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For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV)

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hile and Argentina are neighboring countries in South America. But for many years these countries were at war with each other. By God's providence the soldiers on both sides had the same thought 'why should I live like this pointing a gun at my brother? Is this war for peace? Some army officers themselves started collecting signatures against war and it was written and signed by people from both the countries saying, 'we don't want war'! Not long after, the rulers and high officials of the two countries discussed and signed an Agreement that ended the war between the neighboring countries forever in 1903.

Celebrations were held in grand way in both countries because of the peaceful resolution of the border dispute between them. CHRIST THE REDEEMER OF ANDES - Rulers of both the countries promised to erect a statue of Jesus to remind the parties Christ's message of peace and the friendship between the two countries. It's believed that the soldiers collected the guns and cannons and melted them down to make this huge statue of Jesus, standing on a globe carrying a cross on his shoulder and with a hand raised in blessing Two plagues were unveiled celebrating the friendship between the two countries. One is inscribed (in Spanish) "Sooner shall these mountain crags crumble to dust than Chile and Argentina shall break this peace which at the feet of Christ the Redeemer they have sworn to maintain." And on the other side its written "For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility."

The beautiful word which Christianity presented the world

is 'Resurrection'. Jesus passed away, entrusting his soul to the hands to whom who cried out 'why you had forsaken me'. Here all stories must end up but there a new story

began! Another era was beginning with the new knowledge that the tomb was empty. A 'Third Day' happened to remind us that death is neither a closed door nor a last word! It gives us the realization and courage that it's possible to regain everything that has been lost and abandoned.

The disciples lost their peace completely thinking that their master had died. Once they left the boat, net and lifestyle and followed the words of Jesus - now their dreams were shattered! When people feel that they are alone and helpless, they would wish to go back their old ways. But Jesus came in the middle of the room where his disciples hided themselves without peace and full of fear. He was reminding them that He died only for the 'healing' of this world by experiencing 'the most powerful death on the Cross'!

We live in a world where our peace and dreams losing day by day. But the 'ultimate healing is his business'. The prophets foretold that Christ would come as the 'Prince of Peace' who would 'proclaim peace to the nations. He himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility'! There is a 'Third day' ahead which can cast out all of our fears! His merciful words will strengthen us! The stream of love flowing from his heart will give us the perfect healing! God Bless!

Happy Easter!!

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# MANIFESTATION GOD'S LOVE

In Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

he generation will change, and the people's perceptions of their life and faith may change, but the story of God's love revealed in the death & resurrection of Jesus Christ will never change. It remains unchanged. And so is the love of God, which is still active in Jesus who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, glory to His Name!

Thousands of years ago, this written gospel recorded in the Bible is still relevant to the 21st century. It needs no other supplementary explanation or added information in this age of modern technology and science. God has never forsaken this world. The cross nor the resurrection remains only the history of the past but speaks into the present, as well as to the future to come. God's love for our generation and even for the Generation coming next is as alive as it was when he made man & woman in his own image.

There is no greater love than God's love. There is no greater sacrifice than what God has sacrificed for all mankind. God is a righteous Judge. He is holy and expects that we are being created in his own image to live up to his holiness. Sin in us has brought us to face his judgment. Because of our sinful nature, we have lost our right to fellowship with Holy God.

#### The Cross:

To save the fallen humanity from sin and evil, he paid the price. Bible says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16-EVS). Though God is Just and has nothing to do with evil & sin, he is our loving Father, who still loves us. By sacrificing his own Son on the cross, putting all our sins and transgression on him, he paid the highest price to save us from the bondage of sin and evil. Jesus died in our place so that we are made free from the curse of sin and have everlasting life. According to Isaiah's prophesy, Jesus was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds, we are healed (Isaiah 53).

Therefore, we have been given the privilege to claim the forgiveness of our sins in Jesus, being the lamb of God sacrificed for us on the cross. Saint Paul reminded the early Christians in Colossae, 'by cancelling the records of our debt that stood against us with its legal demands, this he set aside by nailing it to the cross as Jesus was crucified.' (Colossian 2:13 - 15). This is to be proclaimed to the world and be reminded of the Church of our age.

On the cross, we are reconciled with God. We are brought back to our father – our creator. That is done by God himself, compelled by his unconditional love towards us, manifested in Jesus, whom himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we may no more live in sin but live in the righteousness of God. In His wounds we have received wholeness, even healing (1 Peter 2:24).

Our souls cry out for deliverance from the sin of our flesh, to which our souls are enslaved. The deliverance is made possible, if we turn to the cross, confessing our sinful nature and in faith claiming salvation from our sin in Jesus. He said, 'There is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God'. (Luke 15:7 NLT) This is the love of God. It may be true with you, if you come to this truth and make Jesus your Saviour from your sins.

#### The Resurrection:

The cross begins the new life in us, and the resurrection of Jesus gives us the unshaken hope of everlasting life in God. Physical death no longer holds our souls in bondage, but we live forever in Jesus. This is the manifestation of God's everlasting love for all mankind.

Jesus overcame death. He rose again on the third day, and he lives forever. He ascended to heaven and will come back to gather his church to himself. This is unchangeable truth. It is our hope that gives purpose for our living on this earth, giving us the confidence of victory over sin and spiritual death. Because our Lord Jesus Lives, we can face each day of our life victoriously. It is just as the word of God gives us the assurance, 'Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one



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who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.' (Hebrew 2: 14-15 ESV)

An angel appeared to the women, who were searching for the body of the crucified Jesus, and he gave them the good news, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. (Matthew 28: 5 -6 NIV). We may not see him physically, but we know that He lives because he has given us his promised Holy Spirit, who brings his presence into our lives here on earth. I witness the living presence of Jesus every day of my life. As once Saint Paul had said, I do say with confidence and in truth, that it is no longer I live but Jesus Christ lives in me. Anyone who has found new life in Jesus, being led by His Holy Spirit can truly find the power of His resurrection. He is the risen Lord and lives forever!

The power of the cross and the resurrection of Jesus Christ is able to bring the fullness of life that God has intended for us. God in his great mercy gives us new birth into a living hope through the cross and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Give an opportunity to yourself to turn to God, who loves you and has the greatest desire for you to experience the love he has manifested in Jesus so that you no longer live in the darkness of this world but walk in the holiness of God.

