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**The Lord is like a father to his children,
tender and compassionate
to those who fear him.
Psalm 103:13 (NLT)**

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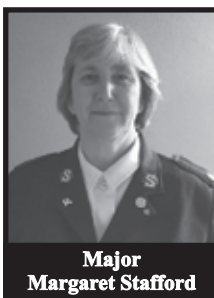
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The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by love for God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.



Major Margaret Stafford

Every year we celebrate a number of public holidays which all point to a moment in the history of our country and our world.

In June we have a very powerful public holiday that commemorates a moment in our nation's history when young people said enough is enough and the Soweto uprising began. This one event was to change the way thousands of students thought about themselves and their education and 1976 became a year no one would or should ever forget.

Young people have always influenced history. William Booth recognised the potential of young people and the early advancement of the Army was entrusted to young people. Their heart, passion and total commitment to God was unstoppable.

Today young people around our country and around our world are still using their passion and their influence to make a difference in our world. You will be privileged to read some of the testimonies of these young people in this issue of the War Cry.

We also celebrate the life and influence of Nelson Mandela. An amazing man and the

first President of a democratic South Africa. It's not about a public holiday with his commemoration but about public service. We have all seen so much change in our country since 1994 and this was an election year which brings about even more change. We are so privileged to serve a God who never changes. The future may be uncertain due to changes but we know who holds the future.

Father's day is also a reminder of the important role father's play in our world. I am so proud of the many wonderful fathers we have in the Salvation Army who are leading and guiding their children. More and more research has shown how important it is to have Godly fathers and mothers.

"In the baby lies the future of the world. Mother must hold the baby close so that the baby knows it is his world but the father must take him to the highest hill so that he can see what his world is like."

— Mayan Indian Proverb

God Bless.

God has a plan for your life

A

ACCEPT YOU ARE A SINNER - no one really likes to think that we are but God says that "all have sinned and fall short of His glory". If you can't name it - you can't change it.

If you truly want a better life then admit that just maybe you need someone bigger than you to direct your life. Ask God to forgive you and accept you back.

B

BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR SALVATION. We believe that through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we can know God.

His blood, love sacrifice was what was required to pay the debt of sin. Trust that calling on the name of Jesus you can know forgiveness and acceptance.

C

CONFESS HIM BEFORE OTHERS. If you truly believe that and are persuaded that God really does love you then

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Father's Day

Message from the Chief Secretary



Lt Colonel
Kelly Igleheart

In South Africa and many countries around the world, "Father's Day" is typically observed on the third Sunday of June. It is a celebration honouring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers on society. It is known as the day belonging to fathers. For all of the fathers reading this edition of the War Cry, we salute you and thank God for your lives.

As a father of three, I thank God for my children (and their mother) who have also profoundly impacted my life. As Officers serving in The Salvation Army, our children were a significant part of our ministry. As a cohesive family unit, we share many wonderful memories in the Corps and Quarters as well as many other routine experiences that all families share. I thank God for His faithfulness and for creating close family ties to this very day.

Today's fathers (and mothers) certainly have their challenges in raising our children to love the Lord and their church. These two elements are critical to their future as young men and women grow up in the admiration of the Lord. As the pace of life grows faster and faster often we are tempted to allow Godly traditions to ooze out of our lives. I want to remind you and encourage you from the Word of God.

Deuteronomy 11:19 "Teach them (these words of mine) to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." NIV

Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." NIV

Colossians 3:21 "Fathers, (parents) don't come down too hard on your children or you'll crush their spirits." MSG

Psalms 127:1,3-5 "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from Him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them." NIV

My three girls are all grown now, with husbands and children of their own. I can testify that God has been faithful to me and to my children. All three now serve the Lord and are fulfilling their calling in The Salvation Army.

Often a father must care for more than his own biological children. As an Army Officer many children came into our Corps and Quarters who needed a father figure that had been denied to them. Some were orphaned and others had been abandoned by their fathers and left for someone else to care for them. From Psalm 68:5 we are called to sing to our Father and praise His name. He is a father to the fatherless, a defender of the widows and that He sets the lonely in families. As followers of Jesus, not only are we called to care for our own families but also for others when required. Do you mentor another young man? One doesn't have to be uniquely skilled to mentor another. Just be willing to come along side another who needs encouragement and wisdom. Teaching them to know God, to follow Him, and to be made aware of the things in this world that will assist them in their growing into adulthood. Perhaps the best way to mentor others is to be a living example of holiness in front of them and to coach them as they journey.

