

# Thank you for helping us carry the fire of faith to the next generation!



Scott and Leah Conner | September - October 2020

**Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Romans 5:1**

We are so encouraged by what God has been doing through this difficult season. It is clear to see the passion our churches have to make Resilient Child Disciples, as the vast majority of churches have continued their club ministry this fall. Either doing in-person or virtual children and youth ministry, they are hearing the gospel, and "...the gates of hell will not prevail." Matt. 16:18b

## Field Updates

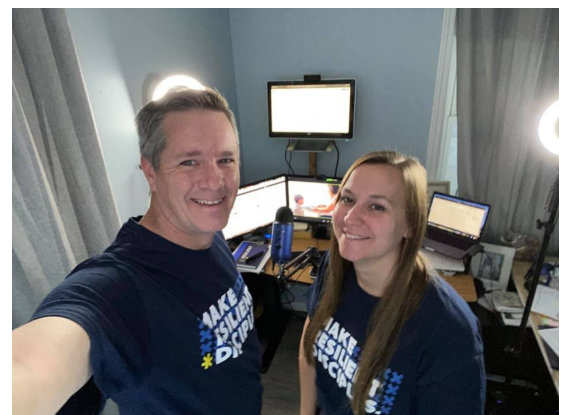
Our Awana Basics Online (August) and Virtual Awana Ministry Conference (September) helped equip over 400 leaders. It was a joy to give leadership to missionaries and ministry team members who encouraged leaders nationally and globally. Thousands of lives touched!

I recently connected with Awana Ministry Director Gloria Bake, at Calvary Baptist Church, West Branch. Calvary is celebrating their 50th year doing Awana. She shared two incredible stories with me. First, a young T&T girl came to their club and didn't know what sin was. She also thought that Jesus Christ was a swear word. Gloria said, "It was a joy to share the gospel with her." She also shared about a Sparky boy who was crying because he didn't want to go home. "I want to stay at Awana," he said.



## Outreach Highlights

- Over 3/4 of our churches we serve in northern Michigan are doing club this fall. Praise the Lord! Just under a 1/3 are planning to hold off their start until the first of the year or next fall.
- First Baptist Church of Spring Lake had a 3-day Award pick-up line, and they have planned to start Oct. 14th with club in person and plan to go virtual when not in person.
- First Reformed Church, Grand Haven, has had a "wonderful response to doing club online," Pastor John Kenny shared.
- Led a U.S. field Church Engagement Initiative reaching over 4,600 churches during this COVID season.





## Family Update

All four kids are in-person at school. We are thankful for the work the staff and teachers are doing to help keep them safe and healthy. Dallace just finished her first season of cross country and enjoyed it. Eva is again loving dance. She also enjoys reading, and we are encouraged by her progress. Landon is finishing up his flag football season. Wow! Can he run! Last year Jett completed his first Sparky book and is working hard, yet again, this year. We are so thankful for these precious times with our kids.

## Ministry Goals

- Help churches navigate through the challenges of ministry
- Equip our ministry to help better connect with our church partners

## Praise & Prayer Requests

- Thankful for what God is doing on the field as we continue to connect and grow relationships with the churches we serve.
- Thankful for the number of resilient churches and leaders with a stick-to-it ministry mentality.
- Thankful for our ministry partners who support this important work.
- For wisdom as I lead teams during this challenging season
- For our family to remain healthy
- For our state to remain open, allowing us to better connect with those we serve

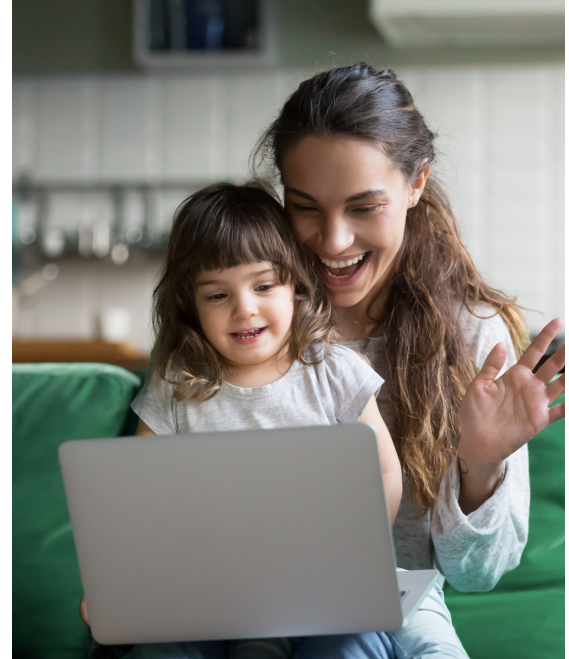


## From the Awana global headquarters

In Romans 5:3-5, Paul writes to the believers in Rome about the gift of sufferings. For many 2020 has been a difficult year, marked by suffering and loss. Yet, as Paul teaches those who would suffer for their faith, our sufferings lead us to hope. This is only because of the gospel.

Right now there are kids who are receiving hope, receiving the gospel because of your partnership. Thank you for your faithfulness. Thank you for continually reaching kids with hope, with the gospel, through Awana.

Michael Handler | Chief Communications Officer



Awana is a global nonprofit organization, fueled by the generous support of individuals, churches, and organizations as well as resource sales to accomplish our mission of equipping leaders to reach kids with the gospel and engage them in lifelong discipleship.

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