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**“Who seek the Lord : Look to the Rock from which
you were cut and to the Quarry from which you were Hewn”**

Isaiah 51:1



The Rock from Which You Were Hewn

There is a beautiful story Charles Spurgeon told about his visit in the house of an old lady. She was once a servant in the house of a rich man. He gave her a piece of paper as a gift and after some days he died. The old woman couldn't read but thought that the design was so pretty that she framed it. When Charles Spurgeon visited the old woman, he looked at the framed piece of paper; it was a cheque. The old woman never knew that she would never have to ask for another penny off anyone, or that her grandchildren would never go hungry again. But she was lost because of lack of knowledge.

Frederick Booth Tucker, of the Indian Civil Service, read a copy of War Cry, became Salvationist and against the wishes of his wife and parents he left Civil Service and joined in the Salvation Army. On 19th September 1882, Frederick St George de Latour Tucker and three other officers reached Bombay to share the Love of Jesus by evangelization under the flag of Salvation Army which was new to the people of India. As the instruction from General William Booth, he was prepared himself to 'get into the skin of the people' by adoption of Indian name, food, dress, customs. He adopted the Indian name 'Fakir Singh', and all these gave ready access to the people especially, in the villages. In addition to the evangelistic work, various social programmes were inaugurated for the relief of distress from famine, flood, and epidemic. Educational facilities, cottage industries and settlements were provided for the oppressed. Medical work originated in Nagercoil and the work among Criminal Tribes began at Government invitation.

We must know the great story Booth Tucker and the colleagues done. From the pinnacle of knowledge and power, they came down to the life of poor monks and they became barefooted. And he proved that blooded feet are not an obstacle to his Evangelization. It was the selfless sacrifice of some that made us who we are today. Their sacrifices gave us life. They find happiness in associating with the people of low position. They embraced the poor, drunkards, widows, orphans, and the marginalized. The world knew firsthand the new meanings of evangelism on the streets. Their strong determination and love for doing what is right and just could make a big difference in the society.

"Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug" Isaiah 51:1. God says may you never forget the rock from which you were cut and nor the price it cost for to save you. Look back to where you come from. Consider your origins. You should be constantly looking to the 'Rock' from which you were cut. Listen to me the ones who are troubled by the desolation and fewness of the church and you alone will be comforted. The ungodly, who lack faith will not be consoled by my promises, but you who seek me, and the righteous will be. This is the promise from our God.

After 139 years, while we are crossing this great India Day again, let's remember the rock from which we were hewn and realize that history is not about looking back for celebration, but to follow.

May God Bless!



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CALLED TO LIVE FOR OTHERS

We, the India Salvation Army always take pride in the history of the Salvation Army's commencement in India. Year after year we celebrate on the 19th of September, commemorating the arrival of the Salvation Army team under the leadership of Booth Tucker at the port of Mumbai in 1882. Since then, The Salvation Army has been serving the people of India for 139 years with the unconditional love of God, in Jesus's name.

What is now more important for the Officers and the Soldiers of the Salvation Army in India is to live up to the calling of God with more dedication, keeping alive the testimony we bear of the Blood of Jesus Christ and the Fire of the Holy Spirit, living and leading people in the fullness of a life of holiness. Times have changed, the situation has changed, and people too, but the need for fullness of life has become ever greater. We cannot only dwell in the past, but we need to keep the flame burning with more passion and zeal.

It is my faith and confidence, that we have been chosen and placed by God in the Salvation Army as officers and soldiers. When we experience an encounter with the love of God revealed in the death and resurrection of Christ, our lives are changed, and we become God's people, purchased by the precious blood of Jesus, and set apart by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, no more to live for ourselves but to live for OTHERS!

In this 21st Century, we face different and greater challenges within the Army and in the world to which we are sent. There are people in many communities who are victimised by inequality at various levels;

more and more people live under pressure and fear of discrimination and injustice. This is a global issue and is present in most nations around the world. The social evils of modern slavery, crimes against children and women have increased, and there are millions of people being led to the gates of hell.

Therefore, it is the responsibility of the people of the Salvation Army in India to rise to the purpose for which we have been called: to witness God's love manifested in the supreme sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. He has set us free from sin and the dominion of evil. The Word of God reminds us about how we should practice this freedom, 'You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather serve one another humbly in love' (Galatians 5: 13).

Jesus gives us the inner power to face the outward reality. The reality is this: there are people lost in darkness, living under the domain of sin and injustice. There are people crying out for justice and finding themselves pressed

down and waiting for someone to bring a touch of hope and deliverance. We cannot keep our gifts of salvation and holiness to ourselves but should use them to benefit others.

The Soldiers of the Salvation Army are constantly reminded and encouraged to live out their lives as lights in their neighbourhoods. Jesus said that we are



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the light of the world, and we should shine our light for others (see Matthew 5:14). The recently launched book by General Brian Peddle, 'Called to be a Soldier' (exploring the soldier's covenant), touches on many aspects of soldiers' lives. Chapter five deals with the Christian integrity in relationships. It describes a vital responsibility for the soldier /Christian Believer. It states, "The relationships of any Salvation Army soldier should be marked by integrity, wholeness and authenticity. We cannot be truly 'in Christ' if this does not determine how we relate to other people" (p33).

How can we be the Salvation Army in our generation that would bring true hope of salvation?

By renewing our covenant and calling. The General has challenged and reminded us by redeclaring our call to mission. There are threefold actions that we find in the General's Call to Mission:

1. Be ready to surrender to God, always reflect Christlikeness, and know the urgency of 'now' - our world needs Christ today.
2. Be engaged in the call to serve others, in celebrating God's redeeming love, and recognize God's transforming power.
3. Take responsibility for nurturing every generation, willing to bear the cost of compassion, and treat all people with respect.

We have a greater responsibility, and we must take this up as the true purpose of our lives and dedication: being the soldier of the Salvation Army, living for OTHERS.

God bless our Nation India! 

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Reflect & Move-On

As we celebrate another year of the Salvation Army's commencement in India on 19th September 2021, I wish all the Salvationists in India, and encourage to be firm in our spiritual warfare being the soldiers of the Army. Indeed, this moment is a time for reflection and an occasion for thanksgiving for God's steadfast love and kindness upon us. As we look back, we should try to learn from our past; trust God for the present and looking ahead to the future. We should not rest on our "glories" so to speak, nor stagger in the swamp of regrets, keeping in mind that what we do now, we are doing it for the future generations.

I take this opportunity to put few thoughts at this joyous occasion to reflect and to move on.

