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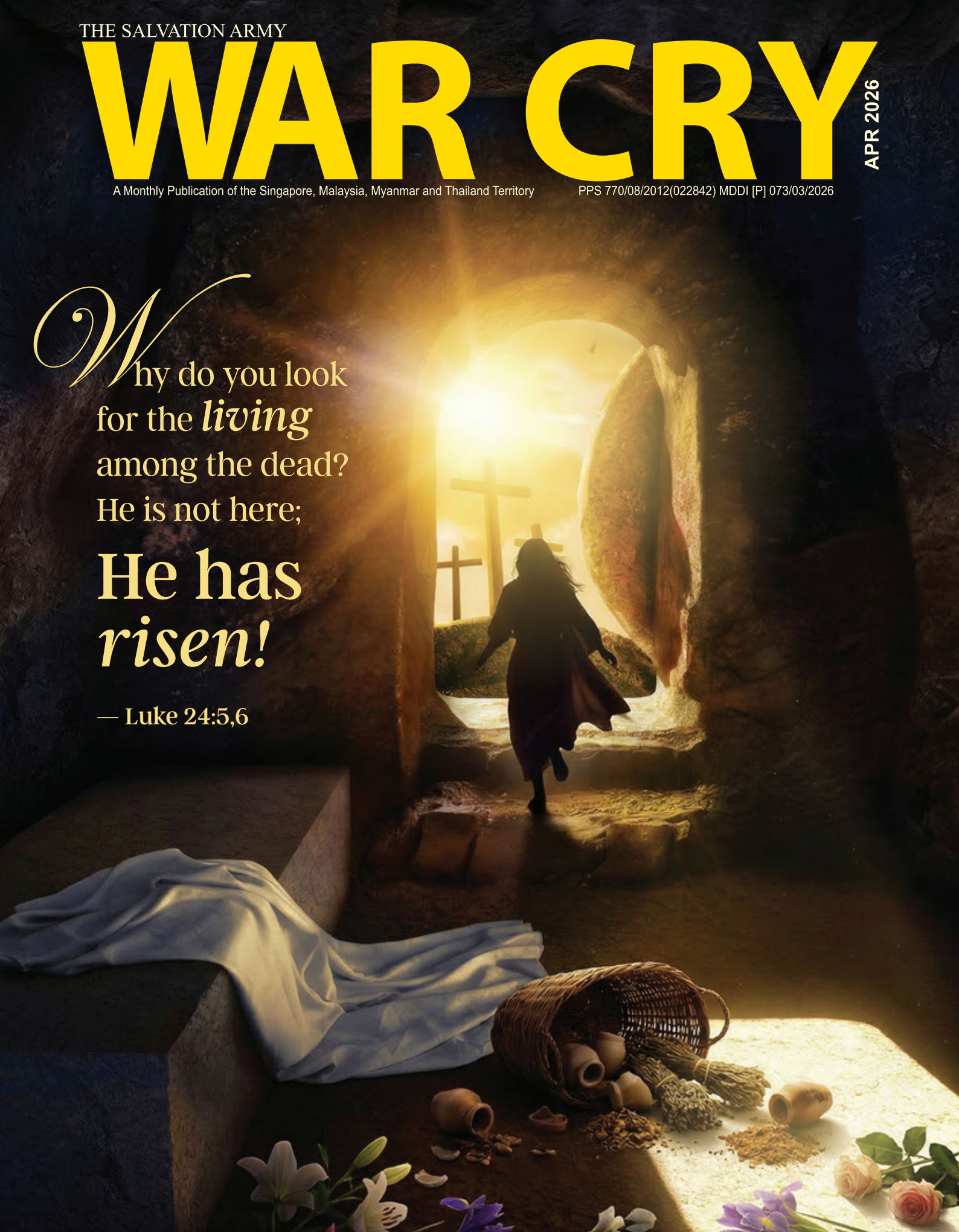
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Why do you look
for the *living*
among the dead?
He is not here;
**He has
risen!**

— Luke 24:5,6





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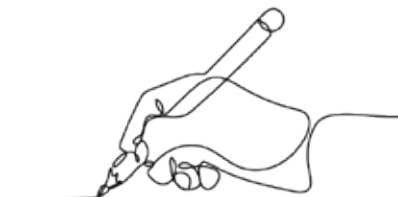
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Editor's Note



Looking for Life in the Right Place

At the empty tomb, the angels posed a question that challenged the grief of those who came in search of Jesus. The women came expecting death, but instead encountered the promise of new life, compelling them to reconsider their understanding.

