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Commander College 101 & 201
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MINISTRY TO AWANA COMMANDERS

Commander College 101 and 201

Thank you for praying
for and financially
supporting the Awana
Ministry in Western
Oregon. May God
bless you for your
faithfulness!

Cannon Beach, Oregon - January, 2010

JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO, 68 AWANA COMMANDERS from five western states met at the Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center in Cannon Beach, Oregon for three and one half days of intensive training. Kim and I, along with a team of experienced trainers, had the privilege of training and fellowshiping with this dedicated group of God's servants.

Commander College 101, the first level of advanced training for Awana Commanders introduces the five "hats" or roles of the Awana Commander: Advocate, Shepherd, Communicator, Leader, and Administrator. Many Commanders learned that they were strong in some areas, but one or two hats didn't fit quite so well! It was wonderful to see the "a-hah" moments when Commanders were impacted by one of the sessions.

Commander College 201 focuses on excellence. Commanders were challenged to find ways to implement their five hats with excellence in their ministries.

As I write this letter, I am in Midway airport returning from Commander College 301, the final step of advanced training for Commanders, held at Awana Headquarters. We were here with the first graduates from the Commander Colleges we started three years ago in Cannon Beach and Sacramento. We thank God for the faithful Commanders who have stuck with it through all of the advanced training.

Training Commanders, the key leaders in the ministries, has perhaps the greatest impact on local clubs than anything we do. Thank you for giving so we can do this vital ministry.

Because of Calvary,

Ed & Kim Gossien



Commander College 101

Commander College 201

Deputation Update:

God has provided several new ministry partners this month during our time of deputation. We will be sharing the ministry that God has given us in Awana with as many people as we can in the next few months. Please pray that God will help us as we discover the provision he already has prepared for us.



Western Oregon's
newest Commander,
Nathan, at CC-101

Save the Date! - Commander College 2011 - January 20 - 23, 2011 - Cannon Beach, Oregon