

SU/FES

PRAISE & PRAYER LETTER November-December 2013

FOCUSSING ON SCRIPTURE UNION

November

1. **Christopher Cheah:** “I am thankful to God for providing us with new staff in the KL Office and at the SUFES Campsite. In His time and place God brings the needed resources and personnel. There are other people under consideration. Continue to pray that God will call in the right persons to our ministry and open the way for them to join us.”
2. **Christopher Cheah, Lue Jun Yi and Collene Lee** thank God for a blessed trip to Johor Bahru and Kluang a few weeks ago. It was a meaningful time of connecting with pastors and teachers in Johor Bahru, as well as teachers in Kluang. Let us pray that the Lord will continue to grow His work in these two towns.
3. **Lue Jun Yi** is away with his church Youth Care Group Leaders for a time of seeking the Lord and planning for the year 2014 from today until 5 November. Pray for wisdom to discern God’s direction.
4. Please pray for **Chee Oi Chin, Lydia Chong and Mr Isaac** as they translate the Postal Bible Quiz questions into Malay, Chinese and Tamil respectively.
5. **SU East & West Asia Regional Ministry Team (RMT):** The team is finalising its work plans and budget for 2014. The current team consists of Jason Fong and Hans Wuysang (part - time). Please pray for guidance in all our planning. Pray too for the recruitment of more personnel into the RMT.
6. **SCFSU Jamaica:** Mr Franklin McGibbon was appointed early this year as the new National Director of the Student Christian Fellowship & Scripture Union movement in Jamaica. Please pray for Franklin in his leading role - that he will be empowered to face the many challenges ahead.
7. **Peh Lan:** “Praise God for the smooth transition of leadership from the out-going committees to the new committees in the three school CFs, namely Keat Hwa, Keat Hwa II and St. Michael.”

8. **SU Bangladesh:** Praise God for the ongoing translation of Daily Bread 2014. Also praise God for answering our prayers for a staff member in Dhaka and for SU India's support for this. Please pray for James Halder and the Regional Director as they plan and set up staff and an office in Dhaka.
9. **Jason Fong** is scheduled to make a third ministry trip to Borneo. The SU work in this restricted country is in its embryonic stage. Please continue to pray for good connections to be made with the local churches and leaders. Pray too that the small group local contacts will be further strengthened.
10. This evening **Richard** will minister in his church, the Melaka Presbyterian Church. Pray that the Lord will give him a message that will be relevant to Christian living and challenge the members to a deeper relationship with the Lord.
11. **NATIONAL SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP LEADERS' (NSCFL) CAMP: PREPARATION.** It is exactly one week away from camp. Pray for the staff and volunteers as they go through all the preparation. Pray that the students will come with prepared hearts to learn and receive from the Lord.

SU/FES Committee Meeting: Pray for the committee as they meet to look at the issues and activities of the year so far and look to the year ahead. Thank the Lord for the guidance and direction of the Committee for both the organizations.
12. **Christopher Cheah:** "These two months will be a time to start the ground work for some of the programs we have planned for next year. People and churches need to be contacted, and programs planned for events. Pray that the way may be smooth and the things we need may be available for these programs to take off."
13. **Edwin Khoo:** "Pray that God will provide a new ministry worker (preferable English & Mandarin speaking) to fit into 2014 expansion plan of the SUFES Campsite."
14. **Richard and Yoke May** will be flying to Australia on the morning of 19th Dec for a month's holiday. They will spend time with their children and their families in Australia. Pray for good health and protection. Pray that they will have a restful holiday.
15. **SU East & West Asia Region:** As the year comes to a close, we praise God for His provision for our work in East and West Asia. Please continue to pray that autonomous and self - financing movements will grow strong and healthy, and be able to make good financial contributions to the work of the region. Please pray for wisdom as our Treasurer, Jim Negin, makes financial plans for the year ahead.

