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They took palm branches and
went out to meet him, shouting:

Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!

Blessed is the king of Israel!

John 12:13





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Editor's Note

"Hosanna" -

A Cry for Salvation on Earth as in Heaven

When the crowds shouted "Hosanna!" as Jesus entered Jerusalem, they were not just cheering; they were pleading. The word "Hosanna" is rooted in the Hebrew phrase hoshi'a na, which literally means "save, please" or "save us now." It reflects a deep human longing for rescue, restoration, and divine intervention. Over time, this plea evolved into a form of praise, acknowledging the One who can save.

As we reflect on our theme: "On Earth as it is in Heaven," we see that this single word bridges the gap between earthly need and heavenly hope. In heaven, God's will is perfectly fulfilled; on earth, we still cry out: "Lord, save us." The crowds in John 12 embodied this tension, lifting their voices in both desperation and expectation as they welcomed the King who carries salvation in His very name.

Today, our own "Hosanna" continues this sacred rhythm. We call out for God's saving work in our lives, our communities, and our world, but we do so with confidence, knowing the Saviour has already come. Every plea becomes a proclamation; every cry for help turns into worship.

May our hearts echo this ancient prayer, inviting heaven to break into earth through our faith, our worship, and our daily surrender to the King who still hears our "Hosanna."

MAJOR FLORENCE SHEIN
Editor

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Kingdom Stories: Chief Secretary, Lieut.Colonel Nigel Cross distributing essential to locals.

The Status of Women

What is the status of women in the Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar, and Thailand Territory? Are there women in our midst who struggle to have a voice, silenced by fear or by their need to survive?

Voices That Need to Be Heard
In Singapore, Eleanor was



disconnected from the outside world – no phone, no computer, and worse, I couldn't even go out to see the outside world."

The staff at The Salvation Army's Carehaven, a residential care programme for foreign domestic workers, came alongside Eleanor to help her out of this traumatic experience.

Young mothers in Thailand are abandoned by their husbands and left to raise their children alone. They seek the help of The Salvation Army in Chiang Mai for their children's school uniforms, school supplies, and after-school care.

Pathways to Dignity and Independence

Mothers in Myanmar seek opportunities to contribute to the family income. A new Helping Hand pig-raising proposal aims to give women in Myanmar the opportunity to raise piglets for sale.

Girls from The Salvation Army's Children's Home in Malaysia attend weaving classes that provide vocational skills for independence.

Hope rooted in God's promise beyond practical needs, what God provides through The Salvation Army is hope for the future. It is a hope whose source is in a loving and sovereign God—a God who loves and cares for each one of us. Eleanor claimed the promise of Isaiah 41:10.

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand"

The theme for the 2026 International Women's Day is Give to Gain. How can you give? You can raise Helping Hand funds for programmes in the SMMT Territory. You can lend your voice to a woman who has none. You can give of your time and knowledge by volunteering in a women's shelter. You can share your experience by coaching or mentoring a young mother. You can sponsor a Salvation Army Children's Home to help fund education or vocational training. You can foster a child in your home. You can disciple a young woman into a deeper faith in Christ.

Give this year, and the Holy Spirit will multiply your impact and transform precious lives!

LT. COLONEL STACY CROSS
Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries





Kingdom Stories

Bringing Hope After the Mandalay Earthquake

On 23 January 2026, a vital humanitarian milestone was reached in Mandalay as The Salvation Army Myanmar team successfully completed the final phase of food distribution for the Mandalay Earthquake Relief Support. The distribution took place in Thiri Marlar Quarter, Aung Myay Thar Zan Township, an area heavily affected by the recent earthquake, where hundreds of families continue to rebuild their lives after devastating losses.

Meeting Urgent Needs

The operation provided essential food assistance to 300 earthquake-affected households,

supporting an estimated 1,131 individuals. These families, many of whom lost homes, belongings, and a sense of security, received critical relief items, including rice, drinking water, cooking oil, and dhal—basic necessities that provide both physical sustenance and emotional reassurance during a crisis.

A significant portion of the beneficiaries—167 families—are currently living in temporary shelters, displaced by earthquake-related destruction. The remaining 133 families travelled from other shelter locations to access assistance, underscoring the disaster's widespread impact and the urgent need for coordinated relief across affected communities.



