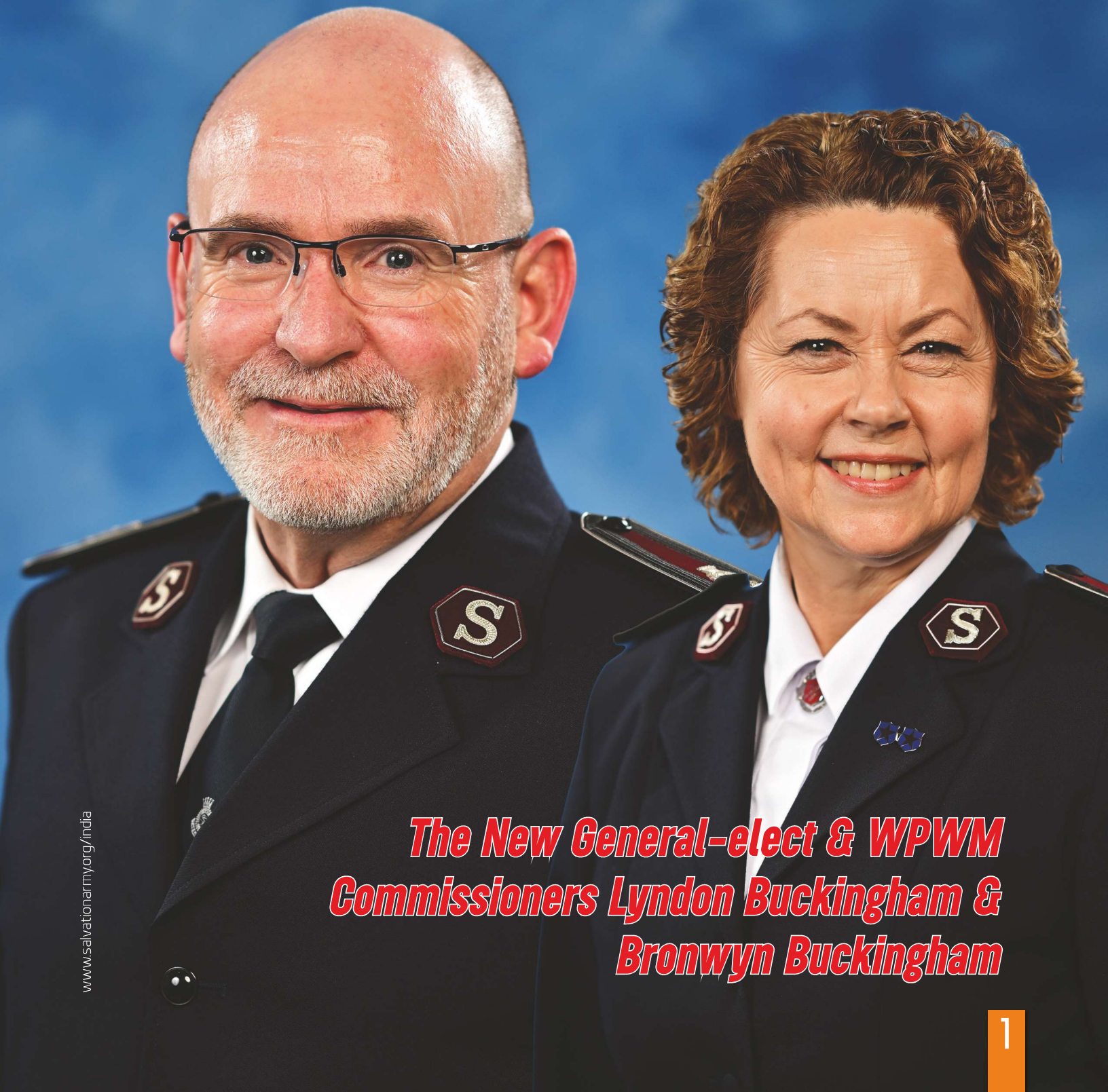




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FATHER – A SON'S FIRST HERO & A DAUGHTER'S FIRST LOVE

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An 80-year-old man was sitting on the sofa in his house along with his 45-year-old highly educated son. Suddenly a crow perched on their window. The Father asked his son, "What is this? The Son replied, "It is a crow". After a few minutes, the father asked his son the 2nd time, "What is this? The Son said "Father, I have just now told you "It's a crow". After a little while, the old Father again asked his son the 3rd time, what is this?"

At this time some expression of irritation was felt in the son's tone when he said to his father with a rebuff. "It's a crow, a crow, a crow". A little after, the father again asked his son the 4th time, "What is this? "This time the son shouted at his father, "Why do you keep asking me the same question again and again, although I have told you so many times 'IT IS A CROW'. Are you not able to understand this?"


A little later the father went to his room and came back with an old, tattered diary, which he had maintained since his son was born. On opening a page, he asked his son to read that page. When the son read it, the following words were written in the diary: - "Today my little son aged three was sitting with me on the sofa, when a crow was sitting on the window. My Son asked me 23 times what it was, and I replied to him all 23 times that it was a Crow. I hugged him lovingly each time he asked me the same question again and again 23 times."

Father – it's not a word but there is a huge feeling in it. For his children, a father is the first hero, first love, and guide. Most of the



time children don't recognise the hardships that fathers face to make them smile. Who is the person who can sacrifice everything for the sake of children's smiles? It's only father! Yes, Father is the only person who sacrifices his own dreams for the sake of his family. He keeps on working just to make them free from all burdens and keep them happy. He is the only person who always hides his worries and pains himself and tries to share happiness.

When one man gets married, he becomes the head of the family, and all burdens shift upon him. He never lets anyone know the struggles he is facing instead he always smiles back at his children. A father's sacrifices are immeasurable. Every child remains lifelong indebted to his parents for bringing him up, for making him educated, for helping him in getting a job and getting him married, and for opening a fresh chapter of life. They have always showered their selfless love on me. They crossed all mountains and valleys without seeing the storm and heat to make me a person presentable in society today".

Earthly fathers resemble our Heavenly Father who is perfect in love. He loves us unconditionally, provides for our needs, guides us along life's journey and there is a comforting promise that will never leave us or forsake us. God has entrusted men with a great responsibility to spiritual leadership in their families. May God grant all wisdom and strength to our fathers to stand for the good of our families and the glory of God. 

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He Calls and Waits for Us

That is the Heart of our Heavenly Father

Recently, in my personal morning devotions, I have been reflecting on the nature of God's Fatherhood in his calling us into his glorious work of heaven on earth. Through the pages of the Bible we can see many attributes of our Father God, such as: Loving (John 3:16), Forgiving (1 John 1:9), Merciful (Ephesians 2:4-5), Caring (Matthew 6:25-34), Ever-present (Psalm 46), Powerful (Psalm 93), Provider (Philippians 4:19), Protector (Matthew 10:29-31), Comforter (2 Corinthians 1:3-4), Father who disciplines (Hebrew 12:10), and the list goes on.

God is a good Father and he expects his children to be good as he is good. The ultimate example of an obedient and loving Son is Jesus Christ, God's Son. God the Father sent him into this world to die on the cross, in our place, to save us from everlasting death, which is everlasting destruction and life without God. When Jesus was only 12 years of age, and had not yet commenced his ministry for the kingdom of God, he declared the purpose of his life on earth. Mary and Joseph, thinking that they had lost their twelve-year son on the way from the temple in Jerusalem, were searching for Jesus. When they found him, they threw parental questions to him, to which Jesus replied, "Why were you searching for me? Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's House?" (Luke 2:49).

