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*Psalm 145:4*





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## Editor's Note A Living Legacy

"One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts." Psalm 145:4

This verse captures the heartbeat of a living legacy; one that is not preserved in words alone, but carried through lives shaped by faith, love, and faithful witness. Legacy is built daily through our actions, words, and service—not just something left at the end of life.

In this issue of the War Cry, we celebrate Mother's Day, honouring the quiet strength and enduring influence of mothers and mother-figures. Their legacy often unfolds through unseen acts — whispered prayers, instilled values, sacrifices made, and faith lived out daily. Through their nurturing, generations are shaped, and hearts are formed to know and follow God. Many, even without biological ties, embrace the call to spiritual motherhood, investing in lives with love, wisdom, and grace, continuously guiding and walking alongside others in their spiritual journey.

At the same time, the ordination and commissioning of cadets remind us that this legacy continues. A new generation rises, responding to God's call and carrying forward what has been entrusted to them.

Each featured story highlights a living legacy passed on through relationships, discipleship, and faithful obedience. As one generation declares His works, another takes up the call.

May we embrace our role in this living legacy, faithfully shaping lives for Christ today and for future generations.

**MAJOR FLORENCE SHEIN**  
Editor

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Major Lalnunmawii with her daughters, all in uniform.



## Reflection

# The Silver Star: Faithfulness Shining Through Generations

In every Officer's life, there are those people who have come alongside and supported their calling. Sometimes these are their parents, but sometimes it is someone who has become a spiritual mentor and parent to the Officer.

The Fellowship of the Silver Star, established in the USA in 1930, was created to honour such individuals. Once awarded only to an Officer's mother, it now recognises both parents or a nominated mentor. With a certificate of appreciation and a special star badge, The Salvation Army expresses gratitude for those whose faithful support has helped nurture a life of service.

### A Legacy of Faith in the Family

I approached two recipients whose stories reflect this quiet yet powerful legacy.



Majors Francis and Mary Ng, parents of Captain Carmen Ng.

Majors Francis and Mary Ng, parents of Captain Carmen Ng, shared the joy of seeing their child respond to God's call.



### It is always a joy,"

they reflected, "to know when one of our children chooses the same journey of serving God." Their support was shown not only in words, but through their own faithful example in officership. They modelled commitment, sacrifice, and trust in God in their ministry. Today, they see God's grace at work through their daughter's life and ministry, often reflected in the people she serves. Receiving the Silver Star, they describe it as a gentle reminder to keep praying for the child they dedicated to God from a young age, entrusting her future into His hands.

### The Power of Spiritual Mentorship

For Major Lalroengi, recognised as a spiritual mentor to Lieutenant Ebenezer, the journey has been one of faithful presence. Having known him since childhood, she supported him through prayer, listening, and encouragement—even before he fully recognised God's call.

"Spiritual mentorship," she shares, "is about consistent prayer, honest conversations, and guiding without controlling."

She also reflected on the importance of such relationships, especially in seasons of uncertainty. "Discerning a calling can be challenging. A mentor brings encouragement, perspective, and someone to walk with you." Receiving the Silver Star, she expressed humility:



**I never expected this. It reminds me that God uses us as instruments—and calls us to keep supporting others faithfully."**



Lieutenant Ebenezer & Major Engi

This May, as the new Lieutenants are commissioned, new members will be welcomed to the Fellowship of the Silver Star. We honour them for their influence and support. Their legacy may be quiet, but it is clearly seen—in lives surrendered, callings affirmed, and ministries sustained for God's glory.

### MAJOR FLORENCE SHEIN

Assistant Chief Secretary & War Cry Editor

# Testimonies – Keepers of the Covenant Session

2024 - 2026



**Esther Law Jia Xin**  
Cadet

## ***Walking in What God Prepared***

Before I entered training, I only knew two things clearly. First, God had called me here. Second, my life was meant to serve Him. Beyond that, I was unsure. I had many ideas about ministry, but I did not know which path was truly mine.

Through training, God patiently led me to discover my spiritual gifts, my passions, and also my weaknesses. In this process, I learned that ministry is not something I need to design on my own, but something God has already prepared. As I grew in understanding, I also grew in confidence, not in myself, but in God's guidance.

