



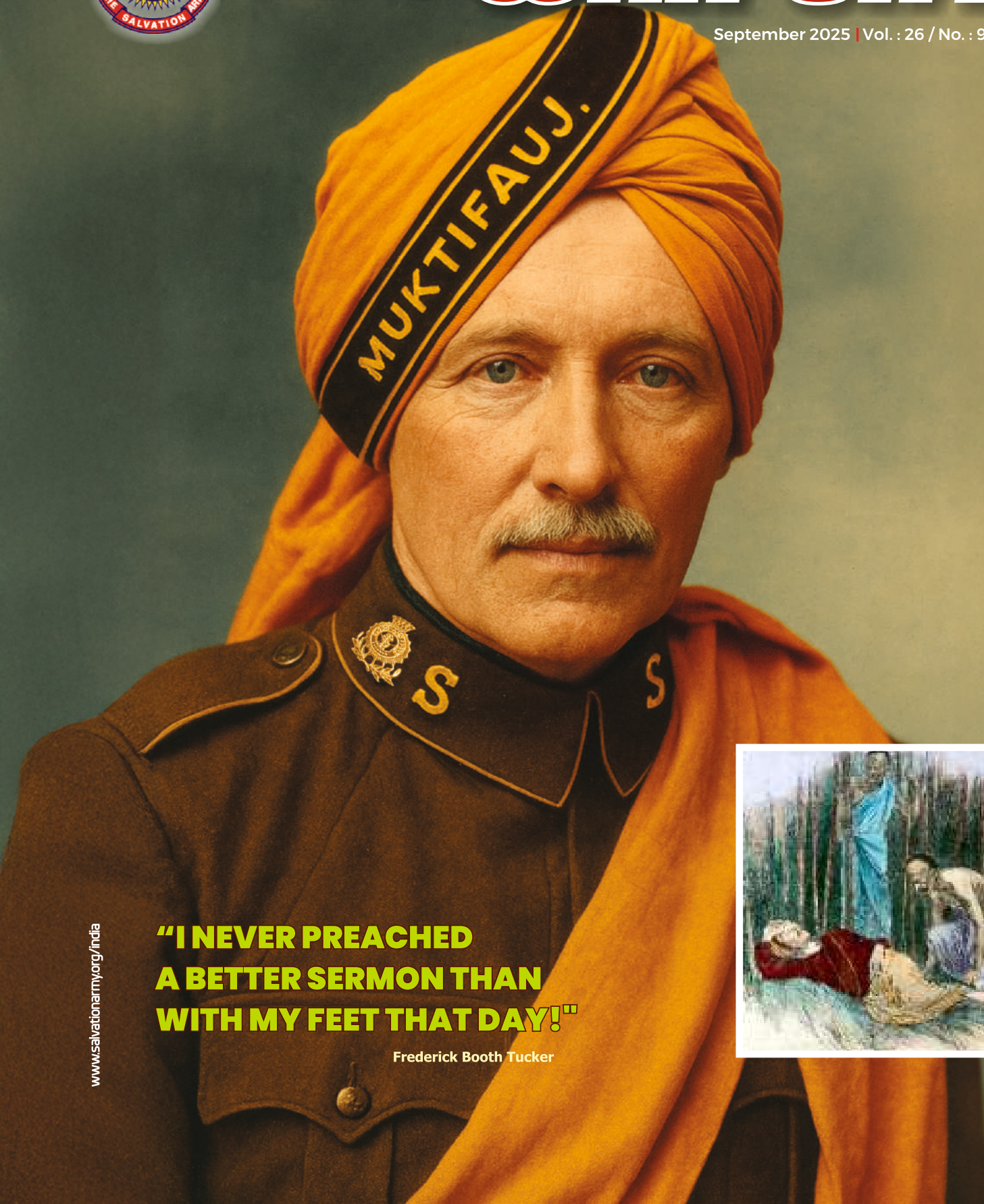
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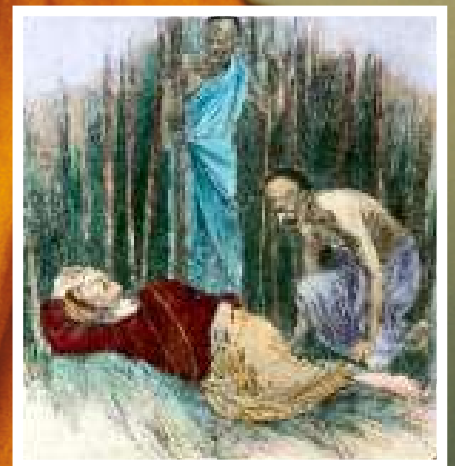
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**"I NEVER PREACHED
A BETTER SERMON THAN
WITH MY FEET THAT DAY!"**

Frederick Booth Tucker





A LEGACY OF LOVE AND SACRIFICE

143 YEARS OF THE SALVATION ARMY IN INDIA

This year, we completed 143 years since The Salvation Army began its mission in India. On 19th September 1882, four Salvation Army officers, including Frederick St. George de Lautour Tucker, arrived in Bombay (now Mumbai) with one goal to share the love of Jesus Christ with the people of India.

Tucker was once a respected officer in the Indian Civil Service, living a life of power and comfort. But everything changed when he read a copy of *The War Cry*, a Salvation Army magazine. He felt God speaking to his heart. Even though his family and wife were against it, he left his high position to serve God through The Salvation Army.

As Jesus Christ said in the scripture "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant." (Matthew 20:26) Booth-Tucker followed the teaching by choosing a life of service and sacrifice. He obeyed the advice of General William Booth, the founder of The Salvation Army, who told him: "Get into the skin of the people."

To truly reach the people of India, Booth-Tucker changed his name to "Fakir Singh," wore Indian clothes, ate Indian food, and lived like an ordinary Indian. This helped him build strong relationships with the local people, especially in the villages. He became one of them, not to impress, but to love and understand. He didn't just preach — he lived out the gospel.

The Salvation Army under his leadership helped people during famines, floods, and diseases. Schools, medical clinics, and small industries were started for poor and struggling families. Even the government asked them to work among the "Criminal Tribes" a sign of how much their love and service were respected.

Booth-Tucker and his fellow officers lived like poor monks. They often walked barefoot, their feet bleeding on hot roads — but they never stopped. Their hearts were full of compassion, and their message was clear: Jesus loves everyone — the poor, the broken, the outcasts, and the lost. They followed Jesus' example:

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." (Mark 10:45)
They embraced the rejected, helped the addicted, comforted the widows, and cared for orphans. They didn't just speak about Jesus — they showed His love through action.

Today, we look back with thankfulness. Because of their courage and sacrifice, The Salvation Army is still serving people across India. Their life reminds us that true evangelism is not just about preaching, but about living like Jesus — loving the unlovable, helping the needy, and standing for what is right.

Now it is our turn. The same Jesus who called Booth-Tucker is calling us to serve with love, to go to the streets, to be kind to the broken, and to tell the world about the hope we have in Christ.

Let us honour their memory by continuing the work they began not for fame, but for faith. Let our lives speak the message: "We love because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19)



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VISION OF THE FOUNDER GENERAL WILLIAM BOOTH FOR INDIA WITH GENERALS COMPASS LENS

It is wonderful to see the Lord is working through the Salvation Army from its inception to the present General and the Compass. As we celebrate the anniversary for the Salvation Army formation in India, Let see the Vision of the Founder and how it reflects in the present day compass. Let's go back to the History and see what is the Vision of the founder for India. William Booth visited India in 1891 and again in 1895. His first visit was just nine years after the Army started work in India. By this time opposition had diminished. He was welcomed by government officials and there were large crowds to greet him at Egmore in Madras. After his second visit to India he issued a memorandum in which he expressed his hopes for the future of the Army.

