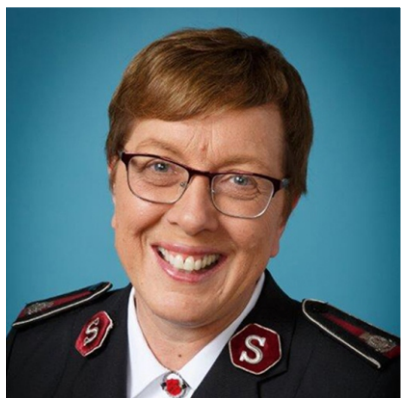




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THERE IS NO DISCRIMINATION IN CHRIST JESUS!

Mary Slessor (1848 -1915) was a Scottish Presbyterian missionary to Nigeria. It is telling when she planned to go to Africa for missionary work, where many male missionaries had been killed, one person asked, "what would happen if an unarmed woman went in front of an armed crowd?" She replied, "You doubted the power of woman, but what do you know about the power of God in woman?" What the world saw in later days was the miraculous intervention of God through this woman in Africa.

Bravely she did missions work without a team or a family to support her. Mary would become one of the single missionary women to make a nation-wide impact. She learned more and more about the culture of the local tribes. Witchcraft and spiritism and cruel tribal customs such as 'twin-murder' were hard to fight against. The tribes thought that twins were a result of a curse caused by an evil spirit who fathered one of the children. Both babies were brutally murdered and mother was shunned from society. Overwhelmed and depressed she prayed like this, "Lord, the task is impossible for me but not for Thee. Lead the way and I will follow. Why should I fear? I am on a Royal Mission. I am in the service of the King of Kings."

She was bold in her ministry and fearless as she travelled from village to village. Mary rescued hundreds of twin babies thrown out into the forest, prevented many wars, stopped the practice of trying to determine guilt by making them drink poison, healed the sick, started orphanages, stood up for women's right, healed the sick and adopted many children who were thrown to death!! Moreover, she transformed communities by preaching the Great God of love whose son came to earth to die on the cross that sinful men might have eternal life. Even though she lost her parents and all her siblings within these years, she never tired of doing good things. In 1915, because of severe malaria, in the presence of all her adopted children, she joined with her Eternal Father in Heaven.

Even still the world is speaking of gender equity, gender equality, gender justice, gender politics, we the salvationist women are so privileged that hundreds of years ago God gave the vision to our leadership to understand the power and potentials that God deposited in women. The major influence in the life and ministry of General William Booth was his wife, Catherine. It was Catherine's conviction that creating equality in relationships between men and women was part of God's plan of redemption and reconciliation for all people.

That time many organizations have not encouraged the women leadership, but this was never the case with the Salvation Army. From the beginning, the army has empowered women to advocate for and serve the most vulnerable in our world. When society did not provided women the opportunity to vote, the membership in parliament, or at least to sit at the table with men, the Booth's vision gave women a place and equality, resulting in three women being elected as Generals of The Salvation Army.

Evangeline Booth; the first woman General of the Salvation Army and the world's most famous evangelist, Eva Burrows; known as the People's General and is the longest – serving general in the Salvation army, and Linda Bond; another outstanding preacher that helped to expand the reach of The Salvation army under her leadership. The great women within The Salvation Army always made great contributions of equal or more than that of men.

Many female characters inspire us by reflecting on life values such as faith, dedication, and love. These feminine gems share with us the profound levels of knowledge and faith. As the domestic violence increase day by day, even though dowry is prohibited in India by law, we know the important factor of the marriage market is the dowry and still it takes the valuable lives of many innocent girls, women and children are constantly abused, lets realize the truth that, each missionary motivated to join in social reform is the profound love towards Jesus. As women, God is expecting something from us to do to eliminate the darkness and bring light in the community. May all the exemplary life patters that preceded us give light and guidance in our way!

Bible says there is no discrimination!

There is neither Jew nor Gentile – No caste discrimination
There is neither slave or free - No social or economic discrimination
Nor is there male and female - No gender discrimination

For you are all one in Christ Jesus! (Galatians 3: 28)

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY!! 

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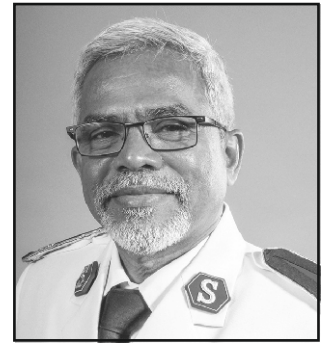
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OVERCOME THE DEVIL IN JESUS WAY

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Lent is observed by almost all Christian churches in different ways. Christians fast remembering Jesus fasted for forty days. Two years back, we were in Sri Lanka, and because of the first wave of COVID, we were in lockdown. During that time, we received devotional materials from IHQ. Sri Lanka Colombo Corps officer used to put devotions online. All this was to help the soldiers and friends to motivate and encourage them in their faith during those difficult times. I was personally blessed, as these all inspired me a lot to change my everyday pattern of devotion. I focussed more on life of Jesus' journey towards the cross, where once and for all, the greatest sacrifice Jesus made to free us and the whole world from our sins and its curse.

Now a days, I am not able to fast whole day as I use to do. So, I would skip my

breakfast and spend two hours in my personal prayer and devotion. During these days of fasting and praying, I focussed my devotion on Matthew 3 & 4 chapters. This really helped me to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit, teaching me to completely lean in the arms of God and see Satan is defeated in my life.

God has intended victory for his children in our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ. To claim this victory, we must follow our Saviour Jesus Christ. Imitate him in everything we do.

Spirit of God: (Matthew 1: 13 – 17)

When Jesus was baptised, The Holy Spirit descended on him like a dove and Voice of God was heard saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We see wonderful manifestation of Triune God. The Father confirming his purpose in

the Son, The Holy Spirit descending on him, and the Son commencing his work of salvation and reconciling lost world to its creator.

Bible tells us that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil (John 4:1). In other words, the Holy Spirit accompanied Jesus in the wilderness where the devil was waiting to trap him to destroy God's everlasting plan of Salvation of the souls.

From the time of fall, Satan has remained the enemy of God and God's creation - human life. He works to destroy our lives. As Peter describes Satan is like roaring lion, who prowls around looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5: 8). He comes in many ways to trap and destroy our spiritual lives, creating physical situations to make us to give into his temptations.

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Being in nature of Man, Jesus knows our weakness. He knows that it is not possible for us to overcome on evil and sin on our own strength. To help us overcome, Jesus has promised the same Holy Spirit, who was with him. (John 14: 26). If anything, we need to live a victorious life over evil, is only the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, 'Though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'. (Luke 11: 13 NIV).