Today, I will step forward with greater clarity and trust. Until my race is finished, I will walk faithfully in the works He has prepared for me. *"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" Ephesians 2:10.*



**Van Lal Hnem Thiang [Gracy]**  
Cadet

## ***Strength in Weakness: Discovering God's Grace in My Journey***

From the beginning of my training at SFOT, my journey has been marked by both encouragement and challenge. During my first year, I became deeply aware of my human weaknesses, limitations, and failures. There were moments of discouragement when I questioned my ability to continue. Yet, through prayer and reflection, God reminded me to depend not on my own strength, but on His grace. This training has taught me that faithfulness and obedience to God are more important than personal capability. As I look back, I recognise that every step forward has been possible only through God's guiding hand. From first year to second year, God has sustained me with health, understanding, and spiritual growth. I am sincerely grateful to God, and I respectfully thank the officers and staff of SFOT for their faithful leadership, guidance, and support throughout my training journey.



**Fung Chee Yu [Jacob]**  
Cadet

## ***Called by Grace, Not by Ability***

"Lord, why me?" I often felt that I was not the one who should be called.

When God first stirred my heart about officership, I was afraid. I knew my foundation, my weaknesses, and my past. I did not see myself as someone worthy to serve. I thought I needed to become better, more capable, and more prepared before saying yes. Deep inside, I was still holding on to control.

Even when I entered SFOT, doubts remained. I questioned whether I had made the right decision and whether I truly belonged here. In my quiet moments of prayer, I sensed God whispering to my heart, "Jacob, you should stop looking at yourself and start looking at Me."

Through my session-mates and seniors, God slowly opened my eyes to the beauty and meaning of this calling.

I am still growing and still learning. But I now understand that God did not choose me because I am good enough. He chose me because He is good. And His grace is enough for me. For, *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" 2 Corinthians 12:9.*



**Ruth S. Daniel**  
Cadet

### ***The Whisper That Changed My Life***

There was a moment in my path when I found myself asking the Lord, “Do I truly have the calling to serve You? Am I worthy to serve in Your Kingdom?”

I remember receiving a difficult phone call regarding my performance as a Candidate Helper in Ipoh. It was a painful moment for me. I felt discouraged and uncertain, and I cried before the Lord. In that quiet place, in a moment of stillness, when my heart was heavy, I heard a soft whisper in my spirit, “FOLLOW ME.” It wasn’t a loud voice, but it was a clear voice. It was the same invitation Jesus gave to ordinary fishermen and a tax collector. From that day until the moment I stepped into the training college, I held tightly to that whisper: “Follow Me.” I came to understand that the God who calls is the God who strengthens. There were fears, uncertainties and challenges along the way, but the Lord never left my side. Each day, God reassures my heart that He is the One who called me, and He will not forsake me. I stand today not because I am capable on my own, but because He is faithful. All glory belongs to Him.



**Lalnunhlimi [Jessica]**  
Cadet

### ***Called, Shaped, and Sent by God***

When I went to the training college, there were several things which I was unsure of, but I had a desire in my heart to serve God. Through daily prayers, studies, ministry, and life together with my fellow cadets, God slowly made His calling clearer to me. In moments of serving those who were hurting and searching for hope, God showed me that He was calling me to give my whole life in service to Him and others.

Training was not always easy. There were times of struggle, tired moments, and doubts, but God used these moments to shape my heart and teach me to depend on Him and serve with humility and love. Through this journey, my calling became stronger and more personal.

As I continue along the journey, my prayer is to faithfully follow wherever God sends me and to be a servant who reflects Christ’s love to others.



**Biak Nun Tawm**  
Cadet

### ***From Fear to Faith: My Journey with God***

By the grace of God, I arrived in Singapore, a place I have never been to before. I am not fluent in English, and this made things difficult for me. At the same time, I saw many beautiful places I had never seen before. I faced many challenges, but these challenges helped me become stronger and more patient. Through what I saw, heard, and experienced on this journey; I realised that serving God is not easy. But God is always with me and helps me to endure. Even when I have problems, I remember that God is with me and never leaves me. As the bible says, “*Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness*” Isaiah 41:10.



# Out and About in the SMMT Territory

**The** Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar, and Thailand (SMMT) Territory is a vibrant and diverse region, shaped by many cultures and contexts. Yet across these differences, we are united by a shared love for the Lord and a common calling to serve. We continue to witness God at work in encouraging ways throughout the Territory.