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21 NIV)



# WHEN THEY SAW HIM, THEY WORSHIPPED HIM BUT SOME DOUBTED



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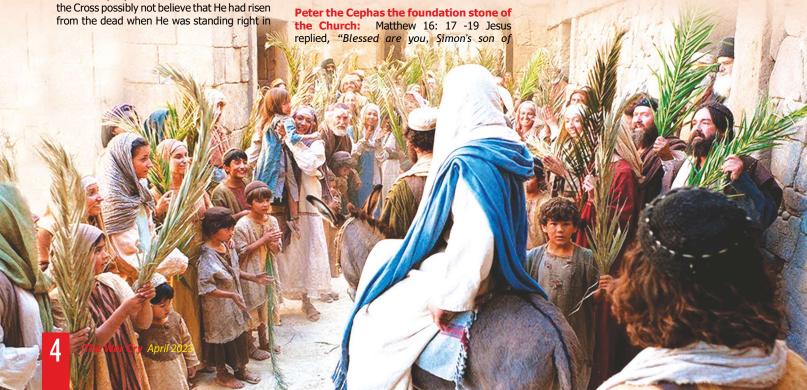
greet all the readers with a very Happy Easter. Easter is the time of celebration of the Christian faith. Christianity is built on the foundation of the Resurrection of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. If there is no empty tomb there is no Easter. We don't worship an empty tomb but the resurrected Christ. Easter makes Christianity a model religion for the world to follow. It directs the confused world into a clear faith. The most important in the Easter story is during Christ's post-Resurrection appearance on a hillside in Galilee, some of His disciples worshiped Him, "but some doubted."

Easter is an invitation to meet Risen Saviour: How could people who knew Jesus had died on the Cross possibly not believe that He had risen from the dead when He was standing right in front of them? Despite repeated assurance given to the disciples. The eleven disciples went into Galilee, the mountain Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted (Matthew 28: 16-17). On the night of His arrest, Jesus told His disciples that He would rise from the dead and then meet them in Galilee Matt (26: 32). So, the eleven disciples except Judas went to a mountain in Galilee and when Jesus appeared to them, they worshiped Him, "but some doubted. "As per the above verse they worshipped Him, still we have a tag "but some doubted". Why doubt? How to overcome this doubt?

Thomas the Pioneer to India: We love Thomas the Didymus as he pioneered to India, the Word of God and introduced the Lord Jesus Christ to India. (Christianity in India is the first Century, not a foreign religion). He lived sacrificial life and became a martyr for the Gospel. But his response to the resurrection was very challenging. He said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." John 20:25, As Jesus encountered him in person and challenged him to put the finger in the right he cried "My Lord and My God. The same Thomas was ready to give away his life. Because He has a personal experience with the resurrected Jesus.

Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. On this rock I will build my church I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. But when the women went and talked about the empty tomb, they didn't believe Mark 16: 11, 13. Lk 24: 11 they did not believe. Their words seemed to them like nonsense. Even after the encounter while all the disciples are sitting by the river Tiberias, Peter said," I am going out to fish" John 21: 2 – 3. He was tempted to lead all those disciples back to their profession. In the sea story, it occurred when the disciples responded obediently to the stranger on the shore and cast their nets on the other side of the boat, found Jesus was with them, He got a command from God feed my Sheep and Goats. Personal Encounter of the Risen Saviour with

Mary Magdalene's Encounter: Mary was with Jesus outside of the empty tomb, the transforming process of Mary coming to recognize the risen Lord took place when Jesus called her name, "Mary,". She responded Rabboni. It is fascinating that the Johannine evangelist has described transformative recognition using the word Mary. She recognizes the Voice of Jesus rather transformed personality. The Command of Risen Saviour "why do you look for the living among the dead". Prioritizing ourselves from the materialistic world to the spiritual world. "But some doubted." This doubt remains as long as you and I remain nominal Christians. But if we have a personal encounter with the Lord, the doubts may fly away, and we stand for the Church. As Thomas, Peter, and Mary had an encounter with the spirit of God must be very personal but inevitable. As the days are changing, the time has come that each Christian to encounter the Risen Lord and carry the transformative experience into the world. Challenges are not new to the Church its believers need preparation and encounter.





## POWER IN THE **BLOOD OF THE LAMB**

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ohn the Baptist saw Jesus, and he exclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," John 1:36.

Apostle John too saw the elders fell down before the Lamb as they sang a new song, "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were "Since we have now slain and with your been justified by his blood you blood, how much more purchased men for God from every shall we be saved from tribe and language God's wrath through and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." Revelation 5:6,9,10

#### There is wonder working power in the blood of the Lamb:

Sin offering. The first power of Christ's blood is as a sin offering, providing a target for and satisfying God's holy wrath at sin. He is our Passover (1Corinthians 5:7). When God sees His blood, he will pass over and spare us, even though we are sinners. (Exodus 12:13,23)

Forgiveness of sins. Through the blood of Christ we have our redemption, the forgiveness sins (Ephesians 1:7). This forgiveness of sin is not something we are to do, something to secure. It is something which the blood of Christ has secured for every believer by the power of the blood.

Cleansing from all sin: The blood of Christ has the power to cleanse the believer from all sin. (1 John 1:7). It cleanses continuously every minute, every hour and every day! The cleansing here is from the guilt of sin. It has

the power to wash the sins which were as scarlet as white as snow, though they were red like crimson, they are as wool (Isaiah 1:18).

#### Saved from Wrath:

Again in Romans 5:9, we read "Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!" The blood of Christ has the power to justify. This means that we are more than forgiven and cleansed. The perfect righteousness of Christ is credited to our account (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Redeemed from the curse. The Bible says, "For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from empty way of life handed down to you from your

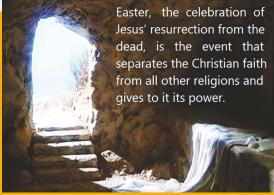
him!"

forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect (1 Peter 1: 18,19). He has taken away all the curses even from the previous generation. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree," (Galatians 3:

The shed blood of Christ reopens the way to the tree of life and to the New Jerusalem. The blood of Christ regains all that Adam lost by sins and brings us much more than that was lost (Revelation 7:14; 22:14. Genesis 3:22-24).

