

SU/FES

PRAISE & PRAYER LETTER *September-October 2013*

FOCUSSING ON SCRIPTURE UNION

September

1. The Youth Ministry Team thanks **Kelvin Yee** for his involvement in the ministry as an intern for the months of July & August. Pray for him as he continues his studies in IMU, that God will continue to direct and guide his path.
2. **Lue Jun Yi** is finishing the revision of the School Christian Fellowship Handbook to complement the Blueprint for Starting an SCF booklet. Pray for the completion of the handbook and that it may be made available to the SCFs in Malaysia.
3. **SCF Seminar in Penang (14 Sept):** As in the seminar held in March, this is jointly organized by NECF, MCSC and TCF. It is to encourage teachers, students, parents and church leaders to see the significance of our mission to the schools and to be involved in it. Pray for the organizers in Penang as they prepare for this event that everything will run smoothly.
4. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for those involved in the planning of the upgrading and renovation of the **SUFES Campsite**.
5. **Christopher Cheah** is speaking on the topic: **The Apostles' Creed** at the Sunway Christian Fellowship. Pray that this important area of Christian doctrine will be impressed upon the students and that they can see its significance for Christian living today
6. **SUEWA ON Institute:** The SUEWA ON Institute will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia, in October. Please pray for Jason Fong as he coordinates this training program. Pray too for Hans Wuysang as he handles much of the logistics in Jakarta. Pray too for the enlistment of good trainers who will effectively teach new regional staff. This training program also requires financial support. Please pray that God will provide.
7. It's one month before the closing date of the registration for the **National School Christian Fellowship Leaders' (NSCFL) Camp**. Continue to pray for registrations from new schools and churches.

8. **Jimmy's son, Joash**, will be sitting for his UPSR which begins on the 10th of Sept Please pray that God will grant him the peace to focus on his preparations and do well in all his exam papers.
9. Please pray for **Joanne** as she settles into her work as Personal Assistant to the General Secretary, Christopher and also to provide support in the online Bible Reading programs we are planning.
10. **Elsie** will be in Australia from the 15th – 30th to spend time with family members there. Please pray that God will grant her good health and a meaningful time with her niece and her brother and their families.
11. **Jason Lai** is sharing at the SUFES Prayer Meeting today. Pray for him as he shares on Psalm 23 with SUFES staff that God will grant him His enabling as he shares this psalm.
12. The **100th edition of the Vineyard Magazine** will be in print this month! A Thanksgiving Celebration is being organised to appreciate the faithful contribution of volunteers and staff over the years. The Thanksgiving Celebration will be at the KL Gospel Hall on 5 October. Please pray with us that the Vineyard magazine will continue to bless many more children.
13. **Collene** and **Elaine** will be sharing at the Sri Garing and Rawang CF today. Please pray for the Lord's enablement in their sharing.
14. **SCF Seminar in Penang**: Pray for the speakers and facilitators for this seminar, that they can share the vision of schools work to the participants and how teachers, students, parents and church leaders can be involved in practical and meaningful ways.
15. Please uphold **Elsie** in prayer as she works on the scope of the **2014 National BK Postal Bible Quiz** and gets the registration form ready to be sent to all Quiz Coordinators before the school holidays begin in November
16. **Collene Lee** and **Jason Lai** give thanks for the blessed time of fellowship with the CF at Wesley Klang three weeks ago. Collene is especially grateful to the Lord for His enabling as she shared from God's word.
17. **SU Honduras**: The 'No more Violence' program is already spreading nationally and receiving attention in the media. Last April, a double centre newspaper page focused on the drug prevention part of the program. Please pray for the many staff members and volunteers involved in teaching and who engage with teens using the Bible. Please pray for safety as they travel through the country.

18. **SU Bangladesh:** Praise God for the effort made to prepare the Daily Manna for 2014. Pray for James Halder, the 'working group' of SU Bangladesh and the Regional Director as they plan for future activities. Pray for necessary funds to conduct teen camps in the outskirts of Dhaka. Pray too for necessary resources for a part time young staff member for SU Bangladesh.
19. **Lue Jun Yi** is sharing at a CF in Shah Alam today where the majority of the students are non Christian. Pray for him as he shares God's word with the students that their mind and heart will be open to receive.
20. As **Howard Ho, Sharon Wong and Jennifer Chew** work on the final details of the Vineyard Magazine Thanksgiving Celebration on 5 October, continue to pray for all supporters and volunteers, ex-readers and contributors of the magazine to come and join this meaningful this event.
21. Continue to pray for **Jimmy Wang** that his body immune system will be restored to a healthy level after many sessions of chemotherapy.
22. **Lue Jun Yi** is sharing at the Setapak Gospel Centre YF today on the topic: Developing a Consistent and Meaningful Quiet Time. Please pray for the youth to be challenged and encouraged to spend time with God daily through His Word.
23. **Richard Chen** will be travelling from Melaka to Cameron Highlands for the SU Staff Consultation from 30.9.13 to 2.10.13. Pray for journey mercies and good health as he participates in the consultation.
24. **SU International:** SU is one of the agencies organising an 'Aim Lower Leadership Experience' for children's workers around the globe with recognised leadership potential. This one - year initiative begins in 2015. Currently it is planned to be a four week face - to - face course, supported for a year with reading, research, projects and mentoring through local churches and agencies. Thank God for strong support and excellent progress made during the Global Children's Forum in April. Pray for Wendy Strachan as she leads this group. It is important that momentum is not lost.
25. **Children's Bible Engagement:** Please pray for Janet Morgan, SU International Director, Wendy Strachan, Children's Ministry Coordinator, Jenny Stewart, Business & Development Manager, and Lawson Murray, President of SU Canada who will be meeting with staff of 'Faith Comes by Hearing' to explore possible partnership in the development of children's Bible engagement.

