

The Salvation Army: Soup, Soap, and Salvation



Founded in 1865 in London by William Booth, The Salvation Army is one of the world's most active Christian denominations and charitable organizations. It began as a street mission with the goals of bringing people to God, deepening religious faith, and responding to local social needs, all with missionary zeal in the name of Jesus. The phrase "Soup, Soap, and Salvation" became a reference to the wholistic approach in helping people physically and spiritually without racial, ethnic, or socio-economic discrimination.

Many countries have recognized the importance of The Salvation Army by issuing postage stamps in commemoration of the group's work. Some stamps feature images which capture the character of the group itself: members in uniform, musical groups, the red shield and flag. Other stamps focus on the social services offered. Today, The Salvation Army serves people in more than 130 countries worldwide.