So now let me put this question for you - Do you know the power of the blood?

Salvation Army, Army of God; Onward to conquer, the world with fire and blood!



## THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4;14)

#### Wish you all Happy Easter!

am very delighted to greet you on this very important opportunity of rejoicing the Easter.

The Christians are celebrating the Easter Sunday every year and remembering the resurrection of Jesus Christ. They acknowledge and recall that Jesus defeated the power of sin and death for all who believe. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ is a basic Christian affirmation of the Christian faith. We see the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as God's declaration that Jesus, fully human and fully divine all at the same time, had defeated the power of sin and death forever and has extended this victory to all who believe.

**Resurrection:** The Bible talks about the resurrection: (a) Jesus Christ returned to life after his death. (b) The dead people will be brought back to life before the day of final judgement. Without the resurrection of Jesus Christ, there is no theology of atonement, no logical or biblical reason for Christ's incarnation.

The Apostle Paul gives account for the significance of the Resurrection in 1st Corinthians 15:3-4;14" For what I received I passed on to you, as of first importance, that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, according to the scripture and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the twelve. After that, he appeared more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. The Apostle Paul given account for the significance of the Resurrection what he received. We are living in this World and we know that this is not our permanent place. One day we have to leave this place.

The resurrection of Christ is reminding us that:

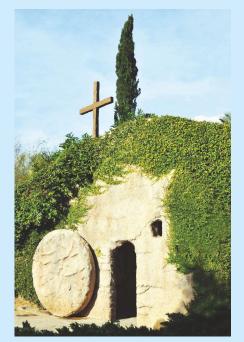
- · Christ died for our Sins,
- · He was buried,
- · He was raised on the third day

We observe Easter as a mark of resurrection of the Lord from the death. The resurrection of Jesus is unique, even within the context of many other claimed miracles about Jesus. Indeed, it is foundational to the Christian faith. From the days of the early Church, it was central to the gospel message they preached: that Christ died for our sins, was buried, rose again, and appeared to many of his disciples. We, the Christian believe that the death and resurrection of Jesus changed the world not just at a historical level - which it clearly did but also at a supernatural level. While we observe and enjoy the fruits of the resurrection, it is also important for us to know its relevance to us. Christian faith does not rest on feelings, impulse, or personal insights. It is believing God's explanation of events, given to us in the Scripture. So, what about one of the most amazing miracles we see in Scripture, the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead? Why does it matter that Jesus rose from the dead? Why is this truth so central to the Christian faith?

#### Christ died for our sins:

But God demonstrate his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The message of Easter is not that Jesus is alive, but that Jesus is risen! It worth thinking about the difference. The Son of God was "alive" in heaven before He ever took human flesh. So why did He not simply leave His crucified body in the tomb and return to the Father? After all, it was only flesh. But when Jesus was raised, His body was no longer subject to aging or sickness. His flesh was transformed and adapted for eternity. Jesus revealed His true identity to His disciples, During the Emma's walk, He taught them a very important truth. His gospel presentation explains how their lives will change because of that truth. "Repentance and forgiveness should be proclaimed in His





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name to all nations, beginning with Jerusalem" (Luke 24:47), Do not miss this – repentance does not just mean to turn away from sin. That is only part of the truth. Repentance also means turning to Jesus. Forgiveness means that God will not hold His judgement against us for our sin because Jesus has been judged in our place.

#### ■ (Jesus Christ) He was buried.

According to the Scriptures, Jesus Christ was buried, Matthew 27:57-61 Jesus Buried in Joseph's tomb. Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb and departed. And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb. According to the Scriptures Luke 24: 6-7: "He is not here; He has Risen". He was raised on the third day. "Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee; The Son of man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again"

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 1 Corinthians 15:21

When Christ died for us, we died with Him. When He rose again, we rose with Him to walk in newness of life. When we believe this truth (as mysterious as it is) and yield to God at the moment of temptation, we experience practical deliverance from sin. May the Holy Spirit guide us to understand this truth and live in newness of life.

May God help us to stay strong in our belief that we would enjoy the true resurrection as a result of our continued obedience and faith in Lord Jesus Christ. Colonel Sumitra Masih and I express our thanks to all the readers for your prayers for our ministry. We wish all of you a great celebration of Easter with complete submission and dedication. May God bless!



he downhearted disciples were locking themselves in and sat hopelessly. They were very much discouraged. They gave up all their hopes in their Master because their Leader died and was laid in the grave.

Suddenly the desperate group of people was shocked by strange news - "He is risen" the words of the angels, conveyed by Mary and Magdalene. Then hope started. The hope made Peter and John run. Hope gives us stamina. Hope makes us move forward.

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul" (Heb. 6:19). Faith, belief, and expectations

are made by hope. Hope is very useful. Having hope is very good. Animals also can have hope. Human being has reasonable hope. It depends on where we put our hope. Where can we put our hope.

The resurrection of Christ confirmed our hope. It strengthens our hope. It is proof that our hope is a genuine thing. It's not worldly things. Our hope is divine hope.

By having hope to harvest, we sowed the seeds. The tender sprouting plants increased our hope. The flowers and the tender fruits give us joyful hope and then the harvest fulfilled our hope. The resurrection gives firm and secure

hope to the believers of Christ that one day they will have eternal life.

Hope is aware of us that our hard labour for God will not be in vain. Our suffering and trouble because of Him will not be fruitless but it will bear the fruit, the fruit of the crown. Hope encourages us to maintain our faith and belief and it will lead us to eternal life.

Hope should be based on real, genuine, and eternal things. Our God is an eternal God in whom we can put all our hopes and belief.

#### MY REDEEMER LIVES

ome time back I was visiting one of our friends' houses. I saw on the wall a calendar written with a beautiful Bible verse "My redeemer lives. Job said, "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand on the earth". Job 19:25. We know that Job suffered a lot. He passed through the good times and the bad time. God is there for him. Job is a man who had everything and lost it all.

