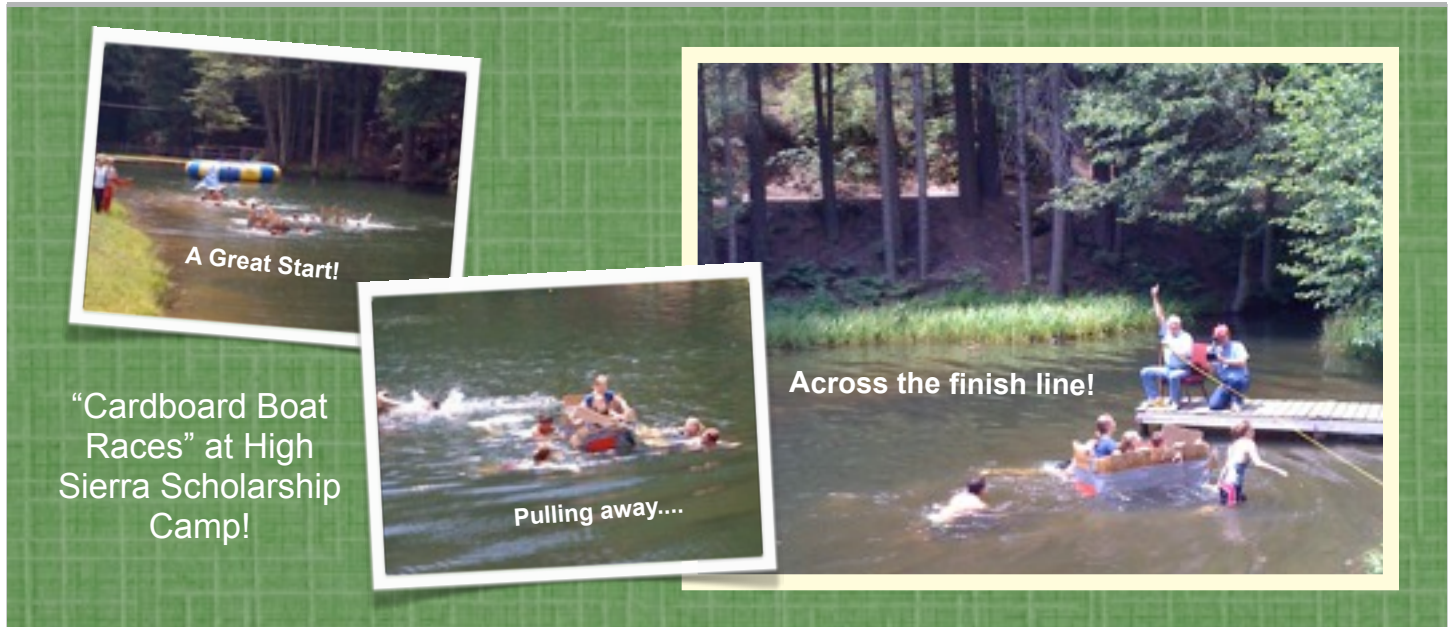


Awana Western Oregon

Ed & Kim Gossien - Awana Missionaries

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Awana is out for the year & you'd think we'd have nothing to do....

Travel, Travel, and More Travel

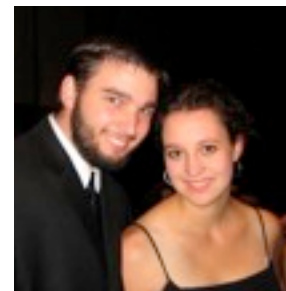
This spring and summer we traveled over 10,000 miles! In addition to normal Awana travel, Kim and I have been to Awana Headquarters twice, to Oakhurst, California for High Sierra Scholarship Camp, and by the time you read this I will be in Los Angeles to teach at Awana Commander College. We have one more trip to Awana Headquarters in for July. After that travel, we'll be glad to settle in to a normal schedule in August.

Matt's News

In May, Matt graduated from Corban College with a degree in Business Management. We are proud of him! Shortly after graduating, Matt became engaged to Joy Bennett -- a wonderful young lady. We are excited to add her to our family!

Heather & Joel

Heather and Joel are celebrating their third wedding anniversary on July 15th. They are going camping to celebrate. This summer, Heather is focusing on her masters degree.



Matt and Joy have announced their engagement! The wedding will be in late October.

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Thank you for being part of our Ministry Support Team
Your prayers and finances fuel the Awana ministry in Western Oregon!



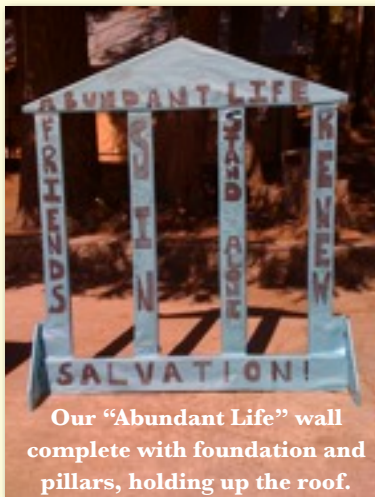
Prayer & Praises

Praises:

- Many young people trusted Christ at camp.
- Our training at Awana was very encouraging.
- Our training team is gearing up for a busy training season. We have incredible trainers!
- We've already begun receiving inquiries from churches that want to start Awana in the fall.

Prayer Requests

- We are in a season of deputation. Please pray that God leads us to people who share our passion to see young people reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and that they would join our Ministry Support Team.
- Pray for our trainers as we begin the busy season for both new club trainings and refresher trainings for existing clubs.
- Pray for the Awana Commanders, that God will give them wisdom as they plan their year and recruit and train their leaders.
- Pray that many churches will start the Awana ministry for the first time this fall. Each new club reaches many unchurched young people.



Our "Abundant Life" wall complete with foundation and pillars, holding up the roof.

Young people met Jesus at High Sierra Scholarship Camp!



These are some of the campers from High Sierra Scholarship Camp. The two on the right trusted Christ as Savior at camp. Yahoooo!

God Works!

Camp is a special time for many young people. Something special happens when people are removed from their normal surroundings. There are no cell phones, no text messages, no Facebook, and no Wii. Campers are left with just their Bible, the camp facilities, their fellow campers, camp counselors, and staff. Camp is an ideal time to focus on things of God. It is always amazing to watch God at work through camp.

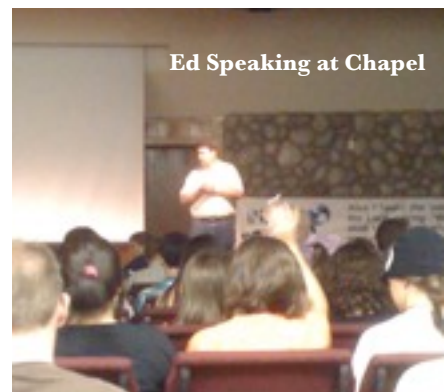
Our Week at High Sierra Scholarship Camp

I was privileged to be the camp speaker each night at chapel. The theme was the abundant life that Christians should be living and roadblocks that might get in the

way. You can listen to the podcasts of the camp messages at this website:

http://web.mc.com/egossien/Awana_Western_Oregon/Home_Page.html.

Many young people made decisions for Christ. Please pray for them as they grow in their faith.



THIS WAS THE VISUAL ILLUSTRATION FOR MY CAMP MESSAGES.