

SU/FES

PRAISE & PRAYER LETTER *March-April 2014*

FOCUSSING ON SCRIPTURE UNION

March

1. **Lue Jun Yi:** "I will be traveling four times over the course of this one month. Pray for God's sustaining grace and strength throughout the various ministries. In the midst of busyness, may I not forget the purpose of my service."
2. **Jennifer Chew:** "Please pray for me as I seek direction from the Lord in building connections with volunteers. Pray that God will show me the right people to contact. Do pray for protection from the Lord whenever I travel outstation."
3. **Elsie Cherian:** "Please pray that those centres that have not registered for the Bible Knowledge Postal Bible Quiz will do as soon as possible."
4. **SU Japan:** "As March approaches, we will be running our Teachers Training Seminar. SU staff and high school teachers will be attending it. The preacher will be Rev Yusuke Hosada. Pray for a meaningful time of learning together. Two SU Spring Camps will be held too (Tokyo and Kansai). Among other things, the students will be taught how to use SU QT Notes. Please pray that lessons learnt at camp will draw the young people to God and motivate them to spend time with Him daily."
5. **Chai Siew Meng:** "Pray that the SU Bible Reading (QT) Notes will continue to help and encourage people to love and to read God's Word daily."
6. **Lue Jun Yi:** "I am supervising a group of students from Residential Bible School (RBS) for a mission trip to Bukit Mertajam from today until 10th March. Pray for a meaningful time of fellowship and ministering to the community in Bukit Mertajam."
7. **West Africa:** Thank the Lord for the National movements that have made significant impact in their ministries, e.g. Sierra Leone in schools, The Gambia among children, Ivory Coast in Bible and families. Guinea - Conakry has been able to sell 1,000 Lecteurs (Francophone Daily Guide) in their first year. They

also hosted the Sub - Regional Council meeting in September 2013.

8. **Elsie Cherian:** “The Bible texts for the Bible Knowledge Postal Bible Quiz are Genesis 37, 39 – 41 and Luke 1– 8. The quiz will run from April 4 – 21st. Please pray that the quiz coordinators will motivate the participants to study the texts and encourage them to spend time daily with God.”
9. Pray for the on-going camp preparation for the SUPA (BM) camp from 27-29 March in Sitiawan, Perak. SU is working with volunteers from Gereja BM Wesley and the Holy Cross Anglican Church. **Audrey Lui** will be the camp teacher. May God grant them strength and ideas as they plan the details of this camp.
10. **11th March 2014 - SU Staff Meeting:** This is a time for the staff from Ipoh and Melaka to come together, not only for work and planning but also to pray, share and learn together. Pray that this time will be a time of encouragement for the staff and will bring the team together with a shared vision, spirit and heart for the ministry.
11. **Jason Fong** is preparing for a long trip in March. He will be attending the SU International Meetings in Athens (**11-15 March**) and then hopping over to Turkey and Kyrgyzstan (**15-24 March**) to do various ministry work there. Please pray for God’s guidance as he connects with different people. Pray too for health, strength and protection in Jason’s extensive travelling. Pray also that God will watch over his family and loved ones in his absence.
12. **13th-16th March 2014:** Please pray for the **Youth Ministry Team**, who are going for the Northern Johor REACH, that doors will be open for us to churches and SCFs to build up our base of supporters and volunteers.
13. The Scripture Union **Youth Ministry Team** is organizing a leadership training for School Christian Fellowship students in Kluang on the 15th. Pray that the students will benefit much from the training and be equipped to serve God in their respective schools.
14. **15th March 2014 – Christopher Cheah speaking at Grace Presbyterian Church, Batu Pahat:** Pray that the Lord will give Christopher the words to speak as he shares about the ministry of Scripture Union and the key areas of schools work and Bible reading. Pray that the church and people there will be partners with SU in our mission.
15. Tomorrow morning, **Richard Chen** will be speaking in the English Speaking

Presbyterian Church in Melaka. Pray that the Lord will guide him as he ministers to the congregation, and that the members will grow in their understanding of the Word of God

