



Ruth Pinkerton

Director's Desk

Dear Friend,

I hope you've enjoyed reading about the summer of adventures SU has had. I've thoroughly enjoyed visiting the missions and taking part in two camps.

One mum I spoke to at family camp shared of camp being the one place where she and her youngsters can really relax and be themselves. Home is sometimes a fraught place for them. They couldn't afford to come to camp without your financial help and she wanted me to pass on her very deep gratitude.

One of the things I love about missions (as well as the opportunity to share God's love with heaps of children!) is the impact on the faith of team members and the way they grow by taking on the challenge of mission. Please pray with me that we will be able to see the missions ministry grow.

We've been very touched by the support for Chaplain David Walker, his family and the Dunalley Chaplaincy. We'll shortly be able to announce a very exciting use for the money you've contributed for Dunalley – it will be in the SU TAS weekly prayer notes. (If you'd like to receive these by email, please contact admin@sutas.org.au.)

Thank you for being part of the SU team. Your prayers and gifts and the dedication of volunteers are what make these stories a reality. Thank you for playing your part.

Bless You,

Ruth Pinkerton
SU TAS CEO

Things to PRAY for...

Thank you so much for standing with us in prayer as we seek to provide hope for the future through chaplaincy, camps and other programs!

PLEASE PRAY for the chaplains in our schools to be excellent witnesses for Christ in the way they conduct their work and lives.

PRAY for all in schools to make the adjustment to four terms smoothly and easily.

PRAY for the council of SU Tasmania as they look for new members and especially as they appoint a new Chair.

PLEASE PRAY for Local Chaplaincy Committees as they gear up for Chaplaincy week 19-26 May, and as they look to increase their fundraising efforts this year to meet costs.

Local Chaplaincy Committee Development Events

We know that the heart and engine that is behind chaplaincy is the Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC). The support of local people supporting their local chaplains sustains chaplaincy. To help develop LCCs in the valuable work they do, Scripture Union will be offering 3 Development Events held regionally. Come and meet like-minded people and learn from the experience of others. This is an opportunity to up-skill the backbone of chaplaincy in this state.

LCC members are invited to attend as well as anyone interested in finding out more about chaplaincy. These informative sessions will include a variety of useful workshops.

They will end with a meal for LCC members to enable them to continue networking and sharing ideas.

NORTH WEST:	Tuesday 9th April 4:30 – 8:00 pm Penguin Primary School, Penguin
NORTH:	Wednesday 10th April, 4:30 – 8:00 pm World View College, Launceston
SOUTH:	Thursday 11th April, 4:30 – 8:00 pm Hobart College, Mt Nelson

Walker Family Survives Dunalley Fires But Must Rebuild

On January 7th 2013, three days after the devastation of the Dunalley bushfires, the ABC's 7.30 Report documented the story of the Walker and Holmes' families' dramatic escape from the flames and their survival. The image of the children huddled under the jetty with their grandmother quickly circulated the globe.

David Walker is the chaplain at Dunalley and Dodges Ferry Primary Schools. Please join with us in giving glory to God that both families survived the bushfire and pray they find the grace needed to rebuild their homes and lives since

they have lost their houses and all their possessions. They are committed to their local community and are grateful for the generous response from many SU friends and supporters like you.

We are also extremely grateful to all who gave to the Dunalley School Chaplaincy fund. Thank you! Your gifts are being used at the discretion of the Local Chaplaincy Committee to bring more chaplaincy to a community in deep shock.

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HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

YOUR SUPPORT IMPACTS

HUNDREDS OF YOUNG

LIVES OVER SUMMER!

Seven life-changing camps and missions took place over the summer holidays, impacting more than 200 kids across the state with the love and hope of Jesus!

Thank you so much for helping make this season of mission a success through your support and prayers. These outreach events are only possible because of the sacrifices of volunteers and supporters, and we are grateful to God for so many people who have a heart for this mission to give kids hope for the future. Please pray that every child reached this summer will attend subsequent SU events this year and beyond, so relationships can continue to be built and so their faith can grow!

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Bonds Built with Local Kids at St Helen's Beach Mission 8 Volunteers/Over 30 kids!

By Rosanna, team leader

The beachside mission at St Helen's is run in the local hall with games, crafts and Bible teaching for local children. I was leading the team for the first time this year, and I was very excited about how well the mission went! Our team was small but we really bonded with each other and created a great atmosphere for the kids.

One thing we noticed was how the young teenagers who have been coming for several years really changed their behaviour to be respectful and attentive when inside the hall although they were pretty boisterous outside. The team is not strict at all so the only explanation is that these kids responded to the Christian ethos of love and respect created by the team and the Holy Spirit. In fact, it was noticeable that all the kids really seemed to be wanting to listen and to learn.

Quite a few children were new to mission too, which is great. We put leaflets in lots of letterboxes but a better tactic turned out to be standing outside the hall in the main street and smiling and welcoming people in.

I think Beach Mission is a great opportunity to lay some of the groundwork in explaining the Gospel to the kids so that they can ask questions and be encouraged to start or move on in a journey of faith. It's just so rewarding!



Many lives were impacted over summer because of YOU. Thank you for giving and praying to make this possible!

