



SCRIPTURE UNION SOUTH ASIA



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"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" - which means, "God with us." (Mat.1:23)

Dear Friends,

As we journey into advent and await the festive season to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us remind ourselves God's faithfulness in all His promises to us throughout 2011. The region has experienced new challenges, set-backs as well as achievements and we praise God for that. This is the fourth quarter of News buzz for this year and the high light would be the Sfs-Shaping for Service held for the region November 7th to the 14th in Chennai.

*While we celebrate the Joy of Christmas this year may it enable us to witness His presence and glory among those whom we fellowship. **A blessed Christmas and New Year to you and yours.***

Serving Him with you.

Ravi Navaratnam (RD-SUSA)

News around the Region...



SU-Bangladesh...

The Regional Director continues to oversee the ministry in Bangladesh. The Fellowship group formed in 2010 now named as the "Working Group" of SU Bangladesh consists of 11 prominent Christian leaders in Bangladesh and is now coordinated by Rev. James T. Halder former General Secretary of Bangladesh Bible Society.

Two visits to Dhaka in 2011 by the Regional Director have paved the way for a youth and children leaders training and youth leadership programme in March 2012. The SU Daily Bread Notes in

NEWS BUZZ...



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Shaping for Service 2011 (Sfs)

Bangla was made available in 2010 and 2011 and preparation work is underway to write the notes for 2013 in Dhaka in February 2012 if financial resource is met. **Please Thank God for the steady progress made in developing SU ministries in Bangladesh and continue to uphold the working group and the R.D in your prayers. Please pray for financial resources to facilitate a permanent Coordinator in Dhaka.*



Some leaders of the 11 member SU Bangladesh "Working Group"



SU- Nepal....

SU-Nepal National Director Dhruba Nepal was part of the Sfs training in Chennai recently though staff worker Arjun could not join due to ill health. SU Nepal is also in the process of partnering with "Sustain" a camp

site developing concern. Glen Coombs of SU International was on a fact finding mission in Kathmandu in October this year in this regard. The SU team continues to reach out to many children through camps and VBS gatherings.

Pray for Dhruba and the staff as they struggle for resources to carry on the ministry to serve the people of Nepal.



VBS in Sinduli- Nepal



SU- Sri Lanka....

SU- Sri Lanka National Director Julia Kassimatis resigned from her post due to personal reasons, at the end of September this year. Russell De Alwis who stepped in September to coordinate the administration of the movement, presently coordinates the ministry in Sri Lanka until a suitable replacement is made. The Annual SU children's camp was held successfully in October with the participation of 90 children. Ministry among under privileged children and school clubs continue with the support of the volunteers. **Pray for the Board and Russell as they look for staff support and changes in the ministry. Also for the right person to lead the team.*



Children's camp-21st -23rd October



SU- Pakistan....



SU- Pakistan elected a new Chairman at its AGM held in September. Mr. Anthony Lamuel who has served the SU Board for many years was Vice Chair of the Board at the time of being chosen as Chair. He assumed duties from the 1st of October. Mr. Lamuel is presently the General Secretary of the Bible Society in Pakistan. SU Pakistan had its Annual Thanksgiving Service on the 26th of November. The Staff Conference that was to be held from 28th November to December 3rd was postponed to early 2012 due to the inability of the Regional Director to visit Pakistan as planned. National Director Danishmand and his team continue to reach out to children and youth amidst uncertainty and dangerous situations. Local fund raising continues to be a huge challenge.

**Please pray for Danishmand and the team as they minister to many children and youth in challenging circumstances.*



School Clubs in Pakistan



SU- India....



SU- India had the privilege of hosting the first ever SfS training programme held in the region from 7th to the 14th of November this year in the Mahabalipuram Camp Centre in Chennai. The programme was facilitated by Wendy Strachan and Clayton Fergie- staff from SU International and Shayam Winston from India and Nana Yaw from Africa. The Regional Director and Chairman of SU India participated at the opening ceremony on the 7th. SU India Executive has announced it has recommended a suitable candidate to spear head SU India subject to confirmation at the Council meeting to be held in January 2012.

The new National Director will assume office in April 2012.

**Please pray for the SU India Council as they prayerfully select the next National Director at their Council meeting in January 2012. Please continue to remember Pankaj and the team in their mission.*



School Missions in India

SUSA Regional Office...

The Regional Director attended the Team and Executive in September in Germany and was invited as a Regional staff Guest at the Scripture Union Prayer Fellowship Conference held from 4th October to 6th October in Cirencester UK. He shared the SU news & activities around the South Asia Region and the global news.

He also participated at the opening ceremony of Shaping for Service training programme for the Region held at SU India Camp Center at Mahabalipuram, Chennai on the 7th of November.

**Pray for Ravi as he plans for the Leadership programmes in Dhaka and Pakistan early next year.*



Past SU E & W staff Prayer F'ship Conference

Farewell & Welcome.....



Mrs. Julia Kassimatis- General Secretary of SU Sri Lanka left the movement at the end of September 2011.



Mr Peter Hoppler- Regional Director SU Europe Region retired at the end of September 2011.

We wish them both God's blessings and direction in the years ahead.



Welcome to Mr. Anthony Lamuel the new Chair person of SU Pakistan. Anthony served the SU Pakistan Board for a number of years and was the Vice-Chair at the time of being chosen and Chairmen. He is presently the General Secretary of the Bible Society in Pakistan.

Welcome Monika Kuschmierz the new Regional Director SU Europe region. Monica takes over from Peter Hoppler from the 1st of October 2011.



We wish our readers and prayer supporters a Christ filled Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

The kids we may serve today,...



A little boy was overheard praying:
'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am.'

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson..
'If Jesus were sitting here, He would say,
'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'
Kevin turned to his younger brother and said,
' Ryan , you be Jesus !'

A wife invited some people to dinner.. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, 'Would you like to say the blessing?' 'I wouldn't know what to say,' the girl replied.
'Just say what you hear Mommy say,' the wife answered.
The daughter bowed her head and said,
'Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, 'And why is it necessary to be quiet in

church?'

One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong.
Finally, the boy replied, 'That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys.'

One particular four-year-old prayed, 'And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.'

