

SU/FES
PRAISE & PRAYER LETTER
March-April 2013

FOCUSSING ON SCRIPTURE UNION

March

1. **Jennifer Chew** and some volunteers are working closely with a local BM church in Sitiawan preparing for a Children's Day Camp from 25 to 27 March. Pray for wisdom and understanding as the camp planning committee prepares for this camp which will be conducted in Bahasa Malaysia. Pray that parents will release their children and God will keep them safe as they travel to and from the camp venue.

2. **Elsie Cherian:** "Please pray that all the centres that want to register for the National Bible Knowledge Postal Bible Quiz will do so as soon as possible."

3. **Jason Lai's** parents will be flying back from Hanoi, Vietnam today after a 2-week holiday in Vietnam. Pray for protection from the Lord as they travel back to Malaysia.

4. Please uphold **Elsie** in prayer as she gets ready the quiz questions in English, Mandarin, Malay, Tamil and Iban for photostating so as to send them to the various centres.

5. **Lue Jun Yi** went for a children's ministry training seminar over the weekend (1-2 March). Pray for him that the things he learned will be applicable to his ministry among the youths (as children will become youth one day!).

6. We continue to ask the Lord to **provide the right persons** for the various positions in the Children, Youth, Camping and Bible Reading ministries.

7. Please pray that the **SU Bible Reading (QT) Notes** will continue to help and encourage people to love and to read God's Word daily.

8. Praise God for enabling the **camping ministry** to move forward with Edwin as the newly appointed team leader. Uphold in prayer Phaik Leng as she sees to the administrative needs of the camping ministry.
9. Praise God for His mercy and healing upon our senior staff, **Jimmy Wang** in his battle with cancer.
- 10. Lue Jun Yi** is sharing about SU ministry at the Teratai Mewah Gospel Centre today. Please continue to uphold SU's ministry among the churches in prayer.
11. **Richard Chen** conducted a Bible-Reading Seminar in the middle of January this year at the Shah Alam Gospel Centre. Pray that those who attended have benefited and were encouraged to read their Bible daily and systematically.
12. **Elsie Cherian:** "The National Bible Knowledge Postal Bible Quiz will be running in a month's time. Please pray that Sunday School teachers/ CF and YF advisors will actively encourage the participants in their centres to study the Bible texts (Genesis 25 – 29 and Acts 8 – 15)."
13. **Chai Siew Meng** thanks the Lord for a good reunion and time spent with family, relatives and friends, back in his hometown during the Chinese New Year period.
14. Please continue to pray for the **writers and artists of Vineyard Magazine** that they find joy and satisfaction in their service for God, SU and readers of the Vineyard Magazine.
15. Please pray for **Collene Lee** and **Elaine Liew** as they advise the committee organizing the combined camp of four schools in Subang Jaya scheduled in May. Do pray specially for good teamwork and co-operation as students from the various schools work together.
16. **Christian Work In Schools: Issues and Challenges seminar.** This is jointly organized with TCF, MCSC and NECF and held at the Methodist College, Kuala Lumpur. The purpose is to challenge and provide practical resources to teachers, students, parents and church leaders to establish a Christian presence in our schools. Pray that more Christians will take up the call and be involved in School

Christian Fellowships (SCF).

- 17.** Over the past year, in **SU Movements around the world**, staff and volunteers have been listening to groups of children, youth, and adults speak about hope and hopelessness. This information was collated by a research consultant, Benita Hewitt, and presented at the Living Hope gathering in November 2012. In one of the reports we discovered that **young people in the UK and Malaysia** do not have much hope for the future. They do not believe they will have a more hopeful life in years to come than they currently have. Please pray for the young people in these countries and for SU as they consider how to respond to these findings.
18. Uphold in prayer, **Elsie** as she works together with the layout artist to get the revised version of Bible Bytes 5 ready for printing.
19. **Chai Siew Meng:** "Please pray that the SU Bible Reading (QT) Notes will continue to help and encourage people to love and to read God's Word daily."
20. Please pray for the **National Bible Knowledge Postal Bible Quiz team** as they work together to send out the quiz questions in English, Mandarin, Malay, Tamil and Iban to the various centres.
21. **Richard Chen** will be travelling from Melaka to Port Dickson to preach at the Presbyterian Church on 24 March. Pray for God's protection upon Richard and his wife as they travel. He will set up a book table to encourage the church members to use SU Notes in their daily Bible reading. His wife Yoke May will be assisting him at the book table.
22. **SU KEDAH Camp @ Parit Buntar: 25-28 March.** Pray for this annual outreach camp for youths in the northern region. Remember Mr Lee Peng Chiat, Peh Lan and their team of volunteers who have faithfully organized this camp for many years. Pray that the good news of Jesus Christ is shared clearly and with impact. Jason Lai will also be participating in the camp.

