



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.

Camps help children be brave for God



A SPECIAL SUPA camp called 'Brave Heart' run by [Scripture Union Singapore](#) has been inspiring children to get to know God and understand how he can change their lives. The camps are designed to help children learn through games, stories and fun activities about how they can be patient, strong and brave.

Head of Children's Ministry for SU Singapore, Flora Chew, said:

"We had an exciting and amazing SUPA camp this year. We decided to have more outdoor activities because of our theme BRAVE HEART. As they moved around Changi Village on their quests, the children learnt that to be brave for God means to do the right thing even when the plan sounds silly or when everyone else does not believe in it or when they do not feel like it. Being brave means to follow God's plan no matter what.

"It was a miracle that the skies over Changi Village remained clear and blue for all our outdoor activities (thanks to all our prayers as we heard that there was heavy rain over the western part of Singapore). We give thanks to God His goodness and His protection over 28 campers and 33 leaders."



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about **Singapore**

Singapore is an island country in Southeast Asia and is one of the 20 smallest countries in the world, with a total land area of only 682.7 square kilometres. It is a city state which is connected via a bridge to the mainland of Malaysia. Sixty-three islands belong to the city state and are dotted around the Singapore coastline.



The Church in Singapore has grown steadily since 1970, and mission schools and effective campus ministries draw many of Singapore's educated people to faith. As a result, many believers have influence in society, as well as good opportunity as missionaries to work in professional roles around the world.

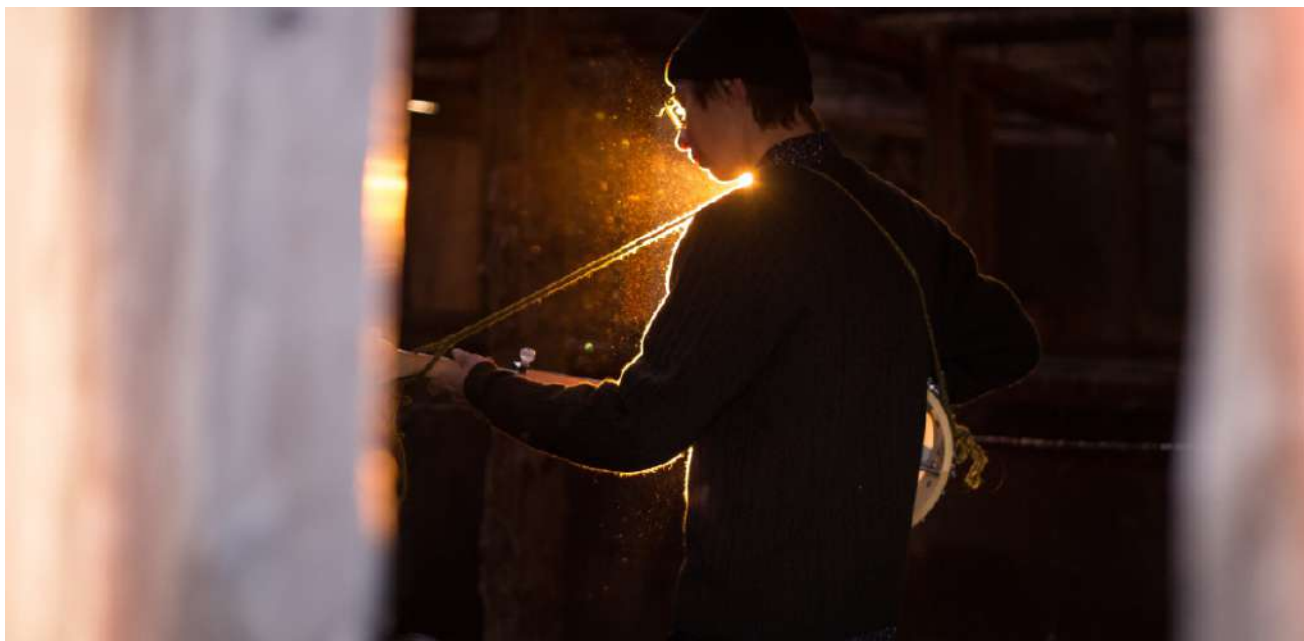
Singapore is a strategic centre for regional and global Christian mission due to its infrastructure, stability, location and strong Christian population. Pray that Singapore will be a blessing to the least-evangelized nations and peoples around it and a servant leader that facilitates the emerging missions movement from other Asian nations.

