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**"Though the mountains be shaken  
and the hills be removed, yet my  
unfailing love for you will not be  
shaken nor my covenant of  
peace be removed,"**

**Isaiah 54:10**







# Day of Social Justice

Major Evama Shaijuraj, Editor


**W**I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and achieve. But, if need be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die." – Nelson Mandela.



World Day of Social Justice is observed annually on February 20. As the world is facing the significant issues such as financial crisis, unemployment, poverty, exclusion of communities from the society, in 1995, Copenhagen, Denmark, hosted the World Summit for Social Development, and made the 'Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action'. Where more than 100 political leaders took a pledge to alleviate poverty, work towards full employment and create stable, safe, and just societies.

In 2005, United Nations reviewed the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and two years later in 2007, The United Nations General Assembly declared that February 20 will be celebrated annually as the World Day of Social Justice. It is justice in relation to a fair balance in the distribution of wealth, opportunities, and privileges within a society where individual's rights are recognized and protected, where all people should have equal access to wealth, health, well-being, privileges, and opportunity. It means everyone's human rights are respected, protected, and promoted, despite differences in physical features, beliefs, or behaviour.

Social justice according to the view of Bible is 'an extension of God's love and work in protecting and defending those who can't defend themselves.' It is one of the fundamental issues in the Bible. Prophets such as Isaiah and Amos raise their voices on behalf of the poor and the marginalized. 'Give justice to the weak and the fatherless. Maintain the right of the destitute'- Psalms 82:3

The world is sick with unfortunate issues that prohibit millions of individuals from living a fair life. The victimisation of strangers, women and children remain serious aspects of social injustice in the present day, specially, the countless exploited children all over the world. 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly' – Martin Luther King Jr. The Bible says that its essential to always do what is just and right, because God protects those who are faithful. 

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# THE TIME IN BETWEEN: A NEW YEAR REFLECTION

## BY GENERAL LYNDON BUCKINGHAM

**Lyndon Buckingham**  
General

**A**t the time of writing this short reflection, I am enjoying the days between Christmas and New Year.

It's vacation time and the pace is much slower than normal. I am looking out over beautiful, rolling green hills and it is so quiet and peaceful. I can feel my mind and body going, 'aaaaahhhh'. Thank you, Lord, for days of rest and restoration.

It is a perfect time for reflection. I thank God for his grace, mercy and love in my life and the lives of my family. I acknowledge his faithfulness to all his promises. I can see his hand throughout the events of 2023. I acknowledge, without hesitation, the impact of his sustaining grace during a year full of challenges and possibilities. God is good. I reflect on the power of prayer, the vitality of God's Word and the joy of fellowship with his people. I recognise the privilege of being engaged in the mission of God as expressed through my service in The Salvation Army. I also give thanks for the impact of Salvation Army ministry around the world. I am thankful for Salvationists globally who have served faithfully throughout 2023, many in extremely difficult circumstances. Your faithfulness and dedication is an inspiration to me. It also makes a difference in our world.

### GOD'S PROMISES FOR A NEW YEAR

The time 'in between' prompts some thought about the New Year. I know there are many people who face the year with a degree of anxiety, fear and uncertainty. The world is very troubled at present. Our news is full of reports that increase our concern and cause us to wonder what the year might bring for us all.

I have been reflecting on some Scriptures I find both reassuring and motivating as I prepare to embrace 2024.

**Zephaniah 3:17** (New International Version): 'The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will



no longer rebuke you but will rejoice over you with singing.'

**Lamentations 3:22-23:** 'Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.'

**Isaiah 41:10:** '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.'

With promises that include his presence, salvation, love, strength and faithfulness, I am ready to embrace the challenges and the opportunities a new year offers. How about you?

### READY TO GIVE A REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT IS IN US

Whilst the world may be full of uncertainty, our mission in the world as The Salvation Army remains very certain. Let's continue to be a people who love God supremely, always looking for opportunities to give him praise and credit for who he is and what he has done for us in Jesus. Let's always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us. We need a global Army bursting with people ready and willing to communicate the difference Jesus has made in our lives; that salvation is possible for the whosoever through

faith in him.


I want us to continue to demonstrate our love for God by loving others, especially the unloved, the vulnerable and those forced to the margins of society. Finding ways to care for others becomes a practical demonstration of the values of the Kingdom of God.

### THE POWER OF A HOLY LIFE

I encourage all of us to be very intentional in our discipleship journey in 2024, pursuing holiness in every area of our lives. Please do not underestimate the power and influence a holy life can have on those around you. A life lived to the glory of God and with a genuine desire to be the aroma of Christ in the world will have impact. Our individual contribution may be small, but the collective impact can, and will be, significant.

The world needs the contribution we can make. We may be small in number, but we can and will be a mighty force for good when clear about our mission, empowered by the Holy Spirit and willing to get involved. Count me in!

Grace and peace.

God bless you. 

# Serving in God's Kingdom – there is no Retirement!



**Commissioners Suresh & Martha Pawar (Rtd.)  
as on 31st January 2024**

**T**here is a time to begin and a time to stop, and then to start a new chapter of your life. This is the cycle of officership in the Salvation Army. In various appointments, along with Commissioner Martha, we had to finish one chapter of life and move to the next as God sent us, through our leaders. Being appointed as international leaders for South Asia, though, was the last chapter of our journey of active officership. It has been a humbling experience to work under The General and Chief of the Staff and with other international leaders at IHQ.

As we finish this chapter of our active officership, we exit through the round rolling door of IHQ, knowing and accepting the start of a new chapter – which is retirement from our active service of almost 43 years, but still continually and faithfully serving God's Kingdom, making ourselves available for him in the mission of saving souls and the life-transforming work of the Holy Spirit, in the lives of the people he will send us to.

We would describe our officership this way: *"Our lives have been a living story of God's love and compassion, and he has not finished with us, as he continues moulding us to his will. We are still in his school of life, to pass into the everlasting life he has designed and promised in Jesus."* Under his hands we

have learned some lessons, which have brought us to this stage of life, and we are still learning to be continually formed in the perfect likeness of Jesus, until our last breath.

Of the many lessons we learned, we want to mention a few here, trusting that they will be a blessing to those who are called to serve him in this life.