Jesus willingly responded to God's call and took steps on his way to willingly take his place on the cross, and to die in our place, pleasing his heavenly Father. As the word of God says, 'Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us' (Romans 5:7-8).

God's work of reconciling people to him, and transformation; establishing his righteousness in hearts and establishing his kingdom in lives through faith in Jesus, is to continue until Jesus' second coming. For this purpose, God calls you and me, and expects us to please him by responding to his holy call as Jesus did. He calls us to be God's partners in building his kingdom, following the example of Jesus (Hebrew 3:1-6).

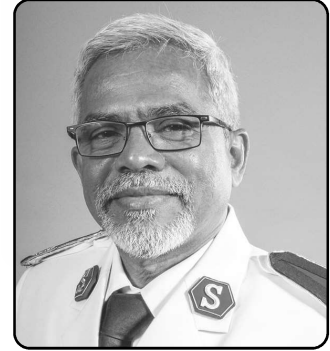
It is always a joy when we see people, especially young people, respond to God's call to his service, even to serve him as officers of the Salvation Army. There are some who know that God is calling them, but they prefer to do other things. It was such a joyous occasion to see many young people make the decision to serve God at the National Youth Congress held in Hyderabad last year. During our recent visit to

India Western Territory, as we were waiting outside the church for the holiness meeting to start, one of the officers insisted that we visit his family. We had no time to visit, but because he insisted so strongly, I could not resist. As soon as I entered the house, the officer handed me his mobile phone. His son was on the other end, waiting to speak to me. The young man told me how he had drifted away from his response to God's call that he had made in the Youth Congress. He was attracted by various worldly things, but then he remembered the message of the congress, and heard the voice of God in his heart to be faithful and not give up. He decided to say 'no' to worldly pleasure and turn to Jesus, and he felt that the love of God had been patiently waiting for him.

In Indian families, the father is seen as the main person who decides the future of the children. Although the culture is now slowly changing, we do still see the struggle in the family between what children want to do versus what parents want their children to do. In most circumstances, children are forced to bend their desire to what their father or mother wants for them. But God the Father is gracious and although he does have his plan for us, he is happier when we willingly respond to his call.

Many young people in our communities and in our churches behave like the prodigal son described by Jesus in the parable recorded in Luke 15:11-32. The prodigal son chose a life that took him away from his father and to a miserable life, wasting all that he had received from the father, and becoming completely empty and hopeless. One good thing he did: he decided to go back to his father, although not knowing whether or not his father would accept him back. But once he took this step of repentance and faith in his father, he was able to find forgiveness, acceptance and restoration. The father of the prodigal son demonstrated the Fatherly heart of our God, which is greater than any human father.

We also meet with the kind of people Jesus described in his parable of the father who had two sons (Matthew 21:28-32). The father is a farmer who one day asks one of his sons to work in the vineyard. The son expressed his unwillingness to do that, but later changed his mind and went to work that day in the vineyard, as his father had desired of him. At the same time, the father also asked his other son to work in the vineyard, and instantly the son made his commitment, but later he changed his mind, and did not follow through with the commitment he had made to his father. This parable again suggests the fatherly heart of God: although he




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calls us to serve him, he always wait for our response. He gives us freedom to respond or not. Surely, whatever decision we make has consequences. Either we find our place within God's plan and in the kingdom of God, or we ignore God's call and lose our heritage in his kingdom.

God, our Heavenly Father, always calls us with the desire that we love him and share in his will for our lives. He lovingly waits until we respond. He never gives up on us. For his will has always been good for us, as his word promises, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you..." (Jeremiah 29:11-14).

Do not ignore God's call to you. It may be that he is calling you out of sin, or maybe calling you to come under his grace to receive the salvation he freely gives to you - for he gave his only begotten Son, and if you confess and accept Jesus in your life you will have everlasting life. You may be one who is not able to respond to His calling. He is a loving Father and waits for you to convince your heart to respond to him with your free will.

One danger is always there: that we may lose the opportunity to respond and be lost in this world of sin and darkness forever. Do not take God's grace for granted. It is always wise to be like Jesus and respond to the call of our Heavenly Father. Hear him saying to you "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me" (Revelation 3:20). 

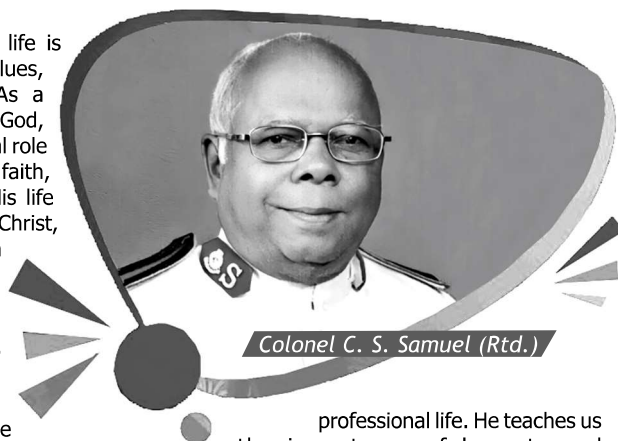
My Father – A Real Model of Christian Parent

A father's role in a child's life is crucial, shaping their values, beliefs, and character. As a Christian father and servant of God, my father has been an exceptional role model, displaying unwavering faith, compassion, and selflessness. His life reflects the teachings of Jesus Christ, making him a true model of a Christian father. On the special occasion of Father's Day, I will delve into the various aspects of my father's character that make him such an admirable and influential figure in my life. Having accepted the divine call, he not only as a parent but also as a servant of God laid a significant influence upon my life.

One of the defining qualities of my father is his deep-rooted faith and unwavering devotion to God. He lives out his Christian beliefs in every aspect of his life. His commitment to regular prayer, Bible study, and worship is an inspiration to our entire family. From an early age, my father taught me the importance of cultivating a personal relationship with God and relying on Him in all circumstances. He encouraged us to trust in God's plan and seek His guidance in every decision we make. Through his consistent example, he has instilled in me a strong foundation of faith that continues to shape my life. Having such strong faith and vast experience, he wrote many books with his biblical knowledge, helping many younger generations to live out their faith in Jesus.

My father's compassion and empathy towards others are truly remarkable. He possesses a genuine concern for the well-being of those around him and goes out of his way to lend a helping hand. Whether it's volunteering at our local church or assisting those in need, he consistently demonstrates Christ's love in action. His compassion extends beyond our immediate family to embrace our neighbours, friends, and even strangers. He teaches us the importance of loving others unconditionally, just as Jesus did. His kindness and generosity serve as a constant reminder of the impact we can have on the lives of others through simple acts of love and compassion. His act of compassion is still recognized by many of his Cadets who got trained as officers during his principalship.

Integrity and honesty are values that my father holds dear. He believes in living a life of transparency and authenticity. His words align with his actions, and he consistently demonstrates integrity in his personal and



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professional life. He teaches us the importance of honesty and accountability, emphasizing that our character is defined not by what we say but by how we live. My father's commitment to truthfulness has had a profound impact on me, shaping my own moral compass and guiding me to make choices that reflect my Christian beliefs.

As the head of our family, my father embraces his role as a leader with grace and humility. He understands that true leadership is not about asserting authority but about serving and guiding others. He leads by example, demonstrating the values he espouses through his actions. His wise counsel and guidance have been instrumental in shaping my character and decision-making. He provides a safe and nurturing environment for open discussions, allowing us to voice our thoughts and concerns. Through his patient listening and thoughtful responses, he helps us navigate life's challenges while remaining anchored in our faith.