He had family, wealth, and everything was taken away. His friends and his wife turn their faces. When he speaks his words when things are against him and suffering physically. He states that he would be redeemed from his pain and bondage of sin. He knows that there is a redeemer alive and he will be alive of his strong faith in God.

Christ came into the world as a redeemer for all those who believe in Him.

While he was on the earth, he had said that the son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and the third day rises again. Jesus had said to his disciples about His suffering and death and resurrection.

There is much evidence that proves that Christ

is arose again and he is alive.

#### Foretold to his disciples.

Christ had said to His disciples that he will arise again. Matthew 20:19 "On third day he will be raised in life".

#### Before Peter, James, and John

As they were coming down the mountain of transfiguration Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they have seen until the son of man had risen from the dead. Mark 9:9

#### **Before Jews**

Jesus answered them, destroy this temple, and I raise it again in three days.

#### **Fulfilling the scripture**

He told his disciples "This is what is written "The Christ will suffer rise from the dead on the third day. Luke 24: 46

Christ appeared to his disciples and many people. Christ appeared to Mary Magdalene Mark 16: 9 Christ appeared to some women Matthew 28: 9.19

He appeared to Peter: Luke 24: 34, 1 Corinthians 15: 5

Appeared to two travellers at Emmaus. Luke 24: 13-15

He met 10 disciples John 20: 19-24, Mark 16: 4,



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Luke 23: 51

He appeared to more than five hundred brothers 1 Corinthians 15:6

Christ appeared to Apostle Paul 1 Corinthians 15:8

Bible gives evidence that our Lord is not in the Tomb, but he is alive, The Lord whom we worship is not dead. We are children of such a living Lord.

Apostle Paul testifies that" It's no longer I that Liveth but Christ that liveth in me.

Is Christ living in our lives. Let us invite Christ to be a center of life. Through Him, we will live forever. Our testimony should be "My redeemer lives"

#### INTERVIEW OF GENERAL BRIAN PEDDLE BY EDITOR



ear General, Greetings to you in the marvellous name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Today I am highly honoured, privileged, and blessed by being with our International Leader of the salvation army General Brian Peddle. Let me take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to ICT leadership for this wonderful opportunity and now I am sending the greetings from India National Office too!

Thank you and welcome to the interview!

#### Q: What made you take the decision to become an officer of this incredible Army of God?

I think I would have to say that I began to explore in my young soldiership what it meant to be a true follower of Jesus. And people around me were teaching me that it was about listening to God's voice to my heart. And as I experienced listening to God's voice, I really believed that God called me into the training college to serve as an officer in TSA. I never could have understood then what that journey would be through now 46 years, but it was a special response from my heart to God, and it was my own obedience to the calling.

Q: We know 3rd August 2018 was a very special day in your life as you were anointed by God to take the

office of the General of the International Army. How do you feel when you look back on that particular day after completing 5 years?

That was a very personal moment, to wake up in the morning on the 3rd of August, and understand as I went to IHQ that day I would sit in The General's chair. We have had an incredible experience. First of all, we think we have tried very hard to embrace the Army. But what we never thought about was how the Army would put its arms around us. And this has been a wonderful experience. Even during Covid, when we were in London and could not travel, we still felt the prayers of God's people. You mentioned 'anointing' and we really believe that God has given us that anointing, and with the prayers of God's people, it's been a really good experience and we feel very privileged.

Q: General, in your period of time the number of countries the Salvation Army officially works raised to 133. Please comment.

I wish we were in all the countries of the world, but... We have seen the Army growing and experiencing new countries opening, and for all of our listeners today, we want them to know that the Army hasn't finished growing. We are exploring official registrations in three, or four more countries, and I hope that, if not during my

General ship, in the early days of the next General, there will be even more countries where the Army flag will fly, and we will have the experience of introducing people to Jesus. Expanding the Army, growing the Army, is one of my responsibilities, so with the help of all the people, we are accomplishing that.

Q: Without social work, we have no spirituality. Kindly tell us about how TSA social services served during the COVID pandemic.

It would take me a long time to tell you the whole international story, but I'd rather celebrate what we did here in India. I am aware of how the government came to us and asked us if our hospitals could be Covid hospitals, and I am aware that in so many instances, these realities gave a good testimony to the community because we were able to them without discrimination. I remember hearing stories about all of the migrant workers being stuck and not having any food, and we were asked to come in with food and share it with the migrant workers. I think the sad part, if there is a sad part, is that during that time of service, some of our own people received COVID in their bodies and died because of that. They were promoted to glory as they served the Lord through the community. So, I think that India has its own story of the great accomplishment of how to serve suffering humanity in India, particularly during the time of Covid. It is an age of martyrdom that we've not seen ever in my life. So, thank God for the people who serve.

Q: We are living in a time of Post COVID pandemic. So many issues are there such as mental, financial, health, spiritual, etc. What are the main challenges being faced by churches in this Post-COVID era?

The main thing that we are facing is that many people, during Covid, kind of weren't connected with the church community, and, in fact, many people have not come back to church. But there is also the reality that those who are part of the church, who are committed, are more committed today than they ever have been. So, I think we are serving at a time when the fields are really white and ready for harvest. People have had to think more about their own

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mortality; people have had to think more about the disease and the attack on the body; people have had to think about spiritual things. So, I think there's a great opportunity for the church to find its place responding to the community while they are ready to receive. And I hope that the church will be a bright light of hope for many who have lost hope, even during this time of Covid.

#### Do you think that the world realized the value of Fellowship?

Yes, it's what we missed, coming together. The General was locked up in London and we couldn't go and embrace The Salvation Army. It was very hard. Very hard. God has made us live together, support each other, and be a community of faith, and I think that many of us missed that very much. I did, and Commissioner Rosalie did, so we are very glad to be visiting India and enjoying the people again.

#### Q: What about the role of the South Asia Zone in the international Army?

South Asia zone is a very beautiful expression of the Salvation Army international family. Across the zone, which includes Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, six territories in India, moving over to the Middle East. It's a beautiful collection of expressions of faith in our Army. What we celebrate is that

30% of the Salvation Army is here in the South Asia zone. For me, what is a great testimony is that this is not the easiest zone to be a Christian, and our people are people of courage and resilience, and I celebrate that about the Salvation Army in the South Asia zone. As we serve, as we care for people's health, as we educate their children, we are doing many things.

