

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

Psalm 96:11-12a

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Spring is here and things are growing outside. Our clubbers are also growing in their knowledge of God. We see God's hand of blessing with changed lives as leaders continue to work with these clubber as we prepare for the summer.

Ministry & Equipping Highlights

- We were invited to teach at a church in Germantown Maryland. This church wants to begin teaching their children (early elementary ages) to be disciplers in their schools, and neighborhoods. It was a very successful teaching time.
- McLean Bible Church, in Manassas, Virginia, has grown in numbers with the needed leaders to disciple the children and youth there. They even took some of their high school students to Arizona to the National Journey-Summit, where they earned several awards. One award they won was 2nd Place in Bible Quizzing.



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



This past month, I had the opportunity to visit several Awana Clubs in more remote areas—and I was deeply encouraged by what I witnessed. Children are not only learning God's Word but are actively discipling and encouraging one another in meaningful ways.

During large group time, while teaching on the Ten Commandments, I asked the kids about the first commandment. A young Cubbie excitedly shouted, "DO NOT SIN!" Though incorrect, her peers didn't mock her. Another T&T Clubber offered the right answer but first encouraged the Cubbie: "I like her answer. That's something we should all try to do." It was a touching moment of peer discipleship and grace.

At Potomac Believers Fellowship, T&T kids gathered around with me to discover ways they could share Jesus with their friends and neighbors. They asked ME! I didn't go to them. Their insight and eagerness to evangelize were striking—what we often expect from teens, I saw in 4th and 5th graders.

What I saw this month reminded me that when kids are given a place to belong and leaders commit to prayer and discipleship, the results are powerful. These children aren't just being discipled, they're becoming disciple-makers.



Family Update

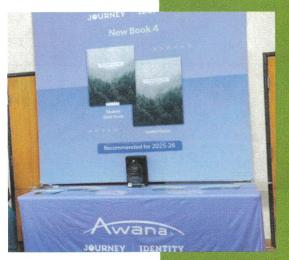
- We had a wonderfully, enjoyable Easter with all the family celebrating Christ's resurrection.
- Last month we had a special time while in Arizona for Journey-Summit. We visited the Old Tuscon Movie Studio. And Chris spent a whole day seeing airplanes at Pima Air and Space Museum.

Praises

- Enjoyed working with the High School Students that attended Journey-Summit this year. Each of them showing their skills in Bible Quiz, Games, Fine Arts and other ways.
- Lots of travel with very productive conversations regarding Children's Discipleship at churches without Awana curriculum.
- Thank you to the team that completed the new Journey Book "Identity". It will be available in July.

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for many of our Pastors experiencing "Spiritual Drift" (gradual and often unnoticed movement away from a close relationship with God) and burn-out.
- As the 'moving' season begins, pray for the many families to move into communities and find Bible teaching churches.





From the Awana Global Headquarters



Spring is all about new beginnings; flowers are blooming, birds are singing and butterflies are starting to appear. It is a season of growth and transformation, a reminder that God is always at work. Just like the fresh starts we witness in nature, over time, we are witness to growth and new things in the kids we disciple.

In Isaiah 43:19, God tells Isaiah that He is doing a new thing. He gave Isaiah hope that He would make a way in the wilderness and desert. We love the same God today! He wants to do a new thing in our lives and the lives of the kids and families we serve.

Be encouraged! Every story you share, every prayer you pray, is a part of God's renewing work in these young lives.

Partner with us in reaching more children!

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