The resurrection of Jesus is more than a miracle; it transforms our perception of hope, purpose, and faith. Too often, we seek life in places filled with disappointment or fear, clinging to what is familiar even when it holds no promise. Easter reminds us that God surpasses our expectations, breathing new life into our lives where we assumed the story had ended.

The empty tomb invites us to rise from loss to possibility. Christ is not confined to memory, tradition, or history. He is alive and active today, calling us to shift from mourning to mission and from uncertainty to renewed trust.

As we celebrate Easter, we are encouraged to ask ourselves: Where are we searching for meaning or security? Are we holding onto the past, or are we open to the new life Christ offers?

Because He is risen, hope is no longer a distant aspiration, but a living reality.

MAJOR FLORENCE SHEIN
Editor

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Preaching in the Jungle



Christmas Outreach to the Orang Asli Community

The jungle was alive with sound—not only the rustling of leaves and the rhythm of nature, but with Christmas songs rising joyfully from an Orang Asli village nestled deep within the greenery of Gopeng. There was no pulpit, no church building, and no formal stage. Yet, on that day, the message of Christmas was preached powerfully in the heart of the jungle.

Proclaiming the Greatest Gift

On 13 December 2025, an outreach titled “The Greatest Gift” was carried out at Kampung Sinju, Gopeng, as part of The Salvation Army Ipoh Christmas outreach to the Orang Asli community. The visit brought together service, celebration, and the message of Christ’s love in a simple yet deeply meaningful way.



Officers & staff talking to the village children.

The villagers warmly welcomed the outreach team, creating an atmosphere of openness, joy, and mutual respect. The programme began with a welcome and opening prayer, acknowledging God’s presence among His people—whether gathered in a church or under the open sky. Christmas carols followed, joyfully sung by the boys and girls. Their voices echoed through the jungle, filling the village with the sounds of celebration, peace, and hope.

A Nativity presentation was then shared, retelling the story of the birth of Jesus Christ in a simple and engaging way. Through storytelling and participation, the true meaning of Christmas was communicated clearly to both children and adults—reminding everyone that Christmas is about God’s love made known through His Son.

Sharing Christ’s Love Through Presence and Action

Following the presentation, Colonel Hary Haran (R) shared a Christmas message centred on God’s love, hope, and faithfulness. The message affirmed the dignity and worth of the Orang Asli community, reminding them that they are seen, valued, and deeply loved by God. A prayer of blessing was offered,

committing the families and the entire village into God’s loving care.

As part of the outreach, food, gifts, and essential items were distributed to the families. These included lunch, food parcels, clothing, stationery, school bags, soft toys, and goodie bags. The children received their gifts with excitement and smiles, while families expressed heartfelt appreciation for the practical support and care provided.

The programme concluded with fellowship and shared moments that strengthened relationships between the team and the Orang Asli community. More than a one-day event, the visit reflected The Salvation Army’s mission to bring Christ’s love to all—especially to those often overlooked or living in remote areas.

In the heart of the jungle, without walls or formal structures, Christ was preached through song, service, presence, and love. This Christmas outreach stood as a living testimony that the Gospel knows no boundaries. Truly, “The Greatest Gift” was shared, as heaven touched earth among the trees.

LIEUTENANT DAWAMANI

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The General's Easter Message 2026

I am the *Resurrection* and the *Life*

It was a good Saturday. Or was it? Truthfully, it could have been disastrous. It certainly did not look good in the beginning. I suffered a heart attack. Seems it was quite a significant episode; frightening for Bronwyn and, yes, deeply troubling for me. Was this it? Had my time come? Is this how the Lord was calling me home? What about the kids and the grandkids? What about Bronny? What about my ministry? I still had things that needed to be done. This was not a good Saturday. It was awful, frightening, dark and scary.

And yet, yes, as it happens, it was a good Saturday. As I reflect on that day last October, I celebrate the miracles of that scary day. The right people intervening at the right time. Christian concern that led to action. A beautiful Salvationist nurse whose friend was a Christian cardiologist. A life-saving intervention and even a promise from God himself that all will be well. God's timing was perfect. His providence abundant. So, as I reflect and look deeper into the events that transpired, I have come to the conclusion that it was a good Saturday after all.

