



Scripture Union International

Globalnews



stories and updates from Scripture Union around the world

Global News aims to keep you in touch with how our network of Scripture Union teams around the world is having an impact on young lives. We hope this monthly update will inspire you to partner with us.

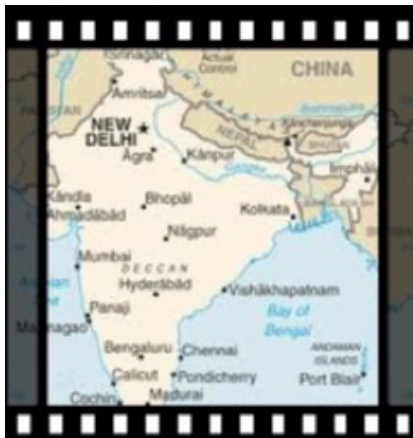
Prayer in the midst of the pandemic



As the world continues to struggle with the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are praying for those countries that are currently in crisis – especially India. A member of the Scripture Union International team who lives in India wrote recently, *"Please pray that those who need medical care will be able to access it. Pray for families who are going through extended agony as they care for those who are ill or have the onerous task of looking for hospitals with available beds for their loved ones who need treatment. Pray for the government and the leadership - for wisdom. Above all, please pray for the Lord to have mercy - for protection and for strength."*

For Bible and prayer resources based around the pandemic see our global website: <https://scriptureunion.global/covid-19/bible-engagement/>

About India



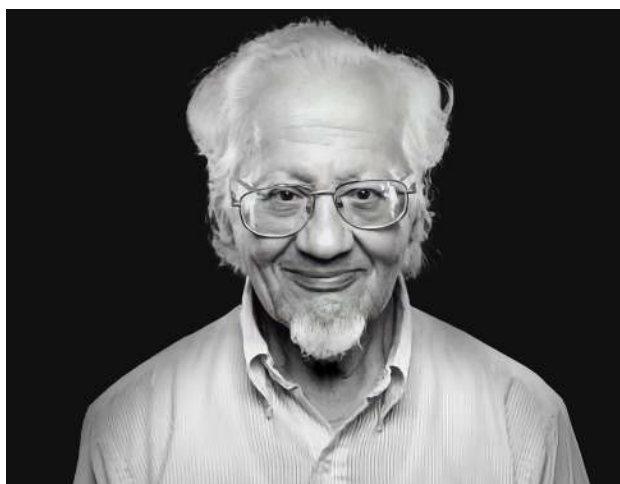
India has the second largest population in the world with more than 1.2 billion people. There are 22 recognised languages with Hindi and English being the official languages. Nearly 80 per cent of the population follows Hinduism, with Christianity making up just over 2 per cent. Almost 30 per cent of the population is under 15.

Scripture Union has a range of ministries across India and is active in schools, with camps and family ministries.

Tribute to the 'father of integral mission'

René Padilla: Servant of the Word

Renowned Theologian and Pastor, C. René Padilla, died at the age of 88 last month. Known as the father of integral mission, he developed a theological framework that has been adopted by hundreds of Christian missions and relief organisations, including Scripture Union. Integral mission led evangelical Christians around the world to widen their mission, integrating social action and evangelism, in René Padilla's words, as *"two wings of a plane."*



A member of Scripture Union's Global Board, Enrique Martinez Reina, who was discipled by René in Argentina, reflects on his legacy and his impact on mission. *He writes, "René Padilla was Ecuadorian by birth, Argentine by residence and global citizen for his contribution to evangelical thought as a promoter of Integral Mission. He was one of the influential speakers at the renowned Lausanne Congress in 1974."*

I met him a little over 40 years ago when he was our mentor in the International Community of Evangelical Students (IFES) movement. Having met my wife Norma in that student ministry, we had to carry out a long-distance courtship, since she is from Argentina and I am from Honduras. René, due to his trips to both our countries, became an intermediary and advisor for us both. When we lived in Buenos Aires for several years, René was our discipling pastor. His style was to involve his disciples in ministries in which he participated. This is how we got involved, at his invitation, in the Latin American Theological Fraternity and in Scripture Union. Those ministries have been precious to us and have allowed us to grow in our biblical theological knowledge.

René's influence in my life included an encouragement to: serious study and engagement with Scripture, being an obedient follower of Jesus Christ, being committed to the Kingdom of God and justice, seeing Church mission from a broader perspective, seeing the Church as a transforming instrument of society and being committed to the most vulnerable. René was a servant of the Word, a serious theologian, passionate writer, eloquent speaker, but above all, he was a disciple of Jesus Christ who tried to live according to that teaching. His legacy lives on today."



Do you ever feel the need to escape? **Scripture Union France** has developed a unique game for teenagers called 'Escape'. Escape aims to harness their imagination around a Bible story and helps them to engage with the characters in the story and what happens in order to complete the puzzle and make their escape.

Training for transformation



Scripture Union Malawi is giving thanks for the 220 teachers they trained to run Bible Clubs and how to be proactive in dealing with teenage pregnancies and school dropouts among children and young people - especially whilst schools have been closed due to COVID-19.

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If you would like to know more about how to partner with us or find out about Scripture Union in a particular country or area, you can discover more **HERE**:

