



Dear Fredericktowne Baptist Church,

Brian's church was sailing through another smooth Awana season—but *easy* wasn't their goal. They were praying for God to send children who needed Him.

That prayer was answered one night, when two brothers walked into church.

"Part of me was excited to see new clubbers show up, but part of me saw two punks who were going to disrupt our smooth running club," Brian remembers. Sure enough, the first few weeks were rough; the boys' behavior turned the group upside down. "I knew the boys came from a rough situation," Brian said. "We needed prayer, patience, and the Holy Spirit intervening."

Then, one night, they reached a turning point.

"One of the boys was having a rough night and confronted his leader: *'How would you know?'* he yelled. *'Your dad isn't in prison.'*"

But, by God's providence, that leader's dad *had* been in prison. That night, a healing and restorative relationship began—one that led the boys to Jesus.

The boys started bringing friends to club. "Not the polished, well-behaved kids we were used to, but these are the kids God wants here," Brian reflects.

As a Missionary for Awana, I regularly hear stories from churches like Brian's about how lives are being changed. Our prayer is to be a beacon of hope, to serve our church partners, and accelerate their mission to reach and disciple children.

Every child deserves to *Look Hope in the Eyes* and experience the love of Jesus, and the presence of a caring adult in their lives. This is the heartbeat of Awana.

We are your boots on the ground and we couldn't do any of this without you. **Thank you for your support of our ministry to churches and children.**

Would you consider giving a special, year-end gift this Christmas? The need is so great, and we see it every day. Your faithful financial support makes it possible for leaders like Brian to reach children with the Gospel...to reach them with *Hope*.

With Gratitude, *To my friends at Fredericktowne Baptist Church,*  
*thank you for your faithful support of Awana,*  
*I pray you all have a joyful Christmas.*

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Bill Bianco