

# *Student Statesmanship Institute*

## *Prayer Guide - August 2009*

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!*

1 Chronicles 16:8-10

We are privileged that God has given us this great ministry to young people. We are blessed by His grace that comes in so many ways and through so many people. We do give thanks to the Lord for His provision and His sustaining power in a time when so many people are experiencing extremely difficult financial struggles. Jesus said that *“if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.”* Thank you for praying with us—and for us!

### *Staff*

Although fewer in number this year, we are now being served in a wonderful way by some dedicated SSI alumni who are volunteering and serving as interns. In fact, the Summer Program would have been impossible without the help of quite a few former SSI students. Please pray that our current employees, Jeff Visscher, Josiah Blocki, Sherrel Kenney, Julie Howard and James Muffett along with our interns Colleen Hoch, Nate Sisson, Rose Jagt and Elizabeth Miller will all be blessed with strength, wisdom, and good health. Also pray that we will be continually more efficient, creative and effective as a team, and that God will bless the work of our hands and we will honor God in all that we do.

### *Programs*

**Summer** - We just completed SSI 2009 and it was a great success reaching 279 students. Pray that the seeds planted will grow and bear fruit in their lives.

**Onsite Program** – Although we’ve had to scale back the number of Onsite Programs we can do in this season, we are hoping to schedule 2-3 more this fall. Please pray that God will open the doors, give us favor and provide the resources.

**Ambassador League** – We’re completing a very successful year with over 20 students participating and a good number qualifying for the John Quincy Adams Award. We’re praying for an increase in the number of students for 2009-2010.

**Greatest Story Never Told Seminars** – We’ve been on the road quite a bit this year speaking in churches and other venues with a great response. Please pray that God will continue to provide opportunities to share our powerful message about generations past, present and future.

### *Annual Banquet*

We are excited to have former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft as our speaker on September 24. This annual event is important as we seek to spread the word about SSI and raise critical dollars needed to support our programs. Please pray for a good response and that our fundraising efforts will be met with great success!

### *Resources*

We continue seeking financial support from individuals, businesses, churches and foundations. We are so thankful for the generosity shown by so many people over the years. We are truly grateful, although this is a most difficult time to be raising money. In the past few years, God has blessed us through monthly giving by Church Mission Committees. Please pray that our banquet, Year-End Campaign, Foundation requests and church support will increase, and that God will meet all of our needs as we seek to fulfill His will!