

The Murfins - Serving with FamilyLife

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Keep Calm and Carry On!

As we packed up and sold our house in Little Rock last April, little did we know we'd still not be in permanent housing 12 months later. God has continuously provided though: We spent several months with friends in Sioux Falls before leaving for the UK. When we arrived here, we were immediately blessed by God's provision of a temporary house until the right house came along. Prayerfully, we believe God has now raised up that home and, if all the legal contracts behind it go well, we should be moving in mid-May. We'll be moving to the village of Chalfont St. Peter, about 5 miles from where we've been living, and only two blocks from the church we are attending. We wish we could tell you all the details, but you must know this is a great miracle of God.

Early in February, we hosted our annual Vision and Equipping Day. Around forty people attended to learn more about FamilyLife and our vision for the next year, and to be equipped to take FamilyLife's resources and small group studies back to their communities. We're already working on preparing for the 2014 event, in which we hope to have around 160 people attend.



Last week, Lisa had the opportunity to attend a meeting at the House of Commons in London to support and learn about a group called Mothers at Home Matter (MAHM). She has also been invited to speak at an upcoming UK Women of Faith conference. This past weekend, Lisa was on a training course for Community Bible Study as she prepares to help establish a study in our local community and church.

Earlier this week, Chris and Mark also travelled to London to meet with, and interview Rico Tice, Associate Minister of All Souls Church, Langham Place. Chris is currently working on editing the video interview which will be used to help further promote our day events. All Souls has invited FamilyLife back again to host another A Day Together event next year, on January 18th, 2014.



We are currently preparing to host the next A Day Together event in Bournemouth, in the south of England. Please pray for many couples to attend and for changed lives. Chris will be assisting mainly with the Audio/Visual aspects of the day.

In the midst of the technology and software projects that Chris is currently working on, he has also been asked to step-in and help support the IT systems for Agapé (Campus Crusade - UK) while they seek a new software developer. Chris has been working to understand their systems and provide support as-needed, remotely from home to their Birmingham office.

There's much to do here and we can't do it alone. Thank you for standing with us in prayer and support. We pray that His hope, joy, and love will fill your hearts this Easter.

Chris and Lisa

Ethan's Escapades!

Earlier this month we had a chance to meet up with Bruce from South Dakota who had come to England for a ten-day work trip. It's always fun to have visitors and chances to see friends from back home. It's so fun being close to London too. There is so much history here and many unique things to see and do. While we were with Bruce, we visited the Tower of London and saw the Crown Jewels, and also got to tour Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. So cool!



Comments from the recent Minneapolis *Weekend to Remember*

"It was a last-straw effort for us. I told my husband I either wanted this or divorce papers for my birthday. He said, "Sign us up." He has been awesomely open minded. I have been able to let down some walls, too. Our future looks much brighter." - Married 2 years.

"This weekend was just what we needed to get away & rekindle the love that we have for each other! It gave us the grounds to discuss so many things in our marriage and become more clear with each other. This morning my husband told me this was one of the best weekends of our marriage." - Married 6 years.

"We have been married for almost 9 years and have never done anything like this. A Weekend to Remember is fantastic! Such a special weekend to focus on each other and God and to grow in both areas. Weekend to Remember should be a yearly thing for couples." - Married 9 years.

"Allowed us to reaffirm our commitment to get married in June and was a spiritual encouragement to place Christ at the center and trust in His grace daily." - Engaged.

Always feel free to contact us if you need more information on the Weekend to Remember getaway, or would like to take advantage of a special rate for you or somebody you know to attend.



Can We Pray for You?

We take prayer seriously and it is an honour and privilege to pray for you. If you have anything you'd like to share with us privately (it won't be shared with anyone else), please email us at familylife@themurfins.com

Praise Items

- Praise for Lisa's Mom's recent treatment of a perforated ulcer.
- Praise for God's provision of a long-term home for us.
- Praise God for the doors He is opening for further ministry here in the UK.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Lisa's Mom's recovery and continued health.
- Pray for Chris' Dad's recovery from his stroke.
- Pray for wisdom as we plan Ethan's next year of school.
- Pray for God's continued provision as we hope to move into our own home soon.