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Brothers and sisters in christ.

For many years now Salvation Army charges have suffered pain and misery, often in silence.

This letter hopes to end this silence and by bringing the facts to the rank and file of the Salvation Army, the pain these charges have carried since childhood.

Three Men in particular, from the Bexley boys home in n.s.w struggle to cope with the trauma and shame of what happened to them in a children's home run by the Salvation Army.

Many officers betrayed the values of General William Booth by sexually, mentally and physically abusing these innocent boys, in most cases for years.

This abuse has carried on down the years, with most charges suffering mentally and physically.

As John Dalziel from the Salvation Army stated in his letter to the government dated the 1st of October 2001, which says in part "we pledge to listen to the voice of suffering, rejection, loss and despair, to acknowledge past failures and to resolve to work together for the good of all Australians.

It has become apparent that the suffering, rejection, loss and despair suffered by these Australian charges is not a priority with the senior officials of the Salvation Army at this time, although they have settled one case, in an out of court settlement, which was over eighteen months ago it is uncertain why they have chosen to leave the other cases in the court system at the moment dormant, it is for this reason that we ask you As Christians for your help in debating the issue of compensation with senior ranks within the army would truly be a light on the hill for the forgotten victims of silence from the homes.

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Former boys of the Salvation Army Bexley Boys Home.