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### Prayer Update 2014 July

I (Steve) meet with a men's accountability group at 6am every Wednesday. We have been going through FamilyLife's Stepping Up, A Call to Courageous Manhood men's study ([www.mensteppingup.com](http://www.mensteppingup.com)). The Lord brought me to this group shortly after we joined FamilyLife and moved to Little Rock in 2011. We have been discussing standing firm in our faith as we minister to our wives and kids. Last week we discussed Titus 2:7-8 and what it means to be a man of integrity. Two comments that stuck with me were, "Our lives should be in line with our beliefs" and "Do what's right when no one is looking".

How do these comments resonate in your life?

It's been a blessing to grow with this group as we live life together! My dear friend and brother in Christ, Dave, has been growing in his faith by leaps and bounds. Dave attended for the last time recently because he's moving to Dallas for a job change. His prayer request was that he would connect quickly with a new group of guys. That resonates with me because I experienced the same

transition when we joined FamilyLife and I left a great group of guys in Topeka, KS. He knows that an in-his-face, real and direct accountability relationship with godly guys is what he needs to go deeper with the Lord.

It's what we all need don't you think? The thing that strikes me about Dave is that he knows what is needed for him to grow and he is intentional about searching out how to do that for himself and to help others.

Are you being intentional about reaching out to others? I believe I can always be more intentional, and that the Lord will grow me and bless others through that pursuit! If you'd like ideas about resources to use, Lila and I would be happy to help you find a tool that would help with men, women, couples, blended family issues, students, and children.

Thanks so much for blessing us with your friendship, finances & prayers—tell us how we can encourage, equip & pray for you!

For His glory alone,

Steve & Lila Bayer

### Ministry Notables



An Experience You'll Never Forget.

The *Weekend to Remember* season has ended with 52,645 people attending, more than last year despite holding 18 fewer events. 13 events were sellouts and more exciting is that 2,034 people trusted in Christ! For the fall schedule see [www.weekendtoremember.com](http://www.weekendtoremember.com)

*I Still Do*, ([www.istilldo.com](http://www.istilldo.com)) Arena Events in Chicago (Aug 2), Portland (Aug 23) & Washington D.C. (Oct 4)—please pray for attendance at those events and that others will simulcast the Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> event (130 locations so far). We know there are many people in those cities that need to hear the redeeming message of Jesus Christ!

CHINA FamilyLife reports that a young single woman came to a marriage conference there after attending a talk last month on communication. She said that she had decided to believe in God, then she had been struggling over whether or not to believe in His Son. She says that after hearing our Chinese FamilyLife speaker this week give the talk explaining the gospel clearly that she decided to believe in the Son and be baptized!!! Praises to Him.

The FamilyLife "Ministry Adviser" staff is ministering all over the country to people who want to minister to others by hosting events, small group studies, etc. One study leader commented, "I'm amazed that I can have an on-going relationship with my FamilyLife Ministry Adviser to help me find the right tool & how to use it for my specific audience.

Hey moms.....check out [www.momlifetoday.com](http://www.momlifetoday.com), to see the tools and articles available to you!

And this from a weekend event, "Coming to this weekend I had a heart of stone. We were business partners living in the same house and poor partners at best. This weekend has ignited my marriage and gave me a new heart and new hope for my marriage. I can say I still do and mean it." – Married 21 years.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We asked you to pray for Marshall and Maddie's mission trip to Florida....they were upbeat about visits to a stroke recovery center, a nursing home, and knocking on doors to reach out to a neighborhood on behalf of a local church. Like in our daily lives, they had interactions that they felt were uplifting to them and those they connected with while other conversations were frustrating because they couldn't tell what if any impact they made.

Thanks for praying for trips to see our parents—Lila and daughter Arielle (24), who lives in northwest Arkansas made a trip to southeast Kansas to see Lila's mom and dad. Also, because of dear friends who provided a place to stay in Branson, MO, we were able to see Steve's parents!



**Pictured are Marshall, Steve, Maddie, Grandma Sue, Grandpa Max and Lila.**

Please pray for these activities in August as we navigate internal changes for us personally and for many staff on our department team;

Steve is going to transition to leading half of our Ministry „Adviser Staff team. This is an exciting shift as we are tasked with coaching and equipping FamilyLife volunteers and leaders to disciple and multiply themselves in their churches, businesses, communities, etc. We will be connecting with people that have just attended a *Weekend to Remember Getaway*, the *I Still Do* arena event, a *MomLife Today* or *FamilyLife Blended* summit. They have asked for help to figure out how to minister to others so our adviser team which will more than double in size with these changes will coach and help them assemble a plan about how to go about doing that! Several staff have been asked to make a shift to that group so please pray for them.

We are both taking a required seminary level class titled, "Humanity, Sin and Salvation" that lasts one week, followed by a final a couple of weeks later; we'll be attending

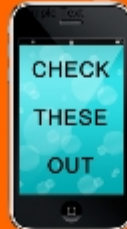
nationwide staff and team meetings and training the next week, and school will start for Marshall and Maddie.

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