We have learned to depend completely on God - to simply follow him with complete trust, even when we do not know what the future holds. That's how we learned to live out our officership. Knowing that we are not perfect, but in Jesus, by his grace, God has counted us perfect and has given us the opportunity to walk in his shadow, and this journey still will go on. Although we will not hold any position in the ranks of active officership, we remain faithful soldiers and remain in his service until we lay down our sword and happily cross over to the land where Jesus will receive us as victorious soldiers and messengers of God - just as Jesus said, *"the one who stands firm to the end will be saved"* (Matthew 24:13), and the Bible tells us to be faithful to Jesus even to the point of death, so that we receive our prize in heaven (Revelation 2:10).

Very importantly, we learned and agreed to completely submit to God's power and follow Jesus in every step of our lives. We are always aware of our weaknesses, but have complete confidence in God's power, and know for sure that we cannot do any good in our own strength but only by the power of Jesus Christ. We may be most imperfect people, but our Lord is supremely perfect. As the Potter, his gentle hands, once around you, will make you whatever he wants you to be. As Saint Paul said, *"I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation ... I can do all this through him who gives*

*me strength"* (Philippians 4:13).

We both, in unison, agree with what Saint Paul said in his letter to the early Christians in Corinth, about how Jesus's grace is sufficient for us and his power is made perfect in our weakness, and therefore we emptied ourselves, letting Christ's power rest on us, as we submit to him and to his authority over our lives (do read 2 Corinthians 12:9).

It was very important for us in our officership to learn to give the uttermost priority to the will of God in our lives. Most of us find it difficult to overcome the temptation to put personal ambition over the will and plan of God for our lives. The hierarchical system of our organization sometimes makes it easy to develop the wrong priorities, which are not from God, who called you into his service. From the very beginning of our officership, God showed and warned us how that kind of thinking would hinder our will merging into his will, and thus we would drift away from his plan for us and the mission in which he brought us to be partners with him. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:3-5).

Well, we could speak more of what we have learned throughout our journey, but let me say one most important thing, and that is: to respect the leaders, and without any complaint whatsoever, go where you are sent. This is one of the most difficult parts of life, and we can humbly confess, that by God's grace, we were able to successfully pass. All glory to God! We are thankful to the Holy Spirit for his gentle prompting, mentoring our souls, minds, and hearts to stick to the Calling and to God wherever we were sent, with only one purpose: to preach his gospel of God's kingdom and find joy in doing his will - even when things do not go according to what we may have desired and hoped for. We should allow God's Spirit to continually produce good work in and through us, to the very end (Philippians 1: 6). *"For we are*

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*God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10).*

We are grateful to many officers and soldiers who have been a good Christian influence on us on our journey of officership.

We pray and desire, that the youth, soldiers, and officers in all the territories in India, remain faithful to God and make the Salvation Army more alert and effectively active in its mission of saving souls, caring for the suffering community, and raising good leaders to continue God's Kingdom growth.

May God bless the Army and may the 'Blood and Fire' Salvationists and Officers grow in God's grace and keep the mission alive and growing even more than before.

We love Jesus, we love the Salvation Army, and are In available wherever God and the Army would need us. 🏡

## Retirement

### Commissioners Suresh Pawar & Martha Pawar

**Greetings on  
your honourable  
retirement!  
Wishing you and  
your family all the  
peace and happiness  
in this new chapter  
ahead.**

**Our Best wishes always with you.**

**National Executive Officer & Staff**



## From Zero to Hero

**T**hose considered of no worth, find their value in God of Heaven & Earth, no matter how useless for people they are, with the Lord above, shine like a star.

Often, the failures of our lives make us to become the victim of insults & taunts. Resulting in, being zero, as per people's perception sometimes. No matter, how much we've read or known that people's opinions don't matter, they reform our character & personality. Indeed, we start taking the initiative to be the one, people think or expect of us, leaving behind our originality.



I've seen people losing their authenticity, when not accepted for their real-selves. And if, people, just because of their one mistake or inability to achieve something start getting treated like a loser, they lose their confidence, charisma and get lost deeper into the thought that they are valueless and someone not needed to exist. As a consequence of which, many of them end their lives or get distracted from the greater purpose, God has set for them.

The real fact is, people get affected by the statements set for them, only when they prioritise human beings above God. And also, start seeing themselves from others' eyes rather than God's. However, there's something incredible in this as well I found, which could be the best explained through God's word from Matthew-19:30, "But many who are first will be last, and the last first." Hence, the interpretation of putting God's words for us should be kept above as compared to humans' because he rules the world. Only the one ruling the kingdom could decide who deserves to enter and



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who doesn't. Moreover, his words apparently justify that those considering themselves zero, will be the ones holding the first place.

So, we don't have to be worried or get affected of people's views of us, for he chose us even before our birth as per Jeremiah- 1:5, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Therefore, inspite of letting people play with our heart and mind, let us rejoice in the Lord always acknowledging that we reach eternity when we fulfil the commandments covering his horizon of mind. 🏡

# “God's co-worker in His service”

**D**ear comrade, we all know that the third John is a small book. In fact, it is the shortest book in the New Testament. As I was reading through this book, recently I read the apostle John's comments concerning those who were working and supporting in the early church, in verse 8, John wrote, “Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.” John reminds Gaius of the responsibility that Christians have in helping the work in the kingdom. He says it is something we ought to do. This verse speaks of an obligation to the kingdom's work.

Another interesting observation from that verse is that when we support the work of the kingdom, we become “co-worker” in God's service with others who are working. The same word is used thirteen times in the New Testament. An interesting use of the word is found in 1 Thessalonians 3:2 which reads, “and sent Timothy, our brother and God's co-worker in gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith.” The word is used here to describe Timothy who was a co-worker of God's service. When Timothy was a worker in the kingdom, not only was he a fellow worker with Paul, but he was “God's co-worker.” When we support a work in the kingdom such as this, we are (1) fellow workers with other Christians and (2) co-worker with God. What an amazing thought that I can be a co-worker with God. What an honor it surely is for each of us to be able to say that we are working alongside God in His kingdom, for His glory!

In 1 Corinthians 3:9 Paul wrote, “For we are God's co-workers; you are God's field, God's building. In this verse Paul wants to remind us

that we are the co-workers of God's gospel. Let us know His work in which we are the co-worker with Him, Matthew 28:19-20, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Being co-worker of His mission, it is our prior responsibility to preach the gospel and make the disciple in all the nation, so that people will accept Jesus through hearing his preaching and knowing His teachings. We all know that when Peter addressed (preached) the crowd, three thousand people accepted Jesus Christ and were added to their number on the same day. (Acts 2:40). What a powerful preaching was! It is possible only through the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray to Almighty Lord Jesus to fill us with the same power (Holy Spirit).

