

SU/FES

PRAISE & PRAYER LETTER September-October 2014

FOCUSSING ON SCRIPTURE UNION

September

1. **Marianne Liaw** is thankful to be part of the organising team for the Anglican Diocesan Young Adults' Conference (30th August 2014 - 1st September 2014) in Bukit Tinggi. Pray that many young adults from various Anglican churches will come together for a fruitful time of learning God's Word and guarding the deposit, the Gospel which God has given to us.

Esther Lee: "Christians in the various states in Malaysia are following the 40 days fast and prayer booklet produced by NECF starting from the 7th August 2014 - 16th September 2014. Pray that we, as a nation, will hear the heart of God and know what He is trying to tell us, with the many tragedies happening lately in our country. May the Lord be merciful to Malaysia and bring about change and revival."

2. **Richard Chen** requests prayer that the Lord will keep him healthy. On the 3rd September 2014, he has an appointment with the eye specialist to do further tests on his cataract. Pray that the doctor will fix a suitable date for his cataract operation.

Esther Lee: "Pray for our Bible Reading subscribers that they will find joy and peace each day as they wait upon the Lord to speak to them daily. We will be sending out the next quarter notes early September so pray for the safe arrival of the notes. For the last quarter, quite a number of readers did not receive their notes."

3. **Marianne Liaw** is thankful for the opportunity to be thinking and planning out ways in which Scripture Union can be working together with Girls' Brigade Malaysia in various Girls' Brigade companies. Pray for Marianne as she helps out in GB company meetings.

Pray for **Marianne Liaw** as she will be sharing God's Word at SMK Taman Petaling today.

4. **Jennifer Chew:** "Thank you for keeping me in prayers. The months of July and August were a good time of rest which gave me the opportunity to reflect on ministry work that was done for the first half of the year. Do continue to pray for quiet moments and discernment from the Lord to live a life pleasing to Him."

Joanne Liaw: "Please pray that God will comfort the families and friends of the victims who perished in the tragic plane crash of flight MH17. May this tragedy draw non-Christians to the Lord and lead them to put their trust in Jesus Christ."

5. **Marianne Liaw** and **Elaine Liew** will be going to SMK Assunta Christian Fellowship today to share God's Word with the students there. Please pray for a meaningful time of fellowship and learning together.
6. **Richard Chen** is invited to speak at two churches this month - Gereja Emmanuel Muar on 7th September 2014 and Melaka Presbyterian English Church on 28th September 2014. Pray that the Lord will give him wisdom and discernment as he preaches His Word. He will be promoting SU camps and setting up a book table with SU Bible-reading materials.
7. Today, **Marianne Liaw** is thankful to be able to witness the baptism and confirmation of the youths whom she has been doing confirmation and baptism preparation with in St. Mary's Cathedral. Pray that the youths will continue to grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ.
8. **WORDAlive Camp** (15th - 18th September 2014) will commence in a week's time. Pray for the final preparation by the **Youth Ministry Team**. We thank God for those who have signed up. May God prepare their hearts to listen to Him during the camp.
9. We appreciate your prayers for **Jennifer Chew** and **Tinna Monica** as they prepare and plan for a children's camp in November with a church in Melaka. As they travel to meet and discuss with local volunteers, may they develop good communication and have a common passion as they serve the little ones.
10. **Lue Jun Yi** returns from holiday today. He thanks God for a good time of break before he prepares for the year-end programme.

Please pray for our on-going Tapah campsite redevelopment. Pray for our contractor, Kok Heng, and his team that they will be able to finish the construction works smoothly by the end of September.

11. Please pray for the **Junior Boys Brigade Camp (12th-14th September 2014)** in Ipoh. We are expecting 100-150 children from the different states to come for the camp. Pray for safety and good health as they travel and throughout the camp. The theme of the camp is taken from Luke 9:23 – **I will follow Him**. Pray for the SU team as they help to run the camp. Pray for **Koh Earn Soo** as he takes the theme talks. Pray that many children would want to follow Jesus.
12. **Collene Lee** thanks God for the opportunity to serve at the **WORDAlive Camp** for the first time. While remembering the campers, do pray for a blessed and meaningful time for the volunteers and staff as they interact with the campers and serve during the camp.
13. **Marianne Liaw** will be running the 3rd part of a Bible study teachers' training at a Myanmar refugee school today. Pray that she will teach God's Word faithfully and that the teachers will be able to impart what they have learned to the refugee students of the school.
14. **Children's Ministry:** "Thank YOU (yes.. you, the one reading this now) for praying and interceding for all the ministry staff in Scripture Union. May our good Lord continue to bless you."
15. **WORDAlive Camp** starts today. Pray for the smooth running of camp and God's protection over the camp. Pray also for the campers to learn and desire to engage God through His Word.
16. **Marianne Liaw** will be speaking at the Girls' Brigade Young Leaders' Preliminary Training Camp 2014 today. Pray for her as she shares on the Girls' Brigade motto on what it means to seek, serve and follow Christ.
17. **Marianne Liaw** is looking forward to serving as part of the Youth ministry team in **WORDAlive camp**. Pray for her as she runs a workshop today on "How to do Bible Study".
18. **WORDAlive Camp** ends today. Pray for the campers as they return back home to apply the things they have learned from the camp. Pray that they will experience God through the reading of His Word daily.
19. **Jennifer Chew** is grateful to have worked with our current (and previous) volunteers. They have been faithfully serving at camps as Group Leaders, Workshop Leaders and Bible Teachers (and camp Promoters!). May the Lord bless them richly as they continue to serve Him!

