

**"I AM THE
LIGHT OF THE WORLD.
WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL
NEVER WALK IN DARKNESS,
BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT
OF LIFE."**

Dear SU Supporter,

Can you remember a time when you were lost in the dark? Maybe it was driving down an unfamiliar road at night, getting stuck in a room and you couldn't find a way out, or being caught in the sudden silence of a power cut. In that moment, the darkness probably felt overwhelming.

Anxiety. Loneliness. Fear. Not knowing where to turn.

You struggled to find your way, wondering when — and how — the light would return.

**For many young people across Scotland today, life feels like that.
A constant struggle in the dark.**

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Ashley was a young person stuck in the dark. Growing up, she had no Christian influence in her life; her family didn't know God and neither did any of her friends.

Her early years were dark, filled with loneliness and worry, with no one to turn to. Home life was difficult, as she witnessed alcohol abuse and domestic violence. She often felt forgotten and that she had to stay silent. If there was a God, did he even care?

Now think back to your own experience of being lost in the dark. How did it feel when the light finally came? How bright that light seemed! How powerful! And how those feelings of fear and isolation gave way to relief, joy, calm — and the deep comfort of being found.

This Christmas, we want more children and young people to experience that moment. To discover the light that never fades. To know the One who says, "I am the light of the world."

And you can be the one who helps young people like Ashley find the light of Jesus.

Your gift today could be the turning point in a young person's life — the moment they discover the light of Jesus and know they are not alone.

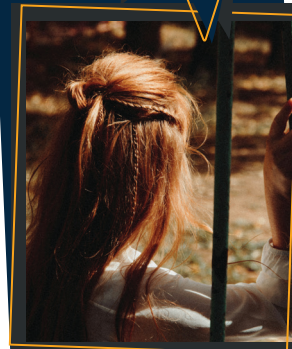
At this special time of year, please join us in lighting up Scotland one young life at a time. From SU Holidays to taking the real Christmas story into schools, you can help us bring the good news of Jesus to children and young people across Scotland. You can help young people see that even in their darkest moments, they are not alone. There is a light that shines in the darkness — and the darkness cannot overcome it.

This Christmas, could you help bring that light to a young person?

**BECAUSE WHEN ONE YOUNG PERSON
FINDS THE LIGHT OF JESUS,
EVERYTHING CHANGES.**

Ashley's story didn't end there.
God had a plan.

John 8:12



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* To protect Ashley's privacy, a representative image has been used

Ashley herself shares how, thanks to amazing supporters like you, an incredible journey began:

"I first heard about SU Holidays at school and really wanted to go as the activities sounded really fun, and it would be a welcomed break from life back home. Before going on my first SU Holiday I'd only heard about Jesus as part of the Christmas story. I hadn't even given any thought to if he was real. And even if he was, I didn't see how that could be relevant to me anyway."

However, that week changed everything.

When the leaders explained the gospel to me, I couldn't believe that someone could love me so much that they would die for me!

The leaders taught me that Jesus would never leave me no matter what. I could tell him ANYTHING and He would listen, that when I was scared in the dark he would be right there beside me. I didn't have to be alone anymore and it gave me hope."

Since that moment at an SU Holiday, SU continued to be part of Ashley's life changing story. Throughout her early teens she went on more SU Holidays. To ensure she could continue to grow in faith and learn more about God back at home, the leaders gave her worksheets she could use along with her Bible.

Ashley continues:

"Although I turned away from God for a few years, I never forgot the seeds that had been planted in those SU experiences. I fully committed my life to God in my early 20's and have never looked back."

I'm so grateful to God for bringing hope into my life. For turning my darkness into light. Please consider giving to SU this Christmas so that other children that might not have any other way of finding out about Jesus, can have the same chance I did."

As Christians, we know that it's not just young people who have had a tough start in life, like Ashley, that need Jesus. It's all children and young people.

WITH MANY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE NOT KNOWING THE REAL REASON WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS, THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW!

This Christmas, as we celebrate the light of Jesus coming into the world, will you share this amazing gift with a child or young person that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

From all of us here at SU Scotland, I want to wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas, and to say a heartfelt thank you for all your support this year.

Together, we are bringing the light of Jesus into the lives of young people across Scotland — and we couldn't do it without your practical support and prayers.

With many thanks,

Robin MacLellan

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CEO, SU Scotland



Young people across Scotland urgently need to know Jesus. Right now, too many are walking through life in darkness — struggling with anxiety, loneliness, and fear.

They are searching for hope. Searching for light.

Your donation today is vital. It ensures that more children and young people will hear the life-changing message of Jesus, the light of the world, who brings peace, purpose, and hope.

WHAT GREATER GIFT COULD YOU GIVE THIS CHRISTMAS?



To light up a young life today, scan the QR code or visit suscotland.org.uk/light



From darkness to light, Ashley's life has dramatically changed thanks to generous supporters like you.*

£60

could enable an SU Regional Worker to take a Christmas presentation into a school allowing more school pupils to hear the true story of Christmas.

£140

could help a young person like Ashley attend an SU Holiday that they otherwise couldn't afford.

£200

could help provide our Explore Christmas resources to schools across Scotland, shining the light of Jesus into local schools.

£330

could help set up more youth projects in priority areas, providing positive spaces in local communities to disciple young people.

