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*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called*



*Wonderful,
Councillor*

*The
Everlasting
Father*

The mighty God.



the Prince of Peace

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Jesus entered our world...



**Captain
Juanita Wright**

The festive season is upon us and just like many of you, I too wonder just where the time has gone?

This year has flown by and it is almost hard to believe that in just a few weeks time, we will be celebrating Christmas.

This brings me to the thought of how the birth of Jesus came at the right time, not a moment too soon or too late. The people were not ready and some did not recognise the significance of His birth. He came into the world at a time least expected, when the world was in a mess.



The joy and promise of Christmas is that the miracle of Bethlehem still happens. God still enters into the messy realities of our everyday lives and continues to love us.

Christmas provides us with the opportunity to celebrate our Saviours birth by sharing His hope, peace, love, joy and grace with those around us.

We are all reminded of the truth that even when things are crazy and does not make sense, HE IS all we need!

You and I are uniquely placed in our families, communities and society at large, to share the hope, peace, joy and light of Christ this Christmas. Know that all you need is found in His Name...

It seems like just yesterday when I initially started in my role as Publications and Literacy Secretary inclusive of War Cry Editor. I am thankful to have had the opportunity and I know that even as I take up a new appointment, God goes before me.

To you and yours, have a blessed Christmas celebrating Jesus, the reason for the season!

*Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and
earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.*

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General
Brian Peddle

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL

Jesus came to be the light of the world

When I consider the star that was a significant part of the first Christmas story, I'm reminded that scientists view the stars in the sky very differently than I do. For instance, they use light years to measure the distance of the stars from us on earth. A light year is the distance light travels in one earth year, so about 5.88 trillion miles (or 9.46 trillion kilometres).

The sun is our closest star and is some 93 million miles away. So, the sun's light takes about 8 minutes and 20 seconds to reach us, meaning we see the sun as it was more than 8 minutes ago. The next closest star to us – Alpha Centauri – is some 4.3 light years away, so when we view this star today, we see it as it was 4.3 years ago. It's as if we are looking back in time.

This means that the Magi written about in Matthew 2:1-2 would have seen a star whose light was beaming before they could even see it. And yet, God used that star to lead them to Jesus: 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him' (Matthew 2:2 *New Living Translation*).

Jesus came to be the Light of the World. He came to shine his light in darkness – our darkness, the darkness of this world. We read in Isaiah 9:2 (*New International Version*): 'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.' This was prophesied long before Jesus was born.

Are we talking about light years when it comes to Jesus? No, I don't think so, because the Bible tells us he is the alpha and omega – the beginning and the end. He is as much a bright light today as he was at the beginning of time, or when he came to the earth to take up residence and 'move into the neighborhood' (John 1:14 *The Message*).

Jesus is not constrained by time. He is the 'light of the world' (John 8:12) and shines light into the darkest places of our troubled world, bringing change. The Light has come! There are no light years that can separate us from this Light. He is here, he knows us, and we can walk and talk with him now. His purpose in coming was to be with us, but he has been, and always will be, with us.

If you do not know him already, you too can know this Light of the World. His name is Jesus, and he came to the world to bring about transformation. If you are seeking change, seek Jesus. If you are living in a dark place in life, seek him who is the Light of the World.

For those who already know Jesus, he reminds us that we are light *in* the world. In Matthew 5:14 (*The Message*) we read: 'You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill.'

May you be a source of light in your corner of the world this Christmas, as you bring the Light of the World to others!

May God richly bless you throughout this Christmas season!



Commissioner
Torben Eliassen

MESSAGE FROM THE TERRITORIAL COMMANDER

Eating from the Manger

This time of the year everywhere we look we see the nativity scene, the baby in the manger together with Marie and Joseph surrounded by the wise men, the pastors, the angels and the animals. From all corners of the world craftsmen, painters, sculptors, interpret and reproduce this scene in all forms and styles. Many people admired by these artistic objects acquired them and even collect them.

This picture comes from the biblical story and tells that not finding a place in Bethlehem to be lodged. Marie, who was pregnant ready to give birth, was taken by her fiancé to the only place he could find: a stable with a manger. The next day this manger became the cradle of God's baby son.

It is significant to realize that the One who was born in the manger, a container from where the animals are fed, became the One who multiplied the loaves and fishes, becoming himself the bread of life. He is not only the provider of our daily physical food moreover he is our everlasting spiritual nourishment.

The nutritionists warn us to pay attention when buying the food that we eat reading carefully the packages labels advising us to always look for the healthier alternatives.

This way we can avoid the harmful products and consume the most beneficial ones to our health. Imagine finding a label containing this information "consume abundantly, product doesn't expire, high in providing eternal life".

It is normal in this time of the year to get together with our colleagues and friends and specially gather our family to participate of many Christmas luncheons and dinners. While we do it let's not forget to eat from the One who was born in the manger and can feed our body as well as our spirit satisfying us entirely.

- * Which foods are harmful for you, which are beneficial?
- * How can Jesus feed us entirely?

(The physical food, Matthew 14:19-20 - The eternal food, John 6:50-51)



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16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

STOP
HUMAN TRAFFICKING
FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

STAND UP FOR JUSTICE

WHAT IS THE 16 DAYS ACTIVISM?

- * It is a National Campaign to **OPPOSE VIOLENCE** against **WOMEN** and **CHILDREN**
- * It aims to raise awareness of the **NEGATIVE** impact that **VIOLENCE** and **ABUSE** have on **WOMEN** and **CHILDREN** and to **RID** society of **ABUSE** PERMANENTLY

WHEN DOES THE CAMPAIGN TAKE PLACE?

