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Personal Comings & Goings

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Our lives resemble many of yours at this time of year—busy! As the school year comes to an end, we are making plans for Michael's, our second son's, graduation from high school. Although we're far from experiencing an empty nest, this milestone, like others in the past, has caused us to reflect on God's faithfulness in every one of life's paths, but especially as He has led and equipped us to educate our children at home. Awana has meant so much to our family, and we thank God for the impact this ministry has had in helping to lay a Biblical foundation for our children. Michael follows his older brother, Andrew, in earning his Citation award for the completion of ten years of memory work and Bible study from 3rd–12th

grades. He has also met all of the requirements for his Eagle Scout. All in all, it's been a BIG year for Michael. His plans are to apply for college in the fall of 2008, study Political Science, and prepare for a future career as a lawyer and eventually serve in the political arena. Michael desires to glorify God through his involvement in law and politics because God has placed a burden on his heart for our country. Please keep him and us in your prayers as he follows God's leading and makes this significant transition in his life.

The rest of our family is doing well. Andrew is home for the summer after a year in Bible college. He was on the Dean's List for both semesters, and he's looking forward to a full schedule in the fall. Daniel excelled in his studies as well, and also earned a big award in Awana—his Meritorious

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Ministry Headlines

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: Ephesians 1:3

The past couple of months have been event filled. In March we had AwanaGames. They were very fun and exciting. The Niceville event was almost at capacity and we had kids everywhere. What a blessing! The Pensacola event was exciting and grew from the previous year. I think that everyone enjoyed bringing back the championship round as well.

In March we also had a retreat with the ministry team to plan for the upcoming year. We are looking forward to a great conference this fall with Jack Eggar, President of Awana Clubs International. Plans are coming together on that now and we are praying that God will use this year's conference to encourage leaders to become even more involved in the lives of clubbers across the territory.

In April we held the first annual 24/7 Weekend Jam for the DixieShores Territory. It was conducted in Crestview, FL, and we had 25 teenagers attend the Saturday Games. In the future we hope to add a Bible Quiz to the event and make it a full weekend activity. Please pray with us that next year God will bring 75 teenagers to the event.

At the beginning of this month I made a trip to HQ in Chicago. The purpose of the trip was to bring me up to date on some new programs Awana will be introducing in the near future. One of the most exciting developments we learned about was the new Puggles Club. Puggles is a ministry to children three years before beginning Kindergarten (usually two year olds). I am thrilled about this opportunity to begin teaching these kids about the Word of God and eager to see it in action in a church.

Just an update about the Penny Project, in January our account

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Our Monthly Praise and Prayer

Blessings

- ⇒ For a great event season this winter/spring.
- ⇒ For the safety and health of our four children and the blessing they are to us
- ⇒ For the response of churches to the Penny Project bringing our account in the black.
- ⇒ For the churches that are interested in beginning Awana this fall.
- ⇒ For leaders that see a real need to train warriors for Christ in today's society.
- ⇒ For the ministry team that God has supplied to work with us, and for others who have expressed an interest in joining with us to minister in the DixieShores Territory.
- ⇒ For God's protection and provision in our lives

Prayers

- ⇒ For a good training season through the summer. May God bring leaders that are eager to learn how Awana can benefit them and their church.
- ⇒ That God would be glorified through our lives, and that we would rest in Him for every provision in our lives
- ⇒ For new ministry team couples that would be willing to help with training and assisting churches in this territory
- ⇒ That regular monthly giving would increase to allow us to stay in the black
- ⇒ For a renewed commitment from God's people to give priority to the things that will last.

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went into a positive status for the first time since we became missionaries in September of 2001. Since that time it has remained that way. We praise the Lord for this and pray that God will continue to lead people to support us on a regular basis so that it will continue to be in the black. Thanks again to all of you who participated in the Penny Project and for those who give on a regular basis. God's faithfulness has been demonstrated to us through His people as they have given sacrificially to meet our needs. PRAISE THE LORD!

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Award—for six years of Bible study and memory work. He may say that the best thing that happened to him this year was that he got his braces off! Yeah! Katie has learned so much in school this year, but her special joy has been spending time with her Granddad at his new home next to ours. What a blessing it has been to have Melanie's dad next door, and to have a precious daughter who shares special times with her Granddad, making so many sweet memories.

We have found that, although especially vivid at these significant times in our lives, we are utterly dependent upon God and His faithfulness for the growth in our lives and in the lives of our children, and we praise Him for continuing to conform us into the image of His Son, Jesus Christ. We know that the LORD's purpose prevails, and we desire to be used by Him to accomplish His plan through the plans that we make and the places we serve. Thank you for your prayers for us, and we will pray for you.

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But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.
I Corinthians 15:57-58