

Pacific News

July – September 2010



Once again we are excited to bring to you a roundup of news and prayer points from SU in the Pacific Region. We know that you will be encouraged as you read and pray for this ministry; one that continues to see the lives of children and young people being impacted for the Kingdom of God.

You will also read of the plans for the Training Conference 7-14 December. The theme is "Being the People of God – Living the values of the Kingdom of God". We are looking forward to the benefit this will be for many people who serve with SU and for the lives they touch. This will also be the occasion for a Pacific Regional Council Meeting.

We are pleased also to advise that Wayne Fraser has accepted the role of Interim Chair through until the Council meeting in Dec . Wayne is the Director of SU NZ. A more permanent appointment of a volunteer Chair is desirable in the longer term and for this we seek your prayer.

The Pacific Executive will meet in Wellington on 8-9 Sept. We will take the opportunity to meet with Ken and Felicia Edgecombe to thank them for the years and great contribution Ken has made as he has served as Chair.

Thank you for your continuing interest and support and enjoy the read.....

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Scripture Union Pacific Islands Training Conference 7 – 14 December 2010 Pt Vila, Vanuatu

Separated by vast oceans, key SU workers in the Pacific Region will have a rare chance to gather in one place this coming December. The delegates at the Pacific Islands Training Conference (to be held at SU's idyllic campsite near Pt Vila in Vanuatu) will be chosen by their SU leaders in each country.

A major focus will be on developing ministry skills with children and young people, with additional workshops about camping, sports ministry, and using the Bible. There will be sessions specifically for Council members so they can develop their skills and understanding in the important area of governance. Of course, there will be time to look into the Bible, and we'll explore creative ways to help people engage with God's Word. The training will be based on SU International's "Shaping for Service" training framework, and the input will be from trained people around the Pacific region.

A showcase of new and exciting ministries from the region will be coupled with relaxed time for sharing ideas and building friendships. We know this will encourage and inspire those seeking God about the development of new ideas in our fast-changing cultures. But it is *God* who knows which exciting things will develop from this gathering of His keen-to-serve people! A highlight of any Conference like this is the rich time of worshipping God together, with island harmonies, and each culture's unique "flavour" in costume and dance.

We are grateful to the SU Vanuatu team, who are taking care of many organisational details for the conference. Please join in prayer for the preparations for Conference, and for those in administration, the speakers, and the delegates. The best Conference outcome will be to see the way God's Kingdom is growing because of the time spent together in December!

Prayer and Praise Update July 1st 2010

Join in prayer with our brothers and sisters across the Pacific.
Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
(*Colossians 4:2*)



- Please pray for the leaders of Scripture Union in each Pacific Island country as they seek God about which people to invite to the conference. May they have wisdom, and may God prepare the delegates for this important time of learning and development.
- Ask the Lord to provide for the many people involved in leadership of the conference. There are worship leaders, those who will help us to explore the Bible, workshop leaders and conference organisers. They will need inspiration from the Lord, good ideas, and clear thinking. Thank God for each person, their gifts, and their service for Him.
- Please pray for the SU Vanuatu team who will host the conference. Give thanks for the wonderful venue, and for the people who will organise many details to make sure conference runs smoothly.
- Please pray that God will use this conference to further His Kingdom. May people be inspired to serve God more, and to love His Word. May they be even better equipped to minister with children, young people and families through SU.

“Being the people of God – living the values of the Kingdom of God”

If you would like to know more,
contact your local SU office or representative.

Australia

Feedback from a School Principal

“Last year we commenced SU’s Soar Adventures with some disengaged young people. Educational outcomes rise when kids are happy, and there’s no doubt that Soar has done this. Feedback from parents is ‘this program has saved our kids’. Recently we had a young person who was a chronic truant, but never missed Soar. On one camp, he refused to get out of bed for the walk, but the group stayed with him and encouraged him. After 6 hours, he got up and they went on the walk. I think that was the breakthrough moment for him. Since then he’s barely missed school and is a different student. As a principal, you like to hear that. This program has a success rate of around 60%. That’s a great result. We hope it can continue. It’s really important to those kids”.