'Reflect' on the marvellous works of God:

We have all experienced God's mysterious hands leading the Salvation Army for the last 139 years in India. These mysterious hand of God not only led the Salvation Army in proclaiming the good news and gospel in the communities, but I believe that they lead the lives linked with this spiritual movement. Our lives are led by God's mysterious hands over the past years. The way our lives are unravelled is a mystery, I believe. It is not what we make. It is a mystery. And there are God's mysterious works that lead our lives as we are par takers of this Army of God. As He led this church for the last 139 years, I do believe that God will lead the Salvation Army in a way we cannot even fathom. How God will lead the Salvation Army in the future is unknown, I cannot even fathom it, but there will be the beautiful hands of God that guide us mysteriously. I am encouraged by the verse from 1 Peter 5:6, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God" which reminds us to reflect and humble ourselves as it was not people, leaders or others, but purely God's hands that led the Army so

far. The hands of God were witnessed by many officers and soldiers in the past and are testimonials to present generation. The Army we see, we enjoy, and we celebrate is the leading of God's powerful hands.

'Reflect' on God's influence :

Some time back, I was travelling in a train, and I had an interesting conversation with an elderly person, who shared that the Salvation Army influenced him to be a real and authentic Christian. He shared his relationship with Christ through the Salvation Army's hostel, and he boldly testified that he was leading a good life just because of the Salvation Army. We can see many people because of the Salvation Army's continued efforts transformed them from a pitiful situation to admirable situation. This may be true to every Salvationist connected with this glorious Army of God. I am proud to say that I am transformed by the Holy Spirit through the Salvation Army. This is the time to reflect on your own personal life where God influenced you significantly. We must always be reflecting as mentioned in Ephesians 5:8 – *"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light"*

'Move-on' in your spiritual journey:

We not only reflect, but we need to move on. Our Christian life is not to be stayed in a particular point. Our spiritual journey is a day-to-day ongoing process. There is no end to our spiritual journey till we reach the eternal life. Every soldier or salvationist is expected to carry on their cross as part of their spiritual journey. Though it is personal, but when it comes to the Church, we are body of the Salvation Army in moving our mission with our personal relationship with God. It is not the duty of the Corps officer or someone to lead the Corps, the institution, or the centre, we are all having responsibilities in making our mission spiritually move for the purpose it is established. Recently, the General released a book ' " Called to be a Soldier"



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where it emphasises the true conduct of a Soldier in pursuing his spiritual responsibilities. You and I are to move on in our spiritual journey in this mission of divine Army.

'Move-on' in your calling:

Pursuing your calling may be one of the most exciting and important things you do in your life. Moving forward often involves assessing your giftedness and strengths, contemplating your life story, considering passion, seeking wise counsel, stepping out in faith, and prayer. However, you choose to move forward, an encouraging and comforting Scripture to keep in mind, comes from the Book of Ephesians. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago. (Ephesians 2:10 NLT). Use your talents for the expansion of your Corps. Use your skills to establish ministry in a new area. These are some suggestions. Remember, if somebody had not made their efforts earlier, we might not have experienced this enjoyment. So, keeping this in view, you need to move on further, without expectation, without any personal motive and without any conflict.

The Army- as defined by the oxford university – *"an organized military force equipped for fighting on land"*, we are God's Army with spiritual discipline equipped with our sacred armour, have to continue our fight against evil. This is not a time to just praise God, thank God or celebrate this wonderful occasion, but a challenge to stay alert in our spiritual war against the evils that damage individuals, society, and communities. I once again encourage every salvationist to accept the responsibility to get engaged with enhanced spiritual strength. May God bless us all. 🇮🇳



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NOSTALGIA

(The pioneer services of the Salvation Army in India)

The Salvation Army in India entering 140 year of its services in this sub-continent in the month of September 2021. Every year we are remembering the commencement of the Army Day in India on 19 September. Tuesday, 19 September 1882, the four Officers landed at Apollo Bandar, Bombay, near the spot where the Gateway of India subsequently erected, under the leadership of Major Frederick Tucker. It is good to remember their names and effort of the pioneers for to get enthusiasm and motivation to the present generation Salvationists. Actually the following six of them were voyaged from London by P & O. s.s. Ancona on August 1882.

Major Frederick Tucker (Frederick St. George de Lautour Tucker)
Major Louisa Mary Bode Tucker
Captain Henry Bullard
Lieutenant Arthur Norman
Lieutenant Mary Thomson
Sister Jennings

They were travelled as low class travellers but the authorities were allowed them to conduct meetings on board twice a day. Many passengers were listened their meetings. When the ship reached at Gibraltar the team went shore for a street meeting. Daily Tucker taught the team members, Hindustani songs and Urdu language. They were fully dedicated their life for doing services to the mankind in the name of Christ. Actually their voyage to India was very hard to them in various ways but they were enjoyed because of their commitment and dedication to the mission. On the way sister Jennings became ill and her condition was so serious by the time that the Ancona reached in Port Said that Major Louisa Bode Tucker escorted her back to England. So the team continued their journey as four members and reached Bombay.


This time we need to reload the dedication, commitment, enthusiasm, hard work and determination of the pioneers. How much

they were sacrificed their life for gaining people for Christ. Actually they were prepared their life for the Master, the same way Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Mathew 16: 24) Their journey from England to India as local class passengers as the same as local compartment in train. They never think about their facilities but always concern for the lost souls of people. When Tucker made his request to start the Salvation Army services in India, then William Booth instructed to him that, "If you want to influence the Indians then getting into the skins of Indians." Tucker knew the life of Indian people especially the Monks because he was born in India and lived here with his parents. He knew the life of Indian monk, they were keeping begging bowls and if anybody gives anything they will eat otherwise no food. So he decided to live as Sadhu because of the same he never ask any money from the General for their services in India. The Pioneer Officers were served without any salary or allowances from the Salvation Army but they were fed by the people. Major Tucker, even though he was a previous ICS (Indian Civil Services at present IAS) person and Deputy Commissioner in Government but he lived as Sadhu, when he started his services in India as a Salvation Army Officer.

They conducted procession and tent meetings and doing all other activities like the Indian people. Even the first day it they started their programmes. The authorities made prohibition of procession, band and music even though it was not legal but actually this became shame to the English people because at that time many of the Government high positions were holding by them. The English people are living like Indian monk and visiting places with begging bowls etc. So they objected the marches and processions done by Major Tucker and team but at the same time the Muslims and Hindus were conducting that kind of all programmes in Bombay streets. Even still in Mumbai we can see such kind of processions, band and music making big noise. When we were lived at Mumbai THQ 2014 – 2017 (Madanpura Street, Byculla) we experienced this kind of

big noisy marches many days in the street done by the local people. Still no Government or authorities are stopping the same. But in those days that was shame to the authorities who were English people, seen that their own country people are doing things at Bombay the same like Indian. That is why Major Tucker and team were argued against the act of the authorities.

We knew that only four people came to India and started the Salvation Army services here. In those days they had limited travel facilities but they utilised the maximum use of their time to reach all over India, Ceylon and Burma for meeting people and conducting programmes. They suffered very much in various ways, no proper accommodation and facilities for their living, travel difficulties, spontaneous diseases in many places, in south India many people died in those days with cholera, chickenpox etc. Their commitment and determinations were made them strong to serve for the Master in the midst all those circumstances. That way the Salvation Army services were started in India. So their Dedication, Commitment and Determinations are the foundation of the Salvation Army work in India. They travelled many miles with barefooted. Once Major Tucker said, "*I have done my best sermon with my feet.*" Can we imagine about that once an ICS Officer when he became Salvation Army Officer, travelled with barefooted and begging bowl. We cannot forget the past. We need to reload the same Dedication, Commitment and Determinations of the pioneers, and then we are able to inspire and motivate to do better services. The Lord Almighty will bless and use us – the present generation – for doing better things.

