

Student Statesmanship Institute

Prayer Guide - Winter 2010

Praise and Thanksgiving

God is faithful. He does answer our prayers, though not always in the way—or at the time—we would like! For us at SSI, 2009 was extremely challenging, wonderfully fruitful, and very rewarding. Over and over again, during a most difficult economic situation, we experienced God’s provision. Here’s a short list of “miracles” over the past year.

- After four years of requests, John Ashcroft agreed to be our 2009 Banquet Speaker.
- We met our goal for Summer Program student attendance.
- Although we received a record number of Summer Program Financial Aid Requests, our generous friends contributed enough funds to meet EVERY need for families struggling to make ends meet.
- Even though we were forced to significantly reduce our staff at the beginning of last year, God blessed us greatly in our ability to be efficient, and through others stepping up and filling in the gaps. This was especially true during our Summer Program, when SSI alumni volunteered to help run the various tracks.
- The Banquet with John Ashcroft was one of our most successful fundraising events ever!
- We conducted five very successful Onsite Programs.
- The response to our Year-End Matching Fund Challenge was way above our budget goal!

In conclusion, the result was that God enabled us to continue delivering our programs at a very high level and met our current financial needs. And, we ended the year in the black! All praise and thanks to God!

Prayer Requests

Students – All of the requests below are for the purpose of fulfilling our mission of imparting eternal truths to young hearts and minds. We will touch hundreds of students, and their families this year and our desire is that each one will have a life-changing experience through SSI. Pray that God will open their hearts and minds to His truth, purpose and destiny! Pray that God will inspire them to become Ambassadors for Christ in their generation, and that they will answer the call to be servant leaders in their homes, churches and communities.

Staff - Our team of dedicated employees regularly go the extra mile in order to get the job done. It is a great blessing to work with such a quality group of folks. Please pray that God will bless them and their families with health, energy and protection. Pray that we will know God’s wisdom and purpose for the organization. Pray that we will continually be more efficient and that we will work better and better as a team to accomplish the mission.

Church Outreach – We are blessed by some great relationships with churches throughout the state. Please pray that God will continue opening favorable doors for our Seminars, for SSI promotions in church youth groups, and for Church Missions support.

Banquet Speaker – This is an annual prayer request. Invitations have gone out to some great speakers for 2010 and we’re praying that God will bring us the perfect person with the right message for this moment. We always pray that in addition to being an important event for raising funds, that the event will be a time of ministering hope, challenge and encouragement.

Onsite Program – There are currently three programs scheduled for this spring. Please pray for a good response from the VIP volunteers and from our generous donors in each location as we seek to fully underwrite the cost.