



But you are a chosen people,  
a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation,  
God's special possession,  
that you may declare the praises  
of him who called you  
out of darkness into his  
wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

Melinda and Ken Cogley | January 2021

**Thank you for helping us make  
disciples who stand RESILIENT in  
their faith!**

What a joy to hear and see churches excelling in relational discipleship! Faithful leaders are loving children and sharing their faith in Jesus Christ with them. One of our clubs had their first night of Awana for the 20-21 year on January 13th. They were so excited and reported back that they had 24 clubbers attend. WooHoo!!

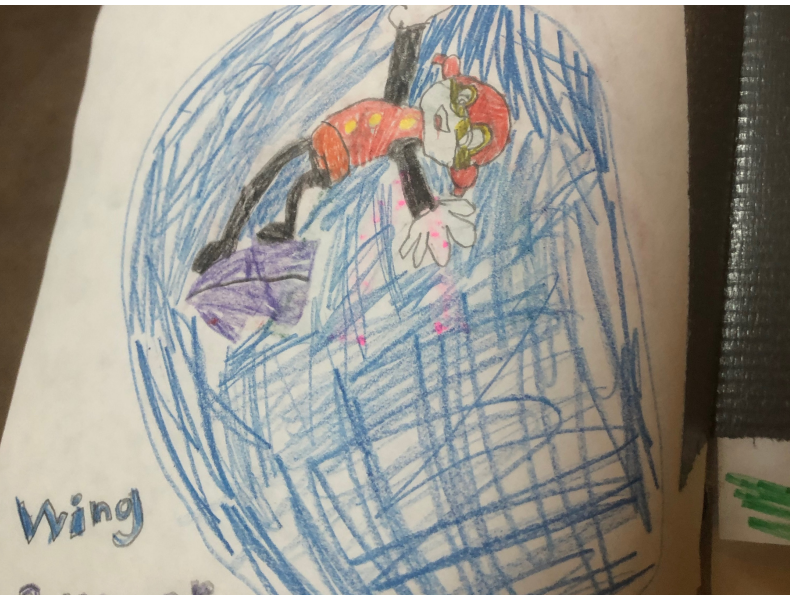
### Field Updates

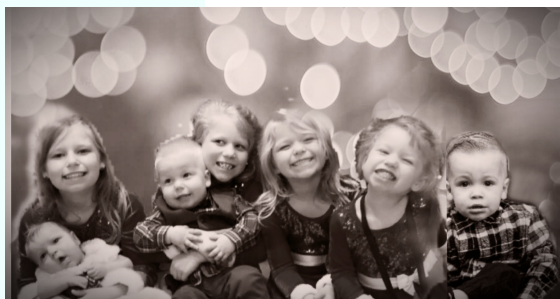
It was so good for my heart and soul to have several clubbers call me because of Covid to say the verses they had memorized. It was so precious to hear their little voices reciting the Bible verses they have hidden in their hearts and minds, to hear them say with confidence..."Jesus Loves Me!"

We currently have over 80 churches running some form of Awana, either in person or virtual. It is amazing to see leaders think creatively to continue to reach and disciple children for Christ.

### Outreach Highlights

- One of our Sparks clubs in the Akron area collected gloves and mittens to give to the homeless.
- An area middle-schooler volunteers to do the Puggles puppet show every other week.
- In a local church, the Awana director has been meeting with a family with 4 children in Awana at a separate time because of Covid concerns.





### Praises:

- For health and safety
- For what God is doing on the field as we continue to connect and grow relationships with the churches we serve
- For a wonderful visit with our children and grandchildren over Christmas break and a new grandbaby on the way in August

### Ministry Goals:

- To continue to contact churches and encourage them as they make resilient disciples in their churches and communities



### Prayer Requests:

- For Ken's continued progress. He has good days and some not so good days.
- For an upcoming eye appointment with the retina specialist for Melinda.
- For God to provide more ministry partners as we work to become fully funded.

## From an Awana Club Near You

The Children's Ministry and Awana Clubs at Old North Church of Canfield are lending a Helping Hand by collecting gently worn items for the clients of the Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley. So far, the bin has been filled twice, and one week still remains in the drive.

Alicia Lowery | Children's Ministry Assistant



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