Brock Gravener (SOAR Facilitator) shares that several boys involved in this program have begun to attend church, finding real faith. Please pray for this ministry. www.suvic.org.au

SU Tasmania Celebrates!



On May 15, SU supporters, staff and volunteers convened together in Launceston to celebrate! The Annual Report for 2009 was launched in unusual ways and included toilet rolls, an oxford debate and much laughter. The new website was launched and wonderful entertainment was provided by ‘one7’, a chaplain and wife duo. Over afternoon tea a great time of fellowship was enjoyed by all. SUA Chair, **Dr Sylvia Collinson** delivered an encouraging and challenging message based on the character of Barnabas. All who attended left with great enthusiasm and excitement to seeing God’s work fulfilled through SU Tasmania. www.sutas.org.au

ISCF (Inter School Christian Fellowship) impacts young lives

For a few kids, RoomA4 is a refuge: a place where they know they are accepted and loved, and are able to have fun without being picked on or labeled a ‘dag’. For several others, Tuesday lunchtime is ‘church’, a time where they learn about Jesus and his message, since Sunday morning services are not on the family’s agenda.

For everyone, ISCF is where they can be themselves, without the playground pecking order, where they are friends with every year group and where something slightly crazy is bound to happen. Lynda Ohlmus, who runs this group with her husband Scripture Union Schools Coordinator Far North Coast, **Mark Ohlmus**, sums it up best in her own words, *“The 25 or so kids at Maclean High School’s ISCF continually bring me to tears as they share there struggles in mixed-up families (only 2 kids have both parents at home), but also tears of unbelievable joy as we witness Jesus love bursting through into their hearts and becoming real as they start to follow him.”*

From donuts to fishing rods and smelly socks to toilet paper, the props may vary from week to week, but the message remains the same “Jesus loves you so much and wants you to follow him”. www.nsw.su.org.au

Dinner was gold!

50 years of ministry in the Northern Territory was celebrated on June 5th with a 'gold plate dinner'. 160 people attended, and while most were current 'Territorians', there were also numerous interstate visitors who have had significant connections with SUNT over the 50 year period.

Past National Director, Rev Dr David Claydon spoke after dinner and a member of the first committee meeting, Ted Millikan, cut the cake. Michael Lush, past SU Children's worker presented a magnificent self made mosaic plate depicting the land and ministry of where they live as well as the people with whom they live and work alongside, indigenous and non indigenous, along with a golden number 50. A noticeable absentee was previous Director, **Clayton Fergie**, who was in Germany for an International SU event. However, due to the wonders of technology, Clayton was contacted through Skype, and many people lined up to speak with him personally. May they constantly listen to God and may God richly bless this movement throughout the next 50 years!



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Two New Exciting EPYC Programs Launched

Since 2004, Empowering Peacemakers in Your Community (EPYC), SU WA's Creative Arts ministry, has presented a hugely successful and award-winning series of seminars. They have created a place where young people can discover new ways of looking at conflict and social justice, where they can see alternative ways of choosing a non-violent lifestyle for themselves and consider applying peace to a struggling world.

"When people ask why EPYC programs continue to make such an impact on kids, the only answer is that something miraculous happens when you teach what Jesus taught," says **Jarrold McKenna**, Creative Director of EPYC.

And now in 2010, EPYC is launching two new programs - each with a very special focus. In a world where life values are often confusing, 'EPYC Women' and 'EPYC Jr' are being tailored to help women and children be who Jesus wants them to be.

Emma Palandri will lead EPYC Women, seeking to open the eyes of young women, showing them that they are not what their culture calls them - 'objects and consumers' - but presenting them as created for compassion and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God made them. With at least 10 programs planned this year, EPYC Women hopes to show young women how God longs to awaken them to a worldwide community.

Along a similar theme, EPYC Jr is an exciting extension into primary schools using theatre, puppetry and teaching lead by Ofa Benness and Laura Hopwood. The program is themed at teaching peace, not simply as an ideal, but in a way that primary school children can practically live Jesus' teachings in inspiring and fun ways.

