

# SCRIPTURE UNION EAST AND WEST ASIA

## PRAYER UPDATE - MARCH 2010

### WEEK 1: 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March

#### INTERNATIONAL

**PAKISTAN:** Continue to pray for safety of our staff serving in Pakistan. Our staff worker, Mr. Astifnus serving in Karachi was kidnapped in May 2009 and thank God was released a week later. A number of Christian workers have moved to other countries because of the issue of safety. Please pray for our staff and volunteers that they will be able to move around safely and effectively ministering to children and young people in Pakistan.

#### REGIONAL

**JAPAN:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. – 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Uphold Gim Lam in prayer as he visits Japan, especially his meetings with the Scripture Union Council members of Japan. Pray that through these meetings, matters pertaining to Rev. Tadashi Oyamada's appointment as the new Regional Secretary will all be sorted out. Pray for Gim Lam's various speaking engagements; 2 church meetings, one meeting with a Theological Seminary, and many other meetings with smaller group of people, especially the alumni of SU East and West Asia International Students' Camp.

7<sup>th</sup> March: Uphold Gim Lam in prayer as he preaches in a local church this Sunday in Malaysia that the Lord will use him to truly encourage the church to be even more committed to the things of God.

#### MONGOLIA

A small team of staff and volunteers of SU Mongolia made a private trip to Eastern Europe to meet up with Mongolians living there to teach them how to do Quiet Time. Pray that the Lord will himself blessed every one of the Mongolians they were able to meet.

**INDONESIA:** 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> March: Please bring the Indonesian Team in prayer as they conduct a pastors' training in Bengkulu, that the Lord will use them to excite the pastors about PROJECT PHILADEPHIA; a project started many years ago, to get to the hands of pastors serving in rural areas and remote islands good Christian literature on a regular basis.

**PHILIPPINES:** Please uphold our Council member, Mr. Lito Vellena in your prayer. He injured his leg very badly when he walked into a glass door in Singapore. Pray that the Lord will provide the necessary fund for his hospital bill in Singapore.

### WEEK 2: 8<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> March

#### INTERNATIONAL

**HAITI:** Working in partnership with Bible League, Scripture Union has been seeking ways to help the victims of the Jan.12 earthquake, which killed an estimated 250,000 people, and more than 1.5 million Haitians lost their homes. The country is already suffering very badly economically, and with such a huge natural disaster, it is very hard for the nation to cope.

Time Magazine (Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> Issue) said: *“Haiti’s buried were victims of poverty and neglect, not just the quake. But we owe it to the survivors – to help build a Haiti that will never again be so vulnerable.”*

Please pray for SU and Bible League that the little we are attempting to do, will truly reached the needy.

## **REGIONAL**

**MYANMAR:** 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March – please support Gim Lam with your precious prayer as he travels around Myanmar during this period. Pray that there will be no unnecessary travel hassle especially when he attempts to visit our volunteers in care-giving to our Cyclone Nargis Orphans. Pray too for meaningful time of fellowship with our staff and volunteers. Pray for the possible appointment of a new staff to reach out to the young teens of Myanmar.

**SINGAPORE:** SU Singapore is doing a staff recruitment drive. Pray that the Lord will lead the Council and the Director, Mr. David Leong to right people to take on the various positions in SU Singapore. Continue to uphold the existing staff in your prayer that they will hold on, in spite of being under staffed.

Continue to uphold in your prayer David Leong and Ms. Percy Low as they teach the module on “TEACHING PRIMARIES’ at the Singapore Bible College.

**SABAH:** SU Sabah just conducted a leadership camp for the teachers of PPK, Persekutuan Pelajar Kristian in Kudat over the Lunar New Year (13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Feb). Pray that the students who attended the camp will return to the colleges with greater vision for ministry.

## **WEEK 3: 15<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> March**

## **INTERNATIONAL**

March 17-22: Clayton Fergie, Scripture Union International Youth Ministry Coordinator will be visiting SU Japan and SU Korea during this week. The week involves a combination of consultations with staff teams as well as training events. Pray that the time will be fruitful and significant for the development of SU Youth Ministry in each of these movements.

## **REGIONAL**

### ***SU EAST AND WEST ASIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:***

7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> April: Please thank God with us for a very good and committed team of Ex-Co members. Please pray for the team’s first meeting for 2010 in Singapore, that the Lord will give us the wisdom to work out a good strategy for 2010 – 2013, as Rev. Tadashi leads the various ministries and movements of the Region.

