

PrayerNet

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Well, it's the beginning of another year. A time when we resolve to do things in the coming year. Often these are the same things that we resolved to do the previous year, but that's not necessarily a bad thing.

In AFES, our 'resolution', our goal, for the coming year is the same as last year: it's "proclaiming Jesus Christ at university to present everyone mature in him" (from Col 1:28). However, our role in presenting everyone mature in Christ is different depending on the stage that a student is at when we first meet them. This is the case with any ministry: some people plant the seeds of the gospel and others water them (1 Cor 3:6).

One of the exciting things about uni ministry (and other ministry, of course) is seeing the seed that you've planted sprout and begin to grow. One of our staffworkers recently e-mailed me a story about an international student that he had been reading the Bible with last year:

Two days before Christmas we received an SMS from Bill, an international student studying a masters degree, who we had been reading the Bible with throughout 2009. It read:

Mary christmas. Ted, Long time no see. Are you back in melbourne? It must be very busy near christmas. I am ready to become a christian, maybe we can meet someday after christmas.

We met with Bill on our first day back on campus this year. We read Romans 5:8-9 together and Bill surrendered his life to Jesus. It was a GREAT first day!

Ted, our staffworker, planted the seeds of the gospel in Bill's life through reading the Bible with him. These seeds have now taken root and begun to grow.

Praise our great God for the work he has done and is doing in Bill for "neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow" (1 Cor 3:7).

-LB

* The weeks in the *PrayerNet* calendar (above) run from Sunday to Monday.

** Names have been changed for anonymity.



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Weeks 1-2

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Important dates:

- 4-7 Macquarie Uni Exec Retreat (p. 4)
- 5-7 Flinders Uni Committee Retreat
- 8-10 UWA Kick Off Camp

Prayer points:

Flinders University (SA) - Evangelical Students

Praise God for ...

- the great time of teaching and fellowship at NTE at the end of last year and a fruitful mission in Port Pirie.
- the restful holiday had by students and staff.

Please pray ...

- that our new committee will be led by God as they plan for 2010 at our **Committee Retreat (5-7 Feb)**. Thank God for those on the committee and pray that God will use them and the rest of the group to reach Flinders Uni.
- for the **Commencement Camp (18-21 Feb)** planning committee as they organise the camp. Please pray that people will come along to hear the talks and to meet new people. Please pray especially for those who are new to university or to ES.
- Please pray for **our staffworker, James Krieg**, as he tries to increase his financial support. Pray that God will continue to use him on campus this year for his glory.

Hayley Rumble (hrrumble@hotmail.com)

University of Western Australia, Perth - Christian Union (WA)

- Pray for the success of our **'Kickstart' camp (8-10 Feb)** and the integration of first-years into the wider body of Christian Union.
- Pray that good contacts will be made at our **0-Day stall (19 Feb)**.
- Pray for the ongoing **co-operation and productivity of our new committee and new, larger staff group**. Thank God for the new staff that have come to serve him at UWA this year.
- Pray that our **new workgroup members and small group leaders** will be faithful, diligent and prayerful. Also thank God for their willingness to serve and to take on responsibility.
- Pray that all Christians will become excited about serving Jesus on campus, and that this will result in the birth of a culture of evangelism.

Scott Kendall (distant.shores@hotmail.com)

International College of Management, Sydney (NSW)

- Pray for at least six committed Christians to form **the core group** for our Christian group that we want to start this term.
- Pray for **a suitable day and time to meet** - possibly Monday or Tuesday evening.

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Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga - Christian Fellowship

- ➡ Pray that many upper-year students would come back early to uni for our **Ministry Training Week (24-26 Feb)**. This is a great opportunity for students to be equipped to welcome newcomers in the first weeks of uni, to pursue gospel conversations with their friends, and to plan for our Welcome Night (3 Mar), a night to meet first year Christians, and explain what CF is about).
- ➡ Pray for **good relationships** between the staff, O'week leaders and student executive at the university, especially during the first couple of weeks. Pray that we would be able to work together for the good of the students on campus.
- ➡ Please pray that the **Christian students who will be starting university this year** will stand firm in their faith, that God would comfort them in times of loneliness and anxiety, and that they might find good Christian friends to support them. Pray also that we would have opportunities to meet them, and that they might be able to check out what we do as an AFES group on campus.
- ➡ Pray that our **new trainee staffworkers, Chan and Candice**, would faithfully and enthusiastically embrace this great opportunity for ministry and training.