20. The SU Team is sharing about its ministry tomorrow in the Sunday morning worship in **Seremban Gospel Center**. Pray for us as we share the Word and introduce our work that it will not only inform but also inspire more involvement and support for our schools work and Bible reading.
21. **Collene Lee** is grateful to be on the team organizing the church's 25th anniversary at her church today. Pray for the time of remembrance and reflection they will have, and for them to consecrate themselves as a church, to fulfill the Lord's mandate for them, moving forward.
22. **Howard Ho** (SU Project Staff) has been compiling and editing the Vineyard Chinese Children's Magazine for 5 years now. Please pray that the Lord will grant Howard fresh ideas as he attends to the magazine and may Howard be strengthened each day as he juggles between his own work and in serving with SU.
23. Please pray for **Sharon Wong** as she diligently manages the administration of the Vineyard magazines and for safe journey as she commutes daily.
24. **Jennifer Chew** prays for her brother (Kelvin Chew) and sister-in-law (Karin Wong) as they move down to Singapore for work. May they be able to settle down smoothly.
- Marianne Liaw** will be speaking at the SMK Datok Lokman Christian Fellowship. Pray for the Gospel to impact the lives of the members of the Christian Fellowship who are all non-Christians except for the Christian Fellowship president.
25. Thank God for a refreshing and enjoyable time at the **SU staff retreat** (13th-15th July 2014). Thank God for the opportunity of fellowship and strengthening of bonds between the staff and their family members. Pray that they will continue to be united in their vision for the work in SU.
26. **Bible Reading Ministry:** "Pray for us as we look to encourage more Christians to read the Word of God. The decline in reading and studying of Scriptures is a great challenge to the growth and maturity of believers. We want to make Bible reading meaningful and enriching as we drink deeply from it."
27. Please uphold in prayer **Chai Siew Meng** and **Elsie Cherian** as they work on producing the registration form for the 2015 National Bible Knowledge Postal Bible Quiz. The Bible texts are Exodus 1-4 and all passages about the

supernatural happenings in ACTS.

28. Pray for the **SCF Seminar** in **Sitiawan** that is being held today. Pray for various ones as they help to organise the seminar and that people will respond well to the seminar. Pray for **Koh Earn Soo** as he shares on the importance of having a CF in schools. Pray that God will strengthen the CFs in Sitiawan and the surrounding areas and many will want to start a CF in their school.
29. **Elsie Cherian** has completed setting the questions for the 2015 National Bible Knowledge Postal Bible Quiz. Please uphold her and also **Sharon Wong** and **Selvi Ebinesan** as they work together to select questions to be included in the Chinese and Tamil languages.

For free Bible Study materials (Evangelistic, Follow-up, Book study on Mark, Discipleship), please contact **Elsie Cherian** at the SU office (03-77829592) or message her at 016-2823696. Please pray that those interested will do so.

30. The SU Council Meeting will be held today. Pray for the Council members as they provide guidance for SU Peninsular Malaysia and her staff. May the Lord sustain them in their own lives, in their work and church ministries.

October

1. **Elaine Liew** is thankful to be able to serve with the Street Ministry and teach at the Refugee Community school. Do pray for strength and grace for her to continue to serve in these areas.

Thank the Lord for the completion of the construction works at our Tapah Campsite. Pray for the electrical works and for wisdom for the SU team as they coordinate the fittings to the place.

2. Pray for SUPM's companionship partnership with SU Philippines. Pray for SUPM Chairman Jory Leong, Executive Director, Koh Earn Soo and Ministry Director, Christopher Cheah as they make a trip to Manila to explore and discuss with SU Philippines and various Christian contacts in Manila on how and with whom SU can partner together to grow the work and ministry of SU Philippines. Pray for wisdom and direction from God.
3. Please pray for **Lydia Chong, Chee Oi Chin** and **Isaac Joseph** as they work on translating the National Bible Knowledge Postal Bible Quiz questions into

Chinese, Malay and Tamil respectively.

4. As **Jennifer Chew** and **Tinna Monica** sit down to begin planning for camps and events for Children's ministry next year, may our Lord guide and lead them in all thoughts and decision-making.
5. **Jennifer Chew**: "Every year, our staff team are supported by volunteers who commit themselves to lead on camps and help in promoting SU ministries. We pray and ask the Lord to send many more, who share the same vision and mission of Scripture Union, to partner with us."
6. Pray for the SU Staff Consultation from the 7th - 10th October 2014. Pray that the SU team will be able to hear from God and understand His mission and purpose for SUPM for the year ahead. Pray that God will enlarge their vision and also give them wisdom as they strategise on how to touch many more lives through the ministry of SUPM. Pray that they will be of one heart and mind as they serve together. Pray for **Koh Earn Soo** as he takes on his new role as Executive Director in guiding and leading the SUPM team.

