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HELPING PEOPLE MEET GOD EVERY DAY

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Dear Friends of Scripture Union,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Scripture Union and its staff, we are very pleased to greet all who are advocates and supporters of our celebrated ministry as we strive to (1) reach children and families with the Good News of Jesus Christ, and (2) empower and enable believers and seekers to find God daily in His Word and in prayer.

This past year has proven far beyond every expectation that God has been at work in, and responsive to the tremendous prayer efforts of all of you who are reading these words. Thank you so much for your financial and prayerful support of Scripture Union. We find ourselves in the best financial condition in several years: we are debt-free, with funds in reserve and regular income and donor giving to cover near-term ministry operations. God has remained a great and generous provider.

As Board Chair, I would like to report that the efforts of our staff, led by our President, Michael Staples, have been heroic in delivering the benefits of our ministries to countless thousands of people in the United States. The Board was inspired by the response of members, donors, foundations, and prayer partners as we worked toward a position of financial stability. From last year to this, the fruit of God's provision is clear.

In my capacity as President, I would like to thank all of our donors, prayer partners, volunteers, board members and friends for their encouragement. I am very encouraged that this past year we positioned ourselves as a ministry for increased digital ministry presence and laid the foundation to develop new resources to reach children.

Finally, recent changes in ownership of our present office location mandate that we keep a watchful eye toward finding a new, permanent office location in the Philadelphia area. We appreciate your prayers to support our search and discernment process. Please enjoy the report of God's activity at Scripture Union this past year.

May God's rich blessings be upon all of you who have partnered with Scripture Union!

Most Sincerely,



D. Christopher Miller  
*Board Chairman*

In His love and mine,



Dr. Michael Staples  
*President*

**Scripture Union USA Board of Directors**

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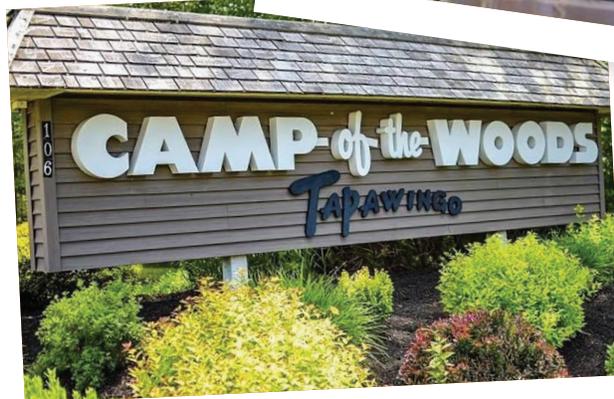
# Shining the Light to the Next Generation

From June 9 – 11, 2017 Scripture Union partnered with the **Albany Episcopal Diocese Convention** at Camp of the Woods, NY.

Dr. Michael Staples, President, and Sonia Dobson, Northeast Regional Director, conducted two workshops at the Camp of the Woods, entitled “Shining the Light to the Next Generation.”

Both Michael and Sonia have participated at the convention on many occasions. This year, Michael had the honor to speak to the entire assembly (pictured, below), challenging them toward a National Revival in Bible Reading and Prayer.

Sonia also co-led a workshop with one of the convention organizers in a seminar on Bible Engagement to our Youth.



# Andrew and Alberto Learn About God's Provision

This past year in PrimeTime, 11-year-old Andrew gave his life to Christ. Little did the Director know that Andrew's family had lost their home in a fire - and Andrew had the faith to believe God would provide a home...! One week later they were called by an organization telling them they had been chosen for a brand new home. The PrimeTime community blessed them with donated furniture and clothing.



Alberto was another little boy at the Church of God PrimeTime. He was from Venezuela and had never been to the United States before. He was depressed and lonely, but when he started to participate in PrimeTime his whole life changed for the better. The smile everyday on his face is priceless.



We had some drug dealers set up shop across the street this summer. Every summer the children would come outside and play, then we'd have Bible study outside and close out in prayer. We decided to keep our same routine and the drug dealers left as soon as the kids started worshipping outside.

Submitted by David Andino of Church of God, Chester, PA

**Children's Outreach Programs:**  
Fiscal Year End  
June 30, 2017

**SUPERKIDS  
SUMMER  
2016**



**152**

**Number of  
Program Sites**



**7,085**

**Number of Children  
REACHED**

# Children Stories



We are so thankful to the Lord for using Surf City [Beach Mission] in the lives of so many people. Not only in those children who attended this year but in those who attended in the past. I have had the blessing of being involved with this ministry since I was four years old. My dad, Charles Myers, was the director for many years.

As I was on the beach this year, various people came up to me and said how they remembered coming... as a child. I asked them what they remembered. Many remembered all the fun games. I pray they also remembered the Light of the world, Jesus, shining through each team member.

