



Stories and updates from Scripture Union around the world

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reaching out with love in Laos



Sharing God's love in practical ways is helping draw children, young people, and families to a new-found faith in God in Laos. **Scripture Union in Laos** has been working with local churches to help deliver protective equipment and food during the pandemic. National Director, Khounkeo Phasavath, said, *"When my team and I go and visit families we give them a 'Love Gift Bag' including water, food, and medicines. At the same time, I take the opportunity to share the gospel."*

He said national festivals and camps were also a great opportunity to reach out to children and young people and an opportunity for them to invite friends and family who didn't know God.

"We're giving thanks to God for being able to share the gospel with more than 500 people," he said. *"We've also seen about 150 young people turn to Jesus Christ. Due to the situation with Covid-19, we have begun sharing the gospel online. I'm also able to preach the gospel through social media such as Facebook Live and YouTube, reaching many more people."*

about Laos

Laos is the only landlocked country in Southeast Asia, bordered by Myanmar, China, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand. Called the 'Land of a Million Elephants,' it is famous for its amazing scenery, ethnic villages, and unexplored lands. It also has some of Southeast Asia's most spectacular waterfalls and nearly three quarters of the land is covered in mountains and forests that are too steep to live on. Although landlocked, Laos boasts thousands of beautiful islands along the Mekong River where most of the population live. Laos is one of the few remaining communist states, but also one of the world's lowest income countries. Laos is also the most bombed place in the world, because of the US bombings during the Vietnam war. The many unexploded bombs have made much of the land unfeasible for agriculture and hundreds of Laotians are injured or killed each year when uncovering unexploded devices. The majority of the population is Buddhist, with Christians making up just over three per cent. Scripture Union in Laos is well known for its established Sunday School teacher's training and is actively working with children and young people through a range of activities including outreach, camps, and clubs each year.



helping children cope with loss

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Kenya have been helping children and young people affected by trauma due to the pandemic. National Director, Nanci Kahuthia, explained, "We pray that God will continue to minister to the 4,300 children and almost 800 adults, who have benefitted from the courses. The program includes children and young people working with peer educators who help them explore the stages of grief and what may be the causes and triggers for mental unwellness."



One of the children from Nyoro Primary School shared his story about how the program had helped him following the death of his father.

"My name is Albert. I am in Class 7 in Nyoro Primary School. I lost my dad and aunt to Covid-19. This made our family to be isolated by the community. At school, other children did not want to come near me. I was lonely and felt rejected. The children kept away from me because most of them came from my village, so they knew what had happened in my family. But after going through lessons on grief and loss, stress, trauma, isolation, loneliness, and stigma, I recovered from the mental challenges I was going through, even though I am not fully recovered. In 2022 I will be doing my final exams for primary education and I'm positive that I will perform well."

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bringing the lads together in Papua New Guinea



Scripture Union Papua New Guinea has been celebrating its 'Gents' camp, attended by boys from grades 7-12 from schools around the country. One of the leaders said they are working with the future generation of leaders for the country, helping them to understand God's Big Story and how they can be a part of seeing God work in their communities and bring about transformation. She said, *"Such a gathering is very important and inspiring because it builds the men up, especially the boys because they are the foundation for the family."* The camps include time for the boys to reflect and share as well as sports and fun activities. A video of highlights from the 2018 gents' camp is available to view [HERE](#):

Training in children's ministry in Cote D'Ivoire



Young leaders recently graduated from the Scripture Union Bible School of Children's Ministry training in Cote D'Ivoire. They received certificates at an awards ceremony, along with students from the Christian Young Leaders School. The national director of **Scripture Union Cote D'Ivoire**, Bertin Awomon, attended along with other guests, to congratulate them on their achievements. The Scripture Union team in Cote D'Ivoire looks forward to seeing the impact these newly trained leaders will have on expanding their ministry to children and young people, including during the forthcoming Easter programs.

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