When we are remembering the Commencement day of the Salvation Army in India, as a Salvationist or as an Officer what we can do the best for the development of the Salvation Army. Even in our own areas what we can do for the uplift of it. We can do our part no need to think about others, what we are able to do that we can do. The Lord will use all the Salvationists for to do their part for the best of today's Army. God bless! 

Remain Faithful

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I still remember a memory verse from my Sunday School- "Ship your grain across the sea; after many days you may receive a return" (Ecclesiastes 11:1). When I ponder this verse, I relate to the Salvation Army ministry in India. 139 years ago, the pioneer team arrived in Bombay, on 19th September 1882, might have not thought of their efforts that would serve one of the big nations in the world in a spectacular manner leading people towards Christ. Their industrious labour in establishing the mission is now reaping the harvest. We now see the result and fruits. This is all because of the faithfulness of the God's servants. Being faithful to the call and mission is one of the challenging aspects of our commitment to Christian life. Every Christian is expected to be faithful throughout his life. Jude 1:17-25 tells believers how to remain faithful in their walk with the Lord. The chapter ends with God's exciting promise to keep us safely by His side.

There are a few meanings for "faithfulness," like loyal, constant, and steadfast. And those are excellent descriptions. As the seventh of nine listed Fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23, Holy Spirit-infused faithfulness is defined as "fidelity" and "good faith." In philosophy, good faith is a true attempt at something. So, to understand biblical faithfulness, think of making a genuine attempt at being a true, honest, trustworthy, and reliable person. If you are behaving in this way, you are being faithful. We must clearly understand that having faith and being faithful isn't quite the same thing. Faith is a gift from God and faithfulness is the result of acting from a place of being "faith-filled." It's a natural outpouring when we're living with our lives and hearts are focussed on God.

Remain faithful because God is still faithful

The Bible is full of accounts of God's faithfulness to His people. He saved the Israelites from the Egyptians. He opened Sarah's womb in her old age. He delivered David in battle. God's faithfulness was never more astounding than when He delivered us from the very grips of sin and gave us a way to join Him in Heaven. But the Bible also says that we are also supposed to be faithful to God. In the parable of the talents, the master tells the servants who were faithful that they will be given even more than what they

started with. Most importantly, "they're permitted to enter their masters joy."

God's faithfulness to His people is not the same as our faithfulness to God. When God is faithful to us, He cares for us, He leads us, and He loves us. When we are faithful to God it means that we trust that He will care for us, we follow where He leads, and we love Him in return. Being faithful also means that there will be some evidence of our faith in God. A faithful Christian will often produce fruit. Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Faithfulness does not mean that we will be perfect. It does not mean that we won't struggle or that we won't make poor decisions. It does mean that we will continue to trust in God and try to follow His commandments even when life is difficult.

Faithfulness is an expression of inward love towards God

Another important truth about faithfulness is that it is to flow from a heart of love. The Lord is faithful to us because He loves us, and we in turn are faithful to Him because of our love for Him. Love and faithfulness go together, and they are both a matter of the heart: "Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart" (Prov. 3:3).

We read in Bible that Abraham pleased the Lord because the Lord found his heart faithful to Him (Neh. 9:7-8). Hezekiah is another example of one whose heart was right as he was able to declare to the Lord, "I have walked before You faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in Your eyes" (2 Kgs. 20:3). As we face various pressures and struggles, we must guard our hearts from drifting away from the Lord and becoming hardened. Such drifting and hardening can happen even if we are very busy in the service of the Lord. For example, the church in Ephesus had commendable deeds, hard work and perseverance, and yet the people had forsaken their first love (Rev. 2:1-7). They were faithful to the work of the Lord, but not faithful in their love for the Lord. As we are contemplating the glorious ministry of the Salvation Army in India, as Soldiers of the Army, we must have a heart of

faithfulness, because of the faithfulness of God we enjoy and live a life of happiness.

Faithfulness demands complete submission

139 years of the salvation Army's ministry in India is not an easy thing. If we go through the history, there were many challenges, oppositions, adversaries, and problems, yet, the ministry did not stop, or the Army engaged in this divine task did not go back. They continued in their mission, by complete submission. This reminds us of Jesus' command – "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." Luke 9:23. Complete submission is nothing but denying one's own identity. A soldier of God's army is a true product of complete submission to God. In other words, a person can become follower of Christ, if he submits completely to Christ.

Faithfulness brings heavenly rewards

When we remain faithful, the truth is that the Lord rewards you for your faithfulness. As the Apostle Paul teaches, in the context of faithful stewardship, the day is coming when the Lord will "bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God" (1 Cor. 4:5). In the parable of the talents, Jesus hints at the tremendous joy that awaits faithful servants: "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" (Matthew 25:21, 23). But even at the present time the Lord promises to share many blessings with you as you are faithful to Him and His work.

So be faithful now and to the very end! Be faithful in your relationship to the Lord as a true Soldier or Salvationist and in your service for Him in your Corps or wherever it may be, remembering that "He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him..." (Hebrew 6:10).

Being the stakeholder in whichever the capacity, let us show our continued faithfulness to God and faithful to our Army. May our faithfulness in our personal spiritual life, personal giving and personal testimony be an example in bringing many more souls to Christ!



"GOD'S PLANS ARE ALWAYS GOOD"

Greetings and best wishes to all the readers; I am glad to be able to write my testimony after a long spell of retirement life from regular Salvation Army Officer. Let me begin with a brief introduction of ourselves. Myself and my wife Elizabeth Zoawii entered Officer's Training College on 11th January 1979, belongs to 'God Soldiers Session' and commissioned into Salvation Army Officer on 11th January 1981. As I attained 71 years old, we now enjoy our peaceful retirement life in Aizawl city, the capital of Mizoram.

Making plans and prepare for future was a kind of headaches, and a kind of dreams while we were young. However, as we grow older, things turn reverse as we dreamt and stay in the nostalgic past which became a part of our life.

While thinking back the past, good things and achievements if any, big or small whatever I could think of brought me smiles and happiness; meanwhile, it is also true that mistakes and errors stays inside deepest consciousness which were difficult to get rid of unless we accept as a part of life and carry on with our retirement life. As King David also enunciated *"I am old now; I have lived a long time, but I have never seen people abandoned by the Lord of their own children begging for food. But the wicked will die"* Psalm 37:25,20.

To tell my experiences in a brief possible way, the life of Christian is neither a path that leads to life free from sadness and fear nor a path that leads to glory and laurels. It is rather a path to survive obstacles, fears, objections, and barriers; it is indeed a life with numerous

challenges, with obstructions and impediments to overcome, I should say. As a member of Salvation Army, our call was to face challenges, to fight the war and to win the war for the glory of the God. There are three important armours Christ's Army shall wear:

1. Courageousness: If we face the war with courage, faith and belief in the God knowing He is in front of us, nothing can stop us from winning. First challenges for me right after I was born again were my worldly old friends whom I had accompanied through ups and downs in my life. If don't win, they will win, no other option left.

