

A young girl with long brown hair, wearing a red lace top and a white skirt with a red ribbon, sits on dry grass in a field. She wears a crown of colorful flowers and is focused on reading a large, thick book. The background is a soft-focus landscape with trees and a bright sky. The entire scene is framed within a large orange circle that has a subtle pattern of concentric circles and lines.

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HELPING PEOPLE MEET GOD EVERY DAY

ANNUAL
REPORT
2019

From the Chairman

It is my privilege to present to you the Scripture Union Annual Report for 2019. This year marked SU USA's 60th Anniversary. We are so grateful for the way God has used Scripture Union over these years to help people of all ages meet God through the Bible and prayer.

In this report you will find examples of the way SU ministries continue to be instrumental in nurturing children, teens, and adults in their faith through participation in SU programs and the use of SU Bible resources.

I take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers, church partners, members, and supporters for your part in this great mission which has been entrusted to us. With God's help, we will continue to move forward as we put our trust in Him.

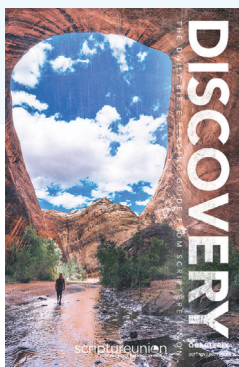


Gordon Haresign

Chairman of the Board

Discovery

Discovery is ideal for those new to the Bible and just starting to explore. It provides a helpful game plan and structure for learning more about God and how His word applies to your life.



Encounter with God

Encounter with God is geared for seasoned Bible readers seeking to deepen their devotional time.



Discovery and *Encounter with God* are used by people all over the US to deepen their walk with God. *Discovery* is also provided for men and women in a number of prisons throughout the US.

**Scripture Union
USA produced 63,763
Bible Guides this fiscal
year distributed to
individual members,
churches, and
the incarcerated.**

SU USA Celebrating Sixty Years!



This year has been Scripture Union USA's 60th Year in the United States! As we ponder sixty years of ministry, several thoughts emerge.

We are reminded of the importance of our beginnings, which centered on reaching children and young people, and how that is unchanged. Through SU's outreach and Bible reading programs, hundreds of thousands of people of all ages have come to know Christ and have grown in their faith. We also continue to have a special ministry with US military personnel and the incarcerated.

This year, SU's efforts in training and strengthening churches to disciple children and young people have again been vital to healthy and sustainable church communities. A long time SU advocate, the late Rev. Billy Graham, would often remind the church that we are one generation away from becoming extinct. SU remains strongly committed to equipping and working in partnership with churches to fulfill our shared mission.

We are also mindful of how generous churches and individuals have been over many years through their financial and volunteer support. In our 60th year and beyond, our mission is more vital than ever; seeing people young and old make genuine connections with God's Word and discover the hope found in the Good News of Jesus. We rejoice in the opportunity for each of us to draw closer to God and to serve Him in the hope of more lives being transformed!

Guardians of Ancora Live the Incredible Adventures of the Bible

Guardians of Ancora, a product of Scripture Union England and Wales, is a best-in-class game – an amazing virtual world where Bible stories come alive. The SU staff here in the US worked closely with our Scripture Union partners in England to adapt their free Bible-based mobile app for children. It is intended for 8 to 11 year-olds, however people of all ages enjoy taking on the challenge. Available in various formats for digital play, Guardians of Ancora allows children to interact with stories of the Bible and to learn of Jesus' impact on our lives. Our vision is that, by 2020, twenty million children worldwide will have daily opportunities to discover Jesus and engage with the Bible through Guardians of Ancora. It is completely free to download and play, there are no hidden charges or in-app purchases.

Additionally, churches can engage children in the world of the Bible through all-new Guardians of Ancora SuperKids Summer VBS Outreach Mission Programs developed this year. It is a fantastic new digital curriculum crammed full of exciting activities, great Bible teaching and top quality resources. Based around the stories of Jesus explored in the Guardians of Ancora App, this group program introduces children to Jesus and tells of the amazing things He did. Offering a flexible program, this digital resource will provide everything a group needs to run an outreach mission– including multimedia downloads, drama scripts, craft ideas and templates, small group discussion ideas, creative prayer suggestions and more.

