

## Farewell to I can't

Recently we were asked by United Christian Broadcasters to take part in a live discussion on air. It was a programme that would last an hour. For those made of sterner stuff this might have been a request that left them completely unruffled. Not so with the Sisters - after the initial shock followed by a stunned silence, everyone made a very convincing case why they should not be the one to do it. We were given a weekend by UBC to pray about it. This was the coup d'état by the producer as we already suspected that the Lord was saying, "do it".

Leadership brings certain obligations and the two leading the community agreed they should be the ones. It hung over our heads like a cloud until the day arrived. We felt inadequate, untrained and anxious confronting a new situation. As we sat with large earphones on our heads and a big microphone in front of each of us, for one at least the fear increased. During a pause when music was being played the presenter said to one of the sisters, "you look terrified!" She was!

But inadequate and weak though we were the Lord brought us through. It would have been so easy to say when we were asked, "we can't do this." It was a very good place for two normally confident people to be, weak and totally dependent on the Lord and to see again that he is able to do through us what we cannot do ourselves.

Beware of the, "I can't" with a full stop after it. For some it can be a constant refrain, "I can't". It is true we can't but Christ within us can. He is waiting for our, "yes". When we look to ourselves and our own resources we are completely inadequate but Christ is more than sufficient for every situation and calling.



"I can do all things through Him who gives me strength"  
Phil. 4 v.13 NIV.