Let us start His work from ourselves. In the same chapter verse 16 says “that don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you.” Dear comrade, God's Spirit can surely live in us if God's temple is clean. Why David pleaded to God, “create in me a pure heart, O Lord.” Because he knew that his heart was not pure. Only a pure heart is able to preach and teach His gospel truthfully and boldly. Make the check list what are the weaknesses I have, on which I have to work to be His co-worker in His service.

Therefore, to be in Christian ministry is to serve others in some way—in any way—for Jesus Christ's name and for the sake of God's Glory. We need to prepare ourselves to be a good co-



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worker in His services because He needs dedicated co-workers which are few. Matthew 9:37 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

This should not be the case. After all, all Christians are called to the ministry of the word of God because all Christians are called to some sort of ministry or service.

Each of us is a minister or servant of Christ. We may not be teaching or preaching on the stage but we have a contribution one way or other. Some are co-workers in God's service with financial support. Others are co-workers by moral support. Some are co-workers by contributing the music, playing instruments, composing hymns etc. Whatsoever, God has given us the talents, it should be used to extend His kingdom.

Finally, Paul would like to remind us that each and every person has their own responsibility to extend his kingdom by their own efforts such as some one is ploughing the field, other one is planting the seed, others are watering but finally God is helping to bring fruits.

Dear comrade, what so ever, God has given you the talents so it for the Glory of God being a Co-worker in His service. The reward is in his hand for us. 🙏



# Cross road

# in Crossroads



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**R**enowned Pop Artist Singer, Ronan Keating, an Irish is not wrong to depict life as a “rollercoaster” in his one of billboard hit songs. Yes, life is a fusion of ups and downs and in that circle; it is realistic to say that life is full of choices. We spend our everyday lives making choice. Each day, every hour we are confronted by decisions. In other words, our life is the sum total of the entire decisions we make. We make choices and decisions; and depending on right choices and right decision making we ought to reach life goals and destinations. Indeed this makes decision making very vital and crucial. The same is also very applicable in our spiritual faith journey as we all hope for better destination beyond the river in heaven, beyond the realms and boundary of this tangible mother earth. However, to Dr. Fosdick the constant fear of human life is that of deciding. Hesitation and reluctance hold sway. At times we are situated in life-crossroads, sometimes or more often, we are burdened as to how decisions should be made. Usually when this happens, we want someone else to make decision for us, or at least help us make right decision. This business of making decisions is the hub of the wheel of life. Here the question for every Christian is- shall we have guts to make right decisions as Jesus wanted us to, in times that meet the tests of our faith when decisions are difficult and even unpopular? Are we willing to choose the cross road when life is situated in crossroads?

Generally speaking, we are frantic to making decision but this fear or uneasiness does not diminish the vitality of making decision in our lives; moreover, we cannot afford to avoid it. Whether we desire it or not, or if it's out of our plan, that does not matter, nature compels us to make decision anyhow at any cost. Decision making is a part of life and mandatory; we just cannot break away from it. In addition, the ability to decide is one of

the essentials in a vital philosophy of life. This progressively means choosing the good and the bad, the right and the wrong, the beautiful and the ugly, the virtues and the vulgarities of life, so on and so forth. Life goes on with decision making remains an ugly truth. Life gets made up with decisions simultaneously.

As the dawn of New Year, 2024 brings to us new aspirations, hopes, and fresh goals to achieve this year; we shall once again be strived or driven to make appropriate decisions and choices of our own corresponding to our goals to make our dreams and visions come true. We will keep on chasing and following our plans, dreams and visionary goals. To make things happen, we need to make decisions. Undoubtedly, for this reason thousands of decisions await us ahead this year. Of course, right decisions shall be made when they are easy. However, there will be certain numerous times and moments, where life leads us to crossroads, perhaps difficult circumstance situated us to make crucial decisions and decisions making ain't easy in those particular moments. As Christians, life will not always grant easy decisions for us to make. Sometimes decisions are not easy to make depending on life situations. For instance, Albert Schweitzer, a prolific theologian and coveted Noble Peace Prize awardee (1952) living in a hut in South Africa for his ideals; one of the most prominent Presidents of United States of America, Abraham Lincoln carrying on his shoulders the terrible burden of a nation engaged in brutal civil war- those men could testify to the price men pay for courageous decisions; well known Bible character, who led Israel out of Egypt, Moses the prophet refusing to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. Instead choosing to be mistreated and tortured along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time (Hebrews 11:244, 25).

As Christians living in the 21st Century, we must be wise, cautious and careful enough in making decision and choosing our path. Jesus, our Master and Saviour commands us to choose the cross road. Today, the world offers us many attractive things which seem to be good and pleasurable at first. But, on the contrary and at the end it only gives us bogus joy, corrupted wealth, uncertain future, insecurity, constant fear, chaos, shame and sorrow. At the beginning all these roads seem to be smooth, attractive and enticing, but in the end, it only shuns our hope, makes us despair and desolate. For sure, likewise there will be certain points in life we stand on the crossroads leaving us perplexed and baffled. Sometimes life will be confusing in the crossroads where we may not even know which path we should follow. At this very juncture, when decision making becomes uneasy and crucial, it is always important that we make the right choice, very vital we make the correct decision. For this, we must always take the narrow path, which the Scripture puts it as “crossroad”. The crossroad is narrow; it is a road of suffering, a road of crucifixion but a road to perfect destination. Therefore, Christians, walk carefully especially on crossroads. Be sober and wise not to make mistake in choosing your path. Always remember to choose the cross road in every crossroads in life this year. The cross road seems to be narrow and odd, but in reality, it is always safe and worth taking it.

