

SU/FES

PRAISE & PRAYER LETTER

January-February 2017

FOCUSSING ON SCRIPTURE UNION (SU)

January

1. **Lue Jun Yi** thanks the Lord for the opportunity to be involved in the **International Students' Camp (ISC 7)** that is currently being held in **Indonesia**. This is the second time he is serving in this camp and he thanks the Lord for the opportunity to minister to **students** from the **East & West Asia region**.
2. **Kelly Tan** is thankful for another year in SU. Pray that God will continue to connect more schools, unite the school Christian Fellowship (CF) teachers in Penang and bless the students with His grace and mercy.

ISC 7: The Malaysian campers and officers arrived back from Jakarta today. We thank God for a good experience of learning from the Word of God and for the new cultural experiences for those who went for the camp. Continue to pray that God will work in the lives of the campers and they will be challenged to live for Him.

3. **Marianne Liaw** is looking forward to continue serving in the Youth Ministry for the New Year. Please do keep her in prayer as she works out ministry plans and meetings with teachers and students in various schools.
4. After the back-to-back camps in the month of December, **Lue Jun Yi** thanks the Lord for a time of rest. He is currently in the midst of his **sabbatical (January to June 2017)** so please pray that he will use this time to rest and recharge himself for the work of the Lord.

Elaine Liew praises and thanks the Lord for His grace and mercy for the past year and looks forward to his continued blessings for the new year. Pray for strength and grace as she continues to serve in SU, the Street Ministry and the Refugee School.

5. **Chai Siew Meng** gives thanks to the Lord for the new year. Pray that he will continue seeking and learning from the Lord as he serves in Scripture Union.

Jennifer Chew is grateful for a good holiday break in December, away from her normal routine, and is now feeling refreshed. She looks forward to the new year; being thankful for the opportunity to serve children with her team of volunteers.

6. The **Anglican Missions' School Board** will be meeting soon this month to plan and discuss various matters regarding Anglican Mission schools for 2017. Pray that God will give **Marianne Liaw** and the rest of the **board members** wisdom as they discuss various issues and plans for the year.

7. **Charis Tan** thanks the Lord for His faithfulness throughout her journey of serving in SU. She is excited for what God has in store for her. Pray that she will continue to serve the Lord to the best of her ability and walk in step with His direction and guidance.

8. **Lee Peh Lan:** "Give thanks for the Christmas programmes in various youth groups and pray for proper follow-up on those who attended."

9. Pray that **Kelly Tan** will be able to establish a good rapport with the students and teachers in schools.

10. **Youth Bible Conference Committee**

The **Planning Team meets today** to discuss on-going work on the **Youth Bible Conference (15 July 2017)**. Pray that all aspects of the event is catered to and nothing is overlooked so that the teaching from the Gospel of Mark is well-delivered to the youths attending this conference.

11. Pray for the students as they study passages from the Bible for **Bible Knowledge Postal Quiz**. Pray that the students will find it meaningful as they study God's Word in preparation for the quiz. Pray also that the responses from schools, churches and centers will be good and that more participants will sign up for the quiz.

12. **Marianne Liaw** is meeting with the **teacher advisors** and **student leaders** of the **Girls' Brigade Company, 6th Kuala Lumpur**, at **SMK St Mary tomorrow** to plan activities for the Girls' Brigade company this year. Do pray for unity and for wisdom.

13. **SU Staff Meeting**
This is our first meeting of the year. Pray for a refreshed team, after the year end break, to start the new year working together for the programmes and events we have planned for the year. Uphold each one with God's grace, protection and enabling in our ministry.

14. **Bible Engagement Seminar Training of Trainers (BE ToT)**
This is being held from 10am – 3pm for volunteers who want to be trained as facilitators for the BE Seminar for youths/students. Pray that those who attend will see the importance of Bible Engagement and commit themselves to be facilitators.

15. Pray that the **SU Bible Reading (QT) Notes** will continue to help and encourage people to love and read God's Word daily.

16. **Joanne Liaw**: "Pray that God will give me wisdom in handling the administration of Scripture Union's website that it may be a useful channel for our ministry."

17. **Marianne Liaw** has arranged to meet up with potential SU youth ministry volunteers as well as current ones to discuss commitments and plans for schools' work. Do pray that these meetings will be fruitful and that God will send in more volunteers who are keen and equipped to bring God's Word to various schools.

