

**WM Page of War Cry 2015**  
**HELEN CHAN – Kowloon City Corps**

Helen Chan is a vibrant 22 year old soldier of Kowloon City Corps who is also a member of the Moral and Social Issues Council of the Command. Lt-Col Wendy Swan recently met with Helen to talk about her life as a student and soldier of Jesus Christ.

**Tell me something about yourself Helen.**

I am an energetic person who grew up in a very loving home and so it makes it easy to love other people. I am the eldest in my family and have one brother. I am in my third year of a Bachelor of Arts in Translation at the Hong Kong Baptist University. Oh yes – and I am left-handed !

**Describe your relationship with God.**

Sometimes I am closer to God than other times. My studies, singing with the HKBU Christian Choir and ministry are always calling me. I am also in a work placement this year so that puts a lot of pressure on me too. But in my heart, I always want to be closer to God.

**Why are you part of The Salvation Army ?**

My parents are soldiers so I grew up in the Army and I consider it spiritual home. I enjoy great fellowship with my friends who check up on me and hold me accountable to God and to them – it's a real blessing.

**What do you like most about being a woman?**

God allows me to express my enthusiasm and emotions without any hesitation. I don't take that for granted. It makes me free to be what He wants me to be for Him.

**You're incredibly busy as a young woman. Describe a perfect day 'off'.**

As much as I enjoy being with other people, a perfect day would have me just being on my own – walking, enjoying the scenery around me. I also love to learn about society and people – watching and listening to those around me - that would give me the perfect opportunity to do so.

**It is not so long ago, but what would you say to yourself if you were 18 again?**

Laughing...I would tell myself to not be so busy – take care of your health. Care for your family – they are such a precious gift.

**How do you balance life with your present schedule?**

No perfect answer. I am still learning how to do this. My mom gave me good advice when she said to listen to family, friends and co-workers. Always balance that with what you know about yourself and what you read in God's word.

**How do you think women of faith change their world?**

Start with the little things – sharing your view and opinions. I think it's absolutely important to practice what you say you believe. It's like what Catherine Booth said "You were born to change the world" – that's what I

want to do for Jesus. I hold to Matthew 6:33 which tells me “Seek first the things of God and everything else will be given to you” – great promise !

**Your greatest hope for the future?**

I believe God loves this world and wants us to live in harmony with Him and each other. I want to partner with Him by being a translator – whether translating the Scriptures or being a language teacher or in another way He has yet to tell. I will wait for His direction.