



New Year, New City, New Assignments

It's been an interesting few weeks, to say the least, since our last letter. Mid-November we packed up our home in Sioux Falls and made the move south to Little Rock, AR.

We arrived here on November 19th with plans to close on the house we were buying the next day. All was going well, until we received a call just one hour before the scheduled closing time to say we would in fact not be closing. Days drew into weeks, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year came and went and it was only just this week, that we finally closed.

Despite the change in our plans, we were still blessed with God's provision. The seller allowed us to have early occupancy until all the paperwork had been sorted out and we were also able to move our belongings into our home as originally scheduled. We are thankful we can now finally fully unpack and begin hanging pictures on the walls!

We reported to the ministry in early December. Chris began working on the software solution behind the eMentoring initiative. eMentoring is a web-based strategy to recruit, train, and utilize online mentors to help millions of individuals deal with their struggles in marriage and family by offering real-time, biblically based, anonymous, and confidential help 24/7. The 10-year goal is for 10,000 trained mentors. If you would be interested in being a mentor, please let us know!

Lisa has been busy learning the new routine. She and Ethan are participating in a classical home-school group that meets all day on Mondays. It has been a large learning curve as there is a great deal of memory work and a written and oral report due each week. Amidst training and interviews at the ministry for where she will serve regularly, Lisa's skills were put to use as she helped serve in the International Department producing Homebuilders in Spanish for Latin America using our print-on-demand technology.

Your prayer and support is so appreciated. We look forward to telling you more about our assignments in our next letter. Thank you for partnering with us in helping see every home a godly home.

Chris and Lisa

2010 Weekend To Remember Spring Season

At FamilyLife's Weekend To Remember marriage conference, you can put aside life's daily distractions and focus on each other again. For over 30 years, we've helped more than a million couples make their marriages stronger and healthier.

The Sioux Falls' conference isn't until later in the year, but is in several of South Dakota's neighboring states in March. Treat yourselves to this wonderful event that can help strengthen your marriage. Here are the dates and locations for the surrounding states:



Omaha, NE	March 12-14	Minneapolis, MN	March 12-14
Des Moines, IA	March 19-21	Lincoln, NE	March 26-28

As always, you can sign up online at www.familylife.com/weekend, call 1-800-FL-TODAY, or contact us for more information on how to attend.

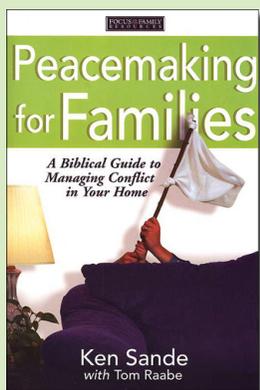
Ethan's Escapades

I miss my friends from Sioux Falls, but I am slowly making more here. I go to a home-school Co-Op on Mondays and a Science program at the 4-H center on Wednesdays. Oh, and AWANA on Wednesday nights too. My new favorite food is found at Chick-Fil-A, though I do miss Culvers a lot.



Peacemaking For Families

We all long for a home that is a haven from a world riddled by conflict, but even in the family, conflict is inevitable. Using Scripture and stories from real family life, the authors present God's



principles for achieving peaceful resolutions when conflicts arise.

Learning to be peacemakers will help guard your family from destructive conflict, deepen your love

and intimacy with your spouse, and provide your children with a solid foundation for life.

We have a few copies of this book on hand. Let us know if you'd like a copy.

Look At The Impact You're Making

We see testimonies like this one all the time. We want to share them with you to let you know the impact you're making as you support our work.

"As odd as this will sound my ex husband and I attended this together. He and I were married for 15+ years and divorced this past April. Through a lot of work on ourselves with the help of Christ, we are working on our relationship. To be honest we were missing a key element. We had Christ in our lives just did not have him as the Center of our lives. Now we are learning how to truly love one another. The conference was a great building block in our journey. When we got out of the last session we both agreed our children when they are engaged will be given the gift of this weekend with the one that God gives them as their "gift." This was information that we had never been given, and seeing as how so many things in marriages are hush-hush in our churches this gave us the opportunity to see that everyone struggles with the same things, we were not alone as we thought we were. Thank you for your ministry and for being God's messenger."

— Alicia

2010 Key Initiatives and Programs

FamilyLife continues to implement our 10-year strategic plan—The Marriage Initiative. While we continue to provide Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow through our existing programs, we have initiated new programs that will help thousands of lay partners launch and grow ministries in their communities and churches. These programs include a Video Based Marriage Conference, LifeReady, eMentoring, and a Homebuilders Refresh. We will share greater detail on one of these each month for the next few months. Until then, please be praying that God would bless the work He has for us.

Praise Items

- God for His provision of early occupancy in our home and for closing on it this last week.
- Praise for safe travels in our move to Little Rock.

Prayer Requests

- Pray that we can adjust and fully integrate as we serve here in Little Rock.
- Pray that we stay strong and effective in our work at FamilyLife's Headquarters and also in the community.