In his words "But, what of the future? That is my anxiety. The opportunities are so vast and responsibilities connected with them so serious, that I am staggered by looking them in the face. Some of the things I want to be emphasized are:

1. Maintain every advantage already gained, secure and train the converts already made.
2. Improve the training of officers
3. Pay a thousand, nay ten thousand times more attention to the children
4. Keep on supplying barracks in those villages where we have a reasonable number of soldiers
5. Establishment of corps in all large cities
6. Working out a new social scheme, which is destined to become a very great boon to the poor of this land".

The above are the thoughts and directions that the founder left to us. I would like to expound some of them for the benefit of the readers of this magazine.

1. Secure and train the converts already made: (Soldiers Spiritual Life):

the founder is man of God and he could see the future very clearly. His words focussed on the Soldiers already in our fold needs to be trained. They came to the Salvation Army may be some of them be on our roles but really not passed through the process of Soldier making. Never fully understood what is the soldiery and the advantages being the soldiers of the Army. We are busy in gaining the people from both our contacts and biological growth. But the real need is teaching them "what is it mean to be a soldier?" because of the soldiers recruit classes are not conducted some of our soldiers are in confusion. The generals Compass framework top most priority is given to the spiritual life and holiness teachings. Lets train our soldiers in that direction.

2. Improve the Training of Officers: (Leadership development):

As the world is updating and our soldiers academic capacity is growing we need to focus more on training. To develop officers who are servant leaders, who are spiritually mature, competent and equipped for their current and future appointments. In Generals Framework Compass people section is fully meant for Recognising the critical importance of equipping and training ministry leaders, building up the Body of Christ through our corps and institutions, and grounding all those involved in our ministries with foundational understanding of our motivation for and implementation of our mission, we will adapt procedures, direct resources and provide training opportunities to Empower People in alliance with our work.

3. More attention to the children and youth work:

Pay a thousand, nay ten thousand times more attention to the children. William Booth advises to pay more attention towards children and youth. The Salvation Army Corps is a place of training and a factory of holiness. So when the children are brought to this



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factory of holiness they need to be paid a complete attention towards their growth. More budget allocations to be given to youth and children work for sustain future. Senior officers in leadership must pay a keen interest towards this goal.

4. Establishing corps in the Large cities:

75% of the Army ministry is focussed in rural corps in India. As our children and some of our soldiers are educated and migrated to the towns and cities for their employment and education we may need to draft a plan of establishing our corps in large cities. Its not easy to gain the properties in large cities but long term

5. Working out new social schemes, Legacy:

Now the time came for us to reimagine the emerging needs of the society where the presence of the Army is demanding and design our programs accordingly. Heritage is what we inherit from our predecessors; legacy is what we leave the next generation. How we develop our reliance on God, how finances are managed, how we increase shared ownership, and how responsibility is entrusted to local corps, centres and communities – all these factors will determine our legacy and The Salvation Army's capacity to serve God's mission in the future.

Let holdfast to the vision of our founder General William Booth and the present General Lyndon Buckingham as the Holy Spirit encompasses this Gods Army.



THE SALVATION ARMY MISSION OF TRANSFORMATION



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The 19th of September holds special significance in the history of The Salvation Army in India. On this day in 1882, Major Frederick St. George de Lautour Tucker, a former officer in the Indian Civil Service, officially began the Salvation Army's mission work in Bombay. This date is now commemorated annually as the Salvation Army's Commemoration Day in India, marking the beginning of a mission that has grown into a nationwide movement of spiritual and social transformation.

Frederick Tucker, later known as Commissioner Booth-Tucker, adopted the Indian name Fakir Singh and embraced Indian customs, food, and dress to better connect with local communities. He arrived with three other officers, including St. Mary Thomson, one of the first female missionaries in the group. Despite initial

resistance from both the public and colonial authorities, the Salvation Army quickly gained ground through its compassionate outreach and social services. Their work extended beyond evangelism to include education, medical aid, famine relief, and support for marginalised communities, including the so-called "Criminal Tribes" from 1908 onward.

1. Social Transformation: The Salvation Army focussed on serving the poor, marginalised, and oppressed, especially those considered "untouchables" under the caste system. They adopted Indian customs, dress, and language, which helped them build trust and rapport with local communities. Their work brought hope and dignity to many who had been excluded from mainstream society, especially in rural areas. The Salvation Army transformed many lives. people freed from addiction through the Salvation Army rehabilitation centres. Families are restored through emergency housing and support in different natural and manmade disasters. The mission is not just to serve, but to transform lives through Christ's love.

2. Education and Vocational Training: They established elementary, secondary, and industrial schools, as well as cottage industries and settlements for disadvantaged groups. These initiatives helped bridge educational gaps and provided skills training that enabled economic independence.

3. Medical and Health Services: The first medical outreach began in Nagercoil in 1893, with a dispensary set up by Harry Andrews. Over time, this grew into a network of hospitals and clinics, offering care to underserved populations.

4. Rehabilitation of Criminal Tribes: At the invitation of the British government, the Salvation Army began working with so-called "Criminal Tribes" in 1908. They created rehabilitation settlements, offering education, vocational training, and spiritual guidance. This work helped reintegrate these communities into society and challenged colonial stereotypes.

5. Collaboration and Influence: Initially viewed with suspicion by colonial authorities, the Salvation Army eventually became agents of empire, receiving government subsidies for their social work. Their efforts were seen as complementary to colonial governance, especially in areas of public health and social order.

6. Empowerment of Women: Women played a central role in the Salvation Army's mission in India, with figures like St. Mary Thomson among the first missionaries. The organisation provided leadership opportunities for women, which was rare in both colonial and Indian contexts.

International Women's Ministries' vision statement is transformed and empowered by the gospel to lead a Christlike life, enriched mutually through local and global connections and support, equipped to fulfil their potential through lifelong learning and development, engaged in social justice and action to positively impact the world.

Legacy: Today, the Salvation Army in India operates: Schools, hospitals and Numerous community development programs. Their legacy continues in both spiritual outreach and social service, making them one of the most enduring and impactful Christian missions in India.



FREDERICK BOOTH TUCKER – HIS LEGACY

Hebrews 13:7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith

His background:

Frederick St. George de Lautour Tucker was born on March 21, 1853. His paternal grandfather, Henry St. George, was director of the East India Company and later became chairman of that Company and died two years before the birth of Frederick. Five of his father's brothers became Indian administrators. He became ICS in 1874. Served in Punjab as Assistant Commissioner during 1877-1881. Resigned from ICS in 1881 and joined the Salvation Army Officer in the rank of Major and came to India on 19 September 1882. The name Booth-Tucker was assumed in 1888 on the marriage of Commissioner Tucker to Emma Booth, daughter of General William Booth.

His surrender:

During the early years of the 1870s, entire Britain was being swept by revival campaign meetings conducted by DL Moody and Ira D. Sankey. Tucker attended the meetings at the Agricultural Hall in London with a friend. God spoke to his soul and called him to serve. Summoning up his courage, he rose and made the great surrender. The old ambitions disappeared, and he was going to resign his post in the Indian Civil Service and become a Salvationist and later became a Major. When Tucker's father and mother heard his decision, they were disappointed and hurt beyond measure, and his father said that if he persisted, he would cut him out of his life and out of any share of the family fortune that would otherwise have come to him. So, for the service of God in the Salvation Army, Tucker chose the life of poverty and surrendered worldly wealth and power for the sake of spiritual gain. Had he remained in the ICS, he might have got a high promotion, possibly even the governorship and a period of semi-regal honour. However, he ignored earthly honours, ease and wealth. When he passed, his total estate was valued at less than 200 GBP. He declared, "It was no cross but happiness for me to give up my all, and cast in my lot with them, for better, for worse".

