

SU/FES
PRAISE & PRAYER LETTER
May-June 2013

FOCUSSING ON SCRIPTURE UNION

May

1. Praise God for the successful completion of the **14th Bible Knowledge Postal Bible Quiz 2013**. Please pray that young people will not only study Scriptures to participate for quizzes but will also read their Bibles daily to connect with God.

2. **Elaine Liew** is back from a Mission Trip to Beijing with members of her church, after 6 days there. Praise God for an encouraging time and eye-opening opportunity to see God's work there by our missionary friends.

3. **SU Sri Lanka:** Praise God for the early distribution of Daily Bread this year. Pray for an increase in SU volunteers in Sri Lanka to take the Good news to the four corners of Sri Lanka. Pray too for the required funds to conduct a Teen Camp in the coastal area of the Island.

4. **Chris Cheah.** "I will be speaking at the Christ Methodist Church, Ampang on 5th May, sharing from John 14:23-29. Pray that God's Word will minister to the congregation and reside in their hearts."

5. **Collene Lee** will be sharing at her church ladies meeting on the vision that the Lord has for them in the second year of their ministry. Please pray for members to step up, take ownership of the ministry, exercise greater care for each other and reach out to non-Christian ladies.

6. **Chris Cheah.** "Thank God for a fruitful **Christian Work in Schools seminar** that was held on 16 March, with about 180 teachers, parents, church leaders, and students attending. Pray that following on from this, more people will grasp the opportunity we have and take up the call to be involved in schools work, and getting new school Christian Fellowships started."

7. **Richard** attends the Pastors' Fellowship in Melaka held about once in two months. Pray that he will have the opportunity to introduce the camps and trainings organized by SU during these times. Pray that churches in Melaka will invite SU to promote its Bible-reading materials.
8. **SU Kenya:** We thank God for the achievements made in 2012, we saw growth in Bible clubs, distribution of the audio Bible in schools, churches and prisons, opening of 2 new bookshops, introduction of a Christian bookshelf in supermarkets, increased presence in churches through Bible reading promotions, effective social media presence, timely publication of our Daily bible reading devotion books, reorganization of our staff including new staff that joined the team.
9. **Chai Siew Meng** would like to thank all those who have been praying for him and his family. He appreciates their prayers very much.
10. Pray for **Chai Siew Meng** for good time management as he juggles between work and family responsibilities.
11. Pray for **Edwin**, the team leader of the camping ministry to learn to depend on God's timing and shoulder the camping ministry with God's strength. Because of the lack of staff, many plans have yet to be carried out.
12. **Chris Cheah.** "I am sharing a message on the importance of the Word of God that is a core ministry of Scripture Union at the Subang Jaya Gospel Centre today. We want to promote the discipline of Bible Reading for everyone. Pray for the right message from the Lord."
13. Please pray for **Collene Lee** as she coordinates the visit of the Scripture Union team to Johor Bahru from 10-15 September. Pray specially that the Lord will lead in the planning of the visit and that the time spent with pastors, teachers, students and churches will be edifying.
14. **SU staff team meeting.** Pray for a good time of fellowship as we meet today to share on our respective ministry and also to plan programs for the overall ministry of SU. Pray for the Team Leaders – Edwin Khoo for Camping Ministry and Jennifer Chew for Children's Ministry – that they may be enabled by the Lord in their role

15. Please pray for the right word to the staff of SU and FES as **Chris** shares from the experience of his journey as the General Secretary of SU at the SUFES prayer meeting today.
16. **SU Honduras:** The country continues to suffer under an increasing wave of violence. It is now the most violent country in the world. In this context, our brothers and sisters continue to share the Good News and the Living Hope with children and teens in schools and camps. Pray for the leadership of the movement and the Board as they encourage both the staff and volunteers to serve the children and teens with the transforming power of God's word.
17. **Lue Jun Yi** is helping out in his church's XEE program. Pray for him as he shares with the trainees.
18. Pray for **Chai Siew Meng** as he avails himself to be an instrument used by God to serve in Scripture Union in various ways.
19. **Lue Jun Yi** is sharing in his home church, the Shah Alam Gospel Centre on the passage John 4:1-38 today. Pray for God's anointing as he speaks forth the Word of God. Pray that the congregation will be blessed and encouraged through the preaching of God's Word.
20. **SU Burundi:** Praise God for a successful Bible camp in Gitega town last year. The participants were from different provinces in the central part of the country. 400 participants received teaching on discipleship, reconciliation, communication, self esteem, and sexuality. Pray that they will use the knowledge and skills learnt to influence their peers positively.
21. **SU council meeting.** Remember the Council members as they meet today to give counsel and support to the ministry of SU. Koh Earn Soo has succeeded Lee Wee Min as the Chairman from April this year. Pray for God's guidance and grace as he takes on this responsibility. We also welcome a new member – Pastor Chin Kho Nee from All Saints Anglican Church in Cheras.
22. **Jason Lai** will be helping out in the SUPA camp (27-31 May). Pray for patience and a meaningful time as he spends 4 days with the children.