“Having a chance to use my creativity to educate and inspire young children is such a privilege,” says Laura. “I’m so excited to get the program started in primary schools!”

This year the goal is to run at least 10 EPYC Women’s program and 25 EPYC Jr programs, while at the same time keeping the costs down for the schools that participate. Thank you for the ongoing support to help make these vital programs possible!

www.suwa.org.au

Camps cater to all kinds of kids

Many young campers continue to make decisions to follow Christ whilst on SU Qld camps. SU Qld’s Easter camps were no different. One of these Easter camps was GENTS’ camp, an unashamedly boys-only camp.

“GENTS camps are 100% focused on catering to male interests,” said GENTS camps director, **Dan Foster**. Dan says the vision behind the camps is to frame the Gospel in masculine terms in a way that appeals to boys.

“It’s about speaking their language, and nurturing ‘gentlemen-in-the-making’,” he said. *“The camps involve fiercely contested sports challenges and high-action activities ranging from cable water-skiing to wake boarding.”*

Christmas camps are also changing lives. Thirteen Christian senior high school students from ‘beach schools’ on the Sunshine Coast spent four days over the December holidays presenting the Gospel – through drama, clown costumes and puppets - to students at over a dozen remote ‘bush schools’.

Last year, about 3,300 young campers attended 65 SU Qld camps run by 1200 adult volunteers.

www.sugld.org.au

A Buzz around “The Hive”

SUSA and some local churches have partnered in a project called “The Hive” – an after school drop-in centre in the Seaview area of South Australia for students in Years 7 to 12, providing disadvantaged youth from the local schools with a safe, friendly atmosphere to relax, eat the free food, chat, and gain free access to homework tutors and computers.

Positive connections with schools in the area have enabled good promotion for the program, with up to 56 students attending each session. It is the highest attendance of any youth drop-in centre in the area!

The young team has formed positive relationships with students, showing them in a practical way that the local churches care about them and their needs. There have been some great conversations with attendees regarding religion, the Bible, Christianity, Church and other issues.



The dedication and energy of the team running “The Hive” has been inspirational, as they give up their afternoons to serve the Lord together by using their different skills and gifts to meet a real need in the community.

Jeremy Keane and Josh Cornthwaite, Team Leaders and founders of “The Hive.”

www.su.org.au/sa

Belconnen Churches On the Move in Outreach

SU Chaplain, Ted Leask reports: *'a young indigenous Dad and his son wandered in to the park and watched us set up tables and chairs and get ready for the day. We had a chat about what was happening and he said he would come back later for lunch with his son. This he did over all 3 days. The second day he brought two indigenous friends with him, we talked about their heritage, where they had come from and some of their experiences with the Church over the years'. The overwhelming response was that "if this is what Church without walls looks like, this is great!"*

'I met several other people and had very interesting discussions. A Vietnamese lady in her senior years told me of how she came to Canberra many years ago, only speaking Vietnamese and French.



She decided she was going to teach herself English, so went to the French Club and School in Canberra and learned how to translate French to English. She was very passionate about her faith in Jesus and is now mentoring Vietnamese people settling in Canberra, studying at CIT. She asked for Vietnamese translated Bibles and was able to be connected to a Vietnamese Christian fellowship meeting at North Belconnen Baptist Church. She was just the most delightful and inspiring person.'

'I was once again circulating around the tables, meeting people of all ages and backgrounds including an older man living at a nearby retirement village, where he felt lonely and trapped, isolated. We had met the day before and established a friendly chatting relationship. We chatted about his life and loneliness, he said he was pleased to meet friendly Christians who cared genuinely, and had sighted a nearby faith community he was going to check out. It was a privilege to share his incredible life story.'

www.suact.org.au

New Zealand

Volunteers and E100

Two of New Zealand's volunteers recently received a national award. John and Anette Money won the Intrepid Travel National Volunteer of Social Services for their work on cooking on nearly 40 Scripture Union camps over the last twelve years. They were nominated in the largest and most competitive category and after almost 7,000 people around the country voted, they won their category. Nominating them and inviting supporters to vote for them was a great way to show appreciation to the Moneys and to the 1000+ volunteers who partner with SUNZ all over the country each year.