# Q: General as our young people are a vital part of our international army, what are the strategies or steps we can adopt to attract them to build a better TSA in India and in the whole world?

Wherever we go in the world, we go back to IHQ, and people say, "What was your best experience?" The best experience we have no matter where we go is seeing our young people. So, it thinks for strategy, every territory has to develop new strategies. But I think the overarching strategy is that we have to make room for them; give them the space; listen to their voices, and we have to make sure that they're participating in worship and in the life of the Army wherever they find themselves. Here in the India Central Territory, we held a youth rally, and double the numbers came – we couldn't get them all in. The General couldn't shake all their hands; we couldn't do selfies with everyone. But what a beautiful expression of our future. We have a future because our young people are beginning to take their place. I want territories, divisions,

and corps to develop our young people, and to encourage them.

Yes, if we give them a good army now, they will definitely give back the best one in the future!

Yes...Our best is not in the past; it is in the future.

#### Final Q: Apart from the roles of a wife or mother how Commissioner Rosalie, WPWM is supportive of the ministry of General?

She is my boss (laughter). We always have fun saying, "She is the senior officer." She has one more year of officership than The General does. But my partner in life has been my partner in ministry for 44 years. We work together, we support each other. When The General is travelling around the world, and during our trip to India now, we will give thirty-something sermons. And I cannot do that all by myself, so Comr. Rosalie takes her place and helps and prepares messages, and together we minister to the people. We believe that God has made men and women equal. General William Booth said, "Any woman could hold any position in the Army, including General. And I applaud our women leaders in our Army, and I'm thankful to God for Commissioner Rosalie, who I could not be The General if she was not helping me day by day. So, we are partners in the gospel and partners in the mission as international leaders. So, I thank God for her.





# hope Through the RESURRECTION OF JESUS

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efore we study our subject, please read 1
Peter 1:3-4 prayerfully and thoughtfully.
The heading of this portion is "praise God
for Living Hope" (NIV Bible) in his great mercy
(the process starts with God's MERCY) He (God)
has given us new birth with a Living Hope
through the Resurrection. of Jesus from the
dead. The hope of inheritance (the living hope)
that can never perish, spoil or fade kept in
heaven.... So, hope is the anchor to our faith life
while we sail in this worldly rough sea and face all
sorts of temptations, troubles, and Satan's
attacks.

Traditionally during the Easter season articles are written and messages are delivered to explain all that took place on Good Friday and the Resurrection of Jesus. Also explaining the mighty effects of Resurrection. Then after Easter, many of us go back to living a normal life. I strongly feel that we all who are eagerly waiting for Jesus' second coming to take us with Him should give urgent attention to Bible and Jesus' own warning about His second coming and the judgment. I can give dozens of references including Jesus' own warning recorded in the gospels and Bible concludes with Jesus telling (Rev. 22:12-13). Behold I am coming soon. Then verse 20 "Yes I am coming soon...". Are we among them who are ready to say joyfully "come Lord Jesus?"

The heading of this article is Living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus. The question today before all of us who consider ourselves believers in Resurrection of Lord Jesus is, have I or we received the living hope? Do I maintain living hope in my daily life? Am I ready if Jesus comes today? We must Celebrate joyfully the Resurrection of Jesus and also be witnesses to the whole world, but we must seriously think whether it has taken place in our lives and do we really live Resurrected life daily?

Let us think about hope while in this world. To me, HOPE is the most important matter even while we are in this temporary world. The world including mankind stands on hope. Without hope, the world is dark, dry, and in vain. Everything begins with hope and stands on hope rather I would say hope is the anchor to complete successfully everything. While in this world there are 2 types of hopes (A) materialistic hope such as business establishment, house,

and car, etc. (B) mankind hope such as husband, wife, children their future, job and promotion, etc.... They all stand and march on toward success and completion by hope. Bible, again and again, warns, advice and teaches that this world is temporary and will pass away (2 Cor 4:18) All of this world including our body will perish sooner or later (1 Cor 15:42). Please read from verse 42 to 54 also 1 John 2: 15-17" do not love this world"

Let us come to our real subject, first of all, we have to think about what is living hope. It is personal trust in the crucified and resurrected Jesus. Then further question how Jesus made living hope available and possible. It is important for all of us, though Jesus was God and Son of almighty God. He was sitting at the right hand of his Father on the glorious throne. But still, he was not the saviour of the world and the living hope for all the sinners in the world ("mankind") By His Resurrection He became the living hope and made it possible for all mankind, "whoever believes".

#### HOW TO RECEIVE THIS LIVING HOPE

We have already meditated that how God through his Son Jesus Resurrection made the living hope available for mankind. To receive the living hope there is no other way but the same it is made available by our Lord. Repentance and the new birth are the foundation and the beginning of living hope. This is the only way to receive the living hope in Christ.

#### **WARNING ABOUT LIVING HOPE**

Every believer in Jesus must know and remember that being a ritual and professional believer who also wholeheartedly and joyfully celebrate Easter every year, will not receive the living hope when Jesus will come. Even repenting, receiving new birth, and living hope will not be enough when Jesus will come. At the time of new birth, we receive it. But this is just a foundation and the beginning. For example, if we laid down a good foundation for a new house but no further construction. Can we say it is a good house and we can live in it? "NO", we need to make the construction with good material, fix the doors and windows and the electricity, etc.... Then it will be the proper house to live in. Same way after receiving the living hope (Foundation) in a believer's life. It will not be good enough. It must be lived out in daily life till the Lord comes.

#### **HOW TO MAINTAIN THE LIVING HOPE**

Our Lord is the supreme and the most inspiring example who made R possible. I do not want to go into many details. It is clearly recorded in the Gospels, in the early morning and late in the evening He goes out to spend time with his father in prayer to receive guidance and power for His daily life work. He faced and passed through all types of challenges, and difficulties, and faced opposition but stood sinless, blameless, and finally victorious. Several times Jesus testified I don't do anything as of My own but do and speak what the Father has Taught Me.

