

11 February 2024

Dear Church family,

On Sunday February 11, we are launching the 2024 Self Denial Appeal – Love in Action. This sums up the Christian lifestyle – acting in love towards others because of the love God has for us. Throughout the Self Denial Appeal, we will be challenged to see we cannot separate our display of 'love in action' from generosity with our financial resources.

Many of you are aware that since 1886, all people in every country, who call The Salvation Army their spiritual home, have been encouraged to exercise joyful, sacrificial giving in order to bless others in need. As part of the global church, we are called to partner with God to do His work here on earth. Our giving during this self-denial appeal, helps to further the mission of The Salvation Army to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and meet human needs around the world.

We have started our teaching this year with a sermon series from Acts called "BIG Church". Each week we are reminded of our BIG God at work through His Spirit, empowering individuals to bring hope, freedom and transformation to others as they boldly declare the name of Jesus. In this self-denial appeal, we are encouraging all who call NBC their spiritual home to be bold and once again, to give generously and to show love in action.

Last year, we set a goal of **\$125,000** and through your generosity we were able to give **\$125,890** to support the work of The Salvation Army in Papua New Guinea and Kenya. This year we have set a goal of **\$128,816** to support Indonesia, Philippines and Tonga. You may think that is a random number but we have an easy way for all of us to remember the goal and it is **1 2 B BIG**.

Over the next 6 weeks we will share with you the weekly videos and on Sunday 17 March we will all have the privilege to bring our financial gifts to the altar as we give to God what we have prayed about and decided in our hearts to give.

We have seen and continue to believe, that our BIG God can do amazing things through our giving, so let's take up the challenge in 2024 to give sacrificially and generously towards the mission of Self Denial.

We love and serve a BIG GOD. He has generously and lavishly poured out blessing after blessing on each one of us.

This year may each of us

**Live Big Love Big Give Big**



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