His heart:

His heart was for India, and he wanted to conquer it for Christ through the Salvation Army. The idea dominating his mind was that he and his colleagues should approach the Indians not as Europeans, but from an Indian standpoint, and should preach an Indian Christ. To live as the people did, in homes like theirs, eating food such as they ate, and dressing like them. Tucker was greatly impressed by St. Francis Xavier and the work of

Breschi, a scholar who settled among the Tamils, took a native name, dressed in native clothes, lived as a Brahmin, and won multitudes to Christ.

On 19 September 1882, the party – Major Frederick Tucker, Captain Henry Bullard, Lieutenant Arthar Norman and Lieutenant Mary Thompson reached and stepped ashore at Apollo Bandar, Bombay with the yellow coats and dresses, the turbans and shawls and with the English boots, they formed in procession and marched towards their quarters at 10th Lane, Khetwady, singing and playing as they went and started the Salvation Army in India. They were put behind bars many times because of the open-air meetings and marching with the cornet. However, one of the greatest hindrances was that his team knew little or no Hindustani. Therefore, language study, which had begun before they left England, was pressed on as an urgent duty. They published a Hindustani hymn book in London. They used a cornet and a tambourine for their first instruments. They soon published an Indian War Cry weekly in English and reached a circulation of 60,000 very quickly. They also published War Cry in Marathi and Gujarati monthly. By the end of the first year, the headquarters staff at Bombay were twelve in number and extended the stations in Calcutta, Madras I & II, Poona, Lahore and Colombo, including two village outposts.

His vision:

They came to India to reach the non-Christian people, but all their soldiers so far in the first year had been drawn from nominal Christians. After praying and agonizing in soul, great idea came to him. He and his Officers would set out among the Indians as fakirs, religious beggars, wandering on foot in the dress of fakirs from place to place, barefooted and carrying beggars' bowls, living on the scraps given to them. They thus hoped to bring their message home to the Indian people. It was his mission to preach an Indian Christ to the Indians, and his knowledge and studies of the Indian philosophy enabled him to put himself in the mental attitude of the Hindu. One Hindu leader, Sadr Amin, who presided at the Salvation Army meeting, was asked why he, a strict Hindu, had done so. "Had I seen Christianity before like this, I should myself have been a Christian," came the response. Thanks to this method of approach many came to Christ in the Salvation Army and he kept the records in his diary and compare the number of people who had come to seek God in the meetings that he had led with the previous month and when the figure was high, it meant that he had reached a fresh new goal to aim in the future. 'Souls! God give me souls!' was the cry of his heart day by day. General Booth had told him earlier to get into



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the skin of the Indian people and to become as far as possible Indian in thought and mind was worked!

His loss and gain:

His first wife, Louisa Mary Bode, who was 18 years older, was very ill when Tucker was travelling in Ceylon. He set out at once to reach her, but he had only got to Raichore when news arrived of her death. He was too late even for the funeral. On 26 February 1887 (age 52 years), she died from cholera at Bombay Quarters on a Sunday at midnight and was buried the next day. His second wife, Emma Booth, was the daughter of General William Booth. With their six children, they lived at Mount Vernon, outside New York City. On 28 October 1903 (age 43 years), she was Promoted to Glory because of a tragic train accident at Dean Lake Station, Missouri (USA). At that time, they were Commander and Consul for the USA. Booth Tucker was on the way to meet her in Chicago, where they were to lead the Officers Council. On 25 June 1906, Booth Tucker married for the third time, to Colonel Minnie Ried, daughter of a one-time acting Governor of Bombay. Her father was for 35 years in the Bombay Civil Service. She was the youngest of seventeen brothers and sisters. The next year, they were transferred to India. The Viceroy awarded Booth Tucker the medal of Kaisar-i-Hind in 1913. He returned to Britain in 1919. In 1920, He was admitted to the Order of the Founder, The Salvation Army's highest accolade and got his retirement in 1924.

At the end of his life, Booth Tucker suffered from angina pectoris, the most painful of all heart diseases. The soul which has truly loved and served the Lord for 65 years left this world and entered the heavenly home and got his final Promotion to Glory on 17 July 1929 (aged 76). He was dead, but his legacy lives on!



GET INTO THEIR SKINS



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“Get into their skins” is the instruction given to Major Frederick Tucker before he set out to invade India with his three friends. This instruction is very important to achieve the desire of General William Booth :

1. To attract their attention.
2. To gain their confidence.
3. To save their souls.
4. To train them up to live and fight for God and the Salvation of their fellows.

The newspaper 'Indian Witness' highlighted the landing of the Salvation Army in Bombay as follows:

"The Indian Contingent of the above army reached this port by P. & O. SS. (Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company Steam Ship)

"Ancona," yesterday, September 19th. It consists of four Officers, viz: Major Tucker, Captain Bullard, A.D.C., and Lieutenants Norman and Miss Thompson."


They entered Bombay with prayers, as all of them were praying on the boat while they were sailing toward Apollo Bandar. Major Tucker suggested to have a prayer meeting, and Captain Bullard quickly prayed earnestly and followed by one and another until all of them offered prayers. From Apollo Bandar, they marched to their first headquarters, 10th Lane, Khetwadi, Malabar Hills. Each member of the party was very happy, and all manifested the fullest freedom in their expressions of joy and faith in God.

Without delaying, they started their ministry, but the Governor of Bombay forbade them from doing so. They were arrested and put behind bars. The magistrate fined them Rs. 100, but neither of them wanted to give it nor had that much amount of money. Fortunately, the police officer who was in charge of seizures bought their humble materials seized by the police for Rs. 100 for their ransom. The materials that he bought were also returned to Major Tucker and his team.

Even though facing challenges from the beginning, God also failed to provide kind and just persons to support the Army.

To get into Indian skins, Major Tucker removed his European uniform and adopted a dress code accepted by the Indians, which everybody can consider him a priest. Being born and growing up in India, Tucker was fluent in Hindi and Urdu. His linguistic skill was a great advantage for him to preach the gospel.

Tucker Indianized the Salvation Army so that it would suit the Indian soil. His effort toward Fakirism (Fakir – a religious ascetic who lives solely on alms) was quite successful, and later he himself was also called Fakir (Fakir Singh). This provided an opportunity to minister to the people.

Contextualization is always effective and understood by the people whom we are serving. What are we now, Indian salvationists to the Indians? Are we adopting the Western styles and cultures? What will be the most effective way of witnessing Christ on Indian soil? 



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Secretary Lt. Colonel Jacob Joseph introduced the new territorial leaders to the congregation.


During the event, Commissioner Wilfred Varghese read a message from The Salvation Army's General, Lyndon Buckingham. The Central Church Songsters Brigade performed a welcome song, followed by a formal reception for the new leaders.

Several representatives delivered speeches, including Major Asha Justin, Lt. Colonel Davidson Varghese, Juni Koshy

Mariam, Shyam Aruvikara, and Paul Rajkumar. Colonel Rani Phule Pradhan delivered a response speech. Women officers of the THQ presented a timbrel display.

Colonel Prakash Chandra Pradhan delivered a sermon, emphasizing that Christian mission is only truly fulfilled when one suffers for others. He stressed the vital importance of kindness and forgiveness in fostering positive relationships within society. Colonel Pradhan urged followers of the Christian example to reach out to the marginalized. He concluded by stating that one can overcome challenges by building strong relationships and

protecting the purity of the heart.

