

# SCRIPTURE UNION EAST AND WEST ASIA

## PRAYER UPDATE – AUGUST 2010

### **WEEK 1: 1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> August**

#### **INTERNATIONAL: AFRICA – MADAGASCAR**

This year marks the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SU Cards in Malagasy. Production of SU cards in Malagasy for children is worth celebrating. Training and Evangelization will be carried out in various parts of Madagascar, particular in the Southern Region. Please pray that through these efforts many young people, children and their families will come to know Christ and His word better.

#### **REGIONAL: SINGAPORE**

Thank God that SU Singapore is able to settle back into its new office at the new Bible House at 7 Armenian Street, Singapore. Thank God for all the furnishings provided. Pray that with a more spacious office, the team will find greater joy in carrying out their duties.

#### **THAILAND: 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> August**

Please uphold Gim Lam in prayer as he visits the staff team and the council members of SU Thailand. Pray that as he meets with the staff and council members, some definite new ministry among children and young people can be developed and encouraged.

#### **SABAH:**

Thank God for the very good response to the PGKS (Christian Teachers) road show in Sandakan, Telupid, Kota Marudu, Pitas and Kota Kinabalu. Pray for wisdom for the leaders as they seek to transform these responses into effective ministry among teachers and students.

#### **PENINSULA MALAYSIA: 8<sup>th</sup> August**

Please uphold Gim Lam in prayer as he ministers in the Mission Sunday of a church in Perak. This is one of the churches in Malaysia which has been very supportive of SU work in Asia. Pray for the Mission committee of the church as they organise the 2010 Mission Sunday.

#### **HONG KONG: 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> August**

Please uphold in your prayer, the staff team members who are running the CSSM camp: Suhina, Shirley, Lucia and Matthew. Pray for the volunteers that as they helped out in the camp it will turn out to be a wonderful learning journey for them as well.

Uphold Lucia and Allen in prayer as they preach in various churches in Hong Kong at all the Sundays of August. Pray that their preaching will be anointed by God.

#### **CAMBODIA: 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> August**

Please uphold the 100+ children expected at our Vacation Bible School in Rosey Kove Church in Phnom Penh. Pray for the staff team and volunteers as they conduct this VBS. Pray that the Lord will truly touch the children.

**TAIWAN:** 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> August

Please uphold SU Taiwan in prayer as they conduct Bible Ministry Seminars over these 3 days that the Christians coming to the seminars will be encouraged to study the Word more and grow in greater love for the Word.

Please uphold in prayer Ms. Esther Lee and her team of volunteers as they plan out the 2<sup>nd</sup> Children's Ministry Seminar in South Taiwan later this year. Pray that many more friends of SU will be recruited for the ministry among children.

## **WEEK 2: 9<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> August**

### **INTERNATIONAL: AUSTRALIA**

Uphold the leadership of SU Australia in the various states in August in your prayer. Pray that as the leaders meet to plot out plans for the ministry in the immediate future, the Lord will give them wisdom:

9<sup>th</sup> August: NEW SOUTH WALES: Staff retreat  
13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> August: TASMANIA: Council and Staff retreat  
20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> August: SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Combined Management and Development Group, Nation Executive and directors' Network of Australia meeting  
21<sup>st</sup> August: WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Transform Training Conference

### **REGIONAL: JAPAN**

Please uphold the 3 youth camps that will be conducted in various parts of Japan this month. Please pray for the staff and volunteers in their preparation. Please pray that we will be able to recruit enough volunteers to run these camps;

CSK CAMP: August 9-13: Speaker: Rev. Motoo Iwai

CSK CAMP (Kansai District): August 10-13: Speaker: Rev. Hisahiro Ogura

CSK CAMP: August 17-21: Speaker: Katsuya Nakamura

SU Japan is hosting the 2010 Regional Council meeting (RCM) in October 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> and the Regional Ministry Team meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Please uphold Tadashi and his team in your prayer as they work out the logistics of receiving delegates from all over East and West Asia and also the running of RCM.

### **PENINSULA MALAYSIA: 15<sup>th</sup> August**

Please uphold Gim Lam in your prayer as he ministers in a local church in Pahang that God's word when preached will bring about a wonderful sense of the love of God among the believers gathered.

### ***Bible Ministry of SU Pen. Malaysia***

Please uphold our 2 staff members, Mr. Chai Siew Meng and Mr. Bryan Lim in your prayer as they coordinate this vital ministry. Pray especially for them as they recruit and train volunteers to help to encourage believers to develop regular Bible reading. Pray for the 3 volumes of BIBLE TOTS prepared to introduce the Bible to toddlers and preschoolers. Pray that the Lord will give the strength to the team to complete the whole series of 12 volumes. Pray also for Jason Fong as he develops a series of Bible studies on Genesis, Philemon and Emmaus under the CSI series.