Chief Secretary Lt. Colonel Nigel Cross distributing essentials to locals.

Working Together with Compassion and Care

The distribution was carried out in close collaboration with local emergency relief teams and community volunteers, whose dedication and local knowledge ensured an orderly, dignified, and efficient process.



Locals, The Salvation Army staff, Territorial Social Service Coordinator Marcus Moo and Chief Secretary Lt. Colonel Nigel Cross.

Their support was instrumental in reaching families most in need and in maintaining a calm, respectful environment throughout the activity.

Adding to the day's significance was the presence of senior leadership, including Chief Secretary Lt. Colonel Nigel Cross and Territorial Social Service Coordinator Marcus Moo, who participated in the distribution while visiting Myanmar. Their involvement not only strengthened coordination on the ground, but also demonstrated solidarity and compassion toward the affected communities. For many beneficiaries, seeing leaders stand alongside them during such a difficult time served as a powerful reminder that they had not been forgotten.

Restoring Dignity and Hope

Among those who received assistance was Daw Htay Htay Win, a woman who lost her home in the earthquake. Speaking on behalf of her family and fellow survivors, she expressed heartfelt gratitude for the food and water provided. She shared that the support had

brought comfort and hope during one of the most challenging periods of her life. Her words reflected the collective feelings of many families who have struggled to cope with the aftermath of the disaster.



Daw Htay Htay Win

In her message, Daw Htay Htay Win emphasised that the assistance went beyond material aid. For families who had lost everything—including homes, possessions, and in some cases loved ones—the presence of caring humanitarian workers delivered emotional strength and reassurance. She noted that the kindness shown by the relief team reminded survivors that

compassionate people exist beyond their immediate communities and that solidarity can cross all boundaries, even among strangers.

The completion of this food distribution marks an important step in the ongoing recovery process for earthquake-affected families in Mandalay. While immediate needs such as food and clean water are critical, the broader recovery process will require sustained support, resilience, and cooperation among humanitarian organisations, local authorities, and communities.

This distribution stands as a testament to what can be achieved through coordinated action, committed leadership, and compassion in times of crisis. The operation not only met urgent nutritional needs, but also restored dignity and hope to families navigating the long road toward rebuilding their lives.

MAJOR LAL ROENGI

Territorial Assistant Secretary for Programme



Brightly coloured murals and buildings in Melaka

“And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good.

Genesis 1:31 (ESV)

AS I was growing up in Sunday School, we would often sing:

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,

All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

God’s Joyful Declaration in Colour

Colour is one of God’s most joyful gifts to creation. It can brighten our day and lift our spirits. Some readers might recognise the photo above from Malacca, Malaysia. It was taken for no other reason than the joy it brings through the bright colours on display.

Colour is not merely God’s means of decoration – it is declaration. From the fiery reds of sunsets to the deep blues of ocean depths, colour speaks of His creativity, His attention to detail, and His delight in beauty. For me, this photo captures this truth vividly. Murals burst with bold hues, a tour boat dances across the water in cartoonish charm, and people gather along the waterfront, drawn into the life and light of the moment. It’s a celebration of culture, community, and colour.

TLs Out and About

Colour

Genesis tells us that when God finished His creation, He called it “very good.” That includes the colour-palette He chose for the world. Colour is woven into the fabric of nature and humanity alike. It’s in the petals of lilies, the wings of butterflies, and the skin tones of every person made in His image. It’s in the stained glass of cathedrals and the painted walls of street art. Colour is not random – it’s intentional. It reflects the diversity of God’s creation and the unity of His purpose.

Living Out the Colours of God’s Kingdom

Towards the end of the bible, in Revelation 21, John describes the New Jerusalem adorned with every kind of precious stone—jasper, sapphire, emerald, and more. Heaven itself is radiant with colour. This tells us something profound: God’s kingdom is not monochrome. It is full of life, variety, and vibrancy. Just as the riverside mural in the photo draws the eye and lifts the spirit, so too does God’s handiwork invite us to see beyond the ordinary.

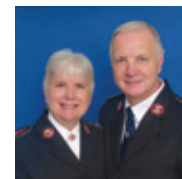
As Christians, we are called to live colourfully – not in extravagance, but in expression. To reflect the light of Christ in a world that can often feel grey. To bring hope, joy, and beauty wherever we go. Let us celebrate colour as a divine signature, a reminder that God delights in diversity, and that His creation - like His grace – is wonderfully rich and endlessly beautiful.