As you celebrate the "day that belongs to fathers" thank God for your family and friends. Consider the needs of other families and pray that God will open the door to love and care for others.

GAZETTE

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

Effective 1 August 2019

Commissioners Keith and Yvonne Conrad, officers of the Southern Africa Territory currently serving respectively as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries in this territory are appointed as International Secretary and Zonal Secretary for Women's Ministries, Africa Zone and based at International Headquarters. They succeed Commissioners Benjamin and Grace Mnyampi who will be retiring from active service.

Lieut-Colonels Daniel and Tracey Kasuso, officers of the Zimbabwe and Botswana Territory currently serving respectively as Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries in that territory are appointed as Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries, Southern Africa Territory. They will take up their new appointments with the rank of Colonel.

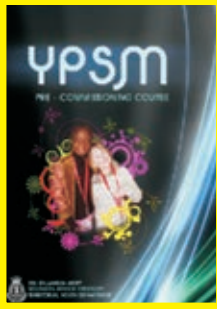
PROMOTED TO GLORY

Major Frans Dumisa ® was been Promoted to Glory on 10 May 2019.

Major Frans Dumisa ® was born on 25 June 1925. He entered College For Officer Training on 4 February 1960 out of Orlando Corps and was commissioned as a Salvation Army Officer on 2 July 1961.

On 6 July 1961 was appointed to Mbozama Corps. On 27 June 1963 was appointed to Evutha Corps. On 2 July 1964 was promoted to the rank of Captain. On 13 January 1966 was appointed to Estill Corps. On 15 January 1970 was appointed to Matsheka Corps. On 13 January 1972 was appointed to Louis Trichardt Corps. On 15 January 1976 was appointed to Laangalooop Corps. On 8 January 1981 was appointed to Ntlhaveni Corps, North East Division. On 6 July 1981 was promoted to the rank of Major. On 5 January 1984 was appointed again to Evutha Corps. On 11 November 1986 was appointed to Bruntville Corps. On 11 July 1990 was appointed to Catherine Booth, EKZN Division. On 11 July 1994 was appointed to Langalooop Corps, Mpumalanga & eSwatini Division. On 1 July 1996 he retired after serving for 37 years.

Youth Department Resources



YPSM Pre - Commissioning Course

For those seeking to be commissioned YPSM (Young People Sergeant Major)

R20.00



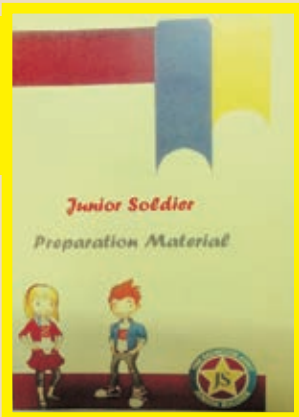
CYS Pre - Commissioning Course

For those seeking to be commissioned CYS (Corps Youth Secretary)

R20.00

Junior Soldier Preparation Material

This is a six weeks course for prospective Junior Soldiers prior to enrollment, the Leaders Manual will guide you to the Workbook



R14.00

For Leaders

Workbook

R7.00



Company Guard Training Course

This is a Training Course book for those who are interested in being Company Guards at their Corps (Sunday School Leaders)

R20.00

Adventurers Book Series

Adventurers Book 2 is supporting resource for the 2019 Bible Challenge



There is Adventurers Book 1-8 available from the Youth Department

Activity Sheets

R20.00

Leaders Manual

R20.00

Leaders Kit

R20.00

Discovery Book Series

This is a discipleship resource for the YP



Cost applies to Cd's as well

Book A

R20.00

Book B

R20.00

Book C

R20.00

FREE Resources

While Resources are still available



Chi-Cheddi Material and My Life In God's Hands

Talk to your DY0 about purchasing any of the resources! And be sure to pay upfront and send your Proof of Payment to receive the books

Around the Territory



eSwatini Corps sends a donation to Mozambique



TSA eSwatini collected clothes and some non perishable food stuff to assist people in Mozambique affected by the cyclone. They were sent to Mozambique through the Rotary Club.



