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Weekend to Remember Getaway spring season in full swing!

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We are humbled to see lives being impacted already this year at the *Weekend to Remember Getaways*. Through last weekend 16 2013 events have been held across the country from North Carolina to Colorado, Kansas, Idaho and California to name a few. Incredibly, 376 people of the 9,556 who have attended made a first time decision for Jesus Christ! Now if that doesn't get you pumped up I don't know what will! That's on top of 1,000 **couples** who attended the February **Love Like You Mean it Cruise!** Many who attend these events that are in maintenance mode and yet others are in their last gasp effort as they try to save their marriage. Here are some comments just <u>from Wichita, KS last weekend</u> where 480 people attended and 13 trusted in Jesus as their Savior;

I can't describe it, major affect on our marriage. We are going through a divorce right now. We are calling off the divorce and changing our lives to commit to each other and to Christ.

Married 13 years

We were legally divorcing and have, after this weekend, been provided with the knowledge of how to use the tools God gave us and bridge through problems in a fast forward way. Both of us wanted to be with each other, but didn't know how to work through our differences. This has allowed God to take over and provided so much hope! Thanks.

Married 13 years

We were broken. We both came in between us! I was prideful and hurt. He was hurt and not understanding. We learned how to reconnect and to turn to God and trust. We learned more defining of our roles and how to trust each other, to communicate, and be side by side on growing.

Married 2 years

We have been working the past year and a half on recovering from the effects of an affair. Last year we attended and committed to making this a yearly check-up. This time is precious to allow us to connect and talk and to have time together. *Married 10 years*

Our marriage was very, very, very close to ending inside the first year. We both brought a lot of pain and expectations thinking that since we were Christians our marriage would not repeat those hurts! We had absolutely no conflict resolution!

Married 7 months

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Married 23 years

Our marriage was falling apart. This was the last ditch effort to restore our marriage. God has blessed us beyond what I expected. We are vowing to be committed to each other now. God is good!

Married 16 years

We are refocusing and reprioritizing. I realized what I need to change. My priorities have been all wrong. Now I know what my priorities should be. I have been tearing down my marriage rather than building it up.

Married 23 years

This weekend put the spotlight on our marriage, identified the dark areas, and provided **us** the opportunity to explore and work towards improvement. What a transformation!

Married 9 years

Thanks so much for being a part of our team—we are thankful that the Lord is using you and the Bayer family together to allow this life change to take place! God Bless you,

Steve, Lila, Marshall and Maddie

Prayer updates

- Thanks for **PRAYING** for Steve as I help our Region Managers lead and recruit Staff and Homebuilders in the Western U.S. We recently took part in new staff training with two new full-time staff couples joining FamilyLife. One will be located in Little Rock and the other will be field staff in Dallas, TX. We also interviewed a couple that could be field staff in S. California!
- Thanks for your **PRAYERS** for the homeschooling transition and for Lila's knee!
- Please continue to **PRAY** about funding and for us be able to trust the Lord in the midst of the unknowns.
- Please reply and share how we can be **PRAYING** for you whether it's regarding finances or anything else!
- **PRAY** for upcoming travel for Steve--I will be driving to Dallas next Thursday and back on Monday to help work at the March 15-17 **Weekend to Remember Getaway**-over 500 people are expected to attend!