### ***SINGAPORE***

Singapore will be hosting the inaugural International Youth Olympics Games from 14-26 August. Pray for God's blessings of favour as Christian organisations and Churches reach out and befriend overseas participants and visitors through platforms such as GOFEST 2010 conference (August 10-13), FAMILY GAMES (August 21<sup>st</sup>) and ARISE CONCERTS (August 22<sup>nd</sup>).

### ***CENTRAL ASIA: KAZAKHSTAN***

Please pray for our staff worker, Ongar as he promotes Bible reading among the believers of Kazakhstan. Pray too for sufficient funds to enlarge the Bible ministry in Kazakhstan.

### **WEEK 3: 16<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> August**

#### ***INTERNATIONAL: NORTHERN IRELAND***

The summer holiday is about to be over. Thank God for the 16 camps, 20 missions, about 850 volunteers and thousands of children and young people touched over the 7 weeks. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in the heart of those who have heard the good news of Jesus. Pray for the staff and volunteers as they plan follow-through efforts.

#### ***REGIONAL: SARAWAK***

Please uphold the SU Sarawak Council in your prayer in their meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Members of the council have been such a blessing to SU. Pray that as they meet the Lord will give them a special sense of joy because of their contributions to Scripture Union, Sarawak. Continue to uphold the staff team in prayer as they visit the schools in the interior part of the Sarawak.

#### ***CENTRAL ASIA: KYRGYZSTAN***

Please continue to pray for the political situation of this country. Just weeks after its southern provinces were racked by ethnic classes that killed as many as 2,000 people and uprooted 400,000 ethnic Uzbeks, the people overwhelming voted to adopt a new constitution. Pray for wisdom for the new government as it seeks to contain the situation.

#### ***HONG KONG***

Thank God with us for the 2 new staff workers: Ms. Jennifer Yip (editor) and Mr. Simon Ching (designer and System Technician). Pray that they will fit into the Team quickly.

#### ***INDONESIA***

Please uphold SU Indonesia in your prayer. SU Indonesia is celebrating its 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary this month. Pray for the 4 Bible rallies that will be conducted around Jakarta on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 21<sup>st</sup> August and 28<sup>th</sup> August. Pray that the Lord will bring about greater love for His Word through these rallies.

#### **WEEK 4: 23<sup>rd</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> August**

##### **INTERNATIONAL: AUSTRIA**

Thank God for the way He has continued to use the Bible Bus (Bibel Mobil work). Pray for more open doors in schools to share God's word through the visit of the bus.

Pray for our staff worker, Mr. Andreas Trinker as he coordinates this project, and that he and his family will find it so rewarding as young people and children respond to the Word of God.

##### **REGIONAL: SINGAPORE**

Please pray for SU Singapore on 23<sup>rd</sup> August as it conducts its 2010 Annual General Meeting. Please pray especially that the Lord will be guiding in the election of the new Council members.

##### **CAMBODIA/ VIETNAM**

Thank God for the 2 new children's clubs started in a slum area of Phnom Penh and the other one in the new SU office premise. Pray for the staff team, Long, Tra and Lux as they work with the volunteers to strengthen all the children's clubs we have in Cambodia. We have also launched the ministry among young teens. Please pray for the recruitment and training of volunteers for the fruitful ministry in Cambodia.

Please uphold Gim Lam in prayer as he plans his last official visit to Cambodia and South Vietnam around 23<sup>rd</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> August period. Initially, Tadashi Oyamada, the CEO designate was scheduled to travel with him, but was unable to make the trip. Pray that Gim Lam will be able to do some ground work for Tadashi's visit in the near future.

##### **SARAWAK: 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> August**

Please uphold the ISCF Camp in Betong over this week-end. Pray that the Lord will use the speakers in a very wonderful way to minister to the students. Pray for the anointing of the Spirit.

##### **PENINSULA MALAYSIA: 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> August**

Please pray for the CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE to be held at the Wesley Church in Taiping, Perak. Pray for the conference speaker, Mr. Allan Yong. Pray also for the coordinators of the conference: Mrs. Lee Peh Lan and Mr. Jason Fong.

##### **KOREA**

Please uphold the Publishing Department of SU Korea in your prayer. Pray that the department will manage without its director, who will be on study leave w.e.f. September 2010. Pray also for the team that is involved in the publishing ministry, especially those trying to teach the readership of the electronic age.