Soup and sandwich night run
Benoni Corps, Central Division



8 soldiers enrolled
Benoni Corps, Central Division



Mens Fellowship
Greenbushes Corps, Eastern Cape Division



Mens Fellowship
Bonteheuwel Corps, Western Cape Division

Bonteheuwel Corps Junior Boys Ministry



Who said there is no fun in Church? Our junior boys are all about fun, learning, exploring, discovering and so much more...

In January 2018 the Bonteheuwel Corps launched our Junior Boys Ministry. Every Friday at about 6pm young boys from the ages of 7-12 years meet to share from the Word of God through memory verses, Bible stories and Bible studies. The Junior Boys consist primarily of young boys from the community, representing different denominations.

The boys are openly welcomed, and their vibrant energy can be heard throughout the Corps YP hall as they come to fellowship, learn and make new friends.

One of the highlights of the Junior Boys programme is they play soccer matches, where they get a chance to showcase their newest soccer skills. The exciting monthly soccer tournaments against other local community teams continues to be a highlight for the Corps, especially since it is drawing attention and interest from the immediate community. The soccer ministry first started as a small number but now they are the biggest ministry group in our Corps as many of the boys and their parents have started coming to the Sunday morning services.

God is at work in this Junior Boys ministry, and we are thankful not only for the weekly growth in number, but also how each of the boys is growing spiritually.

The evidence of a dark society is all around us, however for these young boys they bring light to our community, light that shines out to everyone!

We thank God for the Junior Boys leader, Cheslyn Markus who loves and mentors the boys. He is truly a blessing to each of these boys and to our Corps.

We give all praise and Glory to God for a NEW and FREE generation that has been born in the Bonteheuwel Community.

Captain Sanele Ndlovu,

Corps Officer, Bonteheuwel Corps, Western Cape Division

Autobiography of Corps Sergeant Major Zibuse E Dube, From Estill Corps in Eastern KwaZulu Natal Division.

25 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A LOCAL OFFICER - Honoured

Zibuse Eugene Dube was born 28 February 1953 in the District of Mthunzini KwaZulu Natal close to Estill Corps. He writes: I began playing in The Salvation Army band from around the age of 9.

In 1975 I studied a B. Com degree at Fort Hare University in the Eastern Cape. In 1978 I got articled with a firm of chartered accountants called Gouws, Putter & Koch, in Durban. I completed in 1981. I then joined a family business at Mandeni and then registered for a master's degree in Business Administration. I am now retired and hope will have enough time to complete the master's degree.

I married in June 1987; and we were blessed with 6 children 2 girls and 4 boys. As a Salvationist I was exposed to all levels of growth, became a company guard moved to senior soldiers. I was then appointed as a Corps Secretary and then toward the end of 1994 I was appointed as Corps Sergeant Major.



Testimonies

I've been set free!! - the story of *Christopher Soloman

It all started about 6 years ago, when I was living a foolish life trying to fit in with the rest of the young people in my community. I had a girlfriend whom I was so in love with, she fell pregnant and I really felt so good that I was going to become a daddy, but sadly my girlfriend had a miscarriage and we lost the baby.

When I heard that she had lost the baby, I felt this deep sense of pain and didn't know how to deal with this feeling. There was no one to talk to about my loss, and I couldn't talk to my girlfriend, things were really tough, and at that time we weren't getting along...

I turned to drugs as a way of coping and to try and fix the way I was feeling, but the more I used drugs, the more I had the need for something stronger because like they say "your first fix is the best fix".

I started breaking into people's homes, stealing whatever I could find and selling it for drugs. This led to house breaking I went onto mugging and robbing people who came from work later in the evenings.

But I wasn't always guaranteed I'd get my next fix, because I didn't know if I was going to find victims walking alone for me to rob. So eventually I joined a gang because I knew that they would treat me like one of their "brothers" and that if I didn't have drugs on me, one of my "brothers" would have and vice versa to feed my drug addiction.

