

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



Tim and Linnea Sandvall | January - March 2020

*Blessed [with spiritual security] is the man who believes & trusts in & relies on the Lord & whose hope & confident expectation is the Lord.
Jeremiah 17:7 (AMP)*

Even in the craziness of these times, the Lord is still on His throne. He is still good and He is still in control. We pray that any forced interruption that you are experiencing becomes an invitation from God for rest, renewal, and reconnection with your family, friends, and church body.

US Latino Club Training



Field Updates

- Amazing Awana Ministry Conference in El Paso, TX. It was exciting to see leaders inspired to grow resilient disciples.
- Tim has done multiple club visits and seen firsthand God at work in the lives of leaders and kids.
- We were able to connect with leaders, kids, and families at both the Arizona and San Diego Sparks-a-rama and T&T Games and Bible Quiz.
- We were able to connect with Gajendra Tamang (South Asia Regional Director) about the San Diego churches helping to bring Awana to the Maldives. God is opening doors and the training and plans are being set.
- Awana has begun to intentionally reach the Latino churches in the US. Tim has enjoyed being a part of the US Latino Basic Training, (no he doesn't speak Spanish).

**Awana's Lasting Reach...
Where are they now?**

Christian Anderson, Bonita Valley Baptist Church Awana Alum

How are you serving God today?

I am currently a youth pastor at Hill Country Community Church in Lakeside, CA. I also help with other small groups, leading music, & discipleship.

Why was Awana an important part of your youth?

Awana cemented in me biblically-based values & gave me opportunities to lead & learn through experience at a pretty young age. I was mentored by the commander of the group, who gave me consistent advice on becoming a better leader. It was my first taste of leadership in the church!

Gajendra sharing his vision for the people of the Maldives





Awana Games Fun!



Praises:

- For health and safety as we travel.
- For a successful Awana Ministry Conference in El Paso, TX. God gathered even more people than we had prayed for.
- For what God is doing on the field as we continue to connect and grow relationships with the churches we serve.
- For the creativity churches and clubs are showing in this unprecedented time.

Ministry Goals

- Relevant and successful Making Resilient Disciples lunches. (note: These are postponed until the gathering bans are lifted.)
- Further development of our Ministry Teams in New Mexico and San Diego.
- Connection with our churches and leaders.

Prayer Requests:

- For clubs and churches as they creatively manage ministry and COVID-19.
- For continued health and safety.
- Time management and balance of work and family.
- Ever-deepening relationship with Jesus for our entire family
- School to continue (albeit virtual now!) to go well for our kids.

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From the Awana global headquarters

In these long winter months, it can be easy to get discouraged, but there is reason to hope. Our God is a finisher, a completer of good work! As Paul encouraged the church in Philippi, allow the following passage to encourage you to keep making a difference in the lives of children and youth. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:3-6, ESV).

Michael Handler | Chief Communications Officer



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Partner with us in reaching more children!

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