

# SCRIPTURE UNION EAST AND WEST ASIA

## PRAYER UPDATE – JULY 2010

### WEEK 1: 1<sup>st</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> July

#### **INTERNATIONAL: ENGLAND AND WALES**

The holidays programme in England and Wales gets under way on 2<sup>nd</sup> July with a relaxing holiday on the canal for 16 year-olds who have just finished their exams. Over the following 2 months some 3,000 children and young people will have the opportunity to get to know Jesus whilst having great fun and making great friends. Please pray for God's blessing on all the seeds that will be sown this summer.

#### **NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA: July 5-9**

Pray that the ISCF Leadership Conference will be an excellent opportunity to see student leaders better equipped to serve and glorify God in their school. Pray that it would be a wonderful time of fun and fellowship as training in leadership, evangelism and discipleship is provided for delegates from Sydney and Regional NSW. NSW has also appointed a new CEO, Mark Mitchell, to commence on 19<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **REGIONAL**

##### ***PHILIPPINES: June 24 – July 3***

Rev. Tadashi Oyamada, the CEO Designate of Scripture Union East and West Asia together with Gim Lam are visiting the Philippines during this period. Please pray for the meetings with local SU leaders, church leaders and leaders of Christian agencies during this period. Pray for the staff; Ms. Revie and Ms. Corrie together with some members of the Council as they travel with Tadashi and Gim Lam that these meetings will truly be helpful for Tadashi's future ministry in the Region.

##### ***CAMBODIA: July 1***

Please pray for the team, under the leadership of Mr. Long Sitha as they move to the new rented office today. As the new office is situated in front of a main high school in Phnom Penh, pray that some form of ministry can be started in the office for the students.

Thank God for the new SU Children's Club started among the slum children in the Stueng Mean Chey area. This area used to be the garbage dump site of Phnom Penh.

Pray for our staff team, Long, Tra and Lux with the team of volunteers as they minister the children each week.

Thank God, that we were able to conduct a Young Teen's Rally in June. Please pray for the staff team as they hope to start an SU Young Teens' Club soon.

##### ***TAIWAN: July 2-3***

Please uphold the SU Taiwan Team in prayer as they conduct the 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Ministry Seminar for leaders who are engaged in the ministry among young people. Please especially pray for the main trainer, Pastor Chen of HK YMCA.

##### ***PENINSULA MALAYSIA: July 5 – 9***

Scripture Union Peninsula Malaysia is having their annual staff consultation meeting at the Fraser's Hill. Pray uphold the team in prayer as they evaluate, review and also plan for 2011 and future strategies for the ministry. Pray for a good time of interaction, fellowship and fun together. Pray for Jason Fong who is leading the consultation and for Gim Lam as he brings the Bible Devotion each morning to the team.

***INDONESIA: July 5-7***

Pray for the SU Team conducting the pastors' workshops on Bible Ministry in Kabanjahe, North Sumatra. Pray that through these workshops the local churches will grow in the Word of God.

**WEEK 2: 11<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> July**

**INTERNATIONAL: *HAITI***

Although several months have gone by, the effects of the terrible earthquake that hit Haiti will continue to be suffered for many years by the Haitian people. LLB Haiti staff and volunteers continue serving in the refugee camps in the St.Marc area. They share the gospel and assist the refugees with sanitary bags containing the essential personal items. Please continue to pray for encouragement for LLB Haiti staff and volunteers. Gifts and letters are always a blessing.

**REGIONAL**

***REGIONAL OFFICE:***

SU E/W ASIA Regional Office has been working to produce the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dossier for the Region: THE SU STAFF WORKER AND HIS ORGANISATION. Please uphold Ms. Angeline Lau in prayer as she helps Gim Lam to do the final stage of editing the material before sending it to the printer this month.

***KYRGYZSTAN***

The situation in the south remains tense. Osh, the main city in the Southern Region saw so much rioting and killing last month. Pray that sanity will prevail. Pray especially for the displaced Uzbek people in the refugee camps at the border of Uzbekistan. The number is expected to rise to 100,000. Our staff and key volunteers are living in the North, therefore not directly affected by the rioting, but some of our volunteers living in the South are affected. Please pray for the Lord's overruling in this beautiful country.

***INDONESIA: July 9 -20***

Please uphold Hans Wuysang, Tumbur Tobing and Esar Hutahaean in prayer as they teach at Bible Seminars for church leaders in Central Sulawesi. Pray also for Mr. Christian Jonch, who will be the main guest trainer at the Seminars.

***KOREA***

SU KOREA is seeking for a joint registration for their Central Office building with WEM Mission as they are sharing the building. Pray that all necessary requirements for this formal registration will work out.

