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PRAISE & PRAYER LETTER *January-February 2021*

FOCUSING ON SCRIPTURE UNION (SU)

January

1. Some of you would have received our updates and video – **No Lockdown in Ministry** (<https://fb.watch/lpWy2SlnGn/>). Looking back to such a special and unusual year, we want to give thanks that God has been faithful and enabled us to continue to impact students with God's Word. Give thanks for the staff team who have tirelessly adapted and persevered on. Pray that God's wisdom, provision and protection to be over **SU's full-time staff, project staff** and **volunteers** as we begin the new 2021 programmes.
 2. God has impressed on SU to embark on a new mission, which is **Impacting 1 million students with God's Word**. Pray with us so that this mission can be realized. May God provide all the resources needed – wisdom & strategies, finances and the right people.
 3. The Sabah Regional team gives thanks to God for another new staff (**Ervina Malaidi**) who is starting with us this month. It is good to have additional staff for Sabah. More workers means more can be accomplished. Please pray for us, seeing the opportunities we have here.
Even though everything seems uncertain due to the pandemic, we believe God is moving, and we want to move together with Him. Pray for wisdom and oneness in spirit as we serve Him in humility and strength from Him.
- Pray for **Kelly Tan** as she continues to coordinate the **combined CF online** through **Zoom** on **8 January 2021**. May the students continue to grow in Christ together through His Words and seeking to share the Good News of Jesus to the people around them.
4. The **Youth Ministry Team** welcomes two new team members, **Chew Yi Hong** (previously a project staff based in Alor Setar) and **Dylan Loke** onboard! Please pray for God's strength and enablement to be with them as they serve together with the rest of the youth team.

5. **Esther Lee:** “Thank the Lord for Bible Reading subscribers who have responded through phone, email, Whatsapp for renewal to *Daily Bread*, *Encounter with God* and *Chinese Daily Bread*. May they find joy and encouragement as they begin another year of God’s message.”
6. **Marianne Liaw:** “I’ve prepared a pre-recorded talk on “**Hope**” for **Sri Sempurna International School’s online chapel services** this morning and tomorrow morning. Please pray that the students & teachers who listen to this talk will be pointed to and reminded of the hope that can only be found in Christ Jesus.”
7. Pray for **David Teoh** as he continues to prepare materials for his workshop in the upcoming **Tween Towers Discipleship Program**. Please uphold the **rest of the team (this is a joint program between the Children’s and Youth Ministry)** in prayer as they prepare themselves for the program that is starting in 2 days time. Do pray that the participants will come with open hearts and minds to learn through this online program that will take place bi-weekly over 3 sessions.
8. **Chew Yi Hong** has moved to PJ as a full time staff in SU. Please pray that he will settle in well and adjust to life and ministry work in PJ.

Chai Tze Kwang will be preparing to speak at the **Tween Towers Discipleship Program** this coming weekend. Please pray for wisdom as he shares on the topic of ‘Owning Your Faith’

9. **Sports Ministry:** “Due to the uncertainty of holding physical events in the current pandemic, many of the initial programs have to be put on hold, as most of the sports-related activities are planned to be conducted in person. Pray for wisdom and innovation as we maneuver the ministry in this unprecedented time.”

Tween Towers Discipleship Program was put together by the **Children’s and Youth ministry to urge tweens (13-14 year olds)** to take ownership of their faith as they prepare themselves for secondary school life as a Christian teenager. The first session of a series of topics begins today! Please pray for the organizing team and participants as they interact with each other online and learn what it means for them to own their faith.

