWM offered special prayer, the cabinet officers and training staff had taken part in the programme.

The cadets had come to the mercy seat and submitted their life with dedicating prayer and they signed the covenant card which was witnessed by Colonel Gabriel I. Christian, Territorial Commander and Major Jose P. Mathew, Training Principal. The covenant service was concluded with the prayer of Colonel Indumati Christian, TPWM and benediction of the Territorial Commander.

### Pageantry

The very blessed and joyful musical presentation and pageantry held at Johnson Hall auditorium on 23rd April 2022 at 6.30 pm. The cadets were beautifully presented their God's gifted talents and skills. The Territorial Leadership, cabinet officers, THQ staff, Training Officers, soldiers and friends of Salvation Army were attended in the programme. Colonel S. P. Simon, National Executive officer, Colonel Annamma Simon, SWD and Captain Aseervadam Cheeli were the chief guests in the special evening.

We give thanks to God Almighty who has enabled us to complete all successfully.

All glory to God



**Major Jose P. Mathew**  
Training Principal  
India South-Western Territory

## THE SALVATION ARMY : INDIA EASTERN TERRITORY ORIENTATION FOR OUTREACH WORKERS



Orientation for Outreach Workers is the usual practice of Outreach Department in the India Eastern Territory. As per the Territorial Outreach Mission Operation Manual, whoever is appointed as Outreach Worker needs to undergo Orientation as a means of recruitment prior to joining the place of appointment. Many programmes and activities could not be executed due to Covid-19 pandemic which also affected this Orientation programme. Now as the present situation permits to hold programmes, Orientation for the newly appointed Outreach Workers was conducted at Chanmari West Corps during 12 – 18 July, 2022 where 1 (one) Field Assistant, 9 (nine) Soldiers of Cross and 30 (thirty) Evangelist Teachers attended from one District and six Divisions.

Corps/Society Administration & Ministry, Outreach Mission Impact and Measurement, Records and Maintenance of Salvation Army Property, Church Planting and Growth, Children and Youth Ministry, Health and Cleanliness, Personal Spiritual Discipline, Importance of Education in the Ministry, Salvation Army Principles and Doctrines, Women's Ministry, Role and responsibilities of Outreach Workers, Cross Culture Evangelism, Keeping of Account and Financial Management and procedure of Reports/Return and Correspondence are the subjects taught in this Orientation. These selected subjects were taught with PowerPoint and paper presentation by the concerned secretaries in the Territorial Headquarters and members of the Territorial Outreach Mission Board as Resource persons.

Public meetings programme was included during this Orientation where Outreach Workers shared their challenging testimonies and practical experiences of overcoming difficult situations in their ministries. The last

two public meetings were graced by the Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries. The final meeting led by Outreach and Evangelism Secretary was a real Holy Spirit moving meeting where Soldiers in the congregation dance with joyful hearts in praise of God. Territorial President of Women's Ministries delivered a challenging and touching message ending with an altar call. All the Outreach Workers responded the altar call and rededicated their commitment of their Callings and they were joined by many Soldiers in the congregation. The final meeting ended with a thrilling joyful praise by singing –

Conquerors at last, though long the fight and dreary!

Bright days shall dawn, and sin's dark night be past;

Our battles end in saving sinners weary,  
And Satan's kingdom down shall fall at last.

Salvation Army, Army of God,

Onward to conquer the world with fire and blood.



**Major K. Lalbiaktluanga**  
Outreach & Evangelism Secretary  
India Eastern Territory

## WORKSHOP ON STATISTICS - INDIA SOUTH WESTERN TERRITORY

Statistics Department organized a Workshop on statistics on 8th & 9th July 2022 at Trivandrum HRD Centre for the Officers working as the divisional staff. In the inaugural session Colonel Gabriel Christian, Territorial Commander has emphasised, 'Be sure about Jesus' call and cautious in performing his mission; Gods heart hurts when we do wrong'. Colonel Indumati Christian, TPWM explained the different areas of statistics in connection with women ministry.

Lt. Colonel Rajam Daniel, TSWM, Lt. Colonel Yohannan Joseph, Personnel Secretary, Lt. Colonel Jacob J. Joseph, SBA, Lt. Colonel Saju Daniel, Programme Secretary, Captain Ajesh Kumar Joseph, TYS and Major Kamala Rajan, Statistician



have taken the classes on different subjects. Vesper was done by Major Asha Justin, Social Secretary.

In the final session Lt. Colonel Daniel J. Raj, Chief Secretary addressed many issues relating to the statistics works and

various other reporting which enabled the participants (39) for more practical experience.



**Major Kamalabhai Rajan**  
Territorial Statistician  
India South Western Territory



# FINANCE WORKSHOP AT HRD CENTER BATALA – PUNJAB, INT

The Finance workshop was held on dated 11- 13 July 2022 at H.R. D. Center Batala Punjab under the leadership of Territorial Commander Commissioner Daniel Raju Dasari.

It was organized and conducted by Business Administration Department. Secretary for Business Administration Major Ranjit Nayak, Major Vijay Kumar TFS and Emmanuel Masih TFT were the faculties for the same. There were 20 selected officers throughout the Punjab, Chandigarh and New Delhi regions.

