

Pacific News

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Passing of a giant in the faith

This month we acknowledge the contribution of John Stott to the Church in general and to SU in particular. The following article has been produced by SU International on the occasion of his passing. We give thanks for his life and the legacy of this faithful servant of God.

“The Scripture Union family around the world is saddened by the loss of John Stott but grateful to God for the depth and consistency of his ministry and his impact on us as a movement. Thousands of our volunteers and staff are indebted to him for his speaking and writing. One senior staff member in Australia writes that he ‘had a major impact on my development as a young follower of Christ, through my theological education and in his wide ranging contribution to my Biblical understanding... this impact on my generation and others following in Australia is far reaching.’

Many SU senior leaders benefitted from his quiet and less public ministry of mentoring and intercession. His remarkable ability to recall the names and personal details of people from all over the world when he met them demonstrated his genuine concern for individuals. As one retired SU staff worker said, John Stott ‘showed generous friendship’ to countless people around the world.

Rev Dr John Stott, who died on July 27 at the age of 90, came to Christ at the age of 16 whilst still at school, through the ministry of a Scripture Union worker Rev EJH Nash, known affectionately by many as ‘Bash’. John Stott wrote about how Bash wrote to him weekly for over five years to encourage him in his new-found faith, and remained a lifelong friend.

Known around the world for his Bible teaching, incisive thinking and leadership within the evangelical movement, John Stott had a strong commitment to the development of the next generation. His ministry to university students is well known, however children and teenagers were also close to his heart. Much of his early training in Christian ministry was in Scripture Union camps and missions alongside Bash.

In his early parish work at All Souls, each year he took local children camping, giving them a morning wake-up call on his piano accordion! His vision and concern for teenagers were demonstrated in the establishment in 1958 of the All Souls Clubhouse, a far-sighted experiment in youth and community work. Later he was the first Chairman of Frontier Youth Trust, a support network for Christians involved in youth clubs and the state youth service, which was for many years a part of Scripture Union.

His first published writing other than in the school magazine, was an article entitled ‘Child Conversion’ which was based on a talk he gave at an SU workers’ conference and appeared in the Scripture Union magazine in 1945. His concern to see others equipped to serve Christ was evident even then. Referring to the potential lifetime of service to God which lies before children, he wrote, ‘one’s heart burns with desire to see them rescued from the powers of darkness, and translated into the Kingdom of the Son of God’s Love!’

Throughout his life John Stott was a good friend to Scripture Union. From 1965 to 1973 he was President of Scripture Union in the British Isles. Towards the end of that time he wrote ‘Understanding the Bible’, published by Scripture Union and still in print after almost 40 years. After 1970 when he took on a wider ministry, he visited SU movements in many parts of the world and spoke at a range of meetings and conferences. In the early 1970s he visited SU movements in West Africa. In 1972 he attended the SU International Council in Malaysia, giving Bible readings on the book of Acts. This material became part of his Bible Speaks Today volume on Acts and also had a significant impact on SU’s statement of Working Principles, adopted in 1985.

He once wrote, “Scripture Union has had a very formative influence in my life, and I owe it a debt which I can never repay. First, it was a Scripture Union staff worker who showed me the way to Christ. Second, it was Scripture Union, which taught me the discipline of daily Bible reading—a discipline which I still consider to be indispensable to Christian growth and freshness. No wonder that I thank God for Scripture Union!”

Scripture Union has gained so much from John Stott’s ministry. We thank God for him and pray he will raise up others who will follow that example of commitment to the gospel and faithfulness to Scripture, serving a world in need.”

Janet Morgan, International Director

AUSTRALIA

At a General Assembly on 25th August the Council of **SU Australia** agreed to adopt a new 'Covenant Agreement' outlining the way the State and Territory movements plan to work together in the national interest. The planned date to transition to the new governance and operational structure is the AGM on 12 November. There is much work still to be done with two crucial elements being the revision of the Constitution and the appointment of some key volunteer roles in the new governing structure. Please pray that these processes will go well in the weeks ahead.

