



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.

# Standing up to **fight violence against children**



[Scripture Union Honduras](#) has been supporting children and young people who are at risk through its program 'Together for the Good', which has run preventive schemes in favour of good treatment and ending violence against children and adolescents. Joining with an initiative by the Deborah Program, in partnership with Victims of Child Sexual Abuse and other groups working against sexual violence towards children and adolescents, SU Honduras joined in a protest march during August to raise awareness of the issue.

Speaking about the event, a member of SU Honduras, Delmy Maritza Ramos Sánchez, said: "We joined this very important initiative by our friends in the Deborah Program of the Global Village, in solidarity with victims of sexual aggression and against sexual violence against children, girls and adolescents. Sexual abuse is one of the greatest evils affecting society today, causing huge damage, and it is also one of the most ignored. We want to let anyone who is a victim know that they don't have to stay silent, neither do they need to face this situation alone."

As part of the campaign, lawyer, Gerardo Toledo, visited SU Honduras Lamparita program and shared important information and facts on sexual abuse towards children and young people with the team. He also gave advice on how to prevent abuse and more details about the campaign, 'NO TE TOCA', which aims to see more people taking positive action to prevent abuse against young people and society in general.



## about Honduras

Bordered by El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua, the Republic of Honduras is the second-largest country in Central America. Its coastlines stretch along the Caribbean Sea in the north and the Pacific Ocean in the south and it is the only country in Central America without active volcanoes.

Honduras became an independent nation in 1821. In 1969, while Honduras was under military rule, war broke out with neighbouring El Salvador over immigration and the border. Two decades later, Honduras returned to civilian rule and an agreement was reached with El Salvador. A freely elected civilian government came to power in 1982. A third of the economy comes from agriculture, with coffee the biggest export along with bananas.



Honduras is one of the poorest countries in Latin America. The majority of people are Roman Catholic and family life is considered very important. Soccer is also very popular, with most communities having their own teams, in addition to following the national team. In 1998 the country was devastated by Hurricane Mitch, which killed more than 5,000 people and caused huge damage.

Honduras also has one of the world's highest murder rates. Organised criminal groups are very dominant with police, prosecutors, and judges in the pay of gangs and drug traffickers. This corrupts the criminal justice system and means criminals and murderers are rarely held accountable, leading to more violence and crime.

Scripture Union in Honduras is actively working with those at risk and ministering in schools to share Christian values programs, which aim to help children and young people tackle the problems arising from crime and gang violence.



# Sharing new skills in Congo Brazzaville



Children and young people learned vital skills, along with enjoying sport activities together at a recent Bible Camp run by Scripture Union in the [Congo Brazzaville](#).

The camp included sports activities in the morning and time for Bible teaching as well. The theme was, "The important thing is to know Jesus Christ."

The young people also took part in practical sessions on various skills, including how to make a bed!

## Inspiring young people to make a difference

Young people enjoyed a very special two-day event run by [Scripture Union in Singapore](#).

The leaders helped provide inspiring sessions and led by example, encouraging the young people to show Christ's love in their actions.

Their church pastor said he was hugely grateful to the SU leaders for all they had done. Pastor Dellia said: *"Your dedication and passion shine through, and it's truly inspiring to witness Christ's love reflected in your actions."*

He said he was incredibly proud of each of the young people as they strive to make a difference and continue to grow, learn, and encourage one another.



# Passionate about reaching out to children and young people



Our young ambassadors are continuing to meet together online as they work towards their time together in Malaysia next year. The young people come from all across the globe...

**Caroline Corrales**, from Costa Rica, said her aim is to share God's message with children and young people who don't have the same opportunities and to those in need.

**Arlen Caceres**, who works for [Scripture Union Honduras](#), said being part of the young ambassadors' group was a great opportunity. He said, *"To be an ambassador is to continue with the commitment to bring good news of salvation to children, young people and their families, in whatever circumstances they find themselves."* He said Scripture Union had been reaching children, young people and families in the mountains and in many remote areas, where he had never imagined going.

**Ballo Nounagnon**, from Benin, said he is passionate about seeing children and families come to know Christ.

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