Then he said to all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23) 

# The Salvation Army

## Motherless Babies Home, Aizawl Mizoram

**M**otherless Babies Home was established in the year 1952, which was located at Tuikual South, Aizawl, Mizoram. It was the first Orphanage Home known in Mizoram. The first person appointed to look after the home was Mr. Lalhminglana. Since 2014 It was under Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) which recently subsumed under Mission Vatsalaya. 90% were funded by the scheme and 10% from the State Govt. And it has the capacity of 25 children and Age group 0-10 yrs. There are two main Board committee in the Home which are Management Board (from the Govt), Expenditure Board and Management Board (From the Salvation



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careful investigation was done by the Case worker to make sure that if the parents were fit to take back the children or not. If not Child welfare committee extended their period of stay. There are two types of children :

Children in conflict with law and Children in need of care and protection. Children who were admitted to the Home are the children who are in need of care and protection. After staying till the age of 10 the children were transfer to the other homes who were fit to take up the children.

Counselor help the children by carrying out activities according to the children needs and counseling to both the Parents and Children and establish the linkages with voluntary workers and

organization to facilitate rehabilitation and social reintegration of the children to ensure the necessary follow up . Helps the

children improving their level education. Case worker maintains all the files of the children and prepare the case file of the child and different duties set by the Mizoram Juvenile Justice Act. Children were giving Diet and Nutrition in consultation of Dietician and follow Daily Routines set by the staffs. Children who were able to attend school were admitted to the School and go to school daily and they were given support by the staff in the Home. The Office staffs have case Investigation on regular basis, visits the children's relatives, pray for them and give them counseling on how to prepare themselves to look after their children after being restored from home. Also Home has part time doctor whom we call and consult as per needed.

There are some activities and programmes which we conducted yearly in Motherless Babies Home such as Sightseeing, Birthday Celebration, Montessori programmes, Free Medical/Dental Checkup, Orientation programme on water, sanitation and hygiene, Fellowship programme etc.

Much Hard work is really paid by the staff and especially the staff who were on a duty for 24x7 hours in elevating and bringing changes to the life of the children.

The main objectives of the home were to provide care, compassion, comfort and protection to the children and parents and restored to their family. Most of the children family came from the Lower Class who were drugs addict and alcohol abuser, so it's really challenging for the staff to transform them so we request you to support us and pray for the children and staff. 🍀



Army) and 11 staffs (Superintendent, Counselor, Case worker, Paramedical staff, Helper, Cook, Physical Trainer (PT Instructor), Home Mother and Driver) to look after the children from which 4 of the staffs were on a duty 24x7 hours. Recently there are 20 Children out of which 15 are Boys and 5 are Girls.

The children were admitted through Child Welfare Committee. Child Welfare Committee mostly admitted the children in the Home for the period of 1 year and after that a





# Through The Lord's Mercies, WE ARE NOT CONSUMED

“Mercy” is a strong and abundant word. The Bible uses a number of terms to express God's many dispositions. As such, it is a quality of God. The term is full of boundless energy that expresses God's love and compassion for His creation. Additionally, it shows how God's kindness faced human pain and sin on the cross, and how Jesus brought God's justice and mercy into harmony. Because of our transgressions, we should have died, but God is incredibly gracious and spared us from the punishment we deserved. God made Himself abundantly merciful to everyone who asked for pardon for their sins via the accomplished work of Jesus on the cross.

## GOD REVEALED HIS MERCY:

The most remarkable and significant element was that God spoke to Moses His immense mercy in His own words, *'the Lord, the Lord God merciful and gracious, longsuffering and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sins, by no means clearing the guilt; \_\_\_\_\_'* (Exodus 34:6-7). God's mercy reveals God's divine love. The prophet Micah also said, 'He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in His mercy (Micah 7:18).

## THE LORD IS ALWAYS MERCIFUL:

The Lord is merciful. He also enjoys showing mercy. This is a fundamental quality of God. According to the prophet Micah, *"the Lord delights in mercy."* (Micah 7:18). According to King David, the Lord is always merciful in all of his ways (Psalm 25:10). God's nature is continual mercy. It is unlimited (Psalm 25:6, Isaiah 54:8,10). The Lord's mercy exhibits pity on the afflicted on (Job 6:14), good deeds (Nehemiah 13:14) and good favour (Esther 2:17). God's mercy is always carries His love.

## MERCY REVEALS COMPASSION:

We can use the word “mercy” to refer to many forms of compassion. When someone begs you to “be merciful,” it means you should have sympathy for them. A tax collector appealed out to God in a parable told by Jesus, *"Be merciful to me a sinner while praying in the synagogue."* (St. Luke 18:3). The two blind men called out to Jesus and said, 'Have mercy on us, son of David (St. Matthew 9:27) on these two occasions, the word reveals compassion of God to be show on the needy ones.

## MERCY ROOTED IN THE COVENANT RELATIONSHIPS:

The scripture also reveals that the Lord does not deal with us as we deserve. Mercy has its

roots in His covenantal ties with people. He invites us to accept His mercy as He provides it to us. He is enveloping believers in His mercy (Psalm 32:10; Hosea 10:12). Furthermore, the definitions of Mercy and Grace (Caris), which are frequently interpreted as “loving kindness” or “goodness” in the Old Testament, are comparable. The Bible teaches that God is merciful, gracious, loving-kind, and giving. Those who have experienced God's love and mercy ought to repay the favour by being nice to their friends, family, and even adversaries (Colossians 3:12).

## GOD'S MANIFOLD MERCIES:

God is merciful in His dealings with humanity. King David in a desperate situation testified, 'I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand of the Lord for His mercies are great, but do not let me fall into the hands of man' (II Samuel 24:14). Children of Israel confessed praying 'yet in your manifold mercies you did not forsake them in the wilderness (Nehemiah 9:19) and again, they prayed, *'Nevertheless in Your great mercy, you did not utterly consume them nor forsake them, for you are God, gracious ad merciful'* (Nehemiah 9:31). David prayed, 'to the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him' (Daniel 9:9). Many in her adoration sang, 'And His mercy is on those who fear Him' (St. Luke 1:50). St. Paul declared that 'God is rich in His mercy' while writing to the saints in Ephesians Church. (Ephesians 2:4).

## WE NEED TO BE MERCIFUL TOWARDS OTHERS:

Sharing what the Lord gives us with others is something that God expects from us. Whether it's fresh start, riches, success, love, morality, or forgiveness, etc. the Lord says *'Execute true justice, show mercy and compassion, everyone to his brother (Zechariah 7:9). Jesus'* emphasized saying, 'to have justice and mercy while paying tithe of mint and anise and cumin' (St. Matthew 23:23). Jesus also said 'therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful (St. Luke 6:36).