When the Burbs met the Country

"How can we best disciple our 11-14 year old kids?" was the question being asked by Joylee Bukin at Suburban Baptist Church in Western Melbourne, while Sue Jacka, the Anglican Priest at Trafalgar was trying to figure out how to reach the kids in her community with the Gospel. The answer? **SU Victoria** suggested sending the 11 to 14 year-olds from the Burbs to Trafalgar to conduct a mission. This trip happened in the September school holidays.

Both Joylee and Sue could see the benefits to both churches. Joylee found real excitement brewing at Suburban. She tentatively floated the idea, and the response was amazing. There were young people from non-churched families busting to get to Trafalgar. They had offers of transport, catering and mentoring. But most exciting, she really saw how her young people grew a heart for God's mission through helping Sue to reach her community.

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Schools to take up Chaplaincy



Chaplains speaking at the Regen Dinner

Since the Federal Government announcement regarding funding for the National School Chaplaincy Program for an extended period 2012-14, **SU Australian Capital Territory** has sought expressions of interest from those ACT schools that missed receiving funding in the original program which commenced in 2007. Across Australia, the Government

has promise to expand the NSCP by 1,000 places. ACT schools are already responding to this opportunity, and a number have contacted SUACT expressing their interest.

CEO Craig Webber reports: *"It has been interesting and encouraging to meet with Principals during the past month. The positive reputation of School Chaplaincy, and its success, has spread far and wide. These schools are keen to get on board for the next period. No doubt it will be quite competitive across Australia!"*

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Beach Mission Director's Day

The annual **New South Wales** SUFM Directors Day was held on Saturday, 23rd July at Rydges in Parramatta. 70 new and seasoned mission directors participated in a two-fold approach to the training this year:

1. Encouraging directors to work with other teams in their region. Mission teams were divided into geographical locations where missions are held. With the guidance and support of a regional director, teams in the same region were able to help each other by sharing resources and ideas and praying for each other.
2. Leadership training based on the number of years of SUFM directorship.

It was a great opportunity to spend time focusing on mission and was vital to get individual team training off and running. Please pray for the SUFM Directors as they have a great deal of work ahead of them.

Farewell Bob Coombs

The Definition of a Worker

27 December 1941 – 31 July 2011



The Scripture Union family has said goodbye to a truly irreplaceable worker. **Bob Coombs** was the ringleader in the rebuilding of the Scripture Union Campsite in Vanuatu, a special place that has been a blessing to the young people of both Vanuatu and NSW. In the last seven years, Bob and his wife Margaret have spent countless months serving in Vanuatu, leading work parties and creating a community of service that is bearing great fruit today. On learning of Bob's

passing the team at SU Vanuatu held a thanksgiving service and planted a coconut tree in his honour.



Bob was also responsible for finding and restoring the SUFM Kombi, which we've renamed Bob's Kombi'.

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A new initiative for some very special people

*A couple of years ago, Dean Hawkins walked into the SU **South Australia** office with a passion.*

Dean is a teacher working at a local school with children and young people who have significant disabilities. He has doing this for a number of years... but it is not an easy job. While there are some beautiful moments, it is often challenging to work with young people facing such profound issues. However his heart for them and their carers is evident to anyone who speaks with him.

Dean was keen to look at what could be done to reach out to young people with disabilities. He knew there were a number of young people in his area who were coping with these issues, but they didn't have something that was designed especially to help them have a positive experience of Jesus through the local church.

The result, after months of talking and planning, is SAMs – Saturday Afternoons at Marion. This term, Dean and a team of volunteers will be running three afternoon programs to connect and share with this wonderful group, and to look after their carers as well. The hope is that this will be a positive ministry for these young people and their families, connecting them with the church community in their area.

www.su.org.au/sa

Schools Ministry Impacts on young lives

SUWA Schools Ministry is having an impact locally and across the globe! **SU Western Australia's** Schools and CHIC/Blokes coordinators have recently met with Catherine Wood from Murree Christian School in Pakistan, and Kate from Haven Children's Homes in Thailand who are planning to adapt the CHIC and Blokes programs for use in their very different contexts.