- * The 16 Days of Activism Campaign is held from 25 November to 10 December every year
- * The success of this campaign rests on our daily individual and collective actions to safeguard our society against this cycle of abuse

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CAUSES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN?

- * It stems from the low status of women in the home and in society
- * It happens when men abuse **POWER** and positions of authority in order to **CONTROL** women and children

WHAT IS ABUSE?

Any form of behaviour that causes:

- * fear
- * a person to do things against their will
- * bodily harm

EXAMPLES OF ABUSE:

- * emotional
- * financial
- * sexual harassment
- * physical abuse
- * child abuse
- * rape

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- * SAPS Crime Stop 08600 10111
- * Gender-Based Violence Command Centre 0800 428 428 0800 GBV GBV
- * Stop Gender Violence Helpline 0800 150 150 sms *120*7867# from any cell phone
- * Family and Marriage Society of South Africa (FAMSA) 011 975 7107
- * Childline 08000 55 555
- * National Crisis Line 086 132 2322
- * SA National Council for Child Welfare 011 339 5741

DON'T BE A VICTIM!

- * **BREAK THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE**
- * **BREAK THE SILENCE**
- * **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**
- * **ACT AGAINST ABUSE**
- * **DO NOT LOOK AWAY!**



PARTICIPATION

Every Corps is a resource in this battle. Our corps and social centres will serve those on the margins and in vulnerable communities where no others can reach.



PARTNERSHIP

We collaborate and network with other stakeholders on local level, across Africa and abroad to achieve our goal.



PROSECUTION

Support survivors through legal proceedings, enable the prosecution of offenders and work with offenders to restore a relationship with God and society.



POLICY

We will create internal policies and advocate for external policies that reduce modern slavery and human trafficking and its demand in Southern Africa Territory.



PROOF

We will ensure that our response both contributes to and receives from research and is informed by evidence-based practices.



PROTECTION

We seek to walk alongside and serve victims and survivors as they regain their physical, mental, emotional, relational and spiritual health.



PREVENTION

Raising awareness and addressing the root causes of modern slavery and human trafficking on local level eg: corps, communities, schools.



PRAYER

We use prayer as a powerful tool as we fight against modern slavery and human trafficking.



MESSAGE FROM THE TPWM

Celebrating Christmas



Commissioner
Deise Eliassen

I remember celebrating Christmas as a child as my parents were wrapping presents, delicious meals and caroling in the streets, playing with the band in different public places with all sections of

the Church - I knew all the Christmas songs by heart and could play my second horn tunes without book!

What to say about rehearsing the story of Jesus? The first time I participated I can not remember but was told that I was 10 months old and was baby Jesus in the play, because the younger baby was crying too much at that moment, and I was the replacement for that important role. Then I was the bee in the stable, then the sheep, then the donkey, the shepherd (Oh I had a phrase to recite!!!), a little older I was chosen to be the angel, what a joy!!

Another important piece was preparing and sharing the special meal with homeless people, with the single mothers, with the elderly from the community, singing at the leprosy, etc.

The decoration of the tree and the Corps Hall with some families was a festive moment by itself.

Carefully holding the red balls, making the beautiful ribbons in different sizes, preparing the curtains for the shadow theater, having a lot of fun but also hearing my mother saying: "Do not forget that it is all about Jesus! We are doing everything to celebrate Him".

That statement was tattooed in my mind and heart. Christmas must be about Jesus to make sense, to fulfill our hearts, to be joyful and meaningful.

So, the nativity scene became with the passing of time, my favorite peace of the decoration (I even have a small collection of them).

Today everyone is so busy that we do not have that much time to spend with our Church family, and we do not do much to others. But as we spend time with our own families, let's do something that will be focused in Jesus, that will be the consequence of a heart filled by gratitude to God for sending His beloved son to be our Saviour, our BFF and our Rescuer.

Could be decorating together, cooking together, rejoicing together, praying together, worshipping together, honoring Jesus together. Because Christmas must be all about Jesus! That is the way we celebrate Christmas in Brazil!

Brazilian Christmas dish and Crafts



Salpicão de Frango
(Brazilian Chicken Salad)

You're going to need...

- Chicken breasts (boneless and skinless)
- Garlic cloves and an onion
- Chicken stock
- Shredded carrots
- Green onions
- Yellow corn
- Raisins
- Mayonnaise
- Olive oil
- White wine vinegar
- Yellow mustard
- Batata Palha Potato Sticks or regular potato chips

How to make salpicão

To start, season the chicken breasts with some salt and pepper, and set aside.

Then, heat up the olive oil. When the oil is hot, saute the garlic and onion until fragrant, which should take about 2 minutes. Once fragrant, add the chicken, and brown each side for a minute or so.

After that, add the stock and cook on 40 minutes. When the chicken is cooked, transfer it to a bowl and use a wooden spoon to smash the cooked chicken to shred it.

We're halfway there! We just need to let the chicken cool to room temperature in the bowl where you shredded it. This is important because you don't want to risk cooking or curdling the mayonnaise, or worse, see it turn into a nasty oily thing because of the residual heat from the chicken.

While the chicken cools, prep your veggies, and mix the dressing. When the chicken is cooled off, mix in the dressing.

Eat this chicken salad with raisins paired with some leafy greens and top it with some batata palha potato sticks or crumbled potato chips for a salty crunch. (Trust me. This is so good.)

Craft stick Wreath



For this one, stock your crafting station with about 40-50 small and 20-30 large craft sticks. Hint: buy them green or paint them at least three different shades of the classic holiday hue. Glue the sticks to a 12" foam wreath, overlapping and mixing the shades of green as you go.

Cinnamon stick Candle Holder



Want to bring the scent of the holidays into your home? Secure cinnamon sticks around a candle with a rubber band, then tie with ribbon or twine, and you've got yourself the most sweet-smelling, rustic centerpiece.