I remember as a young junior soldier being perplexed by the use of the word 'good' in the Easter story. Good Friday – the day they crucified Jesus. How can that possibly be described as good? I mean, let's not sugar-coat it. It was a horrible day. A day of unjust conviction, brutal torture, of unrelenting pain and suffering. The cross, a weapon of the devil, used against the Lamb of God. Horrifying, ugly and unforgivable. But if, without excusing the events of the day, we look deeper, we actually witness God himself in action. God meets the manifestation of pure evil represented by a physical cross, with all its brutality, with the redeeming love that conquers evil, sin and, yes, death itself.

He turns an ugly Friday into an exceptionally 'Good Friday' indeed.

Understand this: whatever else was going on, Jesus himself was motivated by love. He went to the Cross out of love for all humanity; out of love for you and for me. In his Letter to the Romans, Paul wrote:



But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us"

Romans 5:8 NIV

Christ demonstrated the extent of God's love for all of us by taking upon himself the sin of the world. On this Friday, Jesus was motivated by love. The truth is, God loves us and Jesus is the proof.

The writer to the Hebrews asks the question: *'...how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation?'* (Hebrews 2:3 NIV). The prophet Isaiah wrote: *'...by his wounds we are healed'* (Isaiah 53:5 NIV). It is a mystery for sure. In some mysterious and divine way, the events of Good Friday hold the key to our own healing, our forgiveness, our salvation and our adoption. The atonement makes possible our being embraced by Almighty God himself. Jesus, motivated by love, makes possible our restoration, redemption and reconciliation. We are healed; we are saved. We are loved.

It can be difficult to see the events of Good Friday as triumphant, but that is exactly what it is. First, it is a triumph for Jesus. He was faithful and obedient, even to death on the Cross. *'It is finished,'* he declared (John 19:30 NIV). I have completed my mission. It is done. The power of sin and death is defeated.

Second, the triumph of Calvary is the defeat of evil. In Jesus' victory over sin and evil, his 'triumph' becomes our triumph as well. Because we live on this side of the Resurrection, we are able to celebrate our Lord's vindication. He conquered death and lives forever more. His victory becomes ours. It was Jesus himself who said: *'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die'* (John 11:25-26 NIV).

Jesus acknowledges the reality of physical death, but goes on to declare that death does not have the final word over those who, by faith, belong to him. This means death is no longer a wall, but a doorway. It has lost its ultimate power and its terror, and it cannot sever a person from the life Jesus gives. Eternal life is not only duration, but also dimension. It is a life infused with the presence of God and it begins the moment we place our trust in Jesus.

Turns out, it was a very 'Good Friday' indeed!

My prayer for each of you is that you will be captivated by, and experience for yourselves, the reality of God's love for you, revealed in the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Saviour of the world.

God bless you.



GENERAL LYNDON BUCKINGHAM
International Leader of The Salvation Army

Light



I am the light of the world."

John 8:12



Before smartphones, photography was an art form restricted to those skilled enough to use a camera. Now, almost every adult carries a camera in their pocket. Whether an app on our phone or a dedicated device, the camera has one function: It captures light. Everything else—the subject, composition, story—is in the eye of the photographer.

The Symbol of Light

One of the joys and challenges of night photography is searching for light sources. Without light, our camera produces only a black screen.

Light and darkness form a central theme in John's gospel. In the first chapter, we read: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5). John draws upon the creation story, identifying Jesus as "the true light that gives light to everyone" (John 1:9).

This light symbolises God revealing Himself in Christ, guiding humanity toward truth and salvation.

Light vs Darkness

Like a good photograph, every story needs light and shade. John paints light, then contrasts it with darkness—representing ignorance, evil, and resistance to God.

"Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil." (John 3:19)

Choosing darkness over light means rejecting Christ and remaining in spiritual blindness.

Jesus urges us to choose light: *"Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you"* (John 12:35).

Life in the Light

Walking in the light means living faithfully, guided by Christ, avoiding the confusion of darkness. Jesus challenges us to examine whether we live in openness to God's truth or hide in sin's shadows. His light is stronger than any darkness, offering hope and guidance.

In the Salvation Army tradition, Major Joy Webb was a prolific songwriter and musician.

She penned this beautiful chorus:

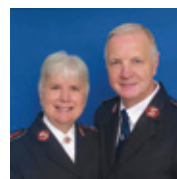


***I can think of Him in prayer,
for I know He will be there,
in my brightest day, or my
darkest way.***

I can think of Him in prayer."

Whatever this day or season brings, look to Jesus as your source of light. Walk in His light today.

May you be aware of His light shining on your path and guiding your footsteps. May you reflect His light so others are drawn to Him.



