# **SU/FES**

# PRAISE & PRAYER LETTER July-August 2017

# **FOCUSING ON SCRIPTURE UNION (SU)**



# <u>July</u>

- Please pray for the Youth Bible Conference planning team as they attend to the many details of the conference to be held on 15 July 2017 at the SS Methodist Church, Petaling Jaya. Do pray for the many youths who have registered for the conference, that the Lord will prepare their hearts to receive His Word taught from the Gospel of Mark. Remember also the conference speakers, Rev. Dr. Lim Kar Yong and Rev. Dr. Sivin Kit.
- 2. Keep Marianne Liaw and Daniel Chow in prayer as they meet with the pastoral staff of their home church today to discuss plans to create better and more effective links to help the youths from their youth fellowship transition into a young adult/tertiary fellowship.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will grant wisdom and guidance to the **Youth Ministry Team** who are planning for the **NSCFL** camp which is to be held in **November 2017**.

**Elaine Liew** is thankful for the grace and strength God has given to enable her to serve with the **ladies ministry** in **her church**, and teach at the refugee **school**. Pray for continual grace and wisdom to care for and help those under her care. Pray also for opportunities to reach out to those in need of the Gospel.

#### 3. New Staff - Emelda Roukin and Timothy Cheang

**Emelda** and **Timothy** joined SU in **June**. We thank the Lord for providing us new staff. Please pray that they will settle into their new roles in the staff team. Pray that God will give them grace and enabling in their lives and ministry.

Pray for Marianne Liaw as she teaches God's Word to the girls at SMK St Mary's Girls' Brigade this afternoon.

#### 4. SU Staff Meeting

Pray for the staff team as they meet together again after a break in June. As they look forward to the next half of the year, pray that the Lord's strength and presence will be with each one, and with the team as a whole.

5. Do keep Marianne Liaw in prayer as she speaks at the SMK (L) Bukit Bintang Christian Fellowship (CF) this afternoon.

Please keep the Methodist Girl School (MGS), Penang in prayer as they are having Religious Emphasis Week (5-6 July 2017) where Ps. Daniel has the opportunity to share the Gospel to many.

- 6. Pray for **Kelly Tan** as she speaks at the **Chinese CF** of the **Methodist Boy School (MBS), Penang this afternoon**. Pray that the students will be open to the Gospel.
- 7. Pray for Marianne Liaw as she continues meeting up with teachers in schools to encourage their students to take part in the upcoming Bible Knowledge Oral Quiz on 5 August 2017.
- 8. Pray for **MBS**, **Penang** and all the **volunteers** (including **Kelly Tan**) as they help to organise and run **BK17**. Pray for good rapport and active participation from the students and teachers.
- 9. Pray for Marianne Liaw as she meets up with various school teachers and leaders to discuss plans for ministry for the second half of the year. Pray that God will give her strength and wisdom to promote various events and training that will be of benefit to the CFs and Christian ministries in schools around her.
- 10. Uphold the **Youth Ministry Team** in the **KL-PJ Schools' CF training planning team** as they seek to promote this event to the school CFs they visit and the teachers they speak to.
- 11. Pray for God's healing and strength to be upon **Charis Tan**. May she continue serving God faithfully in the different SU ministries in all circumstances.

- 12. Uphold Marianne Liaw in prayer as she conducts and oversees the programme that is being run at SMK St Mary's Girls' Brigade (GB) today.
- 13. Do pray for the **Youth Bible Conference planning team** as they finalise preparations for the conference. Pray also for the final preparations by the conference speakers, **Rev. Dr. Lim Kar Yong** and **Rev. Dr. Sivin Kit**.
- 14. Please pray for strength, perseverance and faithfulness as **Marianne Liaw** continues to endeavour to serve God and His people while coping with a long-term illness. Pray for love, wisdom and energy for both her and **Daniel Chow** as they continue serving Jesus together.
- 15. This is the day for the **Youth Bible Conference!** Pray that the Spirit's anointing will be upon the **conference speakers, Rev. Dr. Lim Kar Yong** and **Rev. Dr. Sivin Kit** as they teach on the Gospel of Mark. Remember also the many **participants** as they travel to the conference venue, interact with one another and listen to God's Word being taught. Pray that the Word shared will take deep root in the hearts of the youths and bear good fruit. Please pray that many of the participants will sign up to continue studying God's Word through the 'Life to the Max' course on the book of Colossians, which will be announced during the conference. Pray also for strength and wisdom for the staff and volunteers involved in organising and serving.
- 16. Pray for Marianne Liaw as she continues to serve as a member of the Anglican Mission School Board for a new term. Please pray that God will continue to preserve the Christian Ethos of Christian mission schools throughout Malaysia.
- Pray for the SU staff as they go for their Staff Planning Consultation (21-22 July 2017) together to strengthen our bond as a team carrying out the work of the Lord.
- 18. Pray for the **youths** who attended the **Youth Bible Conference** to diligently use the devotional on the Gospel of Mark distributed at the conference last Saturday.