SIPHIWE INDODANA

Ngicela ukuba nawe kulesikhathi esinnandi sikakhisimusi



Lt Colonel
Doris Dlamini

Ngivumele ngifunde ilizwi leNkosi litholakala (ISAYA 9:6)

Ngokuba sizalelwe umntwana siphwe indodana, umbuso uyakuba semahlombe akhe, negama lakhe liyakuthiwa uMluleki omangalisayo, unkulunkulu onamandla, uYise ongunaphakade INkosi yokuthula (ISAYA 9:6)

“Umbuso uyakuba sehlobo Lakhe...” Lokhu kusho ukuthi uhulumeni, noma igunya liyoba phezu Kwakhe. Uyobusa. Uhulumeni uyonikwa Yena. Uyakuba yinkosi. Uyobusa phezu kwakho konke. Igunya lakhe liqoba wonke amanye amagunya.

UMprofethi ulsaya wambulelwa uNkulunkulu abantu babefake izambatho zenkolo, abantu babe lindile uMesiya.

Bathandekayo eNkosini namuhla sithola umbiko omkhulu othokozisayo ukuthi sizalelwe umntwana siphwe indodana.

- * UJesu wazalwa ngendlela emangalisayo: UMprofethi ulsaya wakhuluma lokhu ngaphambili wathi siphwe indodana. Lamazwi afakazela ukuthi UJesu akasiye umuntu nje, owazalwa ngentando yomuntu. Kepha uyindodana kaNkulunkulu. Uthunyiwe nguNkulunkulu

Umprofethi u-Isaya wabikezela ukuthi uMesiya wayeyoba inzalo yeNkosi uDavide. (Isaya 9:7) Ngempela uJesu wazalwa onlwini lozalo.

- * Wanikwa amagama amangalisayo: Igama lokuqala lithi uJesu leligama lithi uzakusindisa abantu ezonweni zabo.
- * Umluleki uzoseluleka uma singenzanga kahle.

UNkulunkulu onamandla: uzoba namandla phezu kwakho konke.

Uyise Ongunaphakade: uma sithemba yena siyohlala ingunaphakade.

INkosi yokuthula : Yena uyiNkosi yokuthula

Sizalelwe umntwana siphwe indodana: Ngifuna ukuthi uhambe nami umbone uJesu eyisipho empilweni yakho. Kulesikhathi sokujabula yelula isandla wemukele isipho esingu Jesu.

Uma ucabanga ngoMntwana “enikelwa” kithi, nokuthi igunya Lakhe linamandla kunakho konke okunye, kukunikeza umuzwa wokulondeka, ithemba, nokulindela ngoba uJesu ulwa izimpi zethu futhi uyasinxusela. Lowo onegunya lonke uyakwazi ngaphakathi nangaphandle. Hhayi ukukulahla, kodwa ukukuphakamisa nokukunqobela izimpi. AmaRoma 8:34 “Pho, ngubani ongasilahla na? Akakho-ngoba uKristu Jesu.

“Negama laKhe liyobizwa ngokuthi...”

1. “Omangalisayo...” Igama Lakhe, izici Zakhe, ukuthi ungubani, nalokho Akwenzayo, kuyobizwa ngokuthi “Omangalisayo.” Ihlukaniswe kokujwayelekile. Iwukuvusa ukumangala, ukumangala, nokuncoma, kungakhathaliseki ukuthi kuyisimangalisano noma cha. okumangalisayo esichazamazwini kusho: “(isichasiso) intokozo ekhuthazayo, intokozo, noma ukuncoma; kuhle kakhulu; emangalisayo.”

Ngiyayithanda leyo ncazelo! UJesu muhle kakhulu! Hhayi nje uhlobo oluhle, noma oluhle ngezikhathi ezithile, kodwa luhle kakhulu ngaso sonke isikhathi!

UJesu uyamangalisa. Amanye amagama afanayo athi “Kuyancomeka, kuyamangaza, kuyakhazimula, kuyaphola, okungcwele, okunamandla, okujabulisayo, okuhle kakhulu. ezimangalisayo, ezivelele, eziluhlaza, ezimangalisayo, ezijabulisayo, ezithandekayo, ezivelele, eziphawulekayo, ezivusa amadlingozi, ezimangalisayo, ezisabekayo, ezidlulele, ezimangalisayo nezimangalisayo.” UJesu uyikho konke lokho nokunye okuningi! Eminye imibhalo yesandla ihlanganisa igama elithi “omangalisayo” nelithi “umeluleki.” Wonke lawo mazwi amqondofana singawabeka phambi kwegama elithi Meluleki ukuchaza ukuthi ungubani uJesu.

2. “Umeluleki...” uveza imfanelo ehlukile, noma ikhwalithi. Igama elithi “umluleki” lapha, lingelezikhundla ezihloniphekile; ofanele ukuma eduze kwezikhulu namakhosi njengomeluleki wazo. Iveza ukuhlakanipha okukhulu, kanye neziqo zokuqondisa 'Ingelosi yeseluleko esinamandla.'

Siyabonga nibe noKhisimusi omnandi onezibusiso ezihlelebrate.

(Lieut Colonel Doris Dlamini is the Territorial Community Care Secretary and Territorial Retired Officers Secretary)

By Captain K. Mcineka



For unto us a Child is born

(Isaiah 9:6 (Holy Bible Translation))

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

"For unto us a _____ is born, unto us a _____ is given and the government shall be upon His shoulder and His name shall be called _____, _____, the _____, the _____ of _____."

