

SU/FES

PRAISE & PRAYER LETTER

January-February 2018

FOCUSING ON SCRIPTURE UNION (SU)

January

1. As we begin the New Year, we want to thank God for His faithfulness and sustenance for the past year. Towards the end of last year, we learnt a lot from the **Global Assembly, Community Gathering**, and the **RIZE Children's Ministry Conference**. Pray for us as we process what we have heard and how we can respond, to make SU ministries even more effective.
2. There will be a couple of events and camps to run during the March school holidays, and some of the planning for these events have started. Pray for the Youth Ministry Team as they oversee the events and camps.
3. **Marianne Liaw**: "I am truly looking forward to 2018 to continue serving in the Youth Ministry at SU! Please pray that I will be faithful in my service to God in reaching the next generation with His Word."
4. **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 doing her best in serving the Lord and walking in His ways.
5. **Jennifer Chew** is thankful for a short break in early December last year. She has been juggling between work and taking care of her dad who had a stroke in March last year. Do keep Jennifer in prayer as she continues to be patient in meeting the needs of her dad.
6. Thank God for the 20 students who came for the **Bible Engagement Seminar** in **MGS Penang** on **3 Nov 2017**. Please pray that they will be motivated to engage with God's Word regularly and remember the skills they have learnt in the seminar to handle God's Word correctly.

7. We are thankful for positive responses to **Bible Engagement** in **Sabah**. Pray for **Emelda Roukin** as she continues to conduct Bible Engagement Seminars. May those who have attended the training, continue to engage with God's Word. Pray for safe journeys and protection for Emelda as she has to travel very often to conduct the seminars.
8. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** as she continues to serve as a member on the **Anglican Mission Schools' Board this year**. Please pray for continued wisdom and strength for all the board members as they plan and discuss various matters regarding the Anglican Mission Schools for 2018.
9. Pray for God's wisdom, provision and protection over SU's full-time staff, project staff and volunteers as they begin the new 2018 programmes.
10. **Lue Jun Yi** is having a short holiday with his wife. Pray for a good and meaningful rest as he gears up for the year ahead.
11. Pray that the school ministry in MGS Penang will continue to grow and help more students become disciples of Christ. Thank God for passionate Christian teachers like Mrs Jennifer and our partnership with her.
12. **Marianne Liaw** is meeting with the **teacher advisors** and **student leaders** of the **Girls' Brigade Company, 6th Kuala Lumpur**, at **SMK St Mary this month** to plan activities for the Girls' Brigade company this year. Do pray for unity in the Gospel and for godly wisdom as they meet for planning.
13. Pray for **Koh Earn Soo** as he joins the **SU East-West Asia Team Meeting** in **Singapore today** and **tomorrow**. Pray for them as they meet to chart the direction for the coming year.
14. **Chai Siew Meng** gives thanks to the Lord for the new year. Pray that he will continue to seek and learn from the Lord as he serves in Scripture Union.

15. Pray for God's joy and strength be upon **Charis Tan** as her **Deeper Life night classes commences today**. May she be able to apply what she has learnt throughout her life and ministry journey.
16. Pray for the **Scripture Union Peninsular Malaysia (SUPM) Staff** as they meet for their **first staff meeting of the year today**. May the Lord continue to lead and guide the team as they seek to bring God's Word to the young generation and their families.
17. **Marianne Liaw** is in the process of arranging 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. Pray that the SU council members will continue working in unity as they seek to serve God through SU.
19. Pray for like-minded co-workers (i.e. Christian teachers, students, parents and churches) to invest their time and resources in reaching out to the young generation in unity and humility for God's kingdom.
20. Pray that Scripture Union Peninsular Malaysia (SUPM) will play a significant role in advancing God's kingdom and that God will provide the needed resources through the generosity of His people.
21. Pray for the SU partnership with **Boys' Brigade Malaysia** to be fruitful and impactful as they embark on the **National Bible Online Quiz** together.
22. **Engage KL 2018's short term mission trip at St Mary's Cathedral begins today!** Pray for **Marianne Liaw** and her husband, **Daniel Chow**, as they coordinate and serve in various aspects of the 10-day mission program co-organised by their home church. Pray that the tertiary students studying in Australia, who will be part of this mission trip, will gain insight into how Gospel-

centered mission ministry looks like and will recognise the need for the Gospel in Malaysia.

23. Pray for the **students** as they study Bible passages for **Bible Knowledge Postal 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 schools, churches and centers will be good and more will sign up for the quiz.

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

25. Please pray for the **SU Team** as we continue to reach the next generation with God's Word and make Christ known to them.

26. **Tomorrow** is the **KL/PJ SCF Leaders Convention**, held at **Methodist Boys' School KL**. Pray that the students will be receptive and challenged through the sessions and will continue living as God's salt and light in their respective schools.