23. **Lue Jun Yi** is travelling down to Johor Bahru today with his church youth group for an annual gathering with other churches from Malacca and Johor Bahru over the weekend (23-24 March). Pray for safe journey and warm fellowship with one another.

24. **Collene Lee** is going on a retreat to Malacca with her church youth group . Pray for good fellowship and for a blessed time of learning as they study regarding being a disciple of Jesus.

25. Today is the beginning of the 3-day BM Children's Day Camp in Sitiawan which **Jennifer Chew** is coordinating. Pray for the East Malaysian children to have a fun-time learning, experiencing Jesus and for the adults to guide them with loving compassion and greater insight.

26. **Collene Lee** is working with the CF committee of two school CFs regarding their application to make their CF official in their schools. Please pray for students, parents and school teachers to partner together to make this a reality.

27. **SU Greece**: The economic crisis in Greece worsens as time passes. Many families cannot provide the basic needs of their children. Pray that God will show mercy to our country and that things will improve in 2013. Pray too that we can take advantage of this difficult situation to spread the Word to the people in need, so they can open their hearts and trust in Jesus Christ completely.

28. **East and West Asia Regional Council**: Continue to pray for the SUEWA Exco and Tadashi as they work on preparation for the coming Regional Council Meetings in Taiwan (April). A special item on the agenda will be Tadashi's retirement as CEO for the region. Pray for smooth leadership transition. We praise the Lord for Tadashi's leadership during his tenure.

29. Let's pray for the salvation of the people in **Timor Leste**, and that the Lord would open the way for **SU ministry** there. Praise the Lord that in Brunei, the opportunity of ministry is gradually opening up.

30. **SUEWA**: "Please pray for SUEWA as we have experienced some staff changes following the new Strategic Plan announced last year. For those leaving, we ask for

God's guidance and peace as they move on in their journey with Him. There are now several vacancies, so please do pray that God will send the right people to join us.

- 31. SUI TV Bible project:** Last year SU International was invited, through the World Evangelical Alliance, to develop downloadable Bible reading materials to accompany a film series being made in the USA by well known producers of some popular television series. The series depicts the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and will be aired in the US in five, two hour showings in the lead up to Easter. The producers hope that it will be translated into many languages and shown around the world, as well as serving as a great resource for the church. Please pray for the SU staff developing the Bible reading materials for children, youth, and adults.

April

1. Please pray that **vacancies** for SUFES campsite manager and assistant administrator will be filled ASAP.
2. Please pray for God's guidance and protection as the **camping ministry staff** reach out to the sufes campsite staff and their family members.
3. Please continue to pray for **SU Sabah** as they partner with teachers to minister to young people.
4. **Methodist School Easter Celebration – 4 April. Chris Cheah** is sharing the message of Christ's Resurrection to the school population this morning. Pray for a clear presentation that will not only get across the meaning of this tremendous event of history but also one that is personally relevant.
5. **Lue Jun Yi** is attending the Assembly Young Leaders' Consultation, organized by the Brethren churches in Malaysia together with his church youth leaders from today until 7th April, Sunday. Pray for a meaningful time of learning and discussion as they consider the issue of youth ministry in the churches today.
6. The college/university student group at **Collene Lee's** church will be going on an

evangelistic retreat at Fraser's Hill this weekend. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will convict the hearts of their non-Christian friends, even as the Gospel is shared.