Hi friends I hope you are all looking forward to this year's Christmas. When we read the above-mentioned verse, I am reminded of how special the birth of a baby is because in some families, a baby brings joy, to some it brings hope, others love, the birth of a baby can reunite families, and it is a symbol of new beginnings. Every baby is special and comes from God which is why the baby's arrival can bring so much joy to even strangers. In this verse we are told about the birth of a very special baby who came to save, who came to redeem, who came to bring hope into this world but mostly who came to restore the relationship between God and man. This is the reason why during this time I encourage you also as children of God to bring hope in your family and communities. Just like baby Jesus you are also special and you can bring others back to Christ. You are able to bring joy and laughter wherever you are.

Have a blessed Christmas!



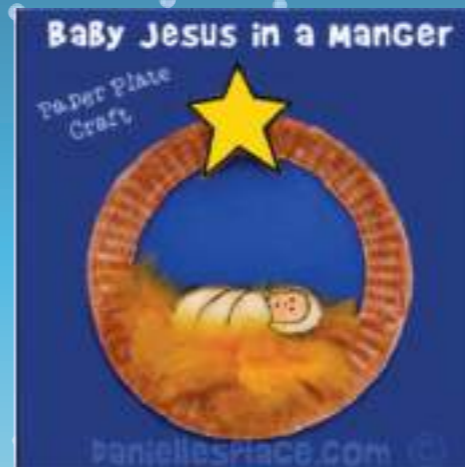
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FIND THE WORDS

- Baby
- Jesus
- Peace
- Joy
- Love
- Counsellor
- God
- Unite
- Friend
- Inspire
- World
- Everlasting
- Wonderful
- Restore

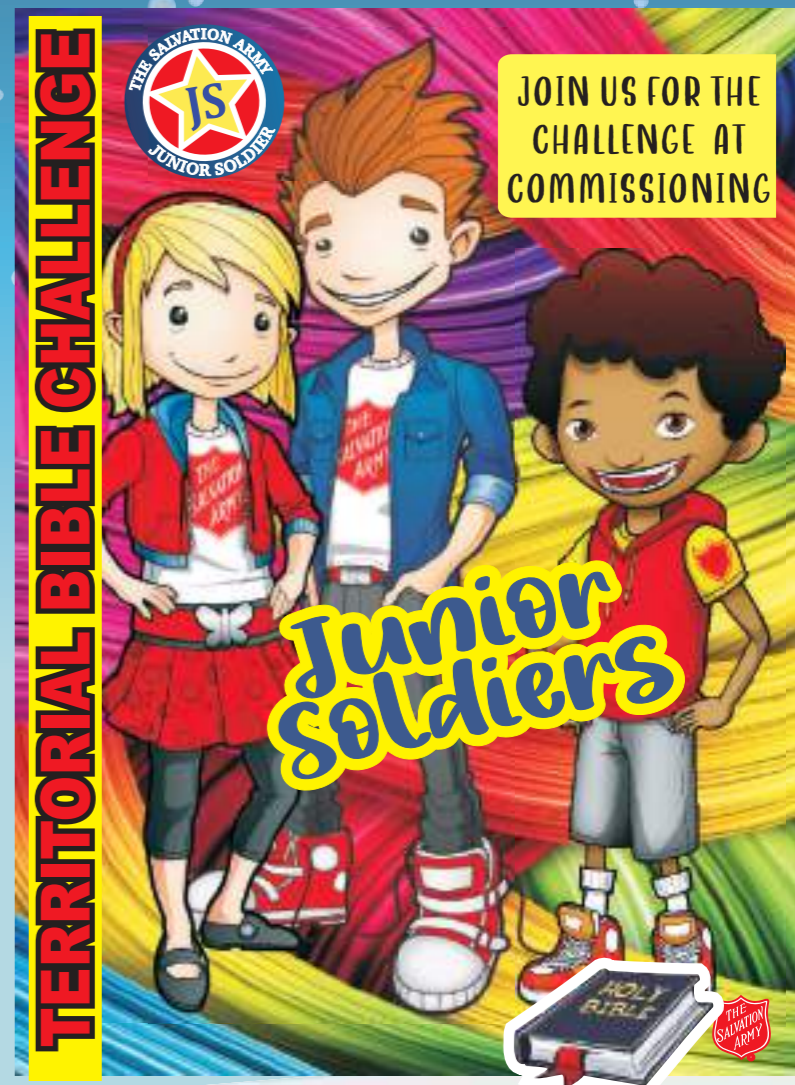
CRAFT TIME



YOU WILL NEED: • Paper Plate • Scissors • Crayons/Paint • Cotton Wool/dry grass • Extra Paper • Pencil • Glue

METHOD:

1. With the help of an adult, cut out the inner part of the paper plate
2. With the part cut out, you may draw a star or baby Jesus (you may use the extra paper for this also)
3. Colour in the outer circle of the paper plate
4. Colour in the star and baby Jesus
5. Stick together the cotton wool or grass on the bottom side of the plate, once dry, stick baby Jesus on the cotton wool or grass
6. On the opposite end, stick the star above baby Jesus





**Major
Hilary Browski (R)**

“Our God is an Awesome God”

We have many beautiful words in the English language – I’m sure other languages also have precious, gentle words.

The word “AWE” means to have a reverential respect mixed with fear and wonder. It is used to speak about someone/something we look up to. It’s a feeling of respect you have for someone or something.

I receive many messages saying “have an awesome day” or “isn't that awesome”. Well, we’re coming to an “AWESOME CELEBRATION” which honours our Saviour Jesus! Our “AWESOME GOD” gave us the best gift of all, His one and only Son, JESUS. Jesus, the one of whom the angels sang about “glory in the highest” and with that anthem led the shepherds to the birthplace of Jesus – how AWESOME is that? The star (God’s creation) that led the wise men with their priceless gifts fit for a king – how AWESOME is that?

