

## Letter of Gratitude

*“Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.” John 11:25 (KJV)*

My dearest husband, father of children and grandchildren, Lieutenant Colonel Vijaykumar S. Mahida (Secretary for Programme Administrator of Gujarat, The Salvation Army – India Western Territory, THQ, Mumbai, India) has been promoted to glory on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all the people who have helped us in this difficult and painful moment. With sincere regards, we thank The Salvation Army (IWT) Territorial Commander Commissioner Edwin Masih and all the leaders who took personal interest and helped in providing all necessary treatments at Mumbai’s well-known Reliance Hospital. During the funeral service, the Chief Secretary Colonel Vanlalfela Chawnglhut expressed his deepest condolences to the family. We express our heartfelt gratitude to Territorial Leaders from The Salvation Army India Western Territory Mumbai, THQ Staff, Officers and Leaders from all DHQs in Gujarat, officers from Salvation Army Maharashtra, all Corps Officers, Retired officers, Local officers, soldiers, Pastors from other Christian ministries, friends and family members who attended the funeral service and upheld us in their prayers. Their support was truly overwhelming. Lt. Col. Jashwant Macwan, Major Dinesh Macwan, Major Jayantilal Macwan, Major Dinesh Macwan (Corps Officer), Major Anil Macwan, Captain Griffiths Macwan who stood by us, supported us, and shared our grief in every way possible. Also, grateful to Lt. Col. Gulab Pathare and Lt. Col. Benjamin Randive whose constant assistance was deeply appreciated. We thank Major Andrews Christian from Emery Hospital, Anand for arranging all necessary measures prior to and during the funeral at truly short interval. Special acknowledgement to the local officers and Corps Officer from Anand Central Corps who organized for every need for the funeral services and lunch for the all the relatives. Also, we are appreciative of many local officers from all corps who attended the funeral services. We, as a family, were overwhelmed to receive such support from the community.

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With the hope that we will meet on the resurrection day.

Comforted in The Lord,  
Lt. Col. Pushpa Vijaykumar Mahida  
League Of Mercy Secretary,  
The Salvation Army,  
India Western Territory,  
THQ, Mumbai, and family.