- 7.** **Jennifer Chew** is coordinating a trip to the East Coast with a few staff. Pray that new contacts will be established and that they will re-connect with previous ones as they seek to be more effective in serving alongside them.
- 8.** **SU website: Chris Cheah** and **Bryan Lim** are working closely with a web designer to redesign the SU website. Please pray for wisdom and guidance as they meet with the web designer to work out the details.
- 9.** **Chris Cheah: "SU Regional Council Meeting in Taiwan – 9-14 April. Koh Earn Soo** and I are attending this in conjunction with SU Taiwan's 50th Anniversary. Pray for the developing and pioneering movements in our region of East and West Asia, and for the support and partnership of the established countries towards their growth."
- 10.** Please continue to remember **Collene Lee** and **Elaine Liew** as they work with the committee of the combined camp of the schools in Subang Jaya. Pray for students to register for the camp even as the closing date of the camp draws near, for the logistics and for the camp speaker as he/she prepares to share God's Word.
- 11.** **The National Bible Knowledge Postal Bible Quiz** is running from April 12-29. Please pray for the smooth running of the quiz at the various centres.
- 12.** **Richard Chen** requests prayer for good health and protection from the Lord as he travels to the PJ SU office for the staff meeting on 18-April.
- 13.** **Staff Meeting:** Please pray for guidance, wisdom and discernment as all SU staff gather for their monthly meeting on 18-April.
- 14.** Remember in prayer **Richard Chen** in his travels to churches for SU church deputation assignments.

15. Please pray for good response to the **upcoming SUPA camp** (27-30 May). Pray too that God will provide helpers and volunteers.

16. We thank God for the unity of the **admin team** consisting of Chia Pek Heong, Esther Lee, Sharon Wong and Chai Siew Meng. Please continue to pray for wisdom and joy as they carry out their respective duties.

17. **East Coast Visit – 23-29 April.** This program is to connect with our supporters and churches, and also to visit new churches to introduce the ministry of Scripture Union. We believe there are schools and churches we can help with the children, student/youth and Bible reading programs we have. Pray for the Staff Team as we journey and minister together through the towns in the East Coast.

18. **SU Sabah:** Thank God for good response to our BM children's resource - KAWAN PELANGI. Pray for the churches as they start using them that God will bless them.

19. **SU Sabah:** Please pray for the Apologetics materials we are planning to embark upon this year. Pray for God's guidance on how to go about this and God's providence in all the necessary manpower.

20. **SU Laos:** SU was housed in the LEC (Laos Evangelical Church) which was burnt down in February last year. Now that all the documents have been approved by the government, rebuilding of the church has begun. The SU office will move to the Naxay Church temporarily (2 years) together with all the LEC departments. After the new building is finished, we will move back. Please pray that we will be given more room in the new building as earlier we had to function from their library.

21. Most, if not all **teachers who teach SPM Bible Knowledge** do so free of charge. Please pray that God will grant them much joy and fruit in their ministry.

22. **SU Philippines:** Praise God for helping our note writers to finish their assigned notes. Pray that our note writers who are starting the 2014 issue will be able to

submit their notes on time. Pray too for a new editor who will do the editing of our 2014 notes.

23. **SU Hong Kong:** Please pray for our **Youth and children's Ministry** "Tutor I Year Course". It will start in March or April, and finish in October or November this year. Pray that more students will enroll for this course. May God use this course to bless the HK youth and children's ministry tutors. Through His Word may they be edified and their lives transformed for a better ministry ahead.
24. Please pray for all the **SU staff in Sarawak** as they minister in various schools.
25. Please pray for the **SU Council** in **Sarawak** as they look for younger leaders to serve as council members.
26. **SU Sarawak:** Please pray for all **Christian Teachers** that the Lord will use them to share the love of Christ in their schools.
27. **SU Colombia:** The ministry is expanding to new cities such as Yalledupar, in the northern part of the country. SU Colombia Board members and staff travel there frequently to train new key volunteers in the SU ethos and camping ministry. Please pray for the staff and Board members as they travel and train new volunteers.
28. **SU Sudan:** Please pray for Sudan and Southern Sudan. Pray for opportunities to advance the Gospel through SU and the church. Pray especially for stable leadership and for the speed in setting up the necessary structures to enable SU ministry to grow.
29. **SU Costa Rica:** The movement is struggling to keep their ministries in schools and feeding programs running. Financial support has dropped significantly. Please pray that the Lord will provide new sources of support to keep these ministries alive and supply money to pay staff.
30. **SU Swaziland:** Thank God for opening new ministry doors at primary and independent schools. Pray that many young people will willingly take advantage of our ministry among them to enrich their lives with the knowledge of God.