

SU News

An inside view of
Scripture Union

2020 Vision

As I begin my new role with Scripture Union USA, I am attentive to the tremendous legacy I inherit, dating all the way back to 1867. One person, with a desire to share Christ with children, began doing so using a brand new and original, age-appropriate storytelling approach. A year later, he gathered children to help decorate "God is Love", written in the sand, with shells and seaweed, and to share with them Bible stories by the seaside in North Wales. The first beach mission was birthed. Those acts of creativity and faith sparked a movement that now spans 120 countries.

I am delighted to be here and am enthusiastic about the opportunity that is before Scripture Union USA to create a fresh expression of ministry to reach today's generation of children and youth. We are eager to build upon the excellent Bible resources and guides for daily engagement by people of all ages. I am personally thrilled about the original *NUA* film series, produced by SU Ireland. I shared it with the youth group in my church; they were absolutely riveted to the content. My daughter, Phoebe, has written an article for this issue about *NUA* to offer you a youth's perspective. Consider testing it out in your own context.

You play a critical role in the transforming ministry of God's Word across the generations in our country through your engagement, generosity and prayer. Let's look together to 2020 with a renewed and clear vision for moving this mission forward in innovative ways, keeping in step with the spirit of our founders.



With gratitude,

Gail A. Martin
President, Scripture Union



Scripture Union USA Names New National President

After a prayerful and extensive search process, the Board of Directors of Scripture Union USA (SU-USA) has named Gail A. Martin as the next national ministry president. Ms. Martin brings nearly 30 years of non-profit Christian leadership experience to her role as SU-USA President. She has had a life-long passion for sharing the good news of God's Word and its power to transform hearts and minds.

Gordon Haresign, SU Board Chairman shares, "Ms. Martin takes the helm at a critical time in our history, as we celebrate 60 years of ministry here in America. Our vision is to dramatically expand upon the grassroots work God has established."

A formal event to install and introduce Ms. Martin to key stakeholders is planned for some time in the Spring of 2020.

Youth Perspective on *NUA*

NUA is a film series that helps people interact about their faith. It takes an honest look at questions many of us have about Jesus, the Bible, and what it means to be a Christian and helps young adults dig deeper into their faith.

My youth group recently spent eight weeks watching and discussing the *NUA* film series. We always had great discussions afterward about how our faith impacts our life.

Besides the challenging content, I really liked the animation. I liked how the narrator used animation to bring the lessons to life.

"With Jesus, I'm not just another nameless face in the crowd. I'm an individual. I'm someone He wants to get to know and [for me to] be transformed by the encounter."

I feel that this quote is one of the most important quotes by the narrator in the series. We are all just nameless faces in the crowd, but the Lord doesn't see us as just that. He is the One that created us all. He knows us from head to toe. The Lord is the One that knows us best.

– Phoebe Martin, age 16

You can order the *NUA* film series for personal or group use through the online store at www.ScriptureUnion.org.



Testimonials

My brother introduced Scripture Union to my mother and I in 1938, three years after I became a Christian. Scripture Union contributed to my growth through the years and I praise the Lord for this ministry and all who are involved. May the Lord continue to use you all for His glory. – **LK, Hilo, HI**

Love the *Encounter with God* devotional and use it daily! I pray for the writers and the ministry of Scripture Union. Thanks for your ministry and keep encouraging people to read God's word! – **CH, Mooresville, NC**

SU Global Snapshot

Scripture Union has had a ministry in Australia for nearly 140 years. The ministries include Camps, Beach Missions, Schools Ministry, Schools Chaplaincy, Community Missions and Festivals, work with 'at risk' youth, Sports Ministry, Values Education, Neighborhood clubs, and training and provision of resources for ministry.

In Victoria SU has a beautiful campsite, Camp Coolamatong, where SU has been conducting school and holiday camps for over 60 years. Activities include sailing, canoeing, archery, abseiling, and other outdoor activities. Most significant is the camper's experience of living in Christian community. SU In Australia has experienced many challenges this summer due to the outbreak of bushfires particularly in New South Wales and Victoria where some beach missions and many of their camps were cancelled. Please pray for SU in Australia as they minister to thousands of children and young people.

For more information go to www.scriptureunion.global



ABOUT AUSTRALIA



Population: 25,203,198

Religion: Protestant 27.4%, Catholic 25.8%, Other Christian 7.9%, Eastern Orthodox 2.7%, Buddhist 2.1%, Muslim 1.7%, Other 2.4%, Unspecified 11.3%, None 18.7%,

Population under 15: 18.3%

Official language: English

Join us starting February 26 for the Essential Journey to the Cross

Bible Reading Plan for Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 26.

Essential Journey to the Cross is a compilation of 30 weekday Lenten readings that depict the prophetic purpose and final days of the Son of God as well as one reading for Resurrection Day.

Sign up on our website at www.ScriptureUnion.org to receive this FREE seasonal reading guide in your in box.

At Scripture Union, it is our mission to help people meet God every day through Bible reading and prayer. These readings are a great way for people of all ages to dig deeper into the Scriptures during this sacred season of Lent.

May God bless you as you spend precious time in His Word during this holy season.