



Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

Psalms 100:4-5

## Goodrows' Greetings!

Gary and Sharon Goodrow | October - 2021

**Thank you for helping us equip leaders, to reach kids, and see the world changed for Christ.**

What a joy to see the children back at Awana clubs after a season of remote ministries! We have been able to visit churches where faithful leaders have put relational discipleship into practice, faithfully reaching families with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Gary was blessed to share God's Word during several morning services this summer.

## Field Updates

We held several summer leadership meetings equipping and encouraging new and seasoned church leaders with many new enhancements including Awana Basics and our exciting Brite curriculum.

Our area was part of the first global Child Discipleship Forum in which leaders came together to learn, discuss, strategize, and prioritize making disciples of current and future generations. More than a dozen churches hosted either local or area online viewing of the two-day livestream.



## Outreach & Equipping Highlights

- Awana clubs are enjoying group activities and games again!
- Many Awana clubs are coming back (returning to normal)!
- Summer Awana Connect meetings brought leaders from area churches together to enhance their youth ministries!
- Awana and other church leaders will gather online for many breakouts during our upcoming AMC (held on October 23)!



At the 2021 Awana Ministry Conference, we'll gather to help kids know Jesus and experience belonging.

BELONG. BELIEVE. BECOME.

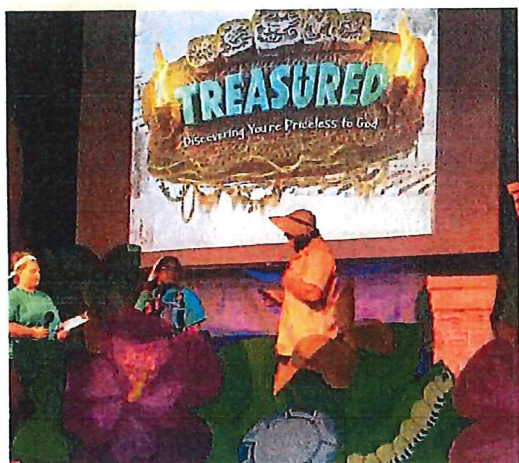
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## Praises

- For many decisions to trust Christ during our summer VBS visits
- For churches that are renewing Awana memberships after experiencing the Child Discipleship Forum

## Prayer Requests

- For a local Awana family who recently lost their dad to COVID
- For God's leading as we continue to connect and grow relationships with the churches we serve



## Family Update

- For health and safety as we travel
- For healing and comfort after the passing of our family member
- For healing and comfort after the passing of a dear friend
- Thankful for God's leading in the lives of our five grandchildren

*Thank you for being so faithful.  
Gary & Sharon*

## From the Awana global headquarters

For two full days, leaders from all over the world gathered together to talk about the priority of children's ministry in a post-Christian culture, and that time was filled with thought-provoking challenges, biblical truth, and vision. The children in our ministries will be the leaders in the church of 2050—grounded in the biblical discipleship they experience today. How are we helping them to learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in the midst of a shifting landscape of culture?

Psalm 78 gives a beautiful vision for generational discipleship through the Israelites— "For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments." (Psalm 78:5)

The work of Jesus only further clarifies the importance of us passing our faith on to the next generation, and that is what you are doing week after week! Carry on in the strength of a God who has sustained generations past and will continue to show His faithfulness to us and the generations to come!

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