Christmas is lot more than shopping for gifts, tinsel, decorations of Santa and some lights for the tree.... Christmas is a time when we are supposed to Worship! We should also celebrate Jesus instead of Santa.

God is AWESOME because through Jesus, He provided our salvation. Knowing Jesus takes away the pressure of the mad rush over the Christmas season.

Let’s be grateful for the baby born in humble surroundings – we stand in AWE before Him – Jesus born to set His people free... Isn’t that AWESOME.

Isn’t Christ AWESOME who deserves sincere worship? “Come and worship, Christ the new-born King”.

Isn’t it AWESOME that Jesus is adored by all in the Highest heavens? Isn’t it AWESOME that Jesus came to give us peace of heart which should make us want to share meaningful gifts at Christmas?

Isn’t it AWESOME that we, like the angels can adore Him, Christ the Lord? Isn’t it AWESOME that we can experience JOY because our Saviour reigns?

Isn’t it AWESOME to think about the “hopes and fears of all the years that can be met” in Jesus, the priceless gift God gave us.

May we experience Jesus who came to “abide with us, our Lord Immanuel” and our eyes shall at last see Him – Isn’t that AWESOME?

Hebrews 1:3 – The son is the Radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in Heaven.

GAZETTE

APPOINTMENTS

Effective 05 January 2023

Major Brendan Browski: Divisional Commander of Mid – KZN Division is appointed to Territorial Secretary for Programme in Territorial Headquarters.

Major Leanne Browski: Divisional Director of Women’s Ministries in Mid KZN Division is appointed to Territorial War Cry Editor in Territorial Headquarters.

Lieut Colonel Lenah Jwili: Territorial Secretary for Programme in Territorial Headquarters, her new appointment will be announced at a later stage.

Captain Mteteleli Memani: Divisional Commander of Northern KZN Division is appointed Assistant Secretary for Business Administrator in Territorial Headquarters.

Captain Nonkosazana Memani: Divisional Director of Women’s Ministries in Northern KZN Division is appointed to Director for Personnel in College for Officer Training.

Captain Velani Buthelezi: Territorial Public Relations Secretary in Territorial Headquarters is appointed Divisional Commander of Northern KZN Division.

Major Philile Buthelezi: Director for Personnel & Director for Support Services / Candidates Secretary in College For Officer Training is appointed to Divisional Director for Women’s Ministries in Northern KZN Division.

Lieut Colonel Solomon Mahlangu: Divisional Commander of Western Cape Division is appointed Divisional Commander of Limpopo Division.

Lieut Colonel Mercy Mahlangu: Divisional Director of Women’s Ministries in Western Cape Division is appointed Divisional Director of Women’s Ministries in Limpopo Division.

Major Robert Wright: Territorial Development Officer in Territorial Headquarters is appointed to Divisional Commander of Western Cape Division.

Captain Juanita Wright: Territorial War Cry Editorial / Literacy Secretary and National Anti- Human Trafficking Coordinator in Territorial Headquarters is appointed to Divisional Director of Women’s Ministries in Western Cape.

Major Naomi Malinga: Corps Officer of Vosloorus Corps in Central Division is appointed to Divisional Commander & Divisional Director of Women’s Ministries in Mpumalanga & eSwatini Division.

Major Annanias Nhandara: Divisional Commander of Mpumalanga & eSwatini Division is appointed to Divisional Commander of Mid KZN Division.

Major Sengeziwe Nhandara: Divisional Director of Women’s Ministries in Mpumalanga & eSwatini Division is appointed Divisional Director of Women’s Ministries in Mid KZN Division.

Major Thataetsile Semeno: Corps Officer of Johannesburg City Corps in Central Division is appointed Territorial Public Relations Secretary in Territorial Headquarters in addition to his primary appointment.

Lieutenant Owen Mutize: Administrator of Carl Sithole Children’s Home is appointed Territorial Development Officer in Territorial Headquarters.

Lieutenants John & Bawinile Mabuza: Corps Officers of Mitchells Plain Corps & Crèche in Western Cape Division are appointed Administrators of Mountain View Primary Health Care Clinic & Corps Officers of William Booth Ministries in Northern KZN Division.

Lieutenants Gerald & Thandokazi Kabade: Corps Officers of Bloemfontein Circuit in Central Division are appointed Corps Officers of South Rand Corps in Central Division.

CAPTAINS COLLEN AND PHUMLA MASHABA – KAMANZINI, ESWATINI

Our Pioneering Journey

We were Corps Officers of a vibrant corps with hardworking local officers, dedicated and mission focused soldiers, vibrant youth brigade, lively Sunday School, vibey Junior Soldiers, Songsters/Band Brigades, mission relevant property, a community development program, and various ministries providing us with a privilege to reach out to people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We love it and believe that God wants us here!



Then we receive a call from THQ. We were appointed to undertake pioneering work in the city of Manzini in Eswatini. As covenanted Officers we accept our appointment as from God.