One of the most inspiring aspects of my father's character is his ability to forgive and extend grace. He understands the transformative power of forgiveness and teaches us to emulate Christ's example of forgiving others. His unconditional love and willingness to forgive even in the face of hurt or betrayal serve as a constant reminder of God's grace and mercy. He has taught us that forgiveness is not only an act of kindness towards others but also a means of freeing ourselves from the burden of resentment and anger. Through his actions, my father teaches us to extend grace to others, recognizing our own imperfections, and embrace the opportunity for growth and reconciliation.

In a world often consumed by material pursuits and individual ambitions, my father reminds us of the importance of family and prioritizing




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relationships. He cherishes the bond we share as a family and invests time and effort in nurturing those relationships. He encourages open communication, quality time together, and mutual support. My father's commitment to our family extends beyond our immediate household to encompass our extended relatives as well. He emphasizes the significance of family values, traditions, and the preservation of our Christian heritage. Through his dedication to our family, my father creates a strong foundation of love and unity that binds us together.

Being an officer of the Salvation Army, he served in various appointments in the ranks of the Salvation Army. Corps Officer, DYS, Assistant Education Department, Assistant for Field Secretary, Assistant for Finance, Secretary to Chief Secretary, Assistant Training College, TYS, Training Principal, SALT Director. HRD Secretary, Field Secretary. He attended ICO in London, Growth Conference in London, and SACO vice Principal for two sessions in Sri Lanka 2001. He retired.

He got married to my mother Chinnamma. He is blessed with Children - Colonel Annamma Simon (Loletha) Mathew Samuel (Laly) William Samuel (Reji) Rachal Samuel (Jisha) and Soloman Samuel (Biju). His Sons in law and daughters-in-law are Colonel S. P. Simon, Daniel P. James (Saji) Sheeja Laly, Lovely William, Raji Solomon. He is also blessed with grandchildren Late Aron William, Sachin, Austin, Diya, Nidhi, Jona, Dhanu.

As I reflect on this Father's Day, I recall the commitment of my father as a true model of a follower of Jesus and a servant of God. His life exemplifies the teachings of Jesus Christ, and his unwavering commitment to his Christian beliefs has had a profound impact on me. Through his actions and words, he has guided me on my own spiritual journey and inspired me to be an officer and servant of God to work in the Salvation Army. He taught me the values and principles that form the bedrock of my faith. I am grateful to have such an extraordinary father who continually inspires me to live a life that reflects my Christian convictions. 



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Being Available for God

“Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your
presence?” – Psalm 139: 7

It is always a confident feeling to stay in the presence of someone you strongly admire to be with; and then you get the strength, comfort and, peace thus needed in the most vital times of life. Accompanying ourselves in the presence of such people gives us that extra support to move ahead with our lives. These are the moments we just feel like emptying ourselves with the burdens or the thoughts we carry in our minds that anchor us down to loneliness feeling weak, capitulating and then we feel that it just calms us like after a raging storm is tranquilised after its force above nature is over, then things begin to fall back on track and we are motivated to move ahead in pathways of life. Our God is the perfect divine attribute of availability. He just made things available for us through His wonderful creation that stamped for us that we have His love, kindness, supplies, shelter, and grace...

“.... Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.” Isaiah 43:1 – What a profound declaration of God with us.

The leader of the International Salvation Army, General Brian Peddle said that MISSION must be a priority to get connected with the Salvation Army and believe that God wants to do amazing things through our lives. The General explains: ‘This is a call to serve, a call to worship and a call to confidence in the gospel. The two-fold objectives of “preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ” and “meeting human needs without

discrimination” are central to our international mission statement.’ He exhorts viewers to ‘ensure these are our missional priority – our way of life ... we must be ambassadors for Christ.’

So, this is an availability movement in which you must:

BE READY

A Call to Prayer: God is calling his people to surrender and prayer. We must engage in spiritual warfare, fought and won on our knees.

A Call to Holiness: We must reflect Christlikeness in all aspects of life, recognising that holiness restores our humanity and relationship with God, others and the world. Every Salvationist should be a living example of biblical authenticity.

A Call to be Battle-ready – now! We must understand the urgency of ‘now’. Our world needs Christ today, not when we have finished working on our plans! Despite all that needs to be done within our movement, we continue to fight the battle while we grow, strengthen our resolve and prepare for greater battles.

BE ENGAGED

A Call to Serve: Serving others must be our missional priority. We must value officership, local officership, soldiership, adherency and junior soldiership, recognising too that The Salvation Army's many employees and volunteers are key to fulfilling our tasks.

A Call to Worship: We should celebrate God's redeeming love through our worship, seeking culturally-relevant ways to join together in praise and thanks as we reach out to and welcome others.

A Call to Confidence in the Gospel: As we share the good news of the gospel, we

must recognise its power for salvation and transformation. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, people can be released from everything that stops them reaching their God-given potential.

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

A Call to Raise and Nurture Every Generation: We must accept responsibility for children, young adults and emerging leaders – equipping, growing, empowering and discipling our present and future Salvation Army.

A Call to Costly Compassion: We must defend others, seek justice, express generosity and participate in redemptive actions.

A Call to Inclusion: We must be beyond reproach in treating all people with respect and compassion, remembering our mission to meet human needs in Christ's name without any discrimination.

(Source: <https://www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/calltomission>)

BEING AVAILABLE TO GOD LEADS US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

The scriptures tell us in Acts chapter 9 about Saul's Conversion who then later became an Apostle named Paul which in Latin means humble, Paul simply humbled himself to be available for the Gospel of the Lord among the Gentiles and many others. Paul persecuted Christians under the legal structure of Judaism; as such, he was charged to arrest the believers of Christ but had no authority over Gentile Christians. As true Jews who studied his customs and religious practices under the care of Gamaliel, we must ask ourselves a question – Was Saul really available for God to extend the divine kingdom? As long as Saul saw things from his own perspective, he was spiritually blind. Only by having his

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earthly vision taken away does Paul become capable of truly seeing Christ in His glory and truth and in Spirit. O! What a wonderful encounter he had with the Lord on that road to Damascus. He was paused by the risen Christ to witness the reality of the gospel. God interferes in our life in a fantastic way, and then transformation is a beautiful encounter.

"3 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."—Acts 9:3-6

Paul recognized Jesus as Lord, admitted his own misconduct, surrendered his life to Jesus, and made plans to obey. Paul would face the consequences for his faith in the Lord (2 Corinthians 11:23-27). God calls us to availability and gives us comfort the world cannot offer to us. Paul preached the gospel of the Lord and led many believers to walk in the right direction of companionship with God. In his process of being available for the Lord, he later said in Philippians 1:21 "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain".

Salvation Army doctrine #7 reminds us so gently - We believe that repentance towards God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit, are necessary to salvation.

Do we want to pause and turn to the Lord...? Let's do it now!

Do you have a need, God knows. Do you want to ask, God listens. If you believe, God works.

BEING AVAILABLE FOR GOD BUILDS UP AN EFFECTIVE CHARACTER OF FERVENT PRAYING AND DEPENDABILITY

"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them." Acts 16: 25

Our life is a beautiful gift from God. It is just like the Electrocardiogram graph, and

we never want this graph to be a straight line. Keeping ourselves up in praying to God is like keeping ourselves alive, both physically and spiritually as well. Our God is there for us both in the challenging and happy moments of life. This ECG is staying in the Effective Companionship of God.