- 16. 17th March 2014 – SU Annual General Meeting:** We thank God for the long-standing Council members who have served so faithfully over the years, and for the newly joined members who give us their time, energies and experience to guide the work of Scripture Union.
17. Pray for those who plan ministry and literature for youth and children in every SU movement, that they may capture our young people's deep fears and needs - and their passions and energies, while holding strongly to the eternal truths.
18. **Elsie Cherian:** "The quiz questions are presently being sent by email and by post to the centres that have registered. Please pray that the centres will have no problems receiving the documents either by email or by post."
19. **Scotland:** The Scottish Secular Society has raised a petition to the Scottish Government requesting that children opt in for religious observance in schools, rather than opting out. At least one Council has banned church publicity from being handed out in schools. Pray for protection over our current freedom to hold SU groups in schools.
20. **21st to 23rd March 2014 – KB/KT Youth Camp:** This is the first time we are holding a camp for the churches in Kota Bharu and Kuala Terengganu. Pray that we will have many youths coming from this region and it will be the beginning of a regular camp that we can offer to the East Coast region.
21. **SU Myanmar:** "Some plans for 2014 include increasing the number of Children's Clubs from 50 to 100. We are also planning to hold a Bible Seminar and to develop the Youth Ministry. As the work grows, we will need more staff too. Funds will be needed for these plans. Please pray for God's provision."
22. **Collene Lee and Elaine Liew** will be meeting with the committee of a few School Christian Fellowships (SCFs) during the March school holidays to plan a combined CF camp in June. Thank God for the sense of co-operation and teamwork during the first meeting, and for the Lord's blessings in providing a venue and a speaker. Remember the committee as they look into other details in the coming months.
- 23. SU Myanmar:** "Pray for our **committee members**, that God will continue to guide and lead them to make good decisions for SU. Please too pray for our

staff, **Lavender Swan** that God will guide her and grant her good health as she works on many different projects.”

24. **SUEWA:** “We thank God for the godly men and women who are serving in the SUEWA Exco. Please pray that they will have wisdom as they continuously need to make good policy decisions for our ministry. Pray for God’s blessings upon Vivi (Chair, Indonesia), Jon (Vice-Chair, Singapore), Jim (Treasurer, Sarawak), Handoyo (Asst Treasurer, Indonesia); and Exco Members Min (Korea), Kano (Japan), Mussa (Kyrgyzstan) and Gim Lam (Pen Malaysia).
25. A three-day **children’s camp (SUPA)** in **BM** is starting today in Sitiawan, Perak. The camp’s theme is "Dicipta Untuk Bersinar" which is a continuation from last year’s "Saya Istimewa". Pray for the East Malaysian children who will be attending to continue to draw close to Jesus and to shine for HIM wherever they may be. Please pray for **Tinna Monica** as SUPA (BM) will be her first children’s camp. Please pray that she will be able to do the given tasks well. Pray for God’s guidance in enabling her to communicate in BM with the children.
26. **Lue Jun Yi** is attending an SCF Camp from today until 29th March. Part of Scripture Union’s schools work ministry is to provide covering for SCF Camps. Pray for God’s protection throughout the camp and God’s Word to touch the hearts of the students in the camp.
27. Please take this opportunity to pray for the overall development of **SU** work in **Vietnam**. The formation of SU Committees and Staff Teams in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi respectively are in their infancy stages. Pray that suitable and committed people will come and serve with us.
28. This year, the SU team together with Richard Chen will be helping in some SCF meetings in Melaka. Pray that SU will be able to contribute to the growth of the CFs there.
29. **SU Laos:** “Please pray for our staff team in SU Laos. Khamdeng is our National Representative. He also serves with the Laos Evangelical Church (LEC). Khounkeo is our Team Leader. Afeuy serves in the Children’s Ministry (writing QT Notes and running special programs) and Kongmong serves in the Youth Ministry (writing QT Notes and running camps). Please pray that God will give wisdom, strength and grace as the team works together in unity.”
30. **Joanne Liaw:** “Please pray for wisdom, guidance and endurance as I take on new tasks in SU’s Bible Reading Ministry and the collating of SU/FES Prayer

Letters, Berita SU, promotional efforts for SU's Bible Reading Plan in YouVersion, management of SU's website and other administrative duties.”

31. **Guatemala:** The Children's ministry in the cities of Guatemala and Escuintla is growing and the movement is dreaming and praying for the development of camping experiences for the children, and also for development of their volunteers and leaders. This is also a very good opportunity to serve the churches in these cities. Please pray with SU Guatemala as they plan and develop this strategy.

April

1. **Lue Jun Yi** is organizing a sports event for his church, Shah Alam Gospel Centre, over two weekends (5 & 12 April). Pray for good weather, smooth running of programs and opportunity to connect and share the gospel with the community.
2. Pray for **Richard Chen** as he networks with church pastors and leaders in Melaka. Pray for opportunities for him to promote SU and be given the openings to minister to the churches.
3. **Schools Work in Malaysia:** Scripture Union, with the NECF, TCF, MCSC, the Mission Schools, Wawasan Penabur, SU Sarawak and SU Sabah are together initiating a comprehensive plan to move the schools work forward and widely across the nation. Pray for the people involved in drawing up this many-pronged strategy to address the issues and challenges of this very important ministry.
4. As the **Children's Ministry Staff** prepare for their next SUPA (Eng) camp in Kuala Terengganu from 25-27 April, do pray for the children (mostly non-believers) who will be attending.
5. **Christopher Cheah:** “I am taking a three months break from April to June for a rest, holiday (in conjunction with my son's graduation in May), and some personal study in preparation for a TEE class I am teaching at STM. Pray for a good use of the time that will be refreshing and productive.”
6. Preparation for WORDAlive Camp is ongoing. Please pray for **Lue Jun Yi** and the taskforce as they plan the programs that it will be relevant to the youth. Pray for good response to the camp and for the youth to see the need to

engage with God's Word in their lives.