COLONELS RICHARD AND ANN BORRETT

Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries

In Conversation with Colonel Ann Borrett — Thoughts from the Heart The Spiritual Discipline of *Meditation*

The word “meditation” elicits mixed responses in Christian circles. It is often associated with eastern mysticism, but Christian meditation aims to allow the Holy Spirit to fill our minds with things of God.

Listening for the Shepherd’s Voice
In John 10, Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd. In verse 14, He says:

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.”

John 10:14

How do we know our Good Shepherd? By meditating on His word. By giving the Holy Spirit space to speak. By creating time to listen! Then we can be among the number who “know His voice” (v4).

Richard Foster states: “Christian meditation, very simply, is the ability to hear God’s voice and obey His word.... If we are constantly being swept off our feet with frantic activity, we will be unable to be attentive at the moment of inward silence”.



Meditation Lived Out in Daily Faithfulness

I asked Major Nan Nu (SFOT Myanmar) about her experience using the spiritual discipline of Meditation:

“I thank God for allowing me to share my daily meditation and the Bible verses that strengthen and guide my life. Meditation on Scripture has deeply shaped my spiritual journey, helping me to grow in awareness of God’s constant presence. One passage that has especially encouraged me is Psalm 139.

This psalm reminds me that God knows every detail of my life—my actions, my thoughts, and even my unspoken words. From my mother’s womb until the end of my life, He watches over me with loving care. This truth gives me deep confidence and comfort. Even during difficult times, I have learned that God uses challenges to strengthen, train, and teach me. Because I believe He knows everything I do, I often ask myself during meditation: “Does God approve of what I am doing?” This question helps me examine my heart and align my life with His will.

Each morning has become precious to me. I begin my day with thanksgiving, prayer, Scripture reading, and listening to sermons and worship songs. These simple disciplines prepare my heart to listen and discover what God desires to reveal each day. Through gratitude, I see God’s goodness more clearly and strive to reflect His character with honesty and humility. By His grace, I am called to serve in The Salvation Army as an Officer, and I praise Him for His care, mercy, and faithfulness. I praise his glorious name.”

Method:

One helpful way of entering into a time of meditation could be to sit with your hands on your lap with palms down. Surrendering all concerns to God. Then turn your palms up as a sign of readiness to receive from God. If you need to concentrate on something, choose a verse of scripture to repeat.

A more physical suggestion would be to meditate upon God’s creation as you go for a walk and observe his beauty.

Prayer:

Psalm 19:14 – “May the words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.” (NIV)

COLONEL ANN BORRETT

Territorial President of Women’s Ministries



Article

Resurrection

It is finished!

The quiet plodding of human history has led to this momentous event, the single greatest event of all time.

Who would have ever thought, imagined or even conceived it - this raising of Jesus from the dead, the Resurrection?!

God did. And He made it happen.

The Fact of the Resurrection

He planned it even before creation. It happened on the third day after Jesus was crucified, buried, sealed in a tomb and guarded to ensure His disciples could not steal and hide His body and then claim He had returned from the dead. In truth, His disciples didn't need to steal His dead body and lie that he was resurrected! They were not deluded. Or delusional.

The fact of His resurrection from the dead, leaving behind an empty tomb, was witnessed and affirmed by women, whose testimony their society in that time would not be likely to accept.

It demonstrates that God values those that society does not, and exalts the humble. But Jesus' resurrection was also attested by Peter and the rest of the disciples who met Him in the upper room where they were hiding for fear of the Jews. Even doubting Thomas touched and felt his pierced side, and was convinced and convicted to confess,



Roman historian, Tacitus (c.55-120 AD), mentions in his Annals that "Christus" was executed by Pontius Pilate and that a "superstition" (which many scholars believe refers to the resurrection) spread following His death. Words and records mean nothing if they are only claims, hearsay or made-up lies. The fact and power of the resurrection broke the hiding disciples' fear and transformed them; they boldly preached salvation and resurrection in Jesus, and they lived and died for the sake and glory of the risen Christ. They lived as a testimony to the truth and power of the resurrection for believers since that event in their generation.

Interestingly, this significant event was centre-staged at

Jerusalem, which God says He "set in the centre of the nations, with countries all around her" (Eze 5:5). It is His way of showcasing His love and work for all mankind.

The Meaning of the Resurrection

Jesus' resurrection is the coming together and culmination of God's great master plan. It was conceived for man, out of His everlasting and boundless love.