The service, which lasted three and a half hours, concluded with a final hymn led by Lt. Colonel N. D. Joshua. A closing prayer was offered by TSWM Lt. Colonel Sonia Jacob, and the territorial leader, Colonel Prakash Chandra Pradhan, Pronounced the benediction. 

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RESOURCES FOR ROUGH TIMES

As human being we have limitations, many times we lose our faith and worries about our life, future and mostly rough times. Fear is a monster that stalks us all. This enemy appeared immediately after the fall. Fear robs us of adventure and success, making cowards of us all. Isaiah 41:10 says, *"so do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God, I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand"*. So we have powerful assurance by our living God. When faith wins, fears losses, God gave great promises to Isaiah for overcoming fear. These resources for rough times are available to us.

■ The Resources of God's Presence

According to the Bible, God's presence is multifaceted, encompassing, His omnipresence, His manifest presence, and the resources He provides. God's omnipresence means He is everywhere at all times. His manifest presence is experienced when God chooses to reveal Himself in specific ways, such as Jacob at Bethel, Moses at the burning bush, or with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace. Additionally, the Bible

emphasizes that God provides resources, and biblical stewardship calls for managing these resources wisely to honor Him. A Christian is never alone, we can rest on this promises during rough times. Storms may threaten, but God is in control. His resources greater than our problems. Acting on these promises drives our fears away.

■ The Resources of God's Strengths

God's strengths is available to believers through various resources, including, His word, His Spirit, Prayer, fellowship, and His grace. Ultimately, God Himself is the source of strength, and He empowers believers to face challenges and live victoriously. The Lord invites us to trade our wackiness for His strength. This transaction empowers us for any crisis, no problem is too great for our Lord to overcome. Hear God's promises in our weakest hour. It is always right to trust God no matter the circumstances, on darkest day, God makes a way.

■ The Resource of God's Promises

The Bible offers a multitude of promises from God, covering various aspects of life and faith. These include promises of



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salvation, forgiveness, guidance, protection, provision, and eternal life. These promises are rooted in God's character and faithfulness and they are meant to be a source of comfort, strength and hope for believers. God always keeps His promises, consider the promises to send savior (Luke 1:26-37) consider the promises of Jesus preparing places for His own (John 14:1-2) consider the promises of resurrection of Christ and his return (John 14: 3-6) His promises always standing for us, so fear not He will help us and hold thy right hand.

Are you going rough time? Rest on God's promises and Ride out the storm. For those who trust the savior, the Best is yet to come. ✝

INSTALLATION SERVICE OF NEW TERRITORIAL LEADERS OF INDIA SOUTHWESTERN TERRITORY

Thiruvananthapuram: In a ceremony that highlighted unwavering commitment to the tenets of the church and a steadfast dedication to spiritual growth, The Salvation Army India South Western Territory welcomed & officially installed its new territorial leaders. Colonel Prakash Chandra Pradhan is appointed Territorial Commander, and Colonel Rani Phula Pradhan, Territorial President of Women's Ministries.

The consecration service took place at the Commissioner P. E. George Memorial Church in Kowdiar, Thiruvananthapuram. The installation service was conducted by Commissioners Wilfred Varghese and Prema Wilfred. The proceedings were presided over by Chief Secretary Lt. Colonel Jacob John Joseph.

The new territorial leaders were ceremoniously welcomed into the sanctuary at 2:30 PM on July 13, 2025.

The consecration began after Personal Secretary Lt. Colonel Jose P. Mathew extended a welcome to the Chief Secretary who was presiding over the service.

Commissioner M. C. James led a prayer, and the new Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries (TSWM) knelt in prayer at the Mercey seat



This was followed by an introductory hymn led by Lt. Colonel C. J. Benny Mon. Training Principal Lt. Colonel Saju Daniel offered a prayer for the blessings of the service. Chief

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LIGHT. TO LIFE

W There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. — Exodus 3:2 (NRSV)

On 28th September 2025, we will observe and celebrate the International Day of Prayer for the Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. This year's theme, "Light to Life," emphasizes the truth that God has created all people to live in freedom—moving from darkness into His Marvellous light.

In September 2008, General Shaw Clifton, then International Leader of The Salvation Army, issued a global call to prayer for victims of human trafficking. He urged Salvationists to pray for their freedom, healing, and restoration. Since then, every September, Salvationists around the world have faithfully gathered in local and national prayer services to intercede for those affected by the horrors of modern slavery.

Reflecting on his decision to initiate this dedicated day of prayer, General Clifton wrote: *"The befriending of such victims has been a continuing part of the Army's mission."* In 2021, more than 10,000 people across 116 countries united in prayer, lifting their voices in solidarity with victims and survivors of human trafficking and modern slavery. Each observance is guided by a specific theme that reflects the heart of our mission and the hope we carry.

1. The Burning Bush Brought Light and Life to Bonded Israelites

This year's theme draws from the biblical account of the Israelites' bondage and their miraculous liberation. Central to this story is the burning bush—a divine encounter that enlightened, empowered, strengthened, and commissioned Moses to become a source of light and liberation for his people.

According to the 2024 Trafficking in Persons

Report, an estimated 27 million people are exploited globally for labour, services, and commercial sex. Traffickers prey on the most marginalised and vulnerable, profiting from their suffering. India is ranked as a Tier 2 country and according to ILO and United Nations there are 49.6 million people in modern slavery worldwide. The Israelites, too, suffered under Egyptian oppression. A new king, unaware of Joseph's legacy, feared their growing numbers and subjected them to harsh labour. Pharaoh even ordered the killing of newborn Hebrew boys, but the midwives defied him out of reverence for God. The cruelty intensified, and the Israelites groaned under the burden of slavery. In Exodus 2:23–24, their cries rose to God, who heard their groaning. Soon after, Moses encountered the burning bush on Mount Horeb—a bush ablaze yet not consumed. This divine sign revealed God's presence: powerful, holy, and merciful. God called Moses to lead His people out of bondage, promising His support and revealing His name: **"I AM WHO I AM"**. With divine help, Moses fulfilled his mission, leading the Israelites to Canaan—a place of peace and prosperity.

2. Jesus Christ Is the Light of the World

The burning bush was not just a moment of liberation—it was a foreshadowing of a greater light to come. Centuries later, Jesus Christ declared: *"I am the light of the world."*

Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. — John 8:12 Jesus, the incarnate **"I AM,"** brought light into the darkest places of human existence. He healed the broken, restored the outcast, and liberated those bound by sin and shame. His light was not only for personal salvation—it was a call to transformation and mission.

3. We Are the Light of the World

Jesus extended this mission to His followers, saying: *"You are the light of the world."* — Matthew 5:14 This is our calling. Just as Moses was commissioned to bring light and liberation to the Israelites, and just as Jesus brought light to a darkened world, we are now called to carry that light—especially to those still trapped in the shadows of modern slavery and human trafficking. Let us continue to shine the light of

Christ into the darkest places, believing that through prayer and action, lives will be transformed from bondage to freedom—from darkness to life.

How can we be the light on this special event

Resources for the International Day of Prayer have already been shared with Territorial Contact Persons and Territories. You are kindly requested to make full use of these materials in your respective areas. Available IDOP Resources includes:

1. Youth Resources
2. Prayer Station Resources
3. Global Prayer Guide
4. Children's Resources
5. Adult Sermon
6. Adult Bible Study Resources
7. IDOP Poster

These resources are available in English, with translations in French, Hindi, Portuguese, Spanish, Swahili, and Tamil. You can download them from the official webpage: <https://sar.my/light-to-life>.