7. Pray that God will raise a ministry worker (bilingual) to support the expansion of **camping ministry** and **School CF work** in Ipoh.
8. Pray that the renovation of the **SUFES campsite** will be completed on time. Pray also for the safety of the workers.
9. **Collene Lee** thanks God for the opportunity to be part of the editorial team for Berita SU. Pray that the Lord will give the team wisdom on topics for inclusion, as well as ideas to be more innovative and creative.
10. Pray for more volunteers from churches to provide spiritual covering to **School Christian Fellowships** situated near churches.
11. **12th April 2014: Collene Lee** and **Elaine Liew** will be sharing with SCFs in Rawang. Please pray for wisdom and enablement so that the CFs may be encouraged.
12. Pray that the **SUFES campsite** will generate sufficient income to offset the expenses incurred during the non-operational months due to renovation at the campsite.
- 13. World Evangelical Alliance Global Assembly 2014:** This assembly will take place in Korea. Pray for the team preparing for this important event, including Clayton Fergie and the WEA Youth Commission. They are developing a program focused on the support of youth ministry in regions around the world.
14. Continue to pray for the schools work in Malaysia. This year, the **Youth Ministry Team** is trying to identify and connect with key volunteers from different regions to assist the ministry. Pray that God will provide volunteers to help the schools work in Malaysia.
15. **SU Laos:** "Pray that we will work well with the churches and more volunteers will be trained and recruited to assist in our growing ministry. Pray specially for good strategy to strengthen our financial position that staff can be more adequately supported."
16. **Elsie Cherian:** "I am in the process of contacting individuals who may be interested to use the Bible correspondence courses that are produced by SU for their small groups etc. Please pray that these good Bible studies will be well

used in growing the faith of believers.”

17. **Emily Dass**, an SU Volunteer who teaches at SU children's camps will be taking two camps this year; SUPA (Eng) in Kuala Terengganu (25-27 April) and in Penang (28-31 May). Please keep her in prayer as she prepares with wisdom and creativity.
18. In many countries there is political unrest and great economic instability, please pray that God will protect and empower **SU's ministry and workers** in the face of these challenges.
19. **Elaine Liew** and **Collene Lee** are exploring opportunities to connect with SCFs in Malacca. Please pray that the Lord will provide such opportunities so that SU can have a Christian presence in Malacca as well.
20. The world is changing and this is affecting **SU's ministry**. Pray for movements which are facing changing patterns – particularly in camping and Bible engagement - that they will have wisdom and creativity in responding.
21. **Elsie Cherian**: “Winners of the Rosie Cheah Award for their performance in the Bible Knowledge Postal Bible Quiz have requested a certificate together with their award. Other changes regarding qualifying for the award are also being made. Please pray for me as I work on the certificate and draw up the other changes.”
22. Board and Council members play a major role in SU movements. Please pray that God will strengthen them as they carry heavy responsibility alongside their busy lives outside SU.
23. Do remember **SCFs** in the country which are not officially recognized in schools. Pray the Lord will send them help as they conduct their meetings, and especially that their applications to be recognized as SCFs in schools will be approved.
24. A Parenting Talk will take place in Sg. Petani, Ipoh and Karak from 2 - 4 May. And it will be conducted in Mandarin. **Lee Peh Lan** (SU Project Staff) will be one of the theme speakers. SU hopes to promote Vineyard, the Children's Chinese Magazine at this talk too. As **Jennifer Chew** coordinates this, do pray that new connections will be built up among the Chinese work.
25. Thank God that He continues to call people into SU ministry, both staff and volunteers. Pray that they will quickly understand SU and bring freshness and

creativity to the ministry.

26. **Chai Siew Meng:** “Pray for guidance as I work together with Elsie on the 15th Bible Knowledge Postal Bible Quiz 2014 (4th to 21st April 2014). Pray for a meaningful time of learning and exposure as Elsie hands over the running of the of the Quiz to me.”
27. Pray for the renewing of partnership links with Britain and Ireland.
28. **Finland:** Please pray for the redesigning process of SU Finland youth notes - that they would inspire young people even more to read the Bible. Pray for the detailed planning involved in a youth version of E100. The adult notes have just started with a 8 year reading plan through the Bible. Pray that the new subscribers will be blessed and have a greater understanding, as they read the Bible daily.
29. **Chai Siew Meng:** “Continue to pray for good health for my parents and family.”
30. **Bulgaria:** Please continue to pray for Bulgaria and the desperate situation of the government. The political protests continue and there is no change yet. At the same time, pray for the refugees flocking here from Syria, that SU and the people of Bulgaria would provide for their needs like warm clothing and warm shoes for the winter.