

# BERITA SU

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Reaching the NEXT Generation with God's Word

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UPCOMING EVENTS

“*After* an eventful and meaningful year in 2015,” shares Koh Earn Soo, Executive Director, Scripture Union Peninsular Malaysia (SU), “we enter the year 2016, focussed on fulfilling the SU mandate, Reaching the Next Generation with God’s Word” (Psalm 78:5-6)”.

SU remains committed to do this through growing our core ministries among the children and youths, and through Bible engagement and camping. Earn Soo says, “To complement the core ministries, some new and exciting initiatives are in place this year. Allow me to highlight two. Firstly, SU has just published a bible study booklet, “Introducing Jesus” through the Gospel of Mark. It is our hope that every child and youth will hear the Gospel at least once through these studies. Secondly, the inaugural Youth Bible Conference, God willing, for 1,000 youths, will take place on 25 June 2016. We pray that our young people will come away with a renewed passion for God’s Word and will want to dive deep into the Bible.”



## FOCUSSING ON REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION WITH GOD’S WORD...

We press on into the new year, trusting God to fulfil His purposes and plans for the various ministries.

### CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

The vision of the Children’s ministry continues to focus on pointing children towards Jesus and encouraging them to meet God daily through the Bible. Jennifer Chew, the Team Leader, shares that “Our surroundings are our harvest field and we look forward to working with churches to reach children in the community through organising activities and camps. We trust that the Lord will provide like-minded people to come alongside us to reach these little ones with us.”

A new initiative this March/April will be a sports camp, using sports to share the Good News of Jesus Christ! The SUPA children’s camp from 28-31 May, will see children challenged to be ready and follow Jesus through a sports theme too. The parenting seminar in Mandarin, which has proved to be popular last year, will be brought to Kulim and Alor Setar in April/May, and to Ipoh and likely, Ayer Tawar, in September.

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## ✝ YOUTH MINISTRY

The aim of the Youth Ministry is to help School Christian Fellowships (SCFs) fulfill their mission of knowing Christ and making Him known. Last year was significant as God extended the reach to students and SCFs, beyond Government schools, to Chinese-speaking schools and private, international and home schools. 2016 promises to be equally, if not more, exciting!



SCF work encompasses a wide range - chapel services, rallies, training, camps and teacher-related events, in the KL/PJ area and in other towns. Also, following the publication of the booklet, *Introducing Jesus*, plans are underway to revise current materials and translate the *Leaders' Handbook* into the Chinese language. Emphasis will also be on SU organised camps and events, starting off with the Kedah camp in March, followed by the WORDAlive camp and Youth Bible Conference in June, and subsequently the National SCF Leaders' and dNA camps.

Girls' and Boys' Brigade (GB/BB) events, church and youth fellowship visits and the SU internship programme remain as priorities.

## ✝ BIBLE ENGAGEMENT MINISTRY

Against the backdrop of declining Bible literacy in the country, the Bible Engagement ministry team is passionate about encouraging children, youths and adults to cultivate the discipline of Scripture engagement through the use of SU Bible reading resources. Engaging with the Bible is indeed an adventure, leading to encounters with God and life transformation. Towards this end, there are plans for visits to churches to share the vision for greater Bible engagement while promoting published

## ✝ CAMPING MINISTRY

The camping ministry team aspires to reach and impact children, youths and their families by providing them with a meaningful and enriching Christian camping experience at the easily accessible 7.5-acre campsite at the foothills of Cameron Highlands. With a lovely stream flowing through, surrounded by lush forest greenery, the campsite is equipped with a good range of accommodation, conference and outdoor adventure facilities.

Blessed with the opportunity to serve 2,124 campers from 46 groups comprising BB/GB groups, Christian organisations, university Christian Fellowships, churches and church Youth Fellowships, at the campsite in 2015, the camping ministry team looks forward to receiving more campers this year!

In addition, ministry trips to Kuantan/ Kuala Terengganu, Penang and Melaka this year will allow the SU staff to serve churches and Christian groups, strengthen ties with partners and supporters, and explore new networking contacts. As an organisation, SU is



and online SU Bible reading resources; Bible Engagement seminars to help Christians 'dive deep' into God's Word; the Bible Knowledge Postal Quiz, and inaugural Youth Bible Conference.

grateful for the important and strategic partnership of churches, Christian organisations and Christian individuals in the ministry for the extension of God's Kingdom.



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### SIB OASIS KIDZ HOLIDAY CAMP (25-26 Nov 2015)

50 children (4 to 13 years old) gathered at the SIB Oasis Church, Seremban to learn about 'True Love'. There were two speakers-cum-organisers from SU - Marianne Liaw who shared about God's love shown to us through Jesus' death on the cross and Tinna Monica, whose talk entitled, 'Come See the King' invited children to explore the Kingship of Jesus and follow Him. SU was very blessed to receive invaluable help from Caroline Lee from FES, church volunteers and even the pastor himself! The children were enthusiastic to learn about Jesus and thoroughly enjoyed the activities. Some who were non-Christians placed their trust in Jesus. It was a privilege to sow the seed of the Gospel into the hearts of these little ones.