A person who calls himself a Christian has the source of divine happiness within himself. I wonder always what the words of the songs Paul and Silas sang and how effective their praying had been during that midnight. No doubt they were full of the Holy Spirit and were completely dependent on God. Both Paul and Silas were not asking for anything extraordinary; they were simply praising God and singing hymns and praying as well. Their freedom was not guaranteed. They had wounds over them, having been a part of injustice. Despite the tough situation, they found out that they were available to God and allowed the mighty hands of God to work for them. Then the violet earthquake takes place that shakes the foundations of the cell leading the jailer to believe and make himself available for Christ. As believers, we must try to understand that suffering will be a part of the ECG wagon to Christian maturity. To be what God wants us to be will come with some form of torment or pain or challenges but be definitely assured! God will give us the strength to endure and to overcome. See what the Bible has to say in Isaiah 43: 2 "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; the flames will not set you ablaze."

God's companionship is promised to us even in the most darkest moments of life, what matters is are we making ourselves available with the prayers of dependability on the Most High?

When we pray, it is God who works in and through us.

BEING AVAILABLE FOR GOD FULFILLS HIS DIVINE PURPOSE

Philippians 2: 13


"For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose."—NIV

"For it is [not your strength, but it is] [a]God who is effectively at work in you,

both to will and to work [that is, strengthening, energizing, and creating in you the longing and the ability to fulfill your purpose] for His good pleasure"—AMP

One of the most vital aspects of our Christian life is to bridge up the elevators in building the Kingdom of God. Matthew 6:33 explicates that it is a task, and we have to work for it out here. The Apostle Paul is writing to us to work out for our own salvation in the complete likeness of Christ as we all eagerly wait for the glorious coming back of our Lord Jesus Christ. Working out our salvation is inviting Jesus into every aspect of our life; it is to accept the Lord as our personal saviour and repent for our sins and this process of submission has to be worked out each and every day of our lives as we live on this earth. This is a task; we must acknowledge our Lord as the master of our life and allow Him to enter and be a part of every single day of our lives - "for it is God who works in you...." And this will happen when we repent and confess our sins to Jesus who is still so eager to forgive; 2 Peter 3: 9 "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.". The Bible urges us to believe and to have eternal life. So, whether we take 1 John 5: 13 as an opportunity, as an encouragement, or a force because God can, I leave this up to you but see what it has to say, "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.". The things have already been written for us – Be Obedient with our Faith in God, be confirmed that we are the witnesses of God, and Know the truth; in Christ, we have eternal life.

Living a life with the Salvation Army on your side is to be a witness for the Lord to others. We are Saved to Serve, with our Heart to God and Hands to Man. To reveal our existence with the Lord is to prepare ourselves to live and to be available for Him. Christ came into this world; for God to be made available for us and He was here for thirty-three and half years. Now the resurrected Lord awaits with his arms still wide open for us, to know are we now living lives that prove, that we are truly available for Him and for His much greater works in this world?

Stay abundantly, God Blessed. 

Fathers- our real heroes

Nothing much could be explained or revealed about fathers because mere words can't define the complicated, yet the most loving and sacrificing personality they hold. Did I just say complicated? As a fact, men are, especially fathers; the way they hide their real emotions behind fake smiles and positivity prove this the best. Moreover, I've witnessed my father giving me strength while his heart breaks into pieces. Thus, it would not be wrong to testify that no love could ever beat fathers.



For now, I've just put into words the love of a worldly father. But measuring the love of our heavenly father would fade, even the care showered by the temporary and physical father. The Holy Bible describes it in the best way, from the reference, John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Thus, it brings ahead the proof that we are loved by our Father in Heaven in such a way that he

sacrificed or gave his son just for us to be saved, who else do we need? Therefore, his greatest love for us must be celebrated, not only on this day but every single day.

Seldom, do we experience the physical presence of the Lord above, hence, fathers were created here on this Earth, for us, to feel the love of our Heavenly Father. Moreover, though human beings with several flaws, they adore their children the same way our Spiritual father does.

As per my personal experience, a father is the base, on which, the whole family finds its support and strength. My father, just like every




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other father, has always put his family before himself. For him, his desires, and wishes, do not even exist, all he has ever wanted is, for our passions, desires, and wishes to be fulfilled. Especially, as a daughter, the closeness and warmth of love, I've felt from my father, kindle the same peace, safety, and satisfaction as of our Heavenly Father.

On the account of above written words, it becomes necessary for me to urge the readers to respect their Earthly fathers, because they go through a lot of pain and sacrifices without letting anybody know, putting on a fake smile.

At last, a very Happy Father's Day to all the fathers out there for the hardships they face to keep their families safe and sound.

May our Heavenly Father bless all the fathers, so they keep on showering their love and care. 

Retired General Shaw Clifton promoted to Glory

General Shaw Clifton (Rtd.), The Salvation Army's 18th beloved international leader, was promoted to Glory, yesterday, 29 May 2023.

More details will follow, but we ask the global Salvation Army family to hold Commissioner Birgitte Brekke-Clifton and the Clifton family in their prayers at this time.

Retired General Shaw Clifton's impact throughout the Army world has been immeasurable and we thank God for every opportunity for ministry the Lord enabled him to share.

Yours in his service

Commissioner Lyndon Buckingham
Chief of the Staff



Build on Lego



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Lego blocks originated in Denmark. In 1932, Ole Kirk Christiansen was a struggling carpenter. His wife died, and he finally had to close his shop. Ole used the leftover wood and created toys. Two years later, he named his company LEGO. In Danish, leg godet means "playing well"; in Latin, lego means "I put together". Ole's son, Godtfred Kirk Christiansen, showed interest in working with his father in the company.

In 1942, the company experienced another setback. A short circuit created an electrical fire, resulting in the loss of his factory and entire stock and blueprints. Experiencing so many setbacks almost influenced Kristiansen to give up his business. However, he decided to start again due to a sense of responsibility towards his workforce. In 1944, his new factory now incorporated an assembly line.

Godtfred decided to create a toy system where you could take your blocks and build your own toys. All these toys could interact with the others and be built and rebuilt. Thus was born "The Lego system of play." His big problem was that they quickly collapsed whenever the toys were moved. So Godtfred designed the circular interlocking nobs into inner tubes to help the blocks stay together. In 1954, the modern Lego block we all know was born! In 1958 Ole died, and a fire again destroyed the entire factory. Godtfred decided to rebuild, but only build plastic toys from then on, the building blocks. Legos became famous everywhere.

Godtfred's son Kjeld now runs Legos and wants kids to be builders, creative, and explore, experience and express their world. Their only limit is their imagination! Today there are dozens of Legolands around the globe, and the Lego system of play continues to be a hit with kids worldwide.

I bought a Taj Mahal Lego set for my children from the shopping centre a few years ago. My daughter Aayushi and son Hemish spent hours to build Taj Mahal Lego. Hemish always says, "Taj Mahal Lego, I build."

This can be a term that describes us, all of us,

as Christians. God created us to build, to create. Lego, I build, can be our faith motto! This is how we share God's image in us.

"He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the Cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day - a holy temple build by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home. (Ephesians 2: 20 - 22 from The Message Bible).

Paul is telling the Christians there that they are to build with God. At first, it seems like they are to build something "out there." But by the end, he clarifies that what they are building is God's intention in their lives and how they live together.

Build on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. We have the Word of God handed down to us and living within us. Build on the plan God has shared. Build on Jesus as the Cornerstone, what everything in our lives must align with. So, as we build with God, we build on His Word and plan for the best way to live that means doing it in God's way, not our way! and building everything to "square" with Jesus. We build what Jesus wants in us. As we build, it all joins together to be a witness for God. What we do, how we live, and act all show God to others. God dwells in us, and his Holy Spirit lives in us. This is what we are helping God build in and through us.