Leadership in a commemorative photo in front of the newly purchased building in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

## Encouraging Developments in Thailand

In the first quarter, we travelled across the Territory for regional reviews and celebrated a significant milestone in Thailand—the purchase of our first owned building in Chiang Mai. This facility now houses the foundation office and the Chiang Mai Central Corps, which began services on 8 March. Colonel Richard Borrett joined us for the dedication, attended by more than 100 people.

We also rejoice in Chiang Rai, where the outpost was officially recognised as a Corps on 29 March. Social services continue to grow across all centres, with meaningful work in refugee support, after-school care, and anti-human trafficking initiatives.



A planted corps in Mandalay, Myanmar.

## Myanmar Engagement

In Myanmar, we were encouraged by a newly planted corps in Mandalay, filled with people of all ages. Many are hearing the good news of Jesus and receiving practical support, especially following the 2025 earthquake. In Yangon, The Salvation Army is strong and, with building repairs, will go forward into the future while rejoicing in their 115-year heritage.

## Progress in Malaysia

Malaysia continues to make steady progress through children’s homes, corps ministry, after-school programmes, Red Shield Industries, and senior care. The rededication of Joyhaven Senior Care in January reaffirmed a commitment to providing quality care while sharing God’s love. Outreach to unreached communities also remains a key focus.



Malaysia Joyhaven Congregation at the Reopening of Joyhaven

## Growth in Singapore

In Singapore, we thank God for continued favour, with the Government awarding another nursing home site. Migrant and prison ministries are making a meaningful impact, alongside programmes such as Re:Nue, Carehaven, Children & Youth Group. The Corps are united, and when they pray together, great things happen.



Cadets serving the migrant ministry, Sojourn, in Singapore.

The School for Officer Training in Singapore and Yangon continues to equip cadets to love God, love others, and serve suffering humanity. God is good, and He is growing His Salvation Army in our great SMMT Territory. Stacy and I are blessed to participate with each of you in this journey, making so many friends and seeing so many developments. It will continue as we each facilitate ‘on Earth as it is in Heaven.’ You are supported, prayed for, and have our deepest respect.

## LIEUT. COLONELS NIGEL & STACY CROSS

Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women’s Ministries

# In Conversation with Colonel Ann Borrett — Thoughts from the Heart Spiritual Discipline of *Submission*



**The** concept of submission might not typically come to mind when considering Spiritual Disciplines, as it's not often discussed. Yet, for Christians, it is essential to our walk as disciples of Jesus Christ—aligning our lives with His will.

Richard Foster, in his book 'Celebration of Discipline', emphasises that submission is not about bondage; rather, it represents the freedom to live as Christ desires. He notes:



**It is the ability to lay down the terrible burden of always needing to get our own way.**

He urges us to centre our lives around Christ and view Spiritual Disciplines as pathways closer to His heart.

This month, we celebrate the Ordination and Commissioning of our second-year Cadets, who have surrendered their lives to full-time service as Officers within The Salvation Army.

In a conversation with Major Grant Sandercock-Brown, the Training Principal of the SMMT School for Officer Training, I asked him about the line "My all to thee dedicating" from Colonel Brindley Boon's song (Song 591, Salvation Army Song Book 2015). Here is his testimony:

"My all to thee dedicating" is a bold promise from a challenging song. It speaks of absolute devotion—"All that I have shall be thine," as stated in the third verse. Such promises should not be taken lightly. It reflects my desire to be fully committed to Jesus, proclaiming His good news and giving my all to him.

I remember worshipping as a cadet at the Training College in Sydney, reflecting Paul's version of Brindley Boon's song. "I want to know Christ... becoming like him in death" (Phil. 3:10-11). These words articulate a commitment Paul lived out fully.

Yet while complete and fearless dedication has been my goal, it has not always been my reality. I have known joy and assurance, but have also faced doubt and failure, even disillusionment. That is why our promises matter. An old song poses the question: "Have I worked for hireling wages or as one with vows to keep?" My wages don't matter, but my vows do. They matter greatly, especially because of the One to whom I have made my vows.

That's the reason we should sing bold and fearless promises. They remind us of who we are and whose we are, they sustain us in doubt and failure. I sing these promises to a mighty God who has never left me to navigate this journey alone. He knows me, loves me, and walks with me every step of the way.

**For Reflection:** Consider the impact of this commitment in your own spiritual journey with Jesus.

**Pray:** Please pray for the Cadets of the 'Keepers of the Covenant' Session who will be commissioned this month.

**COLONEL ANN BORRETT**

Territorial President of Women's Ministries

Mother's Day

# A Reflection on Godly Motherhood and the Proverbs 31 Woman

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*Major Lalnunmawii  
with her daughters,  
all in uniform.*



Major Lalnunmawii with her mother.

