

# We found good ol' Joe!

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In November 2025, Annette Osborne (Children & Families and SU International) was on long service leave from Scripture Union NZ. While on her travels, she teamed up with Rachel Farmer, Communications Consultant with SU International, on a quest to find the gravesite of Josiah Spiers.

Josiah Spiers (1844-1888) was the founder of the Scripture Union Children's Special Service Mission (CSSM), a passionate pioneer in children's evangelism. He's the one who wrote God Is Love in the sand while on a holiday, attracting nearby children to hear a message about God and in doing so started the ministry of beach missions. Find out more about Scripture Union's history [HERE](#)

Armed with gloves, clippers and a shovel, Annette and Rachel explored through Newton Abbot Cemetery in Devon. Clearing away weeds and ivy, they were thrilled to uncover the headstone of the founder of Scripture Union.



Click the image to watch a 3 -minute clip of their discovery



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*we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His Power and the wonders He has done.*

*Psalm 78.4*



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