

# SU News

An inside view of  
Scripture Union

## Committed to Collaboration

**J**ohn Stott and Billy Graham, avid Scripture Union supporters, both played key roles in the first Lausanne conference in 1974.

For decades, Lausanne has been a leading voice in bringing leaders across the global church to unite in advancing the Great Commission, striving to address key challenges and create opportunities for the gospel to flourish worldwide.

This year was the 50th anniversary of the movement, and representatives from various Scripture Union movements from around the world attended Lausanne 4, which brought

together Christians from over 200 countries to South Korea. The Fourth Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization focused on advancing the Movement's fourfold vision—the gospel for every person, disciple-making churches for every people and place, Christ-like leaders for every church and sector, and kingdom impact in every sphere of society.

Our International Director, Monika Kuszmierz reported that this event was a historical moment where more than 5000 Christian leaders worldwide signed up for and committed to collaboration in

advancing God's Kingdom. She added her signature to the Collaborative Action Commitment.

Scripture Union-USA is committed to collaboration. In this issue, we highlight ministry efforts with churches and other SU Movements, as well as a growing partnership in Philadelphia. Your prayer and giving enables us to extend a broader reach. Be encouraged by what God is doing!



**Gail A. Martin**  
President,  
Scripture Union

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*Scripture Union taught me the discipline of daily Bible Reading,*

—John Stott

*I am totally, completely, and forever a Scripture Union man,*

—Billy Graham



SU participants from around the world meet together in Seoul



# SuperKids® goes to Guatemala

The SuperKids logo features the words "SUPER" and "Kids" in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. "SUPER" is positioned above "Kids". The letters are set against a background of a stylized, multi-colored starburst or explosion shape in shades of orange, red, and purple.

**S**uperKids is a great tool because it is a simple way to make a VBS program without many expenses, and its very focus is to show who Jesus is," says Pastor Armando Reyes (Calvary Hispano), who is preparing to go with a team of 12 to Guatemala this November. The team will be using Scripture Union's SuperKids VBS "Who is Jesus?" in Spanish to reach children in San Andres Iztapa, a small town near Chimaltenango, Guatemala. They will step alongside Penial church and build gospel bridges in this local community.

Moved by poverty in the community and a desire to help Penial church bring Jesus' Good News to the children and families, the team is preparing each day's SuperKids lesson to proclaim the truth about Jesus. Most parents in the community work in the fields, often with their children, and sell what they harvest on the streets. They have only free time to come to church on Sunday. Although children often only get one meal a day, the team, along with this local church, will help feed the children who come to the SuperKids outreach with an additional meal each day.

Being the hands and feet of Jesus in this Guatemala town not only allows the team to meet this real physical need; it also creates opportunities to bring Jesus' love and life changing message to the children—with the hope that they will let their families know what they are learning about God's gift of love to the world, his Son Jesus.

We had no idea that when God opened up doors for SuperKids to launch in Santa Ana, California, it would go from there to Mexico, and now to Guatemala. Several team members have been being trained over the past two summers through SU's Leadership Lab International BRIDGE training on how to grow as disciple makers and how to use SU's "Who is Jesus?" outreach to share their love for Jesus with their community in Santa Ana.

A college student, Josemaria (Chema) Contreras, shared, "The experience of leading SuperKids in Santa Ana has prepared me to use worship, games, and leading small groups to take this to a different environment where the children are hungry to hear about Jesus and to interact with the team."

"I've had two years of training and participating in the Santa Ana outreach, and now my brother and I will help lead the worship part of the outreach in Guatemala," Asael Alamilla, a college student at Biola University, reflected. "Along with this, I will have an opportunity to share some of the messages. I want to thank all those who created the SuperKids materials that helped me train during the summers so I could use what I have learned for this trip as we reach those in need."

Just before he entered high school this year, Caleb Cimilian served as a part of the team in Santa Ana this past summer. He has a special tie to the Guatemala trip since his dad is from Guatemala, and this is his second time to go and help the church there. As he thought about this opportunity he shared, "Being a part of Superkids helped me understand how to work patiently with children. I played Lazarus this past summer and remember how acting out his story helped engage the children with this event from the Bible. I am looking forward to going back to Guatemala and sharing the gospel with the kids and helping in any way I can."

Thank you to all who have given and prayed to help make resources like SuperKids possible.