The demand for SUPAkidz clubs in local communities continues to grow. The critical need is for leadership. Filming is underway to produce a quality DVD as one way to recruit leaders from local churches. The small group of one of the staff teams has sponsored the cost and is partnering in a very practical way to meet this need.

E100 continues to grow. Now 325 churches around the nation, representing 23,000 people, are registered to take part.

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Pacific Islands

I made a recent visit to Tonga and it was very helpful to help them resolve some outstanding issues in a very healthy way as all the ongoing relationships are still in place, also very encouraging to spend some time with the young staff team and student leaders from some of the schools.

I'm looking forward to my visits in July to PNG, Solomon Is, Vanuatu & Fiji then back to Wellington for our next planning meeting for the Pacific conference to be held in Vanuatu 7-14 December 2010.

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SU is expanding into the remote Islands

As more and more young people come to realize how valuable their lives are, and understand the purpose of life through the teaching of God's word in SU camps and ISCF rallies, there is need for more camps to be organized. As the end of year school exams are approaching, ideas were proposed for special weekend camps to be organized as revision time for students as well as building personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Following the success of SU camps, calls were made from schools in the remote Islands for SU Vanuatu to visit and encourage the students. Recently in the months of May and June, the Vanuatu National Coordinator and the new SU ministry field worker spent three weeks on the island of Tanna visiting schools, encouraging students reading the word of God, setting up ISCF committees for some schools and running activities which were very much enjoyed and appreciated by the students and staff. Also a committee was setup on the island to oversee the running of SU programs on the Island.

www.scriptureunionvanuatu.com

Solomon Islands - High school students host End Month Fellowship

Greetings to all brothers and sisters! SU School groups around Honiara, Solomon Islands, hosted its third end month fellowship which attracted about a thousand high school students around Honiara. This is one of the monthly fellowship programs SU Solomons always co-host with high schools.



Highlights of the program included: praise and worship, led by the host school (King George 6th); sharing of the Word by SU Solomon's Director, **Solomon Maui**; presentation of special items by the selected schools; and the presentation of certificates to the twenty four (24) newly trained Peer Leaders who have just completed their two (2) weeks of HIV and Life skills training.

To God be the glory for the great things He has done.

Honiara SU School students at the April's End month Fellowship

A new PNG

SUPNG is thankful to those that are praying and supporting so that what God desires to be done is fulfilled as it is in heaven. They are thankful to the National Christian Radio station for a partnership that has allowed them to run a Program called 'Student talk back show' during the school holidays. SU students together with the SU Director, talked on different issues affecting students and parents, including: 'drugs and alcohol', 'peer pressure', 'satanic curse', 'parenting', 'HIV & Aids', 'boy and girl relationships' and 'identity'.

The program runs for 5 days and has helped SUPNG create awareness of the importance of spending time in Bible reading, meditation and prayer. Building that personal relationship with Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith is important and that is where SU play an important role. SU students shared their testimonies of how they overcome peer pressures. They shared that through the Scriptures they were finding the answers.

Every school holidays they will be on air, speaking to young people throughout PNG.
To God be the Glory.

The council and the National Director have also put together SUPNG Strategic Plan 2010-2015. This year is the trial run and it will be launched in 2011. Praise God.

FIJI-School Visitation

SU Staff, with financial support from some volunteers, were able to visit 20 schools in the Central Division and 15 schools in the Western Division of the Country. The volunteers in the Western Division are moving into schools and consolidating a school ministry.

Saved before he died!

Sione was a 64 year-old widower who was in hospital with a terminal illness. The doctor told him that there was nothing else they could do for him except give him painkillers to relieve the pains. An SUTonga staff member visited him in hospital and shared with him the Gospel. He asked Sione whether he was aware of his situation and Sione said 'yes'. He asked Sione whether he was ready to go to heaven if he died, and Sione answered again 'yes', saying he's been a lay preacher for 38 years, has performed all his Church obligations faithfully, and he's done enough good works to earn himself a place in heaven.