### **I would like to begin by honouring my late mother.**

Though she was a quiet and shy woman who never spoke much, her life spoke volumes. She had a tender heart and was not only my mother, but also my closest confidante—someone I could turn to without fear.

#### **A Mother's Quiet Legacy**

My mother was a woman of prayer. She faithfully lifted her children before God and gently guided us to love the Lord and respect others. Even after I was married and commissioned as an officer in The Salvation Army, she remained my greatest supporter. Although she was promoted to Glory two years ago, her absence is profoundly felt. Losing a God-fearing mother creates a void that words cannot express, yet her influence continues to guide me. Every day, I recall her quiet strength and unwavering faith, striving to follow the path she lovingly set for me.

#### **Passing Faith to the Next Generation**

Today, by God's grace, I am a mother of three daughters. Raising children into faithful, grounded adults is both a great responsibility and a humbling journey. It isn't always easy, but I hold on to the example my mother provided.

From a young age, I have nurtured my daughters' faith, teaching them to know and trust the Lord. Over time, our relationship has evolved beyond the typical parent-child dynamic; we are now friends, united in Christ. I commit them to God in prayer daily, asking that they grow in both knowledge and grace.

I have learned that children not only listen to what we say; they watch how we live. They observe how we respond in difficult moments, how we trust God in uncertainty, and how we carry ourselves with patience and love. My prayer is that my daughters see Christ in me, just as I saw Christ in my mother.

#### **The Enduring Inheritance of Faith**

As mothers, it is vital for us to remember what truly matters. Our greatest responsibility is not to provide material things or worldly success, but to shape hearts—leading our children toward faith, integrity, and a deep relationship with God. The most valuable inheritance we can give is not something that fades, but something enduring.

The Bible reminds us in Proverbs 31:30:



**A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.**

True beauty and strength come from a life surrendered to God. When a mother walks closely with Him, He grants her wisdom—what to say, when to speak, how to guide, and when to be still. Her work may not always be visible or celebrated by the world, but it is known and treasured by God.

Reflecting on motherhood, I feel both humbled and grateful. My mother taught me that true influence comes not from being loud or prominent, but from being faithful. She was not a woman of many words, yet her prayers were powerful. A mother's quiet devotion can shape generations.

As I look at my daughters, I am reminded that this legacy of faith is still being written. It is not completed in one lifetime, but is transmitted from one generation to the next. I do not know what lies ahead for them, but I trust that the seeds of faith planted in their hearts will flourish under God's care. Just as my mother entrusted me to the Lord, I now entrust my daughters to Him.

The legacy my mother left behind was not one of wealth or possessions, but of steadfast faith. That is the inheritance I carry and hope to pass on. My prayer is that my daughters will one day look back and see the same—an example of prayer, love, and a life devoted to God.

To every mother who is quietly loving, praying, and persevering—be encouraged. What you are doing matters. The seeds you plant today will bear fruit in time. Your faithfulness is never wasted, and your legacy will endure.

*Happy Mother's Day!*

**MAJOR LALNUNMAWII**  
Corps Officer, Chiang Rai Corps

# Driving

**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.*

## Learning Patience in Everyday Life

The story is told of a man who lived a virtuous life but longed to go deeper in his walk with the Lord. One day, he prayed, "Lord, increase in me the fruit of your Spirit. Bless me with more patience."

Almost immediately, everything in his day seemed to go wrong. He was stuck in traffic and arrived late for work. Throughout the day, he was constantly interrupted while trying to complete an important report. By the time he returned home, exhausted and in need of rest, his children greeted him with excitement, demanding his time, attention, and energy.

In frustration, he cried, "Lord, I asked you for patience!"

And gently came the reply,



**Yes, and I am allowing you to practise it."**

## When Ordinary Moments Test Us

As we continue reflecting on the ordinary rhythms of daily life, we turn to something many of us experience: driving or simply navigating busy, crowded spaces. It is often in these moments that our patience is tested the most.

Some people seem to undergo a complete change of character behind the wheel. Those who are normally calm and gentle can suddenly become irritated, aggressive, or even unrecognisable. It is as if a vehicle's barrier creates distance, turning fellow human beings into obstacles rather than neighbours.

