



### The Challenge:

Children and teens are growing up faster than ever. Navigating the complex world of technology, media, and absentee parents are just some of the challenges our children face. On their own, the outlook for the next generation is one of increased threats including: addictions, abuse, moral depravity, hopelessness, and broken relationships.

But there is Hope.

### Our Mission:

For more than 60 years, Awana has been a leader in children's ministry, equipping churches and parents worldwide to effectively lead their children and youth to know, love and serve Christ.

### Who is Awana?

Awana is a parachurch organization that partners with parents and churches to evangelize and disciple children and youth in order to build a lasting faith in Christ. Awana Clubs meet weekly in participating churches and follow a carefully tailored curriculum for each age group, ages 2 to 18. Through Awana Clubs, we are committed to building a lasting foundation of faith and biblical perspective in the lives of the next generation. Our Clubs focus on Bible study and scripture memorization in small group and large group settings as well as through games and other fun activities. In addition, Awana Clubs provide churches with a gateway for community outreach, service projects, and training leaders.

### Our Core Principles:

- Gospel-centered
- Scripture Memorization
- Community Outreach
- Training Students to Serve
- Committed to Equipping Leaders

### Ministry Metrics:

Each week, Awana reaches nearly two million children and youth worldwide including 1.07 million in 102 countries outside the U.S. We are the only organization with fully integrated evangelism and discipleship programs for children ages 2 to 18 from diverse walks of life.

### U.S. Metrics:

12,000 churches run Awana Clubs

1,000,000 Kids reached via Awana Clubs

250,000 Leaders volunteering weekly in Awana Clubs

### The Need

It is no secret that this generation of children and youth are experiencing an identity crisis. They often make poor choices – turning to things like drugs, alcohol, sex, pornography, and bullying - in an effort to be popular and “fit in.” But what if there was a way we could help children and youth learn who God says they are? What if we helped them establish a solid foundation for life built on the truths found only in scripture? Our Awana Clubs are doing just that.

Research indicates:

- 50-87% of young people stop attending church when they graduate high school.
- 75-80% of children in churches today make a decision to follow Christ between ages 4 and 14.
- 93% of young adults who participated in Awana as a child (for six years or more) still attend church years after leaving Awana.



As Awana missionaries, we have the privilege of training and developing the leaders who are investing time and effort into the lives of children and youth. Together we are partnering to unlock their spiritual potential and raising up a new generation of youth committed to knowing, loving and serving Christ.

#### Our Role

Awana missionaries are passionate about helping children, youth, families and churches know, serve and love God. We accomplish this mission through our strategy of multiplying leaders. As missionaries, one of our primary responsibilities is to empower and train church leaders who in turn train local Awana Club volunteer leaders to effectively minister to children and youth. We also assist and resource churches with establishing Awana Clubs, local outreach, discipleship, family ministry, and volunteer recruitment and training.

#### Our Calling and Mission

My wife, Susan, and I discovered Awana through our children who were invited to attend a Club with a friend. Over the years, we have seen first hand how God's Word (especially scripture memorization) changes lives. Through that realization, God ignited within us a passion to help churches join the Awana ministry, to train them in effectively sharing the Gospel, to encourage leaders in existing clubs, and to coordinate regional events for training and evangelism opportunities.

Susan and I have worked in Awana for 21 years, the past 11 years as missionaries. We currently minister Northern East Tennessee, working with 175 churches. Through Awana Clubs in these churches, over 8,750 children are hearing the Gospel message weekly.

While we are so excited about the progress that is being made in the lives of those 8,750 children, estimates suggest that there are almost 1,500,000 children under the age of 18 living in Tennessee. We must reach more. God has called us to give our lives to invest spiritually in the lives of children and youth through the training of leaders in this region – making an eternal impact for the Kingdom.

We are committed to helping churches and parents in Tennessee evangelize and disciple children, youth, and families to know, love, and serve Christ by training and equipping Awana Club leaders.

#### Our Vision

Our vision is to enroll 80 new churches in the Awana Ministry in Tennessee in the next five years. Through these churches, we will train approximately 960 church leaders and impact over 4,000 children weekly with the Gospel.

#### Join Us

To fund this effort, we currently need \$3,800 month. Will you prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to partner with our ministry as together we help children and youth know, love and serve Christ?

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