Lift up before the Lord the following in your prayer in their meeting:

YB Dr. Jerip Susil – Chairman

Ms. Vivi Handoyo – Vice-chairperson

Mr. Lee Wee Min – Treasurer

Mr. Joseph Chan – Treasurer designate

Mr. Koh Gim Lam – Regional Secretary

Rev. Tadashi Oyamada – Chief Executive Officer Designate

Mr. Jon Ong – International affairs  
Mr. Mussa Kim – West Asia representative  
Mr. Kyong-dong Min - member

***KOREA:*** 20<sup>th</sup> March: Please uphold the Seoul Central Region today in your prayer as the leaders, volunteers, staff and SU friends come together for its Annual General Meeting. Pray especially for single-mindedness, oneness in spirit so that they will know the Spirit's agenda for this year.

Children's and Youth Ministry: Special prayer is requested for these 2 departments of Scripture Union Korea. The Lord has blessed the Bible ministry very much, pray that He will also add His blessings on the Children's and Youth Ministry. Pray for the leadership of SU Korea working hard to form a team to fully concentrate on reaching out to children and young people with the living Word of God.

Pray for the Bible Ministry Department in their plan to develop a Daily Quiet Time material for Sunday school teachers.

***INDONESIA:*** 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March: Bring before the Lord with your prayer the Indonesian team as they lead in a training event for pastors serving in the Island of Bali. Pray that the pastors coming to the event will respond well to Project Philadelphia, as much fund is needed to carry out the project.

***PENINSULA MALAYSIA:*** Thank God for the additional staff members; Mr Jason Lai and Lue Jun Yi to serve with the current team in the Youth Ministry Department.

17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March – Pray for the team (Kiew Sieh Jin, Jennifer Chew, Daniel Koo and Jason Lai).running the ZMax Camp. Pray that the young people attending the camp will receive the Word of God joyfully.

***CENTRAL ASIA-KYRGYZSTAN:***

Please continue to uphold our staff member, Mr. Essen and his family in prayer. Their elder daughter had an accident while sledging on the snow hill and hurt her neck. She has to miss school for 3 months. Pray that she will heal quickly.

***KAZAKHSTAN:***

We have identified a potential candidate to serve SU in Kazakhstan. Please pray that the Lord will Himself confirm the appointment. Pray for Dr. Mussa and his team as they make efforts to serve in Central Asia.

***JAPAN:*** 20<sup>th</sup> March: Pray specially for Clayton Fergie as he minister to SU Staff and school teachers of Junior-senior high students today. Pray that through this training event, work among high school students will be even more effectively in Japan.

**WEEK 4: 21<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**INTERNATIONAL**

March 23-26: The Global Children's Forum 2010 is in Lebanon. Our focus is the development of strategies and resources that can easily be made available to local churches around the world. Pray for Wendy Strachan, the SU International Children's Ministry Coordinator, as she is very involved in its planning.

### ***ARGENTINA***

Last year a new sports initiative was implemented by SU Argentina - a Football School! Most of the boys attending come from the extremely poor neighbourhoods. On Saturday afternoons they come with their parents to enjoy the SU campsite facilities and also to listen to Bible stories that come with the football training. Please pray for these boys and their homes, that the seed of God's word will find good soil and produce abundant fruit.

### **REGIONAL**

***CAMBODIA***: Pray for Gim Lam as he has to make a quick trip to Cambodia to interview a potential staff candidate. Our team leader, Ms. Hang Sophoin, who served SU Cambodia for the last 8 years has requested that she be allowed to step down in March. She has 2 very young children (1 and 2 year old) and needed a break from SU duties to take care of the children. Pray that this candidate who has served with SU as a volunteer in many occasions may find the job suitable for him. Pray for the other 2 staff members; Mr. Tra and Ms. Lud that they will be able to cope with the new situation. Pray also for Gim Lam as he tries to firm up the appointment of the local committee members of Scripture Union Cambodia during this trip.

### ***SARAWAK***

21<sup>st</sup> March: Please uphold SU Sarawak in prayer in their Annual General Meeting for 2010. Pray that there will be many other people stepping forward to support the ministry of SU in Sarawak, especially in the leadership. Continue to pray for our 5 staff members that the Lord will use them to minister to the thousands of young people we are in contact with each year. Pray especially for our new staff worker, Pt. Yahya Akaw who is based in Limbang ministering to the high-school students in the Limbang/Lawas sub-region.

### ***PENINLSULA MALAYSIA***

18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> March: Pray for Mr. Jimmy Wang as he works with camp officers, teachers and various volunteers to run the CSI camp at the SUFES Camp Site. Pray that the lives of these young people will be transformed by the living Word of God at camp.

***BIBLE MINISTRY*** - While so much has been done in various movements in the Region to promote the love of God's Word and the daily reading of the Bible, there is an erosion of this practice, especially among young people. Pray for Scripture Union, that we may be creative in our approach to teach young people to truly love the Word and will feel 'home-sick' for the Bible, even for missing a day of Bible Reading.

***INDO-CHINA***: We are seeing definite indication of widening impact in the lives of many children and young people in the various SU movements in Indo-China. Please pray for our staff and volunteers that they will be very effective in sizing up the many opportunities opened to them.