My gang brothers and I developed such a strong "brotherhood" that I felt I needed to prove my loyalty to them so that they would know that I never turn on them. To prove my loyalty I started shooting people, especially whenever one of "gang brothers" would be shot and killed. This was our way of "fighting for our territory". One day I realised that the devil had me where he wanted me to be.

I asked myself why God had kept on saving my life and why I had never been shot or killed, I felt like a prisoner in my own body and in my own community. I couldn't go anywhere outside my road because I feared for my life, I knew that I was a target and that other gangs really wanted me dead.

In 2018, that Good Friday (the Easter Friday) it was the best day of my life, because that day I was arrested. God got a hold of me, worked in and through me for an entire year while I was in prison. Not one of my gang brothers came to visit me while I was in jail, it was only my mother who came to pray for me and shared the verse Jeremiah 29:11 that God has plans to prosper me. I held on to that verse the whole time whilst in prison.

I have just been released from prison and I'm still attending rehab. Now that I'm out I want to share with everyone how free I feel now that God is working in me.

I read the Bible and pray every evening with my mom before we go to bed. All I want to do is to work for Jesus, and I want everyone to know that I am free from the enemy now, I no longer fear for my life and I want God to use me to save others who are still into gangsterism.



"My chains are gone!" - My testimony by *Samantha Brown

My name is *Samantha Brown, I am 11 years old, and live with my Grandma because she's my only hope. The reason I stay with my Grandma is because my daddy got shot by the gangsters. The death of my father was an unfortunate case of mistaken identity...

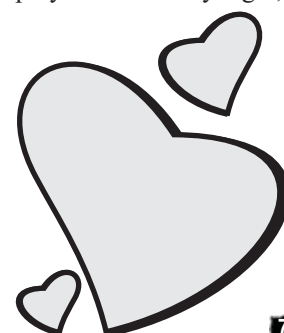
The day my daddy died my Grandma came home and she said to me "Samantha I've got good news and I've got bad news. The bad news is that your father was shot today, and the good news is that you will see him one day when you get to heaven."

When I was born my mommy decided that she didn't want me, and wanted other people to adopt me, so my Grandma said that she will take me and look after me. To not have my mommy in life doesn't make me feel sad because to me she doesn't exist. People always tell me that my mother is on drugs and that she's living under a bridge somewhere.

When I grow up I don't want to be like my mommy, I would never give up on my children or give them away for adoption. My mother has never called me once not even on my birthday.

I heard about The Salvation Army Friday kids club from a cousin of mine, and then I started attending it. From the very first time I came to this place I could feel that Jesus was here. I have accepted Jesus into my life, my Grandma and I pray to Jesus every night, I hold onto Him and I will never let Him go.

If I had to say anything to my Grandma, I would tell her that I love her.



Include Jesus in all you do!

(Article from Kids Alive - February 2019)



Isn't it amazing that Jesus, the Son of God, wants to spend time with each of us? With all the billions and millions of people in the world. God has time to listen to us when we talk to him. Because of that he wants us to really focus on our relationship with him and give it the time it needs. That doesn't mean that Jesus does not want us to enjoy ourselves or do normal everyday things such as going to school, tidying our rooms or playing with our friends. It does mean that we need to set aside special time to concentrate fully on talking to him.



Making time to be with Jesus by reading the Bible, talking to him through prayer and spending time with other Christians are really important. It is just as important that we include Jesus in everyday things we do as well. We can make him a part of our lives by talking to him as we walk to school, whilst we play at home we could thank him for all the cool friends and also toys that we have. You can spend time with God by concentrating fully on him and by including him in all parts of your life and talking to him as much as possible.



Walk the talk...



Below is a cool bit of the Bible that talks about the same thing, but some of the words are missing.

Write the coloured words listed into the correct spaces to complete the Bible passage;

So here is what I want.....to do,helping you: Take.....everyday,life-your sleeping,going to work, andaround life-andit before God asoffering. -(Romans 12:1 MSGE)



God you eating your walking ordinary an place



**Uthando Lwake, Uthando Lwake, Uthandlo Lwake
Uyamangalia
Siyahamba naye, Siyalhlala naye,
Siyalala naye, siya vuka naye X3**

Super easy

slime



Slime is weird, wonderful, cool and crazy-you can stretch it, squeeze it, squelch it, bounce it or blow bubbles in it.

