

# SU/FES

## PRAISE & PRAYER LETTER *January-February 2015*

### FOCUSSING ON SCRIPTURE UNION

#### January

1. We give thanks to God for a new year and are thankful for everyone in the SU team. Please pray that God will give all the staff wisdom and strength as they work together as a team to **“Reach The Next Generation with God’s Word.”**
2. Pray for wisdom as **SU's Youth Ministry Team** work out the best way to help Christian Fellowships (CFs) and schools develop their ministries and reach out to others with the Gospel. Pray for **Lue Jun Yi, Elaine Liew** and **Marianne Liaw** as they seek to work out ways to train Christian student leaders and teachers to be effective witnesses in their schools and churches.
3. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** as she starts teaching the Girls' Brigade companies in Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) St. Mary and Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Bandar Baru Seri Petaling. Pray that God will enable Marianne, the teachers and ministry staff who are running the companies to be able to help the girls grow in their knowledge and love of Christ through the study of the Bible.
4. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** as she shares the Gospel at the SMK (P) Taman Petaling's first Christian Fellowship (CF) meeting for the year . Pray for the on-going ministry work in helping the CF committee members plan for the effective running of their CF.

Praise and thank God for a new year to honour and glorify Him. Pray for **Elaine Liew** as she continues to teach at the Refugee Community School and serve in the Street Ministry. Pray that the Lord will continue to do His good work of grace in her life and use her effectively for His Kingdom.

5. **Jennifer Chew** appreciates the long holiday she had in December 2014. She

looks forward to the new year with much anticipation.

6. Pray for **Christopher Cheah, Lue Jun Yi** and **Collene Lee** as they meet up with the team from Temerloh Gospel Chapel to plan the evangelistic youth camp and REACH to Temerloh in March. Pray for a blessed time of planning as they partner in this initiative.
7. **Edwin Khoo:** "Pray for guidance and protection as I embark on my new role as the Senior Staff in Ipoh for Scripture Union this year. "
8. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** as she shares at the Kuala Lumpur (KL) Wesley Methodist School's Chapel service on the topic of "Knowing God". This will be the first session of a month of chapel sessions which will cover important and basic doctrines of the Christian faith.
9. Pray for Marianne Liaw as she speaks at SMK Assunta's first Christian Fellowship meeting for the year. Pray also for the CF leaders' training session which she will also be conducting after that.
10. **Edwin Khoo:** "Praise God for His blessings, provisions and protection for the newly renovated SU/FES campsite. Pray that the campsite will be used for His glory."
11. The SU Ministry Staff Team will be sharing God's word at the Sunday service as well as running a youth programme at St. Gabriel's Anglican Church, Sungai Besi. Pray for wisdom and clarity for the staff team as they do so, and that many in St Gabriel's will be encouraged to partner together in ministry together with SU.
12. SU's internal staff training restarts after a 2-month break from November to December 2014. Please pray that through this training, the ministry staff team will be able to sharpen their skills in teaching God's word effectively and faithfully in their respective ministries.

13. Pray for our first SU staff meeting of the year after the camps and holiday season. As we move together into the new year may God continue to build a strong and stable team

This morning, **Richard Chen** travels to Petaling Jaya for the SU staff meeting. Pray that God's protection will be upon him as he will begin his journey early in the morning from Melaka. Pray that he will contribute constructively to the programmes and planning for SU ministries.

14. **Edwin Khoo**: "Praise God for the safe delivery of baby Shawn for my wife, Ethel on the 11th November 2014."
15. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** as she shares about the truth of the Gospel at the Wesley Methodist School's Chapel service. Pray that God's Spirit will be working in the hearts of the students who hear the message and will draw them to put their faith in Christ.
16. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** as she shares the Gospel at SMK Convent Bukit Nanas' Christian Fellowship meeting. Pray also for the CF leaders' training session which will be conducted after the CF meeting.
17. Pray for the on-going planning for the CF camps for the Wesley Methodist School KL as well as SMK Taman Sea. Pray for the SU staff who are working alongside the CF planning committee and who will be teaching & speaking at these 2 camps as well.
18. The Children's Ministry is exploring new avenues to share the good news in private schools and home schools. Do keep **Jennifer Chew** and **Tinna Monica** in prayer as they explore various possibilities and plan for future programmes. Pray for safety as they travel to the different locations to share the good news with the children.
19. Pray for **Collene Lee** and **Elaine Liew** as they coach and mentor the student representatives of a few School Christian Fellowships in Subang Jaya to plan a combined camp during the May/June school holidays.

