

SU/FES

PRAISE & PRAYER LETTER

July-August 2014

FOCUSSING ON SCRIPTURE UNION

July

1. **Elaine Liew, Collene Lee and Lynette Lee** will be visiting the Wesley Methodist School Christian Fellowship in Malacca today. Pray that the Lord will empower them as they share God's Word and fellowship with the teachers and students there.

The deadline for the National BK Postal Bible Quiz centres to send their reports was June 1st while that for applicants for the Rosie Cheah award to send in their applications was June 30th. Please pray that those centres that have not done so will do the needful as soon as possible.

2. **Lue Jun Yi** is entering into his last year of his current Scripture Union contract. Pray for God's wisdom and direction as he seeks God's will for the path ahead.
3. The regional level oral quiz will be held on July 5th in three regions:
Northern Region Quiz in MGS Ipoh
Southern Region Quiz in MGS Melaka
East Malaysian Regional Quiz in SMK St. Columba, Miri
Please pray for good response to the quiz and the smooth running of it.
4. **Lue Jun Yi** is speaking at the Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Puchong Perdana Christian Fellowship today. Pray that the message will be clear and relevant to the students. Pray that the students will be encouraged and strengthened in their faith.
5. **Lue Jun Yi** is leading a group of youth from his church, Shah Alam Gospel Centre, for a one-day sports event. It is an evangelistic event and the majority of the youth are non-believers. Pray that the gospel shared will speak to the youth at the event.
6. Scripture Union Peninsular Malaysia has recently created a Facebook group – **Living Word** – where Christian writings are posted up on a regular basis to

encourage a deeper engagement with Scripture. Please pray that those writings will touch people's hearts and cause them to be responsive to God's Word.

7. **The Youth Ministry Team** will be meeting today to plan and look into the youth work of Scripture Union. Pray for God's wisdom and vision in their ministry to the youth.
8. **The School Christian Fellowship Leaders' Training** will be conducted this Saturday, 12th July. Pray for the speakers as they prepare their sessions and that the students will come with an attitude to learn and apply what they have heard in their schools & Christian Fellowships.
9. **Scripture Union International:** "Praise God for the special training programme for North Indian staff held in June. Please pray for the running of camps for the boys and girls in the Mahabalipuram camp centre during weekends. Pray too for the editing of adult notes in eight Indian languages, teen notes and children's notes in two languages respectively in the month of July."
10. The **17th National SPM BK Oral Quiz** will be held at the Catholic High School on July 26th. The BK14 Quiz for Forms 1 - 6 will be based on Luke 13 - 24 and will run at the same time. Uphold in prayer the teachers and student helpers as they work on preparations for the quiz and the smooth running of it. Pray for Christina Lan who will oversee the running of the Quiz in her school. Pray too that the participants will enjoy reading God's Word, diligently study the Bible text, remember what they have read and choose to make Bible-reading a life-long habit. Pray for the safety of participants and teachers as they travel to the venue and back.
11. **The School Christian Fellowship Leaders' Training** will be held at Methodist College Kuala Lumpur tomorrow. It is a half-day event aiming to equip and train student leaders and potential leaders. Pray that the students will have the desire to learn and be challenged as they serve God in their schools.
12. **Richard Chen** and his wife **Yoke May** are looking forward to attend the Staff Annual Retreat in Fraser's Hill from the 13th to 15th July. Pray that they may have a refreshing time together with the SU family. It would also be a time for Richard to reflect on his contribution to SU's ministry.
13. The **SU staff retreat** begins today until the 15th. Pray for a good time of fellowship for the staff and their family members. Pray also for the strengthening of bonds between the SU staff so that they will continue to be united in their vision for the work in SU.

14. **Richard Chen** continues to speak in churches in the south as the Associate Staff for the southern region. Pray that the Lord will bless him with good health and clarity of mind as he ministers to the churches. Pray that the congregation will be encouraged to read the Bible daily and systematically using SU notes.
15. **Scripture Union International:** "SU Cambodia and SU Thailand are actively looking for staff. Please pray that God will lead the right persons to join them. Pray too for the respective SU Council and Committee in these two movements as they need to take up additional responsibilities in the current vacuum."
16. **Joanne Liaw:** "Please pray that God will send good and right tenants to rent the shop office owned by Scripture Union."
17. **Edwin Khoo:** "Pray that renovation work for the campsite will go on smoothly and be completed on schedule."
18. **Chai Siew Meng:** "Praise the Lord for the recent Postal Bible Knowledge Quiz. Pray that the students who participated in the quiz will continue to be consistent in reading and applying God's Word in their daily life."
19. Thank God that the drought season and water rationing in Malaysia ended a few months ago.
20. **Joanne Liaw:** "Thank God that my church camp, which was held from the 9th-11th May 2014 in Ipoh, was very edifying and fruitful."
21. **Scripture Union International:** "The SU Global Movement is in the process of developing a new structure/framework. This is the first time in over 50 years that major changes have been considered. The Process Steering Team meets this week to consider the outcome of the consultations that took place from April to June and to propose changes that will be discussed at the International Council meeting in September. Please pray for wisdom as we seek God's leading."
22. Please pray for the Scripture Union's **Children's Ministry Team** as they take the opportunity to rest and recuperate from the busy period of organising many camps and events.
23. **Joanne Liaw:** "Pray that God will grant me His enabling and strength as I continue collating Scripture Union's prayerletter."