16. As the end of the year draws to a close, pray for the subscribers to renew their subscription of our **SU Bible Reading (QT) Notes**. Pray also that new subscriptions will come in for the next year
- 17.** This morning, **Richard** is travelling to Port Dickson to speak at the Presbyterian Church there. Pray for safe journey as he travels from Melaka. Pray that his message will encourage the congregation to engage with the word of God daily. His wife Yoke May will help him to set up a book table.
- 18. NSCFL CAMP: GOD'S ANOINTING & PROTECTION.** Today is the first day of the camp! Pray that the camp will run smoothly as planned and God's hands to cover the whole camp. Pray too against the attempt of the evil one to stop the students from encountering God.
- 19. NSCFL Camp: Christopher Cheah** is taking two sessions on **Spiritual Gifts**. Pray for wisdom and creative ideas on how he can bring this important subject to the understanding and appreciation of the young people today, in a way that is really meaningful to them.
20. Please pray for **Collene Lee** as she conducts 3 sessions at the NSCFL camp today and tomorrow. Pray especially for the anointing of the Holy Spirit as she shares God's word and for the campers to be receptive. Most importantly, pray that God's word will bear much fruit in the lives of the campers.
21. Please pray for the speakers/workshop leaders and campers at the **NSCFL camp** to teach God's word in the power of the Holy Spirit so that lives are transformed.
22. **SU Australia:** Please pray for the thousands of volunteers involved in beach missions and camps around Australia during December and January - that people will respond to the good news about Jesus, and for unity, energy and inspiration for the team members.
23. **NSCFL CAMP: WHAT'S NEXT?** Today is the last of the camp. We thank God for His protection, blessings and many good experiences we learned from the sessions and interaction with one another. Please pray for the campers that they will continue to walk faithfully with the Lord as they serve Him in their schools and churches as leaders of today's generation.
- 24.** Today is **Jason Lai's sister's** convocation. He wants to give thanks for all your prayers throughout the 3 years of her study and God's protection upon her. He requests prayer for her as she begins the next stage of her journey. Pray for God's guidance and protection upon her as she starts work in Kota Kinabalu.

25. Pray for good working relationships between the **staff in the Ipoh office and the campsite** for the good running of the campsite.
26. Pray for **Chai Siew Meng** as he takes a break at the end of the year for rest and for a time of reflection.
27. **d'NOU ACADEMY (d'NA): PREPARATION.** d'NA is one week away. Pray that God will give wisdom and anoint the speakers as they prepare for their sessions. Pray too that students will come with prepared hearts to learn and be touched by God.
28. **SU England and Wales:** Please pray for progress on Project CUBE as we develop an online virtual world for children, using the Bible to help them grow in their faith.
29. **SU Republic of Ireland:** Please continue to pray that relationships with the Catholic church in the Republic of Ireland would grow and develop, bringing fresh opportunities for SU to lead retreats for young people and to run Youth Alpha.
30. **SU East & West Asia Region Ministry Director:** It has been quite a while since Jason Fong has taken a good break. He plans to go on leave from late December to early January. Please pray that God will refresh and recharge him during this time of rest. Pray too for meaningful and quality time with family and loved ones.

December

1. Hard and soft copies of the 2014 registration forms for the **Postal Bible Quiz** have already been sent out. Please pray that CF advisers and youth leaders will register their centres before the February 28th 2014 deadline.
2. **Elsie** is presently preparing the Postal Bible Quiz questions for the young people who will be doing the quiz in English. Please pray that the questions she prepares will motivate them to read the Bible.
3. **SU Scotland:** From 3 - 5 December the staff of SU Scotland (almost 100 people) get together for 3 days of Bible teaching, prayer and fellowship at the Annual Staff Conference. The speaker is Nigel Pollock, former SU volunteer and Board member, now working with the New Zealand student movement.
4. **d'NA: EXPERIENCING GOD.** Today is the first day of the 11-day long d'NA. Students will be learning from the sessions, meeting various people from community work, reflecting on God and their own faith. Pray that their encounters

with God will be lasting ones.

5. **Christopher Cheah:** “I am involved with d’NA as a staff again as in the past two years. This has been a learning experience for me too in going through the whole 10 day program of the camp with the students. It is a tiring but rewarding experience.”
6. **New ministry opportunity in Brazil:** Paul Owen, the Americas Regional Director, recently visited the Brazilian Bible Society to explore possibilities of working together to reopen the SU movement in Brazil. Please pray for Paul and Rev. Erni Seibert (Brazilian Bible Society) as they discuss and plan ways to develop a sustainable ministry in Brazil, and for the possible partners in this project.
7. The youth group from the Subang Jaya Gospel Centre which **Collene Lee** serves in, will be having their camp at MBS Kundang over the next four days. Please pray for the speaker and campers as they study God’s word on the theme “Step Up and Fellowship.” Pray especially for the non-Christian youths to make a decision for the Lord and Christian youths to seriously consider the lordship of Christ in their lives.
8. **Christopher Cheah:** “I will be speaking at the d’NA Graduation Service on the 14th of December for students who have finished the three year cycle of this camp. Pray for the appropriate word and message to all who come to this, including the parents of the students.”
9. **Christopher Cheah:** “In the coming year we plan to connect with churches to share about the ministry of SU and promote Bible reading. Pray for our efforts to contact and link up with churches now, both within the Klang Valley and in the other regions and towns.”
10. **SUFES Campsite:** Pray that the renovation will be carried out smoothly in Jan 2014 and praise God that the SUFES campsite will be able to offer better value/ service to campers soon.
11. **SU India:** Pray for safe travel and good health for our staff. Some staff members need to travel a long distance for missions. Pray especially for North India staff members who work alone in their States. They need fellowship, encouragement and training.
12. Please pray for the new Children’s Ministry staff of **SU Peninsular Malaysia, Tinna Monica** as she settles into her new role.
13. **Slovakia:** We have moved our office which brings new opportunities and challenges. Please continue to pray for our second staff worker, Lea Laurovičová,

who joined us in 2013. Please pray that we will be able to do more regular Bible work during the school year with teens and young volunteers, so they will stand firmly based on Scripture and be prepared for serving children

