

CHRISTMAS TIME AGAIN!!!

From the Directors Chair

It's that time of the year again...take out that dusty Christmas tree (if you haven't done so already), spend all your Christmas bonus (if you are so fortunate) on Christmas pressies, start preparing for that amazing Christmas lunch and most importantly remember and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

This is the time of year where Christians have the opportunity to stand up and be counted, where we can proudly say "We believe in Jesus Christ". Yes perhaps Jesus wasn't born at this time of the year, and yes perhaps we have taken Christmas from a pagan festival and adapted it, but still there is something special about this time of the year, and we have to take every opportunity that we get to boast about Jesus.

That is our aim at Scripture Union, to take every opportunity that we get to proclaim the name of Jesus Christ to the youth of South Africa. As 2015 approaches, it is becoming more and more apparent that people are needing to see Jesus in and through his people. So let us ALL take up that challenge as we go into a new year.

THE ROAD FORWARD FOR SU

You may remember in the last newsletter, I asked you to pray for Senior Staff conference and Council meeting. You may be wondering what this is all about. Well Senior Staff essentially is where the Regional Directors from the various regions get together with the National office and essentially discuss the road forward regarding the regions and their activities.

And Council meetings includes each regions chairperson's, where regional and national reports are read and discussed and decisions are made with regards to the movement as a whole

So, what is the road forward regarding Scripture Union? Well before I give you the answer, you may not be aware of this, but Scripture Union were pioneers of certain church ministries such as

Camping and Holiday Clubs, as well as School Christian Groups. Different churches and schools have taken these aspects of ministry and very effectively built on them.

A question I have been asked in the past is, "How can Scripture Union assist the church?" Well part of the answer is the answer to the original question which is "What is the road forward for Scripture Union?", the answer being TRAINING!!!

We are focusing on putting various Training material together to assist SU, Churches, Youth Ministries and Schools in being able to do what they do with a high degree of excellence. This is quite a laborious task, but a task that we feel is vitally important for the movement as a whole in assisting the community and the church in being effective in ministry. We would appreciate your prayers as we strategically

Staff braai

To celebrate the end of the year, the staff and key volunteers got together and enjoyed a braai together. It was a good end to a good year, and it was a blessed time where we got to chat about the year past and hear from the different volunteers and some of their highlights in working with the youth of the region



Andy Pritchard and the Impossible Croovers

Every year, around October, Andy Pritchard organises a fundraiser in the UK for SU Amatola. This year was no different, and we are really appreciative for the support that has been able to fund many different activities over the years. This last year we ran a very successful leadership camp for youth leaders and SCG committees. And we are looking at doing something similar next year.

Andy has also come out with a Christmas song which you can get off iTunes. If you are interested you can go to the following link and purchase the song <https://www.youtube.com/watchv=RMJ7WBflgvQ>

BIBLE READING NOTES

It's that time of year again where our Bible reading notes are available for you to purchase. This year we have the following:

Closer to God 2014	R85-00
Khula 100 Days (for teens)	R 50-00
Khula Kids editions 1 & 2	R50-00
Come along series	R20-00

Your opportunity to assist

If you would like to financially assist Scripture Union Amatola or one of our staff workers, or if you would like to increase your support, please contact the office on: 043 726 0202, or you may email myself Matthew Tarboton on matthew@su.org.za. If you would like to make a kind donation to our region, our banking details are as follows:

Scripture Union Amatola
Standard Bank
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At this special time of the year, may the Lord keep you and your family safe in His loving arms

