

PrayerNet

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“As most of you know my wife, Bronwyn, was diagnosed with an aggressive pancreatic cancer in December 2009 and given a prognosis of 3-6 months. By God’s grace, she reached her 47th birthday on 3 June 2010 and remains relatively well.

Thank you all so much for your prayers, phone calls, letters, e-mails and countless acts of kindness. Our church and school families have provided a daily meal every weekday and there have been numerous ‘backyard blitzes’ since December with people visiting to mow our lawns and maintain our garden. We cannot thank God enough for loving us through you.

In April, Bronwyn’s lungs were infected with mycoplasma and legionnaires disease. So she had to stop the trial chemotherapy. Thankfully her lungs got better with antibiotics and now she is back on the chemo that continues to stabilise (and even slightly shrink!) her tumours. She still has back pain and is generally weaker but she is able to attend Bible study, church and drive the kids around.

Our children continue to look to Jesus. Their friends have joined them at their school Christian group and church. So although we live with the painful realisation that Bronwyn’s days are especially numbered, we know that God has designed her cancer for his glory. Tears are never far from our experience, but we know that Jesus is our refuge and strength. To him be all the glory!

In consultation with the Regional Directors, the AFES Board have invited me to continue serving as National Director. With incredible kindness they want to restructure our fellowship so that I can look after our family as my first priority and ensure that our movement continues to proclaim Jesus at universities to present everyone mature in him. So we are especially looking for an Assistant National Director to serve with me.

Please thank God for his steadfast love and ongoing mercy to us and for sustaining Bronwyn. Please continue to pray that we will grow in his likeness, that if it furthers God’s glory that Bronwyn will be fully healed and that the right Assistant National Director is found. ”



The Chin Family

Richard Chin
AFES National Director

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



PrayerNet is distributed at the beginning of each month. It’s compiled from prayer points sent in by the prayer secretaries of AFES-affiliated campus groups around the country.

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proclaiming Jesus Christ at university to present everyone mature in him

Weeks 1-2

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Important dates:

- 3-9 SCU, Lismore Mission Week
- 5-9 La Trobe, Bendigo Summit
Wollongong Uni MYC
- 6-9 UniSA, Magill & Mawson Lakes MYC

Prayer points:

Southern Cross University, Lismore - Evangelical Christians (NSW)

- ➡ Praise God for providing staff and students with a **relaxing break** and change of pace. Please pray for safe travel as students return to Lismore. Pray that they'll settle back into the swing of uni life.
- ➡ Pray that students will be able to give time to help with **Mission Week (3-9 July)**. Praise God that we'll have some people from CREDO (the AFES group at the University of Technology, Sydney) coming up to help us out. Please pray that we will all glorify God as we encourage SCU students to think about eternity. Pray that God would give us the wisdom to respond appropriately to misinformation spreading about us on campus and that it won't prevent anyone from exploring the gospel.
- ➡ Praise God for the opportunity to minister to uni students. Please pray with us for the preparation of **Mid-Year Conference (23-25 July)** and pray that uni students will grow in grace and knowledge during that weekend. Pray that it will also be a time that will strengthen relationships.

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La Trobe University, Bendigo - Christian Union (Vic)

- ➡ Praise God for **Semester 1** and all that happened.
- ➡ Pray that those who come to **Summit (5-9 July)**, will be encouraged, learn and grow. Pray also that those who are unable to attend will be encouraged by others.
- ➡ Pray that **new and returning students** will settle back into the routine of study smoothly as second semester commences (in the last week of July).
- ➡ Pray as **CU re-commences** that more non-Christians will come and those who were coming will return. Also that the one-to-one discipleship will continue and that more students will be willing to meet together. There is a need for more older students to meet with the younger ones, as there are too many students for the staff to meet with.
- ➡ Pray that students will be able to attend the upcoming **blokes' and chicks' camps (at the end of August)** and that they would learn, grow, and be safe on these camps.

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

- ➡ Pray that all the last-minute organising for our upcoming **Mid Year Conference (6-9 July)** goes well.
- ➡ Pray that new people will come on MYC and everyone will get a lot out of it.
- ➡ Pray for the exams of students and that the stress levels are not too high.

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University of Wollongong - Evangelical Christian Union (NSW)

- ➡ Please pray for our **evangelism and executive committees** as they plan our mission week for early next session. Pray that mission week would be an opportunity for all Christian students to be sharing the gospel with their classmates and that Jesus would be glorified through the events and talks that we will run.
- ➡ Pray that **MYC (5-9 July)** will be a challenging time resulting in growth for many students from Wollongong as we study the Bible to learn about the cross of Christ. Thank God for the local and international students who have registered for MYC. Pray that this would also be a time that we would grow in our love for each other.