Studies suggest this is not uncommon. 45% of drivers say that they have experienced aggressive honking. Yelling, or verbal aggression, occurs in about 35% of incidents.

And while certain groups may show this more frequently, none of us is truly immune.



So how does this relate to our Christian character? The honest answer is this: being a Christian does not automatically remove these reactions. But it does give us a different way to respond.

Perhaps we can begin to see these moments not as interruptions, but as tests and training grounds for spiritual growth. The road offers no guarantees. There are delays, unexpected turns, and the unpredictable actions of others.

Yet even there, the Holy Spirit is present quietly, teaching patience, humility, and awareness.

Proverbs 3:5–6 reminds us to trust in the Lord, and He will direct our paths. Psalm 121:8 assures us that the Lord watches over our coming and going. Even in traffic, we are not outside His care or His purpose.

#### **Holiness Displayed in the Ordinary**

Driving may seem like a small and ordinary part of life, but it is precisely in these everyday

moments that our faith is revealed. If we cannot demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit when we are delayed, interrupted, or inconvenienced, where else will it be seen?

Holiness is not reserved for the platform or the corps building. It is lived out in the car, in the shopping queue, in the workplace, and in the home. It is seen in how we respond when things do not go our way.

Romans 12 reminds us that our “everyday, ordinary life” is to be offered to God. That includes our waiting, our reactions, and our attitudes.

So the next time you feel frustration rising when the traffic slows, when someone cuts in, or when patience runs thin—pause.

Remember: this moment is not wasted. It is holy ground.

God is at work, forming in you patience, humility, and maturity.

*Will you let Him?*



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.



# 开车

罗马书12章1-2节

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。

## 在每天的日常生活中培养耐心

曾有一个故事说到，有位品行端正的男子，渴望在与主的同行中走得更深。有一天，他向主祷告，说：“主啊，求你在我里面增加圣灵的果子。求你赐我更多的耐心。”

几乎就在祷告结束的时候，他这一天似乎就事事不顺。他被堵在路上，上班迟到。一整天，他试图完成一份重要报告，却不断受到干扰。当他回到家时，早已精疲力尽、急需休息，已经没有精力做其他事。他的孩子们这时却兴奋不已地迎上来，争相要他陪伴、要他关注，需要他付出精力。

他沮丧地喊道：“主啊，我不是求你赐我耐心吗？”

随即传来温柔的回答：“是的，我正让你去实践它。”

## 当平凡时刻考验我们的时候

当我们继续反思日常生活中的平凡节奏时，我们不禁想到许多人都有过的经历：开车或者仅仅是在拥挤嘈杂的场所穿行。往往正是这些时刻，最考验我们的耐心。

有些人一坐上驾驶座，性格似乎就发生了彻底的转变。那些平时沉稳温和的人，可能会突然变得易怒、咄咄逼人，甚至判若两人。仿佛车身的隔板制造了距离，将同为人类的其他人变成了障碍物，而非邻舍。

研究显示，这种现象并不罕见。45%的司机表示曾遭遇过激的鸣笛。在约35%的事件中，会出现吼叫或言语攻击。虽然某些群体可能更常表现出这种倾向，但实际上我们谁都无法真正幸免于此。

那么，这与我们的基督徒品格有何关联呢？诚实的答案是：成为基督徒并不能自动消除这些反应。但确实能够为我们提供另一种应对方式。

或许我们应该开始将这些时刻视为属灵成长的考验与磨练，而并非干扰。这条道路上没有绝对的保证。途中可能会有延误、意料之外的转折以及其他做出难以预料的举动。

然而，即便在这些时刻，圣灵依然静静地与我们同在，教导我们耐心、谦卑与警醒。

箴言3章5-6节提醒我们要信靠耶和华，祂必指引我们的道路。诗篇121章8节向我们保证，耶和华看顾我们的出入。即使在车流之中，我们也从未脱离祂的看顾与旨意。

## 在日常生活中表现圣洁

开车看似是生活中微不足道且平凡的一环，但正是在这些日常的平凡时刻，我们的信心才得以表现。如果我们在遭遇延误、打断或不便时无法彰显圣灵的果子，那还能在哪里表现呢？

圣洁并非仅限于讲台或团契大楼，也体现在车内、购物队伍中、职场里以及家中。当事情不如意时，我们的反应便彰显了圣洁。

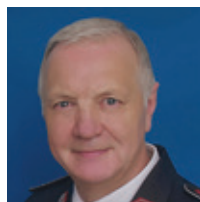
罗马书12章提醒我们，我们的“平凡日常生活”都应当献给神。这包括我们的等待、我们对事物的反应以及我们的态度。

