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Steve & Lila Bayer

Serving with FamilyLife to make every home a godly home



October 2013



I (Lila) attended the annual FamilyLife women's retreat recently. We had wonderful teaching from the Word, and several staff women shared life experiences. One of the recurring themes was the need for fellowship in the midst of busy lives. And over and over we heard people's struggles and stories of persevering through difficulties.

How often do we greet someone with a standard "how are you?" and receive back an often untrue "great"? Is it because we aren't really asking with the intent to hear the truth? It's a good reminder that everyone has needs and concerns, and that we can go a long way toward facilitating openness if we are truly listening.

Who do you interact with that might need to be heard? Lord, remind us that we are here to help bear one another's burdens, give us the wisdom to sense opportunities, and the heart to willingly give of our time.

We appreciate you incredibly!

In Christ's love,

Lila, Steve, Marshall and Maddie

Ministry Notables

- FamilyLife is literally ministering around the world. Pictured above is our Romanian Art of Marriage Event kit now being distributed!
- At the beginning of September FamilyLife offered our first ever fall buy-one-get-one-free Weekend to Remember promotion. While we were praying for 5,000 registrations the Lord brought 10,260 people that had taken advantage of the offer! Praise the Lord!
- The first ever summit on stepfamily ministry took place in Dallas, TX on Sept 24-25. The event was not only incredibly powerful, but it also sold out with triple the attendance that was expected! Those in attendance were able to interact with representatives of FamilyLife and Focus on The Family!
- God continues to work mightily through our homebuilder coaches who consult

across the U.S. In the last twelve months this small team has impacted more than 36,000 lives for the kingdom!



Changed Lives!

"I took the classes at my church, and my marriage was restored completely ."
Anonymous-attendee at **The Art of Marriage** seminar hosted at their local church

Weekend to Remember Getaways –
September 2013

My girlfriend and I came to the conference to prepare for engagement. It wasn't at all what we expected. It wasn't rainbows and butterflies. It was one of the most humbling weekends of my life. I see what I really need to work on to be the mate that she deserves.

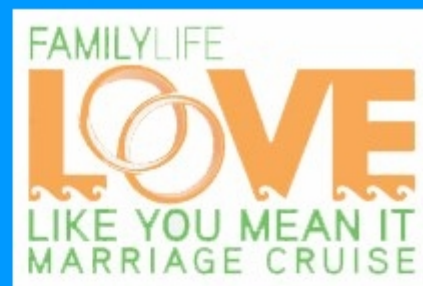
Pre-engaged-Delray Beach, FL

It made me realize things we were doing that wasn't honoring God. For example we were having premarital sex and I became pregnant after we were engaged. We've now committed to abstain until we are married. (The speaker) helped me think about this and changed my plan. We now plan to get married "legally" soon and then have the symbolic celebration with all of our loved ones. This weekend has also shown us our strengths and that we are good at communicating. It was uplifting and refreshing. Thank you for not being overwhelming and judgemental.
Engaged - Delray Beach, FL Sept. 22, 2013

I accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior here. I started my transition from being angry and bitter towards my wife for separating from me a couple of weeks ago. I have been trying to forgive her and fight for her. Trying to prove I have changed.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- PRAISE that Marshall and Maddie's driving school has gotten off to a great start-2 of 5 weeks are complete.
- Continue to PRAY for Lila's knee—pain management.
- PRAY for our *Weekend to Remember* and *Art of Marriage* Events where thousands will attend through December. PRAY for people to come to know the Lord and where marriages will be strengthened.



**Love Like You Mean It
Marriage Cruise
February 10-14, 2014**

We have been requested to be part of the FamilyLife Staff Work Crew on the *Love Like You Mean It Marriage Cruise*. We will be working a good part of the time but we would love to see you there! The first two years have sold out with 2,000 on board. Currently the ship is at 85% capacity. Check it out online at...

www.lovelikeyoumeanitcruise.com

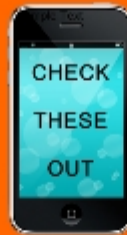
Being here she saw the change, so this has probably saved our marriage."
Married 3 years – Westminster, CO

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