



Where Did March Go?

The last month has been filled with adventure. On March 8th, Chris travelled to the UK to visit his parents, who he hadn't seen for over 2½ years. He had been blessed with a low-cost standby ticket from a friend in his BSF group who's a long-haul pilot with a major airline. This was a true gift allowing Chris to have some face-time with his parents.

Lisa befriended a young single-mom, Hannah (not her real name) and her 2-year old daughter in a chance meeting as Lisa was walking home from a church event. Hannah is unemployed and burdened with depression, expressed through alcohol abuse and cutting. Hannah comes from a very broken home and has been doing some form of self mutilation since she was three years old! Please pray for God to draw her to Himself and that we might be one of many families He would use to encourage and equip this precious family.

Lisa had volunteered in the Global Department at FamilyLife in our transition time, but last month she officially had her first day in her assigned role. God is allowing her to work on a project to translate Familylife.com into several other languages. Chris continues to work on maintaining and enhancing the eMentoring software platform as well as currently working to improve the efficiency of how in-bound email is routed to the ministry's Correspondence team.



Earlier this month, amidst the routine of life, our car was backed into on a parking lot. Thankfully, the driver did stop and find us. However since we now need to have it repaired, this further pointed out our need for a second vehicle. Please pray for God's provision.

Easter Sunday, we climbed Pinnacle Mountain, which is just west of Little Rock, with three other FamilyLife staff families. Seeing the sunrise atop the mountain was a beautiful reminder of God's gracious provision of a new day and the new life that He has provided

through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your steadfast prayers and support. We couldn't do what we do without you!

Chris and Lisa

Visiting Sioux Falls

We are planning a short trip back to Sioux Falls at the middle to end of May to visit friends and family. We plan to reconnect with as many people as possible while we're there. We'd appreciate your prayers for safe travel and the ability to meet with people.

Ethan's Escapades

Since the snow has now melted, and we probably won't see any more until next year, I thought I'd have a go at ice-skating. Last month, I began skating lessons at the local skating-rink. They let me skip the first level right away. I was really excited about that!



Praise Items

- Praise that Chris was able to visit his parents and for safe travels.
- Praise God for His gift of Jesus & the joy of His sunrise!

Prayer Requests

- Pray for "Hannah" and her daughter—that God would save them here and eternally.
- Pray for God's provision of another car.
- Pray for a fruitful visit to Sioux Falls in May and the ability to connect with friends, family, and ministry partners.

A Personal Testimony from Weekend To Remember

It's always encouraging to receive testimonies from how you and your friends and families are impacted by what we do here at FamilyLife. Lisa recently received this email from one of our supporters, Blayne and Tonya, who were married last September. They do an excellent job of sharing the importance of attending a conference when your marriage is good. We hope this encourages you to take time to nurture your marriage! Thanks for the great example Tonya & Blayne!



Hello Lisa!

Blayne and I just want to thank you and Chris for the opportunity to attend the Weekend to Remember conference this past weekend in Des Moines. We had a great weekend! We really enjoyed being away for the weekend allowing us to totally focus on each other.

We said we are so glad we were attending at this time in our marriage...where things are really good...versus being there as a "last resort." Even so, it brought some things to our attention that can just help us grow even more and opened the door to communicate more on some topics we hadn't delved into as much. God hit me over the head with a few things - one being priorities, which is something that's on my heart lately. I can barely keep up with my schedule and something has to change. We are hoping to go through the material in smaller chunks over the next few weeks. There is so much covered in the weekend.

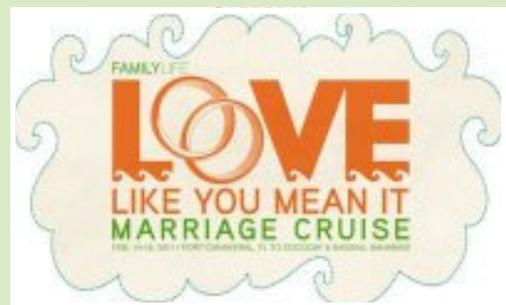
While I've always known how important marriage/families are...the conference gave me a new perspective on things and I am even more excited to continue hearing about your ministry. I hope all is well.

Love,
Tonya (and Blayne :))

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Love Like You Mean It!

Close your eyes and try to picture this scene: blue skies, warm sun, the vast expanse of the ocean, holding your spouse's hand as you slowly stroll the decks of the beautiful Monarch of the Seas cruise ship. For the first time in history, FamilyLife is setting sail with Premier Christian Cruises on February 14-18, 2011, for the *Love Like You Mean It™* Marriage Cruise.



Join Dennis and Barbara Rainey, co-founders of FamilyLife, and other popular marriage experts Bob Lepine and Crawford Loritts. Additionally, you'll enjoy insights from Kirk Cameron and Shaunti Feldhahn. Our speakers will show you exactly how to pursue a marriage that really works. And if that's not enough, there will be warm Christian fellowship and entertainment by musical guests Michael O'Brien, Big Daddy Weave, Point of Grace and more.

Whether you're feeling challenged in your marriage, or just want a better plan for the rest of your lives, we know this cruise will help you make real progress. What better time, and what better place, to focus on the most important earthly relationship you have... your marriage.

Love like you mean it! Let us know if you'd like further information on this cruise. Those who travel with our group get a **discount!** Contact us for details!