Matthew records in chapter 4: 3 -11, three incidents of Satan coming to Jesus to tempt him. It refers to the most common temptations that God's children face in this world and helps us to understand how Jesus defeated Satan at every incident of testing, I take them as threefold weapon against devil when he tempts us.

Feed on the word of God:

Satan, knowing that Jesus is the Son of God and has power over everything. Now, Jesus being living a life as human as us, means now for physical need. Satan taking the account of situation of hunger, he wanted to test Jesus to compel him to use his Godly power and order to a stone to become bread.

Jesus at once silenced him and made it clear that the real human hunger is to get rid of sins and reconcile with God. Real fact of our survival is our soul than our physical life. Jesus has taught us to fear God who has power over physical life as on our souls (Read Luke 12: 4-7). Therefore, to live, most needed thing is to be continually fed on the word of God. All the children of God can survive by every word that comes from God (Matthew 4: 2-4)

One of the greatest gift God has given to us is the freedom of choice. We read in the book of Genesis, that God asked Adam and Eve not to eat fruit from the tree that was planted in the middle of the Garden (Genesis 2: 15 -17). Satan tempted them by referring to what God had told them, made them to choose just opposite and brought curse on their lives (Genesis 3: 1-10).

We must always be aware of misusing God given freedom. Paul warns the Christians in Corinth stating that we have

right to do anything, but everything is not beneficial (1 Corinthians 6:12). To Christians in Galatians, he warns them not to use freedom to indulge the flesh (Galatians 5:13).

If we walk with the Spirit of God, he will always bring us to God's words and give us power over temptations.

Trust God and do not doubt (Matthew 4:5-7)

Satan came second time to Jesus, testing him by using the word of God to test whether God will really send his angels to lift Jesus, if he throws himself from the top of the mountain. Truly, Jesus came to this world to give his own life on the cross. He trusted his Father for his life and chose to be faithful to death, even the death on the cross. Jesus rebuked Satan and strongly condemn him for testing God.

We read from Job's life; Satan did everything to harm Job. Bible records Satan's argument over Job's life on earth that was blameless, upright, fearing God, kept away from evil because he is unaware of any hardship. He states, 'Does Job fear God for nothing? Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face' (Job 1: 8 -11). After going through all that hardship, loss and pain, Job's truth about God never changed (Job 42:7 NIV)

Never allow Satan to make you doubt about God or test his presence. For whether you believe or not, He is there. He loves you and cares for you. Peter in his letter warns us about the last days, that the mockers will come to raise doubts about God's promises in the Bible (2 Peter 3: 3 - 4). But As Paul Suggests, 'See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving hearts that turns away from the living God.' (Hebrew 3: 12 NIV)

Give God His due glory (Matthew 4: 8 -11)

The tempter came the third time to tempt Jesus, showing the world and its splendour to be his if he bows down and worship him. What a daring, to ask such a question to the King of kings and Lord of

Lords; to whom God has given all the power and glory even before the earth was formed. That is how devil is! Even though he is defeated enemy, he still uses his all-evil tactics to test God's People. Satan failed to compare God's glory with the splendour of the world. Jesus rebuked him. Completed his fasting and prayer to commence His ministry from there on.


Jesus revealed God's glory to us. He is yesterday, today for ever is same. He is Alfa and omega. There is no one beside our God. There is nothing on earth or in heaven that we can compare with God. No authority on earth will match the power and authority of God. Bible tells us that we must worship only God the creator of heaven and earth. When we truly worship God in truth and spirit, Satan will flee away from us.

As the word of God tell us, 'Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth' (Psalm 96: 7-9)

Devil Had to leave:

The way Jesus dealt with his tempter, devil had no choice but to obey the power of God's son and leave from his presence. What a wonderful scene it should have been the angels come to Jesus and minister to Him. Worshiping and serving him expressing the heavenly joy on his intention to commence his earthly ministry and willing to take the path of cross for the salvation of the souls.

Now how can we, still live a defeated life when we have Jesus with us? It cannot be so, if we let the promised Holy Spirit accompany us in this troubled world. We can overcome on evil and temptations of this world.

I pray that during this lent, the Spirit of God reveal you the nature of Jesus, so that you learn to imitate him to overcome on evil and living a victorious life in Jesus way. 





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THE GENERAL RENEWS CALL FOR PRAYER OVER CONFLICT BETWEEN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE



THE international leader of The Salvation Army, General Brian Peddle, has called for renewed prayer over the conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

Speaking at the weekend, he said: 'I am asking all Salvationists and other Christian friends to join in prayer for the situation in Europe. You will all understand that I am deeply concerned for our established expression of the Salvation Army mission in Russia and Ukraine.

'I have been in touch with our leaders and I have given them our assurance of support on behalf of our international family. The Salvation Army is oversighted from our office in Moldova, where Colonel Kelvin Pethybridge serves as the leader for the Eastern Europe Territory along with his team.

'He notes, "the theme for mission this year is 'Faith and Courage' and our officers and soldiers are living that out even in the midst of war. They are already serving, feeding and sheltering people and have mobilised to give practical and spiritual support to those in need". The colonel notes they are claiming the words

of Psalm 46.'

Psalm 46 opens with the words: 'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.'

The General offered some particular points around which to focus prayer, saying: 'Please pray for peace in this troubled time; pray for the safety of those who are fleeing and for those who are already displaced; pray that there will be adequate hospitality from neighbour countries; pray for faith and courage for every Christian and especially for our officers and soldiers; pray for the de-escalation of the battle so that the threat to life is no longer a reality; and pray that leaders will find a way to dialogue and find a peaceful decision.'

Report by IHQ Communications



GOD'S PLAN OF Hope & Future

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The Month of March is special for all women of the world. Two special events are celebrated in this month. On 4th March we observe the World Day of Prayer. This year we will focus on the women & their families in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. The theme for this prayer is 'I know the Plans I have for you'. And then follows on 8th March, the Women's Day, and theme for this year is '#Break the Bias'. Both events are celebrated throughout the world. For me both themes are important. One tells us about what God has intended for us and other tells us to act.

Jeremiah 29: 11 reveals a glorious promise of God, '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 a future.' This promise of God reveals me the two-fold truth that we the followers of Jesus Christ should consider; God has blessed you personally and you are partner with God to bless others.

God has blessed you personally:

It is the promise one can claim personally in prayer. This verse shows us how much God loves us. It gives assurance of God's good purpose for our lives. No matter what we may have gone through in past or how you are facing up the challenges in your day-to-day life or what concerns you have for future, God in control of your life. We are being loved unconditionally and accepted by God. It tells us that God is with us no matter what is happening in our lives. That we are not alone, even if we feel like we are.

