



## Cleavers Communique



April 2021

### "Fret not"!

This phrase, "Fret not" comes from Psalm 37:1 and has become my go to phrase this month! In the first 8 verses God repeats this phrase 3 times encouraging us to not become anxious about "evildoers" in this world. Instead God tells us to "Trust in the LORD, and do good;...Delight yourself in the LORD,..."! In other words get our minds set on Him and trust God to take care of us and everything else. So, fret not! Last weekend we had our spring Jr. Bible quiz tournament. Wow! The building was packed out with quizzers, coaches, siblings, parents, and grandparents. Since starting this ministry just a few short years ago it has grown both in numbers and excitement. Thank you for your prayers!

This weekend we will be traveling to St. Joseph, Mo. for a regional quiz competition for the older quizzers. We are taking 2 teams to compete. Pray for us as we travel there and back Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Pray for all of the families who will be making this trip.

In April, Amanda and I will be traveling to Wisconsin to coach our top team at the Bible Quiz Fellowship National Competition. Pray for us as we travel and coach. The number of teams attending is down this year due to covid but we are looking forward to a great time and highly competitive teams to be there. Our team should be in that top tier of teams. We will get a taste of the competition this weekend at Regionals and be able to evaluate and then tweek our team for Nationals. Thank you for your prayers for this key tool we use for discipleship at Youth Challenge.

### Other News

Last month I shared with you that we have a couple currently raising their support anticipating joining Youth Challenge in June. Well, since the last letter we have another couple who have indicated their desire to become our new Camp Director at Camp Machasay. They will be coming for a visit on April 16th meeting with the board and staff. Please keep this in your prayers asking God to have his way in all of this. We desperately need workers for the harvest and are excited to see how God is going to fill that need.

As I write this letter, Micaila is in labor with her and Mikes first child. We look forward to another granddaughter in our clan by the time you read this. Keep her and Mike in your prayers as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

Remember also to keep camp in your prayers. This is the time of year we are recruiting volunteers to staff our camps and doing promotions to sign campers up. Along with this is all of the freshening up projects at camp that need to be done before the campers show up in June. We have had a great early response from both volunteers and campers. Thank you for praying.

Sonja and I are continually amazed at your love for Jesus and us. We are overwhelmed by your generosity in prayer and financial giving. We will continue to fight the good fight keeping our eyes on Jesus the founder and perfecter of our faith. (Heb. 12:2) We encourage each of you to do the same and "Fret Not". ;-)

Serving our Lord Jesus Christ alongside you, Rick and Sonja



- March 26-27 Regionals Bible Quiz tournament in St. Joseph, Mo.
- April 3rd and 10th Outdoor Adventure student spring archery
- April 16-18 Corbett family visit to camp
- April 21-24 BQF Nationals Bible Quiz tournament in Wisconsin Dells
- May 7-8 BQF meeting in Omaha
- May 15 and June 5 Outdoor Adventure student bow-fishing
- May—Camp projects and prep for summer camps
- Weekly ongoing small groups and Bible studies
- Summer camp planning and recruiting of staff



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