- 19. Please pray for Marianne Liaw as she conducts the session at SMK St Mary's Girls' Brigade (GB) this afternoon.
- 20. Pray for **Kelly Tan** as she shares God's Word at the **MBS Penang this afternoon**. Pray that she will have good rapport with the students and that they will respond positively to the Gospel.
- 21. **Marianne Liaw** will be sharing God's Word at **SMK La Salle, PJ today**. Pray that the students will be built up in their faith as they hear God's Word.
- 22. The **KL-PJ SCF Leaders' Training** is taking place **today** at **SMK (L) Methodist, KL**. Please pray for members of the Youth Ministry Team as they coordinate and organise this training event, and pray for the student/youth leaders who attend this event, that they will be trained by God's Word and be equipped to serve Him in their respective schools.

Pray for Marianne Liaw and Daniel Chow as well as their church ministry team as they share God's Word to the residents of Shal Home, PJ this morning.

- 23. Training of Trainers (ToT) for Orang Asli (OA) Pastors (24 July 2017)
  Pray for Emelda Roukin as she trains some OA pastors from the Methodist Church to conduct the Bible Engagement Seminar with their congregations. Pray that this opportunity will reap abundant fruit in their lives as they learn to read and engage with the Scriptures.
- 24. **Marianne Liaw** is sharing God's Word at SMK **(P) Methodist Chapel Service tomorrow morning.** Please keep her in prayer.

#### 25. Staff Planning Consultation (25-27 July 2017)

Pray for the staff team as they meet to discuss the focus and direction of SU's ministry for the future. Strategic planning for the next three to five years will be a big part of the agenda. Pray also for the staff to be of one mind and heart together in this ministry.

- 26. 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.
- 27. Marianne Liaw is speaking at SMK Taman Petaling's Christian Education Session tomorrow morning. Pray that the girls will be encouraged by God's Word.

#### 28. Bible Engagement Seminar with OA group

Pray for **Emelda Roukin** as she conducts this seminar in **BM** to an **OA group** from the **Methodist Church**. Pray for the **OA pastors** as they continue to learn from this experience to run the seminar in their own congregations.

Pray for Marianne Liaw as she speaks to the students at SMK ACS Methodist Christian Fellowship in Seremban this afternoon.

29. **Elaine Liew** thanks God for opportunities to continue serving Him in the **Street Ministry**. Please continue to pray for opportunities to bring God's Word to many who are lost.

### 30. Interns with SU - Jason Gan, Sim En You, and Priscilla Lai

Pray for **Jason, En You,** and **Priscilla** who are in our internship programme until the end of August. Pray that they will continue to learn, experience and serve in their second month with SU. Pray that they may find this a meaningful time of learning as they participate in the children and youth, camping and Bible engagement ministries.

31. Pray for Collene Lee who is organising a combined meeting that her church ladies group is having with the ladies of another church; that their time of fellowship on 6 August 2017 will be a blessed one.