You are made in God's image and therefore, you are special to God. He is

interested in your hopes and dreams, as well as he is knowing your disappointments, sorrows, and challenges. It is not that we don't need to do anything for all this to happen - that God has got it all sorted and whatever it is that you have is all part of God's plan for you, but to cooperate with God by seeking his will in our lives. Jesus said, 'But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well' (Matthew 6:33 NIV)

God is interested in your hopes and dreams - whatever is happening in your life. We do this through talking to God about our lives, our hopes and dreams, our sadness, and disappointments. It is sometimes harder to reach out to God when we are suffering because God can feel far away. We are assured in this verse that God does want to hear how you feel, even when you are not feeling good about the situations going on around you. God wants to participate in your life - in your hopes, your suffering, your joy, your sadness. God wants to know everything. We just need to remember to tell turn to God in prayer. He gives us wisdom and shows us the way that brings hopes in our lives, and we witness God's promises become true in our lives.


You are partner with God to bless others:

As God promises his good purpose of prosperity, protection, hope and future for others. When Jesus called his disciples, he gave them the power. Jesus promised us His Holy Spirit, not to only help ourselves but also helping others. Bible tells us about righteousness, 'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to

love mercy and to walk humbly with your God'. (Micah 6: 8 NIV)

We can do this when we are led by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, 'Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ... I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.' (John 16:7, 12-14)

With help of the Holy Spirit, we can pray for those who are victimised by violence and discrimination, lonely and socially marginalised. Help others by giving them emotional and social support. Share information that would help them in solving their problems. We become voice for voiceless. We extend our friendship and share God's unconditional love.

I pray as you gather with other believers in prayer on this World Day of Prayer, you will consider this truth and open your life for God to bless you with this blessing of Growth, Protection, Hope and Future. More importantly you also pray and commit yourself to God, so that you may become an Instrument in God's hand so that this promise becomes real in the lives of those women and their family who are not able to live lives, God has desired for them. 

"Be Faithful"

Colonel Indumati Christian

Territorial President for Women's Ministry, India South-Western Territory



We are thankful to God for every moment of our life when we think of those unfortunates on this earth. God has been very gracious that we are able to pass through another couple of months in the year 2022 but, I believe it is with a purpose. May God help everyone to fulfill that purpose, while we are alive by being faithful to his call and covenant made between each of us many years ago.

Theme for India South Western territory is "Be Faithful". The theme was based on Revelation 2:10. It is the most vital characteristic of any follower of Christ. The perfect role model for faithfulness is none other than Jesus Christ who, showed and lived as perfect example, how to live and lead a life of faithfulness to Heavenly Father and His Mission to be successful.

God is faithful: The world is in disorder due to unfaithfulness of human race. If we are faithful to God, it is natural, we too would be faithful in our relationship with families and our covenants, no matter what our circumstances are at present. It is true that, we at certain times fail to be faithful and Apostle Paul indicates clearly "if we are faithless, He remains faithful for he cannot disown himself" (II Timothy 2:13). We are blessed with a Saviour who is faithful and keeps his promises and maintains his covenantal relationship with his people. Whenever we go wrong and approach Him, he forgives us "He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). There is no one possibly in this world, to challenge God to say, He is unfaithful. Therefore, let us take every effort with His given strength, to be faithful in all we do for God and thereby fulfill the plan He has for us.


Faithful in little things: We live in a world, where longing and craving for more than what we need, becomes very common. "Bigger is Better" is the mentality of human beings today. We are likely to be unsatisfied with what we have and begin to worry about what we do not have. While this being the mentality, God is teaching us to be content with what we have and to be "faithful" even in little things. This truth is illustrated by means of the parable of talents.

Jesus used parables to teach how important the Kingdom of God is. The well-known parable of talents is all about faithfulness. The one who received five and two talents were faithful in making the good use of those talents. They were found faithful, eventually received appreciation, and enjoyed the privilege of master's happiness. Sadly, the one who was unfaithful was thrown into darkness where, weeping and gnashing of teeth because he buried the one talent he received from his master. It is the expectation of our Master that we are faithful even in little things. Perhaps the role and responsibility might seem to be lesser than others in comparison, but God expects that we are faithful stewards. How wonderful if we hear from our Master "Well done, good and faithful servant you have been faithful in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things come and share your master's happiness" (Matthew 25:23). This is possible only through Him who, enables us to be faithful even in little things.

To be faithful till the end: It is important that, we continue to be faithful until we breath our last. It is not enough to be faithful for a season or for a reason but, until death, we should be faithful. It is frustrating for God, if we become unfaithful when our personal desires are not met by Him. Apostle John in the island

of Patmos says to the church in Smyrna that "they would suffer persecution yet, to be faithful even to the point of death and I will give you life as your victor's crown" Revelation 2:10). It is mandatory during our spiritual journey, not to give up but, to be faithful till the end of our life. God expects despite difficult days and times of trouble to remain faithful.

Faithful person will be Blessed: We know how masters would love to have servants who, are faithful than servants who are grumbling and unfaithful. Many servants of God we find in scriptures that, they were appreciated and rewarded richly. God is looking for faithful servants who, can be entrusted with a great responsibility of sharing the good news to the poor. This was well understood by King Solomon who says, "A faithful person will be richly blessed" (Proverbs 28:20). Let us all become recipients of those blessing in Christ Jesus. The reward of being faithful is to have more roles and responsibilities in our Mission.

May the Heavenly Father help everyone to be faithful in bringing many more souls into the Kingdom and to multiply our talents, we have already got. All we need to do is to utilize them wisely for our Master by being faithful stewards. Let us not begin to worry of what we do not possess but to strive with what we possess to be faithful that our Master Jesus would call us and say, "well done faithful servant" and invite us to join in His happiness. I pray and wish that every reader of war cry, to continue to live as faithful stewards and servants of God and enjoy those fresh blessings. God bless all our readers of war cry and leaders of His flock. 



BE A DEBORAH — A STRONG WOMAN OF GOD

Colonel Annamma Simon

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International Women's Day, celebrated annually on March 8, has commemorated the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women for more than a century. Although many religions and other ancient cultures have long devalued women, often referring to them as less than second class citizens and many times giving them no more value than that of a possession that could easily be discarded, from the very beginning, the Bible clearly sets the record straight concerning women and their value. Being a woman of faith, I just wanted to highlight my thoughts encouraging the women to be strong, by referring to the character of Deborah in Bible.

The story of Deborah in the Bible shows us that the Lord calls ordinary people to do extraordinary things that can only be accomplished through the Spirit. Deborah is one of the most influential women of the Bible. She is known for her wisdom and courage and is the only woman of the Old Testament who is known for her own faith and action. Deborah has long been one of my favourite women in the Bible, her story is filled with courage, and her faith could leave us all inspired. Here below are my inceptions that helped my faith go stronger.

