



# The Britton Bulletin

## Partnering In The Gospel

The new year of 2010 brought with it an opportunity to receive some training relative to support raising. I was apprehensive at first, but found the experience challenging and faith building.

First came the encouragement to re-examine the call of God to this ministry. Since the very beginning of our Awana missionary work Diane and I have viewed our efforts as fulfilling a call to American missions. After twelve years I still cannot think of a better ministry to combat the important spiri-

tual issues that face our land. We simply must be about raising boys and girls who will come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

I then learned that a base of support is much more than some folks who contribute money to a ministry account. This is really about partnership in the gospel. As we are financially and prayerfully enabled to encourage and equip leaders in the task of reaching their local church communities, the kingdom of God is being multiplied through the efforts of sup-

porters, missionaries, and a wonderful group of "lay missionaries", Awana leaders!

I've been working at getting beyond my pride and fear issues relating to support raising, and learning to trust God in a deeper way concerning financial needs. We're looking for about twenty individuals who would be willing to invest about \$100.00 per month to continue this important kingdom building ministry. Would you be one? Support forms can be found on our web site, or you could call with questions. Please pray for us as we make contacts with individuals, that God would raise up the Ministry Partners He desires to be involved in this important American missions ministry.

## Awana Ministry Newsletter

April 2010

Special points of interest:

- ☉ Partnering In The Gospel
- ☉ Bible Quiz Statistics
- ☉ 10 Standards
- ☉ Missionary Meditations
- ☉ SAR & Awanagames Stats
- ☉ Support Progress
- ☉ Praise & Prayer

## Missionary Meditations CD

Over the years many have asked about music CDs. Mark has recently recorded an album called "Missionary Meditations". The eight arrangements on the album are those that have most commonly been shared throughout our missionary ministry.

Just give us a call or email if interested in helping our ministry through a gift, and we'll send the CD as a thank-you!

## Missionary Meditations

1. How Great Thou Art
2. Missionary Medley
3. Christ Arose/ My Tribute
4. I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked/In The Garden
5. Jesus Loves Me/O How He Loves You And Me
6. Jesus Loves The Little Children
7. Come Ye Thankful People, Come/We Gather Together
8. Invitation Medley

Help Support Our Ministry

Suggested Donation:  
\$15.00

## Our Mission:



Helping churches and parents raise children and youth to know, love, and serve Christ.



The Ten Standards for Excellence is a great tool for evaluating the effectiveness of your local club. The program consists of a 10 Standards booklet that describes the standards and how they are achieved in club. The really helpful part is that you are provided with a planning tool like what is pictured below. This goal sheet allows you to identify areas of strength and weakness that can then be translated into goals for a new club season. Commanders and churches are receiving an evaluation with this newsletter that can be sent to our office. They will be graded and then certificate awards will be presented to churches at the 2010 Awana Ministry Conference. Check out the materials at our web site at [miawana.org](http://miawana.org). Click on the programs tab to find the ten standards.

Awana Clubs Goal Sheet

Category	Goals	Action Plan	Target Completion Date
1. We reach boys and girls with the gospel and train them to serve Him.	<p>Unsaved clubbers regularly have the opportunity to trust Christ as Savior.</p> <p>Increase the number of clubbers 20% during this club year</p>	<p>- Require all leaders to have a copy of God's Only Way To Heaven during club</p> <p>-Teach kids how to invite friends to club</p> <p>- Have a "Bring a Friend" theme night</p>	<p>- first club night (on-going)</p> <p>-May 31</p>
2. We recruit, train and motivate leaders to serve the local church.	All leader will pass the Basic Training test	- Schedule a basic training session and purchase leader training manuals for leaders.	- August 30

	<p>Many thanks to Temple Hill Baptist in Cadillac for the use of their wonderful Facility!</p>	<p><b>Sparks-A-Rama &amp; Awanagames Stats!</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sparks A Rama Placings</b></p> <p><b><u>Circle 1</u></b></p> <p>1st East Bay Calvary, Traverse City          2nd First Baptist, Newaygo          3rd Temple Hill Baptist, Cadillac          4th Rollins Christian Fellowship, Manton</p> <p><b><u>Circle 2</u></b></p> <p>1st Trinity Fellowship, Big Rapids          2nd Emmanuel Baptist, Gladwin          3rd Temple Hill Baptist, Cadillac</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Awanagames Placings</b></p> <p><b><u>Div. 2 Girls</u></b></p> <p>1st Trinity Fellowship, Big Rapids          2nd East Bay Calvary, Traverse City          3rd First Baptist, Newaygo          4th Huggard Bible, Sand Lake</p> <p><b><u>Div. 2 Boys</u></b></p> <p>1st East Bay Calvary, Traverse City          2nd First Baptist, Newaygo          3rd Huggard Bible, Sand Lake          4th Trinity Fellowship, Big Rapids</p> <p><b><u>Div 3 Flight 1</u></b></p> <p>1st Emmanuel Baptist, Gladwin          2nd Cornerstone Baptist, Bay City          3rd Temple Hill Baptist, Cadillac</p>	<p><b><u>Div. 3 Flight 2</u></b></p> <p>1st Rollins Christian Fellowship, Manton          2nd Grace Baptist, Saginaw</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Records set for 2010</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Girls Div 3 Sprint Relay:</b>          Old Record: 21.94 Seconds          New Record: 21.53 Seconds</p> <p>Record now held by:  <b>Emmanuel Baptist, Gladwin</b>          Record set by:  <b>Brooke Pickard, Kassidie Roggow, Faith Greer</b></p>	