Like a jigsaw puzzle, the resurrection connects all the pieces of God's plan before creation:

Prophecies, provisions and place in the Bible, corroborating testimonies of believers and historians, redemption for human sin, choices and actions, aspirations and purpose for life. His plan addresses the sin of man ever since Adam and Eve. It makes the reconciliation of man to God and the restoration of His will and plan for man's eternity a

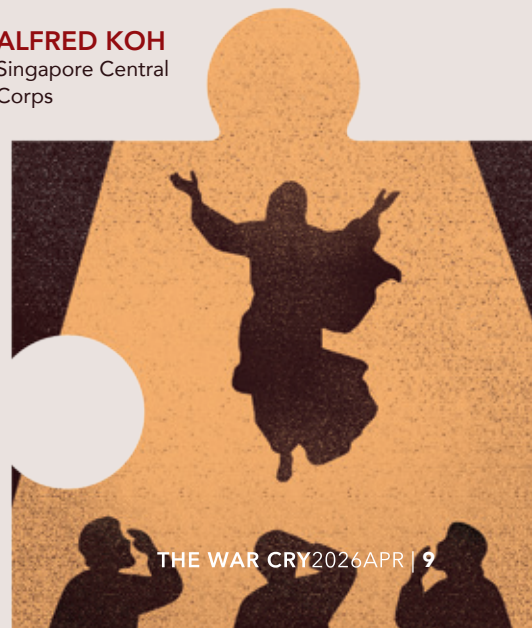
possible reality for each person to embrace. It fulfils everything God has envisioned for man – expressing the fulness of His character, fulfilling His holiness, balancing His perfect justice, mercy, compassion and love. Jesus' resurrection brings together everything God desires and everything man can ever hope for.

Like the spokes of a bicycle wheel that converge at the hub, so the multiple elements of God's great work and our human need for divine salvation converge on this nexus of Jesus' resurrection in history. His resurrection dramatically altered the trajectory of the disciples' lives, generation and the future of the world henceforth.

From this nexus which radiates God's glory, God continues to work and fulfil His plan before creation to make a holy and blameless people (Eph 1:3-5) because Jesus has overcome the hindrances of human nature, sin, death and Satan. His resurrection shouts that everlasting life is possible for man. It proves God's sovereignty, wisdom and almighty power to fulfil all that He has conceived for man.

Now man can follow Jesus' holy example in dying to self, empowered by the Holy Spirit to be raised to new life, and journey toward an eternal destiny in the unshakeable kingdom of the heavenly Father.

ALFRED KOH
Singapore Central
Corps



My Lord and my God!"

(Read it in John 20.) Beyond that, the apostle Paul writes that "He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep" (1 Cor 15:6). Irrefutable testimony of a huge live audience, with majority actually still alive at the time of writing to be able to corroborate the truth!

The Witnesses

External witness (not a follower of Jesus) comes from Jewish historian Flavius Josephus (c.37-97 AD). He recorded in his Antiquities of the Jews (Book 18), that Jesus' followers reported He appeared to them alive after three days. Additionally,



Sanctifying the Ordinary Bible Study Series

Sanctifying the Ordinary Life

Romans 12:1,2 (The Message) —

So, here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, **ordinary life**—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognise what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

Meeting God in the Rhythm of Everyday Life

What does a personal prayer time look like for you? For many, this might raise images of being indoors. Others may prefer the outdoors. Some people find that their clearest moments of connection with God don't occur while they are on their knees, but rather when they are outside, active, and allowing their minds a moment of quiet. In these instances, something deep within us opens up; our souls feel free, and our breath becomes a prayer. It might be that our resistant self steps aside just enough for the Holy Spirit to be noticed.

When Breath Becomes Worship

Simple exercises like running and cycling reduce life to its essentials:

Breathing, movement, and focus. While these activities are beneficial for the body, they can also serve as disciplines for the soul: Places where we intentionally listen to the Spirit.

It's common to view prayer as a quiet practice, but what if motion could also lead us into an encounter with God? What if running became our space for inner alignment? What if cycling became our sanctuary on wheels? The key is to carve out time where the Holy Spirit might meet us—whether in stillness or motion, in the steady rhythm of our feet, in the perseverance of our pace, or in the joy of speed and release.

Training the Soul for the Long Race

This athletic analogy is echoed in Hebrews 12:1-2: "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus..."

Spiritual life, much like physical exertion, requires perseverance. It is a

“marathon, not a sprint.”

This is especially relevant for those of us who have become accustomed to seeing immediate results in life. Much of what we do in modern life happens quickly, but spiritual growth, like running and cycling, tends towards building endurance over time.

