



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.

Prayer is the bedrock of ministry for Scripture Union PNG



Young people in Papua New Guinea have made prayer a priority each year. They recently joined in a prayer meeting which ran from 6pm to 6am when hundreds joined in prayer, worship and dancing. National Director, Jacob Vavine, said that prayer is the bedrock of [SU Papua New Guinea](#) ministry and he is thankful that so many took part in the event, which runs three times a year.

At a recent weekend SU camp some 400 children and young people joined in activities, fun and sharing around the Bible at Laloki Secondary School. The SU student president said he had been so blessed to have the camp at his school for the first time.

Jacob said, "We're thankful for all our volunteers who were instrumental in making the weekend's camp a one to remember. This includes the boys who live at the Laloki Secondary Teachers Residences. All of the campers and you played a part in making sure the camp was a success."

The theme of the Combine Camp with both primary and secondary students was InsideOut and he said for the first time they had almost 20 school teachers and two school principals attending. He said: "We have been praying for the support of teachers in the schools, and God answered our prayers this year."

about Papua New Guinea

Situated in the southwestern Pacific, north of Australia, Papua New Guinea encompasses the eastern half of the island of New Guinea, which it shares with Indonesia and also includes some 600 offshore islands. It is a country of immense cultural and biological diversity, known for its beaches and coral reefs. It is situated on the Pacific Ring of Fire and experiences regular volcano eruptions, earthquakes and even tsunamis. It includes rugged mountain ranges, dense rainforests and sandy beaches surrounded by coral reefs. It also has 14 active volcanoes. With a population of seven million, it boasts more than 850 different languages. Most of the population live in rural areas. The majority of the population claim to be Christian, but a deeper level of discipleship is lacking in many places. Scripture Union is actively working across the country in schools and with churches, reaching out to the younger generation through camps and clubs.



Bomb shelter visits for Ukraine campers

Children in Ukraine enjoyed their first camp since the pandemic this August, despite the ongoing war in their country. Scripture Union International's Field Development Director, Oksana Khimich, explains how the leaders wanted to bring hope and joy to the children. Along with all the fun and activities, children had to spend time in the basement bomb shelter during the air raids. Oksana said it was shocking to realise that this has become a 'normal' part of life for the children, which they were all prepared for.



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Innovative resources created at new workshops

Two special workshops, led recently by a team from [Scripture Union International](#), have begun to put the vision of the Bible Engagement Consultation into practice with exciting results.

Starting with a workshop in Uganda, the international team of participants from Burundi, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Uganda and Zambia, worked together enthusiastically and were able to create six brand new Bible Engagement resources, including digital resources in two different languages. The participants had joined in online work in preparation for the workshop and worked long hours to complete their resources. They said the workshop showed the value of team work and one said: *"It was good to be able to harness the potential within us and building a synergy among like-minded young minds to reach out to other young people."*



SUI Ministry team member, Becky Swamickan said: *"We were so impressed with the enthusiasm and joy among participants at the first Resource Development Workshop and we're very excited about how the resources will develop in the future."*

The second workshop, held in Sri Lanka, included participants from seven different countries from across Asia. Five new resources were created in a number of languages. One participant said, *"It was an effective and blessed learning time in building resources for our society and our world."*

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Helping empower young people in their faith

One of our [Young Ambassadors](#) from [Peninsular Malaysia](#), Tze Kwang, said he is working with Scripture Union because he wants to help empower young people in their Christian faith.

He explained how Scripture Union helped establish his faith when he was younger and spent time on an SU camp. He said, *"Attending a Scripture Union camp when I was 14 and every year after that helped to build my faith in those teen years."*

Tze Kwang explained that he sees how SU ministry helps young people to see how their faith is relevant to their daily lives and not just something they do on Sunday.



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