God has a blueprint for each of us. He has a unique plan to create a unique us. When we give our lives to Jesus, we build with God! So, our first move is to choose his plan for our lives and give up our own plans. It is not that our plans are wrong. It is that we need to let God be our Designer. Now, some of those cravings we have in our life are there because they are part of the plan of God built in us. Being a Jesus follower means discerning which parts of our own desires are God-given and which ones we need to discard. When we try to build on our own wisdom, we draft some ideas that do not work. Choose God's plans for our life, ask God what he wants, and


that includes listening to our hearts.

There are many different Lego blocks. We cannot build everything with the same block. When we build on our plan, we build with the right resources. When we follow Jesus, this means the building blocks of healthy spiritual lives, like intentional prayer, consistent Bible reading, weekly worship and training our eyes to look at what is helpful and up-building, not selfish and self-gratifying. The Lego motto is "Only the best is good enough." In our life, only build the best resources.

Building well takes time. The Lego company took time to build. Same with our life, we must continue to build intentionally and consistently. There are times we may fail and that happens. Like, our Lego Taj Mahal was not built in a day! We spent hours and hours. In our lives as well, we are making progress, we can take a look at where we have come from. We can see the beginning of emerging, what God and you are building together.

"There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears" (Philippians 1:6 from The Message Bible).

We may not be able to see God's unique building all right now. But just like Ole Kirk Christiansen can see the plan and imagine the completed project in his mind, so can God see what we will be.

"Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life, in which you'll serve as holy priests offering Christ-approved lives up to God (1 Peter 2:5 from The Message Bible). 



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I remember vividly asking this question to myself in my teenage years, why can't I say the benediction as well? if we all are repeating the Lord's prayer then why not the Benediction?

As I grew, my questions grew as well, they perplexed me even more and I had no answers.

But this one question remained with me for a very long time. I was taught in Sunday school that there is only one God. Now this understanding that we believe in only one God, contradicts the notion of doxology and benediction quoting The Father-Son-Holy Spirit at the end of every Sunday service. So are there three Gods then? How there are three but one? Does he change himself every time?

Understanding Trinity is as important as understanding that Christ died for our sins on that cross. This is a humble attempt made to understand, how do we, as believers comprehend God in His Trinitarian form!

1) Occurrence and the presence of a Trinitarian God in the Old and New testament:

Many theologians have debated over this issue from centuries, as the word "Trinity" is never mentioned in the Bible, not even once! But the doctrine of trinity is one of the foundational elements of any Bible believing Christian denomination. There is no doubt that this trinity was present before the foundations of the earth as we see in Genesis 1 and in John ch 1:1. One of the best references is when John baptised Jesus, where God the Father spoke from Heaven, Jesus was on the earth and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descended on Jesus.

2) Understanding the term "GOD":

We take the term "God" as a proper noun- but in the Hebrew literary language God is more like a title than a proper name. The Bible also mentions Satan as the god of this world in 2

HOW DO I UNDERSTAND THE TRINITARIAN GOD OF THE BIBLE?

Corinthians 4:4. So does this mean Satan is god? Absolutely not. The Hebrew word for God is Elohim, which also translates as heavenly beings or divine beings. In Deuteronomy 10:17 it says "For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe" The word God of gods meaning the Elohim of Elohim (Plural)- The chief of all the heavenly hosts. Hence All the three members of the trinity are Elohim- Gods, but they are above and beyond everyone and everything.

Now if God is the title then what is God's real name? This takes us to the story of Moses and the Burning bush in the old testament, when Moses dared to ask God's name so that the Israelites could speak God's name while worshipping and addressing Him in prayer, because there were many gods which people served so Moses specifically asked God's name, "God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' And He said, 'Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you'" (Exodus 3:14).

It's interesting what the Hebrew linguists translates I AM- as YHWH- the name so Holy that you cannot pronounce it because it displays God's attribute of Alpha and Omega- God has no beginning nor end, He is just there, present! Just as the first line of the Torah and Bible starts, In the beginning God- implying that God was always present even before time itself began.

Another amazing thing to note here is that the sound of the letters YH-WH resembles our breathing patterns where the sound of YH- is produced when we inhale and the sound of WH- is produced when we exhale. You can try it, and even if you aren't, you are already doing it unknowingly simply by subconsciously!

When God created adam He put His breath in Adam's nostrils and he became alive, and since then every living human being is saying the name of the Lord "YHWH" naturally just by these subconscious breathing sounds- precisely like the name of God means "I AM"

So the first cry of a new born baby says the name of the Lord as the baby takes the first breath of life on earth and a dying person, ends his journey on this earth, also by saying

the name of the Lord as He breathes his last breath. The deepest sigh of relief in a middle of a problem and the cry of your heart in a time of a trouble- all says the name of the Lord! the Isn't this fascinating! How God literally has put His identity; His spirit in every living Individual person! As English language cannot be pronounced without vowels, Hence the translation of The Hebrew word YHWH in English becomes YaHWeH so that in English we could pronounce His name in written and spoken language. From this we see that God or Elohim is a term denoted as a title of being a heavenly being who was always present- no beginning no end and they always existed in three separate persons, who have separate identity and minds. To put things into perspective, here is an analogy- there are members of a family who share the same last name but each of them has a specific name, mind of their own, will of their own yet they are associated with the same family name. Let's see what Jesus has to say about the trinity.

3) Three Gods or One God?

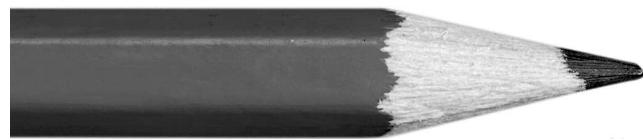
As we have seen above that they are three different members, but how are they distinct from each other yet one?

Jesus exquisitely explains this in the book of John 15- while giving the illustration of The vine and the branches. He provides us a deeper understanding of His relationship with His Father through the garden imagery. He says in verse 1: My father is a Gardener, while further He relates Himself as the vine- meaning the tree of life, and the fruits of that vine are the fruits of the Spirit, mentioned in Galatians 5:22-25 and Revelation 22:2. If we carefully examine this narrative, we can understand the relationship of the members of Trinity - There cannot be a garden without a Gardener(Father); if there is a gardener then there sure has to be a tree (Jesus), if there is a tree it will produce fruits (Holy Spirit). Notice the pattern here! One cannot exist without the other! All three are a part of one unified entity.

Jesus also compares us with the branches of that tree, John 15:5 describes Jesus saying "I am the vine- and you are the branches" if you don't remain in Me and I in you, the Gardener will prune the branches which bear no fruit.



Pencil



There can be no one who has not used a pencil at least once in school and college; Children and Young people have been using pencils a lot. I want to tell you the lesson that this pencil, which we use daily and often, teaches us.

1. The pencil cannot automatically write anything:

A pencil cannot automatically write anything. Someone needs to write with this pencil. We can hold it with our hands and write beautiful good things. We are like this pencil. We are also in God's hands. In Psalm 23:4 we read, "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." The pencil teaches us that we are in God's strong arms. These arms of God protect us, embrace us and lead us and nothing happens without His will.

2. A pencil should be sharpened often:

The pencil often gets dull when writing.; It should be carved to sharpen it.; Maybe if the pencil had life it would hurt the pencil every time it was sharpened.; But it must surely be carved.; It can only be used for writing if it is sharp. Like this pencil, we also accept when we endure hardships and abide in the Lord, we get closer to the Lord. In Luke 9:23 we read, "Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."; In addition, the scripture says that "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him, James 1:12.