20. **Esther Lee:** “Thank God for His faithfulness and strength for the past year. As I begin the new year, may I experience anew His joy, strength and comfort in serving Him. Indeed, we serve a good God who can be trusted.”
21. **Lue Jun Yi** will be away in South Korea from tomorrow until 3<sup>rd</sup> of February. He will be conducting two youth camps there. Pray for a meaningful time of fellowship and teaching God’s word.
22. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** as she speaks on the topic of the Trinity at the Wesley Methodist School's Chapel service. Pray that the students will come to understand the nature of the Godhead more clearly.
23. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** as she speaks at SMK Seksyen 4 Bandar Kinrara's Christian Fellowship today. Pray that the CF members will be encouraged and built up by God's word. Pray also for the meeting and brainstorming session with the CF committee which follows, that it will be a fruitful and beneficial time of discussion.
24. **Esther Lee:** “Thank God for the subscribers of Scripture Union’s devotional notes who continue to read His word for the year 2015. May they find joy and encouragement as they read His word daily. Praise God for faithful Bible Reading Promoters who ensure that their members continue to do their quiet time daily.”
25. **Joanne Liaw:** “Pray that God will give me wisdom in handling the administration of Scripture Union’s new website which was launched recently.”
26. **Bible Reading Ministry:** “Pray for the work as we encourage greater engagement with Scripture, in an age where Bible reading is much in decline. Pray for open opportunities to share and challenge more Christians to keep this discipline, the right message and creativity to bring this across to today’s generation.”
27. Pray that Berita SU will be an effective tool of communication and dissemination of the vision and ministries of SU.

28. Pray for **Richard Chen** as he continues to coordinate the ministry of Scripture Union (SU) in the south. Pray that the pastors and leaders of churches will continue to invite SU to promote SU Bible-reading materials in their churches.
  
29. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** as she speaks on the topic of the role, function and importance of God's word at the Wesley Methodist School's Chapel service. This will conclude a month-long series covering basic doctrines of the Christian faith.
  
30. We thank God for His hand in our ministry and organisation, for bringing and putting in place the right people in His time. Pray that God will continue to bring in more staff especially for the Children's Ministry and the Chinese-speaking generation. Pray for financial resources to support our staff. We look forward to the opportunities that are opened to us to **"Reach the Next Generation with God's Word"**.
  
31. Pray for **Chai Siew Meng, Esther Lee, Sharon Wong** and **Chia Pek Heong** as they provide the administrative support to the ministry staff. They help to make the work lighter and easier, taking over some of the details from the ministry staff that require attention.

## February

1. **Jennifer Chew** will be completing her 6th year with SU in June this year. She will be taking her Sabbatical to explore and equip herself with knowledge and skills concerning Child Behaviour and Psychology so that she will be able to serve more effectively in the Children's ministry. Please pray for guidance as she seeks to do so.
  
2. Please pray that the Christians in our nation will continue growing strong in the Lord.
  
3. Lue Jun Yi arrives back from South Korea today. He thanks the Lord for fruitful ministry and experience. Continue to pray for the youth who went for the

camps conducted by him, to grow in The Lord.