Let us remember one of the verses of our song:

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

It’s great to sing God’s praises in worship, but let’s also notice the beauty all around us and give him glory for all the beauty of our colourful world.



COLONELS RICHARD AND ANN BORRETT

Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women’s Ministries

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



Fasting is one of the most well-known spiritual disciplines and can take various forms, from abstaining from food to refraining from social media. The primary purpose of fasting is to draw us closer to God. Richard Foster describes fasting as “a means of God’s grace and blessing that should not be neglected any longer.” I pray that the conversations with the Cadets inspire you to embrace the discipline of fasting.

Cadet Ruth Daniel

1. How often do you fast, what from, and for how long?

I practise fasting almost every month, particularly in relation to my food intake. As someone with gastric concerns, I previously hesitated to engage in food-related fasting. However, during last year’s Lent season, I felt prompted to take up the challenge by fasting for 12 hours each day. By God’s grace, I was sustained throughout the entire period and remained in good health. This experience reaffirmed for me that when I place my full strength and dependence on the Lord, all things are possible, as affirmed in Luke 1:37.

2. How has fasting helped your spiritual life?

Fasting has deepened my spiritual life by drawing me closer to Christ in intimacy and dependence. It has also given me greater empathy for those who struggle to secure even a single meal each day. Moreover, fasting has been a valuable

discipline in developing self-control. In a world filled with distractions and temptations, this practice has helped me focus my desires and emotions more fully on God.

Cadet Esther Law

1. How often do you fast, what from, and for how long?

I have done a 24-hour fast from food, only drinking water and praying every two hours.

I have fasted from dinner for over three months, using that time to pray and do my devotions.

I have also fasted from social media for over three months.

2. How has fasting helped your spiritual life?

The 24-hour fast helped me listen to God more clearly, resulting in clearer direction for my ministry.

Fasting from dinner gave me more quiet time with God and helped me rest earlier.

Fasting from social media reduced my anxiety, eliminated many distracting voices, and gave me more space to reflect on what is important.

Cadet Jacob Fung

1. How often do you fast, what from, and for how long?

Usually, I fast the day before I participate in a service or when I lead activities such as prayer meetings. I also fast the day before I preach. Earlier last year, I fasted every Thursday to help myself slow

down, calm my heart, and use my lunchtime for prayer. I plan to continue this again this year. Most of the time, I fast to pray for my burdens, my personal struggles, my relationships, and the salvation of my family.

2. How has fasting helped your spiritual life?

Fasting has been meaningful for me, though it also comes with challenges. Every time I fast, I notice that my temptations feel stronger, and my emotions become more sensitive. Sometimes it reveals my weakness, and it brings out things inside me that I usually avoid. However, even amid these struggles, fasting prompts me to turn back to God. It reminds me to depend on Him rather than my feelings or my own strength. In those quiet and difficult moments, God often calms my heart, provides clarity, and gently guides me to surrender what I cannot handle. Because of this, fasting has made my walk with God more real and personal, helping me grow in trust and honesty before Him.

Scripture to ponder upon:
Matthew 6:16-18

Prayer in action: Before you begin your fast, examine your motivation and seek to deepen your relationship with God. May you be richly blessed as you fast and pray.

COLONEL ANN BORRETT

Territorial President of Women’s Ministries

The Unlikely King — A Palm Sunday Reflection



A Royal Entrance Unlike Any Other

A **donkey** seems an unlikely choice for a king's royal procession, yet Scripture reminds us that true royalty often unfolds in unexpected ways. In 1 Kings 1:28–35, King David instructed that his son Solomon be placed on the king's own mule and led to Gihon to be anointed as king over Israel — a sign that God's purposes can surprise us.

Centuries later, Jerusalem would again welcome a King whose arrival began with an unlikely ride on a donkey. This marked the story of Palm Sunday—the coming of the Unlikely King. This moment fulfilled God's prophecy:



Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey"

Zechariah 9:9

Although descended from King David's lineage, Jesus did not manifest earthly royalty. He held no political power, wealth, or status; the son of a carpenter from Nazareth, He lacked a throne or palace. Many expected Him to be a political liberator, yet His humility puzzled those around Him. He chose to walk among sinners, tax collectors, and the poor instead of the elites.