Deborah's story encourages us to turn our eyes towards God

Deborah was part of a people who were part of God's redemptive plan for humanity, and she faithfully played her part. I start here in celebrating this strong woman, because human strength as Scripture shows it is only a derived strength. There is no strength but that given by the Creator God in whom is life and strength eternal. He is the only source. We know the history of Israelites, that each time they turn from the Lord, he allows enemy nations to oppress them. But each time they cry out to him for help, he rescues them. Deborah takes part in one of these rescues. She did not know it, but all these rescues pointed to the one great rescue God would accomplish finally through that promised seed, his own Son. As a strong woman Deborah's story helps us to turn towards God in times of refuses, in times of our failures and

in times of our own short- falls.

Deborah's story motivates us to speak truth

Deborah not only comes in the flow of God's word, but she herself speaks God's word, being a prophetess. Calling Barak to battle against Sisera, she calls, "Has not the Lord, the God of Israel, commanded you?" (Judges 4:6). In commands (Judges 4:6, 14), judgments (Judges 4:9), and promises (Judges 4:7, 14), Deborah's mouth overflows with God's word, which resulted the divine truth. The strength of her faith lies in her God's word, which she prophesied. In Deborah's time, the written word was not yet complete, and God spoke at many times and in many ways by his prophets — whereas now, in these last days, God has spoken to us by his Son (Hebrews 1:1–2). The Scriptures revealing that Son are complete. On the tongue of today's strong women — or men — is the word of God in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. As women the truth must be in your tongues. The truth must be propagated. The truth must be proclaimed. The woman of faith, who are strong enough by their calling and by their devotion to God, need to swallow the truth, for the same truth to be expounded in the times.


Deborah's story inspires us to be the doers of God's Word

Deborah not only speaks God's word; she obeys it. Along with her words is evident a heart of submission to God's revealed plan — specifically God's revealed leaders. God has commanded Barak to lead out Israel's army as deliverer of Israel; Deborah herself has communicated that command. Deborah was a worshipping warrior. She found encouragement and strength in worship to be obedient to everything the Lord was asking her to do. As God's children, we should not remain as the listeners of God's word, but as the doers of God's word. In the book of James, a very practical book, we have a very practical command: "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says" (James 1:22). Or, as the ESV puts it, "Be doers of the word." James urges people who listen to God's Word to demonstrate a sincere

commitment to the Lord by reacting to what they hear with obedient action. Our Lord Jesus gave a stern warning to people who hear the words of God but don't act on them. The Word of God is not just a beautiful piece of literature to be savoured and enjoyed. Its purpose goes beyond provoking thought and inviting meditation. It requires more than memorization and sharing with others. It demands a change of heart that prompts a change of behaviour. The Word of God is to be obeyed.

Deborah's story promotes us to be the strong leaders

So often we doubt the call on our lives because we fear that people won't listen, that when it comes down to it we will fail, that we don't know enough, aren't equipped for the role. Doubt and fear whisper in our ears crumbling what God is trying to do and sending us retreating in the shadows of our comfort zone. We allow our feelings of qualification to keep us from stepping into the role God has for us. But the story of Deborah is a strong enrichment to women who consider themselves as the weaker vessels, to become and transform like strong leaders of faith. No matter what situation you might be, take advantage of the strength you receive from God, to be like the leader of your own. A Godly leader never thinks about the situation, but focusses on the vision that God has given. You and I are such leaders. No matter how many folks we may be fostering, our strength comes from God, because we are called by him to do His will and to execute his mission entrusted to us.

My dear women and men of God, it's time for you to be bold and courageous and do the unique and amazing things God is calling you to do. Wherever the Lord has placed you, will you accept the challenge to be a light in the darkness for the Kingdom of God? Will you encourage others to do it, too? Wake up and rise to shine the glory of God everywhere you go! You carry the hope this world needs—the hope of Jesus Christ. A dying, hopeless world is waiting for you to be obedient. Believe and trust God has the very best plan for you and follow him to where he is working today. May God bless all of us. 

CHRISTIANITY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



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If there is one word that has kept cropping up during debates about diversity in recent years, it is empowerment. It remains practically untranslatable in any language other than English, but the idea it conveys, placing the word “power” in the central position, refers to older ideas rooted in activist and philosophical movements from around the world, such as liberation, emancipation, independence, mobilization, and participation.

We are aware that women are equal to men in the Kingdom of God. They bear the image of God, they receive the same Spirit, the same gifts and share the same commission to go into the world and make disciples (Galatians 3:28; Genesis 1:27; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Matthew 28:19). Christianity has always placed women in the forefront of faith. The Bible characterises women as strong, honest, perceptive, and deserving of great honour. Mary the mother of Jesus Christ is the central female of the Christian tradition, and she is highly empowered in the Gospel texts. Biblically speaking, Christian women share equally with men in the calling by God to ‘run the world. When it comes to Jesus and women, he was ahead of his time. He elevated women to a position that was unheard of in the first century and his treatment of women defied every cultural norm. Unfortunately, this is a subject that is not often talked about outside of academic Christian circles, but as women, we need to be well versed in it. Jesus’ behaviour towards women, understood in the context of His time on earth, reveals His extraordinary goodness and unhindered boldness. It is something we should be talking about and highlighting, especially for those women that still feel less than worthy or marginalized.

Empowerment created change

Wikipedia explains – empowerment is an action that enables people “to overcome their sense of powerlessness and lack of

influence and to recognise and use their resources.” The term empowerment refers to measures designed to increase the degree of autonomy and self-determination in people and in communities in order to enable them to represent their interests in a responsible and self-determined way, acting on their own authority. It has been evident that Christianity, particularly the Church brought significant change in the lives of women. The Church contributions for women freely live their life with a sense of self-worth, respect and dignity has been noticed and must be paid attention. The missionaries made sacrificial efforts to the women to have complete control of their life, both within and outside of their home and workplace. Through engaging and involving them in the development initiatives the women could make their own choices and decisions, We can also see how church impacted the women to have equal rights to participate in social, religious and public activities, particularly through the medium of education.


Empowerment brought Hope

Hope is the central element of Christianity. Most people understand hope as wishful thinking, as in “I hope something will happen.” This is not what the Bible means by hope. The biblical definition of hope is “confident expectation.” Hope is a firm assurance regarding things that are unclear and unknown (Romans 8:24-25; Hebrews 11:1, 7). Whilst creating opportunities for the women, the Church fought and stood by women in attaining equal social status with men in the society, and to have equal rights for social and economic justice. The hope helped them in determining financial and economic choices that would hope for a better future without uncertainty. As a result of empowerment, the equal opportunity for education brought a positive mindset among women whilst looking optimistic towards future, thus they get equal employment opportunity without any

gender bias and get safe and comfortable working environment.