## WE NEED TO PRAY FOR GOD'S MERCY:

God is such a kind and generous being. God demonstrated His complete love for us on the cross. God loves us with all of His heart, soul, and power. St. Paul counsels Christians to ask for mercy. He said, *'Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.'* (Hebrew 4:16). In His Sermon on the Mount Jesus declared, *'blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy'* (St. Matthew 5:7)



**Rev. Dr. N. L. Victor**, O.F., CSM  
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## MERCYAN ATTITUDE, WE NEED TO IMBIBE:

What God required from us revealed in a prophecy declared by Prophet Micah which reveals 'He has shown you O man what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do just to love mercy And to walk humbly with your God' (Micah 6:8). The Bible reveals that God's servant waited long and prayed for mercy. Nehemiah (Nehemiah 13:22), Job (Job 9:15), King David (Psalm 4:1; 6:2; 26:11), A Canaan Woman (St. Matthew 15:22), Another father for his epileptic son (Matthew 17:15), Tax Collector (St. Luke 18:13), a blind man (Luke 18:38) and soon.

## JESUS IS MERCIFUL AND FAITHFUL HIGH PRIEST:

Jesus' life is replete with acts of mercy that demonstrate His loyalty, compassion, love, and sacrifice. He offered atonement for the people's sins in His capacity as High Priest.

## MERCY SEAT:

One of the most holy places in the temple, accessible exclusively to the High Priest, was the uppermost section of the Ark of the Covenant. Here, the children of Israel were promised pardon by the presence of God. Here, God appears and talks (Exodus 26:34). The Mercy Seat is positioned in front of the altar in the Salvation Army, where repentant sinners bow down to ask for God's pardon.

Dear Readers, I pray that the Holy Spirit would enable you to experience more of God's mercy as you read this piece of writing. God be with you. 🙏

# The way you should go

*"You will know which way to go since you have never been this way before": - Joshua 3:4*  
*"I am the Lord your God who teaches you what is best for you who directs you in the way you should go"*  
 - Isaiah 48:17

**B**y the boundless grace of God, we have been given one more year to live on. In this occasion we are bound to do two things, first to express our unlimited gratitude from the very bottom of our heart for the divine caring throughout the year gone by, second let us pray for the grace and blessings to lead a triumphant Christian life in the new year from the beginning up to the end.

*"Road Not Taken"*, an English poem depicts the picture of the traveller who stands at a cross-road from where he cannot take the right decision which way he should go. Likewise, sometimes, we may not be able to take the right decision how to proceed our journey of life. We may be uncertain, unaware and undecided of our future. In such critical moments we need to trust in God putting our problems before him with prayers, hopefully awaiting the guidance.

There are people who look upon future fearfully; but as far as a believer is concerned, the kindness and compassion of God will surround him.

We have a divine promise that will encourage us at times of turmoil, "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed says the Lord who has compassion on you" - Isaiah 54:10 Even though we have to pass through the valley of disappointment and depression and failure, *"I will fear no evil for you are with me"* - Psalms 23:4

Here let me share my personal experience that God has eared for me in my failure. In my student days I failed miserably in the SSLC exam. Unfortunately, I didn't have the finance for private tuition. What I did was, I

trusted God, each day I learned my subjects prayerfully. I appeared for the exam again and by the grace of God I was able to pass. What God has done was quite amazing. Later on, God placed me as a teacher in Government Service teaching in SSLC class for Twenty-Three years. God also blessed me not only with postgraduate degree in English but also master's degree and double doctorate degrees in theology.

God will enable us to go through the proper way in the new year. To this end, let us take a new decision, arise cry out in the night, at the watches of the night begin, pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord - Lamentations 2:19. There are 30,000 promises in the Bible which if we believe, God will do miracles through it. General William Booth, Founder for the Salvation Army, spoke his last words in his death-bed *"God's promises are true only if we believe"*.

Here is a personal promise of encouragement in Isaiah 43:2,3 *"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and when you pass through the rivers they will not sweep over you when you walk through the fire, you will not be burned, flames will not get you ablaze, for I am the Lord, your God, the holy one of Israel, your saviour"*. Here the particular terms *"Water"*, *"Flame"* represents the hard realities of life which will not harm us, on the contrary, *God will enable us to tide over it"*.

Now being the threshold of a new year, let us make a retrospective look of the previous year thereby if we had committed any wrong, repent over it and confess before God and get reconciled. Let our thoughts and words and deeds be pleasing to God. Let our financial dealing be pleasing to God. Let our behaviour at home and society be pleasing to God. Let our worship be pleasing to God rather than mere lip-service Let our day-to-day relationship with God be our lifestyle. Let us be thankful to God for what we have. Let us try to be *"Spiritual Personality"* in the new year. Let prayer and praising rise above every day from our homes. Let our home be shadows of heaven.



**Dr. P. J. Abraham**  
 India South Western Territory

Sadhu Sunder Singh, while he was on an evangelical tour in England, one day he took shelter at the doorstep of a house as it was raining. Meanwhile a little girl from inside the house came out and watched Sadhu carefully. She went in, told her mother, Mummy, a man like Jesus is standing at our doorstep.

Could they be able to see Jesus, those who look at you? Let the attitude of Jesus be with you (Philippians 2:5). Jesus didn't have the attitude of personal grudge. Jesus didn't have the attitude of arrogance. Jesus didn't have the attitude of discrimination.

Once you are in Christ you are entirely different from others. You are a letter from Christ that others may read-2 Corinthians 3:3. In other words you are a reflection of Christ.

Our life on the earth is very short and we fly away soon - Psalms: 90:10 and so let us lead our life pleasing God and doing good for others.

River Jordan stood in the way of Israel on their exodus, and they had to cross it, but in order to know the proper way they had to follow the *"ark of covenant"* carried by priests.

The year 2024 is a new way as we have never been before, let us proceed our journey looking unto God. In Joshua 3:4 a warning is there, *"you will know which way to go since you have never been this way before"*. ☺





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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."

# Hallelujah in Hell

Recently we have been to the famous nature-wonder and tourist destination Borra Caves. This is situated 90 Km away from Vizaghapattanam, Andhra Pradesh, India. Borra Caves (Borra in Telugu means Hole) is 150 million year old limestone caves, largest and deepest in the country at an altitude of 1400 meters and occupying an area of 2 Sq.Km. and 80 m deep! It was our first experience to go down deep into the crust of the earth!