18. **Lee Peh Lan**: "Pray for the CF committee members as they plan their activities for 2017."

19. As **Jennifer Chew** travels to meet and discuss plans with churches and individuals, and spends time with volunteers; she covets your prayers for God's

wisdom and strength, for safety, for fruitful communications and discussions, and for God's work to be done.

20. **Marianne Liaw** will be making a trip down to Seremban to meet up with CF and GB teacher advisors from various schools to promote resources as well as planning for various CF and GB meetings in the schools there. Do pray for a fruitful time of discussion and continued ministry partnership.

21. **Marianne Liaw**, together with her husband, **Daniel Chow**, and the **ministry team** from their home church, **St Mary's Anglican Cathedral** are sharing God's Word with the **residents** of **Shal Home**, a care home for the mentally-ill **this morning**. Do pray that as they begin teaching a new Bible study series on Jesus' sermon on the mount, the residents will understand the implications of living as people of the kingdom under God's rule.

22. **Lee Peh Lan**: "Pray for successful membership drives that will encourage new members to join the CFs."

23. Pray that more people will use Scripture Union's devotional Bible reading plans available on the YouVersion Bible app – **Bible Reflections from SU (6-month plan)**, **Hebrews (22-day plan)** and **1 & 2 Timothy (14-day plan)**. We want to encourage Christians to cultivate the habit of daily Bible reading and to be greater engaged with God's Word.

24. **Marianne Liaw** is thankful for the Gospel partnership between **SU** and **Girls' Brigade (GB) Malaysia**. Do keep her in prayer as she works out various ways in which SU can assist and provide support in various camps and activities that GB Malaysia will be organising this year.

25. **Joanne Liaw**: "Pray that God will grant me His enabling and strength as I continue collating Scripture Union's prayer letter."

26. Thank God for the opportunities and open doors to share with churches about **SU's mission and ministry**. Pray that many more will be partners in the

gospel with Scripture Union in reaching the next generation with God's Word. Pray that God will open new partnerships and networking opportunities.

27. Thank God for a joyful Chinese New Year 2017. Please pray for **Elaine Liew** and all her SU colleagues as they gather with family members for this festive occasion. Pray that their non-Christian relatives will come to know of God's saving grace.

28. Thank God for our new communications officer, **Joelle Kwok**, who joined our staff team last year in the month of November. We are thankful for her invaluable contribution of time, effort and insight. Please pray that God will continue to grant her wisdom and strength as she continues to serve in SU.

29. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** and **Daniel Chow** as they continue to serve as youth coordinators in their home church **St Mary's Cathedral**. May God grant wisdom to them as they seek to carry out various activities, events and teach His Word every Sunday to the youths in their church so that they will be built up and equipped to serve Him.

30. **Joanne Liaw**: "Please pray that God will continue granting me energy, humility and wisdom as I serve Him in the music ministry in my home church, St Mary's Cathedral."

31. **Lee Peh Lan**: "Pray for the advisers to be committed to the CFs in spite of their busy schedules."

February

1. Pray for the preparation for the upcoming **Leaders' Training in Penang**. Pray that God will grant **the team** with wisdom and opportunities. Pray for **Kelly Tan** as she is trying to coordinate the event.
2. **Marianne Liaw, Daniel Chow** and the rest of the **Youth Ministry Team** in their **home church** are firming up plans for their Youth Fellowship's upcoming camp. Pray for strength, energy and wisdom as they do so.
3. Pray for **Elaine Liew** as she helps out with the planning of the **Combined Subang SCF Camp 2017**. Please pray for a good and united planning committee as they work together for a successful camp.
4. Please pray that more people will come to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ in our country. Pray that SU will continue to be an instrument used by God to bring the Gospel to people of all ages.
5. **Joanne Liaw**: "Thank God for the opportunity to share the Gospel with non-Christian relatives during this year's Chinese New Year. Please pray that they will come to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."
6. Pray for the **SU Children's Ministry committee** as they meet **tomorrow**. Pray that God will grant the committee wisdom to come up with the effective strategies to bring the Word of God to the next generation.
7. Pray that God will open more doors for SU staff to enter Chinese government/private schools CFs. May God grant wisdom and good interpersonal skills to **Charis Tan** as she obtains contacts of Mandarin-speaking teachers/students.
8. **Joanne Liaw**: "Please pray that God will continue granting me strength and wisdom as I serve in the editorial team of St Mary's News, the magazine of my home church, St Mary's Cathedral."

