

WGLD Quizzing Celebrates 30 Years!
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This summer, Bible Quizzers from past, present, and future gathered together to celebrate WGLD's 30 years of participation in the C&MA Youth Bible Quizzing ministry. Food, fellowship, and great stories from quizzing past and present were shared. One of our district's first quizzers, "Mike" was there with his family. "Mike's" life was deeply impacted by his study and memorization of God's Word through the fun sport of Bible Quizzing. He went on to become a missionary in a creative access country. "Mike" greatly encouraged everyone at the gathering and took special time to pray for our International Team which would soon be traveling to the International Competition.

Those involved in WGLD Bible Quizzing thank the district for their support. Each season, the district provides a grant that allows our International Team to compete in and travel to the International Competition. That is now 30 years of International Competitions that WGLD students have been able to participate in! While clothing and hair styles have changed, the goal of knowing God through His Word has never changed. The International Quizzers from 30 years ago and every time in between share the same hearts and minds as our current season's quizzers.

This season, Internationals was held at Westgate Chapel in Toledo, Ohio. Our WGLD team was made up of five quizzers: Elijah Fish (11th grade - Marshfield), Grace Tower (10th grade - Appleton), Aliya Strasburg (10th grade, Appleton), Mercy Tower (9th grade, Appleton), and Jack Henslin (7th grade, Appleton). Our team worked hard to prepare for the competition by setting goals, practicing as a team, and encouraging individual accountability. Of course, as with everything quizzing, it was very fun! Sharing meals together, spending the day at the lake swimming, playing games, and practicing were all ways the team bonded. They had great overall teamwork and such encouraging and positive attitudes that the other districts noticed and thanked them!

A new season begins soon and new quizzers are looking forward trying out quizzing. They may be wondering: *What is quizzing? How does it work? Is Bible memorization part of it? Is it actually fun?* These students will soon learn that Bible Quizzing will challenge them in a very encouraging and fun way to not only memorize God's Word, but to learn it, to know it, and to live it out. They will get a little physical exercise as they position themselves on their seats just right to be the fastest to jump off once the question has been read. They will learn that the questions are not Bible trivia questions about the passage they have studied, but are questions directly from the text they have studied and they must know the text well in order to form a correct answer.

Many WGLD students have embarked on the exciting journey of Bible Quizzing in the past 30 years. A yearbook was created to commemorate the fun, joy, truth, and fruit of the ministry. It can be viewed here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ccN0f8h0b_Ojpy6VqYrhd7ZAYQQhVIIt/view

If you're looking to connect a student with a local Bible Quizzing team or start a team at your church, contact Jessica Tower - jttower@yahoo.com or Jaci Strasburg - ljustrasburg@yahoo.com. You can see quizzing in action through photos on our district webpage: <http://www.cmabiblequizzing.org/wgld.html> and find more information about CMA Bible Quizzing here: <http://www.cmabiblequizzing.org>.