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HOPE ON THE MOVE



Vision 2030

WORKING WITH CHURCHES WE AIM TO SEE:

**ONE MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE TRANSFORMED BY JESUS
AND FILLED WITH HOPE BY 2030.**

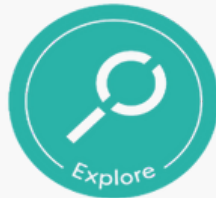
APRIL - JUNE 2025 IMPACT

3201 YOUNG PEOPLE REACHED

71 FIRST TIME RESPONSES TO CHRIST



Our focus is on building relationships through schools and community programs. We aim to create initial connections between unchurched young people and accessible Christian witnesses.



We provide opportunities for a deeper understanding of the Bible, Jesus and the Christian faith, fostering spaces for questioning, reflection and discovery, making God's good news known.



We pray that the unchurched will choose to respond positively to Jesus through clear, non-pressured invitations and tangible opportunities for young people to personally respond to what they are learning about Jesus.



We are committed to guiding young people to meet God daily through the Bible and prayer, supporting their journey to become committed church members and effective servants of a world in need.

DONATIONS RECEIVED R279 465

MINISTRY EXPENSES R235 031

FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK HOPE ON THE MOVE



One of the greatest privileges we have in ministry is the opportunity to journey with young people, to show up consistently, speak truth in love, and sow seeds of the Gospel that will certainly produce fruit.

Just last week, our staff member Yolande shared a beautiful testimony with me, two girls she had worked with a few years ago during their primary school days had continued to reach out to her over WhatsApp, both now in Grade 9, still carrying the memories, still asking questions about faith, prayer, and the bible. Though distance and time had separated them physically, the relational connection that started at School Christian Group endured.

This is the kind of mission Scripture Union is committed to: not just running one off events or programs, but cultivating multiple relational entry points and spaces where young people can meet God and where they know someone will walk with them as they explore and grow in faith. This reminds me of Paul's words in 1 Thessalonians 2:8:

“Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.”

It's this blend of gospel truth and genuine relationship that makes our ministry distinct and impactful. Our Staff and Mission Partners across KwaZulu-Natal are building these kinds of connections every week in schools and communities - being present, listening, praying, guiding and building bridges between the unchurched and Jesus Christ.

I invite you to join us in praying Jesus' words from Matthew 9:37-38: **“The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest.”**

As you read this issue, please pray for more labourers; those who will invest in the journey with young people, who will step into the mission field and help young people know and walk with God.

In this edition:

- The **Leader in Me** initiative and how it's equipping young leaders in identity and self-leadership.
- **Veritas Bible studies**, where our staff are deepening their understanding of God's Word to better serve young people.
- An upcoming **boys' camp**, designed to change lives, instill courage, and calling into young men.
- A new, exciting partnership with **Sonar Music**, opening creative spaces for gospel exploration and expression.

Each of these stories is part of hope on the move and we're grateful that you're shaping it with us.

May we never underestimate impact of relational ministry. It may take time, but it bears fruit that lasts.

Garland Sam
Provincial Director

KZN Provincial Executive

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Treasurer: Thirusa Govender

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Director: Garland Sam

Durban: Lyndall Moses

South Coast: Ps JP Momberg

Get to know the staff

"I once fell through a table while leading a youth event! No one in the crowd realized it wasn't part of the plan! Let's just say I'm willing to do whatever it takes to keep young people engaged"

Garland Sam (KZN Provincial Director)



"I am passionate about soccer. Twice a week I lace up my boots. When I am not chasing or defending goals, my life is invested in impacting and mentoring young lives"

Jayce Naidoo (Mission Enabler/ Finance Officer)

"I once led an entire youth camp with no voice - just hand signals, facial expressions, and pure energy. Oh, and I sprained my ankle trying to catch a chicken. I'm allergic to apples... but I love and still drink apple juice!"

Neo Mashau (Mission Enabler)



"I once tore a piece of my clothing in the middle of a lifeskills session. I kept going like nothing happened - resilience man!!"

Angel Mqadi (Administrator)

"I once told kids to turn to Moses when I meant the book of Exodus!"

Lesleigh Sayers (Mission Enabler)



"My presentation board fell out of my hands once when I was doing an Assembly."

Yolande Van Niekerk (Mission Worker)

Staff Journey with Veritas College

Our staff team had the privilege of engaging on a 26 module training called "Equipping to Serve" workshop facilitated by Rev. Lourens Schoeman of Veritas College. Veritas College is renowned for its Competency-Based Theological Education, aiming to empower church leaders and members to interpret and apply scripture effectively. Throughout the training, Rev. Schoeman guided the team through foundational aspects of biblical interpretation. These tools have not only equipped them to lead insightful Bible studies, fostering deeper spiritual growth within our communities but also enhanced personal devotional times as well.



POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS



During the month of June, Scripture Union KZN, in partnership with the Bible Society, distributed a total of 144 Bibles to Grade 7 learners from Hlanganani and Siphosethu Primary Schools. The Phoenix team had the privilege of presenting these Bibles to learners at special sessions. The excitement was palpable as the learners eagerly received their own copies of the Bible, many for the first time. This meaningful initiative has opened the door for Scripture Union KZN to launch a weekly Bible reading program at the Siphosethu. Every Thursday, the mission partners gather with the 94 Grade 7 learners to explore God's Word together, helping them grow in their faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus.

This year's Hlanganani Primary School Grade 7 camp was made extra special, thanks to the involvement of Yolande van Niekerk, our South Coast Mission Worker, who partnered with the dedicated teachers to create a rich and meaningful experience for the learners. A highlight of the camp was the opportunity for Yolande to personally hand each learner a Reach4Life Bible, made possible through our valued partnership. These Bibles aren't just books, they contain a full discipleship journey and topical studies that speak directly to the real-life issues young people face.

For these learners preparing to step into high school, the camp offered more than just a getaway, it was a chance to be equipped for the journey ahead, spiritually and personally.



SONAR
MUSIC

Scripture Union has partnered with Sonar Music, a global artist development organization, to bring something fresh and exciting to young creatives!

We recently hosted a Music Pop-Up Studio at Etham College, an interactive space where students explored songwriting, music production, and live event skills.

This creative space was more than just music, it was an invitation. Students showing leadership, creativity, and interest in music were invited to a free leadership camp, where they'll be equipped to start student-led music clubs in their schools.

Together with Sonar, we're helping students turn passion into purpose and shaping spaces where their voices can be heard.

Scripture Union, in partnership with SAPS and Department of Health hosted a Healthy Relationships and Sexuality Understanding Seminar.

This seminar was held at Phoenix Pioneer Primary School, alongside local businesses who sponsored refreshments. The event began with gender-specific sessions and included insights from various guest speakers. A representative from Phoenix Child and Family Welfare Society spoke on sexual abuse and early sexual activity, followed by Mrs. Nadia from SAPS Phoenix, who shared key statistics and support contacts. Nurse Roshelle covered puberty, personal care, and nutrition. Special thanks to our sponsors for generously providing meals and refreshments and a special thanks to Anil Manilall for his impeccable coordination and leadership.



SU INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

ENCOUNTER WORSHIP NIGHT



Recently, we received a moving testimony from one of our schools that reminded us just how powerful a single invitation, and a single moment in God's presence can be.

A young student at one of our local schools had been going through an incredibly dark season. For months, she had endured relentless bullying. The pain grew so unbearable that she attempted to take her own life. But God wasn't done with her story.

In the midst of her struggle, a Christian classmate reached out and invited her to attend one of our Encounter worship evenings. It was a simple gesture, likely unnoticed by many, but heaven took note. That evening, surrounded by worship and a sense of belonging, this student encountered the tangible presence of God. She connected. She worshiped. She surrendered her life to Jesus.

Since that night, she became a bold witness in her school, led the charge in organizing worship evenings on campus, creating a safe, Spirit-filled space for others to meet the same Jesus who rescued her.

We may never know the full weight of what God does through a single Encounter evening but He does and God is using these moments to write eternal stories.

"Come and see what God has done, His awesome deeds for mankind." – Psalm 66:5

UNITY

Our June Unity meeting was hosted at St Charles College, and it turned out to be another deeply meaningful evening. Graydon Scholtz delivered a powerful message on the Holy Spirit, titled "Get Your Sails Up."

He shared a personal story about trying to row across a lake, shoulders aching, feeling like he wasn't getting anywhere. He imagined how much easier the journey would've been with a sailboat and a properly positioned sail. In the same way, he reminded us that the Holy Spirit is available to every believer, ready to carry us forward if we would only raise our sails and depend on Him.

The St Charles student worship band led us beautifully in praise and worship, the evening ended with a rich time of reflection and prayer. With exams and the end of term approaching it was a timely moment to pause, seek God, and be refreshed by His presence.



MICHAELHOUSE CHRISTIAN FOCUS WEEK

Garland and Neo will be serving at this year's Christian Focus Week, Neo will be involved as part of the Ministry team while Garland is serving as the Ministry Leader. Please pray that God would prepare the hearts of the students and staff to receive His word with openness and hunger. Pray also for the team, to be spiritually ready, unified in purpose, and sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit in every session and interaction.

