



Scripture Union International



Stories and updates from Scripture Union around the world

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Malaysian pupils learn that **no-one** is beyond **God's love**



Reaching out to the next generation and empowering them to be the salt and light of the world, is a driving ambition for [**Scripture Union Peninsular Malaysia**](#).

Their recent event at a primary school had encouraging results, when one of the SU staff, See Yuan, shared the Parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-32) at an international primary school.

See Yuan said: "During the event, students participated in a role-playing activity called the 'Good-o-Meter' to illustrate the gracious exchange between Jesus' clean record towards a sinner's record. It was amazing to see the students enthusiastically engaging with the activity.

"They learned that nobody is "too bad" to be saved; it's a joyous occasion when even one sinner repents! We are immensely grateful for this opportunity to impact students with God's Word. We believe that the children and youth ministries play a crucial role in shaping the next generation's lives and guiding them towards a meaningful and fulfilling life."

about **Peninsular Malaysia**

The country of Malaysia is two separate areas of land known as Peninsular Malaysia and East Malaysia in south east Asia. The two regions are separated by the South China Sea by about 400 miles. Peninsular Malaysia is on the tip of the Malay Peninsula, a long, thin landmass that snakes south from Thailand towards the South China Sea. Malaysia's capital, Kuala Lumpur, is located on the west side of Peninsular Malaysia. The country is blanketed by tropical rainforests and large rivers, which are fed by nearly 10 feet of rain a year and flow from the country's highlands. There are several vast nature reserves and national parks across the country and it is known for its orangutans and rafflesia flowers. Malaysia is a multi-ethnic and multi-religious country and one of the wealthiest and most developed countries in south east Asia. The Federation of Malaya became an independent country in 1957. About 33 million people live in Malaysia and the official language is Malay. Malaysia's official religion is Islam; about 60 per cent of the population are Muslim and 20 per cent are Buddhist. Scripture Union is actively working with churches to support their work with children and young people and works through school Christian fellowship groups to help encourage Bible Engagement, with resources available in multiple languages.



camping with Scripture Union in Australia's 'Lost World'



Scripture Union supporter Ken from Australia shared his memories of an SU camp from nearly 70 years ago at the Lost World boys camp in 1957. Back then, the camp was held at the foot of the Lost World, a famous area of rainforest on top of a mountain in the Lamington Plateau, near the Gold Coast. The camp was packed with physical activities, swims in the local creek, and devotions each night.

"The subtle, yet powerful spiritual environment," says Ken, "challenged our spiritual state and caused me to have some serious conversations with the camp leader which later led to a lifetime commitment. I have the happiest memories of those camp experiences and later ensured my daughter attended during Schoolies Week."

Ken's rich experiences on the [**SU camp in Australia**](#) has made him a dedicated supporter of SU ministry over the years.

Sharing God's message through the Narnia musical



Scripture Union in Spain have been supporting a special creative project that aims to share the word of God and the message of salvation through musicals.

Leader of Children's Ministry for SU Spain, Melani Zarco, is the director of the project which began in 2015. Their latest musical, called 'Origin – the musical of Narnia', is based on the Narnia stories and involves a whole range of volunteers both on stage and behind the scenes.

"We have already made two musicals and we were looking for a new project," Melani said, "My husband Jose, loves CS Lewis novels and we discovered that everything in the CS Lewis Narnia novels has a message and a parallel with Christian faith."

The latest musical is based on the first two novels in the Narnia series, *The Lion the witch and the Wardrobe* and *The Magicians Nephew*.

Melani said, "We wanted to start from the beginning about how it all came about and the creation story and how it linked to the wardrobe in the novel. The musical is called Origin – the musical of Narnia because it is based on creation and it talks about the sacrifice Jesus made, paralleled to Aslan the lion in the Narnia stories. It is a history of hope, of forgiveness, of salvation and of reconciliation and much more..."

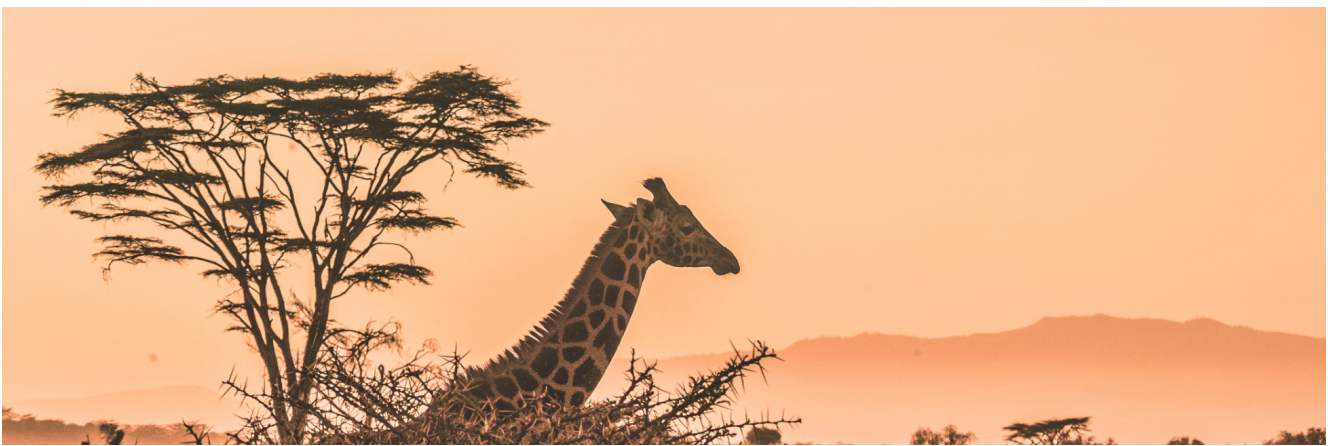
The musical has been supported by local churches and about 200 volunteers of different ages and from different denominations have been part of both the preparation and performances.



In 2019 the musical was premiered, but its run was cut short in 2020 when the pandemic struck. The team were very excited to be able to start up again in 2022 and their first performance since the pandemic drew people of all ages from far and wide. Melani said, "We received many, many positive reviews, and we have heard that people have been affected by the musical, so it is much more than entertainment – it is sharing God's story of love. We don't merely want to entertain but to transform lives."

Watch the full interview with Melani [here](#):

SU Tanzania plants trees on 60th anniversary



Scripture Union Tanzania celebrated its 60th anniversary with a week-long celebration which included planting tree in schools and along the roads to combat desertification.

Although anniversary celebrations were held in many different regions, the main event was in Dodoma and included seminars for Sunday School teachers and young people's workshops.

National Director, Stellah Mtui, said: "We are so grateful to the Lord for His mercy and kindness that we were able to celebrate 60 years of Scripture Union of Tanzania. We were delighted that we could join in environmental conservation in Dodoma through planting trees at some schools and along the roads. Planting trees is real a blessing to this area of central Tanzania (Dodoma and Singida) which is semi desert."



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