26. Please pray for **Christopher Cheah** who is speaking at the Wesley Methodist School chapel service this morning where almost the whole school population attends. This year their theme is: Made Alive in Christ.
27. **Jennifer Chew** is working on connecting with more volunteers for children's ministry work among the different races. Pray for opportunity to meet and share with the right people.
28. **SU Denmark:** Praise God! 'U13', their new Bible notes for children, were launched this spring. Editor, Cecilie Nord Hansen, and a working group have done a great job developing this new tool. Together with 'U13' they also launched a tool for families called 'Faith based in the home', to help families who want to talk about the message of the Bible.
29. This evening, **Richard Chen** is speaking at the Melaka Presbyterian English Speaking Church. Pray that the Lord will give him discernment as he ministers to the congregation. He will also take the opportunity to encourage the church members to use the SU Bible Reading materials for their quiet time.
30. **SU Staff Consultation:** Please pray for the **staff team** as they meet in Cameron Highlands (30 Sept - 2 Oct) to finalise the direction and programs for next year. Pray for sensitivity to God's leading for their ministry and look to Him for the enabling to do His work.

October

1. **Chai Siew Meng's daughter** just turned 6 recently. Pray for him and his wife as they continue to teach and be good examples to her. Pray for wisdom, guidance and patience as they bring her up.
2. **Peh Lan:** "Please pray for the new CF committees that they will labour together and take their CFs to deeper spirituality and greater outreach. Keat Hwa (I) CF requests prayer for their committee members to set good examples by attending the CF meetings regularly and by demonstrating greater commitment. The president of Keat Hwa (II) CF is young but very teachable and shows great potential. He is in Form 3 now. Pray for him to have wisdom and courage to lead the CF."
3. **SU Canada:** theStory™, a free online daily Bible reading guide in English and French, is SU Canada's latest publication. The development team of about 100 Writers, ten translators, one managing editor, two editors, two copy editors, three publishing system developers and two administrators have spent more than a year bringing theStory™ to fruition. People are subscribing daily. Please pray for the development team and for the success of promotion

and marketing. Pray that theStory™ will be an instrument enabling people to walk in the Word, encounter Jesus Christ and live lives to His honour and glory.

4. **Peh Lan** praises God that all the three School CFs namely Keat Hwa (I), St Michael and Keat Hwa (II) have held their AGM and there was a smooth transition of leadership.
5. **Vineyard 100th edition celebration:** Please pray for good weather and good response for this event. Pray too for God's enabling of the speakers and that the children will continue to subscribe to this magazine.
6. **SU Council Meeting (7th Oct):** Please pray for the **Council members** as they meet on 7th Oct to consider matters related to the ministry and organization of Scripture Union. We are thankful for their commitment to SU and contribution to its effective ministry
7. Today is the closing date of the **National School Christian Fellowship Leaders' (NSCFL) Camp registration**. Thank God for the student leaders that have signed up. Continue to uphold the Youth Ministry staff and volunteers as they plan for the camp.
8. **Christopher Cheah, Lue Jun Yi and Collene Lee** will be in Johor Bahru from today till October 11. Please pray for a meaningful time of sharing tomorrow with the pastors of the various JB churches at the Pastors' Fellowship, regarding the ministries of SU, including school's work.
9. **East & West Asia:** At the recent Regional Council, SUEWA elected the following people to the EXCO: Vivi Handoyo (Chair), Jon Ong (Vice Chair), Jim Negin (Treasurer), Kyong - Dong Min, Lucia Cheung, Koh Gim Lam, Mussa Kim and Kazuo Kano. Please pray that God will give all of them wisdom to handle the challenges ahead. Pray specially for Vivi as she chairs the EXCO.
10. Praise God for the ministry of the teachers among the students in JB! Do continue to remember them as they teach and minister to these students. Pray for a blessed time of fellowship and encouragement as the SU team (**Christopher Cheah, Lue Jun Yi and Collene Lee**) and teachers update each other on the schools work.
11. **SU Guatemala:** David Marroquin, a key volunteer, has left his job as an architect and is being trained in SU ministry with SU Honduras. The aim is to implement that model in Guatemala. SU Guatemala is praying for a campsite venue. Please pray for David as he trains and for God's guidance for him as he works on the campsite project.