3. Corrects pencil errors:

When we write with a pencil we can correct it but when we write with a pen it's

hard to correct it. We see that the pencils available now also have a small rubber attached to them; with it, mistakes can be erased and corrected immediately. This is how we should correct our mistakes from time to time. We must confess our sins daily in our lives and be cleansed by the blood of Jesus.; We read in Proverbs 28:13 and 1 John 1:7 that "Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy." and "the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."; Our mistakes must be rectified; The pencil teaches us that sins must be forgiven.

4. The interior of the pencil is very important:

A piece of charcoal called graphite inside the pencil is covered with wood on the outside. That piece of charcoal inside is more important than the outside. Because you can't write without graphite. As such, our inner heart is more important than our outer body. 1 Samuel 16:7 says "The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." The pencil teaches us that the inner heart must manifest the fruits of the Spirit and that the Lord looks at the inner heart.

5. Even if the pencil is worn out, it will be used last until:

This pencil will be worn out as we write, but we can use it till the last piece of it.; Our life is like this pencil which can be used until the end even if worn out.; Adolescence will disappear.; Life is not in our hands, it is not permanent. It can be



Captain A. Viji

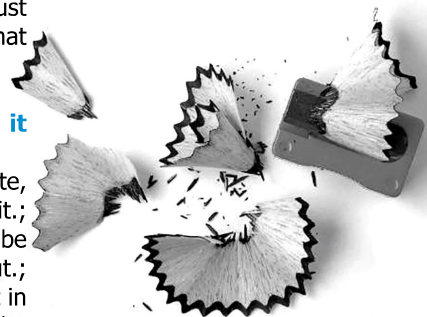
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taken away from us at any time. In Psalm 90:10; "Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty if our strength endures;

Yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away." it is said in the scriptures. Many have spent their young age in worldly jobs and only later regret that they did not enter God's ministry. Rather than after worldly work and doing ministry to the Lord in the last days, the Lord is looking for young people who dedicate themselves to God and serve God in their youth. Young souls are very precious.

Dear brothers and sisters! We have learned five lessons with a pencil. Keep these in our hearts and do something for the Lord so that these youthful days are not wasted. Commit yourselves to this noble service for the Lord. Accept the responsibility of your ministry in the Salvation Army with soulful thirst. May the Lord bless you and your future abundantly! Amen.

In the work of Christ, 



FORGIVENESS — A DIVINE ACT

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One of the most potent words in the Bible is "FORGIVENESS." We are aware that for a committed Christian, experiencing forgiveness is a necessary part of daily life. His experience has taught him that he not only needs to forgive himself but also others. The Hebrew word "nasa" means "to pick up," "to bear," or "to carry." These definitions instruct us to "carry," "bear away," or "raise up" the flaws of others. According to the Bible, God ordered His people to "forgive". God was described as "merciful and compassionate, longsuffering and abounding in kindness and truth, retaining mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin by no means clearing the guilty," according to the Book of Exodus (Exodus 34:6-7).

ERROR IS HUMAN, FORGIVENESS IS DIVINE:

We know very well a general saying, 'To err is human, to forgive is divine'. Even though it is often uttered flippantly, it is accurate. God is kind and pardons people who turn from their sins, the Bible makes this clear. Yet, that does not imply that it is always accessible. It teaches us that those who do not sincerely repent of their sins will never be pardoned by God.

IT IS CONDITIONAL IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

Forgiveness was subject to conditions in the Old Testament. God pardoned them if they followed his instructions. On other occasions, though, He outright rejected them. When Saul, the king of Israel, was alive, it occurred. Saul exploited this and disobeyed the Lord's commands. God was thereby rejected and stripped of his kingship. Even Samuel cried out for forgiveness, yet it was not given to him. It was stated concerning Saul the king that the Lord regretted making Saul the ruler of Israel (I Samuel 15:11, 35). Even Moses begged God to pardon those who had created a gold-enrusted god for themselves and cried out, "Blot me out of your book that you have written." But God did discipline them for disobedience. (Exodus 32:32)

A DIVINE ACT OF FORGIVENESS:

God will only pardon sins. For a divine intervention, it is there. Sinners are absolved of God's judgement and set free from death because of His forgiveness. Sins are pardoned

by God alone. Jesus had the power to pardon sins because He was God in the form of a human (Mark 2:7-10). Forgiveness is a distinctive quality of a believer's life. It makes it possible for a believer to obtain heavenly "blessings" (Ephesians 1:3). The Bible also makes clear that a person without sins is the only one who has the power to pardon sins. It implies that as God is holy, He can only pardon sins (St Luke 1:35. Revelation 4:8. Isaiah 6:3).

FORGIVENESS IS GOD'S UNMERITED FAVOUR:

According to the New Testament, "God's Forgiveness" is God's undeserved favor. Jesus, God's only beloved son, died on the cross to atone for human sin. The debtor has no hope of repaying God. Sinners cannot save themselves or uphold the law (St. Mark 10:26-17). These details demonstrate in the New Testament that there is forgiveness in the person of Jesus' Christ Himself. Only Jesus has the authority to pardon sins (St. Mark 2:5-10). According to St. Paul, the definition of the term "forgiveness" is "to grant grace." It was known as "God gracious pardon of our sins" by St. Paul. God is very kind to forgive our transgressions even though they are unmerited, unearned, and undeserved.

FORGIVENESS LEAD ETERNAL INHERITANCE:

There are two fundamental revelations that come out of the act of receiving forgiveness from the Lord. One of them is to repent, and the other is to forgive others. The one is Eternal inheritance experience we receive from the Lord after repenting our sins-which eventually leads us to forgive others (Hebrew 9:15, 22). (Hebrew 9:15, 22). The biggest result of forgiveness is this. They both are interlocked on with each other. It is an act of God to forgive (II Corinthians 7:10). Jesus emphasized the need of forgiving others. Our ability to forgive others is invalid if we don't also forgive our adversaries (St. Matthew 6:14-15). Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant illustrates the importance of forgiveness by stating that we must be merciful to those who owe us money or treat us unfairly (St. Matthew 8: 21-35).

FORGIVENESS IS A DUTY OF BELIEVERS:

Jesus urged us to continuously pardon our adversaries. It should be a part of a believer's life. Jesus commanded, "Love your enemies" (St. Luke 6:35). It ought to be an ongoing procedure. No limit exists on how many times we should provide forgiveness. Additionally, Jesus made it clear that it should be seventy times seven. God is a God of forgiveness. His primary nature is it. Paul emphasized that we should treat one another with kindness, tenderness, and forgiveness just as "God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13). So, we should incorporate forgiveness into our daily lives.

