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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support of our ministry. It has been far too long since we shared a ministry and family update. These last few months have been filled with amazing demonstrations of God's love, His grace, and His provision. I'd love to share a few with you.

God is doing great things in Awana. Here are a few recent developments.

- We are partnering with a foundation in the Northwest to greatly expand our reach to Native Americans and Alaskan Natives. There are over 100,000 Alaska Native children alone to be reached with the Gospel, and many thousands of Native American children in the Northwest.
- To equip leaders, we are beginning to implement the "Leader-Based" training system to start Awana ministries. Internationally, this system has led to exponential growth and many more children being reached. We will be focusing on training "master trainers" that will champion leadership training for their church. Our first pilots will be in Idaho and Louisiana.
- Another milestone has almost been reached! In the coming months, we'll be receiving statistics from our international Area Directors. When those reports are in, we believe we will exceed three million children being reached worldwide! To God be the glory!

We are blessed by so many opportunities for ministry. Some bring change. Recently, I have been asked to expand my responsibilities with Awana. While my ministry the Northwest and Texas and Oklahoma continue, I have been asked to serve on a team that oversees the Awana field staff in the US. My new role required us to move to a more central location geographically. Just a couple of weeks ago, we closed on our new home in Terrell, Texas. We look forward to having the boxes unpacked soon.

On a personal note, our third grandchild, Josiah was born in August. His two big sisters like having a little brother. (We'll see how that goes when he gets a bit bigger.) Emmaline, our oldest granddaughter, is in Sparks. She absolutely loves it! She just got her first green jewel, and went to the Sparks Store for the first time. I love seeing the excitement in her eyes! It reminds me how important our ministry is.

So many girls and boys are meeting Jesus at Awana all over the US and around the world through their involvement with Awana. It may look different from place to place, but so much remains the same – the Gospel, trained leaders loving children, fun and exciting meetings that bring kids back each week, and discipleship through learning God's word.

As you might imagine, we need your partnership more now than ever before. God is expanding our reach every day. Your prayers and financial support are vital to the Awana ministry. Thank you again for praying for us and supporting our ministry.

Because of Calvary,

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