

Welcome to Calvary Chapel of Hilo

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Sunday Morning - 9:00 A.M. **COLOSSIANS 1:2-23 "RECONCILED TO GOD"**

Next Week – **COLOSSIANS 1:24-29 "Paul's Ministry 101"**

Wednesday Bible Study – 9:30 am **FIRST KINGS 4**

WILLIAM BOOTH AND CATHERINE MUMFORD MARRY

THE FIRST TIME that **William Booth** and **Catherine**

Mumford met, she scolded him when he confessed he sometimes drank a little port. As a complete abstainer and the daughter of an alcoholic, she would not allow even health as an excuse for imbibing alcohol. Soon they met again at a tea meeting of Methodist Reformers, where she was deeply moved by the message he preached. When she became ill, he escorted her home across London. "Before we reached my home we both felt as though we had been made for each other," wrote Catherine. William pronounced it love at first sight. **On this day, 16 June 1855** they married, becoming one of the greatest husband-wife evangelistic teams known to history, and the founders of the Salvation Army.

From his teen years, Booth had worked to present the Gospel and deliver souls from the bondage of sin. The Wesleyan Methodist church he attended wanted nothing to do with people who deposited lice on the pews—exactly the people Booth hoped to reach. Suspecting him of being a "reformer" (a group which called for evangelization of the poor and outcast), the Wesleyans even took away his membership. Eventually Booth switched his allegiance to the Methodist New Connexion and preached throughout the English countryside.

Mumford also was a soul winner. A feminist, she took sharp exception when Booth spoke of women as the weaker sex. She claimed women had the right to preach. Booth disagreed a first but said he would not stop her. Seeing the fruits of her ministry, he went further and endorsed women preachers. As a result, when they founded the Salvation Army, he allowed women to preach and to serve in leadership roles.

Soon, William and Catherine realized that they had to meet more than spiritual needs. Starvation, sickness, and poverty were pervasive. They established schools, taught women to sew, opened food kitchens and found employment for the needy—and met furious opposition from tavern keepers and pimps who saw trade drop off when clients were converted.

Some pastors also resisted the Salvation Army, denouncing its evangelistic meetings as circus-like and too brash. As Booth held tent meetings and got attention with brass bands, detractors hurled bricks and bottles at the evangelists. Salvation Army workers died in mob attacks, but the Booths and their co-workers persevered, and the Salvation Army spread worldwide.

Catherine died of cancer in 1890. Her last words were, "The waters are rising, but so am I. I am not going under but over. Do not be concerned about dying; go on living well, the dying will be right." William lived until 1912 and carried on his work almost to the end. All but one of the Booths' nine children survived to adulthood. Several became vibrant Christian workers in their turn.

Christian History Institute

ONE DAY ALL WILL BE RECONCILED TO ONE ANOTHER

The scripture talks about the day when the lion and the lamb will lay together, it doesn't mention the snake and the hamster, but that is exactly what is happening in Tokyo. The zookeepers at Tokyo's Mutsugoro Okoku Zoo placed a hamster named "Gohan (the name means "meal") in Aochan's cage. The 1.2 metre rat snake didn't bite. Apparently, it's developed an appetite for frozen mice. "I've never seen anything like it. Gohan sometimes even climbs onto Aochan to take a nap on his back", Yamamoto said.

"We named her Gohan as a joke", Yamamoto chuckled. "But I don't think there's any danger. Aochan seems to enjoy Gohan's company very much."

—*The Canadian Press, "Snake befriends hamster at Tokyo zoo"*

One day all will be reconciled to one another. The cross removes the wall of hostility between the greatest of enemies and turns them into friends.

2 Corinthians 5:18–21 Everything is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: (19) That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed the message of reconciliation to us. (20) Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, certain that God is appealing through us. We plead on Christ's behalf, "Be reconciled to God." (21) He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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