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## Northeast Regional Newsletter

**Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim His greatness. Let the whole world know what He has done. (1 Chronicles 16:8)**

At Scripture Union we are praising God for the opportunity to work with children and their families to develop a daily Bible reading habit. We praise God for the E100-Challenge Bible engagement tools that have been so effectively used in inspiring thousands of Christians around the world to read and study the bible. We praise God for all the people He is bringing into partnership with us in reaching unchurched children and promoting Bible engagement for people everywhere.

### **SuperKids in Jamaica, W. I.** by Elizabeth Spence

When I found that my youth group was going on a missions trip to Jamaica in August 2011, I'm ashamed to say that the first images that came to my mind were of white beaches and a crystal blue sea. Looking back on the trip, however, the images I see are very different. I see the faces we encountered and the souls with which God entrusted us. I really knew little of Jamaica before the trip. The world outside Jamaica's the vacation



resorts is a hurting world in need of God's love, and Fort Lee Gospel Chapel's Youth Group spent an amazing fourteen days immersed in the experience. Every day brought something new: an exotic new food to try or a close encounter with a flying cockroach. The theme for our trip was **Romans 8:38-39**: "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Distance could

not separate us from the love of God which we saw afresh each day. Poverty could not separate the children we ministered to from the love of God. The children did not have many material things, but their open hearts which were receptive to Christ made them richly blessed. The 2011 mission's trip to Jamaica was one of the most memorable experiences of my life and the lives of my fellow youth group members. We can't wait for the next missions trip!

### **First Fundraising Luncheon - SU Northeast Region**

On September 24, 2011 the Northeast Regional Council sponsored a fundraising luncheon at the Ridgeway Alliance Church in White Plains, New York. One hundred and twenty guests gathered to hear what SU staff is doing in the region and about the children whose lives had been transformed by the Gospel. The children from Newburgh Prime Time delighted the audience with their dramatic performance. We were blessed with inspiring music, delicious food and lots of fellowship. Mr. Whitney Kuniholm, President of Scripture Union, shared the SU national vision, and Dr. Tony Hart of the Grand Old Gospel Fellowship brought an inspiring and challenging message.



### **Prayer**

**E100 Challenge Campaign:** We have launched a campaign challenging pastors around the country to encourage their members to participate in reading the 100 essential passages of the Bible in 2012.

**Pray for** new PrimeTime programs that begin in January. **Pray for** the Children who attended SuperKids programs and pray for the churches doing follow-up with them. **Pray for** the children who attended the SuperKids in Jamaica. **Pray for** the Fort Lee youth group as they sponsor a reading program for the children and collect clothes and toys as Christmas gifts for them.

**JOIN OUR REGIONAL GIVING TEAM:** Those of us who care about unchurched children realize that the future of the church lies in bringing children to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Today, fragmented families and working mothers leave many children unsupervised. Our streets are often dangerous for kids. We must encourage churches to see these children as a mission field. Scripture Union's goal is to empower caring Christians to reach these children, using the materials S.U. provides. We need our Northeast Regional Director, Sonia Dobson, to spend her time training volunteers and reaching churches to set up PrimeTime and SuperKids programs. Please pray about what God would have you do to support this ministry. There are several ways to make a tax-deductible contribution to Scripture Union, including:

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**Phone**—800-621-LAMP (5267). **Make checks payable to Scripture Union. Designate your gift for Northeast Region.** Please consider becoming a **SU PARTNER**. Your monthly prayer and financial contribution to Scripture Union's ministry in the Northeast Region will help us continue and enlarge our ministry of sharing the Gospel with unreached children.