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One-to-one help and hope

eMentoring featured in CRU's International Magazine Worldwide Challenge

In the May/June 2014 issue of *Worldwide Challenge* FamilyLife's eMentoring ministry was featured. Below is a copy of the article:

When both of her daughters left the house, Lisa Vinyard experienced the difficult emotions of an empty nest. She looked for help on the FamilyLife website, and clicked the "eMentoring" link in hope that someone would walk through this sad time with her.

FamilyLife developed eMentoring to be an anonymous online system where someone dealing with a difficult life issue can interact with a personal mentor via email.

Lisa's eMentor, Cindy Blunier, had experienced the empty nest herself, so she knew how to pray with and for Lisa. *"Cindy didn't judge me or tell me to get over my depression," Lisa said. "She helped me find hope that God has plans in this new part of the journey."*

Although they never met face to face, Cindy strengthened Lisa's heart in God. But Lisa was surprised when Cindy asked her to

consider being an eMentor herself.

Lisa prayed about the opportunity, and completed the training to become an eMentor. Through practice cases, *Lisa learned how to ask good questions in order to get to the heart issues of marriage and life situations.*

Soon after, Lisa received an eMentoring request from a woman who was contemplating committing adultery. "Initially I felt ill because my first husband left after committing adultery," Lisa admitted. "I wanted to turn her name back in for someone else."

But God had a different plan for Lisa. "I began fighting and praying for this woman and her marriage," she said. And instead of judging her, Lisa's affection grew as they emailed back and forth.

By God's grace, Lisa watched God heal this woman's marriage. "This

brought me full circle in what God can do on either side of the painful sin of adultery," Lisa said.

—by Rita Wright

TAKE AWAY

Being mentored is as simple as clicking on a link at the FamilyLife webpage.

And volunteering begins, at the same website, by filling out an application and completing the training. Using email and the resources available on the FamilyLife website, volunteers can offer one-to-one help and hope by listening, praying and encouraging others who are in need.

An eMentoring training kit is also available at the website for those who would like help developing a mentoring ministry at church.

Praise: For the 2,386 mentees our eMentoring team has mentored this fiscal year (since September 2013)! Praise God for the help and hope these individuals have received!

Pray: For our trip to Missouri at the end of this month. We are hoping to connect with many of our current ministry partners as well as share with new people about our ministry. Pray that God will direct our steps and that our trip will glorify Him in every way!

Pray: For the I Still Do events coming up soon. Pray that many couples will attend and that their marriages will be strengthened. Pray that couples will leave these events on-fire, wanting to start a marriage ministry in their community.

**You are Invited
To our
OPEN HOUSE**

**Sunday
June 22
In
Washington MO**

details on the back

Nathan & Jennifer

**To Learn More:
www.familylife.com/ementoring**



We Are Coming to Missouri & You Are Invited to Our Open House!

When: Sunday June 22, 2-6pm

Where: 27 Whispering Oaks Drive, Washington MO, 63090 (Jennifer's Parent's House—Call/Text Jennifer if you need directions 636-358-4213)

We will be grilling hot dogs and the pool will be open. Drop by for a few minutes, or stay for a while. We would love to see you and your family!



Mark Your Calendar,
Bring Your Friends for
A One-Day Marriage
Event for Couples!

August 2, 2014
Chicago, IL
Allstate Arena

August 23, 2014
Portland, OR
Moda Center

October 4, 2014
Washington DC
This event will be global-
ly simulcast so couples
around the nation can
participate in this life
changing event.

find out more:
IStillDo.com

Tips for Good Mentoring

Mentoring is easier than you think. Yes, you'll face complex situations that will break your heart and tempt you to say, "I can't fix this. I don't know enough. I'm no counselor!" The truth is, you're not a counselor and you can't fix it. But you know The One who can, and you can point them to Him.

The next time you have someone come to you and share their struggles, apply these simple mentoring tips. In eMentoring we call it the P.L.A.C.E principle.

Pray: Don't underestimate the amazing strength gained through this simple act. God's Spirit comes alongside us in prayer (Romans 8:26). Good mentors do the same for their mentees. Pray out-loud together. It also lets them learn from you how they too can relate to God as a friend (Exodus 33:11; John 15:15).

Listen: It doesn't sound like much, but listening is crucial because most people long to be heard. They want someone who will hear what they say *and what they mean*.

Ask: The Hebrew word for teaching actually means "to cause to learn." Likewise, good mentors ask well-worded questions that foster conversation and allow God to "cause the growth" (1 Cor. 3:6). Use the Mentor Guide for examples of well-worded questions. (www.familylife.com/ementoring then click on "Access Help" to see the Mentor Guide)

Consider: Think slowly and biblically about the mentee's story. Don't get in a hurry. Humbly introduce Scripture and other biblical resources for both you and the mentee to discuss together. Eagerly receive what's being said, but diligently examine the Scriptures daily to find truth (Acts 17:11). This will add richness to your mentoring experience.

Encourage: Whatever you offer your mentee, whether it's a compassionate tone, a practical life tip, or an exhortation from God's word, make sure to uplift rather than beat down.