Knowing that, I had to wage war against my old friends by wearing my full Salvation Army uniform, Bible and prayer, visits bars and locality where liquors were sold. I saw amazing works done by the God, how wonderful were His powers. Drunkard and addicted people turn to Jesus.

"But you must keep control of yourself in all circumstances; endure suffering, do work of preacher of Good news, and perform you whole duty as a servant of God"

During my service as an active officer, there had been occasions when we had to face unequalled challenges; among many, unprecedented frequent transfers, on many occasions even during midyear which had badly affected our children's educations and careers, deep financial crisis, and health issues were few of them which had cavernous impact on us. However, with God on our side, we were able to overcome all these challenges.


2. Cautiousness: Paul said, *"But you must keep control of yourself in all circumstances; endure suffering, do work of preacher of Good news, and perform you whole duty as a servant of God"* (2 Timothy 4:5). Follow what is written in the bible, to stick to it and obey is simply cautiousness as the Bible spelled out what we must do and what we must not. Among Satan's



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Major got married on 2nd November and God blessed them with 4 children 2 girls and 2 boys. And he attended SACO in 1965 and ICO in 2006. God blessed him with many appointments such as Corps officer, DHQ Asst., DYO, DYS, DS, DC, Asst Training Officer, Church Growth and Evangelistic Officer, Extension officer, in Samaritan Home and Muanna Home, and finally Property and Legal Secretary in THQ. And in January 2011, he got retirement from officer ship and leading a happy retirement life in Aizawl.

implements, these are his three main tools: Sex, money, and pride. Refraining from these three things results into close relationship with God. As almighty God acknowledged, he would always give what we need.

3. Honesty: Honesty is the result of loyalty to God. Serving God's purpose is honesty to God. If we are honest to Him, honesty in our works, with our spouse, with our fellow human beings are the outcome. Paul said *"You should think of us as Christ's servants, who have been put in charge of God's secret truths. The one thing required of such servants is that they be faithful to their master"* (1 Corinthians 4:1, 2). 

THE PERCEPTIVENESS OF FREDERICK BOOTH- TUCKER

(21 March 1853- 17 July 1929)

Frederick Booth Tucker accepted The Lord Jesus Christ and at the end of his life faithful to God and The Army. Frederick joined India Civil service in year 1874 and became in charge of Amritsar, Shimla and Dharamshala. It was very high government position in those days. He accepted The Lord Jesus Christ as his personal saviour through spiritual campaigns of Dwight Moody and Ira Sankey in London. Mr. Tucker against desire of wife and parents joined The Salvation Army. The calling of God was very clear to decide Frederick to embrace what was pleasing in the eyes of God.

Frederick so happily, enthusiastically, and willingly accepted to preach the gospels of Jesus Christ under the banner of The Salvation Army in India. In the Bible the word "embrace" has two definite denotation- The one is to clasp and hold fondly in the arms, pointing to a common custom. Frederick Booth Tucker not only embraced Jesus Christ his Lord of life but also sacrificed his life to help many Indian to embrace Jesus Christ as their master to establish The Salvation Army. Let us see how Major Fakir Singh embraced India in various perspectives.

1. THE SENSIBILITY OF INDIAN CIRCUMSTANCES

Frederick had great passion to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Indians as he had grown up and very much acquainted with Indian condition. He was the man with heart of immense love for Indian people. He saw the Indian condition of caste system that was weakening people to be away from faith and purity. The people were living in great distress and grief. Therefore, Major Tucker entered India on 19th September 1882 in Bombay along with three officers. The sole purpose of this voyage was to proclaim the name of resurrected Lord Jesus Christ to the people of India. What an eminent surrender to God, to bring many unreached to the fold of Jesus Christ.



The conditions of Indian food, society and transportation was not like this as we see today. Major Frederick woke bare foot in the fields of Atmapur village (The Holy Spirit Village) in Gujarat state. This act was the main surprise for the people of that area, and therefore many accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal saviour. However, obeying the great command of Jesus Christ, Major was ready to accept those in severe and hard condition in season and out of season.

2. THE SUSCEPTIBILITY OF INDIAN SURROUNDINGS:

Major Tucker realised that prominent barrier in India was Caste System. Major accepted the way of life of the outcasts. The Salvation Army uniforms were replaced with saffron robes of Indian Fakir and assumed Indian names. Frederick adopted Indian dress and name to identify himself with the local Indian people. The goal of this indigenization was to help people to learn how God can be real part of their life as they practise Biblical Faith. The creation of Indian way of worship to understand God in a simplest way.

Our Master Jesus Christ was the sole role model for Major Frederick Tucker. Jesus came into Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." When Jesus saw some fishermen casting their nets into the sea, He said "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." This was the mission of our Master Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, Major Frederick Booth Tucker had same desire to make people fishermen of Men. How wonderful it is! Jesus in all his conditions glorify our living God. Major Frederick accepted Indian customs to bring many people into the feet of Jesus Christ and Major was so successful in this spiritual business.

3. THE SENTIMENTALITY OF INDIAN CULTURAL TRADITIONS

Culture is the attribute and awareness of a special group of people. It was very difficult as



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today we use RO and re furnish water but in those days, there was no such special water bottle available everywhere. The special food was not available as today we see in every area. There was no such transportation as we find today, it will be taken hours and hours to reach one origin to the destination.

The life and teaching Jesus show us a way to minister the people cross culturally. Jesus took the very nature of a humble servant. Major Frederick went throughout India with this mission and motto. Therefore, the people had seen the humbleness in his life as his Master Lord Jesus. Therefore, Frederick not only embraced God but very firmly decided to embrace Indian Condition, Customs, and cultures to extend The Kingdom of God. He had taken the mission of God to India very gladly too be fulfilled. Eventually, Commissioner wrote poems and songs and compiled a collection of one hundred favourite songs of The Salvation Army. He was admitted to the Order of the Founder in 1920.

Dear Comrades, we have immense heritage left by Frederick Booth Tucker for us. In Gujarati language we have song that We have to keep moving the chariot of The Salvation Army, and we will not stop it at all, even Satan come into the midst we will not stop it and keep operating ahead and ahead. Let's proceed the chariot of The Salvation Army to reach the unreached and glorify our God everywhere.

Happy Anniversary of TSA in India.



September 19

The day of Indianization of Global Humanity

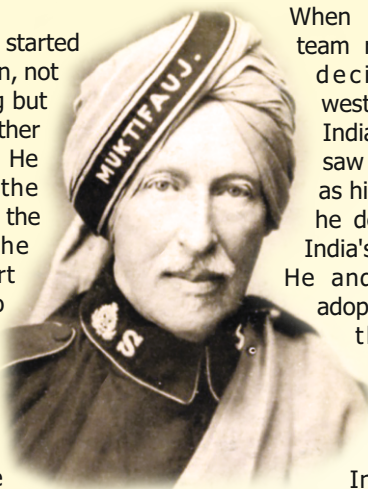
September 19 is an unforgettable day to all salvationists of India, because God's love got off the ship as humanity on the shore of Mumbai through Commissioner Booth Tucker and his colleagues in 1882.