All the apostles of Jesus who received the living hope by faith in the Resurrection Lord continued to maintain it till the end. Paul who received Resurrected life after his encounter on the road to Damascus (Acts Ch.9) continued to maintain the living hope in his daily life. The question arises how he did do it? He says I beat my body (daily) so that he may not be disqualified for the prize (living Hope) 1Cor. 9:27. Finally he testify while writing Timothy "I have fought the good fight I have finished the race (2 Tim. 4: 7-8) John who lived and kept the living hope urges the Churches, dear children, to continue to live in Him (Jesus) so that when he appears... unashamed before his coming (1John 2: 28) also tells everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself as he is pure (1 John

I think during this Easter season we need to think about our personal lives and stand before the Holy spirit's mirrors, we stand before the ordinary mirror to see our physical appearance. Then ask the following questions and related our daily living life

- 1. Have I received the living hope? If the answer is no or doubtful then certainly, we are in danger to face judgment.
- 2. Do I maintain the living hope received by Jesus Resurrection?

During this Easter season, Resurrected Lord is warning and urging each one of us I have paid the price of your sins at the cross, provided living hope by my Resurrection, and gave you My Spirit (Holy Spirit) to guide and empower you. Now is your part to receive and maintain the living hope till the end as I am coming soon.

Wish you a very happy and blessed Easter

# IT'S THE RESURRECTION SITURNAL SITURNAL



**Captain Christopher A. Macwan** Assistant Under Secretary, South Asia International Headquarters

He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; on Him was chastisement that brought us peace, and by His stripes we are healed." – Isaiah 53:5

Apostle Paul defines Christianity in the resurrection of our Lord as said in Romans 10: 9 "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Allow me to ask you on a personal note — How best will you define the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord? Or may be I must ask you What role does the resurrection of our Lord play in your lives? The resurrection of our Lord is to celebrate his divine relationship with us every day of our lives. You don't have a dead-end to this relationship.

My wife Captain Dorothy, says that every Sunday should be Resurrection Sunday for every true believer.

#### The Resurrection of our Lord is a Beautiful Change:

The resurrection of our Lord is vital for our Salvation and we must remind ourselves of Romans 4: 25 "He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification". The Lord was raised to life for our justification, along with the cross of our Lord it is also His resurrection help us accomplish the forgiveness of our sins. We have also been raised to a new power through the resurrection of Jesus and that power runs through our selves helping us to be true Christians. God has helped us to kill the desire of sin from us through the life put into Jesus Christ our Lord; so be encouraged by this Bible verse 1 John 3: 9 "No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God."

#### The Resurrection of our Lord is the staircase to Eternity:

Look at Romans 6: 4 "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

Dictionary wise the word resurrection means to stand up, but for a believer it is their elevator to eternity that has been bonded in a life with the Lord. We have been saved though faith in Jesus Christ along with sealed stamp of the Holy Spirit, because it is the power of the Holy Spirit that dwells in us; Romans 8:11 "And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you."

Is there any area of faith in your life that

needs to resurrected? Ask for help from the Holy Spirit today itself today and start living a victorious life in the Lord and focussing on the things above that last up to eternity.

#### Resurrection helps every believer to live a life impacted by the Holy Spirit

We must believe that the resurrection of our Lord did help us to get rid of our old selves and become a new being in the Lord; 1 Corinthians 5: 17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" We then tend to live our lives everyday not please men but to please God, because it is the Spirit of the Lord that hovers in and through our every part of life and we are definite to please our Lord every day. It is the Holy Spirit that dwells in us help us to live a life celebration in Christ rather than a life lived in condemnation. The resurrection of our Lord changes every dead end point our lives into a possibility if hope that is beyond human understanding. You must also remember that when you ask for the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life, it is then you have the power of the from being Spiritually dead to being Spiritually alive.

Let us deeply look in to this year's Resurrection Sunday and define the broad ends of our relationship with the resurrected Son of the most High God – Jesus Christ. I am deeply encouraged to share with you with one of the quotes for Billy Graham which said - God proved His love on the cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, "I Love You"

May the power of our Resurrected Lord Jesus be with you all from now and till eternity....





## WHO WILL ROLL AWAY THE STONE? THOUGHTS FROM WOMEN PERSPECTIVE

**Captain Latha Cheeli** 

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he account of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is one of the most pivotal moments in Christian history. The event is central to our faith and is celebrated every year as Easter. However, as we read about the events surrounding the resurrection, there is a phrase that is often overlooked — "Who will roll away the stone?" This phrase may seem insignificant, but it actually contains a powerful message that we can apply to our lives today.

In Mark 16:1-4, we read about how the women who went to the tomb on the third day after Jesus' crucifixion were wondering how they would be able to roll away the large stone that had been placed in front of the tomb. The text says, "When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?""

At first glance, this question may seem like a practical one. After all, the stone was large and heavy, and it would have been difficult for the women to move it on their own. However, there is a deeper significance to this question. The women were not only concerned about the stone, but they were also uncertain about what they would find when they entered the tomb. They were unsure of what lay ahead and how they would be able to deal with it.

In many ways, the women's question echoes the concerns and uncertainties that we often face in our own lives. We may face challenges or obstacles that seem insurmountable. We may feel overwhelmed and unsure of what steps to take next. We may question whether we have the strength or resources to face the challenges that lie ahead.

Yet, just as the women wondered who would roll away the stone, we too can wonder who will help us face the challenges that we encounter in life. The good news is that we do not have to face these challenges alone. God is always with us, and He has the power to move any obstacle that stands in our way.

In fact, as we continue to read the story of the resurrection, we see that the women's question was answered in a powerful way. When they arrived at the tomb, they found that the stone had already been rolled away, and an angel was there to tell them that Jesus had risen from the dead. The stone that seemed so large and immovable was no match for the power of God.

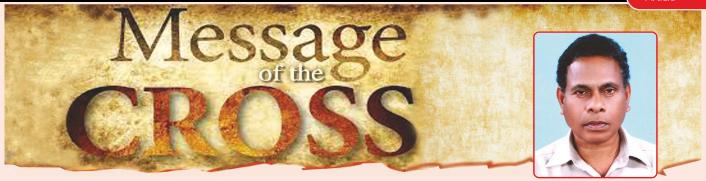
This is a powerful reminder that, no matter what obstacles we may face in life, God is always there to help us. He has the power to move mountains and to overcome any challenge that we may encounter. We simply need to trust in Him and have faith that He will guide us through whatever difficulties we may face.

