

Dear Friends at Oak Lawn Bible Church,

We went from spring to summer this week as the temperatures rose into the 90's for three days in a row. We are looking for the cooling the next few days are supposed to bring! The grass is green and the abundance of dandelions is finally dwindling as we had many more than usual earlier this spring. We are grateful for your financial gift last month of \$81.00! We thank you for being a partner in ministry with us!

Since our last letter we traveled to Angola, LA and helped serve at the prison for the Returning Hearts Celebration. We served as bus hosts for the trip there and back and the 18-20 hour bus ride was fun but wearing. Many people wanted to talk about their experiences and we did a lot of listening and being a friend to the 42 people on the bus.

The day of celebration was great and about 250 dads had a wonderful day with the 574 kids that came to visit. 75 guardians participated in a program just for them (we provided silk flowers to them) and 430 volunteers served them all day on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We served the 75 or so dads whose kids did not come. Some were very disappointed but most had a wonderful attitude and a couple of them encouraged us with their positive attitude and graceful demeanor. At times it is difficult to believe these guys are inmates as the Lord has changed them from the inside out! If you are interested, there is a video available online on the Awana web site. If you have trouble finding it, please e-mail us (KenK@awana.org or DeniseK@awana.org) and we will send you the link.

We also had a week of meetings at Awana earlier this month and are encouraged with the new initiatives that will debut the next club year. We are most excited about the revised basic training and can hardly wait to present it. It will be great! Be looking for the new Awana catalog later in June and the new and exciting improvements!

Karissa graduated from Grace College (Winona Lake, IN) on May 8<sup>th</sup> and we are very proud of her! She earned three degrees (in four years) and finished her last semester with a 3.83 GPA. The Lord had blessed her and we thank Him for Karissa and her desire to serve the Lord!

We are beginning our three month emphasis on raising financial support and our goal is to raise \$3,000/month. Please pray that we would be directed to the people the Lord has for us so Denise can be paid for the ministry work that she does. If you know of anyone that would be willing to consider this, please send us their contact information (e-mail or phone 847-931-0015). We would love to personally meet with them!

We thank the Lord for you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken".

*Ken & Denise*