所以，下次当你因交通拥堵、被人插队，或是耐心耗尽而感到沮丧时——请停一停。

记住：这一刻并非虚度，而这正是圣洁之地。

神正在其中工作，在你里面塑造耐性、谦卑与成熟。

你愿意让祂塑造你吗？



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。



A Farewell

# The Eve of Extraordinary

As the pilot's voice broke through the cabin's silence, a wave of emotion washed over us. Our eyes brimmed with tears as he said, "Welcome to Singapore." Twenty-five long years had passed since we first dreamed of this moment, longing for the chance to serve globally. Now, as we descended, we could hardly comprehend the journey that lay ahead, but deep in our hearts, we felt the stirring of something truly special and knew that we were standing on the eve of something extraordinary.



The welcome at Changi Airport.

## A warm welcome and a journey of blessings

The image of the group that welcomed us at Changi Airport is etched in our memories. Their radiant smiles shone like beacons of hope, lifting our spirits as we stepped into the unknown. Clutching our American passports tightly, we were reminded of our roots. Yet, in those precious moments, surrounded by warmth and kindness, we felt an unbreakable bond forming. In that instant, we weren't just strangers; we were family. We were no longer just two weary travellers—we had become Singaporeans,

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embracing a new chapter full of promise and possibility.

Over the years, our ministry in the Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar and Thailand (SMMT) Territory has been marked by countless blessings. We have shared meals, prayers, and stories with people from every walk of life. We have witnessed lives transformed, communities strengthened, and faith deepened. Each encounter has been a reminder that God's work transcends borders, languages, and cultures.



Majors Susie and David Erickson wearing traditional Chinese attire and participating in Yusheng.



The couple kettleing together at a mall.

## A legacy of faith to carry forward

As we look back, our hearts overflow with gratitude. To the friends who welcomed us, to the congregations who embraced us, and to the city that became our home—we say thank you. The SMMT Territory has given us more than we could ever have imagined: a place to serve, a family to love, and a legacy of faith to carry forward.

Though our journey here may be ending, the memories and ministry we shared will remain forever. The SMMT Territory will always be part of us.

## MAJOR SUSIE ERICKSON

Secretary for Programme



A camp group photo

Report

# Malaysia Youth Camp 2026: Flame Keepers

The Malaysia Youth Camp 2026, themed “Flame Keepers,” was held from 24- 27 March at the Ipoh Boys’ Home. A total of 47 youths from East and West Malaysia gathered with their leaders and mentors, bringing overall attendance to more than 63 participants.

Inspired by Colossians 3:16, the theme emphasised the importance of keeping one’s spiritual flame alive through God’s Word. The camp began with a Youth Leaders’ Training session, where leaders prepared the venue and were warmly encouraged by Major Tan Guat Hai to remain

watchful and ready to serve, based on Luke 12:35.

Throughout the camp, youth engaged in praise and worship, ice-breaking activities, group outings, and hiking. Messages shared by Lieutenant Kamaleswaran Kanna, Lieutenant Royston Remus, and Lieutenant Elaine Wong challenged participants to live boldly for Christ and to nurture a vibrant, enduring faith.

In the closing session, Lieutenant Elaine encouraged everyone to return to their Corps with renewed passion and purpose.

The camp concluded with a collective commitment to shine as lights and faithful “flame keepers” for the Lord.

**Camp Reflections**

**Moses Van**, 15, from Kuala Lumpur Corps, shared, “Before coming to the camp, I felt lost. But here, I found supportive friendships, and my relationship with God deepened more than I expected. I’ve learned how important it is to keep the flame of the Holy Spirit alive within me. I know there will be challenges, but I feel ready to face them with a renewed spirit. The camp was a blessing for me; I learned and grew in God’s hands to be a better person for others.”

**Decybell Via Psalm Yaakub**, 17, from Kota Belud Corps, reflected, “I came feeling empty and broken after a breakup and also a family problem. During worship, I experienced a real connection with God and began learning to trust Him more deeply. While not everything was resolved, I found peace and a renewed determination to keep my faith strong. Now I will continue to keep my flame burning.”

Their testimonies reflect the heart of the camp—growth, connection, and a renewed commitment to live as faithful Flame Keepers.

