



It is good to give
 thanks to the Lord,
 to sing praises to Your name,
 O Most High;
 to declare Your steadfast
 love in the morning,
 and Your faithfulness by night,
 Psalm 92:1-2

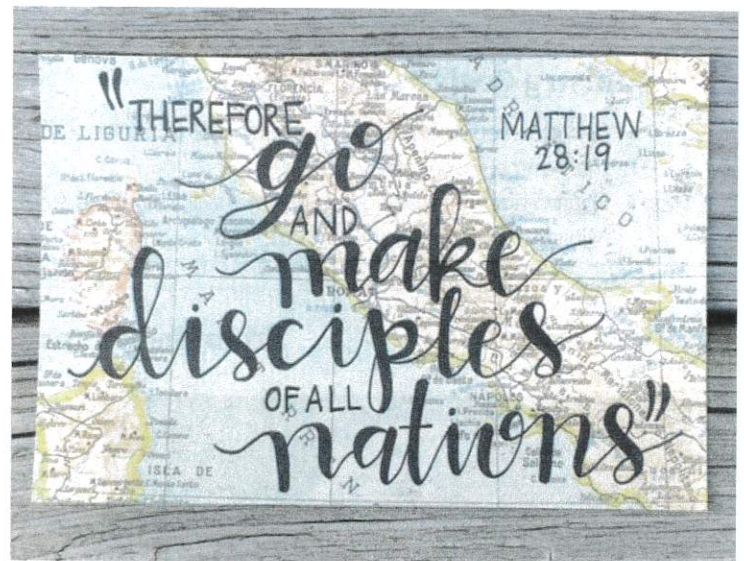
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We see so many leaders showing God's love as they work with the students in their clubs. This summer they are preparing so they can continue to encourage and disciple all those passing through their churches.

**Thank you so much for being a
 part of raising up the next
 generation of resilient disciples!**

Ministry & Equipping Highlights

- I had a very nice trip down to Goochland Virginia to meet Pastor Tim Wilson of Perkins Baptist Church. They are considering Awana Club for next year. Later I was able to meet many of their congregation and they are very eager to reach out to families in their community.
- Kenny Van Hoven serves as a Pastor at CityLight Baptist Church in Culpeper, Virginia. His Awana Club has achieved good success, leading him to recommend the ministry to his brother Ryan at Journey Church in Orange, Virginia. Journey Church will start this year and we are looking forward to serving with them.



Impact Stories

God is working wonders in our area of service. On a recent visit to a church in Ellicott City, I had the pleasure of meeting the Music Director of Bethany Church (Dr. Sherrie McKay). I inquired about the role of music in the discipleship of the church's children. She told me of the children's choir with about 150 kids from the community among other ministries. Although public, she brings God's message through the music and is not afraid to answer questions about God that the kids ask.

Dr. McKay introduced me to a girl originally from Sri Lanka, whose parents follow Hinduism, and is part of the children's choir. She was invited by one of the Awana kids to visit the Awana Club at Bethany, and she has been attending faithfully since. Her parents are happy to have her visit because she loves being part of the church. Now she feels a sense of belonging there, enjoys the company of friends, positive challenges like Bible memorization, and is learning about God's Word. (I'm sure she tells her parents also.)



Praise the Lord

- VBS in many churches have had good success in leading kids to Jesus as Savior. There is a strong interest in Club as a follow-up.
- Mason/Dixon Scholarship Camp had huge success with many of the kids recommitting their lives to Christ. The theme was Apologetics and preparing the kids to accept their roles as future disciplers.

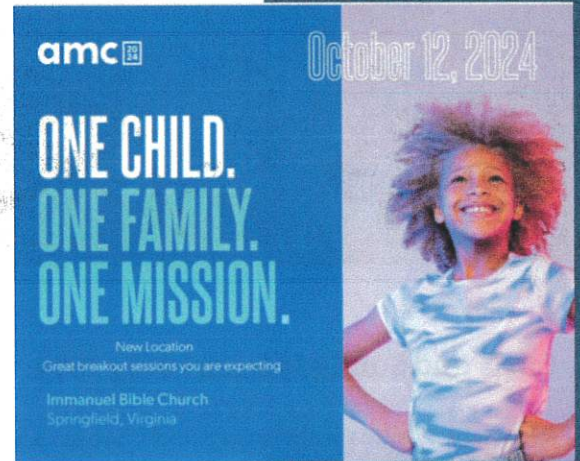
Prayer Requests

- Pray for our new Awana Clubs and Brite churches, that their outreaches will be strong and meet the needs of their communities.
- As we ended the 2023-24 season, there was a lot of excitement and enthusiasm (not burn-out). Pray that the momentum will continue in the next season.
- Thank you to everyone for keeping us in prayer. We have had a VERY active summer so far with new churches, teaching, preaching and serving. Our funds are sadly slowing down as many of our long-time supporters have passed away. We pray you would consider supporting us on a regular basis. With our enlarged serving area, there is a greater need for your support. We can be supported at Missionary.Awana.Org/Chris-Mikesh

Ministry Goals

- Provide encouragement and solutions to churches who attend the summer connects.
- Equipping and inspiring leaders who will attend the Awana Ministry Conference on Oct 12th.

Awana



From the Awana Global Headquarters



While summer is a time for vacations, ice cream, and a break from routine, it is also a good time to pause and reflect on what God has done.

In Psalm 92, the psalmist declares that it is good to give thanks to the Lord for His love and His faithfulness. How has God shown you and your family His love this past year? In what ways have you seen His faithfulness show up in your life? In the next few weeks, take some intentional time to talk about this with your family.

We cannot express enough our thankfulness in how God has shown His faithfulness through you and your partnership with us. As the psalmist prayed in Psalm 92:4, the work that God is doing fills us with joy. Thank you for being a part of that work and for your faithfulness to God.

Partner with us in reaching more children!

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