9. Pray that more schools, churches and centers will take up the challenge and participate in the **18th National Bible Knowledge Postal Quiz 2017**.

 10. During the March school holidays, **Marianne Liaw** is meeting with teachers from various school CFs to discuss ways that SU is assisting and serving in various school and interschool CF camps. Please pray for wisdom as she does so.

 11. Pray that God will continue to grant strength and guidance to **Charis Tan** as she continues to serve Him in Scripture Union and church ministries. May her passion for God continue to be fervent and may she bear much fruit for the Lord.

 12. May God continue to grant wisdom to the leaders of our nation to rule with wisdom and integrity.

 13. **Staff Meeting**
Uphold all the staff as we meet tomorrow. Pray that God will continue to mold us into a strong team, each in our gifting, abilities, experience and wisdom.

 14. **SU Council Meeting**
Pray for the first Council Meeting of the year. Uphold each member as they give their time, gifts and experience to guide and oversee the whole organisation. Thank the Lord for their commitment and heart for the mission of Scripture Union.

 15. **Marianne Liaw** is speaking **this evening** at **IMU's Christian Fellowship** on the topic, 'The Doctrine of Hope'. Pray for clarity and faithfulness as she seeks to expound God's Word to the CF members there. Pray that they will come to a deeper understanding of the hope that we have in Christ.
- Pray for **Elaine Liew** and the **SCFs** in **Rawang schools** as they commence meetings for the new year.

16. Pray that God will grant wisdom and favour to **Kelly Tan** as she shares at the **MGS Penang Chapel tomorrow**. Pray also for a good time of fellowship with the teachers and students.
17. Do uphold **Marianne Liaw** and her husband, **Daniel Chow**, as they organise and run their **home church's youth camp** over the **weekend (17 -19 Feb 2017)**. Pray for the volunteers and the youths who are attending the camp. Pray also for a good time of fellowship and learning God's Word.
18. Pray for **Koh Earn Soo** as he visits **SU Hanoi** to help with the SU ministry there.
19. **SU Office Staff**: Uphold the office staff – **Chia Pek Heong, Chai Siew Meng, Esther Lee** and **Sharon Wong** - who support the ministry behind the scenes. Praise God for their dedication to SU all these years. Pray for strength, good health and the joy of serving God through SU.
20. The **Anglican Diocesan Youth Council** will be carrying out various events and camps for the youths and young adults in Anglican churches across West Malaysia in 2017. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** and **Daniel Chow** as they continue to serve as members of the Youth Council this year.
21. Please pray that God will continue to sustain the SU staff. Various ones have been facing health issues. Pray that God's protection, healing and strength will be upon them.
22. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** as she continues writing various materials and resources which will be used at various camps and CF meetings. Pray for wisdom, clarity and faithfulness as she seeks to do so.
23. Pray for God's healing and strength to be upon **Charis Tan**. May she continue serving God faithfully in various SU ministries in all circumstances.

24. Pray for the **KL/PJ SCF Convention** that is happening **tomorrow** and for **Koh Earn Soo** as he shares and encourages the SCF leaders.

25. It's been a busy first two months of the year for **Marianne Liaw**. She is indeed thankful for the privilege to serve God in the Youth Ministry in SU. Do pray for her to take time in between these busy periods for rest and recuperation.

- 26. Bible Engagement - Dive Deep! Immerse in God's Word.** The crucial importance of Scripture in the Christian life cannot be overstated. Pray that SU can be a catalyst to bring the Bible back to its foundational place in a Christian's life.

27. We are thankful for God's faithfulness to **Scripture Union Peninsular Malaysia (SUPM)** over the last **55 years**. Pray that God will continue to provide financially for SUPM.

28. We thank God for the good usage of the **SUFES Campsite** in Tapah since the completion of the renovations. We pray that this will be a blessing to the Christian community and a good and meaningful experience for those who come to our campsite. Pray for our **campsite manager, Dennis Lim**, and the **Orang Asli team** as they run the campsite.