A Kingdom Not of This World

Jesus declared to Pontius Pilate: *"My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place"* (John 18:36). At His crucifixion, the soldiers placed a sign above Him reading: **"THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS,"** much to the displeasure of the Jewish authorities.

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, the crowds shouted: *"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"* Many hoped He would overthrow Roman rule. They spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut palm branches as royal honours. Though this was a jubilant welcome—a genuine expression of hope and expectation—their understanding of His kingship was incomplete.



Within a week, the very city that greeted Him triumphantly would witness His crucifixion. What began as a celebratory entry ended in apparent defeat. Crucifixion, a shameful execution reserved for criminals, contradicted every idea of victory. Yet, only later did His followers recognise that this act was the very centre of God's redemptive plan for humanity.

The Gospels of Matthew and Mark describe this event as the Triumphal Entry, yet the true triumph was revealed at the cross. Jesus openly entered Jerusalem, declaring Himself as the promised King. He came not to conquer nations by force, but to reconcile humanity to God through sacrificial love. His victory was over sin, death, and evil.

God's triumph often contrasts sharply with human expectations. The crowds longed for political power, while Jesus offered spiritual

salvation. His kingship was characterised not by domination, but by humility, compassion, and faithful obedience to the Father's will. He showed that true authority is rooted in servant-hearted love.

From Celebration to Surrender

The Triumphal Entry of the Unlikely King did not lead to an earthly palace, but opened the way into the Kingdom of God. Through His death and resurrection, believers receive the promise of new life and true victory. When we acknowledge Jesus as King and surrender our lives to Him, we allow Him to take His rightful throne in our hearts.

As we observe Palm Sunday, we are invited to move beyond mere admiration towards surrender.

Just as the crowds laid their cloaks before Him, we too are called to present our ambitions, desires, and fears before Christ. Our obedience can become an act of worship, transforming our lives into living testimonies of His reign within us.

In yielding to His kingship, we discover a deeper freedom—the freedom that comes from trusting the One who reigns through humility and love. May our celebration of Palm Sunday renew our faith in the Unlikely King, whose triumph shines not through earthly power, but through the transformative grace of the cross. Let our lives reflect the hope, peace, and victory found only in Christ, our King.

CAPTAIN ANTHONY YONG

Secretary for Communications

Sanctifying the Ordinary Bible Study Series

March 2026: Photography

Romans 12:1-2 (The Message)
says: *"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..."*

We continue our series exploring how the seemingly mundane aspects of daily life can become sacred spaces—places where we encounter God not in thunder or flame, but in the quiet rhythms of ordinary living. Scripture calls us to *"Be holy"* (Leviticus 11:44), and holiness, we're learning, isn't confined to temples or mountaintops. It can be found in kitchens, commutes, conversations—and even in hobbies.

This month: Photography

Many of us will remember the long, quiet weeks of 2020 and 2021, when the world slowed down, and we found ourselves confined to our homes. For me, one unexpected gift of that season was a deeper appreciation for photography. Whether with a dedicated camera or the smartphone in our pocket, we can document a moment, capturing an image that becomes a lasting memory. We begin to notice things previously overlooked: The way light spills across a dining room table, the intricate veins of a leaf, the graceful curves of a building in our town.

Photography becomes more than a pastime. It can become a way of seeing (no expensive equipment needed).

At its heart, photography is an act of attention. It asks us to pause, to frame, to focus. In a world that rushes past beauty and mystery, the camera invites us to linger. And in that lingering, we begin to see not just what is there, but Who is there.

Psalms 19:1 declares: "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Photography helps us join that proclamation. When we capture a sunset, a child's laughter, or the texture of old wood, we are bearing witness to divine fingerprints scattered across creation.

Beholding the Beauty of God's Creation

Jesus said: "The eye is the lamp of the body" (Matthew 6:22).

What we choose to see—and how we see—shapes our inner life.

Photography can train our spiritual vision, helping us cultivate wonder, gratitude, and reverence. It's not just about snapping pictures; it's about learning to behold.

In Romans 1:20, Paul writes that "God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being

understood from what has been made." Photography can become a spiritual practice when we use it to notice what God has made. It can be a form of prayer—not with words, but with attention.