Making slime is a very enjoyable way to pass time, but you can make it look much more interesting if you add some pigment into it. Food colouring is the most common choice, but there are other things that you can use too, such as glow-in-the-dark paint, shimmery eyeshadow, or even scented khoki's for smelly slime! It's much easier if you add the colour into the slime before you make it, but you can still do it after you've finished a batch

What You Need:

- *School glue
- *Borax
- *Food colouring (optional), glitter, etc (optional)
- *Water
- *Two bowls

What You Do:

In one bowl mix about ¼ of the glue bottle and ¼ cup of water. If you want coloured slime, add food colouring to the glue and water mixture.

Lift some of the solution out of the container with the stir stick and note what happens.

Add ¼ cup of Borax Solution to the glue and water mixture and stir slowly.

The slime will begin to form immediately. Lift some of the solution with the stir stick and observe how the consistency has changed from Step 1.

Stir as much as you can, then dig in and knead it with your hands until it gets less sticky. This is a messy experience but is necessary because it allows the two compounds to bond completely. Don't worry about any leftover water in the bowl; just pour it out.

When not in use, store the slime in a plastic bag in the fridge to keep it from growing mouldy.

SUPER SUM!

Replace the question mark with and add, subtract, divide or multiply symbol to complete the sum.

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \ ? \ 9 \ ? \ 2 \\ ? \ 4 \ ? \ 6 \ ? \\ = 22 \end{array}$$

Where do baby apes sleep?
In apricots

Why aren't bananas ever lonely?
Because they hang out in Bunches

What are twins' Favourite fruit?
Pears

How did the farmer fix his jeans?
With a cabbage patch!

A woman of God in Leadership

By Major Kediemetse Lenah Jwili - Divisional Commander, Central Division

Introduction

'Leadership is hard as it involves people, attitudes, opinions, behaviors and emotions (A. Mukoki).'

Being a leader is in itself a challenge especially being a woman as you may find yourself by default competing with a male dominant society. In leadership there three kinds of challenges one in leadership faces and need to be aware of:

1. external, coming from people and situations;
2. internal, stemming from within the leader himself/herself; and
3. those arising from the nature of the leadership role.

Leadership is usually the most difficult when the situation is changing or unstable. I believe as a woman of God in leadership, God had a special plan for my life and this is continuously being unveiled as I mature on my journey in leadership. In Scripture we learn that Esther was placed in a royal position, not just for the sake of filling a vacant position but for a purpose and I believe that the same applies here. A woman in Leadership has to be prepared for the task and go against all odds. You do not have to prove yourself to anyone just be yourself, true and obedient to fulfill the purpose of the Master. "I would be *TRUE*, for there are those who trust me, I would be *PURE*, for there are those who care, I would be *STRONG*, for there is much to suffer, I would be *BRAVE* for there is much to dare (Song 648)."

With the historical pathways and barriers to women's advancement into leadership positions in our country and the church, difficulties in leadership being a woman in leadership had its own challenges one had to face and at times having labels attached to you when you take decisions which are contrary to the desires and wishes of some you are leading especially your male counterparts. In many cases, women are not encouraged to take on leadership roles as often as their male counterparts, contributing to an imbalance of who's in power.

Hold onto the promise in Isaiah 45:2-3 "I will go before you and will level the mountains, I breakdown gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron.."



ON THE WAY
to heaven

10 WOMEN'S MINISTRIES 2019

The UN recognizes that gender parity within the organization is a 'crucial first step to orienting the system to deliver on gender equality in education' (United Nations, 2017).

Even so, efforts to ensure equal representation in positions of authority have fallen short, with a negative relationship between seniority and inclusion of women.

I believe that Gender shouldn't be a factor whether or not a person can be in a leadership position a person's leadership abilities should depend on their individual strengths and personality traits.

The professional challenges that women in leadership face are unique and often fuelled by an unconscious gender bias in the church. As a woman of God in leadership, I have the opportunity to overcome these hurdles for myself through the grace of God and believing and trusting in the promise that 'God will never leave nor forsake me' and by developing practical strategies for leadership development.

Recognising that in one's leadership as a woman there will always be people on the team and in the working life who will be with you and against you but remember you are the leader of both camps. You have to be an advocate of Equality, Peace and Justice.

