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Prayer Update January 2015

Dear Friends,

The word for January at our house is "purge". It's not a very pretty word, but the thesaurus doesn't give many good substitutes. Both Steve and I are trying to get rid of some extra holiday pounds. We are also cleaning closets and drawers to get rid of stuff. (Where does all the "stuff" come from, I wonder.) It does feel good to lose those extra pounds and have clothes fit better. It's also nice to have organized drawers and closets where you can actually find the things you need. The definition of purge is to get rid of impure or undesirable elements. When you think of all the sin that Christ has purged from you and me, it begins to sound like a beautiful word! What things do you need to rid yourself of this year? Let me know, if you want, and I'll pray for you!

—Lila

Prayer Requests

—Pray for our **15 year old daughter Maddie**...over the last couple of years Maddie has developed a huge passion for Japan. She has become fluent in the language and is convinced the Lord wants her to go to Japan at some point. She has a passion for the people and the culture and we are asking the Lord if He wants her there as ministry, as a student exchange, or in some way that hasn't been revealed yet.

—Pray for health concerns. **Marshall and Maddie** need their wisdom teeth out on March 9th and **Steve** has a possible ulcer

—Pray for our **Ministry Advisors**, that their advice would be of the Holy Spirit. Since September they have had 19,780 conversations with volunteers, church staff leaders, business owners etc., who have utilized or are considering using FamilyLife resources to lead events and small group studies in their neighborhoods, churches and businesses. Pray with us that that our Ministry Advisor staff that Steve helps lead will impact over 130,000 lives this year!

—Pray that our over **50 Weekend to Remember** getaways across the U.S. this spring will bring many to Christ and help those marriages to not only survive but thrive! Please pray for our Staff as these events take an enormous amount of staff and resources to pull off.

-**"The Art of Marriage"** in Mandarin is now being distributed legally in China! Pray for hundreds of leader couples that now have 4,000 sets to begin leading small groups in several cities!

Thanks!

Thank you from the bottom of our heart for providing for us financially and prayerfully in 2014! We are praising God for getting us on solid footing heading into 2015 including paying for Steve's surgery last fall. Many of you also shared your personal prayer requests with us--please continue to update us so we will know how to pray for you. We are thankful for any opportunity to lift you up and to help you use FamilyLife resources to minister to your friends and family--please let us know if you would like our help!

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