When General William Booth started the Salvation Army in London, not only it was a church making but was a structuring of another face of a global humanity. He was a humanist loved the drunkards, prostitutes, and the marginalized people. The Christ's love in his heart compelled him to do something the people around him. A group of people expelled from the main streams of society, lived outer side of the Towns and beneath the huge bridges. They were also human but were not considered as the human beings. Really the humanity originates from a Godly heart. General William booth was a man with the heart of God. He gave the heart to God and hand to man who in need around him. After the establishment of Salvation Army in London, few years later it began to grow and extended the work to other countries. Slowly the love of God, Salvation spread along with humanity to all over the world, made as a global humanity.

Commissioner Booth Tucker was selected to lead the Salvation army work in India. It was not a church planting but spreading that humanity to India in 1882, September 19 Tucker and his fellow workers stepped down from the ship S. S. Ancona on the shore of Mumbai. The following points explains how Booth Tucker made the Indianization of global

humanity. It means the transformation and adaption of Indian culture and perspectives.

1. Indianization of Culture :



When Booth Tucker and his team reached in India, they decided to transform western culture and styles to Indian perspective. Tucker saw the Indian caste system as his main obstacle, and so he decided to work among India's sixty million outcasts. He and his fellow workers adopted the way of the life of the outcasts. Their Salvation Army uniforms were replaced with the saffron robes of the Indian fakir, and they assumed Indian names. They

went to the villages of north India, resting in the shadow of trees, living in small huts. They used the tricolor bodement on their forehead to reveal the trinity. When they preached about Jesus Christ thousands of people received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. The Indianization of their culture helped them to spread the gospel to India.

2. Indianization of Cult :

The Cult means the strategy which they had designed for the worship as Indian atmosphere. In northern region of India, they organized Boom Marches to attract the people for attending the meetings. Frederick's zeal for Jesus and the people of India was contagious. Many people wanted to be a part of the special revival happening in India, but few people were willing to make some sacrifices. They went the small villages and organized



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small meetings in front of the houses using folk musical Instruments. Most of the people attracted with the worship, music and preaching and joined the Salvation Army.

3. Indianization of Humanity :

When William Booth sent Booth Tucker to India, he advised him to get into the skin of that people. The real humanity is knowing the human, understanding, and touching their life. Really Booth Tucker could fulfill the word of General. In his early times he had renounced his great Job in Indian Civil Service, Assistant Commissioner in Amritsar and became a Salvation Army Officer. The reason was he strongly desired to serve the people and serve the God. The Officership of the Salvation Army helped him to expose his humanity. 1882 September 19 was the day of Indianization of a Global humanity which was structured by General William Booth.

When we remember and celebrate this India day of Salvation Army may God help us to be more courageous, dedicated and loyal to God to spread the Gospel and humanity all over India. May God bless you all.





Captain Latha Cheeli
Education Secretary
Secretary for Youth & Children
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Empowering Communities Through Education— The Salvation Army's Influence

As we commemorate the commencement of the Salvation Army's work in India on 19th September 2021, I wish all the Salvationists in India a good time. We need not discuss on the influence of the Salvation Army in empowering communities which has been remarkable and tremendous. We have many success stories where the fourfold ministry of the Salvation Army not only transformed the lives, but also empowered in many ways. The communities, with the impact of the Salvation Army as the change agent in communities, made a great effect alongside other Christian missionaries in bringing drastic awareness on many social evils. The provision of free education in a high standard manner, helped to overcome the social stigma and against the social evils.

Christians have been pioneering educational initiatives from pre independence time onwards and now has some 25000+ schools, colleges, and universities even in very remote and rural areas, imparting quality education to all irrespective of caste, creed, or language, contributing to the progress and development of the nation in most altruistic manner. Christians decry the limitations of ideologies, narrow religious assumptions, social prejudices, economic disparities, and gender discriminations in all its forms, and declare the fraternity of all persons in a community of mutual love and respect.

THE ROLE OF EARLY MISSIONARIES:

We must admit that it was only during the British rule that education spread in a somewhat organized manner in India. The western ideas of liberty, equality and fraternity began to attract the educated youth. Christian missionary activity in India generally involved the establishment of high-quality schools. Obviously, the Christian community's impact does not end there. Accompanying the schools came printing presses, which were helpful in the dissemination of literature of all kinds. In fact, the early overseas missionaries were responsible for pioneering English and modern vernacular education. R. L. Rawat, in his History of Indian Education, suggests that India will forever be indebted to the missionaries to produce textbooks, dictionaries, and grammars, and for their zealous pursuit of educational advancement.

THE SALVATION ARMY THROUGH EDUCATION:

The role of the Salvation Army has been extensive and highly visible in almost all areas of community development, but education is one area in which it has given momentum to development. It opened for the community's immediate access to the ways of coping with a fast-developing world". The early Salvation Army officers believed in the principle of maintaining the status quo of egalitarian society in which they involve themselves by looking at everybody as equal in society. They have been pioneers in the field of contextual education. They have a rare sense of dedication to the cause. The officers being the teachers used to learn the local languages of the area. They gained the confidence of the villagers. The amount of labour the officers put in is very much greater than other teachers they hired. They create in the heart of the communities the zest for education. All these qualities must be emulated by teachers employed by even governments of that time. A distinction needs to be made here between the corps-related school and Christian education. The officers ensured that corps-based school is constrained to operate within the educational system and Christian education that reaches out beyond, to the least and last members of the marginalized communities who are waiting to be conscientized and liberated.

The pioneer officers realised and believed that Education is for greatness in human growth and economic wellbeing, with equal rights and equity of opportunities as children of God and equal citizens of one nation. This education provides inclusive and integral education space, digitally empowered and skill oriented, with holistic values and wisdom of healthy life management. The Salvation Army's educational institutions reach out to the weaker sections of the society mostly in rural and tribal areas, through selfless service rendering not only educational services but also service in the areas of health care, social work, and developmental programmes. It has raised their economic standards and improved their social status and prestige in the society.

THE SALVATION ARMY SCHOOLS FOR WOMEN EDUCATION:


Along with the other missionaries at that time, one of the activities of the Salvation Army officers was the work among women. With the influence of the other missionaries serving in India, the officers were engaged in promoting women's education in India. Women's education led to the enlightenment of Indian women of all religions, castes, and regions in modern times. The inception of women's education was a

breakthrough in transformation of society at large. Clearly, the Salvation Army being the part of Indian Christian education made women's education a priority.