On a camp that was run in the last holiday season, a girl from a very difficult background and a non-Christian family decided to become a Christian. Back at school she told her CHIC leader and, even though it's been tough going, the two are discussing spiritual things.

Schools that have been taking part in SU's Mentoring program keep asking for more mentors for the program. Recently one mentor witnessed that one of the boys he mentors at a Christian school decided to become a Christian for the first time. The mentor is continuing to meet with this student even though he's moved to high school, and is encouraging him to pursue his new faith.

www.suwa.org.au

Spirituality Toolbox is launched



Three regional areas of Tasmania recently played host as **SU Tasmania** launched its 'Spirituality Toolbox'. Those present at the launches included Principals, Chaplains, Members of Parliament and many others. It was great to share this moment with a broad section of the community and for them to learn the importance of spiritual health being taught in schools. Those attending heard about the need for this resource in schools, the contents of the resource (including an interactive activity!), and stories from a chaplain involved in the trials.

After years of development and working closely with Chaplains and the Department of Education, the Spirituality Toolbox is literally a toolbox containing lesson plans and practical tools to use in the classroom. It also contains professional development material for teachers and information cards highlighting connections to the Tasmanian Curriculum for both primary and high school students.

Current funding has allowed for the production of 50 toolboxes and the aim is to have a toolbox in every public school.

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Kids Games and SUPA Serve...a winner on all levels

KidsGames Darwin was a winning program for **SU Northern Territory** during the past school holidays. Incorporating a sports-focused, Bible-based program with a teen leadership training program called 'SUPA Serve', KidsGames won the support of parents, participating churches and kids alike. SUPA Serve is a ministry training program for students from grades 9-12 in high school developed in regional NSW almost 10 years ago. It involves training young people for mission and serving the community.

Parents felt that it was a very well organised program and the Christian content engaged their kids very well. The SUPA Serve team commented that they learned valuable insight and gained confidence in working with kids and talking to them about God, as well as how to interact with the children in a much better way. The Adult Leaders were unanimous in saying that they enjoyed the way the team worked together. "The program has been very well organised and very well run...a great example of the body of Christ working together". 2012 KidsGames plans are well underway.

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High Court ruling by year's end

After months spent gathering support and preparing a strong legal argument, **SU Queensland** presented their case to the Australian High Court on the 9-11 August 2011 in defence of the School Chaplaincy program.

The issue revolves around the federal government's constitutional authority to provide funding to the program, and has become a widespread issue with far-reaching impact beyond Chaplaincy, affecting programs as diverse as spending on roads and autism services.

Whilst the state and national governments disagree over the funding process, all sides have voiced their continued support for the Chaplaincy program and almost 70,000 Australians have signed declarations of support.

"The feedback we're getting from the wider community demonstrates that chaplains are there to serve the whole school community and are doing so appropriately," said Tim Mander, CEO of SU Qld. "Until we hear the Court's decision, we'll continue supporting chaplains across hundreds of schools who are caring for students in real and practical ways," he said.

The High Court is expected to make its ruling late this year or early 2012.

Website: <http://saveourchaplains.com.au>

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PACIFIC

Stories and highlights from Sam's visit to PNG in July



At a recent camp 350 students were weeping? When two of the students (a boy about 10yrs and a girl about 12) were asked what God was saying to them they both replied that God wanted them to pray for their school so all the students will come to know Jesus. These students have a passion and understanding of the Father heart of God.

A special lady, Maggie Babate (Margaret), the newly appointed secretary for SU Rabaul, is a member of the Special Police Squad. Maggie shared her experience as a part of a special police operations team that went into the dense jungle - 12 hours walk up and down mountains leaving at 4am to reach an untouched tribal village of 200 people, arriving at 5pm and waiting until midnight to arrest the village chief (and his four guards) as he was sacrificing new born babies he fathered. Their main diet was taro, snakes and fruit. They didn't know how to cook, they could make a fire by rubbing sticks together, their houses were round with dirt floors no windows and they had fires in the houses at night to keep them warm and mosquito-free. They had no clothes. Within a days walk were three untouched tribes which have no idea about the world we live in.