I recall moments over the years when I set physical goals for myself, such as running a 5k. Often, I experienced impatience, leading me to overexert myself and sustain injuries, which ultimately slowed my progress more than if I had paced myself properly.

In his book, *"The Life You've Always Wanted: Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People"*, John Ortberg advises: You can't just try to run a marathon without preparation, but you can train for one. Similarly, following Jesus isn't about sheer willpower; it's about arranging your life around practices (disciplines) that shape you over time.

Here's an idea for those who want to explore exercise as a spiritual practice:

- Try running with a verse of Scripture: Repeat your verse with each breath or step, letting it become your rhythm.
- Offer your effort to the Lord as worship: Dedicate your workout to Him; let every hill and push be a prayer.
- Appreciate the silence: Run or ride without music once a week and pay attention to what you notice in the absence of sound.

A Closing Prayer:

Holy Spirit,

Breathe through my lungs.

Run with my feet.

Move through my muscles.

As I push forward, help me also go deeper.

Make my movement a meeting place.

Let every stride or turn of the wheel become an act of worship.

Amen.



As a child, **Colonel Richard** was introduced to The Salvation Army by his grandparents. He married Ann in 1986, and they have had two (officer) children and one grandchild. After training as a Cadet in the Heralds of Jesus session, Colonel Richard was commissioned as an officer in 1993. He has since served in the United Kingdom with Ireland, Eastern Europe, and SMMT territories. To maintain balance in his life, Colonel Richard enjoys cycling, photography, and visiting coffee shops.

“圣化平凡” 圣经研读系列

圣化平凡生活

所以弟兄们，我以神的慈悲劝你们，将身体献上，当做活祭，是圣洁的，是神所喜悦的，你们如此侍奉乃是理所当然的。不要效法这个世界，只要心意更新而变化，叫你们察验何为神的善良、纯全、可喜悦的旨意。（罗马书12章1-2节）

在日常生活节奏中与神相遇

对你来说，个人祷告时间是怎样的？对许多人来说，这可能会让人联想到在室内。也有人更喜欢在户外。有些人发现，他们与上帝连接最清晰的时刻并非发生在跪地祈祷时，而是在置身户外、活动身体，并让心灵获得片刻宁静之时。在这些时刻，我们内心深处某处会敞开；我们的灵魂感到自由，而我们的呼吸便化作了祷告。或许，正是我们那抗拒的自我恰好退后一步，才让圣灵得以显现。

当呼吸成为一种敬拜

跑步和骑行这类简单的运动，将生活浓缩为最本质的要素：呼吸、运动与专注。这些活动不仅有益于身体，也能成为属灵操练——让我们有意识地倾听圣灵的声音。人们通常将祷告视为一种静默的修行，但如果运动也能引领我们与神相遇呢？如果跑步成了我们内心调整的场所呢？如果骑行成了我们轮上的圣地呢？关键在于为圣灵与我们相遇腾出时间——无论是在静止还是运动中，无论是在脚步的稳健节奏里，在坚持不懈的步伐中，还是在速度与释放中带来的喜悦。

为长跑磨练心志

《希伯来书》12章1-2节也呼应了这一体育比喻——“存心忍耐，奔那摆在我们前头的路程，仰望为我们信心创始成终的耶稣。……”

属灵生活与身体锻炼一样，都需要毅力。这是一场“马拉松，而非短跑”。对于那些习惯于在生活中寻求立竿见影效果的人来说，这一点尤为重要。现代生活中，我们所做的大部分事情都发生得很快，但属灵的成长，就像跑步和骑自行车一样，往往需要随着时间的推移来培养耐力。

我回想起这些年来，自己曾为体能运动设定过一些目标，比如跑完5公里。我常常感到不耐烦，导致自己用力过度

并受了伤，这最终使我的速度比当初我能合理控制节奏时还要慢。

约翰·奥特伯格（John Ortberg）在他的著作《你一直向往的生活——普通人的属灵操练》中建议，你不能毫无准备地就去跑马拉松，但你可以为此进行训练。同样，跟随耶稣并非仅靠单纯的意志力，而是要围绕着那些能塑造你的操练（纪律）来安排你的生活，让你随着时间推移得到属灵成长。

以下是一个建议，给那些希望将运动作为属灵操练的人参考：

- 尝试带着经句跑步——随着每次呼吸或脚步重复经句，让它成为你的节奏。
- 将你的努力献给主作为敬拜：将你的锻炼献给祂，让每座山丘和每次冲刺都成为一次祷告。
- 欣赏寂静——每周一次不听音乐地跑步或骑行，留意在没有声音的情况下你所察觉到的东西。

