

# ACADEMY REPORTER

Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said. Joshua 14:12

We live in a day when many are looking for the easy way out. It is hard to find those who are willing to work hard; most people want jobs with little or no work and a big paycheck. Students want good grades, but do not take time to study. Churches desire growth, but no one shows for calling on Saturday.

Successful endeavors are always the result of hard work. As you look at the context of Joshua 14, Caleb is now an old man. He has served God faithfully and is coming to the end of his life. You would think that after forty years of wandering in the wilderness and six or seven years of fighting to conquer Canaan, Caleb would be ready to settle down and relax. Instead he asks to be given a mountain to conquer. The inhabitants of the mountain were the feared Anakims. The giant Anakims were one of the reasons Israel had feared to enter the land under Moses. Caleb took on the task and with God's help was able to possess the mountain.

We are in need of a some more mountain conquerors! Will there be difficulties? Will we be tempted to give up? Will the opposition be more numerous? Probably, but be assured that in spite of all the reasons Satan uses to dissuade us, God has promised the victory. Romans 8:37 reads, Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

What mountain is facing you? Is there a friend or loved one that needs to be saved? Are you involved in a spiritual battle yourself? Is there something that God wants you to do? Begin now; God will give the victory. Remember that you are merely an instrument in His hand. God usually limits Himself to accomplishing His work through human vessels. He only needs us to be willing to work with Him and to trust in Him. Choose to attempt something difficult for Him.



## THE PRINCIPAL'S PUZZLER

**This week's winner:** Becki Pickett

**This week's answer:** The water only came to his chest.

**This week's puzzle:** A man buys rice at \$1 a pound from American growers and sells them at \$0.05 a pound in India. As a result of this he becomes a millionaire. How come?



## PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes will be taken January 27. If you plan on getting a retake, please contact Mrs. Pyle at the bookstore, (317) 896-9324,



## REMINDERS

- January 18-24 - Winter Revival
- January 27 - Picture Retakes
- February 11 - Music Recital, 7:00 PM
- February 15 - President's Day, No School

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**MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES TO ANYONE WHO GOT INJURED LAST WEEK WHEN WE SCHEDULED THE BAKE SALE AND WEIGHT WATCHERS FOR THE SAME EVENING**

I have seen and read the Friday Letter.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please cut out, sign, and return this box to school.