FORGIVENESS INSIGHTS FROM THE SPIRIT

1. It is an act of God (St. Mark 2:7)
2. It is God's property (Daniel 9:9)
3. It is God's remedy for those who sin (Leviticus 4:1-35).
4. Penitents should be pardoned (Psalm 51:17)
5. Restitution results from forgiveness Saint Like 19:8-10.
6. Those who have been pardoned must pardon others (St. Luke 17:3-4)
7. Those who experience the Lord's forgiveness will interact with him personally (Hebrews 9:15,22)
8. We must be able to forgive (St. Matthew 18:21-22)
9. God demonstrated it (II chronicle 7:14) (II chronicle 7:14)
10. Christ pays a price for his "Forgive Act" (Isaiah 53:4-8)
11. God's plan for forgiveness was established before the creation of the world (Ephesians 1:4-8)
12. Through the cross-borne death of Jesus, God provided universal atonement for all of us (Colossians 2:13-14)
13. Jesus' blood atones for sin (Hebrews 9:12,22)
14. Making amends results in forgiveness (I John 1:7-9)
15. God's mercy causes us to live a life of redemption (Ephesians 1:7)

Dear readers, may God bless you and your family always and in all your ways. 🙏

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR AT OFFICER TRAINING COLLEGE INDIA EASTERN TERRITORY



Women in Development Seminar organized by Territorial Women's Ministries was held at Officer Training College on 27th April 2023 under the leadership of Colonel Lalhlmpuii TPWM and accompanied by Training Principal and Faculty. Eighteen Cadets have attended the seminar in which different topic were lectured by THQ Women Officers as follows :

Shared Ministry
- Colonel Lalhlmpuii TPWM
Cross Cultural Ministry
- Lt. Col Rani Phula Pradhan TSWM
Home League Ministry
- Lt. Col C. Lalhriatpuii THLS
League of Mercy Ministry - Lt. Col Lalhchuanmawii TLOMS
Personal Development
- Major Ramhmuzaui TWDO
Closing Prayer
- Captain HS Lalrengpuii EO

14th April 2023 at Prayer Mountain, Hangi Lunglen Tlang. Twenty-seven (27) women Officers from city area of two divisions and THQ women Officers were attending the Camp under the leadership of Colonel Lalhlmpuii Territorial President of Women's Ministries and Lieut. Colonel Rani Phula Pradhan Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries. Captain HS Lalrengpuii Education Officer, Officer Training College was the resource person lecturing Bible study on 'Faith' 'Holiness' and 'Thanks giving' with an inspiring and interesting discussions and a prayer bethel. It has been a successful program of refreshing and acquiring Biblical knowledge for future ministries.



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Training College Teaching Staff Conference 2023

All India Training College Teaching Staff Conference held at Xavier Retreat House, Goa from 29-31 May 2023 under the leadership of leadership of Colonel S P Simon- National Executive Officer and Colonel Annamma Simon, Secretary for Women's Development supported by Secretary for HRDI and Captain Asservadam Cheeli, Business and Company Secretary. Colonels P. John William and Ratnasundari, Territorial Commander and TPWM of India South Western Territory were among the main resource persons to bless the conference. The main purpose of this training is to:

1. To strengthen Training College Staff commitments for Ministry
2. To encourage for effective Leaders & Mentors for Cadets
3. To inspire for spiritual and personal life development
4. To help to uplift shared ministry in Training College
5. To understand Job Description of each appointment in Training College

29th May 2023, Monday:

The conference commenced by lighting the candles by the leaders in the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit on 29th May, Monday 2023. There was a presentation of the following subjects:

1. Administration of CFOT- Colonel S. P. Simon
2. BTH Curriculum - Colonel P. John William
3. Expectations, Challenges and Concerns-

The Delegates

4. The Present Scenario of CFOT Academics - Major Samson Macwan
5. Teamwork in Training College Ministries- Colonel Annamma Simon

30th May 2023, Tuesday:

The day began with morning devotion by Colonel Ratnasundari, TPWM and followed by the following Subjects:

1. Holy Spirit Works in CFOT & Staff- Colonel S. P. Simon
2. The Important of Women's Ministries and Society- Colonel Annamma Simon
3. Training College Needs and Readiness for 21st Century Mission- Captain Asservadam Cheeli
4. Asia Theological Association Re-Accreditation- Major Samson Macwan
5. Team Building Activities- Everyone

31st May 2023, Wednesday:

The day began with morning devotion by Captain Asservadam Cheeli and followed by the following Subjects:

1. Risk Management, Accountability & Governance - Colonel S. P. Simon
2. The Lifestyles of CFOT Officers - Colonel P. John William
3. Mentoring Cadets to Become Tomorrows Leaders - Major Samson Macwan



4. Discussion and Recommendation to COIL
5. Final Challenge

At last, final Challenge meeting Colonel S P Simon- National Executive Officer inspired everyone to excel our self-better for extension of God's kingdom and advancement of The Salvation Army work in India. God's presence was experienced, and everyone was refreshed spiritually for efficient services in their respected Training Colleges.

I am, indeed, grateful to Colonel S P Simon- National Executive Officer and Colonel Annamma Simon- Secretary for Women's Development India National Office- Kolkata for their interest, present and support for this conference.

May God Continue to Bless all India Training Colleges and Staff and Cadets! 🙏

Major Samson Macwan
Secretary for HRDI
India National Office, Kolkata

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THE COMMISSIONER DANIEL RAJU DASARI THE TERRITORIAL COMMANDER GOVERNED THE SIGNIFICANT 'COVENANT SERVICE' and INNOVATIVE 'ORDINATION AND COMMISSIONING' IN MUMBAI IWT

Lieut-Colonels John William, Chief Secretary and Ratnasundari, TSWM, supported by The respective scheduled programs' were led by Major Ashok Dushing, Training Principal (M) and Lieut-Colonel Benjamin Randive, Secretary for Personal respectively.

The Covenant Service, held on 15th April 2023, in the THQ prayer Hall at 10:00 a.m. It was a very significant day for the Cadets of Reflectors of Holiness' session, Major Ashok Dushing commenced the service with prayer followed by Lieut-colonel Jaswant Macwan Training Principal led the song Holy- Holy and allowed people to go in the presence of God. The prayer session led by Major Prakash Salve Field Training Officer, Cadet Komal Randhava and Cadet Arvind Dodka offered the prayers respectively.

Commissioner gave an inspiring, spirit filled message on 1 Peter 1:13-25 "Remember your own dedication to the service of God. He further said you never know what your future holds, but in every situation we should trust and never give up or turn back from the ministry of God".

This meeting is to discern whether the deacon is ready to be ordained Priest. The Commissioner explained about the significant role of an officership and the importance of the covenant. Shortly after in a silent peaceful spiritual atmosphere, at a very precious spirit filled moment, the cadets were asked to take enough time to think and confirm their calling through the Holy Spirit and to make a real firm decision to work as a full time officer in the Army through the will of God, and sign on their Covenant with God. All cadets tearfully and prayerfully signed their Covenant and celebrated the inner joy of sacrificing their lives for God and the Army.

It was a bright shiny day, 16th April 2023, total 17 cadets of The, 'Reflectors of Holiness' session, 2021-2023 India Western Territory entered the Byculla Central Corps, for the meeting as an central Corps Staff Band ensemble played, interspersed with contributions from a contemporary worship band. The opening Prayer was offered by Lieut-colonel Benjamin Randive followed by prayer session led by Major Sanjivani Dushing. Major Vanita Rajesh, DDWM, Dahod and Major Bharat Hiwale offered prayers respectively. After welcome and introduction by Lieut- col Randive, Cadet



Sunita S. Khankar and Cadet Prashant Waghmare gave their testimonies, The General's Message for Reflectors of Holiness' session was read by Lieut-Colonel Sanjay Khristi, Secretary for Program. The CFOT Principal, Major Ashok Dushing from Maharashtra and Lieut-colonel Jaswant Macwan from Gujarat presented the Sessional Reports respectively and presented their Cadets to the Commissioner Daniel Raju Dasari, the Territorial Commander. 'The Reflectors of Holiness' are ready to go!' they both declared. The Commissioner thanked both the Principals, staff and everyone else who had supported and prepared the cadets during their training.

