



January 2010

Greetings,

I trust your 2010 is off to a great start. I want to share something very important with you.

WHAT: A great ministry is available to you and others from your church.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: It is the Awana **"Returning Hearts Celebration."** www.awana.org/lifeline

WHEN: April 29 - May 2, 2010.

WHERE WILL IT BE: This will take place at the Louisiana State Penitentiary (also known as Angola Prison) which is located near St. Francisville, Louisiana. Angola Prison is the largest maximum security prison in the United States, housing about 5,100 inmates. Warden Cain, a very devout Christian, has made a number of changes since arriving at Angola in 1995. As a result, there are presently over 1,100 inmates at Angola who are sold-out, born-again believers. Many of them serve as pastors, deacons, elders and in other leadership positions in the churches and chapels on the prison grounds.

WHAT IT IS: A time you will never forget! We will be reuniting children of prisoners with their dads. The prisoners at Angola love their children and long to be with them. This reunion is made possible at the **"Returning Hearts Celebration"**. About 700 children will be reunited with their fathers. They can play one-on-one basketball, play Awana games, ride ponies, work on crafts, and many other things which we have planned for them. All the dads want to improve their relationship with their children and all the Christian dads want to share the gospel with their children. As a result, many dads have had the joy of leading their children to Christ.

WHY WE CALL IT RETURNING HEARTS: Because many of the children have a lot of anger and bitterness toward their dad for not being there for them, for disrupting the family, for the crime committed and for the embarrassment in their lives, we want to give these dads the opportunity to make things right with their children. The verse we use is *Malachi 4:6 "And He shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers ... "*

THEN WHAT: After **"Returning Hearts"** we work hard to get these children into Awana Clubs in churches in the area they live. We then have the dads working in the same books as their children which gives them an opportunity to spiritually build into the lives of their kids and to bond with them.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: In order to do a ministry of this magnitude, we need about 700 volunteer staff. Volunteers serve as family assistants spending the day sort of in the background with a dad and his kids. Volunteers also serve as craft workers, hospitality workers, registration staff, game staff and in other areas. You may choose where you would like to serve.

OUR PLANS: We are planning to take 50 or more volunteers from the Pennsylvania/New York area. Volunteers will fly into New Orleans where we (Marlin and Donna, the Lead Awana Missionaries for PA and NY) will meet them. Once everyone has arrived, we will travel by charter bus to Baton Rouge where we will have dinner and spend the night at the Hilton Garden Inn. Friday morning after breakfast we will travel by charter bus to Angola prison where we will be for the day. We will travel back to the Hilton Garden Inn in Baton Rouge Friday evening. Saturday morning after breakfast we will check out of the hotel and travel to Angola where we will be for **"Returning Hearts"**. Once finished we will travel by charter bus to Baton Rouge for dinner and then to New Orleans for our overnight at Country Inn and Suites. On Sunday everyone can fly back home.

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COST FOR THIS MISSIONS TRIP

Shared room - \$292 plus airfare OR If an individual wants a private room - \$427 plus your airfare.

Included in the price is:

1. Awana HQ **Returning Hearts** processing fee of about \$80.
2. Dinner Thursday evening in Baton Rouge.
3. Three meals at the prison.
4. Breakfast Buffet Friday and Saturday at Hilton Garden Inn.
5. Hotel for three nights - two nights at Hilton Garden Inn in Baton Rouge
one night at Country Inn & Suites in New Orleans.
6. Dinner Saturday evening in Baton Rouge.
7. Charter bus transportation for entire trip (including driver's tip).
8. Not included: Airfare. You pay for your roundtrip airfare to New Orleans.

OUR SCHEDULE: April 29 - May 2, 2010

Thursday - Volunteers fly into the New Orleans Airport - (MSY) - arrive by 4:00 pm.
5:00 pm - We will take a charter bus to Baton Rouge for dinner and hotel.

Friday - 8:00 am - Breakfast at the hotel
8:30 am - Leave the hotel and travel to Angola prison.
10:00 am - Orientation, lunch, tour, dinner, evening service with the inmates.
8:30 pm - Head back to our hotel in Baton Rouge.

Saturday - 6:30 am - Breakfast at the hotel
7:00 am - Check out of hotel and leave for Angola prison.
8:00 am - Arrive at the prison.
8:15 am - Final instructions.
8:30 am - Kids arrive for **"RETURNING HEARTS CELEBRATION"**.
4:00 pm - Kids leave after balloon launch.
4:30 pm - NYPENN charter bus leaves the prison.
5:45 pm - Dinner in Baton Rouge.
8:30 pm - Check into hotel in New Orleans.

Sunday - Fly out of New Orleans Airport (MSY) anytime you'd like - we will get you to airport.

I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND: Just complete the attached form and send with \$100 registration fee to:
Rev. Marlin Fuller - PO Box 1382 - Meadville, PA 16335. The balance (\$192 or \$327) is due 4/1/10.

We will send you a confirmation and direct you to the Awana website to fill out their required information. We will pay the processing fee (about \$80) required by Awana HQ. We will add you to our list of those who will be going from NYPENN and will make your hotel reservations. All rooms will be non-smoking, two double beds, two people per room. If you want a private room there is an increased cost. (See registration form).

Once you receive the acceptance from Awana HQ, make your flight reservation and be sure to let us know your flight schedule by e-mail at donnaful@awana.org or regular mail at the address below or by phone at 814-724-6380.

We will stay in communication with you once you complete the registration form and send it in.

I'M NOT INTERESTED: That's okay. This ministry is not for everyone. But even if you are not interested, could you at least pass this along to see if there is someone else in your church that might be? Thanks!

Should you desire, I would be glad to come and present this unique Awana ministry to your church, adult Sunday School Class or ABF or to your Awana leaders.

Praising Him,

Marlin Fuller

NYPENN Lead Awana Missionary



REGISTRATION FORM

“RETURNING HEARTS CELEBRATION” MISSIONS TRIP

April 29 - May 2, 2010

Cost: \$292 (or \$427 for a private room)

Registration MUST be received by: APRIL 1, 2010

Yes, I would like to attend the Returning Hearts Celebration.

My Name _____ ROOM: Shared or Private (circle one)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ E-mail _____

Church _____ City _____

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one night at Country Inn & Suites in New Orleans.
(If you want a private room the total cost is \$427, shared room is \$292)
6. Dinner Saturday evening in Baton Rouge.
7. Charter bus transportation for entire trip (including driver's tip).
8. Not Included: airfare. You pay for your roundtrip airfare to New Orleans.

TOTAL COST SHARED ROOM - \$292

TOTAL COST PRIVATE ROOM - \$427

REGISTRATION FEE is \$100.00

THE BALANCE OF \$192 (or \$327 if private room) IS DUE BY APRIL 1, 2010.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

You may send in the full amount of \$292 (or \$427) when you register.

Please make checks payable to Awana

Send Registration form and fee to:

Rev. Marlin Fuller

PO Box 1382

Meadville, PA 16335

If any questions, please contact Marlin or Donna Fuller
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