Regional Grand Prix Results

3rd/4th Design

- 1st Matthew Nehrt
- 2nd Megan Trombey
- 3rd Brandon Roggow

3rd/4th Speed

- 1st Zachary Brown
- 2nd Morgan Witzgall
- 3rd Kassidie Roggow

5th/6th Design

- 1st Elizabeth Lyman
- 2nd Autumn Tuck
- 3rd Joseph Geary

5th/6th Speed

- 1st Cody Witzgall
- 2nd Emily Roggow
- 3rd Loretta Dorais



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We're grateful for these wonderful events that provide gospel sharing opportunities!

Trek Design

- 1st Tyler Fink
- 2nd Rosalyn Palenkas
- 3rd D.J. Ritter

Open Design

- 1st Rose La Roche
- 2nd Sue Shaw
- 3rd Sue Shaw

Trek Speed

- 1st Sean Pickard
- 2nd Diondre Britton
- 3rd Joshua Hentschel

Open Speed

- 1st John Van Holstyn
- 2nd Tom Singletary
- 3rd Ken Wray

News From Regional Bible Quiz

BOOK 1

- 1st East Bay Calvary, Traverse City
- 2nd Trinity Fellowship, Big Rapids
- 3rd Emmanuel Baptist (tie), Gladwin
- 3rd Rollins Christian Fellowship (tie), Manton
- 4th Cornerstone Baptist



BOOK 2

- 1st Emmanuel Baptist, Gladwin
- 2nd East Bay Calvary Team 1, Traverse City
- 3rd Trinity Fellowship, Big Rapids
- 4th East Bay Calvary Team 2, Traverse City

BOOK 3

- 1st Trinity Fellowship, Big Rapids
- 2nd Rollins Christian Fellowship, Manton
- 3rd East Bay Calvary, Traverse City
- 4th Cornerstone Baptist, Bay City

BOOK 4

- 1st Community Bible, Midland
- 2nd Trinity Fellowship, Big Rapids
- 3rd Emmanuel Baptist, Gladwin
- 4th East Bay Calvary, Traverse City

High Honor Students

- Ava Walker - Book 1
- Caitlin Mead - Book 2
- Jessi Ruitter, Julia Sheffer - Book 3
- Joshua Hentschel - Book 4

Reaching boys and girls with the gospel of Christ, and training them to serve



## \$\$Support Progress\$\$

We are thankful for so many faithful and sacrificially giving friends!

At this time we are officially on deputation assignment. That means the vast majority of ministry effort must be targeted to support raising. We simply have not been able to keep our account out of deficit balances for most of 2009 and the first two months of 2010.

From a human perspective we understand a very bleak northern Michigan economy has taken its toll on several personal supporters. A number of churches have either cut or significantly reduced our ministry support as well. However we do recognize that God is in control of all things, and we determined to rest in His provision.

Since receiving deputation training in January, we have been able to connect with several ministry partners, resulting in some one time gifts and some new monthly support, but we have been unable to keep pace with declining giving.

We're praying for about 20 individuals who would give about \$100.00 per month, or whatever the Lord may lead, so that our ministry account can remain in the black. Should the Lord lay in on your heart to partner with us in some way, please communicate your desire to us, or download a support form from our web site to send in a gift to Awana Home Missions.

Would you also pray for us as we seek to get appointments with individuals to present our ministry partner program? If learning more about our ministry and how folks can partner in ministry is of interest to you, give us a call. We'd love to meet with you!

## Change in Newsletter Schedule

In an effort to save on costs, we will be producing the Britton Bulletin three times a year rather than quarterly. Our target months for newsletters will be:

April  
August  
December

## Praise & Prayer

### Praise

- For all our faithful ministry partners.
- For the encouraging reports of children coming to Christ, and being trained for the kingdom.
- For the wonderful hospitality extended to us while traveling.
- For ministry team members that help us with events.

### Prayer

- That we may be able to keep our ministry budget on target as we navigate the difficult economy.
- That the gospel will be presented clearly in our ministry presentations.
- That the new churches starting Awana this year will have a fruitful Awana season.
- That we may remain faithful to our calling.

## Awana Ministry Conference 2010

October 16, 2010 is an important date to set aside for encouragement and equipping for ministry. One northern Michigan event will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, West Branch,



where David Gibbs, attorney with Christian Law Association, will be the featured speaker. He will provide a free will package for all who attend his estate planning workshop and will encourage us during the general sessions to be passionate about our service to Christ. Make sure to bring all your leaders as special plaques are awarded to churches bringing at least 70 % of their Awana staff!

## Commander College Coming!

**Unforgettable Community!** Fellowship and dine while hearing Awana Clubs International leadership share their passion for developing effective commanders.

**High-Quality Training!** Engage in a high-powered day of training with learning activities, interactive participation and networking. Topics include "Integrating Awana within Your Church," "It Takes a Shepherd" and "Motivating Your Leaders."

**Fun!** Training continues with topics such as "The 'Big Rocks' of Administration" and "Give It Back."

**Event held at The Springs Retreat Center in Gladwin**

**August 19 - 21, 2010** (Brochure in Commander & Church mail)