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Winter Storm in Little Rock and New U.S. Field Staff Responsibilities!

We have had a crazy time the last few weeks starting with a visit from Steve's parents, our big kids and granddaughter who came to Little Rock for several nights for Christmas. We had a great celebration going on Christmas Day, but ice started falling after noon and it was followed by 8" of snow that resulted in 90,000 homes including ours in Pulaski county alone that lost electricity. We were out four full days! For Arkansas it was cold—by the second day we were down to 42 degrees in the house.

Thankfully, between neighbors and my parents putting us up in a hotel the last couple of nights it was survivable. Fortunately we lost little food—we retrieved the last of it from the snow we had buried it in once the power returned Saturday night. We were reminded clearly how much we depend on power especially when we heard of one friend whose power was out eight days!

Steve's new responsibilities with the Homebuilders Field Staff group began January 2nd. He serves as the Western U.S. Division Manager and leads field teams in the Red River (TX, OK AR W. MO, KS, LA), Mountain (CO, UT, NM, AZ), Pacific Southwest (CA, NV) and Greater Northwest (OR, WA, MT, WY) Regions. In the Western Division there are full-time field staff currently in place in Kansas City, Dallas, Tucson, Seattle, and Bend, Oregon and are recruiting feverishly for additional missionary staff in all the regions. We had the opportunity to meet many of the Field Staff at training held here January 15-17th where we were encouraged by Founder Dennis Rainey and other Senior Leaders of FamilyLife! Please let us know if you are interested in joining us as a staff member or volunteer in your region—we'd be excited to help you minister! Thanks so much for blessing and encouraging us in the battle for families!

In Christ's love, **Steve, Lila, Marshall and Maddie Bayer**

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Jeff Kemp, former NFL Quarterback and son of former Congressman, HUD Secretary & 1996 VP Candidate Jack Kemp, speaks at the FamilyLife Homebuilder U.S. Field Staff training in Little Rock on January 17th. Jeff is VP Homebuilder Catalyst.



Answers to prayer and a new one

- **FINANCES:** Thanks for PRAYING for and responding to our financial needs! New partners, increased support by current ministry partners and special individual gifts totaled about \$600 of our \$679 per month shortfall that we mentioned in our December letter. So, we have a small gap projected for 2013 plus funds have not been donated (\$4,000) to pay for our required attendance at the bi-annual July U.S. Cru Staff training conference at Colorado State University where we stay in the dorms. Thanks so much for praying past, present and future and thanks be to God for His provision right when we need it! We are trusting He will provide pledged and unpledged funds going forward to make up the gap and for the training in July.
- **THANKS** for praying for FamilyLife's \$5.15 million year end match that was successful with \$2,000 to spare!
- **Health news to PRAY for:** About the time our December letter was arriving I (Steve) had my first eye appointment since moving to Little Rock. I learned that I have macular degeneration. I can't tell that anything is problematic at all and I've started on vitamins where the hope is that the progression is halted or slowed. I have an appointment in six months for another checkup—thanks for your prayers on this along with for Lila's knee and eye challenges that we've mentioned previously.