The cadets from Gujarat and Maharashtra presented their sessional songs under the Leadership of Major Prakash Salve (M) and Captain Suleman Parmar (G), followed by Byculla central Corps presented their group song during the offering.. Lieut. Colonel Sunita Macwan, DSS (Gujarat) led the Offering prayer. The respective Session cadets recited the Army's 11 doctrines in English, promising to live by them, serve others and be faithful officers. Shortly after the Dedication Song 'O Jesus I have Promised to serve thee to the end....presented by the Cadets led by Major Sanjivani Dushing, DSS (Maharashtra)

The remarkable moving moments that followed, the cadets stepped forward individually to be commissioned and ordained by the Territorial Commander. Shortly after, the commissioner offered a Dedicationary prayer. The special scripture portion for this session was taken from Acts 13:1-10 read by Major Ravindra Gaikawad.

After the sermon, Lieut-Colonel Rasik Christian led the closing song; thereafter

Commissioner closed the first session with prayed and pronounced the Benediction.

After the Lunch the final session started at 2.50 p.m. with the entry of New Lieutenants and staff of the training college with the Salvation Army Flag. The Session was opened with the prayer offered by Lieut-Colonel Ratnasundari. Commissioner Daniel Raju Dasari and Lieut- Colonel Ratnasundari presented the Silver Star Certificates to the respective parents. Lieut-Colonel Ratnamala Randive offered a prayer for the respective parents.

The Territorial Commander presented the BTH Certificates to all New Lieutenants and explained the congregation in brief about the BTH curriculum run by CFOT. Major Champa Parmar and Major Devdan Kalkumbe shared their greetings and good wishes to the New Lieutenants. Commissioner gave the Charge and appointments to the New Lieutenants.

At the end Major Andrew gave an altar call while singing I Surrender....all, many from the congregation and the Newly Commissioned Lieutenants dedicated their lives to God at the Mercy Seat. Final prayer and Benediction pronounced by the Commissioner Daniel Raju Dasari, the Territorial Commander. The programme was remarkable and blessed and more than 300 people witnessed the event. We praise God for providing His Grace to the Leadership and all the participants to make this event remarkable and blessed. Glory to God Alone!!

Major Sanjivani Dushing
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INSTALLATION SERVICE OF COLONELS P. JOHN WILLIAM AND COLONEL RATNA SUNDARI POLIMETLA AS THE TERRITORIAL LEADERS OF INDIA SOUTH WESTERN TERRITORY.

‘Kowdiar Manifesto’ is my message.

Colonel P. John William, Territorial Commander of India South Western Territory has declared the affirmations of great vision as Kowdiar Manifesto; ‘visiting all Corps and meeting soldiers, revamp the youth and children ministry, empowering women and leadership development, best practice of governance system and the sustainability of the territory’ based on Luke 4:16-30. It was amazing to hear what way the visions of the territorial commander has been lunched his action plan to accelerate development of the territory followed the installation service conducted by Commissioner John Kumar Dasari, Territorial Commander (ISET) on 6th May 2023 at 10:30 am in Central Corps, Trivandrum, Kowdair. The installation service was an inspiring and blessing one to all who were there to uphold the newly appointed territorial leaders of India South Western Territory Colonels John William and Ratna Sundari Polimetla in the hands of the prayer while they offered themselves before the mercy seat.

Commissioner P. E. Gorge memorial Hall was filled with the Officers, friends and Soldiers from different Indian territories and presented their greetings and appreciations in different levels by giving shawls, flowers and mementos followed the felicitations of Commissioner Daniel Raju Dasari, Territorial Commander (IWT), Colonel Vanlalfela, Territorial Commander (INT) Commissioner M. C. James (Rtd.), Commissioner Wilfred Varghese (Rtd.), Moderator Bishop Emirates Sunil Bhanu AELC, Most Rev. Dr. John Nakka, Bishop Primus - Indian Christian Mission Church, Rev. Dr. Prabhakar-Dean SHUIATS, Allahabad, Chevalier Dr. Koshy M. George, Major P. P. Babu, Dr. Shobha and Miss. Liji Mathai and Mr. Davidson.



In the response words, Colonel Ratna Sundari Polimetla, TPWM has been expressed her deep concern on various matters, especially the women ministry activities. Lt. Colonel J. Daniel J. Raj, Chief Secretary and Lt. Colonel Rajam Daniel, TSWM has taken key role to

conduct this event very successfully with the support of Section Heads and other officers of THQ and Central Corps Trivandrum.

The role of Mr. Justin Benjamin was significant to present beautiful welcome songs and other orchestra for all the songs under Senior Songster Brigade of Trivandrum Central Corps, and the Salvation Army media network (SAMN) has made it possible to live stream in social media. The Officers and Soldiers of the territory arrived there so enthusiastically and filled with great hope and joy in the blessing words of territorial leaders while they spoke on manifestos of development. 🇮🇳

Lt. Colonel Saju Daniel
Secretary for Programme
India South-Western Territory



***“As a father has
compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion
on those who fear him.”***

Psalm 103:13

**HAPPY
FATHER’S DAY**

22nd General of The Salvation Army Elected

The High Council chamber was a sacred place of prayer this morning (Saturday 27 May 2023) as members gathered to elect the 22nd General of The Salvation Army.

Throughout this week, prayer has been the underpinning of all that has taken place. The prayers of the worldwide Army and those of the 2023 High Council members have united and God's presence has been keenly felt.

'LEANING INTO THIS SACRED MOMENT'

The President (Commissioner Brad Bailey) welcomed members to this sacred and solemn moment in which they have the privilege and high honour to partner with God to choose the man or woman who will lead The Salvation Army in the coming days. 'Together we dedicate ourselves to deposit ourselves again into the hands of him who is what we are not, with the complete assurance that he is here leaning into this sacred moment with us,' he said.

The Chaplain (Commissioner Yusak Tampai) introduced his theme for today: 'We are in this together.' Through the singing of the song 'Kings of kings, majesty', the presence of God could be felt in the chamber as members lifted in prayer the words of the chorus – 'Your majesty, I can but bow; I lay my all before you now. In royal robes I don't deserve, I live to serve your majesty.' This was followed by members reading prayers received from the USA, Kenya and India, amongst other places.

Interspersed with the singing of 'Precious promise God hath given', Colonel Samuel Baah (Territorial Commander, Malawi Territory) shared a devotional. He focused on two verses of Scripture: 'We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you' (2 Chronicles 20:12 New International Version) and 'Then Moses said to him, "If your presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here"' (Exodus 33:15 NIV). The colonel encouraged the members to fix their eyes on God. 'We are here to rely solely on the strength of God,' he said, 'and to ask him to take all the glory



and honour as we go into this exercise [the voting process]. We need God to stand by us.'

THE 22ND GENERAL OF THE SALVATION ARMY

A time of prayer followed before the President guided the Council into the election process, which was undertaken in silence as a solemn and sacred duty.

This resulted in the election of Commissioner Lyndon Buckingham as the 22nd General of The Salvation Army.

Beautiful moments of prayer were shared with General-elect, Commissioner Lyndon Buckingham and Commissioner Bronwyn Buckingham. Of special significance was the first blessing and prayer shared in the Māori language by New Zealanders in the chamber to honour the people of their homeland.

May God bless the General-elect! May God bless The Salvation Army!

Report by Lieut-Colonel Jennifer Groves



General Election 2023 Nominated Delegates

Left to right: Commissioner Lyndon Buckingham, Commissioner Kenneth Hodder, Colonel Diana Macdonald, Commissioner Merle Heatwole