The Salvation Army and Women Empowerment

The Salvation Army since its early days has been proactive in assisting for empowering women because the women provide most of the leadership in the families and in the societies. Many significant actions were processed for equal access to education, especially theological education so that women can assume the prestigious roles that have been previously held by men. Empowering women and girls are more than securing a better income for families. It's creating a world where women are less likely to be abused, more likely to be educated, and more likely to have control over their health and reproductive choices, and this is what the result of the Salvation Army's integrated mission and ministry. Empowering women is a key contributor to economic development and sustaining heart transformation. New life is lived in the family. Women empowerment programmes of the Salvation Army not only aimed for the financial sustainability, but also through the Word of God provided the necessities for whole families to grow abundantly in Christ. The Salvation Army around the globe, and particularly in India enabled the women not only to advocate for more just policies from the local structures but also in their own families. Education and work opportunities created by the Salvation Army made a profound difference in changing the role of women in their families, communities, and nations. Supporting women and girls is the most important factor in building healthy communities and a stable global community by the Salvation Army.

Being a responsible Church, the Salvation Army stands for gender equality and gender equity. Today, in India, many women not only attained their self-empowerment, but also leading an exemplary life showing the other women a life full of happiness found through Christ. 



It is indeed a great privilege for me to share my testimony through our War Cry and I give thanks to Almighty God for giving me this opportunity. It's been two years since we are living through a period of disruption, chaos and anxiety due to the pandemic. The pandemic has changed many aspects of our lives, countless precious lives are lost, social distancing with our peers and family members has resulted in undue anxiety, stress among us and to be honest, all of us were and many still are in a fix.

We joined our present appointment on 24th March 2021, for the fourth appointment in the course of our humble service as Salvation Army Officers. I remember vividly the day of our arrival, along with our four children at our New Commanding Officer's Quarters, we are happily met and welcomed by our dedicated local officers and soldiers of our Corps, and a marvellous dinner was prepared in our favour. Sunday Holiness meeting was indeed a memorable and delightful Welcome Meeting for our Family. Amidst all our visions and plans for continuing our ministries for our new appointment, an unprecedented situation happened to welcome us. As the Covid 19 cases were soaring high in our locality, total lockdown had to be imposed, all social gatherings have been banned, schools and even places of worship were being closed, our door remained shut except in the case of medical and essential needs. Our neighbourhood was in chaos as some family members have been tested positive and taken away in an

ambulance, some families had to be tested and quarantined for contact tracing. Our streets were eerily empty; our locality was an ambience of total quiet, no children and youngsters were marrying or playing and no people chit chatting.

The situations which we were facing left us void and lonely. Considering the tensions and all those situations surrounding us when night-time came my husband and I suggested to conduct family praise and worship. We gathered all our children to our living room, took out our music Instruments and hymn book and my husband began to lead our worship. With our three sons playing keyboard, drums, and tambourine, giving praises to God and of course, our 8-year-old little daughter sang heartily at the top of her voice. We ended the night with sharing testimonies and intercessory prayer. Feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit and enjoying every moment of it, we eagerly wait for our next worship.

More interestingly, beyond our understanding, God blessed our worship programme and the next morning we came to know, through phone call, that the neighbouring houses were also exalted and blessed with our humble service, hearing the sound of prayer and praise in the midst of their fears and uncertainty uplift their spiritual life, their faith and hope in Christ renewed and how they too were eagerly waiting for our follow up Family praise and worship... Praise the Lord.


In Act 16:25-34, St. Paul and Silas were arrested and imprisoned in Philippi for preaching the word of God. In the midst



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of their trials and imprisonment, they sing hymns of praises and prayed to God. What a surprise it would be for the listeners? St. Paul and Silas knew that even in the most difficult times, they needed to submit to God in prayer. In fact, their response of praise and prayer broke the prisoner's chain, led the Jailer and his whole family to believe in Jesus Christ.

Have you ever had a moment in your life when you think all doors are closed, hardships due to any reasons be it pandemic or faced with the ups and downs of life? Give praise and prayer to our Lord Almighty, it will never go in vain. Certainly, there is power in praising our God, praying to him is powerful enough to make change. Not only when we are grateful and blessed, but even in times of trouble and distress, let us remember to praise his name, let us not forget to pray to him.

We were Commissioned on 25th March 2012 Session: Friends of Christ (2010-2012) 



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INBORN ERRORS OF METABOLISM



Paediatric nursing will require a high level of responsibility because unlike many of the other nursing fields, not only is the patient, depending on a nurse to make sensible decisions the family is also going to be a concern. Historically, Inborn errors were described in 1908 by Garrod. They are usually inherited in an autosomal recessive fashion and can lead to irreversible brain damage and death'. Initially scientist thought to be rare but now recognised as being an important cause of disease in the Paediatric population. There are more than 500 known errors of Metabolism.

Causes:

1. Genetic makeup of single and multiple Genes cause clinically significant blocks and imbalances in multiple genetic pathways in the body.

2. Deficiency of the reaction product due to accumulation of enzymes substrate.

3. History of parental consanguinity
It affects both boys and girls. Everyone has a pair of genes that makes a specific enzyme that cause This condition. These children inherit one non-working gene for the condition from each parent. If both parents are carriers 25% chance in each pregnancy for the newborn to get enzyme deficiency. 50% to become carrier just like parents.

Diagnosis Determined by child presentation and laboratory values.

Development delay or Retardation Food aversion and H/O Consanguinity Weight loss, Poor feeding, lethargy Hypotonia, Coma, seizures, vomiting, diarrhoea, Tachypnoea, jaundice unusual colour of urine, unusual odour to sweat or urine. Abnormalities of skin, eyes hair

joints and bones. Laboratory values includes Serum electrolytes, Blood PH, enzyme. Assays, Blood ammonia, lactic and pyruvic acid, acylcarnitine profile Urine PH and ketones and serum glucose.

Categories of Metabolic Disorders.

Disorders of Amino acid Metabolism
Disorders of Organic Acid Metabolism
Disorders of Carbohydrate Metabolism
Fatty acid Oxidation Defects
Urea cycle Defects
Lysosomal Storage disease.
New-born Screening and Purpose

To identify congenital or heritable disorders IEM leads severe mental retardation, illness or death if not treated early If treated they may Live and lead normal lives Save medical cost. Blood samples by heel stick by 24 to 72 hours of birth after full feeding Mass spectrometry Tandem MS are Amino acids & Acylcarnitine done in blood will help to diagnose 30 above different metabolic disorders Any abnormal results need follow up tests. GCMS done in urine. Metabolic disorders account a good percentage of admission to PICU non urgent cases will deteriorate after arrival need close observation even life support. Therefore, Paediatric nurses must be alert in identifying the clinical symptoms to prevent complications.

1. Galactosemia

Galactosemia is a rare genetic disorder that affects how your body metabolizes galactose. In individuals with Galactosemia the enzyme needed for galactose metabolism is severely diminished leading to toxic levels of galactose to build up in blood, resulting in hepatomegaly, renal failure, cataracts and brain damage. it is a disease. A person with Galactosemia will not "grow out of" it.