BOYS CAMP

CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE 2025

The Champions of change boys camp started with a dream and a vision given by GOD.

An idea that sat with the founder of 4 Him Ministries Reinhardt van der Westhuizen for many years.

The big idea was focused on youth, boys, troubled boys more specifically, boys that are missing the mark in some way, shape or form. (Honestly though, what boy does not miss the mark in some way?) so with saying that, all are welcome.

Reinhardt dreamed big dreams, he envisioned buying a farm, with a conference center and the list goes on.

He prayed and asked GOD for provision, and systematically, God was busy answering his prayers, just not the way that he had imagined.

Fast forward a couple of years and Reinhardt has made a new friend by the name of Garland Sam, the Regional Director of Scripture Union South Africa (KZN region). As the reader would most probably know, Scripture Union does youth camps, and this is where the manifestation started of a dream given many years ago,

We realized that most of the youth in South Africa do not have mentors, even just people pointing them in the right direction. Our youth is our future and without mentorship, Godly mentorship our future is looking bleak.



Boys that are in trouble usually are boys who have strong wills, and strong-willed boys is exactly what we need for future generations of strong leaders, pioneers, visionaries. They just need guidance.

Enter Champions of change boys camp for troubled youth.

At camp, we strive to teach these young men, what it means to be men, what it means to be husbands and fathers (Before they get there), and what it means to be functioning members of society. Here is the catch, we do all of this through the lens of Scripture. This is most definitely an exclusive Christian camp, we glorify God by obeying a command, the great commission. We have a team set up for success and each one of us are fully devoted to teaching these young men.

With saying that, we need supporters like you to make this dream a continual reality. Someone who can see and contribute to this amazing cause, someone who wants to make a difference in the youth of South Africa!

Thank you for your support.

Reinhardt van der Westhuizen



Ways to partner:

- ✓ Pray – Commit to praying for the boys, leaders.
- 👤 Sponsor a Boy – Cover the full or partial cost for a boy to attend camp.
- 💰 Give a Financial Gift – Every contribution helps us reach more boys.
- 🍽️ Donate a Meal or Snacks – Help feed a cabin or the whole camp for a day.

- 📖 Sponsor Devotionals – get the boys into the bible daily
- 👕 Donate Gear – A cap, hygiene packs, or camp t-shirt.
- 🙋 Volunteer – Join us as a camp leader or logistics support.
- 🗣️ Spread the Word – Share this opportunity.

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SPACES

Fanning to Flame: Prayer Spaces Multiply Across KZN



Lotusville Primary, Verulam

What began as a single sacred space of encounter has grown into a movement across KwaZulu-Natal. Prayer Spaces, designed to be safe, creative places where learners can pause, reflect, and connect with God —are taking root in new schools and communities. The hunger is real, and the doors are opening. We started our first Prayer Space at Lotusville Primary in June 2025. The school gives us 30 minutes with Grade 6 Christian learners and 30 minutes with Grade 7s. It runs every Thursday. The response has been overwhelming - 181 learners are attending. Already, 3 other primary schools and 1 high school from Phoenix have asked for the program. We will be launching in those schools next term.

St Mary's DSG , Kloof

Another beautiful opportunity came through St Mary's DSG, where Prayer Spaces were opened to learners from Grade 1 through to Grade 12. In one quiet, heartfelt moment, a Grade 10 learner vulnerably shared that she often felt like she wasn't enough. But through the space, she found room to reflect, reclaim her identity, and discover just how deeply loved she truly is.

This is just the tip of the iceberg of what these sacred spaces are doing in young lives.

From one school to many, from one small seed of obedience to many lives being touched, the Prayer Spaces initiative is becoming a rhythm of hope and healing for young hearts across KZN. And this is only the beginning.



Leader In Me

THE 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PEOPLE

Etham College - Wrapping Up the Term with Colour and Character!

The Grade 3 students of Etham College wrapped up their Leader In Me sessions for the term in vibrant style on the 30th May – dressed in civvies and full of energy, they brought the room to life!

The session, facilitated by SU Mission Partner Iona, focused on the habit 3 “Put First Things First.” Using a fun and relatable example of choosing fun over finishing homework, Iona helped the students understand how important it is to prioritise the right things. The Grade 3s quickly connected, sharing their own stories and learning how to make better choices going forward.



To wrap up the session (and the term!) with some well-deserved fun, SU Mission Enabler Neo, led an energetic game that had everyone laughing and on their feet. It was the perfect way to reinforce the lesson and end off on a high note.

