

SCRIPTURE UNION EAST AND WEST ASIA

PRAYER UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2010

WEEK 1: 1st – 7th Feb.

REGIONAL:

The Executive Committee of Scripture Union East and West Asia is very happy to announce the appointment of Rev. Tadashi Oyamada as CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DESIGNATE from April 2010 and will take over as CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER from January 2011 – May 2013.

Please pray for Tadashi as he phrases into the ministry of the Region.

Pray that the Lord will guide him during the orientation period in 2010 that he will be able to sense God's will for the Region during his watch.

Please pray for Gim Lam as he takes Tadashi to the various movements in the Region, introducing him to key SU volunteers, contacts and the staff teams. Pray that through these initial encounters, Tadashi will be able to develop a wonderful fellowship of ministry with the various local teams.

1st – 3rd Feb: Uphold Gim Lam in your prayer as he wraps up his visit to the 3 stations in Vietnam starting from 21st Jan. Pray that he will be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit for every opportunity that opens up.

MALAYSIA:

“GOODWILL TRIUMPHS

In the wake of Molotov cocktail attacks against several churches since Friday, 8th Jan. 2010, there has been an outpouring of goodwill and offers of assistance in cash and kind to the Christian community..... (pg.1)

HOPE HAS NOT BEEN BOMBED OUT

Ironically, something positive seems to have emerged from the Allah issue, the bombings and the protests. Although the raising of such a sensitive religious issue could have led to ethnic clashes, it did not happen..... There is nothing more reassuring for a multi-ethnic, multi-religious polity like Malaysia's than to see Muslim individuals and groups coming out to condemn the incidents. Christians have not missed the opportunity to come out smelling like roses either, with the leaders of the damaged Metro Tabernacle Church saying they forgive the arsonists for what they have done.The church's pastor summed it up aptly when he said: “It is a very sad day for Malaysia but a great day to know that most Malaysians do not think like the arsonists. (pg.11)”

THE SUN, January 11, 2010

Please continue to pray that peace will prevail in Malaysia in spite of attacks on churches.

SU Malaysia: SU Students On Mission (SUSOM) 2010 is on from Jan. 10 – Feb. 10. During the first week of February, the team will be in Cambodia for mission exposure. Pray for Ms. Jennifer Chew and Mr. Daniel Khoo who are leading the team. Pray for safe travel. Pray for a meaningful time of interacting and serving together.

WEEK 2: 8th – 14th Feb.

14th-15th Feb:

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE STAFF OF SCRIPTURE UNION EAST AND WEST ASIA WISH ALL SU FRIENDS CELEBRATING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR A RICHLY BLESSED NEW YEAR.

INTERNATIONAL

LEADING STAFF DEVELOPING COURSE (LSDC) 2010, will be in March in Nairobi, Kenya. Pray for the final stage of preparation this month. Pray especially for the application of visa for all the delegates, that there will be no difficulty. Pray for the International Team and the African Regional Office team as they tidy up the final stage of the preparation.

REGIONAL

Continue to uphold Gim Lam in prayer, as he organises materials with the help of Ms. Carol Chow, the part-time administrative assistant to be handed over to Tadashi Oyamada that important materials should be well documented and materials for references should be well catalogued.

Tadashi's main role is to lead *The Ministry Team* to serve the Region effectively. The team includes the following:

Tadashi - Team Leader
David Leong – Children's Ministry
Hans Wuysang –Bible Ministry
Jason Fong – Youth Ministry
Gim Lam – Adviser until December 2010

Please support each member of the team with your prayer.

SABAH

Please specially pray for our teachers teaching in rural areas. These teachers play an important as role models not only in the school, church but also in the community they serve in. Pray that they will shine forth the light of Christ in them in whatever they do.

HONG KONG

Thank God for a very successful SUN PILOT trip for the 9 Sun Pilot Award Winners to Yuannan, China. The team was able to participate with the International Trinity Church of Yuannan and were given the opportunity to testify for the Lord among the young people. Pray that the trip would have a lasting impact in the lives of these 9 high-school students and their love for the Word of God will continue to grow.

TAIWAN

SU Taiwan is planning two WALK THRU THE OLD TESTAMENT courses in March to develop new instructors. Pray that the Lord will guide them in the selection of potential instructors to teach in the courses SU planned for the year all over the Island.

With the launching of SPECIAL MOMENT for children, SU Taiwan is planning a series of rallies with children to encourage them to read the Bible daily. Pray for them as they plan these rallies.