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Deakin University, Burwood - Christian Union (Vic)

Thank God ...

- ➡ for **all the blessings that he has shown us so far this year** - for bringing many first years to CU (especially some young guys) and for the great talks and studies that we've shared. Thank God for the way that he is growing us as a community not just in numbers but also growing us in faith and service of him.

Please pray ...

- ➡ for our **Summit (5-9 July)** with Monash University on the theme of "Costly Discipleship". Please pray that God would speak through our speaker, Dan King, to encourage and challenge us about living costly lives for Jesus' sake. Pray that it would be a great week of fellowship and growth.
- ➡ that **students' timetables** would allow many to attend our public meetings, TBT ("The Bible Talks") on Wednesdays in second trimester. Please pray that regular CUers would return refreshed after Summit, and that God would bless us with many new faces at our events this trimester. Please ask God to bless our plans and ideas for the coming trimester, so that we can best love and serve the students on campus and point many to Jesus.
- ➡ Please pray for **our first TBT meeting** in week one (14 July) with a guest speaker: Andrew Reid. Please pray that many people would come and that it would be a great event to kick off the trimester, as we begin to look at Genesis 1-3.

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Week 3

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Important dates:

- 11-17 UQ & QUT MYC
- 12-16 Melbourne Uni Summit
Murdoch Uni MYC
- 17 RMIT trivia night

Prayer points:

Univeristy of Queensland - Evangelical Students (Qld)

- ⇒ Thank God that we have a large number (100+) of people coming to our **MYC (11-17 July)** on the topic of mission. Pray that the first years coming to MYC will make friends and would be encouraged to get more involved in campus ministry. Pray that people would be encouraged and spurred on by the mission topic to become involved in the second semester campus mission.
- ⇒ Thank God that after the second "God Delusion Debate" viewing, we were able to form more **Christian-Atheist discussion groups** despite it being late in the semester. Pray that these relationships would continue next semester, that atheists and skeptics would continue to meet up with Christians and that God would be working to grant them repentance.

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Melbourne University (Vic) - Cross Cultures (FOCUS)

- ⇒ Pray that students attending **Summit (12-16 July)** will understand the glory of the cross and how Leviticus points us to Christ.
- ⇒ Pray that **non-Christian international students** would come to Summit and be welcomed.
- ⇒ Some of our **leaders (including trainee staff)** have moved on and this semester we are praying for more faithful and godly leaders.
- ⇒ Pray that God will raise up two to three **more staff** (especially experienced women) to help next semester and in 2011.
- ⇒ Pray that **a student who came to Christ** but has recently returned to a Hindu family in Malaysia will stay strong in Christ.

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Murdoch University, Perth - Murdoch Christian Union (WA)

- ➡ Thank God for his kingdom. Pray that those involved in MCU would see it as a great treasure and be willing to give up everything just to be apart of that kingdom.
- ➡ Thank God that the **MCU committee** could meet last month to plan for the coming semester. Pray that the group will continue to grow but yet at the same time be faithful to the gospel in the coming semester.
- ➡ Pray for our upcoming **Mid Year Conference (12-16 July)**. Students from all of the university CU groups in Western Australia will be meeting up and looking at what the Bible says about "Church". Pray that friendships will be made and strengthened between the CU groups and that all people involved will be enriched and encouraged in their faith.
- ➡ Pray for **David Starling** from Morling College who will be speaking at MYC. Pray that his family would have a safe trip to Western Australia and that they would be warmly welcomed during the week. Pray also that when he talks he would be faithful and true to the gospel and that he would inspire and encourage us to live for the King.

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RMIT - Christian Union (Vic)

- ➡ Thank God for the great time students and staff had at our **Summit** camp. Pray that students were challenged and encouraged by their time there.
- ➡ Pray that our **trivia night (17 July)** will run smoothly. Pray that it would be a great time for people to catch up with new friends after Summit and for supporters to hear about the work we are doing in RMIT.
- ➡ Please pray for the **start of semester**, that we would get back into the swing of things, especially that Bible study groups would be organised easily and get under way.
- ➡ Please be praying particularly for our **Bundoora campus**. Pray that a time can be found for the weekly meeting/Bible talk that suits the timetables of the Bundoora CU students, and that we will see growth in our Bundoora group.
- ➡ Also keep praying for our **Don Carson mission week (23-27 of August)**. Don Carson will be giving a series of talks at RMIT city campus. Pray that we would have wisdom to know how best to go about publicising the event. Pray also for boldness for CU members to invite their friends along.

