



What's Been Going On

This letter has been a long-time coming; it's been quite the summer! On July 13th, my mum was admitted to hospital in a severe state of confusion and was scheduled to remain there for 60 days while the staff assessed her dementia. I was blessed to visit and spend a few days with my parents in early August and had the chance to see Mum in hospital. Unfortunately, it was to be the last time I'd see her. Just a few weeks later, her condition rapidly deteriorated and on September 18th, doctors advised us that she was nearing the end. Lisa, Ethan, and I grabbed the next available flight, but still arrived about 8 hours too late to see Mum. We are still in England as we write this; Mum's funeral is on October 3rd.

We continue in the process of raising additional funding and selling our home in preparation for our move to the UK. We're definitely noticing it's a depressed economy and housing market—we've had just 2 people view our house in 2 months!

If you watch the news, you probably saw the riots erupting in the UK last month. The nation was gripped with fear and Britain's Prime Minister, David Cameron, said that the riots could be blamed on a "slow-motion moral collapse" of the country. This is a society that is in desperate need of hope—a hope they could have through a relationship with Christ.

Please continue to pray for our additional support needs and that we are able to sell our house so we can serve in the UK as soon as possible.

2011 Weekend To Remember Fall Season

The Fall Weekend To Remember season kicked off again this month with 48 events throughout the remainder of 2011.



Treat yourselves to this wonderful event that can help strengthen your marriage. 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. Use our group name **MURFIN** for a registration discount.

Help and Hope

"I am just so happy that I have you to talk to, [someone] who understands what I am saying. Also, you do not condemn me for trying to stick it out with my husband. Everyone says that it is now time to leave and get on with my life, but I really don't feel like this is what God wants. I hope and pray that I am right. I guess I am just going to be patient and I know that God will let me know when and what to do at the right time. I know that he talks to me through other people and I know that is why he brought you to me. He talks to me through you so please don't stop talking to me and praying for me and my husband and my marriage. Thank you so much for everything and may God bless you big time."

This is just one of many comments we have received from people reaching out for help and biblical encouragement through our eMentoring platform. We have served over 5,500 people to date and the number is on the rise. Sometimes when people don't know which way to turn, it's a blessing to know they can turn to caring people trained by FamilyLife to offer encouragement and perspective based on life experience and on God's word.

Thank you for your ongoing support so we can continue to serve providing help and hope.

Chris and Lisa

Ethan's Escapades



During the blistering hot days of the Arkansas summer, I was relieved to spend an afternoon at Wild River Country just north of Little Rock. It was a fun time and I rode on many of the water slides there. It was a great way to spend time with family. The best finish for the summer though was getting company while Dad was in England. One of my friends, Carter, came to visit with his family from Sioux Falls. I wish I had gotten a photo of my mom doing the *happy-dance* when she found out they were coming!

The Art of Marriage

On February 11th this year, FamilyLife's *The Art of Marriage* video event premiered in over 600 locations nationwide. So far an estimated 80,000+ people have attended an event and viewed the materials and insights from this resource.



For our friends in the Sioux Falls area, there is another chance to attend an event at **Linwood Wesleyan Church** on **October 28th** and **29th**. Email Carrie at carrie@ourprimary.com if you have questions on this event or check out www.theartofmarriage.com for other locations around the US.

As you are probably aware, FamilyLife is a subsidiary of Campus Crusade for Christ International (CCCI). During our staff conference this year, CCCI announced that the US ministry is changing its name to Cru! More than 20 years ago CCCI's founder, Bill Bright, had already considered changing the name as he had envisioned the ministry would grow way beyond a "campus ministry", but the current name gives that impression.

Steve Sellers, U.S. National Director of Cru, said the problem with the name "Campus Crusade for Christ" is obviously not with "Christ," but with "campus" and "crusade." A substantial amount of Cru's ministry is now directed at people not on a college campus, such as FamilyLife.

As for removing Christ from their name, Cru addressed the question in the following statement: "We were not trying to eliminate the word Christ from our name. We were looking for a name that would most effectively serve our mission and help us take the gospel to the world. Our mission has not changed. Cru enables us to have discussions about Christ with people who might initially be turned off by a more overtly Christian name. We believe that our interaction and our communication with the world will be what ultimately honors and glorifies Christ." Again, Cru has NOT wavered in their commitment to Christ or their willingness to stand for Him! Cru will continue with its emphasis on evangelism, discipleship and Christian outreaches to the world.

Praise Items

- Praise for our safe travels and ministry this Summer.
- Praise for God's financial provision of a flight for Chris to visit his parents in August.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Chris' Dad in the UK as he adjusts to life without his wife. Pray he finds hope to move on.
- Pray for the kick-off of the Fall season of Weekend To Remember getaways. Pray for changed lives.