



CLEAVERS COMMUNIQUE

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The Mission: Unchanged!

Thank you again for all of your prayers and financial support that empowers us to keep on with the mission that God has called us to; "Building the truth of God's Word into the lives of America's youth." When Sonja and I were first called into youth ministry there were no computers, cell phones, internet, social media or Google. My how times have changed! And they continue to change. When we first started our ministry focus was on high school students which quickly moved on to junior high and middle school. Now we are ministering to elementary students. Where will it go next?

This is the question we are asking God for answers to. I am meeting with one of my long time ministry partners, Jack Hager, this weekend to pray and brainstorm this very thing. We have a combined 75 years of youth ministry experience and are asking God for more years to come. We have both gotten a little older but still have a burning desire for students to come to Jesus and live their lives for him. Our world is changing daily with new challenges, new technology and new social constructs. But God's Word has not changed and neither has He! God is the same yesterday, today and forever. His principles and commands are still as relevant for our survival and prosperity as they were the day He gave them to us. His "word is a lamp to my feet and a light

to my path." Psalm 119:108 tells us. Would you be praying for us as we meet and start this discussion? We do not want to be caught flatfooted but want to be in the center of His plan and will for our lives and our ministries.

We are excited about the future of youth ministry and are looking forward to Jesus' soon return!

Our family days at camp were appreciated by many. Several from the surrounding communities took advantage of this time at camp. Our Pasture Golf tournament and fundraiser was a huge success with people from several communities attending. We raised some funds for camp and had a great time introducing many new friends to camp. Thank you for your prayers.

We have started our preliminary season of Bible quizzing with our first ever online Zoom quizzing. To date we have had a couple of practice quizzes and are looking forward to implementing this added opportunity to our fall quizzing lineup. We are planning on having our regular quizzes monthly at camp while meeting the guidelines of our local health officials. Keep us in your prayers as we navigate this new normal.

Sonja and I thank you for seeing us through so many years of ministry. Thank you for partnering with us!
Rick and Sonja Cleaver



- August 7-9 Horse camp #1 (still room)
- August—school back in session
- September 11-13 Horse camp #2 (full)
- September 19 Jr. Quizzing tournament
- September 25-26 Fall Bible quizzing kickoff
- Prayer for Jamaican students as they return to school in September
- Wisdom for the staff as we try to stay fluid and follow God's leading
- Hope and encouragement for the students and our staff
- Financial stability
- Check out our website and Facebook page for current activities that are being scheduled.