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Weeks 4-5

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Important dates:

- 19-23 UniSA & Adelaide Uni MYC
- 23-25 SCU, Lismore MYC (p. 2)
- 28 EWI debate, Hobart
- 30 EWI debate, Launceston
- 30 CSU, Wagga Wagga Jesus Awareness Week begins

Prayer points:

University of Technology, Sydney - CREDO (NSW)

- Thank God that he has provided us with the **holidays** to rest. Pray that all students may take the opportunity to take a break from their busy university lives and to continue growing in their faith in God.
- Give thanks that many students participated in **MYE (Mid Year Evangelism)** these holidays. Give thanks that God had his hand over these events such as Study Camp, Campus mission, Soup Kitchen and Kids' Holiday Club. Pray that those who are regularly involved in these ministries will see fruit from the time Credo students spent with them.
- Give thanks for the **short-term mission teams** who went to Japan and Indonesia. Pray that many people may come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour as a result of the students' time there.

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University of South Australia & Adelaide University, North Terrace Campuses - Evangelical Students (SA)

Praise God ...

- for the amazing work that he has been doing on campus. Give thanks that staffworkers and students have been able to catch up with non-Christians during the semester and read through the Bible with them explaining the gospel.

Pray ...

- for **Mid Year Conference (19-23 July)**. That it would be a great time of fellowship and teaching and that all students attending would be both encouraged and challenged by God's word. Pray also for the MYC team, that they would be able to enjoy the conference whilst they are on it and for the smooth running of MYC.
- that students would have a **safe and relaxing holiday**. That they would be able to use that time wisely in serving God.
- that God would give our **Jesus Week (in second semester)** team wisdom and strength as they continue to faithfully organise events for the evangelistic week. Pray that the Christian students would be able to invite non-Christian friends along to events and also that God would give them courage as they proclaim the gospel on campus. Pray that God would already be at work in the non-Christians who will be attending these events preparing their hearts to hear the gospel.

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University of Western Australia - Christian Union (WA)

- ➡ Pray for **our committee and staffworkers** as they meet to prepare for the semester ahead and set the direction for CU for the rest of the year. Pray that they will seek God's glorification on campus before all else and that God will grant them wisdom in decision making. Also thank God for his continual provision for CU, and pray that the committee will handle the resources that they are stewards of wisely.
- ➡ Thank God that the UWA Atheist and Agnostic Society have been receptive to the idea of running a **screening of 'Collision' in the UWA Tavern (6 August)** as a joint event between them, CU and a local student church. Pray that relations between the three participating groups will remain good throughout the organisation process. Also pray that the representatives from the groups leading a post-movie discussion would be able to be sensitive but also thought-provoking.

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Engaging with Islam

There are two Engaging with Islam debates coming up in the next two weeks:

- ➡ *God of the OT: Jesus or Allah?* – Abdullah Kunde and Samuel Green (Hobart, 28 July)
- ➡ *Saviour of the World: Jesus or the Qur'an?* – Abdullah Kunde and Samuel Green (Launceston, 30 July)

Please pray for wisdom and gentleness for Samuel Green and that the Christians who attend will make Muslim friends.

Samuel Green

Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga - Christian Fellowship (NSW)

- ➡ Pray for our mission, **Jesus Awareness Week (30 July - 2 August)**, during which we'll look at the joy of beer, sex, God and sin. Please pray that students are enthusiastic and willing to invite their non-Christian friends to events where the gospel is clearly explained in each of the talks.
- ➡ Pray for **the family and friends of Eloise**, a girl from our AFES group who died tragically in a car accident last month. Ask that God would give them comfort in this time of grief and that people might see God's sovereignty in this situation.
- ➡ Thank God for **our Bible study series on Daniel** during first semester and the encouragement we received studying it together. Please ask God to bless our Bible study series on 1 Timothy during second semester, for students will grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus. Pray that our Bible study leaders are diligent in preparation to humbly and enthusiastically communicate God's word.
- ➡ Thank God for **the dedication of our staffworkers**, Richard and Sonja, and ministry apprentices, Chan, Candice and Charmian, in serving the students who attend Christian Fellowship. Please ask God to provide energy, strength and wisdom as they continue working for the glory of God during second semester.

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