The Murfin Minute

What Changes Four Times on Average Over the Course of a Child's Life in the UK?

Their father figure! This is just one piece of the picture that FamilyLife UK staff, Mark and Christine Daniel, painted for a group of 35 people from across the United Kingdom who attended a Vision Casting Weekend at the end of January.

FamilyLife UK aims to strengthen marriages and "make marriage cool again". Their vision is to reach people from all over the UK by building a movement or network of people equipped to disciple others that cut to the root of these social statistics—healing hearts and homes through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Those who attended the Vision Casting Weekend left ready to light a fire in their homes and communities. Mark and Christine now need to increase the size of the core team to support and equip the growing network.



Because of this, Mark and Christine have asked us to raise the priority and step up the pace to quickly raise the additional support we need to move to the UK. We desire to lock arms with them to establish the infrastructure and man/woman power needed to meet the need God is bringing to their doorstep. Mark and Christine are the only staff there and in a recent Skype call Mark reiterated the importance and urgency of the situation. They need us with them now... it seems the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

With the death of Chris' Mum, we needed a break—a time of mourning and time to regroup. Graciously, God has provided mentors and friends to guide us through some needed lessons during this break to prepare us for our move to England and be ready to serve. Yet we find ourselves very aware of our dependence on God and have set a goal that only He can fulfill—to be fully funded by June 30th, so we can move by Mid-August.

So we really need your prayers and help! During this tax season, whenever you think of the IRS, would you pray for us? We have the following needs:

ncrease – Pray that God would increase our support to provide for the additional cost of living outside of London and to cover some support loss we had during the recession. Would God enable you to support us or increase your already generous giving?

Referrals – Pray that God would bring people to your mind that might have a passion for missions, families, or the UK. Is there someone you could refer to us—who might want to hear more about our ministry?

Strength – Pray that God would grant us the courage, faith and strength to be obedient to our call and do our part. May He protect us from despair and give us hope and encouragement in the difficult task of raising support.

Your continued prayers and generous support are a great blessing to us! We constantly give praise to God for the way He allows us to work for FamilyLife because of the generous support of His children. Thank you!. ; and hise

From Nairobi to Oklahoma...



One of the benefits of the eMentoring platform that we offer at FamilyLife is it allows our mentors to pour into the lives of others from anywhere they have an internet connection, which makes this story even more remarkable. Take David^{*} who lives in a remote suburb in Nairobi, Kenya. Probably not the most connected place in the

world. In fact David doesn't even have a computer and walks every day to a local internet cafe and pays to use the computers there to mentor others. Others in Oklahoma, for example, some 8,500 miles away. Over the last four months, David has been pouring into the life of Ken who had been separated from his wife for over two years. David's wisdom and coaching helped reconnect this man back to his wife and David continues to walk alongside him. We're used to sending help to Africa, but God, through e-Mentoring, is allowing someone in the US receive help from Africa! (^{*}Names have been changed. Locations haven't.)



Ethan's Escapades

Later this month, I get to start soccer practice again—I haven't played for a while. I hope to be able to play in some matches before we move to England. The matches start in May and we hope to move by August! It's exciting to see what God will do!

