



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.**

## 60 years on and **still** going strong



**SU Hong Kong** marked its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 12 January 2022. On that same day in 1962, SU Hong Kong's first committee was formed under the chairmanship of the Rev'd Philip Teng, who was invited by Tony McCutcheon to be the first Chairman of the committee.

National Director of SU Hong Kong, Matthew Wong said, "We thank God for His guidance and provision to SU Hong Kong for all these years. Today our staff join to celebrate His love and grace. We also thank God for the love and fellowship of Scripture Union friends around the world, their support means a lot to SU Hong Kong."

As they enter their 60<sup>th</sup> year, the SU Hong Kong team is launching a series of five short videos, called 'Bible Mini-Classes'. The five-minute videos highlight special gospel messages and, for the first time, include sign language for those who are deaf or hard of hearing. Matthew explained, "It's our response to those who work with people who have disabilities worldwide. We hope God will use the videos to be a blessing to many."

## about Hong Kong

Hong Kong is a special administrative region of China, located to the east of the Pearl River (Zhu Jiang) estuary on the south coast. Ceded by China to Great Britain in 1842, the Chinese-British joint declaration signed in 1984, paved the way for the entire territory of Hong Kong to be returned to China in July 1997. Hong Kong Island tends to steal the limelight, but there are 263 islands in Hong Kong and its population is about 7 million. Famous for its skyscrapers, the words 'Hong Kong' mean 'fragrant harbour'. However, Christian workers and churches have needed to cope with the influence of complicated social and political conditions that have existed in recent years. Chinese and English are both official languages. Most Hong Kong people do not profess a religion and Christians make up less than 8 per cent of the population. SU Hong Kong operates a thriving children's and youth ministry, providing Bible reading resources which are widely used throughout the Chinese speaking world.



## sharing Bible resources in the Congo

### SU in the the Republic of the Congo – Brazzaville

launched a daily Bible meditation manual for people of all ages in Brazzaville last month. The special event included music, testimonies and talks to help people understand the kind of impact the guides can have, especially on young lives. The **Guide Express'O** manual, originally created by SU France, takes a four-step approach and encourages readers to: take a break – read the Bible – meditate – live it. The steps are the same

for everyone, although they are presented slightly differently depending on age and aim to be simple enough to make them within everyone's reach. The SU team in the Congo said they hope many will take up the challenge to pause or take a break this year and make space to meditate on God's word. They were also able to share several other resources including the RDV daily Bible guide for young people over 13 years old, which is also available as an app.







## meeting **God** in new ways at camp



Recently, SU in the **Solomon Islands** held a students' camp at Balasuna Bible College campus in the east of Honiara City. National Director, Nathan Mautai, said, *"It was an encouraging time of Bible engagement, sports and fun. Some young people shared that the camp was a great moment in their lives and a chance to have a fresh encounter with the Lord."*

# How can we **engage young people** in the Bible today?



**Scripture Union International's** Bible Engagement Consultation will begin next month and will run for three weeks. As part of SUI's Bible Engagement Initiative, it will aim to develop new thinking and approaches amongst the Scripture Union Global Family and will serve as a referral point, enabling Bible engagement thinkers and practitioners to reflect on today's generation, transformation, and innovation and the impact on SU. It is hoped that the consultation will lead to fresh thinking, resources, and ideas. For more details contact Becky Swamickan: [beckys@scriptureunion.global](mailto:beckys@scriptureunion.global)

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