Furthermore, the women's question also serves as a reminder that we should not be afraid to ask for help when we need it. Sometimes, we may feel like we have to handle everything on our own, but the truth is that we all need support from time to time. Whether it is a friend, a family member, or a professional, there is no shame in seeking help when we need it.

In fact, asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness. It shows that we are willing to be vulnerable and admit that we cannot do everything on our own. And when we do ask for help, we may be surprised at the resources and support that are available to us.

In conclusion, the question "Who will roll away the stone?" may seem like a small detail in the story of the resurrection, but it contains a powerful message that is relevant to our personal spiritual lives. As we contemplate and celebrate the victory granted to us by Lord Jesus Christ, may our focus on Christ renew our faith as we try moving closer to him.





ut we preach Christ Crucified (1 Corinthians 1: 23), Death of Christ on the cross was a pre-plan of God since it paved the way for the salvation of whole mankind. The message of the cross stands relevant for all times as it transform everybody who accepts and implements it in their life.

Message of the cross is tolerance. Luke 23:24 says, Forgive them for they do not know what they do. This is considered to be the first utterance of Christ on the cross. Tolerance or patience should be the sterling quality of the believes and the absence of it may create serious consequences.

Message of the cross is love. It reflects the love of God towards man, agape love.God always thinks for the goodness of man for he never wants man to be destroyed. God's love has been stable, never-changing and unfading and ever-lasting. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believers on him will not perish, but will have ever lasting life (John 3:16).

Message of the cross is peace. In Colossians 1:20 we read, having made peace through the blood of his cross. Peace is the most wanted today, but it is the least experienced. In this tension-ridden world, peace and tranquility stand far away. So many people fall victim to suicide since they don't have inner peace. Wealth and position will never provide inner peace. Really it is a great blessing to have inner peace. Christ says in Jon 14:27, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you, let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Peace can be attained by believing in Jesus and surrendering to him wholeheartedly. Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

Message of the cross is bringing closer to God. First Peter 3:18 proves this. Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but made alive by the spirit. The present trend that is seen is that people are getting away from God. They come to church, attend the services, participate in the activities, but in spite of all these it is doubtful whether they have personal relationship with God, because God examines the heart. There is a saying in English, "Near the church but far away from God." In the hustle and bustle of the

life man find no time to seek God. Ourself justification has not been justifiable before God.

Message of the cross is self – denial. Really what is reflected on the cross is the absolute self-denial of Christ because he died for the good of others, to provide eternal salvation, to provide healing and to provide consolation. Isaiah 53:5 clearly indicates, he was wounded for out iniquities, the chastisement for out peace was upon him and by his stripes we are healed. Along with this, we have an instruction to follow, whoever desire to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me – Mark 8:34.

Message of the cross is new life. As a matter of fact, Jesus sacrificed his life on the cross, but later on, we come to understand that defeating death he rose again, providing a new life which prepared for life that is eternal. A new and living way which he consecrated for us, through the veil that is his flesh (Heb 10:20). Again in John 14:6 we read, I am the way and the truth and the life, no one come to the father except through me.

Message of the cross is power. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God- I Coro 1:18. Sometimes, even believers on their spiritual running race, get powerless and fall prey to sorrow, sickness, disappointment and depression. But, we should be able to say "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"—Phili 4:13.

Message of the cross is salvation. Having now been justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him (Romans 5:9) To be free from sin, to be free from the slavery of satan and also to be free from eternal fire, salvation is unavoidable. Here, the message of the cross has to play a very vital part. Proclaiming the message as well as listening to it will lead to faith in Christ and thereby getting saved. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved you and your household – Acts 16:31.

Message of the cross is deliverance. It is deliverance from pain, deliverance from tension, deliverance from failure, deliverance from frustration and deliverance from sickness.

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Everywhere man is confronted with complicated problems. In this context, everybody is seeking for deliverance. He has borne out griefs and carried our sorrows, yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for out iniquities... by his stripes we are healed—Isaiah 53:4, 5.

Message of the cross is reconciliation The broken relationship between man and God was reconciled through the death of Jesus on the cross. When we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his son 1 Romans 5:10.

Message of the cross is victory. Jesus, on the cross defeated satan and death, and became triumphant. In other words, stan and death could not win over Jesus. Here we see the power and might of Jesus Christ over everything. John 16:33 "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" Having lost our faith due to unfavourable situations and encircled with darkness and there is no ray of hope, we need not be disappointed for we have a saviour who is triumphant, he will make our way right. Cultivate an optimistic attitude toward life because after a timid dark night comes a bright and pleasant morning. Your sun shall no longer go down, nor shall your moon withdraw itself, for the Lord will be your everlasting light and the days of your mourning shall be ended.

**Message of the cross is transformation**One of the convicts who had been crucified with

Christ got transformed at the last moment and Jesus said to him, "Today you will be with me in Paradise"- Luke 23:43. We need to have transformation in our attitude, is our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, in our life-style and above all else in out spirituality. The word of God says, Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away, behold all things have become new. – 2 Cori 5:17.Has the death of Jesus made any transformation in You?





#### MY TESTIMONY OF ICO

I am very thankful to the God for giving me an opportunity to attend ICO training as well as International and Territorial leaders. This experience has been very wonderful for me. It was very cold when I reached London, it took a while to adjust with the environment but it didn't take long time to get to know the people there. Even though in this environment, the Lord took care of my health and blessed my stay there.

41 delegates from different countries came for this training, everyone was eager to know God more, and the training officers were very kind and helpful and through them God took care of us both spiritually and physically. God blessed me in many ways while living among his people. Through the prayers offered by different delegates every morning, new strength was gained for the each day, through the Bible study we learned to trust God even in times of trouble, because he cares for us, through the testimony of the delegates, I learned that God is faithful to his servants, through the Zonal Event I got to know about different languages, costumes, food of various countries from different parts the world. Through all these God blessed me a lot, helped me to know God more deeply.

