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## TO ALL NATIONAL BOARDS /COUNCILS

Calvary Greetings my GB Sisters around the world!! Where has the time gone!! As we come to the end of another year, may we reflect on the faithfulness of our God and the Blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let us look back on the achievements of this year and acknowledge the lessons we have learned along the way. In the face of trials and obstacles, God has been faithful, and we have shown unwavering trust in God's guidance as we Rose in His Strength to fulfil the Mission.

So what is new at GBI?

1. Our new website has gone Live!!!. Please check it out and give feedback.!!
2. As we all are aware, there has been a "Queen's Award" programme for our girls. This has been a source of pride for many. However, some of our girls missed out because, "countries not under the Monarchy have not participated in the challenge. With the passing of the Queen (MHSRP), IPC have decided to launch a " GB International Award" from January 2024. For those who had already begun the challenge for the Queen's Award, they will still be awarded after completion so that we have a smooth transfer. The criteria for the GB International Award will be decided in consultation with National Councils. This will be shared by 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2024
3. IPC have seen the need to be proactive to keep GB Relevant. We agreed that there were 3 focus areas that were key to the objective of keeping GB Relevant. These were, Advocacy, Capacity Building and Leadership Development and Resource Mobilisation
  - Advocacy. IPC have appointed Dr. Claire Rush as GBI Volunteer Advocacy Director, to champion Advocacy programmes for GBI. Dr. Claire will be leading the "Delegation of Hope 2024.!! The Girls Brigade International is seating at the table!!! GBI will be hosting a Parallel event at the UN Conference on the Status of Women (CSW68), in New York in March 2024. We have 7 young women who will be representing us and doing a presentation on "Breaking the Code of Silence". Watch our Social media pages to meet the Team!!
  - Delegation of Hope 2024 comprises of 2 Ladies from ASIA Fellowship, Sollee Ferer and Praise Valdez from the Philippines, 2 from the Pacific Fellowship, Caitlyn Robinson

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(Australia) and Dange Barziring (Papua New Guinea), 3 From Africa Fellowship, Ibinibo Patrick (Nigeria), Nelly Banda (Zambia) and Bupe Nachilima (On Stand by), 1 from Europe Fellowship, Hannah Mopeth (GBEW) and 1 from CA Fellowship, Christian Roberts (British Virgin Islands). I encourage you to support the team in prayer as they prepare their presentation. I also appeal on their behalf for assistance towards their flight's costs to New York. If every GB member would give just 50cents, we would be able to cover part of the whole group's flights!! They will be the face of GB at the UN and flights are not cheap. These ladies are expected to spearhead and promote GBI advocacy programmes and also do networking at the Conference. I encourage you to prayerfully consider supporting them financially. Please get in touch with your IVP to see how you can help or donate direct to the GBI Paying platforms and specify that it is for the DOH 2024.

- **Capacity Building and Leadership Development:** IPC Advertised for the position of Volunteer Coordinator and the successful Candidate is Bupe Nachilima from Zambia. Bupe will be working with IPC to create programmes for the development of our Leaders. Will do research and advise IPC on new ways of doing GB, relevant to today's generation.
- **Resource Mobilisation:** This is key for GBI to embark on meaningful empowerment projects for girls. We are still looking for a volunteer professional to work with IPC.

As we enter the new year, 2024, Let us remain steadfast in our commitment to work towards the transformation of girls' lives, to be a shining light in a world that often feels dark, and to bring comfort to those who are hurting. Our Theme for 2024 is, "**Rise in Strength, MAKE DISCIPLES**" Mathew 28:16 to 20 Jesus charges His disciples to GO, MAKE Disciples. Together, let us "Rise In Strength" to the Challenge of the Great Commission and continue to make a positive impact in our communities and beyond, never faltering in our dedication to living out our faith. As we place our trust in God, He will equip us with the necessary strength, wisdom, and grace to fulfill His purposes.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering commitment, passion, and love. It is through God's Grace and your positive answer to Join God in His Mission, that

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The Girls Brigade International continues to thrive and make a difference in the lives of Girls and Young women for 130 Years and Counting! I am honoured to stand alongside you as we move forward into a new year filled with infinite possibilities.

May the love of Christ guide us, the Holy Spirit empower us, and our Shared Vision propel us towards even greater heights in the upcoming year.

**2024: RISE IN STRENGTH.. MAKE DISCIPLES, Mathew 28:16 – 20**

**Priscilla P. Penny**  
**The International President**

**"For we walk by faith and not by sight".... to see girls' lives transformed: God's world enriched!**

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