Then the SU staff showed him Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8 and Romans 6:23. Furthermore he told Sione that heaven cannot be gained by his good works, but according to Scriptures, it was a free gift that he can receive by faith in Jesus Christ. He read to Sione 1 John 5: 11-12. After sharing, Sione suddenly saw the true picture, and through tears, he confessed his sins and asked Jesus to forgive him and come into his heart! The next day, June 4th 2010, Sione died and went to be with the Lord Jesus! Praise God!

Pacific Region Prayer Diary

July		
1	New South Wales	Class of a Different Kind. Pray for the Sydney Schools team as they provide a great opportunity for everyone involved in schools ministry to share an evening of coffee, dessert, live music and new SU resources.
2	Papua New Guinea	Pray for the SU volunteers and staff as they prepare and organise the National Camp this week.
3	Pacific Islands	Pray for Sam Emery's visit to PNG 28 June to 9 July, then onto Solomon Is, Vanuatu & Fiji
4	Aust. Capital Territory	Commencement of new HS group at Lanyon
5	New South Wales	ISCF (Inter School Christian Fellowship) Leadership Conference 2010. Pray for these young leaders to enjoy fellowship and training through small groups, seminars and Bible talks.
6	Papua New Guinea	Pray for effective Christian Teachers Network Training this month
7	Pacific Islands	Pray for SU Tonga as they look for a New Director
8	Queensland	Pray for volunteers to help support the chaplains, chaplaincy programs, camps & community outreaches.
9	Fiji	Building awareness in Partnership
10	Western Aust.	Pray for volunteers and interns to join the Warriuka School Adventure camping team.
11	Tonga	For the July-Sept Tongan Daily Bread (Me'atokoni Faka'aho) emailed to schools in the outer islands that they could print it and deliver to SU students at a cheap price.
12	South Australia	Youth Leadership Week, a joint initiative between the Baptist Churches, Churches of Christ, SUSA and others to equip and enable young emerging leaders is being run this week. Pray that they will become salt and light in their communities.
13	Victoria	The commencement of Biblical Turning Points in Melbourne's Western Suburbs. That people who attend will rediscover the Bible.
14	Vanuatu	Pray for SU school ministry field worker Ps John Thomas as he visits schools on Santo
15	New Zealand	Pray for the recruitment of people with the right skills & passion for the board & sub groups.
16	South Australia	This morning, SUSA will be holding a promotional event for the E100 Bible reading challenge. Pray for a great attendance and for a regeneration of people in engaging with God through His word.
17	Papua New Guinea	Prayer for our partnership with SUQ that it will be fruitful. Prayer for our Council members that they will be wise and participate effectively in running of the ministry.
18	Solomon Islands	Prayer for the HIV Project team as tomorrow they conduct the second Peer Leaders Training for the 2nd group of six target schools for this year.
19	Tasmania	Please pray for all who are attending the National Primary Schools Network. Especially remember Jenny, Deb and Jean, that they will be encouraged and inspired by meeting with others.
20	Victoria	Missions Leaders weekend. For the new directors who will be leading for the first time.
21	Australia	The Secondary Schools Focus Group is meeting in Qld. Pray as they consider how they can best support Secondary Schools ministry and areas in which SU movements can work together in Australia.
22	Fiji	SU Awareness Dinner
23	SUI	Janet Morgan has a very heavy travel schedule throughout the year. Please pray for her as she takes time out for some holiday in July
24	Queensland	SU QLD Board planning day. Peter James, chair.

25	Pakistan	Pray for committed volunteers who help us in the vacation bible schools this Summer. Pray for our Nationwide youth camp from July 24-28. Pray that many young people will attend.
26	Australia	The Primary Schools Focus Group is meeting in Tasmania this week. Pray as they consider how they can best support Primary Schools ministry and areas in which SU movements can work together in Australia.
27	Pacific Islands	Pacific Conference Planning meeting Wellington 27 July
28	Northern Territory	Please pray with SUNT as they continue to plan and pray for funding so as to continue employing a Director and also a much needed ministry worker.
29	Pacific	Please pray for the leaders of Scripture Union in each Pacific Island country as they seek God about which people to invite to the Pacific Islands Training Conference. May they have wisdom, and may God prepare the delegates for this important time of learning and development.
30	Aust. Capital Territory	Recruitment of Chaplaincy Manager
31	Vanuatu	Pray for newly appointed Tafea SU committee