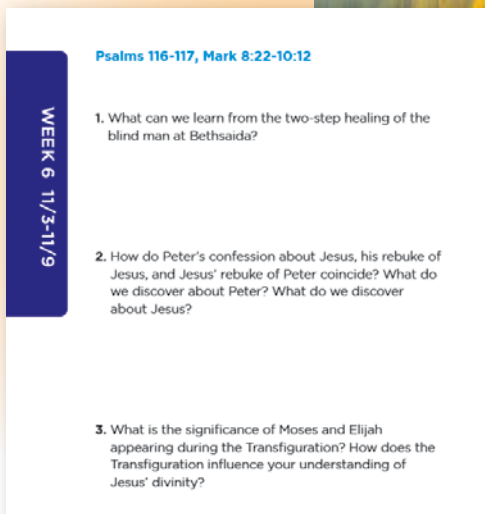
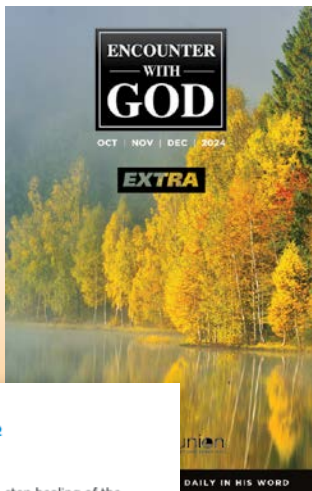
**BRIDGE Training Hubs  
expanding in 2025**

*Guatemala—for Spanish speakers  
Santa Ana—2 churches*

# Bible Guide *EXTRAS*

**E**XTRAS has been created as an additional resource to use with Scripture Union's daily devotionals *Encounter with God* and *Discovery*. It is an excellent tool for small group Bible study and can also enhance your own individual Bible reading. These questions will encourage you to dig deeper into the meaning of the Scripture passages you have read during the week.

**Bible guide *EXTRAS* can be found online at [scriptureunion.org/extras](http://scriptureunion.org/extras)**



## Partner Spotlight

### PHILADELPHIA GOSPEL MOVEMENT >>>

We are thrilled to be partnering with Philadelphia Gospel Movement to help churches meet Scripture engagement needs in the city of Philadelphia.

Here is a little snapshot of this important ministry.

#### ABOUT

Philadelphia Gospel Movement connects and equips Christian leaders to help transform our neighborhoods and city.



#### MISSION

PGM exists to lead Philadelphia and the Greater Philadelphia Area through the ongoing awakening of the Church, in bringing about a harvest of people turning to Jesus, changing the spiritual climate as we contend for the sustained social transformation of our city.

**Terry Davis**  
Executive Director,  
Philadelphia Gospel  
Movement

## Celebrate Advent with *God's Promise Kept* Devotion Kit

Scripture Union's Advent devotion kit provides children and families a memorable way to celebrate Advent as they anticipate the birth of Jesus. It points to Jesus with daily Scripture readings, Bible reflections, and a simple activity at the end of each week. This kit takes you from Genesis through the birth of our Savior with 25 Scripture passages, daily reflections, and questions for response.

God's Promise Kept includes a candle to light each day as you count down the days to Christmas and comes with a Christmas tree poster and meaningful stickers to put on the poster each day. Candle comes with candle holder and marks the days remaining before Christmas.

*"Our family finds Advent is engulfed by buying, eating, parties, family, church activities such that ... well, you know!! This advent kit came to be a focus where we could stop, listen, and pray thoughtful prayers! It was a Christmas gift, enlightening THE Christmas gift—the Incarnation."*—D.B.





**Honor or remember your family, friends, and loved ones this Thanksgiving or Christmas** by making a “Salt and Light” donation to Scripture Union. Your generous tax-deductible gift will help make God’s Good News known to children, young people, and families, and encourage people of all ages to meet God daily through the Bible and prayer. [www.ScriptureUnion.org/saltandlight](http://www.ScriptureUnion.org/saltandlight)

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# Testimonials

*I have been reading Scripture Union for many years with sincere intentions some years, but not using it in the helpful way I could have been – and not always guided by it. I am in hospice now and have been greatly led and awakened by of all things, 1 Kings. Your approach to knowing God feels exactly right to me. Thank you for being with me during these times of learning to trust without fear and to really know the love of God in Christ. Thank you for our consistent voice.*

- HG, Wilmington, DE

*Thank you so much for everyone’s investment in the lives of kids! Our grandson’s loved the week in Ship Bottom. The staff made a huge impact! They will never forget it. It was so needed.*

*My family has been served by EWG for over 30 years. We are so thankful for your ministry and know it is a ministry blessed by God. We are constantly reminded by that given the way that the daily devotional speaks to the things that are happening in our lives at any given time. God bless you all!*

- GD, Fairborn, OH

# Gift Memberships

What could be a better gift than a daily walk with God in his Word? Do you know someone who would benefit from receiving one of our Bible Guides? Give a Bible guide membership today! Help your friends and loved ones meet God every day in the coming New Year with Discovery or Encounter with God. Newer Christians and young adults will appreciate the relevant, practical discussions of Scripture in the Discovery Bible guide, mailed to their home each quarter. Those with greater Bible experience and a more mature faith will be challenged by the more in-depth daily readings in Encounter with God.

Both guides also come in Large Print should your gift recipient prefer it. A Gift Membership Form is included in this mailing for your convenience

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