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NEWS FROM DAVE TOLPUTT—JUNE 2010

Hi everyone

I'm glad to have the opportunity to write to you again and share with you what's been happening in the ministry at SU and personally since I last wrote in March.

One of my favorite passages of Scripture comes from Ch 1 of Paul's letter to the Romans, where he expresses his longing for the Christians in Rome.

¹¹ For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you, ¹² that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine

I love the idea of mutual encouragement. One of my really happy experiences as the State Director is to be in touch with a broad range of supporters and volunteers. I have been so encouraged in recent days by their excitement about the ministries of SU. We give thanks to God for all that is happening in the ministry, and for giving us the privilege of seeing His work in the lives of young people. Here are a few highlights!

Biblical Turning Points: This program is the brainchild of Andrew Bawden, and is a powerful tool to help people to engage the Big Picture of the Bible. This has been a personal passion of mine, and through God's design, Andrew and I met, realized that we shared a heart for people engaging God's Word and have enjoyed a growing friendship in this work. In recent weeks, we have had significant interest from local churches to run the program. If you want more info, visit www.biblicalturningpoints.com.au

SOAR Adventures: I had the beautiful experience of being at the SOAR celebration for the first year of students through the program. I think it was probably the most moving experience of my SU life. A couple of boys shared powerful stories of redemption and discovering new life. Powerful! I had a lump in my throat. Currently, we are commencing the process towards expanding into another 5 schools. Please pray for Brock and those who serve with him for the healing of boys.

The remerge of Coolamatong: Last letter, I asked you to pray for Gavin and the team down at Coolamatong. Thank you for your prayers. I am rapt to report that the team has really settled, and the ministry is fantastic. Next week, we expect to finalise the formal transfer of the Farm Camp back to SU. In effect, this has been in practice for the past 6 months. Gavin and the crew down there have done an amazing job. The sites are now well set, and we are so excited about the ministry to come. Watch this space!

Assistant State Director: I also asked you to pray for the impending appointment of a new Assistant State Director. God has given us an excellent person in Rob Mackinnon. His wisdom and leadership are really evident. The staff team is another good news story at SU. Last month, I appointed Kylie Hunter to lead the Schools Team. It has been a real pleasure to watch Kylie's emerging leadership. Indeed, I am so blest by the emerging leadership within SU Victoria through Gavin, Mavis, Rob and Kylie.

Personally, With all the volatility that comes with rapid and significant growth, I have to admit that it has been a challenging 6 months. I can truly tell you that leading a donation based mission agency does wonders for your faith. As we enter the last few days of the financial year, I am very conscious of the gap still to be closed in our finances. But I am also aware of the grace and providence of God. It is he who calls us to this ministry, and we believe that he will supply all we need. Please pray for our end of year, that we will end it financially well.

Finally, I want to say again how much I appreciate those who support my ministry personally financially. Thank you so much for the massive encouragement. I, in turn, hope that you are also massively encouraged by SU's ministries in these days. Keep that encouragement coming.



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Prayer Points

- Thanks to God for a great leadership team.
- For wisdom to manage the ministry growth.
- For Brock and the crew at SOAR Adventures.
- For Kylie as she settles well into the schools team leadership role.
- For a good financial end to the year.

Dave