

THOMAS TRIBUNE



Fall 2010



Tim & Sherry Thomas

Generation After Generation Awana® Ministry Conference 2010

This year we are celebrating the 60th anniversary of Awana at our local ministry conferences. The theme for this year is Celebrating Generation After Generation of Lasting Faith in Christ. Part of our celebration included inviting some very special men to come and be a part. In Madison our keynote speaker was 92 year old, Awana co-founder, Art Rorheim. Art spoke about the need to reach the current generation with the Gospel. He then hosted a question and answer workshop. Art was also on hand to autograph copies of the no-longer in print book, "Awana God's Miracle". It was a real blessing to our leaders to spend time with Art. Our keynote speaker in Milwaukee was retired southern Wisconsin Awana Missionary, Arne Abrahamsen who chal-



lenged leaders from the book of Nehemiah . Arne was an Awana clubber at the Northside Gospel Center and served Awana as a missionary in both Arizona and Wisconsin for over 20 years and also worked at headquarters for over 10 years. Also part of our conference were video recorded portions featuring Jonathan Falwell; Awana CEO, Jack Eggar; Larry Fowler, and Awana board member Shawn Thornton. Over 400 people were trained at these two conferences that also featured workshops presented by Awana headquarters personnel and local ministry team members and volunteers. The theme for the 2011 Awana ministry Conference will be "One More" watch our website for details



7 CHURCHES START NEW CLUBS

This fall seven churches are starting Awana in southern Wisconsin. These churches are:

- Burlington Assembly in Burlington
- Heritage Baptist Church in Cedarburg
- Oak Grove Church in Evansville
- Orchard View Alliance in Janesville (restart)
- Faith Baptist Church in Oak Creek
- Living Water Church in Sun Prairie
- New Life Community Church in Viroqua

NEW TRAILER SAVES TIME AND MONEY

We are very thankful for everyone who had a part in helping us purchase this 4x8 trailer. It is in much better condition than the previous one that was donated to us and it came with some much needed options like rear stabilizers and a steerable front wheel. We are also thankful to Mr. John Flint for allowing us to store it on his farm when we are not using it.



RECENT AND UPCOMING TRAVELS

In September Tim and Sherry were in Neenah, WI helping with fellow missionary Roy Koopman's conference. Also in September we presented Awana at Oak Grove Church in Evansville, held a Basic Training Seminar in Edgerton, and Tim was at Awana HQ for a day of meetings.

After our conferences we spent a weekend at a missions conference in Williams Bay, WI., did another

BT at Oak Grove, and visited clubs in Sun Prairie and Verona.



Sunset Beach, North Carolina

In November we will be traveling to Sunset Beach, North Carolina for the North American Missionary Conference. Every few years

Awana brings all of the U.S. and Canadian missionaries together for a retreat that include five days of refreshing, recharging, and perhaps a little relaxing.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT UPGRADE

In the 21st century computers have become a vital part of most missionaries' ministries. Ours is no exception.

As we depend more and more on computers for presentations and training we find ourselves in need to replace one of our aging computers with a new multimedia laptop capable of high quality video and sound.



In order to obtain the approximately \$1200 needed, we have started a special fund raising project. If you or your church would like to participate in this project please contact us and we will give you more information.

Previous issues of the Thomas Tribune and other news are available from our website: awanaswi.org/newsletters.html

FAMILY

In September our son, David, was able to come spend a week with us. During his stay he and Sherry toured Taliesin (the summer home of American architect Frank Lloyd Wright); all the boys (and dad too!) played a round of golf and some baseball; and Dave, Tim, and Kyle took in a game at Wrigley Field. After visiting us, he spent several days in Seattle visiting with Wendy. David is still working as an engineer for an aerospace firm in Daytona Beach, FL.

Speaking of Wendy, she and Evan will be with us for Thanksgiving. We have not seen them since last Christmas and really miss them. Evan will be turning two on October 28th and is getting so big. Wendy has about a year and half left on her enlistment and is looking forward to not living on the west coast.

Steve is a youth sponsor at our church and is working on building a business that partners with a health and wellness company, and a leadership development organization.

Kyle is home now from a year at Nicolet Bible Institute and Silver Birch Ranch. He is currently looking for a job while waiting on God to show him His next step.

In March, Kyle will be going to Haiti on a missions trip with Don Shire Ministries to work with orphans, do community outreach, and perhaps some light construction.



L to R: David, Sarah (friend) , Wendy, & Evan

Sherry is still teaching, but at a different school this year. She teaches six 5th thru 8th grade students at Faith Community Christian School in Fort Atkinson. Please pray for Sherry as she balances her teaching and missionary responsibilities.

Tim continues to visit churches and clubs promoting and supporting Awana . He has also enrolled in the Ministerial Study Program (a guided academic study

from the C&MA for licensing and ordination) and is working through a course in hermeneutics.

Please continue to lift up the Thomas family in your prayers

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