AWANA - WESTERN OREGON / NORTHWEST REGION

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Awana Missionaries

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Emmaline Grace Hergert

On October 17, 2010, we welcomed our first grandchild, Emmaline Grace. She is truly a gift sent from God. Our daughter, Heather, and Emmaline are doing well.

New Awana Clubs!

We've had the opportunity to start Awana Clubs in Coos Bay, Eagle Point, Gold Hill, Forest Grove, Newberg, Eugene, Rainier, and Elmira, all in Oregon. The Northwest Region that we oversee saw a total of 37 churches add the Awana Ministry for the 2010-11 club year!

Reaching More Kids....

Starting new Awana ministries means we will effectively reach more young people this year than last. On average, each Awana ministry has 85 clubbers. Of those, 45 attend church, and 40 do not. This means that in Western Oregon, our new Awana ministries have the probability of reaching 320 kids with God's word that were not being reached before, not to mention the discipleship taking place in the kids that attend church! The Northwest Region may be reaching almost 1500 more clubbers in the new clubs that are starting this year. These numbers are important because each one represents a soul for whom Christ died. Our mission is to get as much of God's word, as deep as we can, into as many kids as we can. New clubs are so important to accomplish that mission. Thank you for praying for us in the months ahead as we help the new clubs become well grounded in their ministries.

Free Grace Alliance National Conference

Dr. Charles Ryrie was a featured speaker the FGA Conference.

In early October I was privileged to attend the Free Grace Alliance National Conference in Dallas Texas. We heard from wonderful speakers who are all passionate about salvation through the free Grace of God through Jesus Christ alone. Check it out at www.freegracealliance.com.

These pictures are from new Awana ministries started this year because of your prayers and your faithful financial support of the Awana Ministry.!

Thank you for your faithful prayers for our family and for the Awana ministry. This club season has seen new clubs start, existing clubs renewed, leaders encouraged, and many Commanders, Directors, and Leaders trained. We appreciate your faithfulness in praying for our daughter, Heather, and our granddaughter, Emmaline, throughout the pregnancy. God has blessed our family beyond measure. Thank you for remembering us with your finances. We know that many give sacrificially to sustain the Awana ministry. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Because of Calvary, *Ed & Kim Gossien – Awana Missionaries*

Nationwide Simulcast Conference

This year Awana celebrated our 60th anniversary! To celebrate this milestone, we hosted a nationwide simulcast conference that featured our founder, Art Rorheim, and many other fine speakers. Our live event and rebroadcasts were a blessing to us and to the leaders who attended.

Art Rorheim- Founder of Awana

I remember seeing Art Rorheim's picture, in my Awana Handbook when I was a clubber. Art has dedicated his life to training people to share the Gospel of Christ with clarity and urgency with each generation. Even today, at 92 years of age, Art constantly seeks opportunity to share his faith with others. Each time he is admitted to the hospital for a procedure he sees it as an opportunity to share Christ with the nurses, doctors, and other patients. Many have come to know the Lord caring for Art. When asked about the incredible history of Awana, Art is quick to remind us that even though we celebrate what is behind us, the most important years are yet to come. Who can we reach for Christ this year, and next, and next.....?