Brooke Scriven (brookie_175@hotmail.com)

Southern Cross University, Lismore - The Bible Talks (NSW)

- ➡ Praise God for keeping everyone safe during **NTE** and strengthening the relationships between TBTers during the week. Praise God for the organisers and preachers who put a lot of time and energy into making the week enjoyable yet challenging.
- ➡ Praise God also for **the arrival of another TBT worker, Akos and his family**. Please pray that TBT will rely on God as we plan events for this year and not on our own abilities.
- ➡ Pray for **the safety of TBT members** as they make their way to Lismore before uni starts. Pray that we are able to manage our time well during O-Week so we can reach out to new and continuing students.
- ➡ Pray that **new SCU students** will come with questions and open minds and hearts to listen to the news of Jesus.

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Week 3

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Important dates:

- 15-17 Uni of Adelaide Commencement Camp (p. 6)
- 18 Macquarie Uni Welcome BBQ
- 18-21 Flinders Commencement Camp (p. 2)
UniSA Commencement Camp
- 19 UWA O-Day stall (p. 2)

Prayer points:

Macquarie University, Sydney - Christian Union (NSW)

- ➡ Pray that those who attend our **pre-season training (Monday nights in February)** will be encouraged by the talks on Revelation and get fired up for campus ministry in '10.
- ➡ Pray that students will be keen to be **small group leaders** and that the timetabling of small groups runs smoothly.
- ➡ Pray that our **exec retreat (4-7 Feb)** will be a productive time of planning for the semester ahead and a chance to strengthen friendships.
- ➡ Pray that the **CU Welcome BBQ (18 Feb)** will provide us with an opportunity to meet again with first years contacted during enrolment to encourage them before uni classes begin the following week.
- ➡ Pray that we will reconnect with many students that we've already met during **O-Week (22-26 Feb)** and that we'll make contact with other students for the first time.

Amanda Sharpe (shootingstar_15@hotmail.com)

University of South Australia, Magill & Mawson Lakes Campuses - Evangelical Students (SA)

- ➡ Pray that many first year students will come on our **Commencement Camp (18-21 Feb)** and connect with ES and for staff workers as they prepare talks for camp.
- ➡ Pray that ES will connect with lots of new students during **orientation**.
- ➡ Pray that our **International Student Outreach** comes together and we'll connect with many international students at uni.

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Charles Sturt University, Orange - Orange Christian Students (NSW)

- ➡ At the end of last year a student became a Christian. Pray that he would stand firm and grow while he's away from uni and that he will join the group when uni starts again.
- ➡ Thank God that the group will be able to run an event during **O-Week (23-26 Feb)**. Pray that this decision will stand.
- ➡ Pray that we will be able to contact all the first year Christians during O-Week and the first week of uni to welcome them to uni and uni ministry.
- ➡ Pray that this year God kingdom would grow through the work of OCS on campus.

Greg Blanch (greg@oechurch.org.au)

**Deakin University, Burwood - Christian Union
(Vic)**

Praise God ...

- ➡ for **P** who, in God's mercy, became a Christian on our first day back on campus! (We had been reading the Bible with him throughout last year.) Please pray that he would grow in his understanding of God's love for him, and that God would give him a continuing thirst for his word. Please pray for more people to be saved.
- ➡ that many Deakin CUers were able to attend **NTE**, even some who are not regular at CU. Thank God for the way that we were encouraged and inspired by his word, and by the experience of mission. Pray that God would continue to ignite in us a passion for proclaiming the gospel, especially on campus this year.
- ➡ that **our new Executive team** are passionate followers of Jesus, are enthusiastic about proclaiming his gospel on campus, and are willing to serve the students at Deakin. Please pray that God would give them wisdom and guidance as they plan for the coming year.

