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Serving with FamilyLife to make every home a godly home

Fiscal year stuff!

What is significant about the date August 31, 2012? FamilyLife's fiscal year, for you accounting sensitive people, ended on that date. A few weeks ago we attended the annual Staff Conference in Little Rock where we celebrated how the Lord has used FamilyLife the last twelve months.

We celebrated 52,600 people who attended the *Weekend to Remember Marriage Getaways* at over 100 events across the country. 2,066 people (4%) there trusted in Jesus for the first time and 17,000 attended meetings at the weekend events to learn how to become a Homebuilder and minister to others in their community, church or business.

We praised God for 250,000 people who attended the video based www.theartofmarriage.com at over 5,000 church and small group locations since its 2011 launch. For perspective it took 15 years for that many people to attend the live conferences. Following the proven path of The Art of Marriage, **Stepping Up** is being launched on a Super Saturday February 2, 2013 simulcast. See <http://www.mensteppingup.com/super-saturday/> for information about how to host this one day event and the men's small group video study that this event will introduce. This event is meant to encourage men to Step Up and lead their families biblically! Thanks so much for praying for and financially supporting us so that we can serve the Lord here at FamilyLife. God Bless you, **Bless you, Steve, Lila, Marshall and Maddie**



At the recent FamilyLife Staff Conference in Little Rock the Motta's, natives of Guatemala were recognized for being on staff at FamilyLife for 19 years, and 21 years with Cru before that. They have ministered to thousands of people across Latin America. Steve & Lila had dinner with them and representatives of the FamilyLife Global Department and heard about their past and planned future efforts to minister to Pastors and their wives in Cuba!

Recent Ministry News and Prayer

- **Stepping Up** news: The trial run simulcast for "Stepping Up" on August 4th had over 150 host churches; over 7,000 men attend! The Super Saturday event which is expected to be much bigger is set for the day before the Super Bowl on Super Saturday on February 2, 2013. Pray that thousands of churches (including yours?!) will host and men's lives will be impacted for Christ.
- The popular "*Weekend to Remember*" Marriage Getaways kicked off across the country last weekend with 400 attendees and six salvations at Delray Beach, FL. See www.familylife.com/events for detail! For discount information please give Steve & Lila a call!
- Would you like to receive our E-team (encouragement) emails? They are sent when there are prayer needs to anyone who desire to receive them and pray for items as the arise. Send an email to steve@bayerfamilylife.com to receive!
- PRAY for Lila's knee that she hurt a few weeks ago-we found out that she does not have a tear but her cartilage is in bad shape. She has strengthened it through physical therapy but she does have arthritis which indicates it will be an ongoing challenge.
- PRAISE that Marshall and Maddie have had a good start to home school Coop!
- PRAY for our financial support. We do have a recent new ministry partner but we have lost several others this summer because of financial distress. Please pray for those couples who are struggling and that our support lost (\$550-600 per month) will be replaced soon.
- PRAY for the Office of Development Department that Steve is currently helping lead with two other managers. Our Vice-President resigned last month and Sr. Leadership is searching for a replacement.