EDUCATION AS A TOOL IN FIGHTING AGAINST SOCIAL EVILS:

Ideally the Salvation Army missionary officers hoped to make schools the spiritual and religious centres, but not as the conversion centres. They never tried to use schools in religious conversion. The point General William Booth made was to be mentioned here, that he challenged the officers those going as missionaries around the world to focus on changing the lives by demonstrating the love of Jesus in actions and deeds. The officers engaged in the corps-based development activities hoped to eradicate the practices and behaviours of natives like Idol worship, polytheism, bigotry, polygamy, and many superstitions which were considered by them to be much uncivilized by means of education. Regular Bible lessons were used to teach the value-based education to help them live a standard life. The Salvation Army officers who established, educational institutions throughout the length and breadth of India opened the gates of their schools and educational institutions for everybody without looking into caste or creed. Thus, the downtrodden section of the people of got an opportunity to educate themselves in these institutions and they were able to secure high positions in the society and to inspire their communities about the need of getting educated. The officers showed in practice that education would be the most effective and lasting instrument for the liberation of people.

THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SALVATION ARMY SCHOOLS TO THE COMMUNITY:

The Salvation Army schools-helped to lay the foundations for a wider and deeper fraternity based on love, justice, forgiveness, and solidarity. The Christian message though schools helped to unite the different peoples of the communities made them aware of their self-worth, opened a wider horizon as large as the globe. Transformed the lives of many who were engaged in anti-social activities, to be a people of dignity and respect. The schools helped the nation in increased literacy rate. They played a unique role in contributing to the Indian culture. As India is composed of various cultural traditions, their contribution to the Indian culture varies from one state to another. One of the important things that the schools emphasized was the humanization of life in all aspects of all people regardless of caste, religion, race and region proving that Christian gospel is a source for humanization. 



Lifestyle Diseases – the Biggest Killer in India.

Lifestyle Diseases are diseases that are caused partly by unhealthy behaviours, habits and practices and partly by other factors. Centre for Science and Environment reports that lifestyle diseases are the biggest killer in India. CSE reveals crucial links between environment and health – some of them yet unexplored, such as the connection between air pollution and mental health.

It identified seven major lifestyle health problems in India

■ Over 61 per cent of all deaths in India attributed to lifestyle or non-communicable diseases (NCDs)

■ More than 1.73 million new cancer cases likely to be recorded each year by 2020; air pollution, tobacco, alcohol and diet change are primary triggers

■ Every 12th Indian a diabetic -- India ranks second in the list of countries with highest diabetes burden.

■ Every third child in Delhi has impaired lungs; India had 35 million chronic asthma patients in 2016.

■ Air pollution causes 30 per cent of all premature deaths in the country; linkages with mental diseases revealed.

■ More than 2.7 million people in India die of heart diseases (Cardiovascular) every year – 52 per cent of them below the age of 70. Cardiovascular diseases (CVD) are diseases or disorders that result from damage to the heart and blood vessels. Common Cardiovascular Diseases are high blood pressure, heart attack, arteriosclerosis (fat deposition in blood vessels)

While ailments like leprosy, poliomyelitis and tetanus has been declining due to concerted government efforts and higher awareness, there has been an increase in lifestyle or chronic diseases like hypertension, cancer, AIDS and diabetes.

India is already home to the largest number of diabetes patients and is projected to have 30 million diabetics by 2020, of which 6.6 million or 22% would suffer from complications such as diabetic nephropathy. Doctors blame sedentary lifestyle, lack of physical activity, obesity, stress and consumption of a diet rich in fat and sugar for the high incidence. Similarly, stress both at work and at home is

going to take a further toll with the number of people suffering from hypertension estimated to rise 213.5 million in 2025, compared to 118.2 million in 2000 representing an 80% rise in a span of a quarter century.

A recent study had estimated that nearly 11% of India's urban population and 3% of rural population above the age of 15 have diabetes.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), there are four major risk factors for NCDs -- alcohol, tobacco, poor diet intake and lack of physical activity. These risk factors have multiple targets and can cause diseases which are not generally linked to them. For example, exposure to pesticides is known to cause cancer, but new data is emerging to link it to diabetes as well

Similarly, air pollution is known to cause Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases (COPD), but there is little understanding on how this can adversely affect mental health.

Seven major health problems or Lifestyle Diseases in India

Obesity: The number of overweight and obese people in India doubled between 2005 and 2015. Among individuals aged between 15-49 years, 20.7 per cent of women and 18.6 per cent of men have been found to be overweight or obese.

Mental health: More than 10 per cent of the country's population over the age of 18 suffers from various kinds of mental illnesses. At least 150 million people in the country, affected by mental disorders, are in need of active medical intervention. Lack of social support, changing diets and economic instability are the main triggers of mental disorders. Increased intake of sugar, too, has been linked to mental illness, making it imperative to find ways of reducing intake.

Cancer: More than 1.73 million new cancer cases are likely to be recorded each year by 2020 in India. Commonly used household chemicals and cosmetics contain cancer-causing compounds. It is estimated that up to 20 per cent of cancer cases can be linked to environmental exposures of toxins. Tobacco and alcohol, air pollution and diets rich in meat and low in vegetables, are primary triggers.

Heart diseases: 26 per cent of all deaths in India happen due to cardiovascular diseases. Men and young are at a higher risk. In urban



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India, young and middle-aged people are at risk, while in rural areas, the elderly population is vulnerable. Lack of physical activity has been identified as one of the biggest triggers of cardiovascular diseases.

Prevention of Cardiovascular Diseases includes limiting fat intake, eating healthy food items, minimizing salt intake, keeping body weight healthy and avoid smoking. Avoid alcohol intake, regular exercise, monitor your blood pressure and cholesterol, relax & cut down on stress.

Respiratory diseases: India had an estimated 22.2 million chronic COPD patients and around 35 million chronic asthma patients in 2016.

Other than air pollution from vehicles and industry, global warming also increases risk to respiratory health.

Hormonal disorders: Every 12th Indian is said to be a diabetic. Data on other hormonal diseases is still not available. Small studies suggest that one in 10 adults suffer from hypothyroidism.

Food allergies: It is suggested that 25-40 million people in India could be suffering from food allergies. About 170 foods reportedly cause allergic reactions. Food labels that provide detailed information about constituents could be important in controlling this. India does not have a mechanism in place that requires Genetically Modified (GM) foods to be clearly labelled. 🐾

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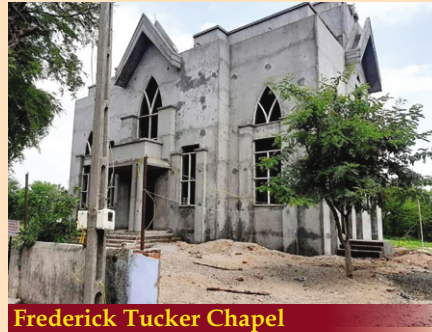
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1 9th September is honorable day for The Salvation Army in India because it is the day when The Salvation Army came to India with mission of God to extend love of God to Indian people. It was 19th September 1882, the commemoration Day of The Salvation Army in India, when Frederick Booth Tucker along with his team unfurled the triune flag of our Army, in the name of The Father Son and The Holy Spirit.