Signs and symptoms:

Usually for new-born at birth no symptoms but jaundice, diarrhoea, and vomiting. If not treated leads to death. Death can occur as early as one or two

weeks of age from severe E coli infections. Investigation is mainly on septic work up and New born screening will be positive.

Ingestion of galactose through formula or breastfeeding can produce sepsis of an affected child. Prior to transfusion or antibiotics child must be screened. Treatment: Classic Galactosemia is eliminating lactose and galactose from the diet. To follow a low galactose diet, avoid foods with lactose, like milk, butter, cheese, ice cream other dairy products. Changed to soy-based formula. No chemical or drugs available.

Complications of galactosemia include: liver damage or liver failure serious bacterial infections sepsis, which is a life threatening problem caused by infections shock, delayed development, behavioural problems, cataracts tremors, speech problems and delays learning disabilities, fine motor difficulties, low bone mineral density reproductive problems, premature ovarian insufficiency.

Conclusion:

Galactosemia is an uncommon but important cause of metabolic liver disease in early infancy. High degree of suspicion and early detection are mandatory for better outcome, since these children require galactose free diet The writer was a Paediatric nurse introducing the new topic to gain knowledge For future maternal child nursing 🇮🇳

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"God's Special Care"

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Do you believe in God's Special Care for His children? In the book of Exodus, He miraculously provided food, water, clothing, and shelter on a daily basis for the Children of Israel. He parted the waters of the Red Sea allowing them to cross then closed the waters behind them thereby destroying their enemies.

In Joshua 6:20, the nation of Israel received God's Special Care when God broke down the 'walls of Jericho'; In Josh 10:12-14 when He caused the sun to set still for nearly a whole day as his people won the battle over their enemies.

Christians sometimes mistakenly assume they will receive God's special care only after reaching Heaven, but Jesus said that God would look after the needs and safety of His children here on earth.

"your Heavenly Father knows well that you need them all"
(Matthew 6:32)

Jesus said, "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' 32 For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things." (Matt 6:31-32, NKJV).

In Matt 6:33, Amp, Jesus said. "But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His Kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and all these things taken together will be given you besides."


This promise was not for the world as a whole, but for His people, the ones who accept His Plan of Salvation.

When speaking of the world, He said they wish and crave for things such as food, clothing and other things; however, Christians are to place their trust in God.

And "your Heavenly Father knows well that you need them all" (Matthew 6:32).

There may be many tough and unpredictable times during this earthly life, and we are not to neglect the things He has directed us to do. Nevertheless, when we work, pray and put Him first, we will receive God's Special Care.

There are books on end telling of God's miracles. People have been miraculously fed, clothed, and delivered from all sorts of disasters. God's angels often deliver His born-again children from life and death situations.

Protection, provision, peace, and joy are a result of the grace of God, God's special care, (His love and favour for His children). Just as He cared for the "Children of Israel," He takes care of you, because you are His child. 


EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE THROUGH PRAYER

TESTIMONY



I am here to share my testimony about how God is so gracious to me. Since childhood I was the

weak child in my family. I had lots of health problems during my growing years, but God always healed me and made me stronger. Six months ago, suddenly I had a minor stroke in my left eye. I was suffering in pain and had blurriness as I was losing my eye and thought I will no longer live in this world. I prayed to God and told all my officer friend to pray for me and my health. I also went for medication for around six months and prayed to God every hour. Finally with all the prayer and support I am now healed. So, I would like to testify His miracle in my life and it is true that through prayers, everything is possible.

I would like to sing from Psalms 63:3-5 Your constant love is better than life itself, and so I will praise you. I will give you thank as long as I live; I will raise my hands to you in prayer. My soul will feast and be satisfied, and I will sing glad songs of praises to you.
Amen. 

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COMPREHENDING THE COMPLEXITY: A BIBLICAL VIEW ON BODY, SOUL & SPIRIT

There are some key doctrines of the Bible that are paramount to Christian faith such as the Doctrine of the Trinity, Doctrine of Salvation & few others. One of such is Doctrine of Trichotomy. Most Christians believe & recognize that man has three aspects- Body, Soul & Spirit but fail to understand and/or distinguish from each other, especially between the Soul & Spirit. This has burdened me to write down this article.

Let us look what Bible equips us about this topic.

Foundational Standards of Man: Genesis points out the foundations on which man was created & the intention to create. Genesis 1:26 (KJV) mentions "And God said, Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness" The Word "US" signifies that while creating man, all the three Godhead- Father, Son and Spirit were active, working together to make man. (John 1:1-4). There are two things to look carefully in Genesis 1:26:

A) Firstly, creating a man "In our own Image"- Signifies the idea of having three aspects for man showing resemblance to God's image of Trinity in Mankind giving us Body, Soul, Spirit thereby becoming His image bearers.

B) Secondly Creating a man "After our Likeness"- Signifies the innate attributes (qualities) of God that were given to man while making. These are Holiness, Righteousness and Wisdom. Since God is Holy- man was also made Holy in His likeness, 1 Peter 1:16, "For it is written, Be Holy because I am Holy"

God is righteous so we were made righteous. Ephesians 4: 23-24, "And to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and Holiness" (ESV)

God is omniscient- Author of all knowledge & Wisdom so we were made intelligent. Colossians 3:10 "And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him"

All the above after His own likeness, sadly, man disobeyed God & brought on him a curse which is death, in the form of both spiritual & literal, thereby taking away man's Holiness, Righteousness and Wisdom which were essential for God's Spirit to dwell with man. But God in His divine grace made a way of restoring us back into His likeness through His plan of Salvation.

Thus, the Bible tells us to continuously seek Righteousness, Be Holy and meditate on the Word to remain Wise, by following the perfect image of man- His son Jesus! What we did not lose is the idea of God's existing Trinitarian

image in Mankind which is Body, Soul and Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5:23, "I pray God your Spirit and Soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ".

Defining Body, Soul & Spirit: The Bible is very clear to distinguish these three aspects. It mentions many times that physical body is made of flesh & bones & Blood, it is perishable, temporary, and weak. 1 Corinthians 15: 42-44 "So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body"

Soul is Man's consciousness, his mind; from where he thinks, decides and later acts through his body. It gives man the ability to decide on his own free will. We can clearly see this where Eve decides on her own free will to eat the fruit. Since Soul is the conscious free will & independent identity of every individual, it is therefore linked to our afterlife. Matthew 10:28 "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both Soul & Body in hell". Jesus Himself spoke of the rich man & Lazarus. The soul of rich man was in torments, while Lazarus' soul was in Abraham's Bosom also called Paradise. We see that there is a consciousness of the rich man feeling the burning sensations while Lazarus was at peace. There is also a particular conversation happening between Abraham & rich man which shows that the consciousness of souls can talk, experience and feel. Similar instance can be recalled from the Witch of Endor who summons Prophet Samuel's soul for King Saul. Those people that obeyed God's commandments & repented for their sins before Christ's birth like Abraham, David, & those who have had accepted Christ as the Messiah, as their ultimate savior (Jews & Gentiles) are in Paradise like the thief who was on the cross.