12. Please remember **Collene Lee** as she prepares for the workshop on Prayer at the NSCFL camp. Beyond just sharing on the basics of prayer, she hopes that through this workshop, students will learn to enjoy their time of communing with the Lord and hence be actually praying!
13. **Lue Jun Yi** is away with his church Young Adults Care Group for CG Retreat from today until 15 Oct (Tue). Pray for a good time of fellowship and a good break as he recharges himself for the year-end activities.
14. **SU Finland:** We pray for our staff, for all Board members and for those who pray for our work and support it financially. May God bless, especially the writers of our notes, who all work as volunteers. We ask for prayer for young people in Finland; that our youth notes could be a tool for them to find Jesus.
15. **Chai Siew Meng** is grateful to the Lord for providing people to pray for all the staff in SU. He wishes to thank them for their continuous prayer support and encouragement.
16. **SU Uganda:** A road map has been developed for re - connecting with SU Alumni. Pray for this to be successful. We are aiming to reach at least 10,000 people asking them to commit to give in support of the ministry.
17. **Esther's mother** had her knee replacement surgery 2 months ago. She has gone for a number of physiotherapy exercises. Pray for speedy recovery and peace of mind as she recuperates. Pray too for patience as healing will take some time before she can walk without using the walker.
18. Elsie will be passing on the running of the **National BK Postal Bible Quiz** to Bryan and Siew Meng next year. Please pray that the transition will be smooth and there will be a clear delineation of duties. Elsie will, however, continue to set the questions for the quiz. Please pray for her as she begins work on setting the questions for the 2014 National BK Postal Bible Quiz.
19. **Collene Lee** is leading a team planning for her church youth camp to be held in December. Thank God for the progress thus far, and do pray for the camp speaker as he prepares, youths and their friends to sign up and plans for the programme to be finalized.
20. **SU and SUFES Admin Team:** Please continue to pray for Joanne Liaw, Esther Lee, Chai Siew Meng, Jason Lai and Pek Heong respectively as they carry out their duties diligently.

21. **Esther** thanks God for giving her strength to print about 3,500 Bible Knowledge Postal Bible Quiz Certificates for these past 3 months. Pray that teachers will continue to be enthusiastic each year as they participate in this quiz.
22. **East & West Asia:** Jason Fong was appointed Ministry Director for SUEWA at the recent Regional Council Meeting. Please pray that God will give him strength, wisdom and grace to attend to all the ministry areas. Pray that Jason will continue to gain good understanding of the nature and state of SU ministry in countries in the region. Pray that he will give effective guidance and assistance to strengthen these SU movements.
23. **Lue Jun Yi and Jennifer Chew** will be sharing at the Sunbeam Home Chapel Service on 25 Oct. Pray that they will be able to connect with the youth and children as they share the Word of God.
24. **Chai Siew Meng** thanks the Lord for the opportunity to serve Him in SU. Pray for strength and good time management as he juggles between his priorities in SU and in his family.
25. **SU Kenya:** Pray for good health, healing, strength and comfort for staff and volunteers. Some of them have been unwell, and others have lost loved ones recently. Pray too for all our Board members, partners and families to experience God's protection and good health.
26. **Collene Lee** will be preparing for the workshops on Building Blocks of an SCF and Peer Counselling at the NSCFL camp. Do pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire, that the Word shared will be relevant and will build up the student leaders attending.
27. **SU Tanzania:** Luka Mwanja, Scripture Union field worker, has a burden to reach the children in most difficult circumstances, living on the streets, in children's homes and at remand homes. Luka is also a Sunday school teacher in his church. The children there are very excited about the use of Bible reading cards. Praise God for Luka and others like him, and pray for renewed energy to keep on serving.
28. Praise God for the many applications we received for the **2013 Rosie Cheah Award** from top scorers in the National BK Postal Bible quiz. Please pray that participants in the Postal Bible Quiz will not just study the Bible for the quiz but make it a regular habit to spend time with God every day reading and reflecting on His word.

29. **SU International Admin:** Please pray for Sue Stott and Ruth McIntosh as they endeavour to keep SU movement information up - to - date. Please pray that the process used to gain information from different movements for the SUI website and the International Prayer Diary will go smoothly and be effective.
30. Continue to pray that the Lord will provide the right staff to join **Scripture Union**. Pray that our needs can be widely known and those who desire to serve the Lord will see our ministry an important area of mission.
31. It's less than a month from the National School Christian Fellowship Leaders' (NSCFL) Camp. **Jason Lai** requests prayer as he finalizes all the registration and logistic of the camp.