24. Pray that Christians in Malaysia will stand strong for the Lord even in the midst of persecution and unfair treatment.
25. Please pray that the effort put in by Scripture Union's **Children's Ministry Team** for the Bahasa Melayu SUPA camp, that was held from the 27th-29th March 2014 in Sitiawan, will continue bearing fruit and that the children who attended this camp will continue growing in their knowledge of and love for God.
26. **Joanne Liaw:** "Pray that God will give me wisdom in managing the development of Scripture Union's new website."
27. **Lue Jun Yi** will be away for his church family camp at Port Dickson from today until 29 July. Pray for a good time of learning from God's Word and meaningful fellowship with other members.
28. The Subang rally organised for School Christian Fellowships in Petaling Jaya will be held today. Pray for the speakers as they share God's Word and that students, who hear the Word, will be challenged and their lives transformed. Pray for opportunities to connect with new School Christian Fellowships. Remember to pray for the night rally as well – that students will come to know the Lord and rededicate their lives to Him. Pray for wisdom and discernment for **Elaine Liew, Lynette Lee** and **Collene Lee** as they serve as counsellors that night.
29. The **WORDAlive Camp** registration closes in two weeks time. Pray that God will send sufficient campers to attend the camp. Pray for the committee as they continue to plan the programs that will help the students to engage with God's Word.
30. **Scripture Union International:** "Praise God for fruitful ministries these past months in schools and hostels in Pakistan and for the Lord's protection. Pray for peace in the country and protection for staff as they visit different cities conducting Vacation Bible Schools."
31. Today is **Lynette Lee's** last day as an intern in Scripture Union. Pray for guidance and wisdom as she furthers her studies in University.

August

1. **Edwin Khoo:** “Pray for a good learning experience and a safe journey for Dennis and I as we attend the Camp Director’s course this month in Ulu Tiram Johor.”
2. **SU Nigeria:** “Praise God for the successful hand - over by the former General Director, Engineer Yomi Oladeji, to the new General Director Mr Odelana, Adewale Phillips, on 1 Jan 2014. We praise God also for the specialised training of Children’s Travelling Secretaries, the Council Meeting in March, the election of new Council members, and the Family Workshop for Nigeria in April.”
3. The ladies ministry at the church where **Collene Lee** worships will be organizing a special games event for ladies today. **Collene** thanks God for the team organizing this and trusts God for the smooth execution of the plans. More importantly, pray, along with her, that it will be a fun and meaningful time of fellowship especially with friends who come.
4. **Scripture Union International:** “Please pray for SU Queensland’s state conference from 4 - 7 August, as the 750 staff gather to learn and be encouraged in their faith and ministry.”
5. **Lee Peh Lan:** “Please pray for proper follow-up to be done for those who have accepted Christ or rededicated their lives to God.”
6. **Scripture Union International:** “In June, Scripture Union was part of an exciting Bible week in the greater Dublin area which involved all the main denominations. Presentations took place in local areas on subjects such as ‘Exploring and Praying the Bible’, ‘The Bible and Contemporary Issues’ and ‘The Bible and Film’. SU staff worker, Grace Deegan, coordinated a project involving 250 fourth class students from disadvantaged areas in Tallaght, Dublin. Students researched and designed comic books based on Acts 2 and the winning class will have theirs published. Pray that these events will have a lasting impact on the churches and the place of the Bible in their ministries.”
7. **Edwin Khoo:** “Praise God for the growth in the School Christian Fellowship (SCF) work in Taiping and Ipoh. Thank God for providing many dedicated Christian teachers to partner with Scripture Union (SU) through the Christian Fellowship (CF) ministry.”

