

# SALVATIONIST

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### THE GENERAL'S EASTER MESSAGE

#### There is Salvation in No Other

At Easter, in remembering the death and bodily resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we celebrate a most important event within the Church calendar. This event is significant for, in witnessing to the fact that Jesus did not remain in the tomb but rose from the dead, it points to the promise that one day we too can thereby rise to eternal life. It is important to recognise that whilst we reside upon this earth in physical bodies, we are also spiritual beings intended to live for eternity.

In too many places across the globe, a resolute turning to materialism has led to an unhealthy exclusion of those other key elements required for men and women to know deep and lasting satisfaction. Materialism can never address the deepest longings of our heart, and this superficial feature of too many societies around the world is simply incapable of giving true joy and freedom. Life is more than the accumulation of possessions and many individuals today, despite owning so much, remain unsatisfied.

Some do earnestly seek after the point of and purpose for life, and also desire an assurance that there is indeed 'something' after death. Too often, though, people look in the wrong place – how many readily consult horoscopes in an ultimately fruitless attempt to understand present unknowns, or gain a form of security for a sometimes daunting future?

My attention was recently arrested whilst reading Tim Leberecht's comment: 'We live in times of major uncertainty. The doom and gloom of the economic crisis, the

deterioration of mass markets, the pervasiveness of the digital lifestyle, and the fragmentation of traditional societal institutions are not only inducing anxiety but also inspiring a search for simplicity and noneconomic value systems. Consumption-driven wealth and status are being replaced by identity, belonging, and a strong desire to contribute to – or to experience – something "meaningful" rather than to acquire more things.'

The Bible, of course, does address the most fundamental needs of and questions from humanity. It speaks to us about the purpose of our lives. It speaks to us about our destiny. It speaks to us about our eternal future being made secure. It is only as we carefully read the Bible, as we diligently study it, as we meditate prayerfully on it, that we begin to appreciate the true fullness of life that can be ours if we will but reach out and grasp it.

In the book of Acts we find an account of two apostles, Peter and John, being hauled before the Sanhedrin after they had healed a crippled man. Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, made this bold statement: 'If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone." Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved' (Acts 4:9-12 NIV 1984).



There is nothing more important in this life than for us to discover the truth that indeed, 'Salvation is found in no one else'. The Christian message is unique, because this message is not merely about a set of doctrines and beliefs. It is not about religion. Rather it is about the living man, Jesus Christ. We celebrate a risen Lord and Saviour. In him alone we find peace, joy, and assurance regarding our eternal future. May this be your personal and daily experience!

#### Coming Events:

- Easter Musical Concert at OTC Chapel, Tema, 12th April, 2014, featuring Territorial Band.
- Self Denial in Gathering at OTC Chapel, Tema, 29th June 2014.
- Cadets Commissioning at OTC Chapel, Tema, 16th and 17th August, 2014

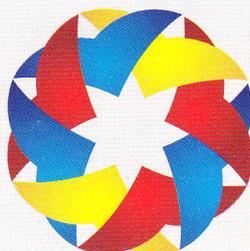
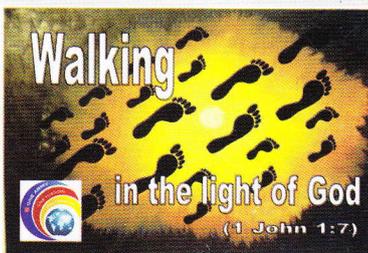
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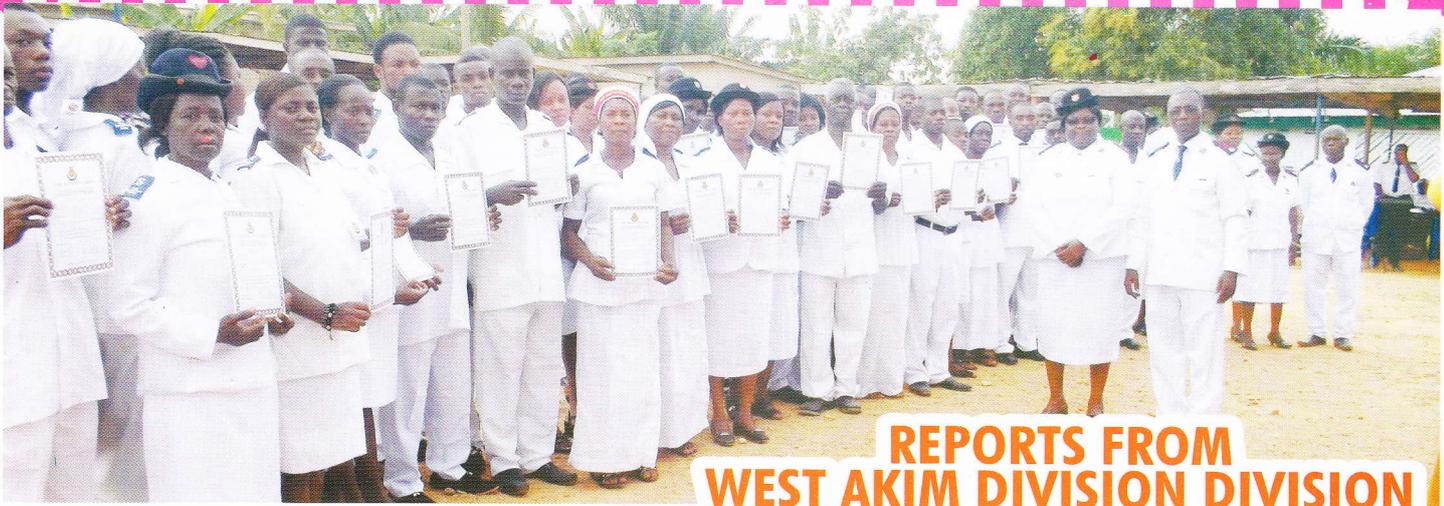


