



Globalnews



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 around the world is having an impact on young lives. We hope this monthly update will inspire you to partner with us.



Last year children with **Scripture Union Myanmar** performed a dance of hope in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, just a few months before their country was plunged into chaos after a military coup.

Praying for peace in Myanmar

Our **Scripture Union team in Myanmar** have seen so much suffering and death in the past few weeks.

Since the military coup in February, hundreds have been killed with thousands left injured or imprisoned following peaceful protests.

One Scripture Union team member said, *"We're suffering many hardships with a lack of food, water and medical care. People are living in fear. Many have been beaten and forcefully arrested and no one knows where they are. Businesses and banks have closed, and people have lost their jobs."*

According to the team, the military have imposed severe restrictions allowing no more than five people to gather together and churches have been closed. Scripture Union ministry has also had to stop temporarily.

"People are determined to continue to protest in spite of the danger. They do not want to return to the days of military rule with much suffering," the team member said.

The team ask for prayer and for an end to the violence and senseless killing. They are praying for peace and restoration of democratic government, so that the economy can be rebuilt and the spread of Covid-19 can also be addressed.

About Myanmar



Myanmar is the largest country in South East Asia that is not an island, with more than 2,000 kilometres of coastline. It became an independent state with a democratic government in 1948. In 1962 a coup d'état brought the military into power which remained until the free elections in 2015. The elected government was overthrown by a military coup earlier this year. The population of Myanmar is approximately 53 million and Buddhism is the religion followed by more than 90 per cent of its people. Young people under 30 make up approximately a quarter of the country's population and throughout the country's history, students and young people have led human rights and democracy movements.

Scripture Union has been running Bible-focused children's and youth ministries, Sunday School training and work with those at risk.

Camp leader training in the Pacific



15 young leaders learned all about being wise builders during a special camp leaders training day at the **Scripture Union Vanuatu** campsite last month. The day was designed to help develop their leadership qualities, roles and responsibilities. According to the Vanuatu team, the day helped them to *"identify each other's individual and natural strengths in working in a team"*.



Scripture Union New South Wales has launched a second series of its SUPA TV series. This online show is full of games, music and fun Bible stories for primary age children. Each interactive video episode is perfect for clubs, kids' church, or to watch as a family at home.

What is at the heart of Scripture Union?

Are you depending on God in all you do? That's just one of the questions being asked by Scripture Union teams as they work through what is at the heart of their engagement with children, young people and families. You can explore 'why we do what we do' with the whole range of Scripture Union Heart Values **HERE**.



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