Richard Chen will also be attending the SU Staff Consultation. Pray that the Lord will show him how to contribute and help in the development of SU ministry in the states of Melaka and Johore.
7. The Vineyard Chinese Children's Magazine need volunteers to contribute ideas and help in writing short articles (and artists to draw too!). We pray that God will answer our prayers to meet these needs.
8. **Jennifer Chew** is thankful that the Lord watches over her dad whenever she is at work, at camp and out on ministry trips. She continues to pray that the Lord will grant her dad a clear mind and strength to move about at home and wherever he goes. Her dad still drives at 72!
9. **Lee Peh Lan** (SU Project Staff) and her husband, Lee Peng Chiat, have been serving devotedly with SU in Alor Setar. They have been equipping children and youths; and bringing them to camps with other volunteers. We pray that these younger ones will experience God's goodness and continue the work in the north.
10. Pray for the CF Advisors meeting in Petaling Jaya that will be held tomorrow. Give thanks for the CF Advisors in the Klang Valley. Pray that the SU team together with TCF will be able to affirm and encourage those who are coming for this meeting.

11. We are thankful for God's provision for the staff in our ministry – the fulltime as well as the project staff. They have provided the capacity for us to move forward and develop our ministries. Continue to pray that the team will increase in strength and also in working together in support of each other's ministry.
12. The SU Team is visiting **St Paul's Church, Petaling Jaya** to share about our ministry. **Koh Earn Soo** is speaking at three services of the church in the morning. Pray for good interaction and fellowship with the members. May they may catch the vision of our work with young people in the schools and our desire to encourage regular Bible reading.
13. Today is the closing date of the **National School Christian Fellowship Leaders' (NSCFL) Camp**. We thank God for those who have signed up for the camp. Pray that God will touch their hearts as they prepare themselves to receive from God in the camp.
14. **Lee Peh Lan**: "Praise God for the smooth transition of leadership in the 3 school CFs namely SMJK Keat Hwa, SMJK St. Michael and SMJK Keat Hwa II."
15. Pray for **Chai Siew Meng** and his sister as they take care of their elderly parents. Pray for good health and safety for his parents.
16. **Lee Peh Lan**: "Pray for the new committee to further advance the kingdom of God in their respective schools."
17. **Lue Jun Yi** is speaking at a chapel service in a school in Cheras. Pray for the anointing of the Holy Spirit as he speaks forth the Word of God to the students.
18. **Collene Lee** is thankful for the opportunity to go with a group of her church members to visit Israel tomorrow for the next ten days. Pray that the Lord will draw them all closer to Him as they spend the time with Him there.
19. **Edwin Khoo**: "Thank God for the good learning experience and a safe journey for Dennis and me during our time at the Camp Director's course in the month of August in Ulu Tiram Johor."
20. **Chai Siew Meng** is thankful for the many people who have prayed for him and his family. He is encouraged to know that these people have been supporting him and his family in prayer.

21. **Edwin Khoo:** “Praise God for the growth in the School Christian Fellowship (SCF) work in Taiping and Ipoh. Thank God for providing many dedicated Christian teachers to partner with Scripture Union (SU) through the Christian Fellowship (CF) ministry.”
22. Pray that Christians in Malaysia will stand strong for the Lord even in the midst of persecution and unfair treatment.
23. **Chai Siew Meng's** daughter has just turned 7. Pray that he and his wife will continue to teach her well and be good examples for her. Pray for wisdom, guidance and patience as they bring up their daughter.
24. The **NSCFL Camp** is one month away. Continue to pray for the **Youth Ministry Team** as they prepare for the camp. **Francis Dunn** is the main theme talk speaker in the camp. Pray for him as he prepares to share God’s Word in the camp.
25. Pray for others involved with the **NSCFL Camp** like the plenary sessions and workshop facilitators, camp volunteers as well as staff involved as they prepare to share and serve during next month’s camp.
26. **Lue Jun Yi** is speaking at Faith Gospel Centre, Cheras today. Pray for the Word of God to be planted in the hearts of the congregation as he shares the Word.
27. **Joanne Liaw:** “Pray that God will grant me His enabling and strength as I continue collating Scripture Union’s prayerletter.”
28. **Edwin Khoo:** “Pray that God will provide a new ministry staff to serve in the Christian Fellowship (CF) work among Chinese schools in smaller towns in Perak.”
29. **Joanne:** “Pray for a closer partnership between Scripture Union and the churches nationwide.”
30. **Lee Peh Lan:** “Pray for unity among the members of School CFs and good working relationship among them in spite of their coming from different denominations.”
31. **Edwin Khoo:** “Pray that renovation work for the campsite will go on smoothly and be completed on schedule.”