The Spirit is the third & most important aspect of Mankind. We know that every man is born through Sin, inheriting the consequences of the original sin; (Psalm 51:5 & Romans 5:12 speaks of this.) Every man has been given a spirit at birth- called the breath of Life which is the life force that makes a man alive, Job 33:4 "The Spirit of God has made me, & the Breath of the Almighty gives me Life". But this breath of almighty goes back to heaven when a person dies. Ecclesiastes 12:7 "And the dust returns to the ground it came from & the spirit returns to God who gave it". When we repent, accept Christ & get baptized in name of The Father, Son & Holy Spirit, we become in the original Likeness of God where His

Holy Spirit can now dwell in your Body (Temple). By birth we are spiritually dead, it is made alive only when The Holy Spirit lights it up. Romans 8:16 "The Spirit Himself (The Holy Spirit) beareth witness with our spirit (Human Spirit), that we are children of God" hence there is a clear distinction between The Holy Spirit and the spirit given to man.

To further explain, let us consider a candle resembling our human spirit or breath of life which is given to us by God at birth. The candle (human spirit) is very real but of no use since it is not burning. When we are born again of the Spirit, God sends His Holy Spirit in form of Fire which now burns the candle & stays on it, taking charge and directing our soul (Mind & thoughts of free will) to correct, teach and also pray on our behalf, interceding for us to God Almighty. John 14: 26.

Humanity of Christ -Depicting Body, Soul & Spirit as a Man:

Jesus had Physical BODY- Flesh, bones and blood. John 1 : 14, "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

Jesus had SOUL- At the crucifixion Jesus said to the other thief, You shall be with me In paradise- reflecting that every human soul who is a new creation/ born again by Spirit rests in paradise. In the same way Jesus's Soul too was in Paradise but as we know He was resurrected the third day. "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43)

Jesus had SPIRIT- At the end before dying at the cross Jesus also mentioned to His father, "Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46). This shows Jesus having Spirit which Goes to His Father in heaven. But Jesus was resurrected as prophesized completing His mission on earth & now sits on the right Hand of His Father.

I conclude at this; quoting Hebrews 4:12 "For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing Soul & Spirit, Joints & Marrow (Body); it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart". Our goal is to be with Christ but God's kingdom is still yet to come. Till then physical death is inevitable & body will return to dust. Those who are saved, their souls will be in Paradise, awaiting for resurrection at rapture, those who die without accepting Christ, their soul shall be in a place called torments, and lastly our spirit returns to God where it belongs. The Spirit of a believer rejoices in God whereas the Soul glorifies the works of the Lord. (Luke 1:46-47). May God bless us to understand His word & discern where we truly belong. 🇮🇳



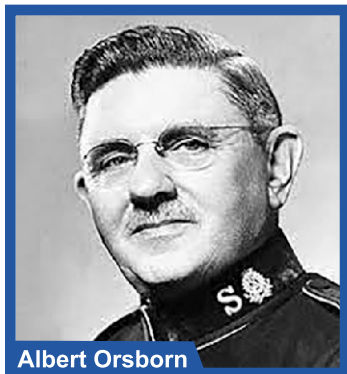
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IN THE SECRET OF THY PRESENCE

*This is the Story.....
This is the Song'*

SONG WRITER

ALBERT ORSBORN



Albert Orsborn

Albert Orsborn (4 September 1886 – 4 February 1967) was the 6th General of The Salvation Army (1946-1954).

Born Albert William Thomas Orsborn, he became an Officer of The Salvation Army in 1905. Albert served as a Corps Officer and in divisional work in the British Territory of the Army. In 1909, he married his first wife, Captain Evalina Barker.

In 1925, he was sent to serve as Chief Side Officer at the International Training College. In 1933, he was farewelled to New Zealand as Chief Secretary. He then became Territorial Commander of Scotland and Ireland in 1936. He became British Commissioner in 1940.

Albert Orsborn's first wife, Captain Evalina Barker, died in 1942. This was a very hard time for him. Two years later, in 1944, he married his second wife, Major Evelyn Berry. They were married for just a year when she died.

In 1946, the High Council of The Salvation Army elected Albert to become the General of The Salvation Army. He married his third wife, Commissioner Mrs Phillis Taylor (daughter of General Higgins), in 1947.

General Orsborn served as General for eight years. He was the author of *The House of My Pilgrimage*. He retired on 30 June 1954.

General Albert Orsborn died at the age of 80 years and 5 months.

In the secret of thy presence (ESB 766)
Tune: The Vacant Chair George Frederick Root (1820 - 1895)

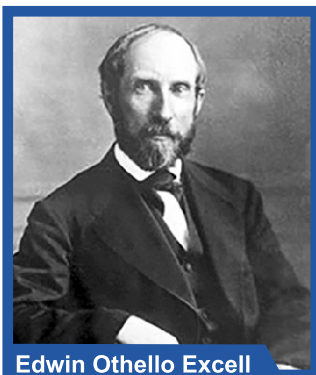
Albert Orsborn (1886 - 1967)

Throughout the course of his Salvation Army life, Albert wrote many wonderful songs and books.

One of the songs he wrote was 'In the secret of thy presence'.

SONG COMPOSER

GEORGE FREDERICK ROOT



Edwin Othello Excell


George Frederick Root (August 30, 1820 – August 6, 1895) was an American songwriter, who found particular fame during the American Civil War, with songs such as "Tramp! Tramp! Tramp!" and "The Battle Cry of Freedom". He is regarded as the first American to compose a secular cantata.

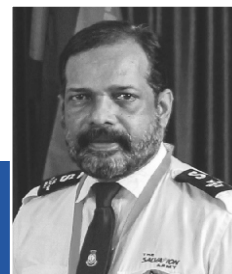
Root was born at Sheffield, Massachusetts, and was named after the German composer George Frideric Handel. Root left his farming

community for Boston at 18, flute in hand, intending to join an orchestra. He worked for a while as a church organist in Boston, and from 1845 taught music at the New York Institute for the Blind, where he met Fanny Crosby, with whom he would compose fifty to sixty popular secular songs.

In 1850, he made a study tour of Europe, staying in Vienna, Paris, and London. He returned to teach music in Boston, Massachusetts as an associate of Lowell Mason, and later Bangor, Maine, where he was director of the Penobscot Musical Association and presided over their convention at Norumbega Hall in 1856.