While I was inside the dark deep pit so many thoughts flashed through my mind.

First and foremost was about Hell. We normally are over-burdened with the concept of Hell.

Let me share some of my thoughts inside the Borra Caves.

1. Jesus visiting the hell (hades) on the following day of Good Friday. Ephesian 4:9 Now this "*He ascended*"- what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth...where there is weeping and gnashing (Matthew 13:42) ... where the need to preach the gospel for those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit (1 Peter 4:6)

2. A classic example came to my mind was that of a Bishop's remark, a compliment, about salvationists, in a meeting hosted in honour of The General of the Salvation Army, at Kowdiar, ISW, years back. The Bishop remarked that "it is quite difficult to find salvationists in Heaven, because they would be busy at the front gate of Hell, preaching the Gospel! The Bishop had been complimenting the Salvationist's enthusiasm for Open-Airs!

3. The story of the unnamed rich man in hell yearning to wet his throat by the hands of the poor man Lazarus, whom he discarded on his earthly life but now enjoying peace on the bosom of Abraham in Heaven.

4. The common phrase, "*what the hell he's doing out there*".

The cave is being visited by young and old, hundreds in number. One of the



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main attraction inside the cave is the reverberating echo effect. The youngsters used to scream and shout aloud in full throat so as to make their voice resounded in the cave, making the atmosphere utterly chaotic. A different thought came to my mind. Being a musician, I thought, why can't I make this chaotic atmosphere changed with some divine piece of music. I had a bamboo flute in my bag. I took it out and started playing a common tune, which is emotionally received in India over the centuries, the National Song "**Vande Mataram**"!

My idea was to get the attraction of the randomly moving public who was making all kinds of noises possible. Immediately I felt, it had brought a silence. Many youngsters looking at me in amusement and they might have thought, "*what the hell he is doing out there*"! Ha! Ha! Taking advantage of the situation, I immediately started PLAYING THE GOSPEL TUNE "*How Great Thou Art*"! and shouted Hallelujah! The mellifluous bamboo music and the shout of praise echoed in the changed atmosphere. I am not sure, how many of the passers- by had recognized the tune. But I was sure that a pinch of solace and divine presence had swept into many a hearts. There is no specific space or time to be a witness of Jesus. It was a "Heaven came down and Glory filled my soul"-experience for me.

Hallelujah! The angels are praising God and the Heavens resounding incessantly!

Hallelujah! Is also a word that could change the hell-like situation to a heavenly one. 🙏

# Coimbatore District Youth Camp 2023

The Salvation Army-ISET, Coimbatore District conducted the District Youth Camp 2023 for the revival of the youngsters of Coimbatore District on 22nd & 23rd of October 2023 based on the theme: *"Prepare to meet thy God"* at TSA, CRC Centre, Surrenden, Coonoor and it was presided over by the Coimbatore District Officer Major J. Vethamano. On this amazing camp our Secretary for Personnel Administration Lt. Colonel R. Aruldas and Territorial Youth Secretary Captain S. Arul Sasi Balan were the chief guests and around 37 youths attended this camp.

The District Officer welcomed the chief guests, guest speakers, officers and the youths. In his introductory speech he mentioned the words "Come to the Lord - Ask and receive, See the way of the Lord - He will lift you up, Know the Lord - You will have a new life" from the Scripture portion Isaiah 55:1-13. After his warm welcome, the camp was inaugurated by lighting the candle by the DDWM, Major P. Stella Mary. After this the Territorial Youth Secretary focused on the Bible portion Amos 4:12 and delivered the keynote address on the topic: *"Prepare to meet your God because He is your God, your Friend and your Hero."*

Followed by the inaugural meeting Mrs. Shoba Shalini spoke about Depression and Loneliness. In her speech she mentioned that *"If you have Jesus Christ as your friend there will be no depression or loneliness in your life"*. These words inspired the youths to come out from the depression and loneliness. And after this session the Territorial Youth Secretary taught about *"Being a Disciple of Christ"*. In his oration he mentioned that *"a disciple should be a learner, an apprentice and should hold his Masters word"*. From these words the youths gained an understanding about the



disciples of Jesus Christ. Afterwards Secretary for Personnel Administration spoke about *"Following Christ in Today's World"*. In his speech he described that we should follow Jesus Christ since No one ever born like Him, No one ever lived like Him, No one ever taught like Him, No one ever work like Him, No one ever died like Him. Next to this session a Career Guidance was given by Mrs. J. Vani Brisco. After this session a Bible Study on Timothy was taken by Lieutenant J. Ruben Raj.

As a part of this camp a Group Prayer Session was led by Lieutenant K. R. Priyadarshini. In this prayer session youths were divided into groups and they prayed for different prayer subjects fervently and with tears. A campfire and the cultural program were led by Captain G. Arul Raj. Youths were articulated their wonderful talents and glorified God. At the end of this event, youths wrote down their sins in a small piece of paper and burnt in the blazing fire as a symbol to confess and leave those sins. In between the sessions Bible Contests and Games were conducted and the prizes were distributed to the winners to cheer up the youths.

Finally, the camp was concluded with the Spiritual Meeting. Our Secretary for Personal Administration gave the sermon on the topic *"If you want to meet your*

*God, you should be a Disciple of Jesus Christ, a Friend of Jesus Christ and a Witness to Jesus Christ"* based on the Scripture portion John 15:8-27 and he prayed for the youths to live a holy life. Around 30 youths offered themselves before the mercy seat. During the final meeting, the youth shared their experiences that the camp gave them an opportunity to spend more time with God, helped them learn how to follow Jesus Christ, and through this camp, God helped them to confess their sins and get counselling to get rid of stress and depression.

This Youth Camp made an impact on the youths to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and to meet Him. The youths also committed themselves to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

All the arrangements for this camp was made by the District Officer along with the Corps Officers and Y. P. Local Officers.

To God be the glory and honour. 🙏

**Lieutenant. M. Vinoth Martin**  
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India South-Eastern Territory



**"No reform is possible unless some of the educated and rich voluntarily accept the status of the poor, travel third, refuse to enjoy the amenities denied to the poor and, instead of taking avoidable hardships, discourtesies and injustice as a matter of course, fight for their removal."**

**— Mahatma Gandhi**



# Victorious New Year 2024



**Advocate Priyadarshini Palmer**  
Maninagar Corps, Ahmedabad Division  
India Western Territory

**O**ur Almighty God is desiring from us to live victoriously in this New Year 2024 and we can! We can live without hopelessness, fear, and utter frustration in the New Year before us if we are committed to Christ and confident of all His promises to us. To live in victory in we need to follow God's plan for us, because the Christian knows that each day is really about a living in a relationship with the living Savior.