Suggested Activities: We encourage you to organize awareness programs targeting:

- ▶ Youth
- ▶ Children
- ▶ Women
- ▶ Adults

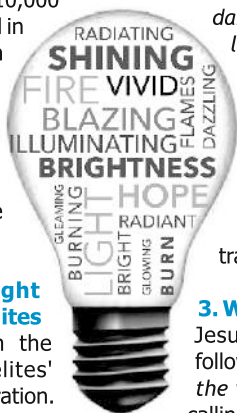
These can be conducted through campaigns, seminars, webinar, and workshops at the Corps, Divisional, and Territorial levels.

Additional Tools: For more innovative ideas, please refer to:

- ▶ Fight For Freedom Basic Guidebook
- ▶ Global Toolbox (Both are available in Hindi, English and Tamil) (Kindly reach out to Territorial contact Person of your Territories to have the soft copy of these books, you may contact to me also)

Let us work together to raise awareness and stand in prayer and action against modern slavery and human trafficking and let's be light to provide life to others. 

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FOLLOWING CHRIST: A WHOLEHEARTED LOVE – A CALL TO PURPOSEFUL DISCIPLESHIP

Life is a series of choices, and significant decisions often come with a cost—demanding time, effort, and sacrifice. Yet, we make these choices believing the reward is worth it. This principle extends profoundly to *Following Christ: A Wholehearted Love*, a journey that, while demanding, promises incomparable spiritual reward. This article explores the biblical call to give our whole heart to Jesus, emphasizing three essential shifts in our approach to life and faith.

I. Embrace Discomfort, Seek Christ

Our natural inclination is towards comfort and ease. However, Jesus's path often requires stepping out of our comfort zones, prioritizing spiritual mission over worldly security. As Jesus stated, *"Foxes have dens, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head"* [Luke 9:57-58]. This is not about homelessness, but about a path where earthly ease is secondary to divine purpose.

The Apostle Paul exemplified this, enduring immense hardship in 2 Corinthians 11:23-28, yet declaring contentment through Christ's strength in Philippians 4:11-13. True comfort and strength are found in Christ's presence, not in the absence of trouble. Prioritizing Christ means that genuine peace, joy, and purpose follow, regardless of external circumstances. Therefore, true comfort is found in wholeheartedly pursuing Christ, not worldly ease.

II. Act Now, Obey Immediately

Jesus's call is urgent, demanding immediate response without procrastination. When asked to follow, one individual sought to delay to *"bury my father"* (Luke 9:59-60), a request that implied a long-term deferral of discipleship. Jesus's firm reply - *"let the dead bury their own dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God"* - underscored that His call takes precedence over all other duties.

Ananias, despite knowing Saul's reputation as a persecutor, immediately obeyed God's vision to find him, leading to Saul's conversion (Acts 9). Similarly, Peter,

Andrew, James, and John immediately left their livelihoods to follow Jesus (Matthew 4). Matthew, a tax collector, also rose immediately to follow Jesus when called (Matthew 9). These examples highlight that God's plan unfolds through prompt, decisive obedience. Let us cultivate a spirit of immediate obedience, recognizing the urgency and importance of God's call in our lives.

III. Look Forward, Release the Past

Following Jesus means moving forward with Him, without longing for what has been left behind. Jesus warned, *"No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God"* (Luke 9:61-62). Just as a farmer must look forward to plow a straight furrow, discipleship demands singular focus and undivided loyalty.

Lot's wife, looking back at Sodom despite God's command, turned into a pillar of salt (Genesis 19), symbolizing a heart still attached to the world. Peter's experience walking on water (Matthew 14:22-31) further illustrates this: he began to sink when his focus shifted from Jesus to the storm. Our ability to walk with Christ depends entirely on keeping our eyes fixed on Him. Let us fix our gaze on Christ and press onward, leaving behind anything that hinders our journey with Him.

IV. The Core Command: Love God with All Your Being

At the heart of wholehearted commitment is the command to love God completely. Jesus declared the greatest commandment: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength"* (Mark 12:28-34). This all-encompassing love involves every part of our being—emotions, deepest self, intellect, and actions—and naturally flows into loving our neighbor.

V. The Impact of Obedience: Blessings and Consequences

The Bible clearly states that wholehearted obedience brings blessings, while disobedience carries consequences.



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Leviticus 26 promises provision, peace, and God's presence for obedience, while warning of struggles and distance for disobedience. Noah's complete obedience saved his family from the flood (Genesis 6), demonstrating God's promise of salvation. Conversely, the Israelites' idolatry with the Golden Calf (Exodus 32) led to severe punishment, showing how quickly blessings can be lost when God's commands are ignored.

VI. Our Ultimate Purpose: The Whole Duty of Humanity

All these lessons lead to one central truth: our ultimate purpose. As Ecclesiastes 12:13 concludes, *"Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of mankind."* This "fear" is a deep, loving reverence and submission to God's will. This is not a burden, but our ultimate purpose, where we find true joy, lasting peace, and profound meaning in life. This duty forms the bedrock of our calling, guiding our actions and mission, no matter the cost.

In conclusion, a life of wholehearted devotion means:

- ▶ Do not seek comfort, seek Christ.
- ▶ Do not delay, obey immediately.
- ▶ Do not look back, keep your focus forward.
- ▶ Love God with all your being.
- ▶ Understand the rewards and consequences.
- ▶ This is our duty.



'A LIFE SURRENDERED'

THE SPIRITUAL VOYAGE OF COMMISSIONER T. G. SUNDARAM, GOD'S FAITHFUL SERVANT

“You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” — Hebrews 1:9

Commissioner T. G. Sundaram was born on 1st October 1934, in Denduluru, Eluru district, Andhra Pradesh. He was the only son of the blessed couple, Thota Yesudasu and Aparanjamma. From a young age, he was surrounded by a God-fearing environment, which laid the foundation for a life of faith and service.

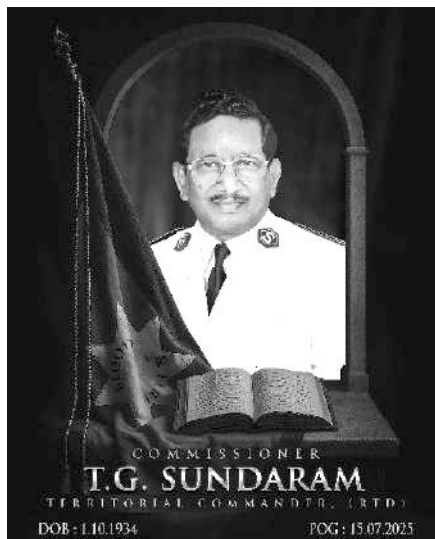
He began his education at The Salvation Army Primary School in Denduluru, where he first encountered the principles and values that would guide his life. He later attended The Salvation Army Boarding School in Bapatla for his High School education, where his character and calling began to take shape. At just 11 years old, on a Sunday at the Boarding School in Bapatla, he gave his heart to Jesus Christ. This divine encounter marked the beginning of a lifelong journey of spiritual devotion and servant leadership.

In 1955, he married me, the second daughter of the blessed couple, Majors Raja Rathanam and Manikyamma. From the very beginning, our marriage was grounded in faith, mutual respect, and a shared calling. While I held leadership and responsibility within The Salvation Army, our wholehearted support for each other strengthened our shared mission.

Before entering full-time ministry, both T. G. Sundaram and I served as government school teachers. However, during a time of prayer and Scripture reading, Sundaram felt a divine conviction take root in his heart. The Lord impressed upon him that his purpose was not to be confined within classroom walls, but to go forth with the Gospel in hand, serving communities far and wide with compassion and conviction. In faithful obedience, we both resigned from our teaching positions, dedicating our lives fully to the Lord's service.

