

Weathering The Storms

Help for today. Hope for tomorrow.

We spent many nights over the past few weeks hunkered down in our safe

-zone as the storms passed through the area. Although tornadoes came close by, we were blessed that we suffered no loss or casualty. Others weren't so fortunate. We know of several staff families that experienced damage to their properties here in Little Rock. About thirty miles north, in Vilonia, four people lost their lives after a tornado ripped through the area flattening fifty homes. Flash floods followed, but again we were blessed and thankful for the "rivers" flowing either side of our house that kept the water away from the property. Please pray for those affected as they seek to rebuild their homes and lives, especially those in the surrounding states of Missouri and Alabama.

Last month, Lisa's mom inexplicably broke one of her legs. Again! This is the fifth time in two years, so her specialist decided to insert titanium rods in both legs below her knees to strengthen them. She had surgery in early May and Lisa was blessed to travel to be with her for a few days, as she acclimated to being at home again for the remainder of her recovery. Please pray for complete healing and that she can return to work.

Chris' parents continue to struggle with their illnesses. Mum was diagnosed last year with Primary Progressive Aphasia and her ability to communicate is becoming increasingly difficult. This is burdening Chris' dad as he tries to adjust to the situation. Please join us in prayer for wisdom as to how we should most effectively assist in this situation. Pray for God's will to be evident here.

Chris was able to assist as cameraman in several video shoots for new training materials for the FamilyLife eMentoring program. eMentoring continues to expand and we now currently have over 200 trained or trainee mentors ready to serve. We just received this from a current trainee in Kenya who doesn't have a personal computer but is set on becoming a FamilyLife eMentor:

"First and foremost i wish to thank you people. Since i started this training i can say i have learnt so much and i thank God for everything. Apart from the course equipping me to be a mentor i am also being mentored through the course, and that's why i must say that this is God sent kind of opportunity of which i believe it's meant to take me to the next Glory. Otherwise due to a challenge of not having personal computer i may be slow in my taking the course, but that will not deter me from achieving my aim of being a familylife mentor.

Thank you so much and i look forward to asking any question i may have as

we progress God bless familylife ministry yours in service."

Ethan's Escapades

Praise Items

Prayer Requests

I turned eleven at the end of April. I had two friends spend the night and do a scavenger hunt with me. The rain ruined our plans to tent outside. We still had a blast!

• Praise for God's unity in Lisa's family in planning care for Mom.



Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement. We appreciate your prayers, especially during these challenging times with our parents.

Chri and Lisa

• Pray that Lisa's Mom would heal completely and be able to work again.

• Praise for God's provision of an airline ticket through Lisa's sister's miles.

- Pray for wisdom in how to best assist Chris' parents.
- Pray for God's clear direction and provision regarding a move to the UK.

UK in Crisis

British society is witnessing a swift end to traditional family life; in fact Britain is a world-leader in terms of family breakdown:



- The UK has the highest level of lone-parenting in Europe.
- 90% of couples live together before getting married.
- Nearly 50% of children in the UK are now born out of wedlock.
- In 2009, 95% of all births outside of wedlock were to teenagers.
- 48% of children will experience the trauma of seeing their parents divorce by age 16.
- Over 50% of cohabiting parents split up before their child's 5th birthday.
- A child in a single-parent family is 75% more likely to struggle in school, 70% more likely to become addicted to drugs, 50% more likely to develop a drinking problem and 35% more likely to be unemployed.
- Family breakdown is linked to approximately 98% of the cases heard in the juvenile courts in the UK.
- Family breakdown is estimated to cost each British taxpayer the equivalent of between \$1,200 to \$1,500 per year.

Revivals must always be outward looking. The great British social reformers such as Wilberforce, Shaftsbury, Buxton, William Booth and others, were all motivated by the love of God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring about a lasting change to society way beyond the confines of the local church. It is the vision of FamilyLife UK to do that again now.

Please continue to pray for God's leading regarding a possible move to join FamilyLife UK. We have the paper-work submitted and are awaiting next steps.

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