



# 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.**

## Discipleship from home

Responding at pace to the challenges of the Covid pandemic, Scripture Union Vietnam developed a new online Bible course called '*Discipleship from home*'. National Director Esther Phan said, "*The program has been an amazing tool to encourage thousands of families through the dark times of Covid. Seeing transformation of both children and their families brings us so much faith, joy, and gratefulness. Many parents shared with us how their kids grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as they join our Bible classes. We are grateful for what God is doing through this Bible engagement movement in Vietnam.*"

Eighteen-year-old Jael shares her story of how the Bible group has helped her to become excited about her Christian faith and sharing the good news with her younger sister and her friend. She says, "*Amidst this pandemic of Covid... we students keep encouraging one another to trust in God's plan and this is the truth we are standing on*".



**JAEI HOAI THUONG**

**STUDENT**

I am eighteen years old.



## about Vietnam



With a population of 98.3 million, Vietnam is a young country - a quarter of its inhabitants are under 15.

Although most people do not profess any religion, Buddhism is the majority belief, with Christians making up a very small percentage of the population.

Scripture Union in Vietnam helps link the various Christian denominations together to support their work with children and young people, running holiday clubs, events and training for children's and youth leaders.

## Guardians of Ancora in Spanish



Spanish-speaking children and young people can now play the interactive digital game-app, Guardians of Ancora, in their own language. The app, designed for six to 11-year-olds, offers a place where Bible stories come alive. Created by Scripture Union England and Wales, the game is enabling millions of children worldwide to discover Jesus and engage with the Bible.

Scripture Union England & Wales, Ancora Mission Leader, Maggie Barfield, said that despite having to navigate the extra challenges of a global pandemic last year, the developers, Davi Kruklis, from Scripture Union International, and the project manager in Bolivia, Julio Cesar Aliaga and his team, did not give up but kept on going. She said, "It has been an absolute pleasure to work with Davi Kruklis and Julio Cesar Aliaga to create *Guardianes de Ancora*. My part in this involves endless spreadsheets, video calls and hours and hours of checking BUT there's nothing else like the moment when a new language version goes live, and you know that thousands of children will be able to discover the stories of Jesus, in their heart language!"

"Players in Spanish-speaking countries can search for 'Guardianes de Ancora' on their Apple, Play or Amazon Fire app stores and download the app from there. Wherever you download from, you will be able to play in any of the six languages that are available."



# sharing love without agenda in SU Romania camp



Scripture Union Romania were able to run a children's camp for the 11<sup>th</sup> year in the Negrești area of the country this July. National Director, Cristi Maritan said, *"This is a place where there are many needs, especially spiritual ones. Every day, we had more than 80 kids showing up and participating in the activities. They spent half a day with us and were full of joy and energy. We were glad to show them love and more importantly, to tell them about God's love for them. Besides the Bible lesson, songs, crafts, and games, every day we offered them lunch and at the end of the week, we gave them gift bags."* Along with the children's camp the SU team also made food packages for families in need which they distributed in the afternoons. Cristi said, *"We talked to these people, we listened to their problems, and we prayed for them."*

One of the volunteers on the camp, Samy Trif, said, *"This summer, I experienced a different kind of serving. I still remember the faces of the kids who would stand on the margins, that needed someone to go there and just show them love and compassion. They just needed to see kindness without any agenda. I'm glad we were able to do that."*

## Scripture Union Global Week of Prayer

Scripture Union's Global Week of Prayer will soon be here **7-13th November 2021**. Focused on the theme of being 'Prisoners of Hope' – this year's resources are now available on our [website](#).

The week includes a launch event online on 7 November, plus a 24-hour prayer session beginning on 12 November and the opportunity to join prayer rooms and be inspired by a range of prayer activities for families. Prayer requests for the prayer rooms can also be sent to: [prayer@scriptureunion.global](mailto:prayer@scriptureunion.global)



**We're looking forward to an exciting week of praying around the world!**

# Bible Engagement for the next generation



What does it mean for Scripture Union to be effective in Bible Engagement and in active discipling for such a time as this? Scripture Union International is exploring this crucial question through a series of online Bible Engagement round table discussions each month, designed to dig deeper into the findings of the recent SUI Bible Engagement Survey Report using a discussion guide. SUI Ministry Specialist, Becky Swamickan, who is coordinating the discussions, said, *"We hope SU people will join in, participate and listen in to conversations on how the Bible is engaged with around the SU world. We'd like see as many people participating as possible to make this an enriching experience for all of us."* She said the hope is that this will lead to critical thinking of the practice of Bible Engagement, particularly as SUI will be hosting the Bible Engagement Consultation next year. This will also lead to the development of new SU Bible Engagement resources that are innovative, relevant, intentional, and attractive to all ages.

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