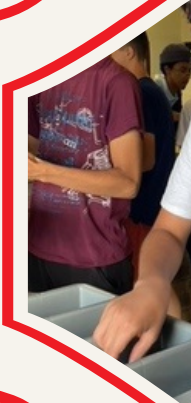


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PRAYER UPDATE

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Is it that time already?

Dear friends and supporters,

We have already covered more than two-thirds of the year, and what an incredible year it has been! I started at Scripture Union in January, not knowing what to expect. However, it has been an awesome experience to serve with fellow believers and to see how God is impacting Cape Town through our ministry.

This term, I helped organize the second Schools United event. It was an amazing experience, even while in the DRC. I have written a short article about the Schools United event below.

There are two more events on my Scripture Union calendar. The first, October Leadership, is only a week away. On October 14th, School Christian Group (or Christian Union) committees from all over Cape Town will meet to be trained for effective schools' ministry. We have a lineup of experienced leaders and

trainers ready to impart knowledge and experience that I know will add a lot of value to the teens and the groups they will lead next year.

The next event is Mini Camp. Every year, Scripture Union hosts a teen camp for teens and a mini-camp for pre-teens. I am excited to serve alongside Celest Bossr and her team of leaders at this year's Mini Camp.



Schools United

On the 1st of September, SU, in partnership with Sans Souci Girls High, Christ Church Kenilworth, Claremont Baptist Church and hip-hop artist, Leo Rainer, hosted an electrifying worship event for students in the community. This was the second Schools United event of the year and a powerful display of God's influence.

Schools United, as well as some other SU events including October Leadership, has been in the process of rebuilding since the COVID-19 lockdowns and other hurdles. However, the Schools United events of the last two years have grown so much that we can safely say, "We're back!" And we expect Schools United to grow even more in the future.

This term, we hosted 100 teens from schools and churches across the Southern Suburbs at Sans Souci Girls High School. The event began with fun icebreakers led by the two co-hosts, Augustine Mukendi and Tara Jenneker, immediately followed

by exciting performances from Leo Rainer and heart-pounding worship from the Christ Church youth worship band, who launched into popular praise and worship songs. The crowd was instantly engaged as they sang and danced along.

After the music, all the teachers present were led out for a special breakaway session while the speaker, Lyall Farmer, took the stage. Lyall shared a powerful message about the Kingdom of God.

In his talk, Lyall asked the audience what they were hoping for and then pointed out that John the Baptist was also hoping for something: the coming of the kingdom of God.

He then explained what the kingdom of God is: it is the place where God reigns and his people live with his values. It is different from other kingdoms because it is "upside down". In God's kingdom, the greatest are the weakest and the most humble.



The kingdom of God is already here. People are being transformed, healed, and encountering the Spirit of God. One day this Kingdom will be fully realised! And we, too, can start to experience the kingdom now, through peace, love, refuge, and wholeness.

Finally, Lyall invited the audience to live and be a part of the kingdom of God. We can do this by living with kingdom values and by sharing the gospel with others.

The event concluded with another performance from Leo. Many students commented on how much they enjoyed the high-energy music, the inspiring message, and the overall atmosphere of the event.

Volunteers, teachers, and students who attended shared their happiness with the success of the event. Other schools also expressed their excitement to partner with SU and host future events.

We're already planning the next Schools United worship event, which is expected to be even bigger and more exciting. Stay tuned for more details!



Prayer Requests

I still can't believe the year is so close to ending. I am grateful for all of your prayers and support over the past year. I would be grateful if you would continue to pray for me in the following areas:

- Safe travels and smooth processing of my visa as I return to South Africa next month.
- Success in my final exams at the Cape Town Baptist Seminary in November.
- Wisdom and strength to manage my time well and avoid burnout as I continue to add value at the schools I serve, Scripture Union, college and my church.
- Continued opportunities to make time for family, friends, and alone time with God.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry. I am excited to see what God will do in the coming months and years.

Sincerely,
Nehemie Etaka