Each photo becomes a small act of worship. A way of saying:



**I see this, Lord.
I see You in this.**

Whether it's the curve of a shell, the laughter of friends, or the quiet dignity of an elderly face, photography helps us honour the sacredness of the moment.

And it's not just about beauty. Sometimes photography helps us see pain, injustice, or longing. Even then, it can be a way of joining God in compassion and truth-telling.

Making Room for Communication

Like last month's coffee experience, photography can create space for conversation, contemplation, and community. A shared photo can spark a story, evoke a memory, or invite someone into your world. It's a way of saying: "This mattered to me. I want to share it with you."

In this way, photography sanctifies not only the moment captured, but the relationships it nurtures. It becomes a doorway into deeper connection—with others, with creation, and with God.

Practice: Here's something to try this month:

Pick up your smartphone or your camera. Pause and ask the Spirit to guide your eye. Let your photography become a prayer of noticing, a hymn of gratitude, a sacrament of attention. In the ordinary act of taking a photo, you may just find yourself on holy ground.

A Prayer

O Spirit who dwells in light and shadow,

Bless the eye that sees and the hand that holds.

Let each image taken be a holy echo—

A whisper of Your presence in the ordinary.

Through the stillness of a captured moment,

May hearts be drawn together,

May creation be honoured,

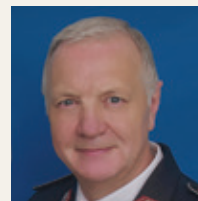
May You be known.

Sanctify our seeing,

That through the lens we may find

A doorway into deeper communion—

With one another, with the world, and with You.



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

2026年3月：摄影

“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。”（罗马书12章1-2节）

我们继续这个系列，探索如何把日常生活中看似平凡的片段变成圣洁的空间——

在那里我们遇见上帝，因为上帝不是在雷鸣火焰中，而是在平凡生活的静谧韵律里。圣经呼召我们“理当圣洁”（利未记11章44节），而我们正当领悟到——圣洁并非仅存于圣殿或山巅，它就存在于厨房、通勤途中、日常对话里甚至存在于爱好之中。

本月：摄影

许多人仍会记得2020年和2021年那些漫长而寂静的时光，世界放慢了脚步，我们被困在自己的家中。对我而言，那段岁月意外的馈赠是摄影艺术的深度领悟。无论是专业相机还是口袋里的智能手机，都能让我们瞬间定格，将画面成为永恒的记忆。我们开始留意那些曾被忽略的细节中——光线如何倾泻在餐桌上、叶片上错综的脉络、小镇建筑的优雅曲线等。

摄影由此超越消遣的范畴，成为一种观察方式（无需昂贵设备）。

摄影的本质是专注的实践。它要求我们驻足、构图、聚焦。在这个匆匆掠过美和神秘的世界里，相机邀我们驻足凝望。而在这凝望中，我们不仅看见存在的事物，更看见存在者。

诗篇19章1节写道：“诸天述说神的荣耀，穹苍传扬他的手段。”摄影让我们得以参与这份宣告。当我们捕捉落日余晖、孩童欢笑或古木纹理时，我们正在见证散落在造物中的神圣印记。

凝望上帝创造之美

耶稣说：“眼睛就是身上的灯”（马太福音6章22节）。我们选择看见什么以及如何看见——塑造着我们的内在生命。摄影能训练我们的属灵视角，帮助我们培养惊叹、感恩与敬畏之心。这不仅是按下快门的动作，更是学习凝望的艺术。

在罗马书1章20节中，保罗写道：“自从造天地以来，神的永能和神性是明明可知的，虽是眼不能见，但借着所造之物就可以晓得，叫人无可推诿。”当我们运用摄影去察觉上帝的创造时，它便成为一种属灵实践。这可以是一种祷告——不用言语的祷告，只要专注。

每张照片都成为一种微小的敬拜，一种宣告——“主啊，我看见了。我看见了您在这其中。”无论是贝壳的弧度、朋友的笑声，还是老人脸上静谧的尊严，摄影都帮助我们尊崇此刻的神圣。