Lessons learned:

Male counterparts as much as they seem to be difficult are the ones that support and come alongside with advice and shared ways of working.

Alleviating Pressure. Acknowledge that you cannot do everything by yourself. Surround yourself with competent like-minded people with passion and vision for Mission and positive change. The work environment has a lot of pressure built into it, therefore having a shared vision and clear ways of working that your team is aware alleviates the pressure.

Accept Constructive criticism for improvement and success in your leadership. The leadership style that seems to work for me is more democratic and encouraging coupled with a bit of task orientation. People need decisions from the leader therefore being decisive is important recognising and acknowledging the input of your Team.

Be persuasive and able to control your emotions. Never be shy or ashamed to seek advice when necessary and never stop learning.

Most importantly in the business and demands required in the position make sure you have personal time.

You are accountable first and foremost to God, the people you lead as well the people who appointed you.

Responsibilities might be shared, but being in leadership, you need to take the largest part of the burden. The people need a leader, they need to be led, guided and shepherded.

"Gender does not limit capacity and ability, we cannot use patriarchy approaches to hinder ministry achievement" (Lieutenant O Mutize).

We are God's Masterpiece. He put His signature on all of us being man or woman 1Peter 2: 9-10 But you are a chosen PEOPLE, a ROYAL PRIEST, a holy nation, God's special possession (note no gender specified).

The English Bible translation is written in a patriotic manner for example in Genesis 1: 26 Then God said "Let us make man..." interpretation culturally and literary being on gender while the Setswana speaks of MOTHO, in IsiZulu being UMUNTU which translated means human being, no gender attached.

Unfortunately Gender inequality still persists in leadership positions in most sectors and women are still under-represented at senior levels.

Encouragement to women in Leadership

Be prepared to take risks for God, Be and stay faithful to Him. The degree of difficulty is not an indication that God is not in it, in fact, the joy experienced outweighs the challenges. Trusting in God completely brought great unexpected rewards in my leadership. In Esther 8 we see a great team of both gender Esther and Mordecai working together both faithful, even to the point of risking their lives to save others. They were willing to give up everything, and God rewarded in proportion to their all out commitment in ways they could not have foreseen (NIV Commentary). Reward for obedience was even better than expected, the people were inspired equally by the faith of one woman and one man equally that everything changed in that nation. Be a Change Agent and follow God's plan.

I would like to conclude with a Salvation Army chorus as an encouragement to women in Leadership:

*"I have pleasure in His service more than all,
Where are now those doubts that hindered
all His will from being done?
When I saw my Lord they vanished like a mist
before the sea.
No one now is dearer,
daily I obey His call
and I've pleasure in his service
more than all."*



"Arrogance" of The One

By Brittany Malins

This title has been playing on my mind a lot lately, arrogance of the one. Meaning living our life believing the consequences of certain actions do/ will not apply to me.

We all know the saying "Why Me" and how we play victim to what that could entail, teenage pregnancy we hear young girls saying why me, I don't know how it happened, I didn't think it would happen to me. And that's where they fall into the arrogance of the words "Why me".

Since a young age I have changed that to why not me, what makes me any better than what the statistics have shown, what makes me so special that won't allow my life to go that way.

Because of that thinking, I have tried to not make a decision based on the what may not happen but always on what could happen, agreed that may not be living life to its fullest it may stop me from experiencing the big moments like my first drink, my first night with someone or my first hit on weed and honestly I'm ok with that. I'm ok with the experience not becoming my identity, I'm ok with living life thinking why not me, I don't have the arrogance to think I'm too good for that to happen to me but rather the thinking that it could happen to me therefore I'm not going too.

How do we change the arrogance of the one and change how to look at life? That's a good question and I don't have the whole answer but what I do know is that the moment we realize that every decision we make has the opportunity to make us that one, when you decide to smoke that joint, you are making the decision to live with the arrogance that it won't happen to you, you won't be the one that becomes addicted to weed and then has to take something stronger to get the same effect, you are the one deciding to sleep with the boy and girl not using protection and believing you won't fall pregnant.

The arrogance of the one is plaguing our lives and we need to begin to have the understanding that each decision today will affect the actions of tomorrow.