Sam asks, "Who would like to come on an adventure with me to Rabaul next year to be among some of these amazing people? Book in now."



Maggie a special woman of God

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Overseas mission teams

SU Tonga missions started in 1994 after a group of the office workers and students prepared a group to attend the SU South Pacific conference in Fiji 1993. This conference was postponed due to political issues in Fiji but the team was already prepared to go and to witness for the Lord. From that day the vision of overseas mission began and we planned a mission trip to Tongan youth in Australia and New Zealand.

In 1994 the first mission team travelled to New Zealand and Australia and it has been an ongoing event since then. The aim is to encourage Tongan young people (locally and internationally) to read the Bible and pray every day. At the same time, this helps the team every year in preparing themselves to witness for the Lord. This mission strengthens the relationship between SU Tonga and the other SU organisations they interact with. Financial matters are taken care of individually, and with the support of their families and relatives this mission trip is always a success every year. The benefits include the promotion of the aim of Scripture Union, to “encourage the people to meet with God’s word in different ways”, and form relationships with churches but above all to obey the great commission (Mathew 28:18-20).

Mission outreach

The month of July was a busy month for **SU Vanuatu**. From the 8th to the 24th the Tokarara Christian youth fellowship from PNG spent two weeks visiting secondary schools and church youth groups sharing the Gospel of Christ. The skits and dramas with real life testimonies saw many students give their lives to the Lord.

A highlight of the mission trip was the weekend camp with studies about sexual abstinence. Almost every participant made the decision to stay abstinent till marriage and have signed their pledge cards during the closing of the camp.

During that same time a mission team from SU NSW had the opportunity to visit primary schools and share the Gospel, visit a community youth group, and pray for the sick at the hospital. One highlight was a fun evening shared together with the PNG team, also encouraging one another with God’s word and praying for each other.



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Concert raises awareness

Praise God for the success of the **SU Fiji** Concert on the 3rd September 2011. SU Fiji managed to raise a reasonable amount of funds with the help of 12 local church youth groups and three high schools within the Suva area.

The focus of the concert was primarily to raise awareness of SU amongst Churches in Fiji. They wanted to promote the work of Scripture Union and let them know who they are and what they are about. The concert was a chance to bring people together for connection and to build relationships which they trust will benefit both Scripture Union and the Churches.

SU launch at Paibeta Community High School (Savo)

SU Solomons has finally officially launched its program at Paibeta Community High School. Speaking during the official launch of the program the school Principal, Lonsdale Volana, stated that it was an honour to establish such an organisation that can help the school in encouraging the spiritual growth of each of the students. He believes with the help of the chaplain of the school, Mr. Nivardo Tuanikebu, that the school will strengthen its relationship with SU through organising successful programs for the school. The official launch was attended by various community leaders and the provincial member for South Savo, Hon. Jimmy Planet.

On behalf of the National Council of SU Solomon Islands, the SU SI Administrator acknowledged the Board of members and the school administration for the acceptance and understanding which made the launch possible. SU Paibeta Community High School has already commenced its weekly meetings for the remaining school term for this year. *"To God be the glory for the great things He has done"*.

Appointment of Regional Coordinators




The work of **SU Papua New Guinea** is gradually and surely moving to the next level. The appointment of regional coordinators was timely. There are four regions in PNG. One is where the nation's capital is and SU headquarters are located. But for the other three regions, where the bulk of the PNG's population is, SU work almost died out some four years ago. However, with the appointment of the three regional Coordinators this year the SU work will go a long way.

During the Pacific Coordinator's second visit in July, Sam and Walo had a wonderful trip to visit some of the Coordinators of Rabaul, Lae and Kainantu where SU regional bases are set up. It was amazing to see

regional and provincial camps organised by these Coordinators with the help of teachers and Pastors within their area. During one of the trips in Kainantu in the Highlands region, Sam wanted to stay in Ukarumpa because it was like home in New Zealand - the coldest part of PNG!

