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

Relationships

We were created to be in relationships with others. Of course, the most important relationship we can be in is with Jesus Christ. But we all long to interact with others here on earth as well. Last week FamilyLife staff participated in a day of prayer and service at a church in North Little Rock that serves the homeless. About 130 of them came for lunch today, and Steve and I were privileged to help serve them. Dennis had reminded us all before lunch that people need to be asked about



FamilyLife Staff recently watched the recording of the radio broadcast where President Dennis Rainey and Bob Lepine interviewed the Kendrick brothers who produced and directed the movie *Fireproof* and now *Courageous* that opened in theatres last week. **FamilyLife Today** is heard by millions of people on over 1,000 radio stations daily.

their story, so we were encouraged to sit down and visit with some of them as we worked. We got to meet Ed who wasn't very talkative, but apparently hungry; Tonya, whose feet hurt and who desperately wanted a bus pass, and Douglas, who wasn't quite sure why he came to Little Rock from Florida. I (Lila) also got to meet Tyrell, who is five months old and starved for attention. I bent down to coo at him (practicing for becoming a grandma!), and he willingly obliged by chattering away and smiling. When his mama pushed the stroller away to leave, he started crying, and another woman then started talking to him and he stopped and was happy again. I could not tell if his mother interacts with him much or not, she was young and seemed very tired. We are definitely born with that desire to be in relationship, and Steve and I feel privileged to be in a ministry that never fails to promote that relationship with Christ in all they do.

as a result of the disease but not his intellectual capacity. Floyd writes, "I have never been able to walk because of cerebral palsy which has produced its challenges, but I learned early in life to focus on what I could do, not on what I could not do." Because his hands are affected we are not exactly sure how Floyd does the actual typing involved in online eMentoring... we've been told he might have a special keyboard that fills in words automatically like a smart phone. However he does it, Floyd has graduated the training (see www.familylife.com/mentor) and has begun serving as a FamilyLife eMentor.

Do you know what a FamilyLife eMentor is? Floyd the eMentor who has Cerebral Palsy since birth has trouble with his motor skills

He first mentee was an African-American man struggling to control his anger with his son. This man's own father played baseball for the LA Dodgers, and his parenting style was rough and authoritarian. He is very hard on his own son, so much so that his wife is threatening divorce unless he gets counseling for his anger. So the man reached out to FamilyLife for help... "I have been to your conference and had a great weekend. Things turned very bad over labor day weekend. I have never used this site. Divorce was close unless I got counseling. I do not want this. I have a 13 year old son that I could possibly effect. Please Help."

He was connected to Floyd. The two of them have now exchanged a series of anonymous emails where Floyd has begun offering prayer support and encouragement. Think about the mysterious handiwork of God. Only He would choose to use a 67-year-old white man with cerebral palsy to mentor a 50-year-old black son of a former pro baseball player!

Thank you for making the eMentoring ministry possible! Love, Steve, Lila, Marshall & Maddie

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