

# Alaskawana

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Leader: "I'm busy!" Commander: "One More!" Leader:..."I'm already overloaded without 'One More.'" So goes the logic; so goes the conversation.

What is 'One More'? 'One More' was the theme title of the most recent Awana Ministry Conferences held in the Interior and Anchorage in September. 'One More' is also the title of the very last session at those conferences that inspired comments such as, "Excellent challenges", and, "Great encouragement", and from Terri in Nenana, "Very practical and helpful". A summarizing comment from an evaluation regarding the conference, and Awana in general, went like this: "Awana is helping me in my walk and enables me to guide my own child." These are goals we pray about and aim for. Thank you Lord!

Within the 'One More' workshop, seven practical ideas were expounded on using simple procedures that would be easy to implement. Many leaders were awestruck when some simple basics were presented in common sense fashion. New ideas, a rally atmosphere, take-home resources, and multi-track topics are several reasons why over 275 leaders around Alaska intersected on consecutive Saturdays. Fresh ministry information, intently focused experts, fast progressing events, and personal input throughout the day reward attendees annually.

As your missionaries, Geraldine and I wish we could bring a conference to all churches outside of MatSu/Anchorage and Interior. One of our state's disadvantages is the vast distances and isolation when it comes to participation in events and training from many of the 50 churches statewide who have Awana. As the Lord allows, we wish to personally visit, speak, encourage, train, and support all Alaskan churches and leaders.

Most churches have started the new year of Awana by now. If leaders were unable to attend a conference they would do well to investigate: C-Track, Program Integration, Lifethreads (Respect, Wisdom, Grace, Destiny, and Perspective), MDJ, AAH, Tweens, Gospel Wheel App, Courageous, ART, Club Clinic, CC 101, Ministry Team, Ministry Partner, Alumni Study, and Scholarships. All were buzz-topics that had their place in rapid-fire progression and challenges throughout the day. Our prayer is, "that all youth and children throughout the world will come to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ." Please call, email, snail mail, or request us in person, as we sincerely desire to help churches, leaders, kids, and parents serve our Savior!

Sincerely,

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