



Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.  
Matthew 5:16

## Jerry and Angie Berheim | January 2023

As we start a new year and look back on 2022, we are thankful for what the Lord has done. The Lord carried us through challenging times and gave us so many blessings along the way. We are grateful for your prayers and financial support over this last year.

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

## Ministry & Equipping Highlights

- This last year was time of rebuilding. We were able to have two in-person Awana Ministry Conferences in our local area this last fall. This year we look forward to spreading AMCs back across our area. We also participated in Virtual Awana Ministry Conferences for the U.S. and served at an Awana Missionary Conference in California
- In April, our Awana Missionary team met in St. Charles, IL., for missionary meetings at Awana Home Office. In November, all the U.S. Awana Missionaries came together in Asheville, NC., for our November Awana Missionary Conference. Both gatherings were a great time for reconnecting with our Awana family, equipping, and resting.



## Impact Story

Our Awana Club at our home church, Ten Mile Community Church in Meridian, ID., decided to do a missions project and raise money for the African School Project through Awana. It takes only \$650 to start Awana in one school using the Leader-Based Strategy, which will generally reach 500-1,500 children in a school. The club's goal was to raise enough money to cover two schools. When the time was up for the mission's project, the kids had raised enough money for five schools. The following Sunday, the AMD for the club shared with the church congregation what the African School Project was and what the Awana clubbers had done. After the church service, several church families wanted to donate to the project. After the final total was in, there was enough money to cover seven schools. That is reaching anywhere from 3,500 to 10,500 students in Africa. If you would like to learn more about the African School Project, go to [www.awana.org/africaschoolsproject/](http://www.awana.org/africaschoolsproject/)



## Family Update

- Makayla was able to come home for Christmas break from Missouri. She is in her second year of teaching. In May, she was able to move out of her apartment and rent a little house in the town she teaches in.
- Brett and Qwyn keep busy with the kids, church, and work. Liberty is three and a half years old, and Conway is two.
- Roxanne keeps busy with her work at the church. She is learning how to snowboard this winter.
- Jerry is recovering very well from his shoulder surgery in August. He is glad to have almost all motion back and working on building back his strength in that shoulder.
- We celebrated our 34th wedding anniversary on January 6th.



## Praise and Prayer Requests

- A praise to have all of our kids together over Christmas break.
- Thankful for our supporters who have come alongside us as we serve the Lord to reach children and youth for Christ.
- Generous donors for our yearend financial support.
- Prayers for friends and Awana families who have lost loved ones over this last year.
- That the Lord would guide and direct us as we move forward in this new year

## Ministry Goals

- Provide encouragement and solutions to churches who are navigating through ministry challenges.
- Challenging churches with a call to action, making child discipleship a priority.



## From the Awana Global Headquarters



Do you remember the song you sang in your Sunday School class all those years ago, This Little Light of Mine? Its simple truths still ring true today for so many kids – This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Over the centuries, followers of Jesus have made the choice to shine His light in their homes, communities and areas of influence. Kids today have that same choice, and as the disciplinators who serve them on a weekly basis, it's important to pray with them, read scripture together and remind them that the light of Christ in them will shine bright as they learn to follow after Him!

Melanie Hester | Director of Discipleship Insight

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