Sam had the privilege of ordaining the Highlands SU Coordinator before his congregation. Wow! It is awesome to work with God because you will only find that God will help you to trust in Him more. So the work is great and SUPNG is praying and working towards sustainable ways to find funding and continue the work which God entrusted the volunteers and staff of SU PNG, to impact this generation with the gospel. So far this year about 2000 students have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour.

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NEW ZEALAND

Angel Tree SUPAkidz Camp

Campers and leaders alike agreed the camp was fantastic. As a new initiative in partnership with Prison Fellowship, no-one knew what to expect. It was amazing how God used networks and relationships that had been built up over years as well as brand new ones to bring everyone together.

As we worked through the Secret Agent theme, great fun was had by all. **SU New Zealand** Director Wayne Fraser writes, *"We experienced codes, adventured into the snow on a superb bushwalk with a gigantic snowball fight, cooked, played awesome night games, watched an inspiring movie, ventured to the river and painted rock designs and were entertained by Puzzle the clown. As secret agents, we investigated the authenticity of Jesus. Thank you to the Joe Aspell Trust for supporting this camp. It is fantastic that half of the campers have SUPAkidz clubs in their areas that they can attend. Those campers already exploring faith through local churches or clubs have returned from camp much more assured that there is a God who loves them in their situation. They are keen to bring their friends to hear this and to experience camps in the future.*

Our challenge will be how we can help bring this about as many of these families are financially stretched. A huge thank you to all who helped make this camp happen!"

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Pacific Region Prayer Diary

OCTOBER		
1	Australia	Pray as the Constitution of SUA is revised. The final draft is due to be circulated to SU Councils by 12 October for their consideration. Pray that the outstanding issues will be clarified ready for the AGM on 12 Nov. The M&D Group will meet to discuss the appointment of key volunteers to the two SUA Councils on 10 th October.
2	Vanuatu	Pray for Ps Jon Paschke & Albea Nalisa for travelling arrangements & studies they are giving at a youth convention on an outer-Island (2 nd -9 th).
3	Queensland	Frontline Fundraising Dinner tonight with over 1600 guests. Stock Up For Hope events running throughout October: Drove Launch – 3 rd October. Dinner under the stars – 8 th October. Celebrity Camp Draft - 12 th October. Cattle Sale – 27 th October.
4	Australian Capital Territory	Zone 40 Camp for Primary school children, 4 th -7 th . Pray for the children to connect with God in a safe & fun environment.
5	Western Australia	Pray for Spring Holiday Camps that are currently running (3 rd -14 th), that many lives are changed through this ministry.
6	Papua New Guinea	Pray for the School exams that will start this month.
7	South Australia	Pray for the various camps run by SUSA during this month. Pray for Amy Hinton (Camps Coordinator) as she equips & supports the leaders of camps, particularly the camps for children of prisoners.
8	New Zealand	Pray for camps that will run over the October holidays. Pray for safety of all participants & for a great time of ministry & fun.
9	German-speaking Switzerland	Two children's camps during the Autumn holidays in October, we will be holding one teenagers camp & a camp for the whole family. Please pray for our staff & volunteers leading them. We are also grateful for your prayers for protection, for blessing & that God's Word will fall on well prepared ground.
10	Northern Territory	Please pray with us for a positive response from schools when approaching them about initiating RE (religious education) or employing a school chaplain in their school.

