

# Incredibly Thankful

Dear Church Family,

We don't have a good excuse, but we do have a great reason...

Travel for ministry has increased dramatically since the beginning of July. Our summer started with a 6-week cross country trip visiting the missionary team that Doug oversees. His team of 4 reside in 4 different states, which created a large circle around the US. In between visits to observe his team in action, we fit in visits to ministry partners, other former and current missionaries and even took some vacation time. Our trip covered 24 states in all!

When we returned in mid-August, we jumped right in to planning and hosting a multitude of in-person trainings across the 5 states that we serve. This brought us up to the end of October. Then this past week we were at an annual meeting with the entire US Awana Missionary field.

Even though there has been a delay in communicating, we are incredibly **THANKFUL** to you for your partnership with us in ministry. Without a doubt we could not offer the level of support in NY and the New England states if you didn't walk with us.

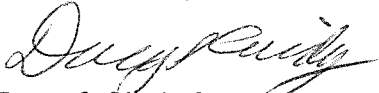
So much has happened that it is a challenge to know where to begin to share! The great news is that God continues to bless the Awana ministry. As an organization, we are seeing growth both domestically AND internationally!

The following story is just one example of how God has been working through the Awana ministry:

My son, Mark, gave his heart to Jesus at Sparks when he was just 5 years old. He is not walking with the Lord and suffers from PTSD, but it comforts me to know that no one can snatch him from the Father's hand and that he is secure in Christ. It was his involvement in Awana that brought me back to church when I was wandering far away from the Lord, and all of that ultimately led me to my husband, also Mark, going to a crusade and meeting Jesus and trusting Him for salvation. God is so good!!! (Mark is the senior pastor at one of the Maine churches we serve!)

We are **SO VERY** thankful and blessed by you.

In His Service,

  
Doug & Cindy Schoenheit  
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