27. **Marianne Liaw**, together with her husband, **Daniel Chow**, and the **ministry team** from their home church, **St Mary's Cathedral** are sharing God's Word with the residents of **Shal Home**, a care home for the mentally-ill **this morning** together with members of the **Engage KL 2018 mission team**. Do pray that the residents will understand the implications of living a Gospel-driven life as they begin teaching a new Bible study series on Philipians.

28. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** and **the team** as they run the **training** for the **Boys' Brigade (BB) officers** in **West Malaysia** for the upcoming **National Boys' Brigade Bible Quiz** they will be running **this year** on the Gospel of Mark using SU's material, "Introducing Jesus: Studies on the Gospel of Mark." Pray that this training will be effective and informative for the **BB officers** to be equipped to teach their **BB members** so that they will come to know Jesus better through Mark's Gospel.

29. **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.

30. 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.

31. 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.

February

1. **Lue Jun Yi** is away in **Seremban** from **today** until **5 Feb 2017**, as he is leading a group of **students** as part of the **Residential Bible School programmes**. Pray for a meaningful time of ministry and that the group will be a blessing to the community in Seremban.
2. The **Anglican Diocesan Youth Council** is carrying out various events and camps for the youths and young adults in the **Anglican Churches** across **West Malaysia** in **2018**. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** and **Daniel Chow** as they continue serving as members of the Youth Council **this year**.
3. **Jennifer Chew** is coordinating **two SUPA camps** for children ages 8-12 this year (**17-20 March** and **9-12 June**). Pray for committed volunteers to come alongside to serve.
4. As the **Children's Committee Team** meets; pray for wise decisions to be made for the ministry. We hope to produce some devotionals and other helpful materials for children.
5. Do uphold **Marianne Liaw** as she seeks to meet with the **CF teachers** in **Seremban** to plan out how SU can be supporting them in the various meetings, events and camps they are running this year.
6. 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.
7. Pray that the **SU Bible Reading (QT) Notes** will continue to help and encourage people to love and read God's Word daily.
8. **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.

9. 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.
10. **Marianne Liaw** is meeting with teachers from various **school CFs** in the **KL** and **PJ region** to discuss ways in which SU will be assisting and serving in various school and interschool CF camps during the March school holidays. Please pray for wisdom as she does so.
11. **Joanne Liaw**: "Pray that God will grant me His enabling and strength as I continue collating Scripture Union's prayer letter."
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. **Marianne Liaw**: "Today is **Valentine's Day**. I'm so thankful to God that he has given me such a loving, supportive, caring and most importantly godly husband, **Daniel Chow**. Please pray that God will enable us to serve Christ faithfully as husband and wife."
15. **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."

16. Please pray that the political leaders in our nation will rule with wisdom, justice and integrity and that we will not give up praying for them. Let us always remember that God has placed them as earthly rulers over us but He is the King who has the final say in all matters.
17. The **Bible Engagement (BE) Team** wishes to see the formation of a buddy system where the youth can come together to read God's Word. Pray for wisdom for the **BE** and **Youth Ministry Teams** as they facilitate this.
18. Pray that the **SU team** will have many opportunities to bring God's Good News to the young generation.
19. Pray for more schools, churches and centers to take up the challenge and participate in the **19th National Bible Knowledge Postal Quiz 2018**.
20. **Children's Ministry Team:** "We are thankful for a good turn out for the **RIZE Children's Conference** in **Nov last year**. A **Children's Ministers' Coalition** was formed to connect with like-minded individuals for the advancement of children's ministry work in Malaysia. Do pray with us, as SU helps to facilitate this Collation (Coalition)."
21. As the **Boys Brigade (BB) companies** read and discuss the Gospel of Mark using SU's material, "Introducing Jesus", please pray that many of them will come to know who Jesus is.
22. We are thankful for many who have volunteered to partner with SU in our ministries. Pray that God will continue to encourage and excite them to partner with us and that they will be blessed as they serve the Lord.
23. Our **internship programme** has been well received and it has been a great blessing to both SU and the interns. Pray for the **new interns** who have recently joined SU.

24. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** as she continues writing various materials and Bible study resources throughout the year which will can be used by CFs and YFs in schools and churches to help them understand God's Word better. Pray for wisdom, clarity and faithfulness as she seeks to do so.
25. **Lue Jun Yi** is speaking at **Faith Gospel Centre today**. Pray that he will speak forth God's Word clearly and that the congregation will be receptive to God's Word.
26. Thank God for His provision and we are thankful for all who given financially to SUPM. May God continue to encourage many to partner with us through their giving.

The **Anglican Mission School Board** is having its first meeting of the year. Please pray for wisdom as **Marianne Liaw** and the **board members** convene for discussion and planning regarding the direction of the **Anglican Mission Schools** in **West Malaysia** for this year.

27. **Joanne Liaw**: "In the midst of busyness and juggling the many responsibilities I have, please pray that God will sustain and strengthen me."
28. It's been an exciting first two months for **Marianne Liaw** in 2018. She is indeed thankful for the privilege to serve God in the youth ministry in SU. Do pray for her to have the discipline to rest in between these busy periods of service.