10. **Children's Ministry:** "To celebrate **Vineyard's** milestone of going full colour, we're having a Vineyard e-Party today with our readers! We thank God for our editor **Howard Ho, Sharon Wong, faithful writers, comic artists** and **supporters of Vineyard** over the years. Do pray that God will continue to use this magazine to reach more kids."
11. Please pray for the **Sabah Team** as they will have an early year meeting to discuss the work and ministry according to the situation in Sabah during this time. Pray for His guidance and good strategic plans be done.
12. **Marianne Liaw** looks back at 2020 and gives thanks to God for sustaining her through the hectic period between Nov-Dec, with numerous speaking engagements at youth events, camps, trainings and conferences. Pray for God's strength and wisdom to be with her as she continues to labour for His sake in the year 2021.
13. This month marks the completion of **Siau See Yuan's** first year working in SU. "I remember wrestling with God on taking the first (scary!) step to full-time ministry when God convicted me deeply. As I reflect back on 2020, I'm immensely thankful for God's faithful guidance and provision since that first step. Do pray that as I work, serve and endure in my ministry, I will not abandon my First Love - God Himself."
14. Please pray for **Joel Mohan** as he prepares for the upcoming events in his home church of **HighPointe LIFE Klang**. The transition from online to hybrid events (physical and online) will definitely be a period of adjustment.
15. **Jennifer Chew** is thankful for a good rest in December as she reflected on the year 2020. It was certainly a year of many surprises and challenges. Pray for continued strength (both spiritually and physically) as she oversees the **Children's Ministry** and serve together with **Elkha Asok** and **Siau See Yuan** as a team.
16. **Marianne Liaw, Joel Mohan, Chai Tze Kwang:** "Please pray for us as we conduct training sessions on personal Bible study, personal devotion & prayer over the next 2 days at the **national Girls' Brigade Spiritual Leadership online camp**. Pray that the girls who attend this online camp will learn & grow to be young leaders who know and love Christ and who are equipped to serve him in their respective GB companies."

17. **Verseliesa Luis:** “I appreciate and thank God for my first year of working in SU. It’s been quite a journey, and I’ve gained great experiences. Please pray for this 2nd year of serving to be full of fun and joy, and growth in the knowledge of Him. Pray for wisdom and strength from God as I continue to serve Him in SU and in my personal life.”
18. **Sports Ministry:** “Pray for **Lue Jun Yi** as he oversees the plans for the development of the ministry in 2021. Being a new ministry and having to circumvent the current pandemic, decisions need to be made with much flexibility to help steer the growth of the ministry in the right direction.”
19. **Emelda Roukin:** “The school term is starting soon. Please pray for a safe journey as I send my children, Velly Skylla (Form 4) and Akshley Asyerer (late SPM), back to the hostel at Jubilee Hostel Kota Belud as they are studying at SMK Tambulion Kota Belud. Pray for the children to have a good study environment and peace in spirit, and that God will prepare everything that they need.”
20. **Marianne Liaw** is preparing questions for the upcoming **Boys’ Brigade National Bible Quiz** based on the 4th book from the Jesus series, *Serving Jesus* (Bible studies based on 1 and 2 Timothy). Please pray for time, space and wisdom as she prepares these questions for the qualifying round of the quiz.
21. **Youth Ministry Team:** Pray for **Joel Mohan & Chai Tze Kwang** as they start planning and discussing plans for School CFs with various leadership committees.
22. **Lue Jun Yi** is finalizing a captainball training manual that he can use to coach the sport in schools and churches. This is part of the sports ministry initiative to use sports as a platform to reach the community.

Chai Siew Meng gives thanks to the Lord for the new year. Pray that he will continue to trust and rely on the Lord as he serves in Scripture Union.
23. **Marianne Liaw** will be running a session on “**Leading in Worship**” at the **2nd week of the Girls’ Brigade spiritual leadership online camp**. Please keep her in prayer as she teaches and trains the girls.

Today is the **second session** for the **Tween Towers Discipleship Program online**, please uphold everyone involved in prayer and for participants (13-14 year olds) to understand the importance of Christian community and accountability; as they journey through this transition period in school.

