



SCRIPTURE UNION OF KENYA

The Launch of Life Skills Campaign

SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY, 2009 AT KICC

Children and Youth Ministry

Transforming Lives

Scripture Union has been actively involved in children's work in primary schools since 1985. This has been through the establishment of Bible clubs; fun filled biblically functioning communities in schools that are impacting their environments. The club is open to all boys and girls irrespective of their church affiliations or the absence of such affiliations.

So far we have 2500 Bible clubs across the country and have trained teachers who run these clubs on a weekly basis. The Government through the Ministry of Education has supported us by allowing the organization to run children's programs and trainings for teachers in schools and other learning institutions.

We hold inter school rallies for Bible club children once a term in every region. They offer opportunity for children from different schools to



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showcase the truths learnt in Bible Clubs, nurture talents, and engage in appropriate age group counseling on identified themes.

Children and youth holiday camps are very popular activities in this department. These are residential camps, providing temporary Christian community where the children and youth are equipped with socio-spiritual life skills necessary to make them functional members of their respective schools, churches and communities. The objective

is to equip them with abilities necessary to make informed choices and decisions in life. The camps are held every school holiday in the different regions and are facilitated by well trained members of staff and voluntary workers.

It takes more than literacy skills to survive and thrive in a world full of the challenges we are living in. Scripture Union runs a Life Skills program in primary schools to empower children and young people by enabling them to acquire knowledge and to develop attitudes and skills which support the adoption of healthy behaviours.

All these programs have been very effective with teachers and school principals giving reports of behaviour change in their schools, and parents testifying of the same for their children.

Mike Githaiga
Coordinator, Children and Youth Ministry

From the Family Ministry

Empowering Families

Everybody needs affection, appreciation and acceptance in order to live as normal persons in the society. God designed that these basic necessities of life be provided for by parents within the family unit. It is in the family where we can find love. Yet this important institution is under attack today.

It is from the family that the society is strengthened, social welfare is built and the importance of human relations emphasized. Molding the family is the best preventive measure against crime and social instability, drug and alcohol abuse, juvenile delinquency, corruption, breakdown in law and order, poverty and the lowering of living standards. The family is the best means of improving health and giving right values. This is the one institution that must be protected at all times.

We believe that the family is the most important single



Rev. Matthew Okeyo

factor in the molding of a human being. Scripture Union is committed to the promotion of wholesome relationships, healthy marriages and strong

family life. The objectives of this department are to equip parents to bring up confident, responsible children through the Positive Parenting Program, and to withstand the challenges in marriage through the 'Enjoy Your Marriage' program. The Engagement program aims at preparing young people for marriage.

Nothing could be more important in our world today than to discover and restore the power for good in the family.

By Rev. Matthew Okeyo
Coordinator, Family Ministry



Children participating in a past Scripture Union outdoor event

From Communication Department



Moses Wasamu

Let's Communicate!

In the Communication Department, our aim is to be a link between you, the reader, and the Scripture Union of Kenya. Through our quarterly newsletter, the Partner's Link, our website, www.sukenya.org, and other branded material, we desire to keep the public informed about what is happening in our organization. We would like to interact

with you at all times and in all ways possible. We would like to feel your heart beat even as you feel ours. This way, we would be able to walk together as we work towards empowering young people and their families.

We are waiting to hear from you. Let's communicate!

Moses Wasamu
Communication Manager

From Lake Region

Life Skills Reaches all

Scripture Union Lake Region covers Nyanza and Western provinces. We have been conducting life skills programme for children and young people in schools, churches, children's homes and among youth groups. We have even gone to the local prisons. We can boldly say that our Life Skills education has been effective in fighting HIV and AIDS, drug abuse, indiscipline in schools and violence in the community. Teachers, pupils and students, juvenile remandees and former street children have testified about the far reaching positive effects that Life Skills education has had in their lives.

Using a participatory learning approach, our life skills education in the Lake region has enabled young



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people to develop self esteem and build confidence; acquire and develop the right values and attitudes; and to build trust and take collective action as a group in overcoming challenges they face, such as negative peer pressure.

A 14 year old boy from Teso district recently confessed that he had been molesting

girls in his village. But after going through our life skills programme, he promised to stop the habit. In our follow-ups, we confirmed that he had kept the promise. A 16 year old boy in Kakamega Juvenile Remand Home admitted that he did not know how to make the right choice, and that is why he ran into trouble and found himself in the correctional institution. He enrolled for KCPE last year and passed well.

Our ultimate goal is to help such young people grow up happily, healthy and in a safe environment. This demands that we accept the reality we find them in and work together for positive change.

By Thomas Amata
Coordinator, Lake Region



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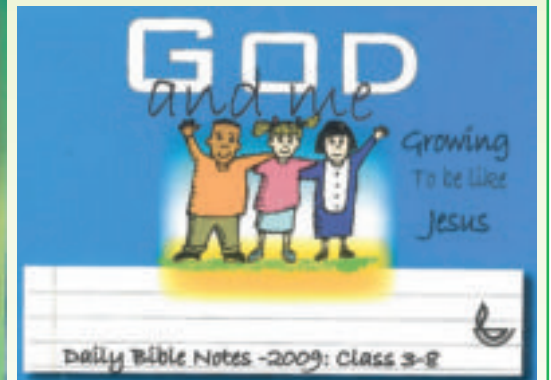
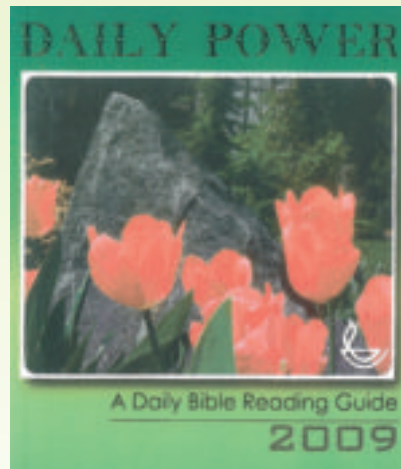
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Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

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