

# **Slum Songs**

"They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads." Isaiah 35:10

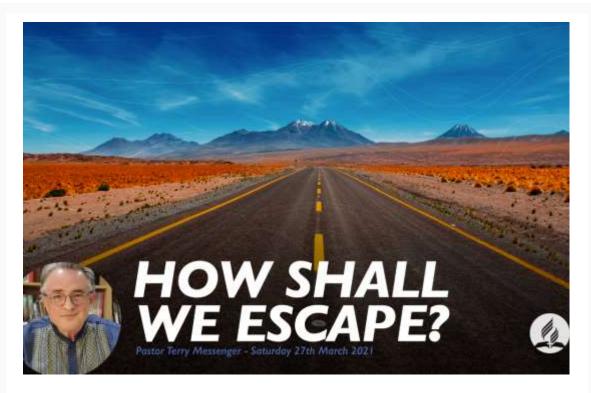
Cateura is a small slum in Paraguay, South America. Desperately poor, its villagers survive by recycling items from its rubbish dump. But from these unpromising conditions something beautiful has emerged—an orchestra.

With a violin costing more than a house in Cateura, the orchestra had to get creative, crafting its own instruments from their garbage supply. Violins are made from oil cans with bent forks as tailpieces. Saxophones have come from drainpipes with bottle tops for keys. Cellos are made from tin drums with gnocchi rollers for tuning pegs. Hearing Mozart played on these contraptions is a beautiful thing. The orchestra has gone on tour in many countries, lifting the sights of its young members.

Violins from landfills. Music from slums. That's symbolic of what God does. For when the prophet Isaiah envisions God's new creation, a similar picture of beauty-from-poverty emerges, with barren lands bursting into blooming flowers (Isaiah 35:1–2), deserts flowing with streams (vv. 6–7), castaway war tools crafted into garden instruments (2:4), and impoverished people becoming whole to the sounds of joyful songs (35:5–6, 10).

"The world sends us garbage," Cateura's orchestra director says. "We send back music." And as they do, they give the world a glimpse of the future, when God will wipe away the tears of every eye and poverty will be no more.

By: Sheridan Voysey - Taken from odb.org



Watch the Traditional Service online with Pastor Terry Messenger

# **Announcements / News**

□ Upcoming dates:

Easter service: 3 April // Communion: 10 April // Baptism: 8 May

- □ Prayer Meeting will be on Wednesday 31st March. We welcome Pastor Vontzalidis who will share a special message with us.
- □ **LILIES FOR EASTER** is a fund-raising initiative for ADRA UK. Their funds are badly depleted, and they need to raise £500,000 this year. Fund raising activities will continue all year in all the churches, so if you have a fund-raising idea please contact Audrey.

**HOW TO DONATE** - If you would like to beautify the church by saying 'Thank you' to God, or to a family member or friend, or if you would like to give thanks for the life of someone, then donate a lily or lilies and help ADRA at the same

time.

1. Please send your short dedication/s to Audrey -

abalderstone@btconnect.com

2. Either pay £5 per lily into the church account \* with the reference Lilies ADRA

OR send a cheque to Audrey made out to ADRA UK.

- 3. Lilies and dedications will be displayed in the church on Easter Sabbath.
- 4. Lilies and dedications can be collected outside the church after the service.

\*The church bank account details can be found at the end of this eBulletin. Thank you.

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ADRA As we will not be able to collect door to door for ADRA again this year, Audrey Balderstone has come up with a fund raising idea. She plans to give a donation to ADRA for the birthday of each of her friends and relatives during the year. She is also asking for donations to ADRA instead of birthday presents to her. If you would like to swell the fund for ADRA you could donate in honour of a friend or family member - or as a 'thank you' present for God's blessings. To donate please go to Audrey's Just Giving' page:

https:justgiving.com/fundraising/Audrey-Balderstone1

**Cradle Roll Programme MARCH 3rd edition** Sabbath at 9:45am on Youtube and Facebook.

We're launching ADRA 2021 Appeal this Saturday - 27th March at 3pm. Join lan Sweeney, Chair of the Board of Trustees and Bert Smit, CEO of ADRA-UK, along with other speakers for this special event. All speakers will highlight the work of ADRA overseas and in the UK and give you ideas on how you can get involved in raising funds for some of the world's most vulnerable people this year. Join us via YouTube this Saturday. Click here.

- Message from Pastor David Neal: With the delivery of the March edition, distribution of the print edition en masse to Adventist homes throughout the UK and Ireland comes to an end. But any household wishing to continue receiving the print edition may do so free of charge, simply by sending a message to: <a href="msubs@stanboroughpress.org.uk">msubs@stanboroughpress.org.uk</a>. or call Sarah Jarvis on: 01476-591700. The aim of this campaign is to ensure that all the UK and Ireland church family have the opportunity to connect with each other and stay connected. Very many thanks for your help.
- □ SOS mix for sale contact Pat Walton if you would like to purchase some. All proceeds to the Church Development Fund. Contact Pat on 07788311097 or 01923 672500.
- □ Watch the Parallel Service online Meeting ID: 840 134 7522, Passcode: 2007691

**Message from Pastor Terry Messenger** 

**Recent Church Appointments:** 

Audio Visual Team leader – Eric Wolfram Adventurers Leader – Megan Joseph

#### Transfers:

#### Transfers in:

- 1. Mr Graham Barham from SEC to Stanborough Park Church
- **2.** Mrs Inez Barham from SEC to Stanborough Park Church 3. Mr Frederic Shone from SEC to Stanborough Park Church
- **4.** Mrs Bibi Farozia Mungui from SEC to Stanborough Park
- 5. Mrs Yvonne Ishida from Nara SDA Church, Japan, to Stanborough Park Church
- **6.** Mr Thanreingam Ramrar from Phungreitung SDA Church, Manipur, India to Stanborough Park Church.

#### Transfers out:

- 1. Mr Luca Zagara from Stanborough Park to Welsh Mission
- **2.** Mrs Caroline Zagara from Stanborough Park to Welsh Mission *This is the first reading*

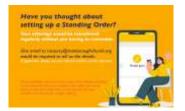
### **Profession of Faith**

The Church Board are recommending that the names of Josif & Elena Turturica be voted into the church on profession of faith. Their membership records have been lost between the SEC and Watford Romanian Church and the SEC recommends that we accept them on the profession of faith. This is the first reading of their names.











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