We shared this with young children, and packed our personal belongings to depart for the new challenge of pioneering a Salvation Army Corps in a new city and foreign country. We placed our trust in God, believing he is leading the journey - he alone knows our capabilities and will equip his servants. In prayer we sing, *"I'm in His Hands.... What're the future holds, I'm in His Hands; The days I cannot see have all been planned for me; His way is best, you see; I'm in His Hands."*

We arrived in Eswatini in April 2022 to a fully furnished quarters and a new vehicle. Our first meeting was at ka Msunduzi Corps, just in time as the circuit gathers to celebrate Good Friday/Easter. We spent the whole weekend fellowshiping with our welcoming, supportive Officer colleagues and the soldiers of the Army. After that weekend, we faced the challenges ahead - starting work in the city of Manzini. There was no structure for conducting meetings, People of this city had no knowledge of TSA being part of the Universal Christian Church. TSA is known as an NGO which operates a Clinic (in Mbabane) and a number of community development programmes. We were stuck! We wanted to commence work and tell people of Christ's grace, a number of schools had been approached for a place to worship, but nothing materialized. Approaches made to Community leaders for permission to utilize community halls, seemed fruitless. We were perplexed, wondering why God would send us to such a place. In the midst of that uncertainty, I, Captain Collen said, *"We are winning kaManzini City for Christ, and TSA is going to reaching out to the community by fire and force!"*

KaMsunduzi Circuit Officers were alongside us, providing necessary support and encouragement. We prayed to God and told ourselves, *"We are capable of creating Soldiers with deep, meaningful and fulfilling relationships with Christ."* We remembered the saying, *"No pain no gain"*. Surely, any success in this outreach ministry will be nourished by our toils and sweat.

Every morning we woke up and, after taking our children to school, put our uniforms on and wonderingly drove around the cosmopolitan city. We would park the car and start walking around, greetings strangers, starting conversations as we introduced ourselves as ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and naturally, some people are willing to listen, but it is difficult. This went on for four months without any tangible progress. In the interim we were joined by kaMsunduzi officers

and soldiers to engage in community and school outreach ministries on Anti Human Trafficking and Child Protection Campaigns.

Starting a Corps from the ground appeared a heavy load placed on us and sometimes we would ask ourselves fear-fuelled questions such as: *"Why were we sent here? Will we ever get a place of worship? Will anyone ever show up? Is this going to work? It feels like we are going nowhere slowly."* But we were reminded of God's assuring words to Joshua, *"I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses."* (Joshua 1:3). We were encouraged and believed these words to be true for us in this pioneering work.

Ultimately, through the assistance of some community leaders, one of whom had come into contact with TSA through a food parcel distribution, we were offered a classroom at a Crèche to use as a place of worship. On 4 of September 2022 TSA Army soldiers from kaMsunduzi Circuit flocked to kaManzini (Ngwane Park Crèche) for an official launch of the Outreach Ministry, The classroom was then just too small, packed with 89 soldiers and friends, including children, who engaged in praise and worship of the Lord and the Holy Spirit filled the whole area! From that day services were conducted every Sunday. Sunday school ministries were now taking place. A few children were engaged in Bible studies and learned how to use their timbrels in worship. During week days we did visitation and continued to engage people with intentional conversations. Even now as we write this article, lives are being transformed through the word of God and the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are currently having an the average, thirty people attending services every Sunday! Six (6) of these will be attending Divisional HL and Men's Rallies in the next week. God has opened the way!

We are grateful to God that Lieut-Colonel Z.F. and Major J.T Mabaso have been our parents, colleagues and support system throughout this entire journey. We thank the Divisional and Territorial Leadership for believing in us and trusting us to take up this pioneering journey for the glory and extension of the Kingdom of God as well as the mission of TSA.

CAPTAINS EDOUARD AND LYNN ZOLA – NAMIBIA OUTREACH

Girl Child Event



On Saturday 8th October Windhoek Corps hosted a High Tea inviting women from all walks of life to have an afternoon of fun, fellowship and empowerment. Topics like Mental Health, Anti-Trafficking and Women in Business was explored by professional women in our community to challenge and encourage women on how they have the capacity to change the narrative in their communities and personal journey.

A cancer survivor shared her journey on how God gave her the courage to fight. Part of this initiative was to respond to period Poverty which is a real challenge in our communities, especially as many young girls are unable to buy sanitary towels during her menstruation cycle.



Keeping the Namibian Girl child in school.

Handing 80 sanitary packs to the learners at a High school in which we work, left many of the young girls

appreciative of this gesture and gift.

Not only did we hand the girls the gift but also encouraged them of their worth and value and the potential they have. Mrs. Dauti sharing with the young girls challenged them to know that Education is a game changer, and it can open doors in life.

We may not be able to change every young girls life or situation in our communities, but we are committed to changing one life at a time.

HESKETH KING TREATMENT CENTRE – 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Commissioner Hesketh King



The Salvation Army Hesketh King Treatment Centre, the only one of its kind in Africa, celebrated 75 years of ministry on the property: Klein Joostenberg, in Muldersvlei, near Stellenbosch. HKTC has been a place of help, hope, and healing for hundreds of men, ages 16 to 65, caught in the devastating cycle of substance abuse.

HISTORY

In 1905 the Cape Town City Council approached The Salvation Army concerning the problem of re-offending Pollsmoor prisoners. The Salvation Army was requested to establish a skills program for these men and a tract of land in Rondebosch was provided.

In the words of Commissioner Paul du Plessis:

“From Rondebosch to Muldersvlei, the Siebrits family of Paarl. were deeply concerned about the alcoholism related to the wine industry. They set up a mill in Paarl and established a temperance society and eventually merged that with Booth’s Army (Paarl Corps). And the rest, as they say, is history.” (FB comment HKTC)

MULDERSVLEI

In 1943 the Cape Town City Council again approached The Salvation Army, this time seeking to annex the land in Rondebosch, to accommodate rapid urbanization in the southern suburbs. An amount of compensation was paid to the Army and the superintendent - Captain Hesketh King - saddled up his horse and left to seek alternative accommodation for the rehabilitation program. After much arduous searching he found a large piece of land not far from Stellenbosch.



After pegging out the property he paid the necessary dues and registered it in the name of The Salvation Army.