To avoid being that one we need to live each day knowing we are one decision away from being that one.

It's not about being afraid of what could happen but being sure of something not happening to me. I've sat in a clinic with a friend as she went to get an abortion and her reason for having sex was because she felt like it and didn't think it would happen to her, I've sat with young men who decided to smoke, then smoke weed and now struggle to function without extra. It's the arrogance of thinking "Why Me" that got them there but it was also the desire of filling a void.

A void we all have, the void of feeling loved, the void of feeling accepted, the void that there is something missing.

See when society is telling me how to fill it and the church is tell me how not to - I fall for the how too because the how not too is too hard. Don't tell me what I'm doing is wrong, tell me who I am is enough, tell me why my decisions matter, tell me the bigger picture you see is me being loved by someone for who I am, tell me that God has plans for me, plans that will help me, plans that will be good for me but most of all plans that involve the void being filled by the only thing possible - His Love.

You see when we add God to our mix, the desire of wanting more for my life can become the believing the best is yet to come, no God doesn't take away the hard stuff, he doesn't stop us from making the wrong decision (he can but doesn't). He grace and love for you isn't determined by what you do but he does guide us and desire for us to have the best life possible and if we realize our past doesn't hold the key to our future but the key to our future is held in the decisions we make in the present all of a sudden our arrogance of the one becomes the confidence of many.

Youth Development Entrepreneurial Projects

Part of the Territorial Youth Department Vision Statement is *“To create opportunities for economic and social participation for young people in our Territory ...*

It has been three years since the inception of the youth development entrepreneurial project stemming from end 2016 that has come to end in 2019. Although this youth project has come to an end, we are excited that the end of this youth project leaves 3 groups of young people with businesses of their very own.

The impact of the project has had far reaching effects, much wider than just the 3 inaugural businesses, as some community members have also been impacted and inspired to start their own businesses.

The project has also been a stepping stone for some of the youth who started out with the project to pursue other career opportunities, through the various skills learnt, they can apply elsewhere.

The Youth Project Success Stories

After attending the workshops Thembuluwo Rasiuba from the Limpopo project was inspired to start her own business. She started small by buying bread to resell to her neighbours within her community. Thembuluwo's efforts and initiative has now grown into a Spaza shop (tuck shop) that sells convenient items.

Thembuluwo dropped out of school because of financial challenges and at that time she was introduced to the youth project. Seven young people in the Limpopo project have started their Poultry farming selling chickens eggs to the community.

Due to her Spaza shop, Thembuluwo has been able to register into part time Tertiary education. Her doing so will allow for opportunity to focus and be committed to her business, whilst continuing to be part of the youth project.

We've seen how the overall objective and aim of the project, to empower young people to become an integral part of their communities being displayed in the commitment and efforts of Thembuluwo.

The community looks up to these young people who are being fully supported by the traditional councils in their respective villages.

The EKZN Catherine Booth project started off as poultry farming but soon realized that there was no real market for it, and further explored giving rise to the start of their shisanyama business (selling braai meat), the first of its kind in the Catherine Booth Community. The community witnessed the growth and impact of the youth project which in turn allowed Promise (a lady from the community) to grow her fat cake business to include selling cooked food.

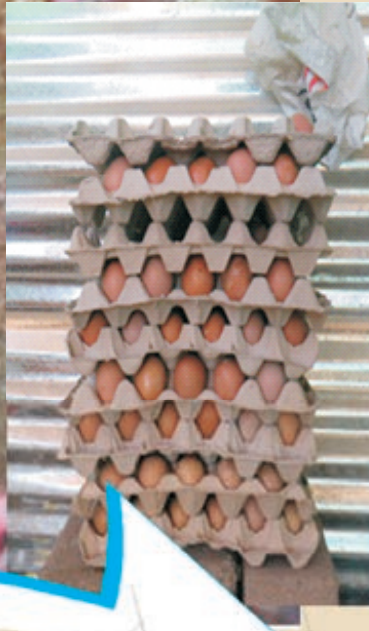
The young people of the various community youth projects saw an opportunity, explored it and now they are inspiring other small business owners to think outside the box.

The young people have expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Norwegian Territory for the financial support and sponsorship, which has allowed them to start and grow their business.

