



August 2016

## A Month of Remembrance and Celebration

### *Praises & Prayers*

This year FamilyLife is celebrating 40 years of ministry, 40 years of hope, 40 years of restored marriages, 40 years of building godly families and 40 years of God working miracles! This past week, the staff spent time remembering and celebrating all that God has done in the last 40 years through FamilyLife. There was much to be celebrated!

FamilyLife, then called “Family Ministry,” began in 1976 when Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) staff noticed a serious need for pre-marriage and marriage seminars among their staff. God blessed the ministry, and soon it was time to grow beyond Cru staff.



FamilyLife now ministers to families in 109 countries on six continents. We were blessed to have several staff and volunteers attend our celebration from all over the world. It was amazing to hear how FamilyLife’s resources and events are being used in all corners of the world.

About six years ago FamilyLife was able to walk through the doors in **China**! The team in China has worked very hard to translate the Art of Marriage and the Weekend to Remember events into Mandarin. They have also launched their own FamilyLife China website and are hosting it on servers in China. *Now when anyone in China searches “Help for my marriage” FamilyLife articles, resources, and events are the first things that pops up.*

In **Slovenia** (a small country in Europe) FamilyLife’s Homebuilders small group bible studies are transforming entire villages. Villages that used to be unfriendly and harsh with one another, are now being transformed by the love of Jesus. People are receiving Christ and more than 100 small groups are in place in the tiny country of Slovenia. The volunteer that heads up this project said, *“Before, LOVE could only be found in the name of our country, now LOVE is being found in villages all across our country.”*

Here at home, God is using FamilyLife’s Stepping Up video study in homeless shelters across the country. Thousands of men are receiving, for the first time, a picture of what it looks like to be a godly man, husband, and father. One of the men that went through the program in **Atlanta Georgia** came to our celebration and shared how he is getting back on his feet and how exciting it is to now have hope and direction in his life. *He will be holding his own Stepping Up class this fall as he feels compelled to help other men Step Up.*

We could go on and on with stories of lives being changed through the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We want to give THANKS to God for all HIS work through FamilyLife and your partnership which makes all of this possible!

**Praise:** for 40 AMAZING years of ministry! We give God all the glory for every changed life, every transformed marriage, and every godly legacy passed down to the next generation.

**Pray:** for God to continue to raise up key leaders (staff and volunteers) in countries all over the world that will join FamilyLife to reach marriages and families with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

**Pray:** for our next couples bible study we will be starting in September to blended families. Pray each couple that attends will receive the biblical tools and practical tips they need to build a successful, godly marriage and family.

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”  
**Matthew 7:24-25**

*Nathan & Jennifer*



Last Month was our  
4 year Anniversary of Serving  
at FamilyLife's Headquarters  
And  
We couldn't have reached this  
milestone without YOU!

Thank You

For supporting our ministry  
through your financial dona-  
tions, encouragement and pray-  
ers! We are so thankful for  
YOU!

### Swim Team Champs



Lucas and Allison enjoyed a great summer swim-  
ming for the Saline County Barracuda's. Their  
goal at the beginning of the summer was to quali-  
fy for the Meet of Champs, and they both  
achieved their goal! Lucas qualified for the Free-  
style, Breaststroke and IM. Allison qualified for  
the Freestyle, Backstroke, and Butterfly. They did  
great and we are so proud!

## Fall Season Starts Soon



*There are 3 Ways to Save  
On your Registration*

#### **One: Financial Ministry Partner Certificate**

If you are a financial ministry partner and give regularly to our ministry; please contact us, we have a very special certificate for you. This certificate will allow you to register for the Weekend to Remember for only \$78/couple (regular price is \$300/couple).

If you can't use the certificate yourself, pass it on to someone that can. What a great way to bless someone else's marriage.

#### **Two: Use our Group Name**

Go to [www.familylife.com/weekend](http://www.familylife.com/weekend) click on "Find Your Getaway" and then select the event you want to register for. Enter or group name "FLWalker" when registering and get \$100 off your couple's registration.

#### **Three: Register during our BOGO Sale**

Buy One Get One Sale. Call 1-800-FLTODAY between **September 6-19** and ask for the BOGO deal. Buy your registration and your spouse goes free. Basically you will save \$150 off your couple's registration.

St. Louis, Nov 18-20, 2016