



## 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.

# Growing food for ministry in Sierra Leone

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LiIVES are being transformed in **Sierra Leone** through Scripture Union ministry. In the last few years the work has spread to reach all 16 districts of the country, including many areas where the population is predominantly of another faith.

The team of dedicated staff and volunteers remain committed to engaging with children and young people with the gospel message, values education and lifeskills for holistic transformation. They hope to reach out further into more remote areas by travelling on motorcycles to villages and communities and are praying for further resources for motorbikes.

Their work with children is also being supported by Scripture Union Sierra Leone's agricultural site, where they are growing potatoes, maize and pineapples, to fund the ministry.

SU Sierra Leone's National Director, Kpandei Tucker, said: *"We have a challenge with certain insects that are attacking the maize/corn and we will need to spray the entire*

400 ridges. As we continue to trust God for provision, we hope to increase planting of pineapples to 1,000 suckers. Kindly keep praying for this project.”

As they look to the future, their hope is to be able to develop a campsite on their 18 acre plot of land about 40 km away from the capital city of Freetown.



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## about **Sierra Leone**

THIS west African country remains a land of suffering. The people are still mired in desperate poverty, most surviving on less than a dollar a day. It has ranked as the world's poorest country for most of the last 10 years. With the highest infant and maternal mortality rates in the world and widespread disease (malaria, HIV, others), life expectancy is only 47 and is not rising. Much work remains to ease the suffering of these who have already endured so much.

We thank God for the end of 11 years of chaos that claimed up to 100,000 lives, crippled many thousands, and harmed most of the population in some way. The Ebola crisis of 2014-2015 set back nation-building progress significantly and Christian agencies are working to rebuild the country and minister to spiritual, physical, and psychological needs.

Young people's ministry in Sierra Leone has never been more crucial and needs to be expanded. Scripture Union is working in schools and universities and we pray that Christian graduates may decisively impact the nation. Beyond student ministry, many children remain in difficult situations.

Many young people are former child soldiers and the stigma associated with this role makes their reintegration into communities very difficult. As they grow into men, they remain troubled and troublesome, knowing no life other than one of crime and violence. Pray for ministries that will reach out to these and provide opportunities for them to live whole and wholesome lives.



## Bridging the gaps with young ambassadors

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AS our Scripture Union Young Ambassadors prepare to come together at the Global Gathering in March in Malaysia, they are excited to have a part to play in event. Each of the ambassadors will take part in a presentation to the assembly and it will be a chance to gain an insight into their perspectives on bridging the gaps in our world. Angi Kundig, a young ambassador from [German-speaking Switzerland](#), said she is looking forward to joining with fellow ambassadors and for all that will come out of this special time together. She said: *"I'm excited to meet my global family and explore what we can do for the world in God's name."*

[Watch the video](#)

## God's heart for teenagers in Ethiopia's High schools

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ACCORDING to **Scripture Union Ethiopia's** newest staff member, High School ministry in Ethiopia has the potential to heal their the nation. Matewos Tirsitewold, a former board member of Scripture Union Ethiopia and trained Veterinarian, talks about the passion they have to reach young people in High Schools and how he believes this is the way God will bring teenagers into His kingdom.

[Watch the video here:](#)

# A Christmas song from Scripture Union

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OUR [Christmas music video](#), which features children and young people from around the world and is sung by members of Scripture Union Ghana, is a message of hope in this season of giving. Focusing on the greatest gift of Jesus, it is also an opportunity to support Scripture Union teams working in restricted countries, where sharing their faith comes with huge risks. Thank you to all those who made this year's production possible.

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