A Lifetime of Ministry

Commissioner T. G. Sundaram's service began as a cadet in the 1962–1963 “Heroes of Faith” session. From 1963 to 1968, he served as a Corps Officer and Teacher at Bathapudi and Gudipudi, holding the rank of Lieutenant and Captain. As a Captain, he served as the Divisional Youth Secretary for the Eluru Division from 1968 to 1969. From 1969 to 1972, he was the Assistant Principal at the Training College in Nellore, and from 1972 to 1978, he took on the role of Territorial Youth Secretary in Chennai. In 1978, he became the Principal of the Training College in Nellore, a position he held until 1983.



After being promoted to Major, he served as the Divisional Commander in Nellore and Gudivada from 1983 to 1987. From 1987 to 1992, as a Lieutenant Colonel, he worked as a Field Secretary in Chennai. He then served as Chief Secretary for the India Central Territory from 1992 to 1993. In 1993, he became Chief Secretary for the India South-Eastern Territory. Finally, as a Colonel, he held the position of Territorial Commander for both the India Southeastern Territory from 1993 to 1996 and the India Western Territory from 1996 to 2001.

During his ministry, he had the honour of welcoming Generals Paul Rader and John Gowans during their visits to India. He also served internationally in various countries, including Sri Lanka as Vice Principal of SACO, and travelled to Manila, Hong Kong, Switzerland, Australia, Sweden, Singapore, America, and the High Council in London, where he spread the message of Christ worldwide.

On 1st February 2001, Commissioners T. G. Sundaram and I retired from active service in the India Western Territory in Mumbai, leaving behind a rich spiritual legacy. Known for his discipline, deep faith, and love for family and community, his influence has continued to shape many lives. In retirement, he lived simply among his loved ones, sharing godly wisdom and nurturing the next generations. Commissioner T. G. Sundaram especially cherished teaching Scripture to his children and grandchildren, leaving a lasting imprint through his care, prayers, and Christlike example.

Generations of Blessing: The Legacy of Commissioner T. G. Sundaram

We have been abundantly blessed with a beautiful and God-fearing family. Our children

are Dayaseela, Krupamani, the late Raja Sudheer, Anand Kumar, Prasuna, Grace, Manohar, Mercy, Joseph, and Sujani. Our grandchildren include Suni, Manoj, Anu, Dinakaran, Krupa Nidharshan, Sudeepa, and Jenny. Our great-grandchildren are Apphia, Jowan, Abiel, and Abigail. May their legacy continue to flourish in love, unity, and steadfast devotion to the Lord's work.

Promotion to Glory:

Commissioner T. G. Sundaram was promoted to glory on 15th July 2025. He was surrounded by his loved ones and enveloped in prayer as he peacefully entered the presence of the Lord - a fitting conclusion to a life wholly surrendered to God's divine purpose. Commissioner T. G. Sundaram's legacy lives on through his family, his ministry, and the countless lives he touched around the World.

On 16th July 2025, his funeral was conducted with full Salvation Army honours. Commissioner Daniel Raju Dasari, Territorial Commander; Lt. Colonel Siluva Raj, Secretary for Programme Administration; Lt. Colonel Badugu Joseph, Divisional Commander; and Major Ch. Dani Samuel Raju, Training Principal, led the service with deep reverence and prayer, offering words of comfort and hope to all gathered. Other officers, comrades, and the Salvation Army brass band also joined to pay their respects, giving him a hero's farewell. The atmosphere was filled with sorrow and reverence as the procession moved toward the grave, each step marked by heavy hearts and profound respect.

A heartfelt memorial service was held on 19th July 2025, in honour of Commissioner T. G. Sundaram. Personal tributes highlighted the deep impact of his life and ministry. Video messages from international leaders, family, and friends testified to his godly character, unwavering faith, and servant leadership. The memorial was a true celebration of a life lived for Christ and His Kingdom.

May the life and legacy of Commissioner T. G. Sundaram inspire generations to walk in humility, serve with love, and live in faithful obedience to God's call.

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on... They will rest from their labour, for their deeds will follow them.” — Revelation 14:13

With love and gratitude.



**Commissioner T. Suseela and family
Nellore Division, Andhra Pradesh
India Central Territory**

THE GOD WHO STARTS AGAIN

There are times in life when everything feels broken. When the dreams you once held close fall to the ground like shattered glass. When nothing makes sense anymore, when your past haunts you, and the future looks too out of reach. You might feel like a failure. Like you've messed up too many times to make it right again. Maybe you've been labelled by others, or worse, by yourself, as someone who will never get it together. I know that feeling. Because I have lived it.

This is not just an article filled with ideas; it is a piece of my heart. I want to talk about the One who doesn't walk away when everyone else does. The One who steps into our worst days and says, "Let's begin again." His name is Jesus.

There was a time in my life when I felt completely lost. When I was younger, my parents put me in a hostel. I know they did it out of love, but for me, it was incredibly painful. I struggled to stay there and had many personal hurdles. I also had a very difficult experience with the hostel superintendent. It left me hurt, confused, and lonely. I felt like I had failed; like I wasn't strong enough, smart enough, or stable enough.

Later, when I was only 21 years old, I moved from India to Australia. Many, including friends, relatives, and even people in our community; whispered behind our backs, "He won't survive.", "He'll come back in a month." Those words pierced my heart. I was scared too. A new country, a new language, no friends, no one familiar – just me, my suitcase, and a fragile hope. But today, by God's grace, I am still in Australia. I have a family of my own, a job and a house and have made a life here. I didn't make it because I was strong; I made it because Jesus walked with me through every valley. And every time I fell, He picked me up again. Jesus is the only reason I didn't return to India in despair. He is the God who starts again. And again. And again.

I don't know what your story is. Maybe you're carrying deep regrets. Maybe you've failed in your relationships, your career, your faith. Maybe you've made mistakes that still echo in your heart, or you've hurt others and can't seem to forgive yourself. Maybe you're just tired and feel like it's too late to fix anything. But let me tell you something that gave me hope: Jesus hasn't given up on you.

The world may say, "You've made your choices; now live with them." People may

judge you, label you, or remind you of every wrong. But Jesus doesn't do that. He sees every broken part of you, every scar, every tear, every failure; and still, He calls you by your name. Yes, your name is written in the palm of His hands. That's how precious you are to Him. He doesn't turn His back. He doesn't walk away. Instead, He comes close, kneels beside you, and lovingly begins to help you rebuild – piece by piece, day by day.

Around the world, through the ministry of The Salvation Army and churches everywhere, people are experiencing this new beginning. There's the story of Maria in Brazil whose life was torn apart by addiction to the point of losing her children. She spent years in prison with everyone giving up on her; but not Jesus. A Salvation Army chaplain visited her regularly. No lectures, no pressure—just love, prayer, and the reminder: "Jesus still loves you." It didn't happen overnight. Maria relapsed. She failed. She almost gave up. But she kept coming back to this truth: God hasn't given up on me. Today, Maria is free, and she helps others who are walking the same road. Her life didn't get erased—it got redeemed.

This is the Jesus I know. The One who doesn't cancel us—He transforms us. When you read the Bible, you don't see perfect people—you see broken lives touched by perfect love.

- ▶ Moses was a murderer hiding in the desert—but God called him to lead a nation.
- ▶ Through David once stumble through sin, he humbly confessed and turned back to God. In His grace, God forgave him and called him "a man after my own heart"
- ▶ Peter denied Jesus three times—but Jesus restored him and made him a leader.
- ▶ Paul persecuted Christians—but Jesus made him the greatest missionary in history.