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## REPORTS FROM WEST AKIM DIVISION



the division. Speaking on the text Isaiah 2:5 'Come, O house of Jacob, let us Walk in the Light of the Lord'. He paraphrased it to read 'Come O West Akim Division, let us Walk in the Light of the Lord'. He challenged the gathering to dwell in the light since a good thing is not done in darkness. He cautioned these to be careful about the devil since he is capable of doing anything and can deceive anybody and entice people to do things which eventually ruin their lives. Concluding his message, he asked the congregation to carry the message of Walking in the Light of God wherever they go. The altar call saw many people rush forward to seek the power of God to enable them live and Walk worthy in the Light of God and to seek power to overcome any lifestyle which is in the darkness. 810 comrades attended the rally, while 10 converts were recorded.

On other developments, Oda Nkwanta held a football match as a means of evangelism to the youth in the division.

**M**ajors Edward and Mercy Addison, divisional leaders led the West Akim Divisional Rally at Akokoaso from 13 to 16 February, 2014. The guests of honour were Lieut-Colonels James and Elizabeth Oduro, Secretary for Personnel and Human Resource Manager/Retired Officers Secretary respectively. Major Edward Addison in his welcome message on the territorial theme for 2014 'Walking in the Light' said those who walk with God always reach their destiny.

The Friday and Saturday programmes allowed for open-air meetings, Women's forum, teachings on acceptance of responsibility, gospel arts, choreography, timbrel displays and crusades. A singing festival was well patronized by all corps and societies and certificates of participation were presented to all of them. One of the teachings that took the gathering by storm was when Lieut-

Colonel Elizabeth Oduro took to the stage for an hour on the topic family education. At the end of the talk all men and women present had their share of the talk and testified that they had been encouraged more on their day to day life as parents and single parents. Those who are yet to marry were not left out.

The rally concluded with a holiness meeting, which was preceded by two stands of open air meetings followed by a march of witness where Lieut-Colonels James and Elizabeth Oduro took the salute. In the same meeting, the Rev. Osei Poku donated a table top computer to Akim Manso Corps and a bicycle to Duoko Society for being the first corps and society in the Division to finish paying their 2014 assessment.

Before Lieut-Colonel James Oduro delivered his Sunday holiness meeting sermon he commissioned 55 local officers from all the corps and societies in



## ON EDUCATION FRONT



**E**ducation week and an open day celebration took place at Aboabo Salvational Army Basic School from 18th to 30th November, 2013. The program for the week included a health talk, football match, durbar. The dignitaries present included the Divisional Leaders Major Edward and Mercy Addison, Birim Municipal Executive, Municipal Director of Education, Eastern Regional Manager of Salvation Army Education Unit. Nunu

products company organized a football match in Birim Central Municipal for forty-four Junior High Schools. The Salvation Army Aboabo Junior High School was judged the winner. The school received a silver cup and Nuunu products.

**A**t Dampong, the corps presented a set of drums to the Salvation Army School for use in School Worship and parades.