8. **Lue Jun Yi** will be speaking at a school in Cheras today. May God's Word penetrate the heart of the students as they listen.
9. **SU Poland:** "Please pray for our summer programme – this year it is packed with events! Pray too for our new generation of young leaders: we have started a new programme with them which we intend to follow up in the summer and the next school year. Pray also for the right people to fulfil God's plans for our ministry in the next school year."
10. Please pray that the effort put in by Scripture Union's **Children's Ministry Team** for the Kuala Terengganu English SUPA camp, that was held from the 25th-27th April 2014, will continue bearing fruit and that the children who attended this camp will continue growing in their knowledge of and love for God.
11. The **WORDAlive Camp** registration closes today. Pray that God will prepare the hearts of the students who will be coming for the camp, that by the end of the camp they will be challenged to engage with God's Word in their lives and experience Him through His Word.
12. **SU Nepal:** "Praise God for the 160 children who attended Vacation Bible School in Chitwan, 80 children in Bhaktapur and 124 in Dhanusha in April. Pray for the teens' teacher training to be held on 10 and 11 August and for the volunteer writers who will be writing adult Bible notes during this quarter."
13. **Chai Siew Meng:** "Please continue to pray that the SU Bible Reading Notes will be a good guide/tool to assist people in engaging with God's Word and encourage them to be consistent in their daily quiet time."
14. Please pray for **Elsie Cherian** as she works on processing the certificates for the participants of the National Bible Knowledge Postal Bible Quiz who succeeded in winning the Rosie Cheah award.
15. **Scripture Union International:** "Schools in Scotland will resume in mid - August. Please pray that head teachers will be receptive to new Scripture Union School groups starting as well as the 450 or so that will be restarting after the summer break. Pray too for those who will be training in August to run Bible Alive in primary schools – a six-week overview of the Bible using sign language, rhyme and drama."
16. **Edwin Khoo:** "Pray that God will provide a new ministry staff to serve in the Christian Fellowship (CF) work among Chinese schools in smaller towns in

Perak.”

- 17. Esther Lee:** “Pray that our Bible Reading subscribers, who have been reading Scripture Union’s devotional material, will experience God speaking to them daily. Pray that God will give all our devotional writers wisdom and strength to encourage, through their writings, those who read His Word.”
- 18. SU India:** “Pray for the Executive Council meeting on the 19 August and the AGM on 20 August. There are 145 staff members working all over India – thank God for them and please pray for them too!”
- 19. Lee Peh Lan:** “The Christian Fellowship in Keat Hwa (II) is reaching out to problematic students in the lower forms. A few of them are attending my Homework Centre. Pray for wisdom and patience in helping them.”
- 20. Joanne:** “Pray for a closer partnership between Scripture Union and the churches nationwide.”
- 21. Lue Jun Yi** is sharing God’s Word at a school in Shah Alam today. Majority of the students are non-Christians. Pray that God’s Spirit will work and speak to the students through the sharing of God’s Word.
- 22. SU West Asia:** “Over the past two years, Jason Fong (SUEWA Ministry Director) has made a few visits to a couple of countries in West Asia. We praise God that the work which our key contacts and associates have laboured on over the years is beginning to bear fruit steadily. Please continue to pray for wisdom and protection as we work in these sensitive and restrictive countries. Pray especially for the raising up of local people as committee members and staff.”
- 23.** Tomorrow morning, **Richard Chen** will be ministering to the congregation at the Melaka English Presbyterian Church. Pray that the Spirit will guide him as he preaches from the Word. Pray that he will have a clear understanding of the Word as he encourages the members to “live by faith and not by sight”.
- 24. The National School Christian Fellowship Leaders’ (NSCFL) Camp** is three months away. Pray for the committee as they finalize the programs. Pray also for sufficient volunteers to help out in the running of the camp.
- 25. SU Serbia:** “Please pray for the cooperation between the Bible Societies from five countries in the Balkans. Pray for the publication of E100 for adults and the start of Bible groups in churches around the Balkans. Young Scripture

Union volunteers who have been involved are key people in this project – please pray for them too. Thank God for the Scripture Union teen conference. It is a big event held every spring since 2006.”

26. Please pray that the effort put in by Scripture Union’s **Children’s Ministry Team** for the English SUPA camp that was held on the 28th-31st May 2014 in Penang, will continue bearing fruit and that the children who attended this camp will continue growing in their knowledge of and love for God.
27. Please pray that those who requested the Self-study Bible courses by post will receive them safely. Please pray for **Elsie Cherian** as she continues to contact individuals to inform them about the availability of these courses.
28. **Scripture Union International:** “Some time ago, a land overlooking Nadi was donated to SU Fiji for the development of a camp site. A Board of Trustees has been registered. SU Fiji now asks for prayer as planning begins. Please pray for divine wisdom, partnerships and resources to see this project move forward.”
29. **Elaine Liew** and **Collene Lee** thank God for the regular opportunities to minister to the students at Sri Garing and Rawang school Christian Fellowships. Even in ministering, they themselves are blessed. Do pray for lives to be changed as God’s Word is shared today.
30. The **WORDAlive Camp** is two weeks away. Pray for the final preparation of the camp to be smooth. Remember the speakers in prayer as they prepare and pray over their sessions.
31. **SU Kenya:** “Thank God for a Sunday school teachers training on puppetry in April in Nairobi. This attracted 70 teachers from different churches. Among the needs highlighted is more capacity building training. We praise God also for the successful completion of the *Programme for Pastoral Instruction (PPI)* curriculum, the culmination of eight months of intensive work.”