I thank God that he helped me to fulfil the goal that I had set, thereby making my spiritual progress. I got an opportunity to see and understand the work of Worldwide Army. Got an opportunity to meet and listen to world leaders of the Salvation Army. Valuable guidance had given by some expertise on various topics which was

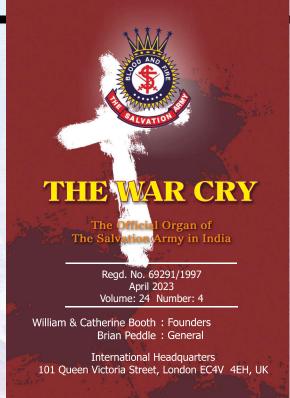
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very useful for my spiritual growth and ministry. Being able to exchange ideas on globally important issues helped me to strengthen my own leadership skills.

The devotional atmosphere, quality education, and association of saints there were all positive for my personal spiritual growth, where God gave me spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical renewal. It was bitterly cold outside but the fire of God's Spirit was kindled in us through praise and worship, consumed with zeal to do something for God. Experienced the spiritual peace of God.

At the same time, God gave me the opportunity to live with wonderful people, all were very loving and understanding, personally everyone took care of me like a little sister. In their company I experienced more of God's goodness, their faith in God has strengthened my faith. The joy of sightseeing in the city of London with all was very wonderful. I was truly blessed by the lives and services of ICO Officers, by their appreciation, prayers, teaching and understanding nature and they themselves had a great example of servants before us.

Many things happened during those days that blessed me but I would like to mention two things, the first is the promise of God, "God is with you" and the another one is the word of God, "Apart from me, you can do nothing....." (John 15: 5)



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"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."

#### BRIEF REPORT ON WORLD DAY OF PRAYER REPORT-2023



orld Day Prayer was observed and celebrated wonderfully in all the Divisions, Districts, Extension Areas, and Institutions of India South Eastern Territory, on the 3rd Friday, 2023. This event was held with the theme "I have Heard about your Faith". The corps was decorated with Lilly flowers and folding paper flowers, a Taiwan map, puzzle on the platform. The stage was decorated with colorful fabrics (Blue, Green, and Yellow) that refer to Taiwanese Nature. In this gathering, we offered a special prayer for Taiwan Country. The order of service for this event was prepared by the middle Eastern Christian Council.

The highlight of this event was a Call to Worship, Prayers of confession, and meditation. Everyone was taught the scriptures based on Ephesians 1:15-19,3:18. All who attend the

meeting were attentive to the word of God and dedicated their lives to Christ. They had renewed their spiritual experience. May God help all the people who stand firm in their faith. At least 7012 women sought God and dedicated their lives to Christ with a renewed commitment and received the Holy Spirit.

About 35,111 people across the Territory attended this special Prayer. A great awakening spirit evolved in the land of India South Eastern Territory through this World of prayer. The meeting was a blessing to all. All glory and honour to be God only.

Total Attendance 35,111
Total Seekers 7,012

Captain Thaya Anusuro TWDO – THQ India South Eastern Territory

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#### INVITING JESUS CHRIST IN YOUR LIFE

elcoming Jesus into your heart is one of the first steps to being a Christian, but how do you do that? Accepting Christ as your Lord and Savior isn't as difficult as you may think. Yes, it takes some soul searching and dedication, but He's there to guide you every step of the way. In this article, we'll teach you about the ABCs of salvation: Admit, Believe, and Confess. These foundations can help you grow your faith and invite Christ into your life.

Believe that Jesus died to save you from your sins. To be saved by the

Lord, you must believe in Him. God sent His only son to die on the cross so you can be free. He loves you regardless of if you've sinned, and recognizing and accepting this wholeheartedly is the next step to letting Jesus into your life. We must confess before the Lord and not human. Christ has given you the choice to be better, so now it's time to apologize by praying. Repent your sins by saying "I'm sorry" to God and those you may have hurt. Admit your mistakes to repent by reflecting on your wrong doings. Confess your sin through prayer and welcome Jesus Christ in your life and always believe that the Lord's your Savior by



Prachi Milind Kharat Hadapsar Corps India Western Territory

remembering He died on the cross to saves all of us.

#### THE SALVATION ARMY CATHERINE BOOTH HOSPITAL, NAGERCOIL

The things which are impossible with man is possible with God" Luke 18:27

Our hospital is one of the few hospitals which have crossed 100 years of existence and still functioning effectively.

Since 1893 the Salvation Army Catherine Booth Hospital, Nagercoil is serving the community

around southern part of India irrespective of economic status, religion, caste and community differences. The doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, supportive staff along with the Salvation Army Officers are taught to serve the patients with God's Love and comprehensive care.

This hospital has been updated during its different period of existence to maintain contemporary standards. Even before the existence of any medical standards in India the committed Missionaries, Doctors, Nurses, Allied health professionals have created and set operating standards, to run this institution in a cost effective and state of art manner.



In the recent past the Government of India has instructed each and every medical institution to upgrade itself and to be accredited by NABH (National Accreditation Board for Hospital) having met most of the standards required by the few standards. We were falling short where pertain to infrastructure needed by NABH.

By the grace of God SAWSO under the direction of IHQ came forward to help us to reconstruct the infrastructure of the hospital to make the standards of NABH. The operating procedures Administrative structure, hospital infection control, quality assurance, human resources, equipment, maintenance and calibration, accounting system, information technology and

software were also rearranged as per the requirement set by NABH.

Even though we initiated the accreditation process in the year 2014, we had to pass the process in between to make to fulfill the requirements especially the buildings and equipment. When were ready we had applied for the inspection & mock audit was done by a team, and the final inspection on 20-11-2022. The head of the inspection team appreciated us saying that our hospital structure and function is commendable. Having fulfilled the requirements we were awarded the NABH Certificate on 02nd March 2023 with 22 specialties.

This certificate will enable us to gain access to all the standard insurance of this country and in case some International Insurances.

Thanking God for enabling us to celebrate this memorable moment on 02nd March 2023 along with our Territorial Leaders, Hospital Administrator and Director for the Business Administration, Doctors, Nurse and all the hospital staff.

Major S. Subash Administrator, CBH Hospital India South Eastern Territory

#### **LEAST COIN FELLOWSHIP & WORLD DAY OF PRAYER OBSERVANCE IN IET**