Their past didn't disqualify them—because God doesn't use perfect people. He uses surrendered ones. And He can use you.

At the heart of every new beginning is the cross of Jesus. That old wooden cross was not just a place of death—it was the birthplace of hope. When Jesus died, He carried all our sin, guilt, shame, and failure. And when He rose again, He made a way for us to rise with Him. Romans 8:1 says, "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." That means your past doesn't get to define you anymore. Grace does. Jesus doesn't say, "Clean yourself up and then come to Me." No, He says, "Come



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to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Maybe right now you're in a dark place. Maybe you've given up on God, or you think He's given up on you. But let me tell you something from the bottom of my heart: He is not finished with you. The same Jesus who helped me when I was broken and confused in that hostel... who walked with me when I arrived in Australia with fear in my heart... who sustained me when people doubted me... that same Jesus is ready to walk with you too. You don't need to be perfect. You just need to come as you are. Because His mercies are new every morning (Lamentations 3:22–23). Not just once. Not just twice. Every. Single. Morning. So maybe today is your morning.

The last word over your life is not failure. It's not addiction. It's not divorce. It's not depression. It's not the words others spoke over you. The last word is grace. And grace always speaks hope. Grace always says, "Get up, let's try again." Whether you're a prisoner looking through cold bars, a teenager lost in confusion, a mother holding on by a thread, or a church leader wondering if your ministry still matters—this is your moment. Let God write your next chapter. Let Him pick up the pen. You don't have to fix the whole story. Just give Him the page you're on. He's the God Who Starts Again.

So, if you're wondering today, "Can I really start again?" The answer is not a maybe. It's a YES—a bold, grace-soaked, blood-bought YES.

Let Him in.
Let Him heal.
Let Him lead you.

He's the God who starts again.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING



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Human being, is the most exceptional and beautiful creation of God. God literally breathed His soul into man's nostrils and thus, formed him in His own image Genesis 2:7, *"Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being"*. In other words, we are a reflection of God. Half of the population in the world even believes the fact that we are created in the image of God, yet every day, we hear and see this extraordinary creation of God being exploited, mistreated and even killed. The most shameful fact of all to know is, victims and the one preying upon them are the same creation, formed by the same God above.

The above introduction might have specified my article's topic by now, I, 'Human trafficking', It is the act of recruiting, transporting, transferring, harbouring, or receiving individuals through force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of exploitation. Human trafficking is not a fresh topic to be discussed; it has been a part of our society since forever. We all know about this issue growing in our society, yet people fail to pay attention, unless one of their own becomes victim. People committing such crimes might have their own traumas from their past life, because of which, they are not able to differentiate between right and wrong. Also, some unaware people accidentally fall into the trap of these exploiters and thus, end up being one of them. It might be a little perplexing for you as readers to find that the article focussed initially upon the exploiters, rather than the ones exploited. The reason being, if we get our head down on the root cause more than the consequences later, this issue can be eradicated from stemming

any further.

We are privileged today with a number of platforms to provide our contribution in bringing an end to this social issue. First and the most effective of all is Social media, anything concerning a human life gets public in seconds these days, therefore, spreading awareness by sharing experiences of existing victims, can help in saving lives of the potential ones, as they become conscious of the fact that not everyone needs to get access into our personal lives, strict privacy should be maintained. Not only this, we have to beware of false advertisements and strangers' friend requests, also, the moment, one finds something weird about someone's behaviour and thoughts, they should raise the alarm for themselves and others.

Another way is through building connection with Anti-trafficking organizations, professionals and institutions from school to health care providers, that may be serving people who are experiencing Human trafficking. Moreover, individual efforts matter a lot, when it comes to social affairs, every being, if putting efforts in their own ways in saving themselves and others from anything inhumane, through public talks or written material, would bring a lot of changes in the society.

Last but the most valuable attempt of all is forming a deeper relationship with God. It is a novel, yet remarkable solution that you might have ever heard of, but I believe, if people are brought more closer to God, then they never reach the point where they think of hurting someone for their happiness, they seek satisfaction in God instead. Fear of the Lord, keeps people away from anything God forbids, as mentioned in Proverbs 9:10, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding". Thus, if more and more individuals are preached the word of God and shown the love and mercy of God, they never let Satan play with their minds, they come out of evil thoughts in a day or two.

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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."

YOUTH WORKERS SEMINAR, INDIA SOUTH EASTERN TERRITORY

The Territorial Youth Department of the India South-Eastern Territory hosted a dynamic Youth Workers Seminar on 23rd July 2025 at the HRD Centre, Muttom. Led by Lieut. Colonel Y. Selvam, Programme Secretary, the seminar brought together 45 dedicated delegates, including Divisional Youth Secretaries, Divisional Youth Fellowship Officers, selected external officers, and Young People's Sergeant Majors from across the Territory.

The seminar's primary goal was to inspire and equip youth leaders to implement the Youth Ministry in alignment with the General's Global Strategic Framework, across all Divisions and Districts, with special emphasis on Extension Areas.

The event was inaugurated by Territorial Leaders, Commissioners Lalhmimgliana and Lalhlimpuii, who served as Chief Guests. Drawing from 1 Timothy 4:12 – "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young..." – they encouraged participants to embrace their calling with boldness and purpose. Commissioner Lalhlimpuii,



Territorial President of Women's Ministries, reinforced the importance of youth in the mission, stating, "Youth are important in our Mission" and "they are our future."

A key highlight was the session by Commissioner Lalhmimgliana, Territorial Commander, who spoke on the theme COMPASS – People, Mission, Legacy, offering a compelling vision for the Territory's future. His message deeply resonated with the delegates, inspiring renewed commitment.

The seminar featured insightful sessions led by:

- ▶ Lieut. Colonel Y. Selvam, Programme Secretary
- ▶ Major Y. Joseph, Divisional Commander, Palayamkottai Division
- ▶ Major S. Arul Sasi Balan, Territorial Youth Secretary

Topics covered included:

1. The Need for Young People and Building Their Future in The Salvation Army
2. Young People's Participation in Fulfilling Our Mission
3. Creating a Better Legacy for the Future Army
4. Youth Work – Reporting and Record Maintenance

These sessions provided practical tools and strategic insights to strengthen Youth Ministry efforts across Divisions and Districts. The seminar concluded with a time of prayer for upcoming youth events. Three delegates shared heartfelt testimonies, reflecting on their personal growth and renewed vision.

Impact Highlights:

- ▶ Enhanced knowledge and strategies for youth engagement
- ▶ Strengthened collaboration among youth workers
- ▶ Renewed motivation to lead and innovate
- ▶ Commitment to implement new approaches in ministry

This seminar marks a significant step in empowering youth leaders to align local ministries with The Salvation Army's global mission. Glory to God!

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India South-Eastern Territory

THE SALVATION ARMY INDIA EASTERN TERRITORY PROVIDED RELIEF TO REFUGEES IN CHAMPHAI DISTRICT

In a compassionate response to the ongoing humanitarian crisis along the Indo-Myanmar border, The Salvation Army India Eastern Territory conducted a vital relief operation on July 10, 2025, reaching out to displaced refugees in Champhai District, Mizoram.

The relief initiative was carried out under the leadership of Lt. Colonel Lalliankunga, Secretary for Programme, and Major Lalhmimgthanga, Social Services Secretary. The operation focussed on three key border villages: Zokhawthar, Saikhumphai, and Vaphai, where hundreds of refugees have sought shelter due to ongoing unrest in neighboring regions.

In Zokhawthar, Lt. Colonel Lalliankunga led a team that distributed essential food and hygiene supplies. The relief package included rice, dal, edible oil, salt, soap, sanitary pads, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. These items were handed over to the Zokhawthar branch of the Young Mizo Association (YMA), a trusted local partner,

for organized distribution among the affected families.