From 1853 to 1855, Root helped Lowell Mason and William Bradbury establish the New York Normal Musical Institute, which served as a school for aspiring music educators.

On his return from Europe, Root began composing and publishing sentimental popular songs, a number of which achieved fame as sheet-music, including those with Fanny Crosby: *The Hazel Dell*, *Rosalie the Prairie* 



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TRIPURA DISTRICT WOMEN'S TAILORING REPORT, IET

Women Tailoring of Tripura District 2nd session at Chhotagongrai, Satrai area was now successfully finished with a celebration of Graduation Day on 8th February 2022.

Our Centre started with 10 students with the instructor Ms. Lalruatfeli; It was challenging at first because all the materials had to be brought with head load with 1 hour on foot distance. We need to cross a flooded rivulet, but we are really inspired by the enthusiastic members who were so happy to sacrifice their daily labor work to make the center successful. We went through those challenges with victory and joy and with the fellowship of the unseen divine realm




of Christ. We are proud to say that most of our students are those who learnt reading and writing through the Adult Education program of women Ministries under the THQ program.

Not all the students are fit to receive certificate, we gave certificate to those who passed the training only. Some of the graduated student now started to receive orders to tailor from their villages. About

the Sewing machine, we allowed the students to buy the machine on an installment at Rs. 5,300/- (though the cost of machine is now Rs. 5,900/-) So five of the students bought the machines, with the money we will buy the new machine again like we did in the previous session. Also, we sold the tailored clothes at Rs. 50/- per pieces.

We give thanks to THQ Women Ministry of the Salvation Army; God is above all. We give thanks to Commissioner Lalhlmpuii for giving us Rs. 2,000/- with which we celebrate the graduation with very satisfying feast.

May God bless Salvation Army Women Ministries and Tripura Salvation Army. 

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REPORT ON THE VISIT OF NATIONAL OFFICE TEAM TO E B HOSPITAL, NIDUBROLU, ICT

With the aim to support and enhance the capacity and productivity of the hospitals in India, the National office team visited Evangeline Booth Hospital, Nidurbrolu, ICT, during 6- 8th December 2021 led by Colonel S P Simon, National Executive Officer with Colonel Annamma Simon, Secretary for Women Development and Captain Kewal Masih, Secretary for Health & Emergency Services. Given the present situations that preventing the Army to offer quality care and support, particularly in hospitals across Salvation Army hospitals in India, the national office support visit, certainly was beneficial that stimulated and encouraged the personnel.


The team met the Administrator and staffs of the hospital and assessed the ongoing activities and how they were running on par with the current Army social ministry standards. The hospital has beautiful new building, and this visit would enhance the spirit to render quality and efficient services. The hospital is expecting new staffs, so guidelines in recruiting the staffs and



engaging them in their profession through ministry mind was explained.

The ongoing plans were reviewed and suggested with latest means for their more dedicated services. The hospital administrator and staffs were very much happy to receive the observations and they were optimistic that the support visit would bring a new change in the minds of the staffs working.

The team also met the leadership and explained of their observations and their

suggestions for the improvement of the hospital. The leadership explained of their development initiatives for the hospital and thanked the national office team for their valuable suggestions. Overall, the visit has been fruitful and hoping that E B Hospital would be providing better and more excellent services in the days to come. 

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WELCOME MEETING FOR LT. COLONELS MASILAMANI STALIN & Y.S. KEZIAL STALIN CHIEF SECRETARY & TSWM, INDIA CENTRAL TERRITORY

Lt. Colonels Masilamani Stalin, & Y. S. Kezial Stalin, Officers from ISET have been appointed to ICT as Chief Secretary and TSWM from 1st November 2021. Their official welcome meeting was conducted on 27th November 2021, at Vepery Corps, Chennai under the Leadership of Colonels Yaqoob Masih & Sumitra Masih, the Territorial Leaders.



to render their services by putting their fullest efforts for the development of the territory.

The felicitations by the Officers, local officers and institutional heads made the occasion so colourful. The response by both the Colonels were impressive that they extended their fullest co-operation for the Territorial leaders and assured that their contribution will certainly be

beneficial to the Army work in this territory.

Lt. Colonel Masilamani Stalin, Chief Secretary brought –out Biblical message based on Ezekiel 47: 1-12. He insisted upon the Holy living that pleases the Lord. He motivated the participants to adapt such principles, ten commandments and requested to support the Salvation Army in every aspect.

The traditional welcome to the Chief Secretary and TSWM was an attractive event in the meeting. Territorial Commander offered special prayer for the CS and TSWM, for the divine knowledge and guidance upon them. His prayer motivated many people to come to the mercy seat to renew their spirit for the good services to the Army.



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"... AT THE RIGHT TIME, I, THE LORD, WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN."

Isaiah 60:22 NLT

I am Dr. Jannet Sam, daughter of Mr. Samkutty T. P. and Mrs. Linci Samkutty. I hail from Kerala and I am a member of The Salvation Army Central corps, Trivandrum, India South Western Territory. Jeremiah 29:11 "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 a future."

From my childhood God has given me this ambition to be a doctor. I have pursued my ambition since then. In 2012 after completing my 12th I went for entrance coaching for 1 year in Brilliant coaching centre, Kottayam. In 2013, the first NEET UG entrance exam was held and by God's grace I got an All India quota rank of 1739 under general category and NEET UG Kerala state rank 615 under general category. Thus I was able to get an MBBS admission under a merit seat in Govt. T. D. Medical College, Alappuzha, Kerala. In 2018 I got my MBBS degree and after

completing 1 year of my internship I graduated in 2019. During my college life, God gave me a desire to work in a missionary hospital. Therefore, soon after the graduation I went to Champa Christian hospital, Chattisgarh and worked there as a Junior Medical Officer for a few months. While working there, God gave me a clear guidance to which degree should I specialise in. The branch that I should pursue on for my PG degree - Emergency medicine. Thereafter I resigned from my job and went for PG coaching for an year. In 2021 I wrote my NEET PG exam. And by God's grace I got DNB Emergency medicine in Sir. H. N. Reliance hospital Mumbai in first allotment. Presently I'm waiting for a hospital up gradation in 2nd allotment. Looking past, I realise that it was an amazing journey. Each step that I had in my past was for this present times. There is a quote which says "God's guidance is like a small lamp in a dark forest, doesn't



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show everything at once.. but gives enough light for the next step to be safe". I don't know to which hospital I will get my up gradation seat in 2nd allotment, but I know this.. God has gone before me and will be with me (Deut 31:8). And wherever God places me I'm sure it's for my good. I believe it. And I pray that I'll be a light on the lamp stand in the place that I'm placed. I thank all my co believers who had prayed earnestly for me. May God bless you and keep you all in Him. 