**LIEUTENANT ELAINE WONG**

Youth & Children Officer, Malaysia Region

## GAZETTE

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

**MYANMAR REGION**

Change/Additional of Appointments, Effective 30 April 2026

**Central District**

- Captain Hen Kho Mang      Corps Officer, Pyin Oo Lwin Corps Plant
- Captain Chin Za Neng      Corps Officer, Pyin Oo Lwin Corps Plant

**Tamu District**

- Captain Vaironghaka      Corps Officer, Kyun Taw Ye Shin Corps Plant (Additional)
- Captain Lal Hlut Than Gi      Corps Officer, Kyun Taw Ye Shin Corps Plant (Additional)
- Lieutenant Biak Than      Corps Officer, Jang Len Phai Corps (Additional)
- Tluanga
- Lieutenant Zoram Thangi      Corps Officer, Jang Len Phai Corps (Additional)

**INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE FOR OFFICERS (ICO)**

Captain Lal Ngaih Dama  
Session 271 (13 October – 22 November 2027)

Please join me in praying God’s richest blessings upon our comrades as they serve the Lord in their new areas of responsibilities and prepare Captain Lal Ngaih Dama for this opportunity which will be a great spiritual experience of learning and sharing with other officers around the world. God bless our Army!

**MAJOR BRENDA TAN**

Secretary for Personnel



Colonel Richard Borrett preaching at the English Combined Good Friday Service, Singapore Central Corps.

## Good Friday combined worship services in Singapore: Lead Me to the Cross

Good Friday is more than just a date on the calendar; it is an invitation. This year, The Salvation Army in Singapore made that invitation clear: come to the Cross.

Throughout the day, hearts were drawn together through a series of evangelistic gatherings. Each gathering had its unique expression but was united in purpose.

### Mandarin Outreach at Singapore Central Corps

In the morning, the Mandarin outreach led by Bishan Chinese Corps and Kallang Bahru Outpost set the tone. Weeks prior, members had gone beyond their walls, distributing over 1,000 invitations throughout the neighbourhood. What followed was a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness: more than 180 people attended. As the message of Christ's redeeming love was shared by Lieut.Colonel Bob Lee, many responded. Some came forward to repent, while others made the life-changing decision to follow Jesus.

### English Service at Singapore Central Corps

By the afternoon, 306 people attended the English meeting and 15 children for Children programme carried the same invitation. Through worship, Scripture, and a heartfelt musical presentation, the story of the Cross was shared. In that sacred space, as the message was preached by Colonel Richard Borrett, many were reminded of the enduring truth and transformative power found in the blood of Christ. Congregation members sang "There is Power in the Blood" and "The Power of the Cross," which provided an opportunity for personal reflection.

### Tamil and Bangladeshi Outreach at William Booth Corps and Fellowship Hall

Later in the day, outreach continued to migrant communities with Tamil and Bangladeshi programmes. Lieutenant Paul Manickam shared to the Tamil group and Eric Lee to the Bangladeshi group. Nearly 240 workers gathered to engage in a simple yet meaningful retelling of the Good Friday story. There were moments of joy, participation, and quiet reflection. For many, it was not just about understanding the message—it was about experiencing the love of Christ in a personal way.

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Timbrels performing during the Mandarin Outreach Service.



Reaching out to migrant communities during the Good Friday outreach at William Booth Corps.

Across every gathering, God's presence was evident—not only in the visible responses but also in the unseen details. The unity of those serving and the provision that exceeded expectations were clear signs of His work.

Good Friday reminds us that the Cross still speaks. It calls, restores, and transforms.

**Captain Tan Bee Yit**, Regional Officer  
**Lieutenant Paul Manickam**, Eratchippu Corps  
**Eric Lee**, Sojourn  
**Cindy Cui**, Bishan Chinese Corps

Empowering vulnerable women in Myanmar.



Taking care of the children of Malaysia.

Providing clean water in Thailand.



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# LET THE CHURCH ARISE

Our territorial goal is SGD30,000.00

Help a mother learn to sew, cultivate mushrooms or make tie-dyed shirts to earn money, provide clean water for a community in Chiang Mai or provide funds for the Orang Asli After School Programme.

Join us in raising Helping Hand funds for the Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar & Thailand Territory (SMMT) so that others can thrive.



**Let the Church arise united in purpose, serving all."**

— William Booth



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