



# Cleavers Communique



April 2022



## Not the way I planned it...!

*This morning as I write this letter, I was supposed to be on my way to the Regional Bible quiz tournament in St. Joseph, Mo. with our quiz teams. But God had other plans. On Wednesday I came down with another illness, yes another one;- (and was not healthy enough to travel today. So discouraging. I woke up early trying to decide on what I should do. As I was praying the Lord brought to mind that if he would have wanted me to go I wouldn't have caught this, whatever it is, sickness. I was so excited to go and coach one of our teams. But now because of this I was going back and forth on whether to push it and go or not. When the Lord reminded me that he was in control, this wouldn't have been an issue if he had wanted me to go, I had immediate peace about staying home. It is so wonderful to know that our Lord is in control of all things and is doing good in all things for those who love him and are called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28). I don't understand why I was supposed to stay home but I trust Him and his direction because he loves me.*

*Thank you for praying for our annual fundraiser for camp! We raised all of the money we need for the coming year to meet our operational budget at Camp Machasay. We also raised extra money to purchase a home for the next camp director and closed on it March 7th. We are actively looking for a new camp director and praying specifically for God to bring them before the summer camping season begins. We would like to have them onboard and in training by June. Please join us in prayer for this specific request.*

*We have a busy month coming up as you will see from the prayer requests. Please keep all of our staff in prayer. I will, Lord willing;-), be traveling several times this month. I will be attending the last T4G conference in Louisville, Ky. The 18th-22nd. I will have one day home and then traveling to Coralville, Iowa for the National Bible quiz tournament the 24th-27th. We have one team from Youth Challenge competing. I will be volunteering as a table official and also sharing the Gospel at one of the morning sessions. Pray for health and strength and safety in all of these events and may Jesus be glorified in all.*

*Thank you for all of your prayers and faithfulness!*

- April 2nd Leaders retreat at camp
- April 9th Outdoor Adventure event
- April 18th-22nd T4G conference
- April 24th-27th BOF National Bible quiz tournament
- April 28th-May 1st Men's retreat at camp
- May 7th PCHS graduation
- May 12th-14th BOF meeting
- Weekly discipleship groups .
- Camp director search continues
- Prayer for board members and staff



## Personal update

*We are happy to report that Sonja is out of her boot and drove for the first time yesterday! Thank you for all of your prayers for her healing.*

*Keep her in your prayers as she regains her strength. She has several events to plan and cook for at Camp Machasay this month and this calls for a lot of time on her feet. Pray that her ankle would remain stable and continue to heal.*

*Casey and his family finally got moved to Kearney this month and are settling into their new home awaiting the arrival of their little girl in early May. Keep Julie in your prayers for a healthy delivery.*

*Serving our Lord Jesus Christ alongside you all, Rick and Sonja*



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