结尾祷告：

圣灵，
请通过我的肺部呼吸。
伴随我的脚步奔跑。
穿行于我的肌肉之间。
当我向前迈进时，也求祢帮助我走得更深。
让我的行动成为相遇之地。
愿每一步迈进或车轮的转动，都成为一种敬拜。
阿门。



从小，博理杰准将就由祖父母引荐加入了救世军。1986年，他与博安准将结婚，育有两名子女（他们也是军官）。如今他已有一个孙子。他以学员的身份在耶稣先驱者班接受培训。1993年，博理杰准将正式受任命为军官。他先后曾在英国、爱尔兰、东欧等地区服事，目前是新加坡、马来西亚、缅甸及泰国地区的地区总指挥。为保持生活平衡，理杰准将热衷于骑自行车、摄影及到咖啡馆品尝美味的咖啡。

24 – 26 April

International Day of Children and Young People 2026

Theme: "In The Light"
Ephesians 5:8 (NIV)



**For you were once
darkness, but now
you are light in
the Lord. Live as
children of light.."**

For many children and young people in Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar, and Thailand, the world today can feel overwhelming. Each country has its own context, but the challenges faced by young people tell a shared story of struggle and hope.

The Reality of Darkness in Young Lives

Statistics indicate that in Singapore, nearly one in three young people experience significant symptoms of anxiety, depression, or stress, with cyberbullying affecting around one in five. In Malaysia, more than a quarter of young individuals report symptoms of depression, while one in six experiences persistent loneliness. In Thailand,

approximately 14% of young people struggle with depression or anxiety, and loneliness among them has risen to nearly one in five, alongside increased exposure to addictive behaviours. In Myanmar, the ongoing conflict continues to impact daily life, with about one in three young individuals reporting high levels of anxiety and stress, often living with constant fear and insecurity.

These figures highlight that the darkness facing children and young people is very real.

It is in classrooms, homes, online spaces, and communities through bullying, isolation, mental distress, addiction, and, for some, the trauma of conflict.

However, statistics do not capture the full story.

Light That Continues to Shine

Across our territory, we witness something profoundly powerful: Light continues to shine. We see courage in young people who speak out about their struggles, faith in those who persevere despite

uncertainty, and hope in children who dream of a better tomorrow. This light is nurtured when children know they are loved, valued, and chosen by God.

As The Salvation Army observes the International Day of Children and Young People 2026 during (24-26) April, we reaffirm our commitment to walk alongside the young, to create a safe environment, to listen attentively, and to reflect Christ's love in practical ways.

We invite everyone—families, communities, and leaders—to join us in this mission. Together, let's support and guide our children and young people along their journeys. Help them embrace their potential and shine as lights in the world (Matthew 5:14), bringing hope into their own lives and the lives of others. Together, we can make a difference and foster a brighter future for all.

MAJOR TAN GUAT HAI

Territorial Secretary for Youth & Children

Joyhaven Senior Care Centre Enters a New Chapter of Hope

The Malaysia Region marked a significant milestone on 23 January 2026 with the soft launch and dedication of the newly reopened Joyhaven Senior Care Centre in Petaling Jaya. The event, attended by leaders, partners, supporters, and community friends, celebrated not only a facility, but a renewed mission to honour and care for Malaysia’s senior citizens.



Joyhaven Senior Care Centre in Petaling Jaya.

A Journey of Faith, Patience, and Perseverance

In his welcome address, Lieutenant Roger Teoh reflected on the long journey towards reopening the centre. What began early last year became months of “praying, planning, following up, waiting again—and praying again” as the team navigated approvals from the Ministry of Health, the Fire Department, and the Social Welfare Department. Each delay, he shared, became “a lesson in faith and perseverance,” culminating in a day that testifies to God’s unwavering grace.

Formerly operated from 2001 to 2017 as a residential and day-care home for destitute or unsupported seniors, Joyhaven now steps into a fresh season of ministry—one rooted in compassion, dignity, and practical love. The centre aims to be a place of healing, safety, and belonging,

where God’s love becomes tangible for every person who walks through its doors.



A group photograph with officers & staff.

Looking Ahead with Hope

Territorial Commander Colonel Richard Borrett reminded guests that the elderly are

not a burden to be managed, but a blessing to be honoured,”

calling the centre a testament to faith in action and a beacon of hope for generations.

As Joyhaven begins this new chapter, we invite readers to pray, partner, and journey together, trusting that God, who has brought them this far, will continue to lead every step of the way.

