



Samantha's Newsletter

AWANA INTERNATIONAL (Singapore)

“Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed” 2 Timothy 2:15

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HOPE :

“that all children and youth throughout the world will come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ”

MISSION :

“To work with our ministry partners in creating and disseminating integrated programs, tools and training that equip leaders to evangelize and disciple children and youth for Christ”

VALUE :

“We will glorify God and serve the Body of Christ by committing ourselves to these values”

Core Values :

1. Proclaim gospel of Christ with clarity and urgency.
2. Commit to God's Word as guide and standard.
3. Treat all people as created and loved by God.
4. Maintain a servant's heart in all we do.
5. Manage God's resources in faithfulness and integrity.
6. Pursue excellence as unto the Lord.

Key Verse :

2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

Do your best to present yourself to GOD as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Dear friend and partner,

Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour. It is my joy to write to you again about the happenings since I left the ministry of CEF Singapore in July 2005.

After a month's break, the Lord opened 3 doors of part-time work for me at a medical clinic (Aug05-May06), Teachers' Christian Fellowship (Oct-Dec05) and AWWA Special School (Sep/Oct 05). These were some options for me to learn, serve and experience secular and Christian work in a new setup after serving in CEF for 13 years. **Its “newness” refreshes my mind and soul and keeps me meaningfully engaged while waiting for the LORD's direction.** I was also able to attend a 30-hour Basic Practical Counselling Course (Jan-Apr 06). My home club ministry continued with God's providence of a faithful partner and co-worker (Tom) and an average of 15-20 children. My 2 nephews (Justin & Jayden, ages 6 & 3) & Jenny (age 10) started attending church with me.

Though waiting was not easy, **the LORD has been gracious to give me ‘AWANA’ to pray and wait for..** It was certainly no coincidence when a friend of CEF called me to inform me of his migration to Sydney while I told him of CEF's ceasing operations. His response was God's opening for me to consider taking over his ministry as AWANA's coordinator in Singapore. At that point I was not keen as I was hoping CEF Singapore would have reasons to continue. Nevertheless, I agree to consider and explore. Thereafter, I met with the visiting Regional Director in May and was given a promotional CD about AWANA's ministry. We both parted after praying for the LORD's will to be revealed. The LORD then provided 2 sisters in Christ, one visited cef office and another called from Canada within 2 days to encourage me to view this 'open door' as the LORD's direction and accept it if He kept it open. This changed my prayer and prepares my heart to explore further and take it one step at a time. **My initial discovery of the vision, mission and program of Awana through the CD excites my heart's desires of reaching BOTH children and families and providing churches the tool to train more labourers (young and old) to the harvest field.** This lead me to visit 2 Awana clubs which 'flamed' my desire further to be a part of what AWANA can and will do in Singapore. **My dream and prayer now is to see more churches knowing about the distinctiveness of this program and benefiting from it to fulfill the Lord's Great Commission. I strongly believe that the faithful participation of these churches will impact our present generation with the LIVING WORD OF GOD and strengthen the Christian witness in this era of materialism, idolatry and relativism for the coming generation.**

Thank God, in Jan 06 I submitted my application as the first local missionary of AWANA. In May 06 He provided for my 10-days training in Taipei and 'roped me' officially as staff in July. **Praise the Lord I can now serve in His calling with a larger vision and a new ministry.** I also thank God for his continued provisions through my church and few supporters during this one-year of waiting.

As AWANA is also a faith supported organization, I once again seek GOD's provisions as He lays it upon your heart to be a partner in this ministry through your prayers and giving.

For some of you who would like to know more, you are most welcome to meet and chat with me or go to the website : www.awana.org to know what an exciting and fulfilling ministry the Lord has done through the founders. As I begin this journey, I cherish your prayers using Colossians 1:10-12 'live a life worthy of the Lord...please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,.. strengthened with all power...”.

Grace and peace to you from our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

Dear friend, if for some reason you have many concerns and decide to stop receiving my newsletter, please drop me an email or give me a call so that I can be a good steward in using the resources God has given to me. Thank you. ☺