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“Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it” Psalm 127:1

The privilege of serving God

Faith without works is dead. It's not just missionaries who are called to serve God. We are all given the privilege of working with God to accomplish His purposes. If you are a parent, you know how busy it gets this time of year with kids back in school, and the many accompanying activities. It can be easy to lose patience with our children or our spouse, those we work with or even those we volunteer with as we try to also accomplish daily tasks. Often, it feels easier to do things ourselves, rather than allowing the kids or people we work with to “help” us.

(Because, let's face it, it can get done better and faster that way.)



Steve and Lila attended a FamilyLife missionary staff fall planning meeting at the home office in Little Rock today!

Isn't it amazing, then, that God allows us to participate in His plan? He does not need us, but He allows us to help for our own benefit. We learn and grow from serving those Sunday school kids, or the cranky neighbor, or telling a stranger about God, or even practicing patience with our children. Thankfully, we can labor for God without fear of “messing it up”. Matthew 28 does call us to make disciples of all the nations. If you haven't been actively sharing your faith, and would like to be better equipped, you might enjoy FamilyLife's resource *Explore at* <http://www.shopfamilylife.com/lifeready-main.html>. It helps you and your small group to confidently answer difficult questions about life that many people are asking today. It

was written by Robert Lewis, and comes in an easy-to-use DVD series.

The fall marriage weekend Getaways start this month: Plan now to attend or to consider encouraging people you know that may or may not have a strong marriage and those that may or may not know the love of Jesus Christ in their lives. Conferences this fall are scheduled from coast to coast including Baltimore, Louisville, Fort Myers, Oklahoma City, Estes Park, South Padre Island, Sioux Falls and many other locations. You can find the full schedule at www.familylife.com/wtr. What a great opportunity for people to hear how the Lord cares deeply for each of us! If you have questions about how you can take advantage of discounts contact us.

Just yesterday Lila's dad, mom, sister Kendra and her daughters Sydni and Natasha drove home to Kansas after visiting us over the Labor Day weekend. It really is hard not seeing those we love as often since our move so we are thankful for the time we had. Also, we had a blast celebrating Marshall's birthday #14!

In early 2012 the U.S. branch of Campus Crusade will change it's name to Cru. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns. See www.ccci.org/cru for more information. Bottom line-new name, same ministry.

Thanks so much for caring so deeply for us and for the incredible encouragement you extend to us!
May the Lord bless you, **Love, Steve, Lila, Marshall, and Maddie**

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