



Scripture Union International

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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.

Equipping refugee leaders to share 'God's Big Story'



A special interactive training program for refugee leaders has been equipping young evangelists to share the Good News with renewed confidence. [**SU Uganda**](#) missionary, Beth Baleke, explained how God has been at work through the Biblical values training programs they are running with refugees from South Sudan. She said, *"It is always an exciting opportunity to hear their own personal stories of how the Lord is working in their individual lives and then in the lives of the hundreds of children and families that we cannot reach, but who they are able to reach on a regular basis in the camps."* The training has been helping train the volunteers to work with children and young people, encouraging them in their faith and helping them grow as disciples.



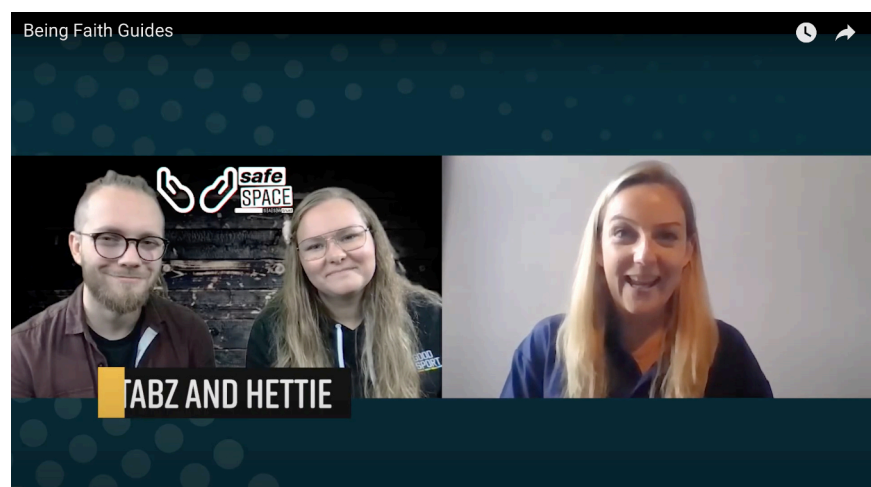
about Uganda



Uganda borders five African countries: Kenya, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Rwanda and Tanzania. With a population of 45 million, it is one of the most densely populated countries in Africa. It is also one of the fastest growing countries in Africa and has the world's youngest population. Uganda is one of the poorest countries in the world, most people make a living from farming or agricultural activities. Uganda is also home to half of the world's remaining mountain gorilla population. The official languages are English and Swahili and more than 80 per cent of the population are Christians. SU has been a leader of children's ministries in the country for more than 50 years. Working with both churches and schools, SU is engaged in evangelism and discipleship of children and young people through school clubs, camps, and Bible Ministries.

'Faith guides' walk with young people on their journeys of faith

A new faith guides scheme set up by **SU England and Wales** is helping support young people on their faith journeys and encouraging them to grow together as disciples. SU worker Hettie, from Southport in England, said, "Because we've done a lot of connecting with young people, we've seen a lot of young people becoming interested in Jesus and actually they want to explore that in their own way. But because we've got to know them, to know what they're interested in, actually the excitement of these 'grow communities' being led by these young people and what they're interested in is actually quite exciting. A lot of the young people we're working with are interested in sport, music, media – the things we're also interested in, which means we can support them further to run their 'grow communities' themselves." You can watch the full interview [here](#).



Pandemic report calls for **churches to prioritise children's ministry**



New research into ministry among children and families across Brazil, Canada, UK, and the United States, found the impact of the pandemic so far has caused children to feel excluded, isolated and marginalised from churches. It also revealed that Christian parents felt ill equipped for nurturing their child's faith. The report, which was supported by [SU Canada](#), along with some other Christian organisations, calls for church leaders and para-church organisations to urgently prioritise work among children and lay out clear strategies for the way ahead. It calls for "a deeper level of dialogue to transform the existing mindset of parents feeling ill-equipped and hesitant to engage with their child's faith." The research revealed that relational connections for children and young people are far more important than programs or resources. Click [here](#) for the full report:

Young SU leaders **help new student feel welcomed in school**

One student from [SU New South Wales](#) has shared about how an SU group in her school helped her make the transition into a new school when she was anxious about making friends and settling in. Luca said, "I felt so loved and welcomed in that environment because there were people there who not only shared my love for Jesus, were my age and were going through the same high school experience that I was; there were student leaders that were able to make me feel supported and



welcomed and just usher me into that new school environment and make me feel like I belonged there." Her mum said, "It's been really amazing watching Luca grow in her faith by being a part of SU. Involvement in SU has given her a lot of confidence and being proud to be who she is." You can watch Luca's video [here](#).

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