SALE OF FARM

In 1993 it was decided that a choice had to be made regarding the rehabilitation program and the farming operation. Since the main objective was rehabilitation, the farm was sold in 1996, leaving the Treatment Centre with a property of 4.5 ha. In memory of the man who had been so instrumental in establishing the program, it was then re-named the Hesketh King Treatment Centre.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Hesketh King Treatment Centre is to provide a compassionate, healing ministry in the name of Christ, where the dignity, self-worth, rights and responsibilities of the individual patient, family, and staff members are respected.

75th ANNIVERSARY

In thanksgiving for 75 years of ministry, this years' AGM was held at 14h00 on the 11 October 2022, exactly 75 years after the official opening in 1947. This launched the celebrations which culminated in a wonderful outdoor flea market on 15 October.

Former patients, families, and friends came from far and wide to share in the joyful celebrations. Many reacquaintances were made and the staff had an amazing time reminiscing with former patients. Even the cold, cloudy weather could not dampen the enthusiasm of those who attended.

We give God all the glory for 75 years of meaningful, life-changing ministry in His name.



CAPTAIN SIYABONGA MCINEKA – LIMPOPO DIVISION

Corps Officer of Khubvi Corps & Divisional Youth Officer

The first Christmas, a gift for all



What does Christmas mean to you? Time with family and friends? Perhaps Christmas carols, gifts, television specials. Maybe hectic shopping, parties and eating lots of food. Well, for me Christmas time is a very special for us as a family. Our children are the most excited of us all hence they know there are gifts waiting for them. Seeing their appreciation, excitement and joy just brings peace and contentment to us all.

As I was reminiscing on Christmas time and various ways that we celebrate, I have this question in mind, how was the first Christmas celebrated?" Let's have a look at the original story of Christmas which entails—the baby in a manger, shepherds, wise men, angels as well as its importance, if at all?

One of the things we learn in the first Christmas story is we received a gift of a kind that cannot be bought. Leo Buscaglia, puts it nicely when he says *"unconditional love is always bestowed as a gift, freely, willingly and without expectation."* This is the same kind of love that God, through the birth of Jesus Christ, intended for mankind to receive and experience.

May I invite you to consider a few reasons why the original Christmas story matters, even to you? I trust that these few points will stimulate your thinking and maybe even kindle some feelings that resonate with that famous story.

Firstly, the Christmas story is important to us because it is...

A STORY OF HOPE AND A NEW BEGINNING

Jesus' society knew great pain and oppression. Corrupt tax collectors burdened the people. Some religious leaders even sanctioned physical beating of Jewish citizens participating in compulsory religious duties.

Joseph and his pregnant wife Mary travelled a long distance to Bethlehem to register for a census but could not obtain proper lodging. Mary bore her baby and laid him in a manger, a feeding trough for animals. Eventually, King Herod sought to kill the baby. Warned of a looming risk, Joseph and Mary fled to Egypt. Imagine how Mary felt? Travelling while pregnant would be challenging. Fleeing to another nation lest some king slay your son would not be pleasant. Yet she, Joseph, and Jesus survived the ordeal.

During social and cultural challenges, the Christmas story offers a new beginning and encouragement, hope of new life linked to something—someone—greater than oneself.

So, the Christmas story is important to us because it speaks of hope and a new beginning.

Reason number two: the Christmas story is

A STORY OF HUMILITY

When kings, presidents, and other rulers appear in public, there would be a great ceremony. From a Biblical perspective, Jesus came first not as a ruling king but as a servant, a baby born in humble circumstances. His becoming human helps humans identify with Him.

Imagine that you and your child are walking in a field and encounter an ant pile with hundreds of ants in panic. A few meters away, you see a construction bulldozer approaching. Suppose your child asks how to warn the ants of the awaiting danger. You then discuss various possibilities: shouting, holding up signs, etc. But the best solution would be if somehow your child could become an ant and warn them personally. Some ants might not believe the danger. But some might believe and take steps to ensure their safety.

This illustration is in parallel to what the apostle Paul, an early follower of Jesus, wrote of the humility Jesus displayed by becoming human. "Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form. And in human form he obediently humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death on a cross; because of this, God raised him up to the heights of heaven."

Lastly, the Christmas story is....

A STORY OF LOVE

Jesus' followers taught that His conception and birth were part of a divine plan to bring us genuine peace, inner freedom, and self-respect. They believed that God wants us to enjoy fellowship with Him and purpose. Unfortunately, our own self-centeredness separates us from Him. Left to our own, we would spend both time and eternity in this spiritually unplugged state.

Jesus came to help plug us into God. Mary's baby was born to die, paying the penalty for our self-centeredness, which the Biblical documents call "sin." When Jesus died on the cross, He carried the penalty due for all our sins, then rose from the dead to give new life.

We read in John 3:16 that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." God can become your friend if you believe in Him, that is, if you trust Him to forgive you. He will never let you down.

In conclusion... I'd like to remind you that Christmas is meant to celebrate peace and joy. Amidst the busyness of shopping, parties, gifts, and fun, remember that the Prince of Peace came to spread peace and joy to all who believe in Him.

Perhaps this year, there is a special gift that Jesus wants to give you and that is His gift of unconditional love. Maybe this year you can celebrate Christmas knowing that you are a member of His family by making the right choice in accepting Jesus as your companion and receive this amazing gift called Salvation.

Blessed Christmas!

BIBLE STUDY

For unto us a Child is Born



Major
Graham Brooke-Smith

My son and his wife recently suffered the devastating loss of bringing a stillborn baby into the world. Everything was ready for the big day. The nursery was decorated, the baby-furniture was in place, the levels of joyful anticipation were through the roof. But after all the excitement and preparation there was no baby to bring home.

Two thousand years ago God's Son was born into this world in the humblest of circumstances. There was no beautifully decorated nursery – only a smelly stable. There was no custom-made furniture – only a crude feeding-trough. The world was totally unprepared, but it was God's time. And as you may have discovered, God's timing is always perfect.