We read in 2 Corinthians 1:1-11 ...

In this text, we note that Paul deals with the subject of suffering, and certainly he knew all about the subject personally and frequently. So, exactly how did Paul continue victoriously through every hardship? In viewing this, we can learn how we too can face the future with assurance and peace.

There are several things we need in our lives to ensure a great New Year.

Paul relates how he has been going through a great deal of suffering, and it is apparent that the previous year had not been an easy one for him but note that he has not lost any hope of salvation. Why? He is confident because salvation is not dependent on the conditions under which we live. You see, Paul had something that the world could not take from him because the world had not given it to him. In Romans 8:28-39:

In verse 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who

loved us. Verse 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, verse 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Clearly the Lord means for us to live in assurance of four things:

1. His presence
2. His power
3. His plan
4. His permanence

Nothing - absolutely nothing - can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord!

In Philippians 4:4-13 we discover anew that the peace of God is ours - a peace which goes beyond understanding; and furthermore, the God of peace Himself is with us:


To live well in this New Year, we must keep our God-given responsibilities in the forefront of our minds and hearts. Doing this will assist in helping us concentrate on the positives rather than wallowing in the negatives of life. You see, when we are walking with Jesus, doing according to His will, and bringing Him glory, a peace surrounds us that life cannot steal from us.

Paul had faced a very difficult period in his life before writing the letter from which we read today. Yet, during all his troubles, he writes with confidence and determination. He did so because He had been walking with Jesus.

## Conclusion

A man was working on a building one night when he slipped and fell, but he was able to hold on to a concrete lip on the building with the tips of his fingers. He cried for help, but amid the noise of the equipment no one could hear him. Finally, in total exhaustion, he let go and plunged six inches to a ledge that he did not realize was just below him. The man was only six inches away from peace and yet he was holding on it in dreadful fear of falling to his death.

Are we living as if we are holding on in life by our finger tips? There is no need for that. Just let go! God is there and you can live in peace. You may say, "Preacher, you don't know what I'm going through." No, I don't, but I know who is with us as believers. I know He will never fail us, and I know we are "going through" and not standing still! If we do these things, we can and will have victory in this New Year.

He is calling us to Him - Now let us come to Him! 

# 16 DAYS ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE 2023

**1** 6 Days Activism against Gender-Based Violence: 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, which took place from 25 November to 10 December 2023, with the theme: "UNITE, Activism to end violence against women and girls" in the India South Eastern Territory.

Senior men and women leaders shared the importance of this campaign to conduct in every centre. Every centre was decorated with orange colour, women, girls, and men and young boys were seen dressed in orange and holding banners, placards, balloons, caps which looked to show solidarity towards the community the brightness of the present to everyone to



enjoy their rights.

All these 16 days themes are given throughout the territory without fail. All the Divisions, Districts, Extensions and institutions, a total of 25 centres focused on raising awareness about violence against women and girls. Every centre invited related Government Officials, Social welfare departments, and Police departments to speak on domestic and workplace violence, the gender-related killing of women

and girls and human rights of the women and girls this campaign brought awareness on advocacy efforts and shared the knowledge and innovations. A tremendous move took place in every grassroots community through the dances, playing skits and debates.

The active participation of men and women brought mixed feelings in the community. We also showed solidarity with the women and girls whose life was destroyed, and taken away, and prayed for the victims of the families. Fight as much as we can, looking forward to the End of the violence. 🏡

**Captain Thaya Anusuro**  
TWDO, India South Eastern Territory

## RETIRED OFFICERS CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP ON 18-12-2023 AT BAPATLA CENTRAL HALL, ICT

**G**reetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

It was a gorgeous and historical sight to see our retired officers attending the Retired Officers Christmas Fellowship, that was conducted on 18th December 2023, in Bapatla Central Corps.

Territorial Leaders Colonel Yaqoob Masih, Territorial Commander, Colonel Sumitra Masih TPWM had conducted this meeting supported by Lt Colonel M Abraham Lincoln Secretary for Personnel Administration and Major Ch Sharon Rani OIC Retired Officers. We have 194 Retired Officers in our territory and 130 retired Officers attended this fellowship.

Every year in the month of December we are conducting this Retired Officers Fellowship in order to encourage and to share the Christian Joy and Happiness with our retired officers. The Retired Officers participated enthusiastically and felt very happy to meet their friends and co-officers who worked together. This is a time of reunion and grand opportunity for all of them. Lt. Colonel M. Abraham Lincoln, Secretary for Personnel led this meeting, Colonel Sumitra Masih shared Christmas greetings and some of the Retired Officers shared their Testimonies and Glorified God. Major Sharon Rani read



Annual Newsletter about Retired Officers.

as Christmas Gift.

Lt. Colonel B. Joseph, Secretary for BA, shared about the financial position of our Territory. Colonel Yaqoob Masih, Territorial Commander, expound the Word of God from Luke 2:1-11. Particularly Territorial Commander emphasised about the Birth of Jesus Christ.

It was a beautiful sight that the Retired officers performed the wonderful skit of Nativity. Some of them sang special songs, shared testimonies and actively participated in the program. Territorial Leadership had Presented Rs.10,500/- and Hot water kettle to each couple

All the Divisional leaders, District Officers and Area Officers attended this Retired Officers Fellowship. Territorial Commander concluded this meeting with prayer and benediction. Christmas Love feast was served to all by the Divisional Commander of Bapatla. Through this wonderful meeting, everyone received the blessings of the Lord. All Glory to God. 🏡

**Major Ch. Sharon Rani**  
Officer In charge for Retired Officers  
THQ, India Central Territory



## THE TERRITORIAL TIMBREL COMPETITION -2023 INDIA SOUTH EASTERN TERRITORY



**O**n December 30th, 2023, a remarkable event unfolded at BTMC in Nagercoil – The Territorial Level Timbrel Competition, orchestrated by The Salvation Army - Women's Ministries, ISET. The atmosphere was graced by our esteemed Territorial Leaders, Commissioner John Kumar Dasari, and Commissioner Mani Kumari Dasari, joined by Lt. Colonel Lalbulliana, Chief Secretary, and Lt. Colonel Lalnunhlui, TSWM.

first prize, followed by the Marthandam Division securing the second position and the Nagercoil Division standing tall in third place. Every young girl was filled with the spirit of God and performed their skills. They expressed their gratitude to the Salvation Army which brought them great fellowship.

