# Scripture Union International



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 is having an impact on young lives each month.

## Walking through the Bible in Taiwan



Helping Chinese churches to 'walk through the Bible' has been a vital ministry for Scripture Union Taiwan. Former national director of <u>SU Taiwan</u>, Shirley Wang, who is becoming a co-opted member of Scripture Union International's Global Board, explained how they had been reaching thousands of Christians through the special program.

"Our 'Walk through the Bible' (WTB) series to preach the word of God in a lively and interesting way is designed to help believers learn and stimulate their enthusiasm for reading the Bible," said Shirley. "In recent years, SU Taiwan has served more than 100 Chinese churches each year, preaching pure and lively Sunday messages to believers in Mandarin or Taiwanese."



Shirley said it was a very important ministry for SU Taiwan to connect with the Church. "Even during the Covid pandemic, we were still moving forward firmly for the Lord through both online and offline methods." Their website helps churches to sign up for the Bible reading schedules and their daily Bible notes. More than 100 churches have now registered to take part and SU Taiwan has a team of experienced speakers who travel to share their message with churches across the country.

## about **Taiwan**

Taiwan is situated off the eastern and south-eastern coasts of the Asian continent, at the middle of the island chain between Japan and the Philippines. The country is roughly the size of Belgium but has 23 million residents, making it one of the most densely populated countries in the world. Taiwan has its own currency and government and is officially also called the 'Republic of China', the name it kept after losing the civil war to the Chinese Communist party, which uses the name the 'People's Republic of China'. Taiwan is known for its high mountain tea and its famous tea plantations. Mandarin or Standard Chinese are the official languages, and the main religions are folk religions and Buddhism, with Christianity making up just 6 per cent of the population. Scripture Union has been established in the country for 60 years, helping inspire churches and families to engage with the Bible through a variety of channels and programs.

## the battle for the Bible



In some countries where Scripture Union is operating, just possessing a Bible can be dangerous. In one of our restricted countries, which we can't name for security reasons, 50 copies of the Bible were confiscated at the border.

One of the SU team explained, "The law enforcement department has called us for interrogation. Please pray that Scripture Union would be a mighty instrument in the hands of God in the midst of hostility, threat, and persecution."

The team are praying for the resources to make the Bible available to every individual who wants one across the country, especially the hundreds of students who don't have their own Bible.

#### **Give for Bibles**

## Vacation camps draw thousands in Nigeria

Thousands of young people joined in more than 260 Scripture Union camps across Nigeria over the past few months during their long vacation.

The **Scripture Union Nigeria** team said many of the young people saw their lives turned around as they heard the Good News and made decisions to follow Christ while attending the camps.

One boy called Emmanuel from Benin, talked about how God had challenged him about the way he was living. He said, "I heard a voice telling me to come out for the altar call. Since then, my life has changed for better."





## a new family resource from SU Canada



A new resource from <u>Scripture Union Canada</u> is helping families to come together to explore the Bible.

The Bible engagement resource called 'Family Quest' is an engaging, discussiongenerating, interactive, experiential activity that connects parents and children with the Bible and each other.

According to the SU Canada team, Family Quest is a family Bible guide that feels like a game. Some 30 Bible readings take families through the story of the Bible, offering different ways to engage with it, including discussion questions, acting, memorising a Bible verse, drawing, and even singing.

Watch the video

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