11	Victoria	The Mission Training Day; pray that it will lead to great experiences in ministry.
12	Tonga	ISCF Combined Fellowship; pray for a great time of fun & fellowship.
13	Solomon Islands	Pray for the newly appointed Director as he/she takes up the office; that God will guide his/her work.
14	Pakistan	Thank God for the successful summer programs – 22 Bible Schools were conducted where the Word of God was shared with 2000 children. Pray for the security of staff in the field. Pray for the visit of the Regional Director in November. Pray that he will be able to obtain the necessary clearance for visa.
15	Tasmania	We are praying for more funding that will allow SU Tas to provide a <i>Spirituality Toolbox</i> to every public school in Tasmania. This unique tool will provide teachers with the opportunity to have practical input into the spiritual wellbeing of students.
16	Fiji	Please pray for the School visitations happening throughout October.
17	Vanuatu	Pray for the SU Tafea Province committee & volunteer workers.
18	South Australia	Pray for the SUPA staff & volunteers reviewing materials for school programs to better suit South Australian schools. Pray that children will discover aspects of the Christian faith in relevant, transforming ways.
19	Macau	Scripture Union Hong Kong organised the Macau Youth Workers' Workshop at the end of September led by Jason Fong, East & West Asia Regional Youth Ministry Coordinator. Please pray for the continuing impact of that training on the youth workers. Pray too for continued development of SU ministry in Macau.
20	Western Australia	Please pray for Warriuka school adventure camping program; that the camps they have run would be effective in bringing young people closer to Christ.
21	Resources for Ministry	Please pray for SoundBytes, the electronic Bible Reading Guide for 12-13 year old's which has been launched this month. Pray that it will be well received by the young people & that it will be a powerful tool to connect teens with the word of God & teach them about Him.
22	Papua New Guinea	Pray for SUPNG; for God's favour in 2012 as they will be actively involved in fundraising for the SU property renovation & building of new facilities.
23	Japan	March's earthquake & tsunami have gone off the news agenda in many parts of the world but the impact continues. Please pray for all those affected, especially those who were living within 20 kilometres of Fukushima nuclear plant & who have not been allowed to return to their homes. Pray for SU as it ministers in that context.
24	Solomon Islands	Pray for the newly formed SU group at Woodford International school, that God's Word will impact their lives.
25	Norway	A new Bible translation was launched in Norway 19th October. Pray that this event will bring positive attention & increase the interest for Bible reading. SU Norway will offer resources; pray especially for the spreading of E100 cards.
26	International	The Team & Executive Council meet this week in Germany (26 th -30 th). Pray as the global ministry of SU is discussed & particular needs & initiatives are addressed. Pray for wisdom & resources to fulfil God's plan.
27	Victoria	Please pray for John Lim, the new Operations Manager.
28	Fiji	Financial Membership Drive. Please pray that people will be encouraged with the work of Scripture Union & willing to financially support the work of the ministry.
29	Tonga	ISCF Rally & Training; pray for a powerful time of connection with each other & with God.
30	Australian Capital Territory	Pray for the Youth in Leadership Training Program & their mentors.
31	Western Australia	Pray for SU Family Mission as they plan for upcoming missions in January.