24. **Youth Ministry Team:** “We will be running various **Committee Planning Retreats (CPRs)** with student leaders of school CFs from various regions. Please pray for God’s strength and wisdom to be with us as we train up these leaders and help them plan for their CFs this year.”
25. **Chai Siew Meng:** Pray for more schools, churches and centers to take up the challenge and participate in the **22nd National Bible Knowledge Postal Quiz 2021**. Pray also that the response from schools, churches and centers will be good and more will sign up for the quiz.”
26. **Jeremy Carlson:** Giving thanks for his journey of ministry for the year 2020 and also pray that he will be able to do greater things for the Lord in 2021.
27. **Sports Ministry:** “We have launched our sports camp program for youth and children in partnership with the **Fellowship of Christian Athletes Malaysia**. We are planning for one children sports camp in June. Pray for more opportunities to run camps, in the second half of the year, as we hope things will get better.”
28. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** as she and her fellow officers and student leaders begin running **weekly meetings online** for the members of her **Girls’ Brigade Company, 6th Kuala Lumpur** for the year 2021.
29. **Edwin Khoo:** “Pray that the new SU online platform to reach Chinese speaking youth will gain traction and engage the youth with God's truth.”
30. **Chai Tze Kwang** will be speaking at **Bandar Sunway Gospel Centre** tomorrow morning. Please for wisdom and clarity as he concludes the book of **Romans** in his sermon.
31. **Marianne Liaw** will be traveling up to **Kampar** to speak at **Wesley Methodist Church’s Sunday service**, together with her husband, **Daniel**. Please keep them in prayer.

February

1. **Charis Tan** thanks the Lord for His faithfulness throughout her journey of serving in SU. She is excited at what God has in store for her in 2021. Pray that she will continue to do her best in serving the Lord.
2. **Esther Lee:** “Thank the Lord for sustaining all SU staff and their families in the year 2020. May the Lord continue to give us the joy, hope and creativity in serving Him despite of new normal.”
3. **Marianne Liaw:** “I’ll be speaking on the topic of **“Prayer”** at a **school’s online chapel services** today and tomorrow morning. Please pray that those who hear this talk will be encouraged.”
4. **Elkha Asok:** “Do uphold me and my fiancé, Keith, as we adhere to the government’s SOP, in preparation for our wedding ceremony this month, (God’s willing). Please also pray for a smooth transition as we step into married life.”
5. **Jeremy Carlson:** “I will be working on a **Tamil youth camp** for the year 2021. Pray that the Lord will bring the right people and open doors for this camp. This camp is targeting the community youths.”
6. **Marianne Liaw:** “I’ll be speaking to the 13-14 year old participants at the **final session of Tween Towers Discipleship Program** on their **identity in Christ**. Please pray for faithfulness and clarity in sharing God’s Word with them.”
7. **Joel Mohan:** Pray for the CFs in Klang which have been mostly dormant through 2020 due to the pandemic. We will have to do some groundwork from scratch to help get ministry up and running in the schools we’re in contact with.
8. **Youth Ministry:** Please pray for our reach online, especially through Bytes! (our YouTube web-show series). We will be starting a new season shortly and will need creativity and new ideas on how to best reach our audience. We reached over half a million views last season and are hoping to effectively reach even more this year!

