

Serving God

Thank God for He has saved me over a decade ago. From the plight of sin and death, with His unlimited great love and incessant patience, He let me realize men are really helpless about sins. Only through Jesus Christ who was incarnated as our redemption and our reliance on His salvation could we receive a new life. At the same time, the Holy Spirit dwelling in me taught me the truth to be holy like Jesus.

I knew about The Salvation Army's concern for the grass-root people since I was small. Through its educational and social services, the Army has shown its care for the society and witnessed God's love. During my studies in social work, I was assigned to internship at The Salvation Army Wan Tsui Home for Boys. I felt the officers treated the boys as their own children. They taught and cared for the boys. It was exactly how Jesus served men. They let their own children play and study with the boys there, and taught them together. It is indeed the fatherly love that is lacking in social services nowadays. It is also a service realizing the spirit of "Heart to God, Hand to Man".

Later, God even let the children know His calling for The Salvation Army clearly, i.e. to bring those who do not worship to the gospels and convert to the Lord. All believers should also bear in mind that keeping holiness is the direction of their spiritual life.

Upon graduation, I worked as a social worker for 6 years. From my work experience in boys' homes, family counseling and medical social work, I realize the profession of social work can really help others handle problems in their lives, but it cannot solve the most important and fundamental issue of life: sin and death.

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices... let him (the man) use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage... " (Romans 12:1, 6-8) Paul reminded me upon receiving God's love and grace, I should renew my life and become a living sacrifice for God's use. I should put an effort in preaching, teaching and counseling, so as to bring those who do not worship to Christ and the gospels.

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