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Fall 2016

Hi Friends,

We've just come off of an incredible few weeks. A thousand guests and staff from dozens of countries were here to celebrate the 40th anniversary of FamilyLife and to plan for the future. We also conducted two days of training for our Advisors! Then, we brought Marshall to John Brown Univ. for his freshman year. We've been through this before but with our third child now in



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college and Maddie a senior, we are seeing an empty nest very quickly. Advice is welcome!



Our Advisor team from Utah, Ohio, Tennessee., Arkansas, Indiana, California, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Nebraska training at the Headquarters in Little Rock (Steve on right)!

Please prayerfully consider joining us in the fight for families at the "Donate" link at <u>www.bayerfamilylife.com</u>



FamilyLife staff and volunteers attended the celebration from all over the world including Togo, China, Fiji, Ivory Coast, Guatemala, Germanay, England, Kenya, Ukraine, Nigeria, New Zealand, Poland and dozens more.

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Maddie and Lila help Marshall unpack in his college dorm....his freshman year at JBU has begun! Steve and Lila with "Weekend to Remember Getaway" Ministry Reps, Duane and Jennifer Abbott (events in MI, IL, and IN), and Chris and Connie Randazzo (FL) taking part in the FamilyLife 40th Anniversary Celebration.



When our Ministry Advisors contact people we normally expect that they have a desire to minister to a small group at church, to their employees, or in their neighborhood. Calls like this one happen more than one might expect;

"Yesterday I called a lady who attended the **Weekend to Remember** and I asked her what her plans were for the **Art of Marriage small group study kit** she purchased at the Weekend? She said that she didn't buy anything...what do you mean, she asked? I told her that her husband must have purchased it without telling her. She went on to tell me that they've been living separate lives in their house going hours and sometimes days without speaking. As I talked to her for nearly an hour she said because of my call she had a glimmer of hope knowing that her husband had purchased a resource for them. It helped her see that he must care for her. I then called the husband. An hour later as my call with him wound down he thanked me for being the hands and feet of Jesus and helping him see that he needs to take steps toward repairing and rebuilding his relationship with his wife."

The Fall *Weekend to Remember Getaway* schedule is enclosed because we want to encourage you whether you're married or engaged to attend this season and to invite others! **THIS IS A GOSPEL OPPORTUNITY** for your friends, parents and kids. It will speak to relationships whether they need a tune-up or overhaul. Last season 1,840 people made decisions to follow Jesus here! Financial partners, call us about your \$39 ministry partner rate and if you aren't a financial partner call us too or you can register online at <u>www.weekendtoremember.com</u> and get the BOGO rate between September 5th-19th! Make sure you always register with the group name "**SteveBayer**".

Attend with us at the KC WTR Feb. 24-26!

In the fight for families and for the Gospel, Steve, Lila, Marshall & Maddie Bayer Missionary Staff with FamilyLife

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