



## Refining Relationships

No one ever said home schooling and being missionaries was going to be easy. One of the beautiful things about being a follower of Christ is belonging to a larger family. We are so privileged to have you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, praying for us and supporting us in this journey. Thank you!

In Lisa's CBS class she and her co-leader have been teaching from the book of Galatians. Her catch phrase this week has been, "Gospel freedom and gospel character are developed and refined in gospel relationships." In our work, we are not isolated from the messiness of relationships. We are being refined by our co-workers, the people in our small groups, our son, and God. As you pray for us, please pray that the Holy Spirit would deeply root our sense of self-worth in Christ, so we might better love and serve others.

What follows is a quick summary of the last few weeks:

### **October 14th: Launch of Together Small Group**

It took a fair bit of time to get off the ground, but we have launched our first *Together* Small Group at our local church in Chalfont St. Peter. It is both our prayer and the prayer of our church leadership that this would be the start of a proactive marriage ministry in our community.

### **October 19th: A Day Together—Nottingham**

"We came to the day having had a big row [US row= argument] and felt hopeless with each other and our relationship. We are going home, looking forward to spending time together and can't stop holding hands. Thank you."

This was the reaction from one couple who attended our A Day Together event in Nottingham last month. 18 couples attended and it is always great to see the positive impact that our events have on individuals and couples. Please be in prayer that legacies are changed as a result.

### **October 26th: What is Love Actually Dinner—London House of Commons**

Hot on the tails of Nottingham, the following weekend, we hosted a special evening event at the House of Commons in London. We had hoped to show you many photos from inside the venue but we have subsequently been asked to not share them publicly. Please pray for the ripple effect this event is already beginning to have on the leaders present at this evening.

### **November 1st—2nd: FamilyLife Team Retreat—Stanton House**

As a team our directors have made team and personal retreats an annual priority. Without taking time to be still and listen to God, we cannot be equipped to do His will. During this retreat we had some directed study, team building, and time for personal reflection and prayer.

### **November 9th—A Day Together—Birmingham**

Just this past weekend, we held another A Day Together event, this time in Birmingham.

We are seeing tremendous demand and opportunities for further events. Please continue to be in prayer for the 6 events we are planning to host in the first few months of 2014.

As we approach Thanksgiving, we pray you have a blessed time to celebrate and give thanks with your family. We're excited about the momentum that is building in the UK and that you're part of what God is doing here. Thank you for your support.

*Chris and Lisa*



*A small sampling of photos from recent events in Nottingham, Birmingham and London.*

## Weekend to Remember

Please don't forget to contact us if you or someone you know would like to take advantage of a discount off the normal registration price for a Weekend to Remember getaway.



## Special Guests

We were privileged to host our friend Maddie (the daughter of some co-workers in Little Rock) and her friend, Nancy, as they were on their way home from a mission trip to India. Hosting missionaries can be great fun! Their stories were such a treat to hear.



## Ethan's Escapades!

I wish I had more time for my guitar these days. You wouldn't believe how much homework I have had! I cannot wait for Thanksgiving break. Please pray I can have all my work done by November 22!



## Praise Items

- Praise God for the fruit we're seeing, especially from the last 3 events.
- Praise God for all we are learning about the value of team work in marriage.

## Prayer Requests

- Please pray for effective follow-up for all of the events held in the last month and for the FamilyLife network to grow as a result.
- Pray for our family to be able to take a break for Thanksgiving. (See Ethan's Escapades! ;-)
- Pray for good bonding among our Together group members and for marriages to be encouraged and strengthened.