NIGEL JONES

Public Relations Director, Malaysia Region



The opening ceremony of Joyhaven Senior Care Centre

Commissioning of new local officers and soldiers' enrolment – Chiang Rai Corps Plant

We praise the Lord for the wonderful opportunity to enrol seven new soldiers and commission six Local Officers at the Chiang Rai Outpost in Thailand. This occasion was significant and spiritually uplifting, especially with the presence of our Territorial Leaders, Colonels Richard and Ann Borrett, who graciously led the ceremony. Their presence and dedication brought much blessing to all who gathered. The enrolment of new soldiers and the commissioning of Local Officers mark important milestones in our corps, reflecting the continued growth of God's work in this region. Each new soldier and officer stands as a testament to God's grace and a commitment to



Seven new soldiers were enrolled at the Chiang Rai Outpost, Thailand.



Colonels Ann & Richard Borrett commission six Local Officers at the Chiang Rai Outpost, Thailand.

serving both Him and the community. The atmosphere was filled with joy and reverence as we witnessed these individuals publicly declare their faith.

We give thanks to Almighty God for His unending goodness. As we often say, God is good all the time. May He continue to bless these new soldiers and officers, using them as instruments of His love and hope. To Him be all glory and honour for this blessed day.

MAJOR LALRINTLUANGA
Corps Officer, Chiang Rai Corps Plant

GAZETTE

On behalf of the Territorial Commander, Colonel Richard Borrett, I am pleased to announce the following:

TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS

Major Miwa Nakajima, currently serving as Divisional Commander, Tokyo/Tokaido Division in the Japan Territory, is appointed as the Territorial Secretary for Programme in Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar and Thailand Territory, effective 1 May 2026.

We thank the Japan Territory for releasing this experienced and skilled officer to the SMMT Territory. We pray God's richest blessing on Major during this time of transition.

SINGAPORE REGION

Captain Tan Bee Yit, Singapore Regional Officer (Primary) & Instructor for School for Officer Training (Additional), will be entering retirement on 1 April 2026 with 10 years and 11 months of service.

With gratitude in our hearts, we give thanks to God for Captain Tan Bee Yit's faithful service for all that he has given in His Name and pray for God's continued richest blessings upon his service.

Captain Tan Bee Yit will remain in the same appointment and continue to serve as a Retired Officer in appointment, effective 1 April 2026.

MYANMAR REGION

Change of Appointments, Effective 30 April 2026

LETPANCHAUNG DISTRICT

Captain Van Luai
Pro-Tem District Officer and Pro-Tem District Candidates Officer (Additional)

Captain Miriam
Pro-Tem District Director for Women's Ministries

Lieutenant Khun Bo Gyoke
Corps Officer, Nyaung Kone Corps

Lieutenant Naw Mya Yadanar
Corps Officer, Nyaung Kone Corps

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Major Johnny San
Corps Officer, Central Corps and Telugu Corps

TAHAN DISTRICT

Major Lalrinzuala
Corps Officer, Satawm Corps and Falam Corps (Additional)

Major Lalveni
Corps Officer, Satawm Corps and Falam Corps (Additional)

Captain L D Thanga
Corps Officer, Myohla Corps

Captain Lalbiakvulmawii
Corps Officer, Myohla Corps

Please join me in praying God's richest blessings upon our comrades as they serve the Lord in their new areas of responsibilities.

God bless our Army!

MAJOR BRENDA TAN
Secretary for Personnel



The Salvation Army
 School for Officer Training
 Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar
 and Thailand Territory

ORDINATION & COMMISSIONING

“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”
 Jeremiah 31 : 33



KEEPERS OF THE COVENANT 2024-2026



From left to right:
 Cadet Ruth S Daniel
 Cadet Jacob Fung Chee Yu
 Cadet Esther Law Jia Xin
 Cadet Lalnunhlimi
 Cadet Van Lal Hnem Thiang
 Cadet Biak Nun Tawm



Led By
Colonels Richard & Ann Borrett
 Territorial Commander & Territorial President
 of Women's Ministries



Supported By
Lieut. Colonels Nigel & Stacy Cross
 Chief Secretary & Territorial Secretary for Women's
 Ministries



Majors Grant & Sharon Sandercock-Brown
 Training Principal & Assistant Training Principal

Date & Time >>>
23 May 2026 | 10am

Venue >>>
Singapore Central Corps
 20 Bishan Street 22, Singapore 579768



All are invited to join
 us in person or via
 livestream

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<https://www.youtube.com/@TSA-SMMT>