

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.

Fresh inspiration for the Bible in Namibia

TEENAGER Laura, from Namibia, has been part of Scripture Union activities through her school. She talked about the impact it has had on her life.

"Scripture Union improved the way I read and understand the bible and helped me to know more about Christ.

I am privileged to be a part of a youth movement that is "looking unto Christ the author and finisher of our faith", and that is training young people in this generation and preparing them for a spirit filled life.

Before Scripture Union, I did know about Christ, but I never had any solid teaching on the word of God. I was never interested in reading the bible and I was very lazy when it came to praying. After I was introduced to Scripture Union at Vazungu High School in January 2022, my life was restored.



Ever since then reading the bible and praying became daily routines, I even memorise scriptures. I have gained more knowledge about what the bible is saying and I apply it to my everyday life."

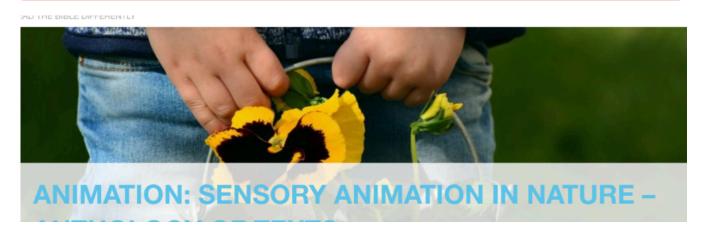
Scripture Union in Namibia is actively working with children and young people through schools to help share God's Big story and to share its importance for their lives.

about **Namibia**

Namibia is located in southern Africa with a population of 2.4 million. It shares borders with South Africa, Angola, Zambia and Botswana. It is known for its natural attractions, which include national parks the Namib desert and the Kalahari Desert. It also boasts some of the highest sand dunes in the world. The country was a former colony of Germany but gained independence in 1990. Although English is the official language there are 30 other recognised languages and locals speak nine different languages. The country is famous for the high quality of diamonds it produces. Around 80 per cent of the population are Christian. Scripture Union is actively working in schools and through camps and events to share God's Big Story with children and young people.



Bible activity resource aims to connect young people with nature



Scripture Union France is encouraging children and young people to "cultivate their inner meadow" with a new sensory Bible activity resource. The resource created by Scripture Union France for a special youth gathering, where around 200 young people, aged between 10-17 years old, came together around the theme of 'Cultivating your inner meadow.' Now available to download, the resource formed a biblical reflection time at the event, which can now be used during family worship, holidays and for youth gatherings.

The Bible engagement activity encourages young people to "live in the middle of nature, to nourish their inner life by listening to the Word, connecting with nature and sharing with others." Going through the biblical texts, the resources offer a meditative and sensory approach, linking the Bible with the environment and offering young people the chance to think deeply and ask questions.

All the practical aspects of running the sessions are outlined by SU France including locations, resources and even music. You can download the full resource here: Download the complete animation "Cultivate your inner meadow

Malaysian Young Ambassador shares her hopes

One of our Scripture Union young ambassadors from Malaysia shared her hopes for the year-long program recently. See Yuan, who is 24, works in schools and children's ministry with **SU Peninsular**

Malaysia.

See Yuan said she hoped the program will help her to develop a global mindset. "Being a part of the global community with over 120 countries, is a privilege because not many organisations today have such a rich, history and vast network. It's definitely good to seize this opportunity and



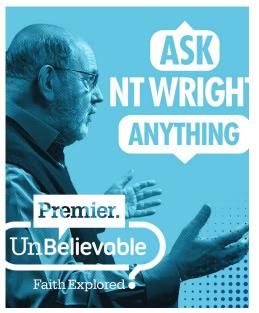
work together... I'm looking forward to meeting the other ambassadors in person and people from all the other countries at the Global Assembly in March 2024."

Watch the video

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The impact of Scripture Union on renowned theologian NT Wright



A wonderful testimony to the impact of Scripture Union was shared by the famous theologian Tom Wright, looking back on his time at school in England. Head of Scripture Union England and Wales, Myles MacBean, wrote, "Our context may have changed, but the mission of SU England and Wales remains the same: to create opportunities for children and young people to explore the Bible, respond to Jesus and grow in faith.

"Asked what helps him make Bible reading part of his daily routine, Tom Wright (a.k.a. N.T. Wright) explained how Scripture Union introduced him to the importance of daily prayer and Bible reading! He mentions the inductive 'Scripture Union method' that is still displayed at the front of every copy of SUEW Bible reading guides.'

Premier Radio "Ask NT Wright Anything" #166 - full episode is available here: https://bit.ly/SU_NTWright

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