**WEEK 3: 18<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> July**

**INTERNATIONAL: *GHANA***

This year 2010 marks the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SU work in Ghana. Celebrate with us and thank God for His goodness upon our work in Ghana and the impact of SU in this country. A good number of contemporary Church leaders and others in civil society in this country were disciple through SU Ghana ministry. To celebrate 120 years of SU Work in Ghana, we are organizing weekend crusaders in 20 selected High Schools nationwide in 2010. Four of these have already taken place. Pray for the Holy Spirit empowered proclamation of the gospel in these schools and a diligent follow-up.

## **REGIONAL**

### ***REGIONAL OFFICE: July 19 -24***

Rev. Tadashi Oyamada and his wife, Kazumi will be visiting SU Peninsula Malaysia during this period. Pray that the Lord will bless their visit with SU leaders and some Christian leaders. They will be ministering to some Japanese people working in Malaysia.

### ***KOREA***

SU KOREA is currently developing new teaching curriculum for Bible Ministry, Youth Ministry and Children's Ministry. Pray for the team as they consider various means of making the curriculum available to the Christian public, such as Training Manual, Bible Meditation Books, CD, E-books and correspondence courses.

Together with the above, Mr. Jason Fong the SU East/West Asia Youth Ministry Coordinator will be doing Leadership Training Courses (LTC) on youth ministry in August 2010 and David Leong will be doing LTC on children's ministry in January 2011. Pray too that through these seminars youth ministry and children's ministry in Korea will be strengthened.

There are number of new staff members added into the team recently. Please pray that they will adapt well into the team and the various ministries of SU Korea.

### ***HONG KONG***

Last December flood in Hong Kong destroyed much for our book stocks in the SU warehouse. Please thank the Lord with us for the funds received to repair the warehouse and also to replenish the materials.

Thank God also for the appointment of the new editor, Ms. Jennifer Yip. Pray that she will be able to adapt to the ministry quickly, as the editorial ministry is on-going and demanding.

### ***SINGAPORE:***

SU has been working in partnership with the Singapore Bible College (SBC-CCTE programme) doing modules on Children and youth ministry as a certificate course. Please uphold the teams who are involved with this valuable project: David Leong, Percy Low, John Sim, Simon Say and Geneieve Tang (Children's Ministry); David Leong, Steven Wee, Fuji Yew and Kelvin Tay (Youth Ministry).

### ***PHILIPPINES***

Thank God for our faithful 2 staff members, Ms. Revie and Ms. Corrie as they continue to recruit writers, edit, get the Bible Materials printed and dispatched. Pray for strength and God's protection as they continue to serve.

Please pray for Ms. Vicky Victoria, one of our council members, who had been ill. Pray that she will recover completely.

## **WEEK 4: 25<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> July**

### ***INTERNATIONAL : PACIFIC ISLANDS: July 20-28:***

Clayton Fergis (International Youth Ministry Coordinator), Sam Emery (Pacific Islands Coordinator) and others in Vanuatu, Fiji and New Zealand will be planning for the Pacific Islands Training Conference taking place later this year. Pray for the 'Shaping for Service' Train the Trainer sessions with some Pacific Islands leaders. One goal is to maximize the number of Pacific Islands leading the training sessions at the conference.

**REGIONAL: REGIONAL OFFICE:**

July 25: Uphold Gim Lam in prayer as he ministers in one of the local churches, that the Lord will add His blessings on the believers in the church as they allow the Word to transform them.

July 29 – August 6: Uphold Gim Lam in prayer as he plans to visit Thailand and also another movement in Indo-China. While there is some semblance of political quietness in Bangkok, we do not know for how long this quietness will stay. Please pray that the city will come back to normalcy soon. Pray for Scripture Union Thailand and its many struggles to have a meaningful ministry in Thailand.

Thank God that there is now the possibility of a children's ministry staff worker to be appointed in one of the countries in Indo-China. The opportunity for work with children is just tremendous in this country. Pray that this new staff worker will seize up the opportunities.

July 26-28: Uphold Jason Fong in prayer as he conducts a youth camp with the Korean team, as part of the itinerary lined up for his doing his visit in Korea in July and early August.

**JAPAN**

SU Japan is planning 3 camps for young people in the month of August. Please pray for our staff and working committees as they plan the camp and recruit volunteers to help up in these camps.

**PENINSULA MALAYSIA**

Continue to pray for Ms. Wang Lee Fang and Mr. Howard Ho the project staff for 'SPECIAL MOMENTS' and 'VINEYARD' magazine respectively. Please also pray for the on going staff recruitment effort for the Children's Ministry in Peninsula Malaysia.

**SINGAPORE**

The Singapore Bible house has been renovated and most of the organisations using the place have returned the building including SU Singapore. Pray for the team as they resettle into the newly renovated premise.

SU Singapore is doing a series of seminars on '52 CREATIVE IDEAS FOR TEACHING NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STORIES'. Pray for Mr. Patrick Phoon, the former SU Staff and his wife, Winnie who will be leading the seminars. Pray too for the team of volunteers who are taking care of the logistics of organisation.

**BORNEO:**

Thank God for the possibility of the appointment of a new staff worker in one of the new movement on Borneo Island. Pray that this crucial appointment.