4. **Christopher Cheah:** “We continue to look to recruit more staff for our ministry departments. Pray that God will provide the right people for the work, as He calls them in His time.”
5. Pray for the on-going ministry of the Christian Fellowship in Sri UCSI international school. Pray that both SU staff and the CF leaders will have wisdom and strength to be thinking of ways to ensure the continued running of the CF in this school.
6. Please pray for an increasing openness of hearts to the gospel in our nation.
7. **Chai Siew Meng** thanks the Lord for the new year. Please pray that he will continue to seek and learn from the Lord. Pray also that he will rely and trust the Lord in every way.
8. Lue Jun Yi celebrates Full Time Worker’s Day in his home church today. He thanks the Lord for His calling and faithfulness throughout his years of ministry. Continue to pray for God’s grace and guidance for him as he avails himself to serve the Lord.
9. **Joanne Liaw:** “Pray for the music ministry in my church to continue to flourish and, most importantly, to be united in the love of Christ.”
10. **Christopher Cheah:** “Pray that more churches and groups will be open to have Bible reading seminars to encourage their members to spend time with God’s word. As we develop the seminars and programmes, pray for wisdom and understanding to speak the right message to the listeners.”
11. Pray for **Chai Siew Meng's daughter** who is attending primary two in a Chinese school this year. Pray that she will be able to cope with the subjects, lessons and homework that is taught and given in the school.
12. The KL/PJ SCF Leaders’ Convention will be held at SMK (L) Methodist KL this Saturday (14th February 2015). Thank God for the students who have signed up. Pray for the speakers as they prepare their messages. May the students be encouraged and challenged to live out their faith in their respective schools.
13. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** and **Elaine Liew** as they go together to the Inter Christian Fellowship Schools' meeting in SMK St. Gabriel's to share on God's love. Pray that the three schools present for this meeting will come to

understand God's love which He demonstrated through the giving of His Son Jesus Christ.

14. **Joanne Liaw:** "Pray for more people to subscribe to the first volume of Scripture Union's devotional Bible reading plan, Asian Reflections, on YouVersion, renamed as 'Bible Reflections from Scripture Union Volume One'. The goal is to encourage more people to engage with God's word online and cultivate the habit of having daily devotions."
15. Pray for **Collene Lee** as she will be in the process of finalising the details of the Temerloh evangelistic youth camp from the 19th-21st March 2015, in partnership with Temerloh Gospel Chapel. Pray that the Christian youths will invite their non-Christian friends, and that God will prepare the hearts of the non-Christian youths to hear and respond to the gospel.

**Church Deputation at Grace EFC Subang Jaya:** Pray for Koh Earn Soo as he takes the pulpit ministry this morning, shares about Scripture Union's ministry and promotes SU's Bible Engagement resources to this congregation.

16. **Richard Chen's** sons, Simon and Jonathan, together with their families will be in Melaka for Chinese New Year. They will be flying in from Australia this month. Pray that Richard and wife Yoke May will have a happy and meaningful reunion with them. It will be their first time together for a Chinese New Year reunion as they are living overseas.
17. Continue praying for the political leaders of our nation to rule with wisdom and integrity.
18. With regards to the Postal Bible Knowledge Quiz, pray that the students will find it meaningful as they study God's word in preparing for the quiz. Pray also that the response from school/centers will be good and more will sign up for the quiz.
19. Pray for a closer partnership between Scripture Union and the churches nationwide.
20. **Lee Peh Lan:** "Thank God for sustaining the 3 Christian Fellowships (CFs) in Alor Setar namely Sekolah Menengah Jenis Kebangsaan Keat Hwa, Sekolah Menengah Jenis Kebangsaan Keat Hwa (II) and Sekolah Menengah St. Michael. Pray that God will enable the committee and members to reach out to a new batch of students in 2015. Pray that God will give the respective teacher-advisors and committees the wisdom to plan programmes for 2015"

21. Pray for God's comfort to be upon those who are still grieving for the death of their loved ones.
22. Pray that God will comfort and strengthen our fellow Christians who are being persecuted for their faith.
23. Please pray for more **financial supporters** to contribute generously to SU's ministries.
24. Pray for the staff as we continue to grow into an effective team together. Pray that we may know how to work in the strength and enabling of the Lord, to be restful in our ministries and have a trustful dependence on Him in all we do.
25. Please pray for God's enabling power and strength to be upon the SU staff as they continue to do the good work that the good Lord has begun in and through them.
26. **Joanne Liaw:** "Pray that God will grant me His enabling and strength as I continue collating Scripture Union's prayerletter."
27. Pray for the members of the **SU Council** as they give direction and counsel for the staff team and the organisation, in their roles and responsibilities in the movement. Pray that God will sustain them in their own ministries in church and work.
28. Pray for **Elaine Liew** and the Street Ministry team as they seek to serve the poor, homeless and marginalised people by sharing God's love with them this Chinese New Year season.