23. **SUPA camp:** This camp is for children aged 8-12 years old. This year the camp will be at Pedas, N. Sembilan from 27-30 May. Jennifer Chew, who is the camp coordinator hopes to see about 60 children and pray that many will come from nearby towns for this annual camp. Do pray for the key volunteers who are involved in teaching Bible lessons and preparing the activities.
24. **Jennifer Chew** thank God for a fruitful time at the recently concluded BM Children's day-camp in Sitiawan. The 44 children had a fun time learning, participating in the outdoor activities and doing craft work. The volunteers were passionate in what they do.
25. **BBC in Spanish:** The Big Bible Challenge in Spanish had been presented at the International Christian Literature Expo in Miami, USA, and distributed in several Latin American countries such as Argentina, Chile, Peru and Honduras. Join in prayer for the children and families that will be using this wonderful resource.
26. Thank God for a fruitful meeting with the Malacca Youth For Christ (YFC) regarding the involvement of Scripture Union in some of the Malacca SCFs YFC is assisting. Please pray for **Elaine Liew** and **Collene Lee** as they follow up with the SCF work in these schools.
27. Pray for **Jimmy**, senior staff of the camping ministry, to receive complete healing from cancer and find joy when he continues in SU work as full-time staff again in the near future.
28. **Edwin Khoo.** "Pray for like-minded, God fearing people to answer God's call to join the camping ministry as we need another ministry staff (Ipoh/Tapah), a campsite supervisor (based at the campsite) and one administrator (Ipoh)."
29. **SU Chile:** Paulina Barrera, SU Chile's National Director and a medical team of 60 professionals and volunteers visited the Valley of Bio Bio, south of Chile last January to share the Gospel and provide medical attention to over 600 Pehuenche people. The children there suffer from extreme climatic conditions and serious learning difficulties. Please pray for Paulina and the team as they continue to serve in this community in need, and for the children who are now hearing the Good News.

30. **SU International Admin:** Please pray for Sue Stott and Ruth McIntosh as they produce and circulate the SUI Annual Report and SUI News, and keep the worldwide SU community informed.
31. Thank God for the **admin staff** of SU/FES who work diligently to ensure the smooth running of the SU/FES office in Petaling Jaya.

June

1. **Lue Jun Yi** is attending his church camp at Gopeng from today until 4th of June. Pray for a good time of fellowship and learning from God's Word.
2. **Edwin Khoo.** "Please pray for our **campsite renovation** which is scheduled to commence in June 2013 and to be completed before the Nov 2013 school holidays."
3. **SU Colombia:** For many years SU Columbia has been praying for a big van or a bus that can generate income for the movement, and also serve as a means to transport staff, volunteers and all the gear and resources that they use in the several locations where ministry is held. A team is presently working on the project and searching for funds. Please pray for the team and for the purchase of the bus.
4. **Lue Jun Yi** and **Jason Lai** are attending the Damansara Utama CF Camp in Port Dickson from today until 6th of June. This camp is covered by Scripture Union Peninsular Malaysia. Pray for the smooth running of the camp and the Word of God to touch and challenge the students.
5. **Collene Lee** will be taking the youth sessions at the Inter-Generational Camp with Wesley Methodist Church, Johor Bahru, from 7-9 June. Please pray for her as she prepares the sessions and pray too that the youths may be encouraged and built up.
6. **Elaine Liew** will be attending the Subang Combined CF camp from today until 9th June. Pray for a good time for the campers, that they will learn from God's Word and grow in fellowship and in maturity.
7. **Inter Generational Camp with Wesley Methodist Church, JB (7-9 June).** **Jennifer, Collene** and **Christopher** are involved in this church camp. The theme will be on the Word of God, as one of our core ministries in SU. Pray for the preparations of the sessions that they may be relevant and speak to the inter-generational gathering. Pray also that the importance of God's Word may be instilled in their hearts and inspire them to engage the Word regularly.

