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## STEVE & LILA BAYER



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Greetings from Steve and Lila Bayer, missionary staff at FamilyLife in Little Rock!



It has been very busy over the last few weeks both personally and at the ministry. Personally we had a chance to visit our big kids and their spouses recently as we traveled to NW Arkansas so that our 17 year old son Marshall (left) and his friend Stephen could visit colleges. We've been through two kids making college decisions previously but after eight years since the last one we're a little rusty. While the boys were at their college visits we were able to spend some time with our newest granddaughter Arwyn who was born on March 6<sup>th</sup> and we saw her big sis Avie (age 3) too!

At FamilyLife the staff was recently treated with talks from author Dan Allender as well as Pastor and author David Platt. They challenged the staff to stay strong in encouraging people to get in the battle for marriages and families! That inspired me to share a short message at a manhood ceremony for a friend's teenage son here in Little Rock where I encouraged the guys to follow Jesus' instruction at the last supper to be servants when he corrected the disciples that the greatest is the one who serves while the world tells us to serve the leader. It's a challenge to truly be servants because like the disciples we move between blaming and boasting! I shared that be a servant we should be provoked to have zeal for God's glory. If our zeal for God to be glorified is more important than anything else then a desire for us to pursue the Lord's will for our lives can be realized!

My prayer for each of us is that we are driven by our relationship with the Lord and to see His name lifted high! Whether your marriage or family relationships rate a three or a nine on a scale of ten I want to encourage you to consider how you can serve others—we'd love to help you do that. Please let us know if we can help you pursue your personal ministry at home, church, work or in your neighborhood!



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**Our Ministry Advisor team has impacted 78,180 lives so far this fiscal year (since 9/1/14) through 42,541 conversations and meetings with small group and event leaders!**

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### Lives Impacted

- The Homebuilders Couples Bible Study Series has been translated to Korean and is being distributed in S. Korea!
- “I have EXCITING news to share. I have been listening to FamilyLife Today for several months. I gain new insights daily that I can apply to my life. After a recent broadcast, I got down on my knees, confessed my sins, repented, and asked Jesus to be a part of my life. Thanks to God's grace and mercy, you showed me His love. I am a new Christian because of our efforts.” ~Radio Listener
- “Our [www.artofmarriage.com](http://www.artofmarriage.com) event begins tomorrow afternoon. We'll be having 20 Zambian couples. I already see God working in this. It is clear that there is a TREMENDOUS need for encouraging marriages!”
- “We faced a major problem head-on for the first time with honesty and a new direction of commitment. We needed the tools for communicating better.”  
~Wife, married 8 years, Kansas City Weekend To Remember.



Pastor and Author David Platt encourages FamilyLife Staff to stay in the battle for marriages and families!

### Please pray....

- ...that our Ministry Advisor leadership team; myself (Steve) , Bob, Dave and Mike as we communicate changes in how we minister to church, small group and event hosts because of ministry budget cuts and that the Lord will guide us how to best minister through our team across the U.S.
- ...Lila's knee pain can be managed. We know it needs replaced but don't sense that it's time.
- ...for Steve's ongoing acid reflux and back issues. We are looking for diet and or medicine remedies if the Lord doesn't heal without those.
- ...that Marshall and Maddie would finish school strong this spring and for Marshall's college decision.
- ...for planning of our July Cru U.S. Staff Conference that we are required to attend in Colorado in July.

Thanks so much for supporting us financially and in prayer!

Serving Him,  
Steve, Lila, Marshall & Maddie Bayer  
Missionary Staff with FamilyLife

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