## DOA BULAN EASTER

Kristus Penyelamat Kita

(Halaman 177, Sumber Ibadat,  
Penerbitan Scripture Union)

...kerana Dialah yang akan menyelamatkan  
umat-Nya daripada dosa mereka (Mat. 1:21)

Pujilah Tuhan, hai jiwa kami,  
Puji Anak Bapa di syurga,  
Penyelamat kami,  
Melalui darah suci Engkau  
kami telah ditebus.

Pujilah Tuhan, hai jiwa kami,  
Puji Tuhan Yang Maha Kasih,  
Kami menunggu  
pertolongan Engkau,  
Supaya kami tidak hidup  
dalam dosa,  
Yakinkanlah kami, ya Tuhan,  
Engkaulah Penyelamat kami.

Pujilah Tuhan, hai jiwa kami,  
Puji Tuhan yang hidup  
selama-lamanya  
Engkaulah yang penuh dengan  
kuasa dan kemurniaan.  
Kami juga akan bersama Engkau.  
Kami bersyukur kepada-Mu,  
ya Tuhan.  
Di dalam kerajaan-Mu kelak

敬致：牧师/传道/长老/教会执事/团契/老师/儿童事工的弟兄姐妹，

### 介绍《葡萄园地》(Vineyard)

主内平安！

西马读经会(Scripture Union)透过四个部门：圣经资源部、营会活动部、青少事工部以及儿童事工部；借着各种活动和媒介使各阶层年龄的人更认识神的话语。宗旨是：把上帝的话，传给下一代。

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儿童事工部的《葡萄园地》(Vineyard)是一本为6 - 12岁小朋友所设计的属灵刊物，它能让小朋友学习如何将圣经的教导实践在生活。《葡》一年出版四期，一年订阅费为RM12.00，两年为RM24.00□

根据以下的建议，希望您能帮助身边的小朋友：

1. 介绍《葡萄园地》给你身旁的小朋友（尤其是主日学学生）；
2. 鼓励他们订阅《葡萄园地》；
3. 帮助他们填写表格和处理付款。

对象：家长、父母（包括即将成为父母的），  
牧者，教会领袖，主日学老师，  
以及对儿童教育有负担的人士。

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(03 - 77829592)。

祝 事奉得力

《葡萄园地》主编  
何廉明敬上  
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## THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' BRIGADE MINISTRIES

SU has been in active partnership with the Boys' and Girls' Brigade (BB and GB) Ministries that aim to enable more boys and girls to know and trust in Jesus Christ. In September 2015, the SU-BB Gospel Camp was conducted in Tapah and two GB Camps - the Junior Leaders' Training Camp and the Young Leaders' Preliminary Training Camp - were held in Sentul. The campers were thoroughly engaged in programmes such as games, drills and jungle trekking. Many non-Christian campers were touched by the Gospel that was clearly presented at those camps. SU is thankful for its Gospel partnership with these ministries.



## NATIONAL ANGLICAN DIOCESAN ENGLISH YOUTH CAMP

(11-14 Dec 2015)

SU had the privilege of partnering with the Anglican Diocesan Youth Council in its most recent English Youth Camp. Apart from being part of the organising committee, Marianne Liaw conducted a workshop on 'The Gospel Message', was on the Question-and-Answer forum and led in small group discussions. Joel Wong conducted a workshop on 'How to read the Bible'.

The youths responded very positively and learned many things, such as the Gospel and perceiving life issues through the lens of God's Word. Some non-Christian youths even professed their faith in Christ by the end of the camp! The youths' enthusiasm to learn God's Word brought much joy to our hearts.

## SRI SEMPERNA SCHOOL CAMP (16-19 Nov 2015)

'Knowing God's Word for all its worth' was the theme, at this camp, of one of the workshops, conducted by Marianne Liaw, Charis Tan and Tolga Cakarci. Marianne shared with 30 students the importance of engaging with Scripture and equipped them with essential Bible reading skills. The talk was interspersed with fun games and activities. Although it was a long and arduous half-day workshop, the students were incredibly engaged throughout the session. The most memorable moment was witnessing a student articulate the Gospel clearly during the workshop itself! 'The students really enjoyed the workshop!' was an encouraging feedback given by a teacher.



*"d'NA 2015 was different from most camps I've ever been to."*

*"A journey that helped me discover and feel God."*

*"A place that makes you crave for more."*



Learning, Life-changing, Inspiring. - Koh Mei Li



Reencountering God's love for us through His Word. - Jason Lee



The place I never want to leave for it inspired me to live. - Heng Ji' Anne

These are some of the one-liners from the 29 students who shared their experience of d'NA last year. Three students - Jason Lee, Koh Mei Li and Heng Ji' Anne - made it through the 3-year cycle and graduated in the presence of their family, friends and fellow students of the academy.