Every participant was acknowledged for their exceptional efforts with an individual certificate and trophy, a tangible symbol of their dedication. Let's cherish and uphold the significance of our Timbrel, a proud emblem within The Salvation Army. May the Lord Shower blessings upon our Army, guiding future generations to carry forward these cherished traditions

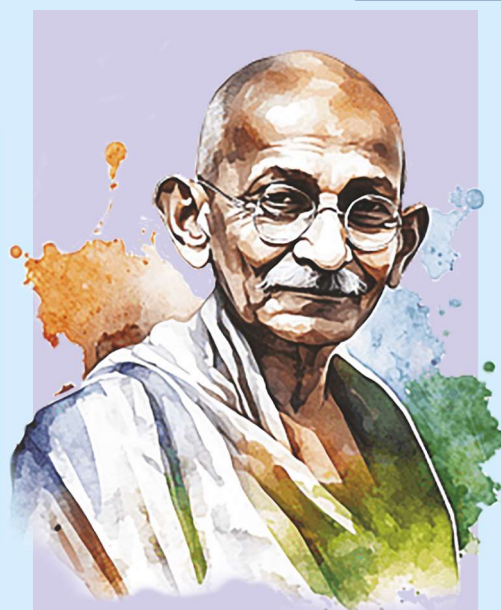


In this historic gathering, approximately 200 vibrant young girls showcased their impressive Timbrel performances. The competition brought forth a burst of talent and enthusiasm. The Thuckalay Division emerged victorious, clinching the

and practices.



**Captain Thaya Anusuro**  
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India South Eastern Territory



**Let the first act of every morning be to make the following resolve for the day:**

- I shall not fear anyone on Earth.
  - I shall fear only God.
  - I shall not submit to injustice from anyone.
  - I shall conquer untruth by truth.
- And in resisting untruth,**
- I shall put up with all suffering.

**– Mahatma Gandhi**

**UPCOMING  
PROGRAMMES**



### NATIONAL OFFICE PROGRAMMES

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| 01-02 February 2024 | : | B.Th. Assessment for ISWT Training College, Trivandrum |
| 03-04 February 2024 | : | B.Th. Assessment for ISET Training College, Nagercoil  |
| 07-09 February 2024 | : | Risk Management Workshop for Sri Lanka at Colombo      |
| 16 February 2024    | : | Coimbatore Property Management Visit                   |
| 20-22 February 2024 | : | National Finance & Statutory Workshop, Kovalam         |
| 28-29 February 2024 | : | Property Company Visit, ISET                           |



# Report on National Youth Leaders' Conference

**I**t was an immense honour and pleasure to be a part of the National Youth Leaders Conference held on 23rd -25th November 2023 at The Salvation Army HRD Centre, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. 17 Delegates across 6 Indian Territories attended the Conference.

This conference was inaugurated by lighting the candles which were conducted by Colonel S. P. Simon National Executive Officer and Colonel Annamma Simon, Secretary for Women's Development supported by Colonel Yaqoob Masih, Territorial Commander and Colonel Sumitra Masih, TPWM of India Central Territory, Captain Charles Chalrimawia, Secretary for Youth & Children and Captain Aseervadam Cheeli, National Business Secretary for Company and Association.

The conference commenced with a "Keynote Session" by Colonel Yaqoob Masih Territorial Commander, ICT who led us into - How the Youth Ministry can be upgraded and how delegates should become role models for others in speech, conduct, love and faith.

Colonel S. P. Simon after inaugurating and candle lighting spoke a very important topic

help the youth grow their relationship with God and help others find God's purpose in their life.

Colonel Annamma Simon, Secretary for Women's Development walked us through Human Emotions that helps to understand how children and youth should manage and respond to emotions.

Captain Charles Chalrimawia spoke on important topics like Understanding Youth Culture, Youth Empowerment and Engagement, Discipleship and Mentoring and a brief introduction on Child Protection. He explained the 5Es formula - Explore, Engage, Empower, Establish and Extend the youth.

The youth play a vital role in influencing the life of the Children and Young Christian Community. With this conference, the youth leaders gathered envisioned the deep importance of the diverse presence of youth



actively participated in the discussion that led to a fruitful conversation which covered how training should be given to children and youth via Bible quizzes/elocution competitions, camping, revival/spiritual meetings, TED talks, seminars on career guidance, upgrading technology, conducting youth conference at divisional and territorial level.

On the final day, Colonel Annamma Simon, Secretary for Women's Development encouraged the delegates to be Youth leaders like "Jonathan" who was courageous and had a strong faith in the Lord and trusted the Lord would act on our behalf about 1 Samuel 14:6:16. This was followed by a Technology and Social Media Ministry Session conducted by Mr. Winston Thambi, Media Analyst and also a faithful soldier who spoke on how the youth can actively collaborate technology for the accomplishment of the mission of the Salvation Army in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

'Come bless the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord' resonated with the leading of Salvation Music Squad, Chennai Central Corps, ICT who led us powerfully with the Holy Spirit's presence through their praise and worship moment.

To conclude, Colonel S. P Simon enlightened us to Arise and take up this opportunity and Act responsibly as we depart to our Territories with a new vision, spirit and grace of the Lord referring to John 15:5-10.

Praise and Glory be to God alone, AMEN! 🕊️

**Miss Nisha Salvi**  
Vishrantwadi Corps, Pune Division  
India Western Territory



on "The Biblical Stand of Youth Ministry" and encouraged the delegates on the Accountability of souls and good relationships with God and others.

Captain Aseervadam Cheeli, National Business Secretary for Company & Association emphasized on how to become an "Effective Youth Leader" and the importance of "Servant Leadership." He motivated the delegates to be a combination of leadership and commitment to Christian principles and values that will

the talent of every individual and uplift for the glory of God and to bring others to Christ, to use technology and online tools to collaborate and work towards strengthening the mission of the Army, to initiate new programs that involve youth participation.

Group Discussion was conducted to incorporate topics around youth engagement, challenges the youth faces and how they can it be overcome. Delegates