



Oh give thanks to the
Lord, for He is good,
for His steadfast love
endures forever!

Psalm 107:1



Jeff and Shelly Kessler August - October 2023

At a recent missions conference at Central Bible Church in Kalispell, we were encouraged to hear testimonies of God's remarkable work in many different ministries. Especially heartwarming was hearing the impact memorizing verses at Awana had on so many of these missionaries' lives!

Ministry & Equipping Highlights

- Within the last year, we've seen over ten new or restarted Awana ministries in our territory, including Cornerstone Community Church in Billings. These new clubs will be reaching over 500 more kids!
- Canyon Ferry Road Baptist Church hosted basic training for Helena-area churches. Commander Kristen Bouchard had several of her leaders attend, which included some high school teens. A couple of other churches had leaders attend as well.
- We just want to praise God for His wonderful care and provision for our vehicles over the years. So often we take it for granted. But when a vehicle breaks down on the way to a leader training, it makes you think twice. Praise God we were still able to make the training on time!



**Thank you so much for helping
us carry the fire of faith to the
next generation!**



Impact Stories

**As I was driving home from an Awana visit in eastern Montana, I was prompted to pull off the highway. The small town had a few churches, so I stopped at one to speak with the pastor and ask him about what was going on in the community to reach kids with the Gospel. I interrupted a ladies' prayer meeting. They did not have a pastor currently, but they had come together to pray, asking for God's guidance in beginning a kid's ministry. They started Awana that Fall. God is good!

**Community Bible Church reaches many kids in Fort Benton. And kids not only from Fort Benton, says club commander Bryan Cartwright. Many parents are driving their kids almost 40 miles one way to attend Awana. The trip from Big Sandy each week to see their children memorize God's Word and learn about God is a considerable investment.

Family Update

- Our whole family was able to get together in August for a few days! What a great time!! We are so blessed!!

Praise and Prayer Requests

- For the privilege of training these new Awana Club starts as well as refresher training for veteran leaders and clubs.
- For a couple more churches contemplating starting Awana in January.
- Jeff had the awesome opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with many clubbers.
- Awana leaders committed to engaging with their Awana kids and teaching them the Word and the love of God.
- What a treat it is to visit clubs and listen to kids learn their verses and then recite them to their leaders.
- Pastors who value discipling the children in their church and community.
- For our daughter Heather with a baby due in Dec.
- For Jeff's health and mobility.
- Safety on the roads.



Ministry Goals

- Provide encouragement and solutions to churches who are navigating through ministry challenges.
- Reaching boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through an abundance of opportunities.
- Interacting with church ministry decision-makers to help prioritize child discipleship across our area of Montana and Wyoming.



From the Awana Global Headquarters

It's officially fall! Perhaps your weather is warm during the day and cool enough at night to sit around a bonfire with friends, or maybe you're still sweating every time you step outside because fall where you live just means a little less heat.

Regardless of where you live, your fall ministry has kicked off and your volunteer teams are off to a great start! This season of ministry holds excitement, anticipation and hope for the kids in your church to know and experience God. Capitalize on your high energy levels and celebrate the ways you're seeing God work with your church staff to help unify your church body around the discipleship of kids!

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reaching more children!**

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