**The Guardians of Ancora App can be
downloaded for free in the App Store.**



Lives Transformed

When Shantel started attending PrimeTime she had a difficult time adjusting to the group. Many times, Shantel would sit by herself and sulk because of conflict with some of the other children, some of which started in school or on the school bus. Some of the PrimeTime lessons addressed conflict resolution, and during the program the volunteers had the opportunity to coach her on how to deal with conflict. After three weeks of helping Shantel to adjust, she began to cooperate and became friendlier. She started getting along with the other children. The children treated her with a lot of love and she became kinder each day. The volunteers also found out that she was getting along much better on the bus. Last year Shantel graduated from PrimeTime but she wanted to continue coming to the program, so she asked if she could be a junior helper. Shantel is a changed person. Each week Shantel brings her cousin and her neighbors to PrimeTime where she now serves as a junior leader.

Niki and Krista visited one of our new PrimeTime After-school outreach programs this past spring. Immediately, they felt welcomed and accepted. They jumped right into the activities, the fun and the learning. However, one week later Niki was visibly upset during PrimeTime, even acting out to some extent. Our caring staff took her to a safe and comfortable environment to find out what was troubling her. Niki opened up about her life and challenges at home. Her single mother was now working multiple jobs to pay the bills and could no longer care for her. She was preparing to send Niki out of the country to live with distant relatives and Niki was deeply troubled. Our staff shared with her how precious she is in God's sight and how the Lord has a plan for her and will lead her through this. Niki accepted Christ and found a new strength to confront the challenges of her life.

This year Scripture Union supported 81 PrimeTime programs and we are excited to launch even more in the coming year. SU is able to do this because of financial help and prayers of many people. This support enables us to put boots on the ground, train volunteers, and get new programs started. Thank you for giving to Scripture Union PrimeTime and for helping to make a difference in Shantel, Niki, Krista and other children's lives. God is good!

Children's Outreach Programs:
Fiscal Year End
June 30, 2019

**SUPERKIDS
SUMMER
2018**



105

**Number of
Program Sites**



4,978

**Number of Children
REACHED**

First Ever PrimeTime Rally

TOTAL CHILDREN
REACHED:

7,961

SU's first ever Greater New York PrimeTime Rally was held on June 1, 2019 at Calvary Baptist Church in New York City – and what a great success it was!

Calvary Baptist Church has been a longtime supporter of Scripture Union USA and Scripture Union South Africa, so it was only fitting they host this inaugural event, which was funded by the Women's Bible Society of NY. The purpose of the event was to bring PrimeTime volunteers and kids together to support, encourage and connect to one another. There were 180 church volunteers and kids present and each PrimeTime group performed a short presentation for the others such as a skit, song or Bible reading based on a lesson from the Bible. Brothers Skylar and Adrian Brown led in worship with Scripture songs throughout the program and former college basketball player Danny Occhiogrosso presented the Gospel message through his expert basketball dribbling demonstration. Volunteers and children each left with a small gift bag including a reminder of the Gospel of the Lord.



PRIMETIME
AFTER-
SCHOOL

81

Number of
Program Sites



2,983

Number of Children
REACHED





NUA Speaks to the Hearts and Minds of Young People

Over 2018-2019 a growing number of churches used the NUA Film Series with their young people to take an honest look at questions many have about Jesus, the Bible, and what it means to be a Christian.

Created in Ireland, and hosted by Irishman Jonny Somerville, NUA (NUA / nu: / noo-ah / Language of origin: Irish Adjective, meaning “new”) is for anyone interested in learning more and asking tough questions about the Christian faith. Though designed for young people, any inquisitive mind would benefit.

During the summer, our Scripture Union team participated at *Creation Music Festival*. It is a four-day event held annually and attracts between 50,000 to 100,000 people. The event provides evangelistic opportunities for people of all ages to gather in community, to worship, experience fellowship, enjoy God’s beautiful creation, and to encounter life-changing moments. Jonny Somerville joined us at *Creation Fest*, spoke to youth leaders, and demonstrated the NUA resource.

Our Northeast Regional Director Sonia Dobson also provided two NUA presentations at the Albany Diocese 150th Convention. The delegates enthusiastically commended Scripture Union and NUA in helping them reach the young people of New York.

In the fall, Living Word International Christian Church led the young people in their church through an incredible journey of faith discovery using the NUA Film series. Middle school students and young adults were able to ask questions, acknowledge doubt, and explore faith in a way that helped them better understand what they believe. Through the series, young people were given tools to discuss their worldviews with confidence, while being encouraged to wrestle with deep topics of faith and culture. Many were challenged for the first time to ask themselves why they believe what they believe and come up with answers that will create a lasting foundation to live out their faith. This experience truly made a personal impact on the students.

