



Cleavers Communiqué



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Another Quiz season in the books!

We just returned from the Bible Quiz Fellowship National Competition in Wisconsin. What a trip! This was the first time I had traveled by air since February 2019 when we flew to Jamaica for our mission trip. Things have changed! But I don't want to dwell on that. Instead I want to share with you that we finished 6th out of 29 teams in the tournament! Thank you for your prayers!

Each morning I had the privilege of sharing God's Word with the quizzers and parents of our team. We spent all of our time in Psalm 79:13. This verse tells us of our position in God's family. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Then the last two phrases tell us what we should be doing in response to our position. We should "give thanks" and "recount your praise from generation to generation." It would be very hard to give thanks to someone we don't even know or to recount something that we can't remember.

To be able to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people we must first know Him ourselves. We must belong to Him through faith, receiving Him into our lives as our Lord and Savior. Then we are to share this Good News with others by reminding them what God has done. Remembering plays a key role in both of these. This is why we use this tool called Bible quizzing to help students learn to memorize God's Word so that they will grow in their relationship with Jesus and will be able to remember the truth of His word when they are sharing the Good News with others. Thank you for making this possible through your prayers and generous gifts!

This year the host of the tournament gave out new awards to all of the quizzers who had memorized all of Matthew. Two of our quizzers received these awards! Congratulations to Makenzie and Jared Loewen for all of their hard work!

One season over and another one in the planning stage. While at the airport yesterday morning waiting on our flight Amanda was already working on schedules and material for the next season of quizzing. The material we will be quizzing over starting in September are the books of Romans, James and Revelation. It sounds like a lot but is actually 100 verses less than Matthew. Some of our students will start memorizing their new material in a couple of weeks to prepare for the fall.

Please be also praying that Jamaica would be able to reopen their schools so that we can once again take this wonderful tool to them and help them memorize God's Word and watch them discover who they are and who God is and watch God draw them to Himself through the power of the Gospel. I am planning on visiting the schools in October. Pray that God's will would be done.

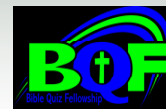
Summer camp

I will be shifting gears to our summer camping programs. If you have not registered or know of someone who would like to come to camp this summer I would encourage you to get them registered. Our camps are starting to fill and we don't want you to miss out. Remember that we also do quizzing at our camps! It is a great way to introduce a student to the fun of quizzing! This year we will be memorizing Romans 5 at camp! Thank you again for making all of this possible and being on our team!

Serving our Lord Jesus Christ alongside you, Rick and Sonja



- May 7-8 BOF meeting in Omaha
- May 15 and June 5 Outdoor Adventure student bowfishing
- May—Camp projects and prep for summer camps
- June 6-11 RFK camp
- June 19-25 Arkansas youth group camp
- June 26 YC summer staff training
- Summer camp planning and recruiting of staff
- More fulltime workers for the ripe harvest!



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