14. **d'NA: A STUDENT'S JOURNEY.** Today is the last day of d'NA. The third year students are graduating while the second and first year students will return next year to continue their study. Pray that d'NA has been a worthwhile journey for the students and will continue to be so for future students. Pray too that the Lord will continue to use this ministry to forge a new generation of young thinkers.
15. **Elaine Liew** will be helping out with the Street Ministry Christmas celebration. Pray that the sharing of the wonderful news of the Saviour's birth will bring new life and peace to those who hear it.

Please pray for the ladies at **Collene Lee's** church, the Subang Jaya Gospel Centre, who will be having an evangelistic Christmas outreach today.

16. Pray for **Richard** as he preaches at his church on the 23rd of Dec. For the year-end Sunday service, he will encourage the members to continue using the SU Bible-reading notes for their daily devotions. Pray that more members in the congregation will use SU notes.
17. **Scripture Engagement among youth in South Asia:** Clayton Fergie is leading an initiative focused on strengthening this engagement. This is a joint project of the Indian and International Forums of Bible Agencies. Pray particularly for the team planning for a Summit gathering of leaders from around the region in Colombo in April 2014. Please also pray for the team currently conducting research on Scripture engagement among young people in five South Asian countries.
18. **SU Chile:** In partnership with the Chilean Bible Society, we are working on the implementation of the Essential 100 Challenge for the beginning of 2014. Please pray that churches in the city of Santiago will become engaged and start a Bible reading revival. Pray for SU Chile's staff as they visit churches and promote the program.
19. **Christopher Cheah:** "Many SU staff take a year-end break during the Christmas season. Pray for a good and enjoyable time of rest and being with family and friends. It is a time to be refreshed and recharged for the year ahead. May God give us all His grace and strength through the Spirit."
20. **Elaine Liew** wants to praise God for the opportunity to go to Sichuan, China for Christmas holidays with her sister's family from Dec 21 to 28. Pray for protection, good health and good time of fellowship with family members.

21. **Lue Jun Yi** is sharing at the Daya Gospel Centre Youth Fellowship Christmas Celebration today. Pray that the gospel of Jesus Christ will touch the hearts of those who come.
22. **Lue Jun Yi** is sharing at the Daya Gospel Centre Sunday Service today. Pray for God's anointing to be with him as he shares the word of God to the congregation.
23. **Lue Jun Ji**: "2013 passed by so fast that I am wondering what happened throughout the year! Coming back from the International Students' Camp in Jakarta in January gave me a renewed passion to continue to serve the Lord in Scripture Union. He has been faithful and kept me going. Praise the Lord." I would like to thank God for a good 2013. Pray that I will be able to spend some time to reflect and seek the Lord for the year ahead.
24. **Jason Lai** has been serving in the youth ministry of SU for 4 years. He likes to give thanks for all the prayers and God's guidance throughout these 4 years. Please continue to pray for God's guidance for him.
25. **SU East & West Asia Region**: Please pray for Vivi Handoyo as she continues to serve as Chair for the region. Pray too for Jason Fong as he serves in his new role as Ministry Director. Pray for wisdom, grace and strength as the Exco and Regional Ministry Team work together.
26. **Elaine Liew** thanks God for her second year of service with SU. Praise God that it has been a wonderful year of learning, maturing and growing in Him. Thank God for the encouragement in seeing His blessing on her work. Thank God for good colleagues who make this year of service a joyful one. Please pray for continued strength and grace to serve Him while we look forward to our Lord's coming again.
27. **Chai Siew Meng** would like to thank all who have been praying for him and his family. He also wants to thank them for their care, concern and support in many ways. He is also thankful to the Lord for His goodness and His faithfulness to him and to his family throughout this year.
28. **Collene Lee** gives thanks for another blessed year of serving in SU, for another year of learning and growth.
29. **SU International Team**: Praise God for the unity of the International team, and ask Him to give wisdom and perseverance to the Bible, Children and Youth Ministries Coordinators, as they think together about the best way to develop their ministries globally through a range of strategies (networks, blogs.....).

30. **SU Mauritius:** Praise the Lord that our visits to local churches to share about SU ministry were fruitful. Also thank the Lord for the 10 Sunday school teachers who have been trained. As a result, we have received requests for more training. Pray that skills learnt will be used to strengthen the Sunday school ministry.

31. **Leading Staff Development Course (LSDC):** Every two years the Leading Staff Development Course (LSDC) takes place to train key leaders in SU globally. Please pray as planning continues for the November 2014 course. Please pray for Jorunn Sjaastad, SU Norway National Leader, as she leads the planning team.