August		
1	Papua New Guinea	Pray for SU Junior and senior camps in Port Moresby
2	Queensland	SU Qld Staff Conference. Pray for safety while travelling; also that by the conclusion of conference staff will feel refreshed, have a strong sense of unity; and be energized and empowered to continue to strive for the vision.
3	Fiji	Unity and Cooperation among the SU stakeholders
4	Tonga	For SU staff and volunteers to continue faithfully and diligently with SU daily, weekly and monthly duties
5	Northern Territory	SUNT is planning a children's camp this month. Please pray it will eventuate and that there will be much fruit from it.
6	Vanuatu	Pray for SU council members and families
7	Pacific Islands	Pray for follow-up work and registration information for Pacific Conference
8	Solomon Islands	Prayer for the work of student council that high school students will come to know Christ through their works.
9	New South Wales	Pray for the NSW staff as they gather at Rachel's Retreat in the beautiful Blue Mountains. Pray that this would be a time of great encouragement and refreshment in God.
10	Victoria	For SOAR Adventures as it expands across the NW Country Region
11	South Australia	SUSA is on a youth at risk camping program to partner with another Christian mentoring organisation in SA. Pray for Amy Hinton as she shapes this into a vital ministry area.
12	Tonga	For the upcoming annual schools camp next month (September) for the Holy Spirit's guidance and spiritual blessings.
13	Tasmania	Please pray for SUTAS council as they meet for an overnight retreat. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in decision making.
14	Pacific Islands	Pray for Pacific Executive as they farewell Ken Edgecombe, Pacific Chairman
15	Papua New Guinea	Pray for fundraisings that will be organised this month
16	Pacific	Ask the Lord to provide for the many people involved in leadership of the Pacific Islands Training Conference. There are worship leaders, those who will help us to explore the Bible, workshop leaders and conference organisers. They will need inspiration from the Lord, good ideas, and clear thinking. Thank God for each person, their gifts, and their service for Him.
17	Tasmania	Please pray for regional chaplaincy training days. And praise God for the opportunity of fellowship.

18	New Zealand	Tomorrow an all staff conference will be considering the results of a review of youth ministry in NZ and making plans for the next 5 years.
19	Australia	The Management and Development Group are meeting in Adelaide on the weekend and the Directors will join them on Sun and keep meeting through to Tues. Some major items for which wisdom is needed relate to the best networking strategy in Australia and a review of the national structure.
20	Queensland	Build the Future Fundraising Dinner. This industry dinner will see the building industry unite once again to support the work of at risk kids.
21	Western Australia	SU WA's Transform Conference is on today. Pray that those attending will gain greater leadership and practical skills that will motivate and inspire them for ministry.
22	New Zealand	The Annual Meeting of SU NZ will mark the beginning of a new era of board governance and broadening of our membership base.
23	Pacific Islands	Pray for improved communication systems for the Pacific island movements
24	Vanuatu	Pray for the organizing of ISCF schools camp
25	Western Australia	Pray for DCP (Department for Child Protection) Camps Co-ordinator Jason Bresanello, for organisation and preparation for the camps.
26	Fiji	Financial Donors and Partners
27	Victoria	Coolamatong school camping. For the staff and interns involved on the site.
28	Scotland	Pray for every young person attending a camp or mission this summer, that they will meet with Jesus. Pray that the teaching would be faithful to the Bible, that volunteers would reflect Christ and that much fun and enjoyment would be had by all.
29	Aust. Capital Territory	Workshops with local churches
30	New South Wales	Pray for Mark Mitchell the new CEO of Scripture Union NSW. Pray that Mark would quickly settle in to his new role and get to know the local and regional NSW staff.
31	Papua New Guinea	Praise God as all our books 2008-2009 will be audited and for the volunteer auditor to help SUPNG

