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Mr. Graham Rundle

Dear Mr. Rundle

My name is Floyd Tidd, and I was appointed to lead The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory last year. Since my arrival from Canada I have been working to become acquainted with the ministry and history of The Salvation Army in Australia. I have given specific attention to understanding the Army's history of children's homes and the cases of abuse associated with those homes. I have picked up a copy of your book "44" and read it this past week. I have been moved by your story and the stories of so many others that I have become aware of since my arrival in Australia.

Words of deep regret, seem too inadequate for the reality of your experience. I do offer an unreserved apology for the abuse suffered by those who should have found a place of safety and caring within The Salvation Army especially as young and vulnerable children. I deeply regret your own experience. There is much we are committed to learn and do based upon past failures. Actions and approaches must be in place which are appropriate to assist survivors of abuse in the past. Policies and practices must be in place to ensure that this does not happen again, and that all children and vulnerable persons will find The Salvation Army to be a safe place to receive care and support.

Mr. Rundle, I would welcome an opportunity to meet and hear personally from you of your own experience and elements of your story that you would want to be sure I understand as the leader of The Salvation Army today. I am out of the country until the first week of January, but upon my return to Melbourne, would be prepared to meet with you wherever and whenever would be convenient to you.

I will look forward to your response and the opportunity to meet should you choose to accept my offer to meet.

Sincerely

Floyd J Tidd

Commissioner

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