NOVEMBER		
1	Tasmania	Today's state-wide Chaplain's Training Day is for both old & new chaplains. Processes & guidelines need to be stringently adhered to but with allowances for God's Spirit to move. Please join with them in praying for each of the chaplains.
2	Argentina	Please continue to pray for The Essential 100 Challenge, a joint venture between SU Argentina & the Argentine Bible Society, that it will affect not only Argentina but also the whole of Latin America.
3	Northern Territory	Pray for the four weeks of RE programs at four different primary schools. These schools only have RE once every 12 weeks. Pray that students will engage well & take the Gospel message to heart.
4	Tonga	Prayer chain until morning for the students coming up to their external examinations.
5	South Australia	Some 150 volunteers will gather today to be trained for the Summer missions & camps teams. Pray that they will be equipped & inspired to show their faith through what they do & say on team, & in their daily life.
6	International	Week of Prayer (6 th -12 th) Pray for Children especially those who have little opportunity to experience the Good News, & for Children's Ministry, locally & globally.
7	South Australia	The SUSA staff will spend the day on retreat tomorrow (8 th). Give thanks for these committed workers & pray that God will use the time to refresh them & grow them as a team.
8	Queensland	Schoolies (end of year 12 celebration) Leaders Meeting.
9	South Asia	Pray for the Shaping for Service training programme for the South Asia Region to be held in Chennai- India 7 th – 15 th November. Pray for the 20 participants from the region & a few from East & West Asia as they gain knowledge.
10	International	Pray for Leaders, locally & globally, that they would have wisdom & be obedient to follow the leading of God.
11	Australia	The Management & Development Group will meet for what is expected to be the last time before the governance responsibility is transferred to the new Council. Pray that they will be able to finalise all outstanding matters & hand over with gratitude for God's faithfulness over the course of its life.
12	Australia	The AGM of SUA Inc will take place in Melbourne today. The SUA Council will vote on a new Constitution & then governance responsibility will be transferred to the Executive Council. Please pray for wisdom & the grace to manage the discussions & transition well.
13	Vanuatu	Pray for the Closing of Year ISCF Rally at Malapoa College.
14	Fiji	Camp Leaders Training, please pray for the leaders that they will be equipped & prepared for their ministry.
15	Solomon Islands	Prayer for the newly formed SU group at Paibeta Community High school that God's Word will impact their lives.
16	Papua New Guinea	Pray for the sausage sizzle fundraiser for an SU vehicle want – this is the first step so please pray for God's provision & blessing.
17	Resources for Ministry	Pray for the E100 Challenge campaign that more Churches become aware of the material & see it as an effective tool to help their congregations to engage with the Bible.
18	Australian Capital Territory	Pray for the transition & expansion of the National Schools Chaplaincy Program.
19	Northern Territory	Tonight is their thanksgiving service. Thank God with them for their volunteers, supporters & all that God has blessed them with over the past 12 months.
20	Queensland	Pray for upcoming camps - Schoolies; Backflip, Samoa, Sunshine Coast - for safety & protection for all those celebrating after the tough final years of school.
21	Tasmania	The Annual Staff Conference (21 st -23 rd) is a time of leaving 'work' aside & being able to share, grow & have fun together. This enables a better understanding of each other & in turn assists in the working relationships.

22	Resources for Ministry	RFM staff retreat today. Please pray for wisdom in planning for the future & for creative ideas on how to move forward. Pray that God would speak to the team & for a time of refreshing & vision.
23	Solomon Islands	Pray for final rally for all Honiara high school students, that God's word will impact their lives & that they will truly become a servant & a light in the darkness for a world in need of God.
24	Liberia	Thank God for the efforts being made, under the leadership of John McIntosh, to mobilise & equip schools, churches & communities for HIV/AIDS intervention in Bomi County. Pray also for efforts being made to visit Grand Bassa, Margibi, & Bomi Counties, for assessment of the work & encouragement to the staff & their area committees. Pray for God's wisdom & strength.
25	Papua New Guinea	Pray for the staff as they wind up for the year.
26	Western Australia	Pray for Leaver's Camp that is running (26 th -30 th). Pray that many young people's lives are transformed during the camp.
27	Tonga	ISCF & ex-ISCF Combined Rally, pray for a wonderful time of connection & re-connection, & for God's presence to be felt by all who attend.
28	Resources for Ministry	Pray that as the quarterly mail-out of Bible Reading Guides takes place that all will go smoothly & that the products will get to the intended recipients. Pray also for an increase in subscribers to the Bible Reading Guides in keeping with the SU ethos of helping people connect with the word of God.
29	Victoria	Pray as they launch out & become a provider of chaplaincy services.
30	International	Pray for the special initiatives & concerns of God's people throughout the World & particularly in areas where there is civil war, famine, & other crises. Also pray for the issues facing Christians in your nation & your local area.