它不仅关乎美。有时摄影让我们看见痛苦、不公或渴望。即便如此，它仍是与上帝同心，以怜悯之心诉说真相的途径。

为沟通交流创造机会

如同上个月的咖啡经验，摄影也能为对话、沉思与社群创造空间。一张共享的照片能点燃故事，唤醒记忆，或邀请他人走进你的世界。它是一种诉说：“这对我意义非凡，愿与你共享。”

由此，摄影不仅神圣化了被定格的瞬间，更滋养了人与人之间的联结。它成为通往更深层联结的门扉——与他人、与万物、与上帝的联结。

实践练习——这是你本月可尝试做的事：

拿起你的智能手机或相机。暂停片刻，祈求圣灵指引你的视线。让摄影成为一种觉察的祈祷，一首感恩的敬拜诗歌，一次专注的圣礼。在平凡的按下快门的瞬间，你或许会发现自己正立于圣地。

祷告

圣灵啊，那栖居于光影间的圣灵，
赐福于凝望的双眼与执持的手掌。
愿每帧影像皆成神圣的回响——
在平凡中低语祢临在的痕迹。
借凝固瞬间的静谧，
愿人心彼此相连，
愿造物得蒙尊崇，
愿祢被世人知晓。
求祢洁净我们的视界，
使我们透过镜头寻得
通往更深契合的门扉——
与彼此相连，与世界相通，更与祢相遇。



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 Knock That Changed a Life: Mrs Lim's Journey from Isolation to Support

Ageing alone can be dangerously isolating, particularly for seniors with chronic illnesses and limited social support. This was the case for Mrs Lim (name changed for confidentiality), an 80-year-old widow whose life was transformed through timely community intervention and sustained social work support.



Ivoine Tang going door to door.

A Silent Crisis Behind Closed Doors

Living alone in a four-room flat, Mrs Lim appeared self-sufficient on paper, but faced significant vulnerabilities. With no close relatives or caregivers and managing high blood pressure and diabetes, she struggled with her health and daily life.

Our centre first connected with her through a food ration programme designed for seniors facing financial and social difficulties. Although she didn't qualify for most government subsidies, discretionary evaluation allowed her inclusion due to her age, health issues, and social isolation. A social worker was assigned to periodically provide food supplies and check on her well-being.

During one visit, the social worker knocked on Mrs Lim's door repeatedly, but received no response. Concerned, the social worker alerted the centre and arranged for a locksmith to gain access.

Upon entering, the social worker found Mrs Lim unconscious on the kitchen floor,

having fallen and suffered a head injury due to her medical conditions.

From Emergency Intervention to Ongoing Care

An ambulance was called, and Mrs Lim was quickly hospitalised. Medical staff emphasised that the prompt intervention was crucial; had she been left unattended longer, the outcome could have been fatal.

After four days in the hospital, our social work team maintained contact with hospital staff to understand her recovery needs, highlighting the risks of living alone without a safety net.



Ivoine Tang checking in on Mrs Lim.

Upon discharge, we intensified our support through structured casework management, conducting home visits to assess her recovery, emotional well-being, and home safety. Mrs Lim expressed fears of being alone and admitted to feeling increasingly frail.

Our social worker coordinated follow-up medical appointments, assisted with medication management, and facilitated health monitoring. To combat her social isolation, Mrs Lim was introduced to our Elderly Drop-in Programme. Initially hesitant, she eventually embraced it with staff support, participating in regular activities and forming friendships.

Today, Mrs Lim continues to live independently, but no longer feels isolated. She regularly attends the drop-in programme, has built a social network, and feels more confident managing her health. Her experience illustrates the vital role of community social services in supporting seniors, transforming a medical crisis into stability, connection, and renewed dignity.

IVOINE TANG

Centre Manager
Singapore Family Support Services

GAZETTE

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

TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS
Additional Appointment
Effective 2 February 2026

MAJOR FLORENCE SHEIN
War Cry Editor

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS
Effective 1 May 2026

MAJORS DAVID AND JEAN (SUSIE) ERICKSON, officers of the USA Southern Territory, currently serving respectively as Territorial Secretary for Business Administration and Territorial Secretary for Programme/Territorial War Cry Editor, Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar and Thailand Territory, are appointed as **Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, Bangladesh Territory.**

Please join me in praying God's richest blessings upon Majors as they serve the Lord in different responsibilities.

God Bless you!

