

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



Joel & Baily Easling | October 2020

"Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."

Philippians 1:27

Outreach Highlights

- Stories from Ministry directors tell of 3 elementary age kids coming to Christ this year already. God is good!!!
- Young leaders are being equipped to lead and serve while they in turn are investing in the younger generation.
- Over 250 leaders were trained at our PNW Awana Basics training held online this year.
- Since the launch of Brite* we have 153+ subscriptions that Families and churches are using to disciple their kids

Field Updates

- We have many clubs still starting up Awana this fall... Many adding Virtual club in order to reach as many kids and youth as possible. Some unable to be in-person due to multiple reasons.
- As we are able to make connections, we are still finding the common denominator in why we press on to the upward goal of reaching boys and girls... The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Because of your consistent support (even in these rough times) and our own personal ministry costs have been down during this season, we were able to donate some of our surplus to areas in Africa that are in dire need of funds as they gain new clubs by the 100s. Thank you for being a huge part of reaching boys and girls with the gospel of Christ around the world.
- I've been asked to join a team of innovative thinkers whose goal is to find and build needed resources to help train and equip clubs in more effective discipleship.



It has been a joy to be connecting with pastors and ministry directors all over the SW Washington region. Even in the midst of these trying times, together we are finding ways to ensure the gospel is preached and disciples are made.

Family Updates

You may recall our last communication asked for prayer as we anticipated the arrival of our newest daughter. You also know that we didn't get last months communication out to you. Who knew that adding a 3rd kiddo to the mix would be such a whirlwind? I guess I underestimated it. lol

We are extremely excited to share that Hallie Ray Easling was born September 4th. I (Joel) was blessed to be able to take some time to just be with the family while we were also blessed by many who brought us gifts and meals.

Having a new little one is not without it's challenges (Baily is so strong!), but as you see in the photos, we are all grateful to have her with us... in our arms.



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.

Praises:

- For health and safety of Baily and Hallie during and after the whole pregnancy and birth
- For the churches who are and have been able to begin club again. (different as it may be this year).

Ministry Goals

- Finding new ways to help equip leaders in our clubs and churches who need it.
- Be a voice of encouragement and help as churches continue to navigate changes in how they do ministry.

Prayer Requests:

- For health and safety as we connect with clubs and churches
- For Churches still seeking wisdom and resources on how and when to get clubs going. Many are struggling with manpower right now.
- For health and safety of our family as we re-figure out our family dynamic in the midst of so much ministry to be done.



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