Please pray ...

- ➡ that we would have the opportunity to connect with many new students during **O-Week (1-3 March)**. Please pray that God would bring new people (especially guys) to CU this year. Pray that God would soften the hearts of the students at Deakin, and enable us to make connections with them. Please pray that God would use us to reach the lost.
- ➡ for **Pete, our staffworker, (and others)** as they prepare the talks for the coming trimester. Pray that God would guide him in what to say, and how to engage and encourage the Deakin students. Pray also for those who are preparing Bible studies for the trimester ahead, especially for those who are doing it for the first time.
- ➡ that we would be able to use **the 'Blue Room'** for our weekly Bible talks this trimester. If it is unavailable, pray that God would provide us with another room in which we can conduct the Bible talks easily, that is accessible and attractive to newcomers, and useful for our purposes.

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Weeks 4-5

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Important dates:

- 22-26 Uni of Newcastle O-Week
Uni of Adelaide O-Week
Macquarie Uni O-Week
- 23 UTS, City I-day
- 23-26 CSU, Orange O-Week (p. 4)
- 24 UTS, City Blast
- 24-26 CSU, Wagga Wagga O-Week

Prayer points:

University of Technology, Sydney - CREDO (NSW)

- ➡ Praise God for **allowing Credo to run once again in 2010** and pray that throughout the year we may gather new Christians whilst continuing to grow the regular members of Credo.
- ➡ Pray for the **staff, committee and other members involved in the running of Credo** that we may continue to keep the Lord in our hearts as we serve him at UTS.
- ➡ Pray that many first year students will come to **I-day-(23 Feb)** – an event run for first year students to teach them how to survive at uni and introduce them to Credo – and decide to join Credo.
- ➡ Pray that God's hand will be over **Blast (24 Feb)** – an event during O-Week where we reach out to the new students – and that we will be able to attract new members to Credo.
- ➡ Pray that the **various training events**, including those for O-day and small group leading, will be productive. Pray that God will be working within us to lead others effectively.

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University of Adelaide, North Terrace - Evangelical Students (SA)

Praise God ...

- ➡ for the number of people who could come to **NTE**. Everyone had a great time learning from God's word, being challenged and meeting other Christians from around Australia.
- ➡ that the students could participate in **missions in Sydney** and that the events were well attended.

Pray ...

- ➡ that God would work in the hearts of people who attended some of the **NTE mission events** and that the church would be able to stay in contact with them.
- ➡ that the students would think about **the mission field in Adelaide** and how they can be involved.
- ➡ that many new student would come to **Commencement Camp (15-17 Feb)** and that it would be a great time of fellowshiping with other students and spending time in God's word.
- ➡ that Mark (the Commencement Camp team leader) and the rest of the team would be able to enjoy their time on camp and that everything would run smoothly.
- ➡ that God would give **Tim (our O-Week team leader) and the rest of the team** wisdom as they decide how to and where events will run during O-Week.
- ➡ that the ES students would have **courage to talk to first year students** and that the students would be willing to listen.

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University of Newcastle - Newcastle Christian Students (NSW)

- ▣▶ Pray that God would send heaps of people to us during **O-week (22-26 Feb)**. Pray that heaps of them come along to our lighthouse walk, where we tell them officially who we are and what we do, whilst enjoying a scenic stroll along Newcastle's finest breakwall.
- ▣▶ Pray that God to help us with **Faculty Welcome Dinners (during the week starting 1 March)**.
- ▣▶ Please pray for our **Big Day Out (6 March)**. This is like our "open-day" where we invite all of the new uni students to come and check out what we do as we hear God's Word explained, study the Bible in faculty groups and chill out together over food and frisbee etc. Pray that we'll get a great venue for it, and that many good relationships will be started, and that Christians will choose to partner with us in sharing the gospel on campus.

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