

Special Column

If we do not give up

Every one knows that behind a successful Awana Club there is always devoted leadership. Leadership is the KEY. Another key is the club members who have received inspiration from aggressive, godly leadership and who become "go-getters," bringing their friends. Many club members have natural leadership qualities, but need the encouragement that challenge of their leaders to be effective. Many boys and girls have been responsible for bringing ten or more of their friends to club. I know as a club leader you treasure them.

Jim Jensen, a member of First Awana Pal club some twenty years ago, was just that kind of a boy. All during the week he would lay the ground work for me to pick up his friends. The hardest work was done by him, and I had the joy of packing my car full on the way to club. Most of the leaders did likewise. Their cars became "buses" and they loved it. Jim never lost those leadership qualities and years later became a Pal director himself.

While reminiscing with him one day 20 years later, regarding the many Pals we picked up years ago, he inquired about one of the boys that was among that group. Jim said, "I often wonder what became of Don Wubs?" Jim was responsible for bringing him the first time, but Don also had become a real "go-getter." I was over-joyed to tell Jim that the boy he had been responsible for bringing to Pals was now also a Pioneer Director. You can imagine the delight that came to his heart. After checking further, we found that Jim Jensen and Don Wubs had teams competing in the same Olympic Circle at the last Midwestern Olympics, and didn't even recognize each other.

That was last year. This year both Jim and Don coached championship teams in the 1964 Midwest Olympics. What a thrill it was to both of them. How little did Jim realize twenty years ago that God would bring to fruition his labors for Him. This true story should encourage you as a club leader. Only eternity will reveal the full rewards of your labors. Galatians 6:9, "And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season, we shall reap if we faint not."

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