The workshop was very innovative and informative which gave a deep understanding and knowledge about our policies and procedures in handling finance, to generate and develop mission resources, making good uses of existing resources, adoption of law of the land relation with the accounts and finance, Corps Audit, mission and

financial Management, handling the records and documentation, to resist the expenditure, planning for Corps budget, self-support, and mission support.

The practical works had much impact and clarity. The undergone subjects were necessary and useful. Talented and expert faculties

worked hard to bring the valid data. Morning devotions, food, peaceful atmosphere and spiritual meeting supported and encouraged us to utilize the meaningful workshop.

14-15 July 2022 Finance Workshop for Divisional, District, Extension and Institutional Officers were held on HRD Center Batala Punjab in which 20 delegates from Punjab, Chandigarh, and Jammu were selected and invited.



THQ Delhi on 14, July 2022 at 9.00 a.m. In this workshop Major Vijay Kumar TFS and Emmanuel Masih TFT were the main faculties. This workshop was held on teaching of the accounts, IFAS, NGO accounting system, FCRA, Budgeting and Final accounts.

The practical work was helping the delegates to be fully equipped in the work. Their efficiency and talents during the practical session brought their skill out. They all were happily participated in each of exercise of the workshop and concluding session of this workshop has brought great impact on the lives of our delegates, as our Territorial Commander Commissioner Daniel Raju Dasari brought the word of God to conclude the session.



The workshop inaugurated by Lt. Colonel Sulkhan Masih Secretary for Personnel Administration

**Major Emmanuel Masih**  
Territorial Finance Trainer  
India Northern Territory, New Delhi

Catherine Booth



You are not here in the world for yourself. You have been sent here for others. The world is waiting for you!

# SALVATIONIST WINS GOLD AT COMMONWEALTH GAMES, THE GENERAL CELEBRATES



**ON 31 JULY, Salvationist Jeremy Lalrinnunga, of Mizoram, India Eastern Territory, claimed India's fifth weightlifting medal of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games with gold in the men's 67kg category final, breaking two Games records and setting a Commonwealth target of 300kg. General Brian Peddle, joined by Commissioner Suresh Pawar (International Secretary for South Asia) and Captain Charles Chalrimawia, shared a video call with the young champion to celebrate.**

'Jeremy, I have prayed and thanked God for you,' expressed General Brian Peddle. 'Anybody who pursues excellence does, in a very beautiful way, honour God. God is making you to be somebody who pursues excellence in your weightlifting and as a good soldier of Jesus. We are honoured to see you and greet you today and we pray God will continue to bless you.'

Receiving the General's warm congratulations with gratitude, Jeremy made it very clear to whom the glory belongs for him: 'This is not my power – this is the power of Jesus Christ.' Nineteen-year-old Jeremy astonishes with his sporting success, but just as impressive is his deep commitment to his faith and his sincere and humble spirit. The future looks bright and, upon returning home to India, Jeremy will commence training at the Neeraj Chopra Institute of Sports for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. In a question-and-answer with Lauren Westwood, of Communications,

International Headquarters, Jeremy shared more of his story:

**Jeremy, you are a gold-medal winner and a Commonwealth champion! How does that feel?**

'I feel all the joy in the world. In my preparation for the Commonwealth Games, I spent time with God in personal prayer, but I'm grateful to know that my family and friends have prayed for me too. The Salvation Army and my home corps have been really supportive and I know they have lifted me in prayer. I am certain that my success is the result of this support, and for that I am thankful.'

You mentioned your home corps, The Salvation Army Government Complex Corps in Aizawl, Mizoram. What does this connection mean to you? 'The Salvation Army has been part of my family for many generations on my mother's side, and my father joined after he married my mother, so I was born into a Christian home. My childhood was occupied with many Salvation Army activities such as corps cadets. Unfortunately, since moving away from Aizawl, my training regime demands so much that I have had to leave the corps cadets programme, though I am sad to miss this fellowship.'

**After your win in Birmingham, you said 'I could not reach my best performance [because of injury] but Jesus helped me get this gold medal.' How has your faith sustained you in the challenges and the successes of your career?**

'I have not always been a winner. There have been times when I have known failure, but my family have always encouraged me that God's plan does not promise constant success. My family and friends would say, "Maybe this is God's way. Maybe he has a better success in store for your future." This has given me faith to trust that my future can be bright. Even in moments of success, like during



the 67kg lift at the Commonwealth Games, I had a muscle cramp on my thigh which really risked pulling me down. My physical strength is not the source of this victory, but it is the power of prayer that gives me this victory. The times when I am reminded of my own physical weakness remind me of God's mighty power.'

**Do you have any words of advice for people who are striving for excellence in sport?**

'First and foremost, trust that God exists. Challenge yourself to believe in him and 100 per cent believe that he is working. The second thing is that we have a duty to discipline ourselves in hard work. You may have people praying for you to do well, but success – in sport and in other areas – is the fruit of hard work and discipline.'

**The Salvation Army world celebrates you and your achievements. Many Salvationists around the world will cheer you on, both as you continue your sporting career and as a young Christian. How can we pray for you?**

'I ask for prayers that I will never surpass the need for God in my life. Of course, I want to continue to achieve greatness in my sport, but I do not want to lose sight of the success that God wants for me. I would also ask for prayers for my family and that I will remain the same person despite my successes as I continue to seek and fully rely on God.'



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