As we look ahead, we invite you to keep the team in your prayers as they prepare for Term 3 as they continue walking alongside the Grade 3 learners of Etham College and guiding them to grow into confident, purpose-driven young leaders through our Sakh'ulutsha program.

We're so proud of the Etham College Grade 3s and can't wait to keep growing together next term!

PRAYER AND PARTNER

We believe prayer moves the mission forward. Please join us in praying for:



- That young people across KZN would come to faith and meet God daily through His Word and prayer.
- Wisdom for our mission partners as they share Christ in schools and communities.
- Pray for provision of an additional R300 000 annually (R25,000 per month) so we can scale our impact and transition our staff from part-time to full-time.
- More open doors and sustained favor at independent and public schools.
- That our Leader in Me and PrayerSpaces programs would plant seeds of faith and hope.

There's a place for everyone in the Scripture Union Family:

Grow the Impact:

Serve as a Committee Member (help guide our strategy and support the vision).

Become a SU Ambassador at your local church/school (advocate, connect, pray).

Serve as a Prayer Champion (commit to praying regularly for SU).

Fuel the Mission:

Become a Financial Partner - your giving helps us reach more young people with the Gospel every day.

18A Tax deductible benefit options available.

Once-off, project funding, monthly debit order.

Engage Your Network:

Host a business or info event to connect others with SU's mission.

Sponsor a learner or project through your workplace or church.

Connect your circle to ministry opportunities.

Ignite Your Passion:

Become a Sport Champion to spread the message.

Help plan or serve at our upcoming Camps/Holiday Clubs.

Be an SU Teacher Champion at your school (start or support a group).

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BECOME A MISSION PARTNER

What is a **MISSION PARTNER**?

An ordinary Christian with an extraordinary passion for youth and children.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?



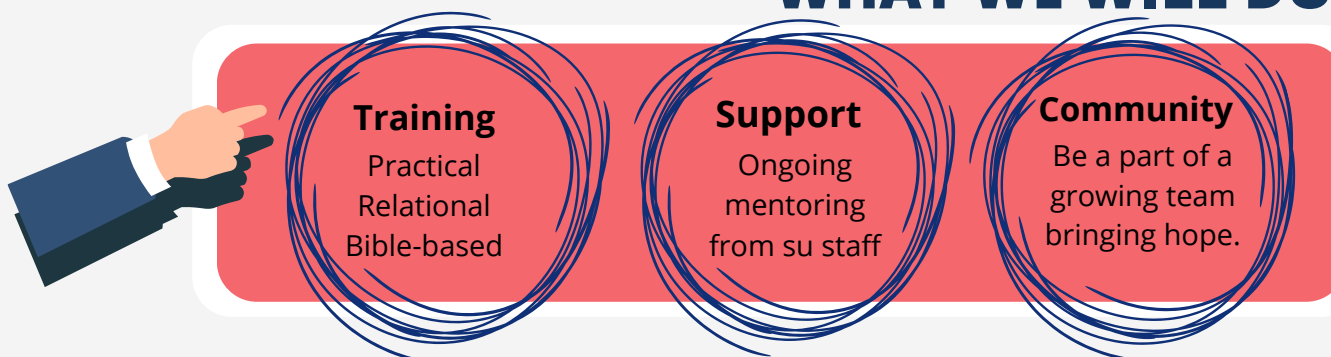
- Lead Schools Ministry or an activity.
- Build relationships with young people.
- Create safe spaces to explore faith.
- Help young people meet God daily through the Bible and prayer.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- Have a growing relationship with Jesus and a desire to follow Him.
- Care about the next generation and want to see them grow.
- Be open to learning and becoming a better leader.
- Show up regularly - your presence matters.
- Be open to guidance and support from others.



WHAT WE WILL DO

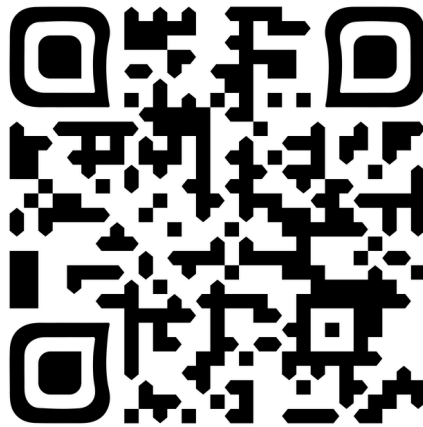


IS THIS YOU?



If you love Jesus and long to see young people experience His transforming love, this is your moment.

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