September		
1	Fiji	Annual Camp Venue for the Division
2	Papua New Guinea	Pray for the Director as he plans to visit Bougainville for SU work in schools
3	Solomon Islands	Prayer for God's direction upon National Council as they make important decisions concerning the work of SU in the Solomons.
4	New Zealand	Leading Edge Leadership development event is critical to growing and developing the leadership pool for camps. There's been significant funding to make this event 1st class.
5	Aust. Capital Territory	Sale of Kooringa Campsite challenging
6	Resources for Ministry	Pray for Kevin Hooper & Arlene Herron attending the CBAA (Christian Bookselling Association of Aust.) National Trade show in Adelaide this week.
7	New South Wales	Pray for Sue Morgan who is leaving the SU Bookcentre in Inverell after twenty years of faithful service. Pray that a suitable replacement be found for this very special role.
8	Pacific	The Pacific Regional Executive are meeting in Wellington. Pray as they focus on regional needs and especially as they prepare for the Training Conference and Council meeting in December. Give thanks for Ken Edgecombe's service as Chair and pray for Wayne Fraser as he takes on this role.
9	Tasmania	Please pray for our September holiday camps. Please pray especially for the team preparing for a new study camp.
10	Vanuatu	Pray for Jon & Lyndell Pashke for their time in putting together a Primary schools devotion book.
11	Pacific Islands	Pray for a follow up visit to Tonga and their planned camp

12	Pacific	Please pray for the SU Vanuatu team who will host the Pacific Islands Training Conference. Give thanks for the wonderful venue, and for the people who will organise many details to make sure conference runs smoothly.
13	Solomon Islands	Prayer for the HIV project team as they liaise with church and community youth to trial the HIV project in their context.
14	Croatia	The second issue of our youth group materials Sinergija was published in April. We are now trying to get some feedback and find out if the materials hit the target it was hoped for. Please pray so we can get back the needed information and make the necessary changes and adjustments if needed.
15	Northern Territory	SUNT Council and key volunteers will meet this month to strategically plan the next 12 months of ministry.
16	Pacific	Please pray that God will use the Pacific Islands Training Conference to further His Kingdom. May people be inspired to serve God more, and to love His Word. May they be even better equipped to minister with children, young people and families through SU.
17	Tonga	For Pastor Willie Moses of PNG and all other invited guest speakers and preachers who will share in the annual SU Camp on Sept 17-19.
18	Queensland	Pray for camps running over the Spring school holidays; for beds to be full & for the kids who will hear of the love of God. Pray that kids will connect with church & youth groups after camps.
19	Western Australia	Please pray for Sheryn Binks, CHIC Coordinator, as she promotes and supports CHIC programs around the state.
20	Victoria	The annual Elevate Camp, that young people would find Jesus.
21	Fiji	Annual Camp Venue, School Visitations and Staff and Family Welfare
22	Hong Kong	Thank God for the effective literature ministries of SU Hong Kong, which has also been a blessing to many believers of mainland China. Pray for the leadership and staff team in SU Hong Kong, as ministering in China requires so much wisdom and sensitivity.
23	Tonga	For the Ex-SU working committee which is always working side by side with SU staff throughout the year
24	SUI	SU International Council and Team/Exco are meeting in Nairobi. Pray as important discussions take place and decisions are made that will strengthen the support that SUI is able to give to SU movements worldwide. Especially pray for Colin Sinclair (Chair) and Janet Morgan (CEO)
25	South Australia	SUSA holds its annual fundraising concert "For Those Who Have Ears". Pray for a great turn-out and for people to be inspired in their prayerful support of SUSA's ministry.
26	Papua New Guinea	Pray for our fundraising Corporate Dinner that more Christians will support the work of SU.
27	Tasmania	Please pray for the upcoming Chaplaincy Support Dinner. Pray for a good turnout of generous donors.
28	Vanuatu	Pray for provision for traveling expenses for the National coordinator to visit islands in the north
29	Aust. Capital Territory	Preparations for Zone 40 Camp
30	Western Australia	Please pray for Wendi as she continues to lead the team in the Creative Arts Department. For wisdom and fresh ideas.