The prophet Isaiah foresaw this cataclysmic event when he said: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. With these breath-taking words Isaiah predicted both the humanity and deity of our Lord.

A CHILD IS BORN

The birth of a child is both awe-inspiring and terrifying. Here was an innocent, God-loving, teenage girl, betrothed to an upright, loyal, young man, and they had a son on the way. To any onlooker there was nothing remarkable about this birth. The new-born was completely dependent on His parents.

He had to be looked after just like any other baby. He played and cried, grew and developed, walked and talked, just like millions of other children throughout the ages. Without a biological father He was untainted by sin, yet fully human in every way.

A SON IS GIVEN

But this wasn't a natural birth, at least not in its conception. The Eternal Son of God was a gift to an unsuspecting, ungrateful, and unready world. Whereas on the one hand a child was born, like every other baby, on the other hand, unlike any other child that has entered this world, a Son was given. It was by the overshadowing of the Spirit of God that this miraculous conception took place, so that Jesus is – in the words of our fourth doctrine, truly and properly God and truly and properly man.

OUR ONLY MEDIATION

It was through this staggering two-part process, of a miraculous conception, and an ordinary birth, that God put on human flesh and stepped into our needy, broken, sin-sick world, thereby becoming the only mediator between God and mankind (1 Timothy 2:5). Having a human nature and divine nature within the One Person uniquely qualifies Jesus to bring God to us and to take us to God. This Christmas season I encourage you to make room in your life for Jesus. In every other religion people strive, without success, to get to God. Only in the Person of Jesus Christ has God come to us. Welcome Him into your life and embrace Him as your Lord and Saviour. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift (2 Corinthians 9:15).

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

BY DR. S. P. QWABE, MPUMALANGA/SWAZINI DIVISIONAL SONGSTER LEADER



INTRODUCTION

This carol was written by a Latin teacher and music copyist known as John Francis Wade. (1710-1786). It was translated into English by Frederick Oakley in 1841. The music is said to have come from Britain.

TIMBRE

Is known as a tone quality that is made in this context of The Salvation Army by a piano and full set of brass instruments.

MELODY

In this carol, melody is known as the surface of music in that. It is found on the top part that is leading voice in the piano and in the cornet section of the brass band. It is conjunct, which is tuneful with small stepwise motion between notes.

TEMPO

The choice of tempo that is quick, lively with 104 crotchet beats to a minutes is suitable in that it allows mood of joy and triumph to come forward. This mood is further enhanced by the exclamation in the preliminary beat 'O Come and the last note in bar 4 that is only played in verse 1. The repetition of this words three times is useful it bring out the significance of people coming to Christ and in establishing the joy, brilliance and triumph mode. In the

refrain the writer stresses the need and importance of worshipping Christ.

METER AND RHYTHM

Meter is the rhythmic element artistic language. It consist of the number of lines in a stanza and the number of syllable in a line. In the song there are 4 lines and each line has 11 syllabus of text.

SONG LANGUAGE

The writer has ensured that he capture the scripture in Luke 2:15, when he encourage angels to sing with fulfil in verse 2. According to (Greerbrant A etal, 1995:22) angels are spiritual beings who act as God's ministers his messenger's guardians, steering the course of the stars giving effect to his laws in order to glorify God.

CONCLUSION

It is concluded that writer selection and writing music is complemented by the selection of lyrics. The composer and the writer of lyrics are highly congratulated for such an outstanding work of art

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Maintaining Peaceful Practices

Life is constantly on the move and it can be hard to remain grounded. However, it's important to take time to be present and to find peace through small, everyday things you can do. Being peaceful is about being still and at rest within yourself.

HERE ARE SEVEN THINGS TO PRACTICE TO MAINTAIN PEACE IN YOUR LIFE:

* BREATHING EXERCISES:

Taking time to sit down and breath can be highly beneficial to relieve stress and anxiety, while also promoting inner peace. Make sure to take a few deep belly breaths, slow breathing in through your nose and out through your mouth.

* GRATITUDE JOURNAL:

When life can feel quite overwhelming and difficult things are happening, it can be easy to forget about the good thing.



Practising gratitude is important to invite goodness and peace into your life. try to write down at least three things you're grateful for every day.

*SELF-CARE:

At the end of the day, think about what you can do to relax and unwind. Self-care can be whatever you want it to be, whether that is reading a book, watching a YouTube video, having a long hot shower or going for an evening stroll.

*SLEEP:

Getting enough sleep is important for brain function and mood. Lack of sleep can cause irritability, trouble concentrating and disturb your peace. you should aim to get at least eight to nine hours of sleep each night.

* SLOW DOWN:

Life can be fast paced most of the time. Whether you're off work or need to get the kids ready for school, Time can get away from you. Getting up an hour earlier, for example, means you have more time to get ready but at a much slower pace, removing the anxiety of the rush.

* DECLUTTER:

When you have a lot on your mind and your house is cluttered, it can cause further distress within yourself. Decluttering can help to 'clear out' your mind; when your space are tidy, it can also help to make room to be still within yourself.

* GET OUT IN NATURE:

Staying inside for long periods of time can cause a drop in mood and your body can become stiff from lack of movement. Being outside in nature can be quiet and peaceful, allowing your body and mind to unwind.

UPCOMING DATES

DECEMBER

- 1 World Aids Day
- 2-4 Commissioning weekend
- 3 Territorial Bible Challenge
- 16 Day of Reconciliation
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Day of Goodwill

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TAKEN FROM
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Southern Africa Territory

Trust is the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding in all your ways submit to him, and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3: 5-6 (NIV)

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