



Cleavers Communique



March 2023



Jamaica Success!

We arrived home safely from Jamaica early Monday morning. Today is Wednesday and my body is recovering. It doesn't bounce back like it use to;-) Thank you for all of your prayers for our mission trip! It was a great trip. The team came together quickly and it was evident that they were excited to share the Gospel with the students in the schools. So many times in our debriefs at night we heard stories from the team members of opportunities they had that day to share the Gospel with a student or a group of students, many of which indicated they were putting their trust in Jesus as their Savior!

Our travel was safe and all of the team stayed healthy. On our last day with the students in the schools I pulled up in the van at Hemingay Prep, one of the schools who were participating and which several of our team members had been visiting each day. I was there to pick up our team and take them to the next school. As I got out of the van there were three young boys standing at the gate yelling at me to "Go Away!" They knew I was there to pick up the team and they did not want them to go! It was great to see the relationships building between our team and the students throughout the week.

On Friday we hosted all of the schools at a Bible Quiz tournament. We provided meals for all who attended and our team served as coaches, table officials and servers for the noon meal. There were many tears when the day ended and they realized that they would not see each other again. The weather had been perfect all week with no rain to make it difficult to get around. But as we finished the final quiz on Friday the skies opened and it was a downpour. One of our team members had been praying all week that it would rain while we were there. God answered his prayer.

Thank you again for making this trip possible through your sacrificial giving and your prayers. We could tell that many were praying for us during the week. It was such a blessing to return to Jamaica after a three year hiatus because of Covid. We are already setting dates to return this fall and next February.

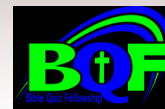
Continue to pray for all of the seed that was sown last week, asking God to water it and make it grow into what will glorify Him.

Coming Up

This month we will be moving into the post season for our Bible quizzing ministry with one team from Youth Challenge going on to Regionals and Nationals. Pray for Amanda as she coaches this team at both of these tournaments.

We have added a new spring outreach at camp called the Underground Church. Like Mission Impossible in the fall, this game will focus on sharing the Gospel. Along with this we will be teaching the students how to share their faith. The game is a brainstorm from our Outreach Director and his sister and is patterned to help the students empathize with our brothers and sisters in other countries.. Please keep this event in your prayers. Thank you so much for partnering with us! Rick and Sonja

- February 25th Annual Camp Auction and fundraiser
- March 10-11 Regional Bible quiz in Kansas City
- March 14th Camp promotion in Ogallala
- March 18th Jr. Bible quiz tournament at camp
- March 25th ETL at camp
- April 1st Underground Church outreach
- April 26-29 BOF National Bible quiz tournament in St. Louis
- Summer camp planning and camp director



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