Mpumalanga Pig Farming



Limpopo Division - Tskikonelo Chicken Farming



Refresh



**Reclaim
Our Identity**



**Revive
Our Breath**



**Restore
Our Foundation**



**Renew
Our Purpose**

Windhoek Corps, Namibia

Easter weekend 2019 - By Caleb Zola



Easter 2019 in Windhoek began with the Triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The Corps Officer, Lt Lynn, shared about Jesus and the people in the crowd. The type of people that were in the crowd, and how we want our relationship with Jesus to be like.

From there we had our Holy Week, whereby every night we came to the corps to hear about what Jesus did leading up to His crucifixion. We spoke about the events that led up to the death of Jesus.

Monday: the cleaning of the temple - Tuesday: the cursing of the fig tree - Wednesday: the readiness for Christ coming - Thursday, the last supper. On Wednesday we had our Easter visitors join us, Majors Edward and Hazel de Vos, from Cape Town.

Then it was Good Friday, the day Jesus died on the cross. We had a good meeting where many again came to the saving knowledge of God.

We had items from our Junior Soldiers, Youth, Songsters and Band, who again taught us that there is no way to measure God's worth.

On Saturday, the Corps had a time of fellowship when we gathered to watch the movie, Ellen, which is based on the true story of Ellen Pakies, a woman who killed her son because he was struggling with addiction. The movie showed us that even though it was difficult for God to do, he had to send Jesus to die on the cross so that we may be set free, and that we have a responsibility to share this good news with everyone, addicts alike, and that we have a duty to support those who are affected.

The youth had a stay awake and watched a movie called 'Do you believe' it taught us that if we have faith and believe and trust God, we will not perish but have eternal life, and that God has a way working all things to the cross for redemption and victory.

On Easter Sunday we could not go out and have a sunrise service because of the rain, so we stayed at the quarters and sang and praised God and had time to worship him.

While we were worshipping and praying we saw a rainbow, a reminder that God will never leave us or forsake us and that he loves us and always keeps his promises. After we shared some hot cross buns and coffee, we went straight into the Easter meeting, which was joyful and happy as we celebrated Jesus resurrection.

This Easter meant a lot to many people. We were reminded that this Easter should not just be another time of the year, but rather an opportunity to change our ways, to make a sincere change because Jesus took our sins, made His towel dirty so that we may be clean; he chose the path so we may walk with God, he was obedient so that we may be close to God again and he took up the cross so that we may live. He truly chose the cross that we may have salvation.

More from around the Territory

Train the Trainer



Bonteheuwel Local Officers and Potential Leaders Training Camp:

As Bonteheuwel Corps Officers we strongly believe in developing local leaders hence they are the ones doing God's work at ground level. My wife and I are so privileged to be serving here in Bonteheuwel Corps and Community with these lovely and dedicated local leaders. We also decided to include two potential leaders in our Corps so that when we need leaders in the near future we will know who to look at. It was also interesting to include one young person who is under the age of 30 years to partake in this leadership training.

Here are some of the topics we covered during the training:

- * Mercy Seat Counselling
- * Evangelism (One on one Ministry)
- * Roles and Responsibilities of a Local Officer
- * Meeting Leadership
- * My Story

We look forward to seeing what God will do through Bonteheuwel Corps Local Leadership.

Bonteheuwel Nursery School Team Building:

Bonteheuwel Nursery School Staff team building was aimed at enhancing relationships between all the new and old staff members and to develop them in their responsibilities.

My wife and I believe that if our staff members know what is expected of them and how to perform their duties they will do their jobs with more clear knowledge and understanding, then produce better results.

The Salvation Army Bonteheuwel Nursery School has very dedicated staff members who are working tirelessly taking care of 120 children every day from Monday - Friday.

Here are the topics that we covered on our team building:

- * My Story Part
- * Playing with purpose
- * 7 Challenges faced by Early Childhood Teachers and Burn out
- * My Dream School (Group Discussion)
- * 10 Ways to motivate and Coach Kids

We anticipate seeing great and new things happening in our school and we thank God for the opportunity.

Captain Sanele Ndlovu
Bonteheuwel Corps Officer

JUNIOR SOLDIER BIBLE CHALLENGE



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