Young Kids Explore God's Love at East Devonport 30 Volunteers/70+ children & over 100 at the family celebration

By Deb French, Team Coordinator

Over 70 children aged 5-12 came together for fun, drama, crafts and hearing about Jesus at this year's East Devonport Holiday Happening (EDHH)! The theme was 'Scarecrows' and in a fun and appropriate way it helped the children explore how God helps when things are difficult, and what the Bible has to say about friendships and kindness.

Brother and sister, Stewart and Eleanor, have been coming to EDHH in their holidays from Victoria for at least six years. They have both progressed to being team members and they love helping the children learn, and they get a kick out of using their holidays in such a fun and purposeful way. They even made it to team training mid year!

Devonport Mayor, Steve Martin, came to visit the EDHH this year and was very impressed with the fun the

children were having and the fact they were being taught important life skills. We are grateful to Devonport City council for a grant for sports equipment for the program.

We will be able to reach many more Tasmanian youngsters through our missions if we have more Team Leaders. Please pray that more people would be willing to step up to do this, and please contact Ruth at admin@sutas.org.au or 03 6244 8422 if you would like to be invited to our next leaders' training event.



Thanks to your support, over 70 children heard about Jesus at this year's East Devonport Holiday Happening.

A Great Mix of Activities for High Schoolers at Dcypher North Launceston/11 Volunteers/20 Teens

By Jamie Bishop, chaplain at Queechy High School – "This was my first year as a leader of Dcypher, and I was really impressed. I loved the balance between computer games, outdoor activities and discussions. Everyone got involved with the outdoor games and laser skirmish, which was great for a change of pace. The discussions allowed the campers to consider deeper issues in a way that they felt comfortable enough to ask questions and share."

By Ben Winwood, chaplain at Lilydale School – "This was also my first time leading at Dcypher camp and it was worth every minute of sleep deprivation! Camp spirit was high, everyone got involved and no one was left out. Throughout the camp, encouragement among the campers was evident and every victory was celebrated! The connections I made with the campers have continued beyond the camp, and I'm looking forward to seeing them again next Dcypher!"

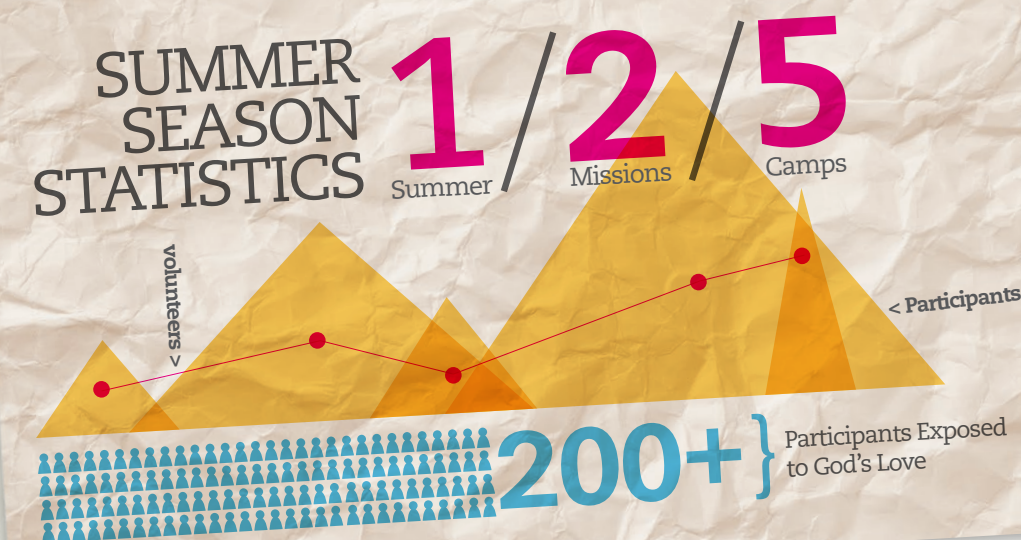


Dcypher North gave many high schoolers the chance to connect with Christ and other students.

SUMMER APPEAL UPDATE

All these camps, missions and stories of transformed lives are helped made possible because of your support through our summer appeal. More than \$10,000 in gifts have been given so far towards our \$37,000 goal – thank you so much!

Please pray that the remaining shortfall would soon be met through the generosity of other friends and supporters, so we can help many more young people in the months to come!



FAREWELL TO RONNIE PALMER

Ronnie Palmer is retiring from the East Devonport Holiday Happening after 11 years of faithful service. We are so grateful to Ronnie, Marie Smith and other faithful helpers for stepping in when it looked like the event might have to stop, as well as for their faithfulness over the years since. Thank you Ronnie!

Dcypher North-West Reaches Youth Who Might 'Slip Through the Cracks'

Burnie/12 Volunteers/21 Teens

By Linda McLachlan, leader

Dcypher is a great example of how we can bear witness to Christ in all aspects of our lives. And it's a great way for young people who often slip through the cracks of other programs to have a chance to hear and learn about God and to form healthy and beneficial relationships with Christian adults and Christian peers.

The round table discussions at tea time at this summer's camp were a great way to get kids talking about who God is, how (or whether) they relate to him and how he interacts with the world in general and us specifically. Please pray that the seeds of the Gospel planted in the hearts of our campers would grow in the weeks and months to come!



Dcypher reaches young people who might otherwise slip through the cracks.