



Hello Friends and Family,

Happy End of Summer! It is amazing how quickly this summer has passed and was it a HOT one! Fall weather is on the way, thankfully. We enjoyed this summer, saw family and friends, and did some projects around our house. We always think we'll get more done than we actually do. Can anyone relate?



We are excited to see all that God is doing as Awana resumes all over the world. There are several new Awana clubs starting this fall in Colorado and a few clubs restarting. We love seeing the enthusiasm among the leaders as they get to see their clubbers again. We always hope and pray that clubbers will stay in God's Word over the summer and be ready to reengage in Awana once club starts again. Our calendar is filling up quickly for the coming Awana Club year with Awana Basics, Awana Connect meetings, meeting with leaders who will potentially start Awana at their church, and now club visits!

Preparations are underway for our Awana Ministry Conferences. This is an opportunity for Awana leaders to gather for fellowship, food, training, and encouragement and we love it! It's always a pleasure to see so many in one spot.

The Western Slope AMC will be on Saturday, September 28th, at Redlands Community Church, 2327 Broadway, Grand Junction, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Denver area AMC will be on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, at Crossroads Church, 53 E. 128<sup>th</sup> Ave, Thornton, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

We hope to see some of you there!

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We are mindful that a new school year has started for children and youth. There are so many things they are exposed to that we weren't when we were growing up. They have tough decisions to make, and we pray following Christ is an easy one. After all, He has all the answers they need. Please pray for this generation to come to know, love, and serve Jesus for the rest of their lives.

Our granddaughter, Julia, has recovered well from her spinal fusion surgery in March and has been released from all restrictions. She started swimming for the local high school swim team at the end of August and is enjoying it although it is very hard. Thank you for praying for her. She had a stress test on her heart last week, all is well.

We are expecting our 11<sup>th</sup> grandchild, a girl, from our daughter Jillian and her husband, Karsten, on September 16<sup>th</sup>. They will break the boy/girl grandchild tie of five each. We can't wait to meet that little cutie. Please pray for a safe and relatively easy delivery and that all goes well.

We are so thankful for all those God has called to support us not only in prayer but also financially. We know we could not do this ministry without the faithfulness of His people answering the call to partner with us in the Awana ministry. Thank you! May God richly bless every one of you! We know the prayers you lift on our behalf make a difference in all we are allowed to do.

In Christ alone,

Joe and Jill Cook

“But know this, that in the last days, perilous times will come...” These are perilous times, even so, come quickly Lord Jesus. II Timothy 3:1-7



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