



Stories and updates from Scripture Union around the world

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How Ghana's schools' ministry has grown young leaders



From growing up struggling with issues around his own identity and background, international leader and speaker, Nana Yaw Offei Awuku, recalls how Scripture Union played a vital part in God turning his life around while he was at school.

Nana, who is now a Global Associate Director for 'Generations', which is part of the Lausanne Movement, began working for [Scripture Union Ghana](#) after leaving university. Graduating as an engineer, he planned to spend just one year helping continue to establish Scripture Union Bible clubs in junior high schools. That one year turned into many more and Nana found himself moving into leadership with Scripture Union Ghana and later into international youth work and mentoring with the Lausanne Movement.

Speaking about the impact Scripture Union has had on his life, he said: "The first true foundation that Scripture Union gave me was the devotional practice of reading the Bible. The Bible became a living book for me. From my broken past I began to find promises in the Bible that gave me a new sense of hope, sense of purpose... the Bible became a living book for me because it built my faith."

“Scripture Union has taught me to look at every single word, every single line [in the bible]. I don’t rush, it is a discipline. Scripture Union taught me to take God’s word seriously – line upon line and precept upon precept.”

Nana said he saw the Christian faith being modelled by Scripture Union leaders, after he took his own step of faith at a Scripture Union school rally.

“Scripture Union gave me a new community where I could see faith being lived out practically.

“When I gave my life to Christ, the turnaround in my own life was so dramatic, that I made a commitment, that if this is what Jesus can do in the life of a person, when I grow up whatever vocation the Lord brings me into, I still want to bring the same gospel, the same hope, the same book to other younger people, whose lives were broken, like mine was.”

[Watch the video](#)

about **Ghana**

Ghana is located on the west coast of Africa and known for its rich cultural traditions, including music, dance, and art. It was the first sub-Saharan African country to gain independence from colonial rule.

Ghana has multiple ethnic groups and faiths, but it remains largely peaceful. The education system and constitution brought together all ethnicities, and helped build a stable democracy. Pray that government leaders might seek guidance from God, and not from human philosophies or the traditional spirits.

Ghana enjoys a rich Christian tradition, with many newer churches emerging, and many traditional denominations have a vibrant spiritual life.

Sixty three per cent of Ghanaians call themselves Christian, but only about ten per cent attend church regularly. Traditional African practices present the greatest challenge to Christians. Pray for a clear break from all bondage to charms and the occult and pray for mature leaders for the church.

Scripture Union Ghana has been actively working in schools and communities for many years and its work with children, young people and families continues to thrive.



Embracing asylum-seeking families with God’s love

[Scripture Union Australia](#) hosted their first-ever Sanctuary Family Retreat, a camp designed to empower asylum-seeking families and support local churches fostering communities for displaced people.

Over 50 campers from various cultural communities, including families, couples, and individuals gathered at Camp Coolamatong to share language, culture, meals, activities, and fellowship. Some of the families had arrived in Australia only weeks



before, and others who were still adapting to their new lives after fleeing their homelands years ago, joined as translators and cultural connectors, bridging gaps for those facing language and cultural challenges.

One camper described the retreat as “a piece of heaven,” while a father, witnessing his family sail for the first time, tearfully exclaimed, “This is freedom like we could never have experienced in our home country.”

A team of 23 adults and nine children from 10 church communities volunteered to help at the camp. Supported by Embrace Sanctuary’s network, 53 participants, including eight families, couples, and individuals, were brought together from five distinct cultural communities.

The retreat centred on themes of Welcome, Safety, Connection, and Hope, explored through songs, picture storybooks, and personal narratives. Over six days and five nights, the community shared language, culture, meals, games, and activities like karaoke, soccer, and volleyball. A theme song, “Welcome, we’re welcome here,” was crafted in five languages, alongside a mural composed of calico squares from each participant.

The Sanctuary Family Retreat was profound and challenging, pushing individuals beyond their comfort zones. Yet, within this temporary community, participants discovered Christ in one another, experiencing God’s transformative love. Plans for future retreats are already underway, with more church communities expressing interest in supporting arriving families and facilitating additional Sanctuary Retreats.



Bread making and willow weaving bring families together in France



Scripture Union France has been offering practical skill training to children and families from their base in [Rimlishof](#) in the heart of the countryside.

Families staying at the centre took part in the Living Willow project as part of a local festival. Local children joined in learning to braid willow in a workshop designed to show them how to make structures with the willow. The project involved all ages coming together to create a special place within the natural environment of God's creation.

The Rimlishof team also welcomed local women to a chapatis bread making session. A member of the staff said: "Before making the yeast-free flat breads, each woman was able to share the bread of her country through a photo or drawing. It all ended up at the top of 'Mount Ararat' their local hill, with the decorated chapatis cooked on the wood fire!"

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