



# Samantha's Newsletter

## AWANA INTERNATIONAL (Singapore)

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

### Prayers Support:

#### Thanksgivings:

1. Fruitful visits to the existing clubs – helpful discoveries and rapport building.
2. Practical support towards my ministry.
3. Enjoyable farm visits during the Sep 06 school holiday for 12 children from my neighbourhood club.

#### Petitions:

1. Good follow-up on the club visits to reach an effective and feasible consistency in successfully running the Awana clubs.
2. Strengthening of my salary & prayer support towards a God-glorifying ministry.
3. New children to come to monthly club meeting and new helper. My co-worker, Tom, is undergoing medical treatment & moving out of Singapore in a few months time.
4. God's wisdom & favour to plan and introduce changes that will be helpful to strengthen the Junior Sunday School ministry in my church.

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Dear friend and partner,

Grace and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It has been 3 months since my last newsletter and I'm sure much of your happenings are 'workings' from our Heavenly Father above since He told us to 'Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus' 1 Thess. 5:18. In the midst of your affairs, if you had not the time to visit the Awana website or chat with me, please allow me to take this opportunity to briefly share what some say Awana has and can do for kids and ministry leaders individually; and the church corporately and worldwide.

#### For the Kid...

"Awana has had a great impact on my life. **It gave me a firm grounding based on God's Word, a love for the Word and a desire to serve Him.** Awana is always full of life. Its unique games and handbook awards ensure that the kids have lots of fun, motivating them to come back. Parents love it because their kids receive a clear presentation of the gospel from an exciting and challenging Bible-based background. I love Awana."

*Vivek Thiyagarajah, Awana game leader and former clubber, Bethesda Gospel Chapel, Sri Lanka*

#### For the Leader...

"**Each session in the programme is a challenge and a new experience.** As I interact with the children, I am beginning to understand them better. I would often feel inadequate in the beginning. However, **I want to thank God for all His guidance, providence, and strength.**"

*Bessy Loh, Sparks Leader, Bukit Panjang Gospel Chapel, Singapore*

#### For the Church...

"Awana is a significant ministry in the church. It has given many young and seasoned Christians the opportunity to be trained and to serve. **Many of the leaders have never been in children's ministry and are delighted at the things they have seen and learned, discovering new gifts and talents and feeling a greater sense of belonging to God's family.** We have also seen more parents from a non-Christian background increasingly open to the gospel."

*Sharon Amrita, Awana Club Director, City Discipleship Presbyterian Church, Malaysia*

#### For the Lost World...

"**Awana is the most awesome tool for building families and churches I have ever seen.** We are a global ministry that can greatly impact this world for Jesus Christ today. What started out as an outreach to the children of one community has grown into a ministry that literally reaches around the world. Each week, literally hundreds of thousands of children attend Awana Club meetings in countries around the world. And the number just continues to grow! Yet Awana has never lost sight of our goal. As we move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, **we continue to strive to 'assist local churches in evangelizing, challenging, and training the youth of the world by providing Bible-based, Christ-centered weekly club programs and training leadership.'** What a privilege we have to offer the lasting truth of God's Word to a world that desperately needs to know Him."

*Jack Eggar, President/CEO, Awana Clubs International*

Serving with Awana in the past 3 months has in fact been a very enriching journey for me. My visits to the existing clubs and meeting with the leaders has been an eye opener and fruitful learning which was not covered in my Awana training in Taipei, May 06. The Awana training teaches me about the foundational principles and philosophy with the latest program tools whereas the visits gives me the historical changes that has taken place prior to the current setup. On the one hand, it speaks to me of Awana's active pursuit for progress and excellence. However, it also poses a problem of disparity of standards among the existing clubs evolved over the years due to the absence of Awana's representation in Singapore since the first club in 1987 till there was a volunteer coordinator in 2002 and now me as the staff mid 2006. Thank God there are only 5 to work with and thus far my visits have been well received and encouraging rapport built. Their years of experience will also be a rich resource for me as I plan for the future ministry of introducing Awana to more churches in Singapore.

Now that you have a better understanding of the ministry, my prayer is for you to catch and share my excitement about this ministry that the Lord Jesus has raised. Thanks be to God for your partnership through your support in prayers and gifts. As the LORD enables you, may He bless my ministry through your continual support.