MAJOR BRENDA TAN
Territorial Secretary for Personnel

God's Perfect Timing

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." — Psalm 46:1

I began my ministry journey through the "Preparers of the Way Session" (2003-2005) and was commissioned in 2005. I am grateful to God for the years I have served under His guidance.

An Unexpected Trial

In November 2025, as I coordinated travel for an Officers' Retreat in Chiang Mai, Thailand, we received unexpected news just three days before our departure that tickets for myself and six others were unavailable, and we needed to make alternative arrangements. Amid this stress, I suddenly felt dizzy, and my right side became numb, and I was rushed to the hospital.

Faith in Weakness

By God's grace, I attempted the journey on November 10th, but my condition worsened upon arrival in Chiang Mai. I was taken to Bangkok Hospital, where an MRI revealed a blockage in a blood vessel in my brain (an Ischemic Stroke), resulting in my admission to the intensive care unit (ICU).

The Hand of God

Looking back, I see God's mercy at work. If this had happened elsewhere, the outcome could have been different.



Admitted to Bangkok Hospital.

God provided the right treatment at the perfect time. Now, I am healthy and continuing my ministry, cherishing time with my family. This experience has deepened my faith, showing me that God is never late. I am grateful to have survived when many others did not.

A Request for Prayer

I continue to trust God completely and am thankful for the love and support of our Territorial leaders and comrades. Please pray that I may serve faithfully to the end.

May the Lord bless you all.

MAJOR HMINGTHANKHUMA
Regional Assistant Business Officer,
Myanmar Region

A Joyful Service at William Booth Corps



Installing of Corps Council and Pastoral Care Council.

On 25 January 2026, the William Booth Corps joyfully installed our Corps Council and Pastoral Care Council. We are thankful to God for these leaders who have willingly committed to serving the Corps for another term (2026–2028). We also appreciate the presence of our Regional Officer, Captain Tan Bee Yit, who joined us in prayer for our leaders.



from left: flagbearer, Peter Lim, parent of Natalie Faith Goh, parent of Stella Yong Yan Ru

During the same service, we held a meaningful Baby Dedication. We warmly welcome these precious families into our Corps family.

CAPTAIN DANIEL LIM
Corps Officer, William Booth Corps

Report

Improving Living and Learning Conditions at Pyu Children's Home

Between October and December 2025, a small, but impactful project was successfully implemented at Pyu Children's Home (PCH), significantly improving the living, safety, and learning conditions of the boys residing there. The project focused on addressing urgent, practical needs by providing bedding, study furniture, and essential infrastructure repairs, creating immediate, visible benefits for the children.

Creating Comfort and Support for Daily Life

The project directly benefited 30 boys, all of whom now enjoy a safer, healthier, and more supportive environment. One of the key components was the provision of new bedding, including mattresses, pillows, pillowcases, blankets, bolsters, and curtains. These

items greatly enhanced comfort, cleanliness, and rest, helping the children sleep better and feel more at home. Improved sleeping conditions have played an important role in supporting the children's overall well-being and daily routines.

Equally important were the enhancements made to the study and library areas. New study tables and bookshelves were purchased and installed, transforming these spaces into more functional and inviting learning environments. With better furniture and organised storage, the children now find it easier to read, study, and keep their materials neat. These improvements have encouraged positive study habits and provided a setting that supports concentration and personal development.

Boys of the Pyu Children's Home posing with new items for their home.



Strengthening Safety and Enabling Growth

Safety was another major focus of the project. The old and damaged corridor roof, which posed risks especially during heavy rain, was fully repaired and replaced. This renovation has improved protection along the walkway and ensures that children can move safely between facilities in all weather. The upgraded roofing has had an immediate impact on daily life at the Home by reducing hazards and enhancing overall safety.

Through thoughtful planning and generous support, Pyu Children's Home is now a more comfortable, safe, and encouraging place for children to live, learn, and grow.

MAJOR CING DON KIM
Pyu Children's Home Manager

New bookshelves for a better studying environment.



Replacing the old Corridor roof.





GOOD FRIDAY

Lead me to the cross

3RD APRIL 2026

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20 Bishan St 22 S(579768)

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Children's Programme available at 2pm

William Booth Corps

500 Upper Bukit Timah Rd S(678106)

4PM தமிழ்



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