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Prayer Notes October 2011

Education - Joash Maneipuri

Pray for **teachers in-service training** for 12 SSEC schools from **3rd- 24th October**. Pray also for principals who will be travelling to lead the teachers in-service training in different schools.

Administration - Rev Bishop Matthias

Pray for all active Christians in SSEC to be **dynamic witnesses for Christ** in their respective environments. Pray for all Association chief elders, local church Pastors and Ministry Coordinators. They need God's strength and guidance to complete the year, and for evangelism and church planting on Malaita, western, Makira, Guadalcanal and across the islands.

Pray for the **Good News Crusade** organized by Honiara SSEC Association from **2nd to 9th October**. This Crusade focuses mainly on worship. About 6 speakers from SSEC will teach on the subject.

Pray for provision of **Bibles and Christian literatures for distribution to new converts** and for deeper hunger in the church for spiritual growth and intimate fellowship with the Lord.

Pray for continuing **maintenance of the church unity in Christ** despite geographical isolation and cultural variations. Also pray for preparation and convening of **Regional Conferences this month**. Regional conference is the highest decision making body of the regions thus needs God's guidance, strength, wisdom, unity etc. Pray for Regional Superintendents as they chair meetings. Pray for finance for travel, transport to move delegates to and from conference venues, safe travel, good weather, good health, and a valuable time of fellowship and spiritual nourishment for delegates and surrounding communities during morning and night services.

Pray for safety and good health for **Reverend Bishop Matthias** as he attends the regional conferences this month.

Pray for the **National Pastors Convention October 24-30**. This important event anticipates the participation of around 2000 church leaders

nationwide. Pray for strength and wisdom for Convention Committee to finalize the program, accommodation, food, transport, etc. Pray for finance and related resources most needed. Pray for fares, transport, safe travel, good health for all delegates coming from the Provinces. May the convention be a wonderful opportunity for clear teaching and spiritual fellowship.

Pray for preparation of two **Key Speakers, Rev Dr David Price** (Melbourne) and **Rev Joshua Daimoi** (PNG). The theme of the convention is **UNITY IN CHRIST**. It is a unique event for the church. Pray for the fresh manifestation of the Holy Spirit reviving His church to a new degree of personal walk with Christ and to a new height for Mission.

Pray for the church on **two Polynesian Islands of Rennell and Bellona**. Water is the main problem on Bellona, no source of water underground so families need tanks. Not all households own tanks and they could not afford one. Pray for **Superintendent Pastor Derek Pongi** as he provides leadership to the church in this region. Pray for 5 Association Chief Elders, Pastors and Ministry Coordinators. Transport is a continual problem experienced by this region in moving ministries between islands. Pray for both the National and Provincial governments to critically address this long standing issue.

Women's Ministry - Jacobeth

Pray for **Jacobeth** as she prepares to visit womens group at **New Koloula on 15th October**. Praise God for great things done during the Convention in September. Pray also for **unity** based on Jesus Christ and His Word among the **SSEC Women's fellowship groups** in local church, associations and regions.

Community Development - Prema Maeato

Pray for **Prema Maeato** as he is touring Malaita **1st -14th October** for **Community Assessment** at Canaan, Farii, Nafinua, Kwai and Kakara, Su'u National Secondary School on West Malaita and return to Honiara 15th October. From **26th -29th Oct** he will visit Toroa, East Wainoni on Makira Province for **Community Training**.

Pray also for safety during travel, good health for **Prema** as he travels around the provinces and especially for his wife **Angela and the two boys**.

Theological - Andrew Weago

Praise God for the **support given in terms of building materials** by ATASI and S.I. Shipbroker towards the One Pusu Bible College Chapel.

A team from **Arabala SSEC** has just completed a new roof on the **One Pusu College Chapel**. It is planned to continue the upgrade of the Chapel by extending each side of building, hopefully next year. The Chapel was looking very old but now the new roof will make the College look much smarter as people land at the wharf.

Other buildings are also needing **major repairs at One Pusu**. The roof on the old Leaf House has collapsed on one side and it appears that the building may need to be demolished because of extensive termite damage. This is a prime position in the College, so plans are being considered to construct a new building that could be used as a Rest House for teams and visitors. Pray for the finance that will be needed to begin this project.

Pray for the **Bible Schools and Colleges as they prepare for graduation next month** and continue to pray with the graduates regarding next year's ministry, where to serve.

Printshop - Shirley Taylor

October is a busy month for **the printshop** with some big jobs needing to be done this month - **the SSEC calendar, Nius blong Sikos plus two manuals for the Pastor's Conference**. Pray for health and strength for **Sethrick** as he puts the necessary hours into the press to finish the jobs. Pray for the machinery to run smoothly. Pray that the work will be done in time, without holdups from power cuts or other delays.

The electrician says he thinks **the guillotine** is close to being fixed, but he needs to find time to come back and finish the job. Pray that this will be done and the guillotine **will be operational again**, boxes of books are sitting there waiting to be trimmed.

Pray for **each of the staff** - some face challenges in their private lives as well as the pressure of a busy work load. Pray for harmony as they work together, and a real feeling that even in the mundane life of the printshop we do what we do to serve God, and His people.

Finance - Ken Taylor

Our MYOB operator, **Eddie Fafale**, has received a new desktop computer to use in his work. This has been made possible by the Baptist World Aid Australia support for upgrading the SSEC management capacity which also helped to supply two new printers and a photocopier machine. We thank the Lord for the partnership which we have with the BWAA.

Praise the Lord that **Shelley Hou**, our Cashier, is able to keep up with the increasing flow of work across her desk. The number of transactions each day has doubled in the last two years but she is still able to keep everything in the right order and balance her books at the end of each day.

Praise the Lord for the **healthy position of all our accounts**. The General Account which provides for all our central administration, is receiving increasing support from the **voluntary tenth of Local Churches in SSEC**. Very good support also comes from several Church projects such as our Honiara Transit and SICL Printing, but the Tenth brings with it a confirmation of our people in every corner of the Solomons.

Our **Annual Audit** was completed last week and confirms that all accounts are being kept up to proper accounting standards. These reports will go to the next National Executive who will review the results, as well as assess the 2012 budget submissions for each ministry and department. Pray that wisdom would be exercised as the **budgets are considered**.

Ken Taylor, National Church Treasurer, has been slowly upgrading the accounting system over the past years but is now looking for some **professional assistance**. Alan and Jan Smith from New Zealand have offered to come up in late November which will be a big help to Ken. Jan is also Shirley's big sister, so there is another blessing. Alan has spent nine years as the NZ Baptist Mission Administrator in Bangladesh, so we thank him for his willingness to come up and share his experience with us.

A team of 10 people from Lilydale Baptist Church in Melbourne, will arrive on **20 October** to help finish the eight student cottages at Saora Bible College. Pray that the Lord will grant them success in this, so that the College will have better accommodation for some of the students next year.

Praise God that the Principal of Saora, **Venasio Agosautu**, has been able to find some men who are willing to cut the timber needed for the team from Lilydale. They are almost finished and some of the timber will be brought down to Honiara to be dressed ready for the team to make the doors for the Cottages.

Pray for John Sheen in Qld, and especially for the commitment to the care of his aged parents who are in transition because of the difficulty in selling the family home. A sale is urgently

needed to fund an accommodation bond
necessary for John's father Bernard (91 yrs old)
for entry to the same facility where John's
mother Ailsa receives High Care. This is a
difficult period for all concerned. Please pray
for a sale of the property soon.