Pray for Singapore's less-reached peoples. The nation is a magnet for people from many unevangelized lands. Over 100 nations are represented in Singapore's population of 1.65 million foreigners.

Materialism has noticeably increased in the country and much of Singapore's affluence is now dependent on imported labour from poorer countries. Pray for justice and fair treatment for all those from abroad; despite good legal safeguards, exploitation does exist. Pray that churches might become more active in assisting those at risk.

Scripture Union has been active in Singapore since the 1950s and continues to work with children and young people through camps, churches and schools.

Music lessons bring new life and hope



A PROJECT based in one of our restricted countries which aims to help reach out to students and young people through music is looking for support to develop its work.

In a country where the nation is very hostile to the gospel and public evangelism is prohibited, a ministry through teaching music has become very effective in bridging the friendship gap and reaching people with the gospel.

One of the team said: *"In January, we bought one guitar and started to teach five young people and that has helped us build good relationships, which have ultimately given us the opportunity to tell them about Jesus. Every so often, we invite the parents of the five to watch their children. We would like to scale up this ministry in order to reach more young people and their families."*

Many young people have explained how their lives have been transformed through this ministry.

One young person said: *"Thank God Almighty for seeing me in the college event and leading me to understand the gift of life, for the gift of salvation and, above all, for the provisions he has made available for me in Jesus Christ. I remain grateful for the song that touched my soul. I want to learn more about Jesus Christ."*

Another said: *"My life was empty and broken, but now I think by God's love and hope I can be filled and live a life to the fullest. I can only give God the glory for the transformation in my belief system. I am learning now that we mustn't allow our past mistakes to define who we are, because transformation is possible through Jesus Christ and nothing is beyond hopeless. As someone says, 'There is no pit so deep, that God's love is not deeper still.'"*

If you would like to support this project to provide materials and instruments, you can [donate here](#).



A backbone of strong **Christian faith** in Tanzania



SCRIPTURE Union has been extending its work across [Tanzania](#) over the past years and its reputation is growing.

The Anglican Bishop of Mount Kilimanjaro, in Northern Tanzania, the Rt Revd Dr Stanley Hotay, explained why he is so impressed with the impact Scripture Union is having in his country.

"Scripture Union has been in existence in this country for many, many years," he said, "and it has been the backbone of our strong faith in churches. Many of our young people over the years have gone through study learning the Scripture in schools, high schools, young people and children. It has been a centre where their lives have been transformed, many young people have been awakened now, and Scripture Union has spread in the country. There are only two regions left before the whole nation is covered. We're excited about what we are about to see and what Scripture Union can do."

[Watch the video](#)

Working together to 'bridge the gaps'

OUR young ambassadors from around the world are all busy preparing for the Scripture Union [Global Gathering](#) in Malaysia in a few weeks' time, when they will be joining with other Scripture Union representatives from more than 100 countries.

The group of almost 50 young people are gathering together virtually to look at a number of topics which relate to Scripture Union ministry including connecting globally, creation care,



innovation, social justice and the marginalised, holistic mission bringing hope and sustainability.

One of the group is Duty-K, who is a [Scripture Union Young Ambassador](#) from Botswana. She said she feels very blessed to be a representative of a Scripture Union. *"There is an element of leadership in being an ambassador and there will be expectations as well," she said. "It will help to meet halfway with other people of different ages and cultures in Malaysia, to bridge the gap."*

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