DECEMBER		
1	Tonga	ISCF camp 2 nd -5 th (final programme for the year 2011). Pray that all goes well & that all who attend can connect with the heart of God & discover who He is & how He loves them all.
2	Fiji	Division Camp (Central, Western & Northern). Please pray for a great time of fun, fellowship & connection with God.
3	South Australia	Pray for the team of "SAMs" (Saturday Afternoons at Marion) as they run an afternoon of activities & fun for young people with significant disabilities, & care for their carers.
4	Australian Capital Territory	Planning & organising School Holiday Programs for January. Pray for direction & guidance to ensure that the programs are successful & that all necessary provisions are made. Pray also for blessing & provision of all the essential items & venues required to make these programs happen.
5	Tasmania	Pray for a quality time of fellowship, input & learning at the Chaplaincy Support Officers Day. These officers need plenty of support so a day of sharing is of great importance.
6	Tonga	Mission team fly to Australia, pray for a safe & productive trip, for the relationships that are built, & also that God moves in the lives of the mission team & those they visit.
7	Solomon Islands	Pray for the National Council & Student council as they host their final meetings for this year, that God will guide them in their decision making.
8	Western Australia	Pray for Fine Edge Theatre & their Christmas show (1 st -14 th). Pray that the show can have an everlasting impact on the kids.
9	Republic of Ireland	Please give thanks for the timely redevelopment of the Ovoca Manor Adventure Centre. When an Activity Programme Manager is in place it will enable expanded midweek use of the centre by school groups. Please pray for this person to quickly fit into the team & spearhead this new development.
10	Papua New Guinea	Pray for the second sausage sizzle fundraiser. Our aim is that after this fundraiser we will be able to buy the SU vehicle.

11	Vanuatu	Pray for Ps John Thomas (school's ministry field worker) & SUNI (North Island) committee & volunteers.
12	Queensland	YMIS (Youth Ministry Internship Scheme) Graduation & 25 th Anniversary. Pray for a great time of celebration for all involved & that God would continue to bless this ministry.
13	Tasmania	The Council Executive meeting. Please pray for wisdom as they assess & determine paths, needs & options for Scripture Union Tasmania.
14	Korea	SU in Korea want to develop their work with churches. Please pray for their preparation & development of a systematic manual for co-ministry with churches. Pray too for more workers, especially writers for online & print.
15	Solomon Islands	Prayer the for peer support project as we make a proposal for funding for 2012 to the National Aids Council. Pray for peer support project team as they evaluate & redesign materials for the project.
16	Australia	With the recent changes to the governing structure come many changes to be made win the work being done & those responsible for them. Pray for good management of associated risks & wisdom at all times.
17	Australian Capital Territory	Pray for the fundraising & promotion campaign to support increasing chaplaincy & other work in schools.
18	Bangladesh	Praise God for the successful meetings held in August with the Regional Director. Pray for the SU Committee functioning in Dhaka as they follow up on children's & youth ministry. Pray for the translation of Daily Bread 2012 into Bengali underway.
19	Pacific	The Regional Director, Lloyd Carter will now have a reduced role with SUA under the restructure where he will no longer be the Australian National Director but an Administrator for the new Executive Council. Pray as he now focuses more time & energy on the Regional needs.
20	Australia	SU Australia will be looking to appoint an Executive Officer to take the place of the National Director. Pray as this appointment is made.
21	Solomon Islands	Pray for the office staff as they prepare & make plans for 2012.
22	Australia	Aiko Abbas of Resources For Ministry has reported to the Executive Council on key strategies for this ministry in the future. Pray as ExCo considers these & makes decisions regarding the future model of the Bible Engagement entity in SU Australia.
23	Fiji	Pray for our volunteers that they will be blessed for their continued support of SU.
24	England & Wales	Thank God for the way in which <i>SchoolsLive</i> has provided great resources for groups in schools & for those who faithfully run groups which are a lifeline for many Christian students & a valuable way of reaching others. Pray for the continued growth & development of <i>SchoolsLive</i> & the provision of new material for these groups.
25	All	Christmas Day. Please pray that this will be a time where people are drawn to God & many come to know Him & accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour.
26	Victoria	Missions & Camps kicking off on the 26 th December. Pray for God's Spirit to move.
27	Living Hope	This important project is designed to enable the whole movement to hear what God is saying to us about the future. The first part of the project starts at the end of this year & in November 2012 there will be a major event for national leadership, followed by an implementation stage into 2013 & beyond.
28	Papua New Guinea	Pray for the 2012 National elections for peace & God's protection.
29	Vanuatu	Pray for SU office volunteers, Grina & Christina.
30	All	This is a season of much SU ministry. Pray as teams lead camps & missions that many will attend & be powerfully affected by the gospel.
31	All	New Year's Eve. Please pray for the SU family for a safe time of celebration & a blessed time with friends & family.