We are very excited about the ongoing opportunity to provide this best-in-class resource to churches so they can strengthen the faith, minds and hearts of teenagers and others alike. Along with over 100 youth groups and leaders that have reached out to us, millions more can now have access to the video series on Right Now Media. To learn more about NUA, visit www.nuafilmseries.org.

SU Prison Outreach

Did you know that Scripture Union USA provides more than 4,000 Discovery guides annually to incarcerated men and women? Scripture Union is humbled to be a part of prison outreach across the United States. Your generous gifts enable us to provide Bible Guides for both individual inmates as well as Bible study groups that prisoners lead themselves. Below are some of their testimonies and we would ask that you remember these women and men in your prayers.

We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in You.

- Psalm 33:20-22

Scripture Union is a worldwide community of SU movements active in over 120 countries. Scripture Union USA actively supports the work in other countries in a variety of ways. We are blessed to be part of reaching children, youth, and adults through SU's Bible ministries around the world.

I am an inmate and recently gave my life to the Lord. I am glad I found Jesus Christ. I am excited to tell my family. A friend of mine gave me a copy of *Discovery* and I read it every day. I also read to the other inmates during our daily prayer circle time. Thank you for giving me a membership. God bless you.

- R.G., Wasco State Prison

Dear Scripture Union, I am writing to renew my subscription to *Discovery*. Please mail me the current *Discovery* issue as soon as possible. I feel like something is missing. It is the first thing I do when I wake up, it is a big part of my morning devotions. I thank you beforehand, and for your prayers for me and my family.

- R.P., RJ Donovan Correctional Facility

This year the "Jesus Team Discipleship Course" celebrates 20 years of successful ministry on the unit. Over the years, more than 500 men have gained a deeper and more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ by developing a good devotional habit of prayer, Bible study and a systematic bible-reading schedule. Thanks to our Lord and Scripture Union for *Discovery* devotionals. In 2019, the Jesus Team Class will give 145 men an opportunity to participate.

- Texas Prison Facilitator

I have been receiving *Discovery* for the past two years while incarcerated. This has been a vital part of my daily Bible study and I truly appreciate it. Thank you and God Bless!

- S.K., MCI-Jessup, MD

Financial Overview

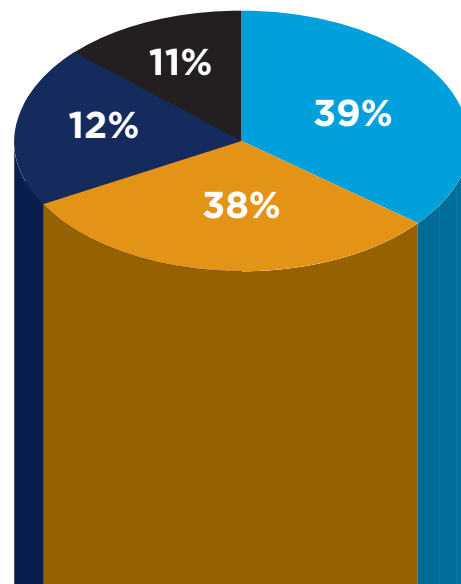
Fiscal Year End: June 30, 2019 (unaudited)

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.

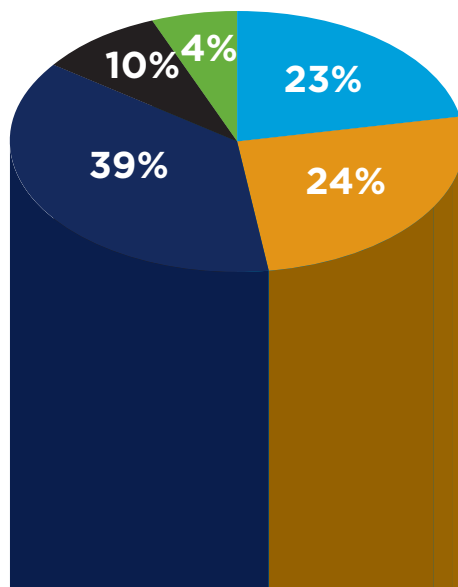


INCOME

International	\$524,730
Constituent and Member Gifts	\$503,279
Bible and Program Sales	\$157,391
Field	\$145,000
► TOTAL INCOME	\$1,330,400



EXPENSES



Bible Engagement	\$335,962
Field	\$347,943
International	\$565,636
Fundraising	\$143,061
General and Administrative	\$62,353
► TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,454,955