Frederick Booth Tucker used to travel Indian villages through animal carts, and visit villages, plains, and fields everywhere. Firstly, Frederick Booth Tucker started to preaching in Ranipur village in Gujarat, this was the early missionary battlefield for preaching and teaching of God's word in Gujarat. One day, while travelling near Kheda, a district headquarters and he was very much tired and wanted to take some rest on that hot and fullest sunshine day of the long summer day. He planned to rest under the Tamarind tree, with his bare foot, bleeding feet, just near to Vatrak river that used to produce so many watermelons those days and now too. When, the villagers saw, the white man sleeping under tamarind tree with bare foot bleeding, surrounded to him. Frederick Booth Tucker mentioned in his autobiography about *'that day I preached my best sermon with my bleeding feet and the whole village accepted The Lord Jesus Christ as their personal savior and Lord of all'*. That village became known as Atmapur- means Spirit Land, the place where the spirit of God moved and

The Historical Atmapur Village

(The Spirit Land)



Frederick Tucker Chapel

touched everyone and experienced God's saving grace in their life.

Frederick Booth Christlike gesture brought so many people into the feet of Jesus Christ. The people received countless blessings in their lives because they put their complete trust in The Lord Jesus Christ. Today, the same Tamarind tree standing firm, witnessing the life, faith, dedication, and work of Frederick Booth Tucker, and challenging everyone to do the same and follow the master Lord Jesus Christ in the days that God has given to us.

At present, passionate, enthusiastic Army corps is there in Atmapur, and God's work is going on for extension of God's kingdom. The Salvationists in Gujarat contributed huge amount of money to build Frederick Booth Tucker Memorial Church in Atmapur. The construction work has been almost completed and will be open for all the salvationist to come and see the God's spirit work and to be filled with the spirit of God.

I request all of you to pray for Atmapur corps, as may God continue to bless and so many people can experience the

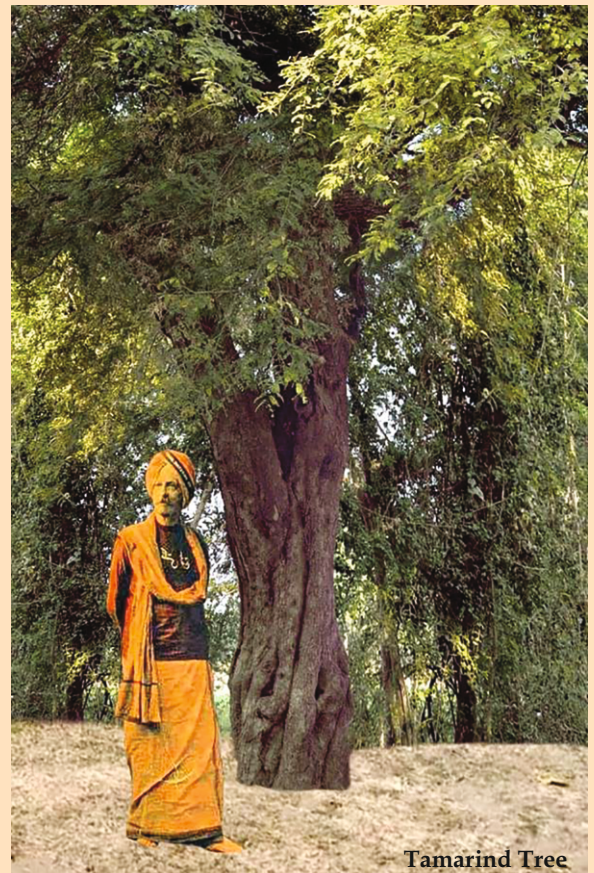
Spirit of Frederick Booth Tucker to carry out the mission and ministry that God has given to all of us. I am grateful to God personally, blessed my life and family in abundant way, it's because of God's grace and everything came good for us.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) We can take heart and have confidence in Jesus. Unlike our own wealth or earthly leaders which will disappoint and constantly change, Jesus is the one steadfast and unchanging anchor who can hold our lives together. So, let us take confidence in him.

May God Bless Atmapur Corps!



(Translated from Gujarati)



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Joy Joy Joy...

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BIOGRAPHY

A local preacher in Derby, Pearson moved to London in 1874 and joined the Christian Mission there. He was a superintendent of the Shoreditch Circuit, and an evangelist in Hastings, White chapel, Welling borough, Manchester, and Bradford.

He directed the Salvation Army (SA) corps in East Hartlepool for a short while, then

returned to London in 1879 and managed the SA Book Stores. He later represented The War Cry, worked as quarterly collection officer, and had a well-known faith healing ministry.

He made a number of contributions to The War Cry and The Musical Salvationist.

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WILLIAM B. BRADBURY

Short Name : William B. Bradbury

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1816-1868

Birth Year : 1816

Death Year : 1868



Mr. Justin Benjamin
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Joy in The Salvation Army (ESB 963)

William James Pearson (1832 - 1892)

William Batchelder Bradbury (1816 - 1868)

Chord progression: Eb Ab Eb Eb Bb Fm C Fm Bb7 Eb Bb7

8 Eb Ab Eb F7/C Bb Eb G C#m

15 Bb/F F7 Bb Bb7 Eb Bb7 Eb

21 Ab Eb Bb/F F7 Bb Eb Ab CHORUS Eb

28 Eb Bb Fm C Fm Bb7 Eb Bb7

Lyrics: Joy! Joy! Joy! there is joy in the sal - va - tion Ar - my Joy! Joy! Joy! in the Ar - my of the Lord. sing to God, sing to God, with loud joy - ful songs of praise; Beat the drums, beat the drums, while sal - va - tion mu - sic plays. Play the mu - sic play, sing the hap - py song, loud ho - san - nas shout with the hap - py throng, To the hap - py land we'll march a - long And be joy - ful all the way. Joy! Joy! Joy! there is joy in The Sal - va - tion Ar - my, Joy! Joy! Joy! in the Ar - my of the Lord

THE GREAT SERVANT OF INDIA

September 19th, 1882, was an unforgettable and the happiest day for the Salvation Army in India. On 19th September 2021 we are celebrating 139th anniversary of the Salvation Army's commencement in India. This was the day on which the Commissioner Booth Tucker along with his team entered Bombay through the gate way of India. It is a great pleasure and blessing that we recall their sacrifices and costs they paid for bringing the Salvation Army ministry into India. The call of Booth Tucker for the ministry service, his dedication and determination certainly be an exemplary to the Cadets and newly appointed Officers who are called for the services in the Salvation Army.

1.COMMISSIONER BOOTH TUCKER'S CALL :

In the way that Lord called Moses in the Bible (Exodus 3:4), the Lord also called our Founder William Booth who had been working at Methodist Church service, then he established the Salvation Army on 2nd JULY 1865, and since then it has been growing in and around the world. The Article in the War cry written by William Booth inspired Frederick St. George de Lautour Booth Tucker living in India at that time and brought him to do the service of God in the Salvation Army. He was trained by the founder and upon his successful training, appointed as the servant of God. He was appointed as Legal and Candidates Secretary at the International headquarters. Later few months he became leader to begin the service of God in India with his team of 6 members.