One parent told me that she saw that we live out what we teach. Another 20 year-old said he would like to thank CSSM because that was the best part of his summer. He came to one night program and heard the gospel again now that he is an adult. We are now having the children and grandchildren of past participants coming. All this reminds me of the verse in Philippians 1:6 "Am I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." (Not until the day the beach mission is over). The seeds have been planted! To God be the Glory!

*In Christ,*  
**Liza Gauvain**

TOTAL CHILDREN REACHED:

**10,857**

PRIMETIME AFTER-SCHOOL

**87**

Number of Program Sites



**3,772**

Number of Children REACHED



Give thanks to God for all he is doing through Scripture Union and the Presbyterian Church in Whitinsville!!

Everything ran smoothly, and the kids left wanting to come back. After the kids left, one of the volunteers told me that a girl came up to her and said, "I really want to come back next week." The volunteer asked, "So you had a good time? Did you enjoy the games?" The girl said, "I had fun, but I really want to learn about God." Hallelujah!

*Yours in Christ's service,*  
**Mary Meade Sutton**, Massachusetts Area Representative

## Bible Guides

I saw an ad in one of my Christian Magazines  
way back around 1964. I have been a loyal member  
since. What a blessing it has been all these years.  
At the time of "trying it out" in those early years  
your ad convinced me that if it was a blessing to Betty  
Graham, it could be wonderful material. I have never been  
disappointed!

Been using SU for at least 20 years.  
It has been my friend & companion  
wherever I go.

Thank you for your work and the guidance  
it has provided me over these years

In 1983, a friend gave me a copy of Encounter  
with God, and I've used it ever since. Her sister had  
given it to her.

Pray for my great granddaughter Aerith, age 8, that  
her faith remain strong. Her dad objects --- and she  
is concerned for his lack of belief.

# ScriptureUnion.org

In spring 2017, we were SO excited to introduce our brand new website resource! In addition to general information about the ministry and access to electronic Bible Guides, visitors to the new site can register for events and sign up to volunteer for outreach programs in their area. Also, donors will find a more streamlined online donation process.

The new website is the first step in providing a member-login capability so members can manage their accounts such as membership renewals, online subscriptions, and order history. We are so grateful for the generous donors whose investments covered the initial development costs for the new site. Plans are in place for the next phase of “behind-the-scenes” integrations that will provide an enhanced experience to our website users.



ScriptureUnion.org was mobile-optimized in 2017.



[scriptureunion.org/our-ministry/](http://scriptureunion.org/our-ministry/)

# Financial Overview

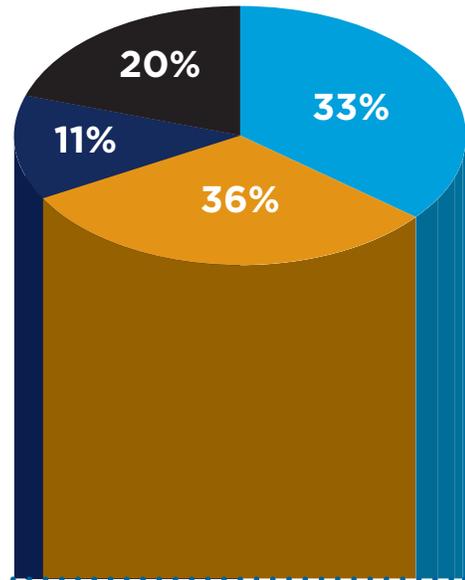
\*June 30, 2017

Scripture Union is supported by the prayers and financial support of its members and partners. As such, we submit to the highest standards of financial management, integrity and ethical conduct. We are a charter member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) and conduct an annual independent financial audit.

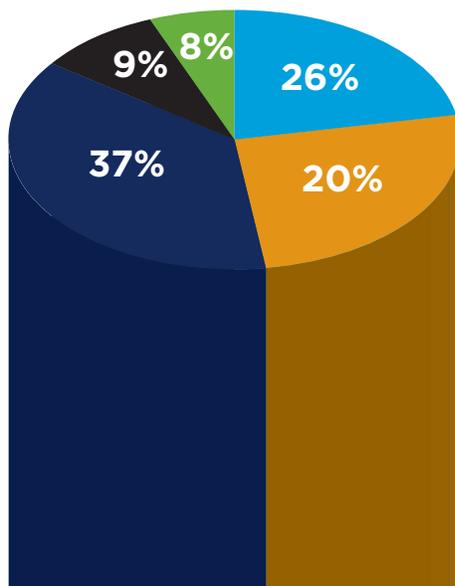


## INCOME

International	\$672,305
Constituent and Member Gifts	\$723,838
Bible and Program Sales	\$202,188
Field	\$380,845
<b>▶ TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,979,176</b>



## EXPENSES



Bible Engagement	\$499,592
Field	\$364,739
International	\$688,597
Fundraising	\$164,415
General and Administrative	\$140,510
<b>▶ TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,857,853</b>