



Dear Ministry Partner,

We have been praying for the last 6 months that we would get 20 couples to join our group and attend the Weekend to Remember Marriage Getaway this November. God not only answered our prayer, He exceeded it! Two weeks ago we had 25 couples join us at the Weekend to Remember Marriage Getaway!



There are some amazing God-stories that came from the weekend and from the 25 couples we went with. We felt led to share with you the following story but we wish we could share them all.



Nine months ago, I (Jennifer), sat at a small table in a local coffee shop across from Patty. As we sipped our coffee, she began to open up about the struggles she was having in her marriage. Both she and her husband had experienced significant health issues. Patty has an autoimmune disease and Spider has had a liver transplant and deals with type 1 diabetes. In addition to their health issues, the downturn in the economy has hit their small business. Their marriage was experiencing some “storms”, to say the least.

Spider and Patty do not believe in divorce, but Patty was losing hope that she would ever have a good marriage. Patty shared with me that she had said a little prayer, “*God, if there is any way to save my marriage, please show me.*”. At that very moment, she received my call asking if she would like to meet with me and learn about FamilyLife. “*That phone call was an answer to prayer.*”, Patty said.

Fast forward a week, and here we are at the coffee shop. I shared many stories about marriages that God had brought back to life through the ministry of FamilyLife. I remember Patty looking at me with tears in her eyes saying, “*You mean, there is still hope for my marriage?*” Absolutely! God is in the business of raising dead things to life! Surrender your dead marriage to the Lord and He will breathe new life into it.

I directed Patty to many of the helpful resources that are available online at FamilyLife. For the last nine months we prayed for Spider and Patty. I checked in with her a few times and was encouraged that they were slowly but surely making progress in their relationship.

As Weekend to Remember drew closer we contacted Spider and Patty to see if they wanted to go. Her response was “**YES!**”

After the event, Nathan and I had them over to share about their experience.

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### Praises and Prayers

**Praise:** 25 couples joined our group and signed up to attend the Weekend to Remember earlier this month!

**Pray:** for the couples that attended the conference, that they will keep working at their relationship, that through the power of the Holy Spirit they will be able to live out the biblical plan for marriage. Pray that the enemy will not attack.

**Praise:** We have had some ministry partners connect us with other people, it has opened the door to do more ministry as well as gain more ministry partners. Please pray that these connections will keep coming.

**Pray:** That God will bring the rest of our support team together so we can be fully funded and report to FamilyLife headquarters in Little Rock, AR by March of 2012.

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Spider and Patty said, *“It was a wonderful experience!!! We had FUN and enjoyed the dedicated time together. We learned a lot too!”*

When we asked them if they would like to share their experience with others and what they would like to say, they both agreed and said, *“There is always hope! Don’t give up! God is still working miracles!”* They also shared two big ideas that they brought home from the weekend.

1. They cannot have a successful marriage without Christ. They have to be praying every day for the Holy Spirit to be working in their own hearts to change their marriage.
2. They want their family legacy to change. Spider said, *“I don’t want my kids to remember me as an angry, yelling tyrant. I want my kids to remember me as a godly man that loved them AND loved their mom!”*

After returning home they are already thinking of other couples that they want to direct to the FamilyLife Weekend to Remember. Praise the Lord!

**A house built on the solid rock stands firm. Matthew 7:24-25**

*Nathan + Jennifer*

## Kids Are Fun

I (Jennifer) was bending over helping Allison with her shoes. She gasped in excitement, “Oh Mommy, I see sparkle hair! You are growing princess hair!” I think I am going to call all my gray hairs “sparkle hairs” from now on. I like the sound of that better.

Lucas discovered a new sport. It is called Mud-Blading. You strap on a pair of roller blades, skate down the driveway as fast as you can and see how far you can fling mud as you sail through mud puddles at the end of the driveway. Judging by the residue left in the bath tub, I would say Lucas is a champ!

## Other Comments from the Weekend to Remember

Johnny Graham said, “We had an AMAZING weekend at the Weekend to Remember Marriage Getaway! *It was the best thing Erin and I have ever done for ourselves.* I am truly grateful for everyone that helped us get there and thanks to everyone who prayed for my QUICK recovery from my illness. (Johnny was sick in bed the day before the event, there were several people praying for him to get well quick!) I have never bounced back from being sick so fast! Most of all, thanks to my wonderful wife Erin who got me to the event so we could find our Oneness!”

Jennifer Kleekamp said, “Spent an awesome weekend with my best friend, my husband, at Weekend to Remember. *I would recommend this to any couple!!!* Pre-married, just married, or if you have been married for 50 years, this is for you!”



## Family Time

The whole family has a job when it is prayer letter time. We are so blessed to have over 200 people that have partnered with us in some way. Each month, as we fold and stuff our prayer letters, we pray over each person and family. We pray that our letter will bless you and that you will be encouraged to see how God is working through us and this ministry to strengthen marriages and families! *Thank you for your partnership!*

P.S. If you have ever noticed a stamp that was on upside-down, crooked, or looked like it was put on by a 5 year old...it probably was.