Simultaneously, another team under the leadership of Major Lalhmimgthanga reached out to refugees in Vaphai and Saikhumphai villages. The distribution aimed to meet the immediate needs of those displaced, offering not only material support but also a message of hope and solidarity from The Salvation Army.

This coordinated relief effort reflects The Salvation Army's enduring commitment to serve vulnerable communities in times of crisis. The initiative was marked by compassion, efficiency, and collaboration with local organizations to ensure that aid reached those who needed it most.



As displacement continues to affect border communities, The Salvation Army remains steadfast in its mission to bring comfort, dignity, and practical assistance to those in distress. The India Eastern Territory extends its heartfelt gratitude to all officers, volunteers, and partners who contributed to this meaningful act of service.

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PUBLIC WELCOME MEETING OF CS & TSWM, BAPATLA CENTRAL CORPS

On 5th July 2025, a special and prayer-filled welcome meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. at Bapatla Central Corps to warmly receive the new Territorial Leadership of India Central Territory. The meeting was conducted and led by Commissioner Daniel Raju Dasari, Territorial Commander, to officially welcome Lieut. Colonel Gurnam Masih (Chief Secretary) and Lieut. Colonel Razia Masih (Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries).

The spirit-filled gathering featured prayers, congregational singing, special songs, and honoring the leaders with shawls, garlands, and bouquets. The Program Secretary Lieut. Colonel M.Siluva Raju welcomed the congregation comprising members from all sections. Commissioner Daniel Raju Dasari extended the official welcome on

behalf of the territory, signifying unity and shared mission. Selected members also greeted and assured prayers for the CS and TSWM.

Lieut. Colonel Razia Masih responded with gratitude, reaffirming their commitment to serve faithfully. Lieut. Colonel Gurnam Masih delivered a powerful message from Exodus 17:8-16 highlighting Moses' leadership and the importance of prayer in supporting spiritual leaders and advancing the mission.

The meeting concluded with Song (ESB-499 / TSB-307) led by Lieut. Colonel O.



Philip Raju, followed by a closing prayer and benediction by Retired Commissioner Lalkiamlova. The morning session concluded successfully and was followed by lunch.

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WELCOME MEETING OF NEW CHIEF SECRETARY AND TSWM AT DELHI CITADEL CORPS, INT



New Delhi, 13 July 2025 — Our newly appointed Chief Secretary, Lt. Col. Abraham Lincoln Mudda and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, Lt. Col. Mercy Manjula Mudda were accorded a very warm welcome in the Holiness Meeting at the Delhi Citadel Corps on Sunday.

The meeting was attended by a large and enthusiastic gathering of Salvation Army officers, soldiers, youth and well-wishers. Many people, including their relatives who travelled long distances from Chennai and Hyderabad, attended this welcome meeting, filling the atmosphere with joy

and the glory of God.

The meeting was led by Lt. Col. Emmanuel Masih. Dr. Prasanna Kumar Mikkli and Mr. Syed Khasim from Hyderabad extended warm greetings. On behalf of the officers and soldiers, Major Anil Masih and Major Ruby Robin spoke the words of welcome. As a mark of respect and appreciation, people expressed their love by presenting shawls and bouquets to the new leaders. Mr. Jeevan Samuel congratulated his parents through his beautiful solo song and praised the Lord Almighty.

The Territorial President of Women's Ministries (TPWM) Commissioner Ropari blessed them with her special prayer, after which the Territorial Commander Commissioner Vanlalafela addressed them with words of welcome. He officially welcomed the new leaders and prayed for their ministry.

The Word of God was shared by Lt. Col.

Abraham Lincoln Mudda, Chief Secretary who based his message on Proverbs 29:18 - "Where there is no vision, the people perish." His message stirred hearts and inspired many to respond to God's call, and many came to the mercy seat after being touched by the Holy Spirit.

May God bless our new CS and TSWM and their family abundantly. May God bless the Salvation Army, the India Northern Territory, our soldiers and our leaders.

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EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR CHILD PROTECTION: A TRANSFORMATIVE TRAINING IN PUNE

From 9th to 11th July 2025, the Women's Ministries of The Salvation Army, India Western Territory, hosted a powerful Child Protection Training at the YMCA, Pune. This three-days event, facilitated by Captain Charles Chalrimawia, Zonal Child Protection Specialist (IHQ – SASIA), brought together 30 committed delegates—including Senior and Junior Home League members, Divisional Secretaries for Women's Ministries (DSWMs), and Corps Officers—from across the Territory.

The training was inaugurated in the presence of Territorial leaders: Commissioner John William Polimetla, Territorial Commander, and Commissioner Ratnasundari Polimetla, Territorial President of Women's Ministries. Lt. Colonel Vanlalnungi, Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, coordinated the event and led the opening and closing sessions.

A Spirit-Led Beginning

The inaugural devotion was led by Lt. Colonel Zothanmawia, Chief Secretary, who emphasized the importance of child protection within the global vision of The Salvation Army. Drawing from Proverbs 13:1 and 15:5, he highlighted the influential role of women in nurturing children and called for wisdom and discipline in ministry.

Equipping for Change

Captain Charles Chalrimawia guided participants through a comprehensive curriculum aligned with the seven International Child Protection Standards: Prevent, Respond, Know & Improve. Topics included:

- ▶ The Salvation Army's International

Child Protection Policy

- ▶ God's view of children: Theology of Children and Young People
- ▶ The importance of awareness
- ▶ International child protection framework
- ▶ Understanding child abuse and the proper use of discipline
- ▶ Biblical principles of Godly parenting, Usage of the Rod
- ▶ Positive discipline approaches

Interactive sessions, group activities, and open discussions created a dynamic learning environment, encouraging deep engagement and reflection.

Morning Devotions: Spiritual Nourishment

On 10th July, Major Pratibha Pawar, DDWM, Pune Division led the morning devotion, followed by a message from Major Kakasaheb Pawar, Divisional Commander, Pune Division based on II Corinthians 3:2–3. She reminded delegates that they are living letters of Christ, called to communicate love, wisdom, and grace in their communities.

On 11th July, Commissioner Ratnasundari Polimetla led a devotion theme “**Fellowship with the Light**”, drawing from Genesis 1:1–5 and John 8:12. She spoke of God as the eternal light, contrasting it with the temporary light of the world. Through examples from Hannah, the Shunammite Woman, the Widow of Zarephath, and Saul, she encouraged delegates to walk in communion with the light and shine wherever they are placed.



William Polimetla and Commissioner Ratnasundari Polimetla to all 30 delegates during the final session, recognizing their dedication and engagement.

The concluding message by Commissioner John William Polimetla, based on Luke 18:16 and Matthew 18:6, was a heartfelt reminder of Christ's call to protect and prioritize children. He urged delegates to apply their learning and become agents of transformation in their communities.

Three delegates shared moving testimonies, expressing how the training had deepened their understanding and commitment to child protection.

A Vision for the Future

In a significant announcement, Commissioner John William Polimetla declared that each trained soldier would now serve as a Child Protection Contact Person in their respective divisions. These individuals will collaborate with Corps Officers, DSWMs, and DDWMs to expand child protection training at the corps level—strengthening The Salvation Army's mission to create safe and nurturing environments for children.

The training concluded with a vote of thanks by Lt. Colonel Jyoti Kalkumbe, Territorial Home League Secretary, expressing heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the success of this vital initiative.



Celebrating Commitment

Certificates of participation were distributed by Commissioner John

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SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2025



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EXODUS 3:2 NIV

LIGHT. TO LIFE