9. **Sports Ministry:** “There was the initial plan of organising a sports ministry conference back in 2020. However, due to the pandemic, we decided to postpone it to 2021. Pray that we are able to run it this year, and for the right date, venue or format to organise the conference.”
10. **Jennifer Chew** is thankful for prayer warriors like you! Please continue to pray for fresh ideas to flow as we engage with children online. On the other hand, also remember the children some of whom are tired due to screen fatigue.
11. **Ruth Jayamalar:** “Pray for fundraising team for wisdom and knowledge to come with new ideas, strategies and plans to raise funds for SU.”
12. **Lue Jun Yi:** “Besides overseeing the sports ministry, I’m also part of the publicity team that looks into the overall planning of our media content and design. Pray for good management of time to juggle between the ministries.”
13. **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.
14. **Bible Engagement - Dive Deep! Immerse in God’s Word.** The crucial importance of Scripture in the Christian life cannot be overstated. Pray we can help many students meet with God regularly through His Word. Pray that SU can be a catalyst to bring the Bible back to its foundational place in a Christian’s life.
15. **Siau See Yuan** has been contributing a 2-page comic artwork for Vineyard, working with **Kelly Tan** for proofreading. “It’s a fun privilege to teach biblical truths through comics. Do pray for God to continue to guide us in preparing the content that will speak to our readers.”
16. **Children’s Ministry:** “As the Chinese ministry expands through camps, we pray for someone who has great passion to work with children and a love for teaching God’s word to join us as staff.”

17. **Sabah Team:** Today is the first day for the **Bible Engagement program (Life to the Max) at HOST in Kuala Penyu.** “Three of us will be conducting this program with the students there until **19th Feb.** Please pray for a safe journey and good teamwork. Also pray for wisdom to share the Word of God. Please pray for the administration at HOST and for the students to be ready to receive from God, and so that we can learn together from the Lord”.
18. **Sports Ministry:** “Pray for the right candidate to be part of the ministry (both as staff or volunteer) as we seek to grow the team.”
19. **Chai Tze Kwang:** “I thank God for the opportunities to serve Him in this ministry. The start of the year was difficult as planning is often stalled due to uncertain conditions. Please pray for the SU Youth Team and I as we continue to look ahead to more opportunities in serving the students.”
20. **Ruth Jayamalar- Fundraising/ Church Relation:** “Pray that churches in Malaysia will partner with SU to reach children and young people. And that more churches will be aware of the ministry of SU and support us.”
21. **Lue Jun Yi** is speaking at his home church this morning on the **Call of Moses** based on **Exodus 2:23-4:17, 27-31.** Pray for God’s anointing as he covers the Bible narrative and shares God’s Word.
22. **Chai Siew Meng:** “Pray for the students as they prepare and study passages from the bible for **Bible Knowledge Postal Quiz 2021.** Pray that God’s Word will be sown in the hearts of the students and that His Word will speak to them personally.”
23. **Chai Tze Kwang:** “Please pray for the CFs in PJ that have suffered a blow due to the pandemic. Many of them are struggling to find new leaders to take on the roles in CF due to the lack of newcomers. Please pray for the SU team as we guide them through this uncertain time.”

Edwin Khoo: “Pray for the right candidates to join Chinese Ministry in SU.”

24. The **Youth Ministry Team** continues to engage with students online for their CF meetings in schools throughout the various regions. Please keep them in prayer as they continue reaching students with God's Word.
25. **Northern Team:** "Pray for **Kelly Tan, Jeremy Carlson** and **Edwin Khoo** assisted by **Chew Yi Hong (Youth Team)** to work creatively in planning for an **online Northern Camp** middle of the year with **Dr Khong**, our science camp expert."
26. **Jennifer Chew:** "We are grateful to be able to discuss and work with Sunday School / Children's Church leaders to have a better understanding of the Children's ministry landscape in churches. This exercise has been helpful as we hope to assist smaller churches to thrive in their children's ministry work as many struggle through the new norm of not meeting physically." Pray for discernment and compassion as we work together for the children in our care."
27. **Sports Ministry:** "Pray for the publicity of the ministry among the churches and schools, as we seek to partner with them to help them to reach their communities with the gospel through sports."

Pray for our **campsite manager, Dennis Lim**, and the **Orang Asli team** as they run and upkeep the campsite.

28. **Marianne Liaw** will be speaking at 2 back-to-back Sunday services today: first at **Living Stone Methodist Church** followed by **Kepong Wesley Methodist Church**. Please pray that God will enable her to speak faithfully from His Word so that both congregations will be edified and built up.