WEEK 3: 15th -21st Feb.

INTERNATIONAL / JAMAICA/ HONDURAS

Please pray for Wendy Strachan, SUI Children Ministry Coordinator, who is visiting Jamaica this month to run training courses and workshops with staff as they prepare to work in schools with children. Pray that they will be successful in the implementation of this new ministry. Pray also for the National Director, Percival Palmer, as he develops the campsite. Pray for sufficient funds for the project.

Please pray for Orlando Japas of Honduras who doubles up as the Central America Sub-Regional Coordinator as he assists a new group of volunteers in Nacaragua to service the school and sports ministries.

REGIONAL

Continue to uphold the Regional Office team in prayer; Gim Lam, the Executive Regional Secretary, Wah See, the part-time accountant and Carol Chow, the part-time administrative assistant that that they may be able to effectively serve the Regional Office and also the national movements. In this age of emails, and SMS, very often personal touch with our friends and supporters is neglected. Pray that the team will find every opportunity to contact SU friends, at least by phone.

PART OF BORNEO

Please uphold the chairman of one section of Borneo Island, Mr. J L and Council member, Ms. P T in prayer as they serve the Christians there, especially through the promotion of regular Bible Reading.

Please pray for the chairman who is sharing in a local church on Feb.7, that the Lord will use him to encourage the believers.

CAMBODIA

Uphold our team in Cambodia in your prayer. Pray especially for Ms. Hang Sophoin as she leads the team to reorganise every of our children's club, extending the work to young teens and also the small staff team and volunteers.

HONG KONG

S U Hong Kong is launching a 1 YEAR YOUTH MINISTRY TUTOR COURSE this year. This course is set up to teach youth leaders on how to teach the word of God to young people. Pray that the Lord will use this course to strengthen the ministry with young people in Hong Kong.

Pray for the Children's Ministry Team, Suhina and Shirley with the General Secretary, Ms Lucia Cheung, as they plan a series of evangelistic effort through Sports known as THE JESUS DECATHON PROGRAM. Through the participation of various group games, the children will be taught the perfect life of Christ as revealed in Scriptures. This program will be carried in partnership with local churches. Pray that many local churches in Hong Kong will join the program.

WEEK 4: 22nd -28th Feb.

INTERNATIONAL

PACIFIC REGION / VANUATU

Thank God for a very good year in 2009. It was a year of real growth in the ministry of Scripture Union; especially its ministry with the primary school children. The CHRISTIAN BOOK LENDING LIBRARY continues to grow in popularity and also the partnership with Talua Bible College has brought about a wider coverage of the book ministry. Thank God that a graduate from the Talua Bible College has just been appointed to serve as a field worker in the school ministry.

FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS

Vladimer Strelov started as the new Director of SU in Moscow in September 2009. Pray for him and the volunteers as they develop the work, particularly that with teenagers. Developments in St Petersburg include a new Adult Bible Club and increasing opportunities to work in children's homes in Volkhov.

REGIONAL/ JAPAN

Uphold Gim Lam and Tadashi in prayer. Gim Lam will be in Japan with Tadashi from Feb. 23rd – March 2nd. The main purpose of the trip is to sort out Tadashi's appointment with the local Japanese Council. Pray that through these meetings all anxieties of both sides; (the Regional Office and the Japanese Office) will be looked into. Please also pray for Gim Lam's visit to Osaka, Nagoya and Narita for SU duties.

Please pray for the Japanese team preparing for the training event in March to reach out to senior and junior high school students, and also for Clayton Fergie as he prepares to teach in this training event.

PENINSULA MALAYSIA

23rd Feb: Pray for the team as they come together to work out the implementations of the 2010 plan. Pray for Jason Fong as he leads the meeting. Pray for all the departments, as they meet together, the plans from each department will dove-tail into a united whole for Scripture Union in Peninsula Malaysia. Pray for the need of team leaders in the Bible Resource Ministry, Children Ministry and Youth Ministry.

SARAWAK

Continue to uphold Yusuf Anyi as he leads the team in Sarawak. Pray that 2010 will be another great year of harvest among the schools. Pray for Dr. Jerip Susil as he continues to serve SU as the chairman in the midst of his many other duties.

INDO-CHINA

Serving in this region is ever challenging as doors are opening in the midst of restrictions. Pray for our leaders that they will be sensitive to the Lord's opening 'windows' of opportunities here and there. Again, we covet your prayer for our staff and volunteers serving in such environments.