8. Please pray that **coordinators of the Bible Knowledge Postal Bible Quiz** will submit their score sheets and invigilators' reports before the closing date on June 15th.
9. Please pray that all **applicants for the Rosie Cheah award** (those who scored highly commended marks for the Postal Bible quiz are eligible to apply) will submit their applications by the closing date on June 30th.
10. **SU Bangladesh:** Praise God for the successful distribution of Daily Manna in many parts of Bangladesh. Please pray for necessary funds needed to conduct teen camps in the outskirts of Dhaka. Pray too for a part-time young staff member to join SU Bangladesh.
11. Continue to pray for the **Youth Ministry Team** as they reach out to support the school ministry in Malaysia. Pray for God's strength for the team as they travel around to provide support and help to the CFs in Klang Valley.
12. **Richard Chen** will be travelling to Gereja Grace Presbyterian Church, Batu Pahat on 16 June to minister God's word. Pray for journey mercies as he travels from Melaka. Pray that God will give him words of encouragement for the congregation. He will be setting up a book table in the church to promote SU Bible-Reading materials.
13. **Staff retreat (21-23 June).** This Staff Retreat is planned with the purpose of having a time of fellowship and bonding amongst staff and family members as well. In this more relaxed atmosphere we plan to have team building sessions as well as time to be refreshed after the camping season during the school holidays May/June.
14. **SU Pakistan:** Praise God for SU Sunday conducted in many churches. Thank God for the provision of Media Projectors for the teams in Lahore and Rawalpindi. Pray for preparation for VBS in June and selection of new staff members for Rawalpindi.
15. Please pray for **Collene Lee** as she leads the youths at her church to organise and raise funds on 22 June for the children of single parents that the youths will be helping.
16. The ladies at the church where **Collene Lee** worships will be organizing an event to honour parents on 23 June. Pray for a meaningful time of interaction and sharing with the non-Christian parents attending.
17. **Jason Lai's** sister is completing her final semester of her study and will be moving on to practical training in July. Pray for God's protection upon her as she is new to the working world.

18. **SU Hungry:** It is a real test of faith every year to see if we have enough English and German speaking volunteers for all the camps and holiday clubs planned for the summer. Please pray that God will help the recruitment process and call the right people to serve Him and the children in these clubs. We are working on a Hungarian edition of Big Bible Challenge; it needs a lot of concentration and detailed work. Please pray that we would be able to do it well and in keeping with our schedule.
19. **SU EWA CEO:** Rev Tadashi Oyamada retired from his position as CEO of SUEWA at the end of May. We thank the Lord for Tadashi's contribution during his tenure. Please pray for God's blessings upon him and his family. Please pray for the regional team leader Jason, who will need God's grace, wisdom and strength as he shoulders the heavy responsibilities of the region. Please pray that the Lord will send a right candidate to become the Regional Director for SUEWA.
20. Please uphold **Jennifer Chew** in prayer as she continues to look out for and work with volunteers. She also ask the Lord to bring people who are passionate about children's ministry to serve alongside her as she constantly draws strength and wisdom from HIM above.
21. **Jennifer Chew** requests prayer for her father who will be home alone while she is away for camps. As her father gets older he is weaker, she asks the Lord to continue to grant her father strength and alertness each day.
22. **Jason Fong:** Jason will be making a special trip to Japan to connect with donors and supporters there. Pray too for Tadashi who is making arrangements for various meetings. Jason will also be speaking in a couple of churches. Pray for effective ministry and good fellowship.
23. **Lue Jun Yi** completes his first term with Scripture Union on 30 June. He wishes to thank God for the joy of serving Him through SU ministry. As for the years ahead, he seeks for prayers as God leads him in his ministry in SU.
24. **SU Madagascar:** Praise the Lord for a successful and well organized Living Hope National Coordination workshop held from January 23-25. We thank God for the unity and brotherhood exhibited by the organizing team, to the glory of our God. Please pray for the implementation of the ideas and recommendations made at the workshop.
25. **SUFES campsite development.** The upgrading and renovation of our SUFES Campsite is on-going. Please pray for the task force overseeing this development and all the personnel involved that this project will be completed within the time frame and budget set for it.

26. **ON Institute:** Planning is on the way for the next ON Institute (a staff induction program) for SUEWA. This 2-week course is scheduled to be held in Jakarta this October. Please pray for the Regional Ministry Team (Jason Fong, David Leong and Hans Wusang) as they review the teaching syllabus and select the respective speakers.
27. Please pray for **Elsie** as she works together with the artist to illustrate the revised version of Bible Bytes Volume 5.
28. **SU Pacific Region “Shaping for Service”:** Discussions between the Regional Director, International staff and regional movements are aimed at identifying strategy, developing resources and training trainers. Please pray that the partnering relationships will also be effective in supporting the initiatives for for training in the Pacific Islands.
29. **SU Republic of Ireland:** Please pray for the Ember Project, a model of training and leadership development with a faith and spiritual content for senior secondary school students. We are developing this with representatives from the Dublin Diocesan Office for Education. Part of the programme will be a week long residential in June. This will include Scripture and faith formation and SU will be delivering this. We are working with 5 schools in this pilot project and hopefully if successful the Diocesan will take it on.
- 30. Staff recruitment.** Pray that the Lord will send us the right staff in His timing and provision. We have positions in all our ministry departments – Camping, Children, Youth and Bible Reading – as well as Personal Assistant to the General Secretary and in the multi-media/new media area of work.