## <u>August</u>

- Praise the Lord for the recent Bible Knowledge Postal Quiz. Pray that the students who participated in the quiz will continue to be consistent in reading and applying God's Word in their daily life.
- Today is the 6th KL Girls' Brigade's final meeting for 2017. Please pray
  for Marianne Liaw and the committee as they run the planned programme
  for the girls. Pray that these girls will continue to seek, serve and follow Christ.
- 3. Pray for **Kelly Tan** as she speaks at the **MBS Penang Chinese CF this afternoon**. Pray for the boys to hunger and thirst for God.
- 4. Pray for the mailing of the certificate of participation for the **Bible Knowledge Postal Quiz** that the certificates will reach their destinations and not get lost in the mail.
- 5. Pray for Elaine Liew, Chai Siew Meng and the team as they serve together at the Bible Knowledge Oral Quiz today. Pray that the Lord will work among the students taking the quiz and for more opportunities to extend SU's reach to more SCFs.
- 6. Please continue to pray that the SU Bible Reading Notes will be a good guide/ tool to assist people to engage with God's Word and encourage them to be consistent in their daily quiet time.
- 7. **Marianne Liaw** is immensely thankful to God for **her husband**, **Daniel Chow**, who is her best friend and ministry partner. She is thankful for the way that they can serve God and His people together in so many ways! Pray for a meaningful day, as they celebrate **Daniel's birthday** and that both of them will continue growing in their love and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### 8. Staff Meeting

Uphold all the staff in prayer as they meet together again. Pray that God will continue to mould them into a strong team, each in their gifting, abilities,

experiences and wisdom. Pray also for the planning and fruitful discussions of issues related to their ministry.

- 9. Pray for Marianne Liaw as she shares at SMK (P) Pudu's Christian Fellowship this morning.
- 10. 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.
- 11. Marianne Liaw is speaking at a Worship Rally in Ampang Christ Methodist Church tomorrow evening. Please pray that God's Spirit will work through the preaching of His Word to draw lost souls into His Kingdom.
- 12. Pray for **Kelly Tan** as she shares God's Word in **SMK Air Itam, Penang**. Pray for open minds and hearts as there will be many non-believers.
- 13. Please pray for the **SU Team** as they continue to reach the next generation with God's Word and make Christ known to them.
- 14. **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.
- 15. Please pray for Marianne Liaw as she speaks at Sri Sempurna International School's Intermediate Chapel service tomorrow morning.
- 16. Uphold Marianne Liaw as she shares God's Word at both Sri Sempurna International School's Junior and Senior Chapel Service tomorrow morning.

- 17. Pray for Kelly Tan as she speaks in the MBS Penang Chinese CF this afternoon.
- 18. Pray for Charis Tan's Manjung ministry trip (18-20 August 2017) in Perak. She will be visiting Chinese SCFs and meeting up with few teachers for Chinese ministry work. She will also be sharing with a group of teachers regarding SU ministry work.
- 19. Pray for Marianne Liaw, her husband, Daniel Chow, and the ministry team from the church as they share God's Word with the residents of the Shal Home, PJ this morning.
- **20.** Pray that the **SU Bible Reading (QT) Notes** will continue to help and encourage people to love and read God's Word daily.
- 21. Keep Marianne Liaw in prayer as she shares God's Word at the Seri Cahaya High School in Shah Alam today.
- 22. Pray for Marianne Liaw as she shares God's Word at the SMK (P) Methodist Chapel service this morning.
- 23. Marianne Liaw is sharing God's Word at SMK Sri Aman's Christian Fellowship this afternoon. Do keep her in prayer.
- 24. 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.
- 25. Pray for Marianne Liaw as she speaks at SMK La Salle PJ's Christian Fellowship this afternoon.

Pray that God will speak through Kelly Tan as she shares in the MGS Penang Chapel Service this morning.

- 26. The Girls' Brigade National Junior Leadership Training Camp (JLT) (26-28 August 2017) is taking place over the next few days. Pray for Marianne Liaw as she is speaking and conducting various sessions at the camp.
- **27. 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."
- 28. 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 I & 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.
- 29. Pray that all who use the SUFES Campsite in Tapah will have a good and meaningful time. Pray for our campsite manager, Dennis Lim, and the Orang Asli team as they run the campsite.
  - **Joanne Liaw:** "Pray that God will grant me His enabling and strength as I continue collating Scripture Union's prayer letter."
- 30. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** and **Daniel Chow** as they prepare to serve in their **church's family camp** as leaders, overseeing and teaching the youths who will be attending the camp.
- 31. 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.