We are thankful for the Lord's enabling power, and continue to look to Him to use this camp to make a deep and lasting impact in these young lives.

DATES	CAMPS / EVENTS	AGE GROUP	LOCATION
Mar 14 -17	Kedah SU Camp	Youth	Tapah
Apr 8 -10	Kuantan-KT REACH	Various	Kuantan, Kuala Terengganu
Apr 15 – May 2	National BK Postal Bible Quiz	Youth	Various
Apr 29 – May 2	Penang REACH	Various	Penang
Apr 30 – May 1	Parenting Seminar (Mandarin)	Adults	Bukit Mertajam, Alor Setar
May 28 -31	SUPA Camp	Children	Tapah
May 31 – Jun 3	WORDAlive Camp	Youth	Tapah
Jun 25	Youth Bible Conference	Youth	PJ EFC

### KEDAH SU CAMP

Youths from Kedah and nearby areas are encouraged to sign up for this regional camp. If needed, the camp will be conducted in two languages – English and Mandarin.

### REACH (REGIONAL ACTIVITIES WITH CHURCHES)

These are SU ministry trips that cover a few cities or towns in different regions over the weekend.

### NATIONAL BK POSTAL BIBLE QUIZ

Scripture Union conducts an annual Bible Knowledge (BK) Postal Bible Quiz for School CFs and Church YFs throughout Malaysia under the sponsorship of the Malayan Christian Schools' Council.

### PARENTING SEMINAR (CHINESE)

'Parenting with Confidence' Seminar  
Parenting is one of the most rewarding journeys in life. Yet in

today's culture, parenting has never been more challenging. How then can we have confidence in our parenting?

立自信的亲子关系” 家庭培训  
能健康和平安地成长，是每个家长的心愿。  
现在的时代，许多家长在教养孩子的过程中遇到很多的挑战和烦恼。因此如何更有信心地建立良好的亲子关系呢？

### SUPA (SCRIPTURE UNION PRIMARY AGE) CAMP

The fun-filled teaching and activities in this camp aim to help children (aged 9-11 years old) know the Bible and follow Jesus.

### WORDALIVE CAMP

This Bible Camp will take campers on a mission to discover the Word of God through various sessions and activities.

### YOUTH BIBLE CONFERENCE

Our inaugural one-day Bible Conference with the theme: Saved, Obey and Serve in Challenging Times. Through this conference, youths will have the opportunity to discover lessons from the Book of Judges.

## RM 1,000,000?

Scripture Union Peninsular Malaysia (SUPM) needs RM 1,000,000 to support and grow our staff so that we can



- Support the schools work.
- Grow and establish more Christian Fellowships in schools.
- Run more camps to impact young lives for God's Kingdom.
- Produce more materials to facilitate Bible Engagement.
- Run seminars and events so that the next generation of young people can grow and be rooted in Christ and God's Word.

We are thankful to you and many others who have supported SUPM financially over the years. At the current level of support, we are potentially facing a deficit of RM350,000 or more.

You might not be able to give RM1,000,000 but you could prayerfully consider contributing RM1,000 (or more) per year so that many more young ones can be reached for the Kingdom of God.

**Koh Earn Soo** *Executive Director*





## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Training of School Christian Fellowship (SCF) leaders is a key aspect of the SCF work. The purpose of the training is to raise up new leaders and strengthen existing ones. Two initiatives at the end of 2015 were:-

1) The annual National SCF Leaders (NSCFL) camp held at Seminari Theologi Malaysia, Seremban, from 23-28 November, themed ROOTED (Colossians 2:6-7); and

2) The SCF Leaders camp at Damansara Utama Methodist Church, Petaling Jaya, on 3 December, attended by 12 CF leaders from 3 schools.



SCF leaders were much encouraged, not only through learning from the training, but also through the fellowship over the time spent together.

YOUTH CORNER

## VOLUNTEERING AT THE NSCFL CAMP 2015

We thank God for the 17 volunteers who took time off from their jobs, and invested time and energy in the youth leaders at the NSCFL camp.

Nigel Rode, a former camper turned regular volunteer, has been at SU camps from young. The teachings at camps, friendships forged and the balance of worship, Word and fun kept Nigel coming back. Nigel confides that it was at an NSCFL camp that God called him into the teaching profession. Today, Nigel is dedicated to his students.

Others like Eden Ho, Lau Weihan and Andrew Gan volunteered as they have been blessed tremendously by SU camps. Joshua Lim, a full-time church worker, shares that his capacity to serve has enlarged over time as he took on different roles at camps. Whatever the motivations for volunteering, one cannot deny that the opportunity to impact the lives of youths alone, is rewarding enough.