2. COMMISSIONER BOOTH TUCKER'S RESOLUTION:

As Joshua anointed as second servant of God after Moses in the Bible (Joshua 1:2), Tucker had been chosen as another servant of God for the Salvation Army. "Joshua was full of the spirit of wisdom; Moses had laid his hands upon him". (Deuteronomy 34:9) In the same manner Booth Tucker received the blessing of William Booth and went

forward. This is the encouragement that the founder delivered to Tucker "GO among my people and find them from the darkness to brightness".

3.COMMISSIONER BOOTH TUCKER'S ENTRY IN INDIA:

Commissioner started to India with his team of 6 members. The mother of Army Catherine Booth blessed the team and sent to India. The wife of Booth Tucker Luisa Bode and sister Jennings returned to their places due to physical illness during the way onward.

The remaining 4 members continued their journey to India. The 4 members were

1. Major Booth Tucker wearing an amber coat while wearing a turban and holding the Flag of Army.
2. Captain Henry Bullard playing Clarinet.

3. Lt. Norman playing Drum.

4. Lt. Mary Thomson playing Tambourine.

Tucker was called as the Commander to lead the service of God in the Salvation Army with the name of Fakir Singh.

4.COMMISSIONER BOOTH TUCKER'S SERVICE IN INDIA :

Booth Tucker started his service of God in India with dedication and determination not losing hope despite many barriers and difficulties. He was called to the service of God at early days, though he lacked proper garments and Sandals. With bleeding feet, he never took his foot back from strengthening the Salvation Army ministry in India. He learned Indian languages and traditions and led his



Major K. Suvarna Raju (Rtd.)
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fighting to serve the God. As it is written in 1Corinthians 3:10-15, like General William Booth planted the Salvation Army strongly in London, similarly Fakir Singh planted the plant of Army, watered it and developed it. So now this plant has been growing with shoots, fruiting nuts. "I have planted Apollos watered, but God gave the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6)

The fruits that were harvested from the year 1882 in India have flourished in many parts of India for 139 years.

May God bless the Army and help the present and future leaders, officers, soldiers, and every individual linked with the Salvation Army to keep the Church grow and develop under His mighty wings.



NEW TERRITORIAL LEADERS INSTALLED: ON SATURDAY 17 JULY 2021 AT BAPATLA CENTRAL HALL

It was a Significant and sacred occasion for the India Central Territory Salvationists, friends and well wishers from various places to Witness and be present for the Installation & Welcome Service of the New Territorial Leaders Colonels Yaqoob and Sumitra Masih.

Colonel Yaqoob Masih and Colonel Sumitra Masih were officially installed as new Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries of India Central Territory by Commissioner Wilfred Varghese (Rtd.) & Commissioner Prema Wilfred (Rtd.). The Installation segment was sacred moments for the new leaders who stepped forward and responded equally to the Covenant read by Commissioner Wilfred Varghese, Commissioner Prema Wilfred. They installed the new Territorial Leaders. "God bless you both and grant you HIS wisdom, grace and peace in this role," said Commissioner Wilfred Varghese, a prayer of dedication was offered for the new Leaders, seeking


the Lord's hand to be upon them in their respective roles as they serve in the ICT.

All the programs were conducted in a very excellent and vibrant manner and order of the service was well organized. Following persons spoke felicitation words and congratulated the leaders.

Major MPCH Prasad, DC Nellore.
Colonel M. Abraham, Rtd TC.
Dr. G. A. Benerji Menon, Local officer Bapatla.
Rev. Dr. Ch. Yesurathnam, Lutheran Church Bapatla.
Lt. Colonel B. Joseph, Secretary for Business Administration.
Lt. Colonel M. Mercy Manjula, THLS.
Commissioner J. Rachel Israel, (Rtd.), TPWM.

Colonel Sumitra Masih in her response expressed her Joy and thanks to General, International Headquarters Leaders and Salvationists for honouring her, and she requested the Salvationists to extend their kind support for the responsibility. Captain

Anil Masih presented a beautiful song of welcome to his beloved parents and it was well appreciated by the congregation.

Colonel Yaqoob Masih, in his response thanked the General Brian Peddle, WPWM, Chief of the Staff, Zonal Leaders and other IHQ leaders for giving this great privilege of appointment and elevation to the rank of Colonels and delivered a Challenging Bible message from the book of Judges 11:4-11 and he expressed his gratitude to all Salvationists for the wonderful welcome and he shared his vision and passion for the souls, and requested the cooperation from all officers and soldiers of the ICT. He gave final call at the end of his sermon to the Salvationists to lead our Army onward and forward. While Chief Secretary leading the final song all responded and moved forward to the Mercy Seat. Finally, Territorial Commander concluded this service with prayer and benediction. We give all Glory and Honour to God. 

Major C. Dani Samuel Raju
Editor, India Central Territory

ARMY ON WHEELS

With Great Vision our Beloved Territorial Leaders Colonel Yaqoob Masih, Territorial Commander, Colonel Sumitra Masih, TPWM has dedicated and handed over 5 Vehicles to five Divisions Tenali, Vijayawada, Gudivada, Rajahmundry and Chennai. These new cars were sponsored by the Territorial Headquarters Women Ministries. The dedication Program was held on 6th August 2021 at 11:30 am at THQ. All the Cabinet Secretaries, Department Heads, and Employees have participated in this program. The Divisional Commanders who received the vehicles have expressed their joy and gratitude to the Leaders and the Army and they promised to use these vehicles for the extension of God's Ministry and Army work.



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SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FOR WOMEN - INT


What a great privilege to learning new things together was the Theme of "NEXT LEVEL". India Northern Territory conducted two days Skill Development training for women officers delegates from THQ, DHQ, Extensions.

This training was commenced with the welcome words and devotion of Lt. Colonel Raniphula Pradhan, THLS. Keynote address was followed by Colonel Baby Sarojini Dasari, TPWM. The learned soap making, Dish wash, Hand wash, Detergent, Pen stand, cement flower pot, Cloth flowers, woolen flowers, pouch, Bible markers etc. Main purpose of this training is to strengthen women and to develop the

community especially in this Pandemic.

All the delegates were challenged to raise the funds for COVID-19 victims. This training has been concluded with the Bible words of TPWM Colonel Baby Sarojini based on Exodus 35:25 & 26 verses "All the Women were skilled" with this challenge went back to homes to develop the skills of the women.

We are very thankful to TPWM and Secretary for Women's Development - India National Office.

God bless our women. 

Major Goldi Emmanuel
TWDO, India Northern Territory

Photos



Installation service of Colonel Yaqoob Masih, Territorial Commander & Colonel Sumitra Masih, TPWM, ICT



Relief material distributed to the Yaas Cyclone affected people, INT



Skill Training Programme for Women, INT



TPWM has dedicated and handed over 5 vehicles to five divisions, ICT

