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Serving with FamilyLife to make every home a godly home

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Cru U.S. Staff Conference in Colorado attended by 6,000

One thing Colorado has plenty of is aspen trees. They also make a great illustration to sum up the message of our bi-annual conference. Aspen trees grow in groves that often cover many acres, but the grove usually starts with just one seedling. All the other trees spring up from the root systems of that tree and each subsequent tree, allowing for the grove to spread and multiply quickly!

One of the take-aways from this conference was a sense of urgency in reaching the world for Christ, and the need for multiplication to do that. Even though there were 6,000 full-time staff members in attendance, we are not enough to accomplish the great commission by ourselves. Leadership consistently stressed the need for us to come alongside everyone in our circle of friends to help equip them to minister to those they know. We know that many of you are sowing into others but for some of us, it's been a while since we felt stretched by God to reach out when we don't know how we will be received. In particular, Steve and I have been feeling convicted to be more purposeful in reaching out to our immediate neighborhood. Where is God calling you to be more involved? Wherever it is, FamilyLife has so many resources to help you help others in your sphere of influence. (See box below.) We would love to help you be more intentional in your mission field, so don't hesitate to call, text, or e-mail us if there is any way we can help you to start a "grove" in your community.



Steve (foreground) & Lila (background) in the FamilyLife Tent helping Cru Ministry staff determine how they might use our resources in their ministries!

See the enclosed Weekend to Remember Getaway Fall Schedule!

Please consider attending if you are married or bless friends & family by encouraging them to attend!

Make sure you call us before signing anyone up so that we can help you get the best discounted rate.

A speaker at the staff conference we all LOVED was Jonalyn Fincher who has a book called Coffee Shop Conversations, which sold out immediately. It's a wonderful book about sharing your faith without losing your friends.

FamilyLife has a "Homebuilders Coaching" ministry to help you find just the right resources to minister to people you may know. We also have resources for blended families, new parents, troubled marriages, infertility, addictions, and a host of others, as well as free topical articles and audio programs online.

Thanks so much for your continued financial support, your prayers for our conference and travel last month, our current staff reorganization that is progressing, and for our family! Take a look at www.bayerfamilylife.com or call us if we can help you minister to someone close to you! God Bless you, **Steve, Lila, Marshall and Maddie**