



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

Mike and Kris Reed | January 2021

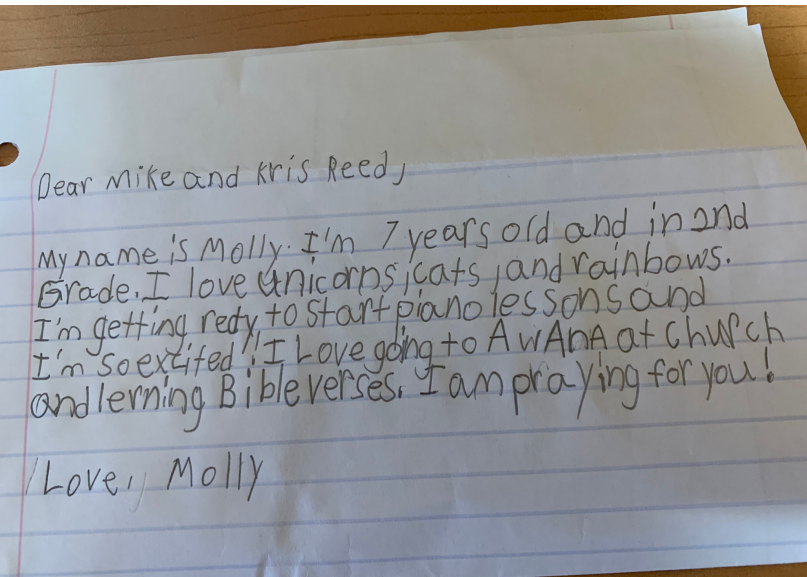
**Thank you for helping us make
disciples who stand RESILIENT in
their faith!**

It has been a blessing to see creativity abound despite difficulties this club year. Ashland Oldham County Church, La Grange, KY, has weekly Facebook lessons and monthly Awana Family Nights. Families work together to learn more about the gospel and become equipped to live gospel-filled lives individually, in community, and on mission.

Field Updates

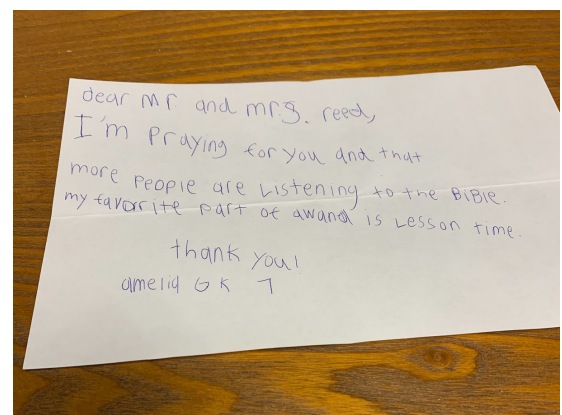
Although Highland Park First Baptist Church, Louisville, KY, continues to meet virtually, they incorporate songs and verses into their Sunday evening Sunday school time. Their deeply committed leaders reach out to each of their students every week.

We enjoy receiving precious Sparky letters. It is a gift to hear what they love about Awana, but most importantly, how they love learning and saying the Word of God. We are grateful that His Word will never return void.



Outreach Highlights

- Cross Walk Church, in Reynoldsburg, OH, is starting their club this week! They did not begin in the fall due to Covid. Their goal is to continue to reach out to the Nepali community in Reynoldsburg. They are offering free ESL classes on Wednesdays, so they hope the kids' parents will come too. Please pray for this new endeavor!
- St. John's UMC, Prospect, KY, runs their club in-person and virtually. An unexpected blessing has been the personal connections with parents for their at-home kids. The leaders make an intentional effort to meet with each at-home student at their homes throughout the year.





Praises

- For all of our children and grandchildren being home together for two days over Christmas
- For the fantastic leaders committed to engaging with their Awana kids and teaching them the Word and love of God

Ministry Goals

- For deeper connections with the churches we serve
- For the development of content for online basic training to implement this summer
- For the preparation of webinars this quarter to equip and encourage leaders across our territory

Prayer Requests

- For continued efforts to connect and encourage leaders starting Awana this winter instead of this past fall
- For our ability to encourage the weary for those who have had Awana in some form no matter what
- For our daughter, Katie, as she moves back from Kansas this weekend and drives the 800 miles by herself

From an Awana Club Near You

"As a felony investigator for our local prosecutor's office, one day I went to the local jail to interview a young man. This young guy looked at me curiously, like he knew me somehow. Then he blurted out, 'You're that Awana guy!' He had been one of our clubbers as a 5th and 6th grader, and instantly I remembered him. He started reciting verses like Romans 3:23 and John 3:16. The Scriptures he recited had been suppressed for years but were still there. At that point, the interview changed! I once again got to talk to him about forgiveness of sins only available by the One that died on a cross for each of us. There was no salvation prayer offered that day, but he did ask me to pray for him, which I did and still do. I tell this story only because we simply DO NOT know how these kids are actually affected by their Awana experience. Sometimes, in the darkest part of their lives (like a 21-year-old going to prison for the first time), what they heard and learned in Awana will come through, and the Holy Spirit is always willing to work in them."

Jeff Scholl | Awana Ministry Director

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