

The Murfins - Serving with FamilyLife

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Staying Busy in Summer

Getting couples to invest in their marriage is often famine or feast. From a calendar perspective we had few weekends available in the summer to hold our A Day Together event locally in Gerrards Cross. There was concern that the local Feast Days activities in the community would mean a famine in attendance.



However, despite low registration numbers leading up to the event, God brought eighteen couples together to attend, with six of those couples registering right at the end! There was no sign of a famine in the feedback fruit either.



Ten people indicated a desire to invite others to events, five people want to learn more about FamilyLife, and five people indicated interest in hosting an event in their localities. Particularly interesting are those who indicate a desire to take another step in nurturing their marriage relationship through joining a Together group and those that show an interest in taking a step in their relationship with Jesus. There were ten people who showed interest in starting a Together group and one interested in learning more about the Christian faith.



In addition to our ADT event in June, FamilyLife were also invited to host and present our "What is Love, Actually?" event in both Shrivenham, England and Cardiff, Wales. We call these short, evening events "Step" events as they are a taster to our larger events. We had great turnouts to both, with people from many faiths and backgrounds attending. It's great to witness how God is spreading the seeds across the UK.



Thank you for joining with us in support of our ministry here. We can only continue spreading the Good News through you. Thank you!

Chris and Lisa

"An excellent investment of a day."

"Really good day. Nothing embarrassing or cringing. Great way to develop understanding of each other."

"Useful for all couples but particularly those who tend not to discuss or analyze their relationship."

"Very thought provoking. Makes you really look deeply at how you relate as a couple. Lots of practical tips."

"If it was worth getting together, it's worth spending a day together."



The US series of FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember getaways begin again in September. These weekends are designed to leave you with encouragement, hope, and practical biblical tools to build and grow your relationship. We are fortunate to offer our friends a substantial discount off the regular registration price. Please be sure to contact us if you or someone you know would like to attend one of these events

Reaching Across the Nation



Our target was to raise a net of £30,000 for a new DVD project that FamilyLife will develop to reach people across the nation. Over the course of 14 days, 11 cyclists rode over 1,000 miles from Land's End in Cornwall to John o'Groats, Scotland to raise money for this much-needed project. Lisa, Ethan and I journeyed with the team for the last 9 days of the ride from Liverpool to John o'Groats and then drove all the bikes and luggage back home. Over the 14 days, the Support Team loaded and unloaded 1,000 bags, over 1,000 liters water, served 300 bananas, over 200 sandwiches

and countless pieces of cake, flapjacks, and protein bars. We thank God for raising up many sponsors and supporters, and for exceeding our goal. We're excited about how He will use the money on the DVD project and we look forward to sharing more on that with you later.

El Arte del Matrimonio



We had reported a few months ago that the finishing touches were being made to a Spanish version of our Art of Marriage DVD resource. This has now been completed and is available on our US website: <http://www.shopfamilylife.com> – search for product id: RPK17318. Pray that God will allow this to be used to reach a new segment of the population.

Staff Conference

Next week Lisa, Ethan and I will attend Agapé's UK staff conference which is held at Nottingham University. It's a 10-day conference which will be a time of reflection and chance to learn. Please pray that God will build into us and prepare us for a new season of ministry.

Praise Items

- Praise that God kept us and the cyclists safe on our LEJOG cross country fundraiser.
- Praise God for the funds raised for our FamilyLife DVD project.
- Praise that we're seeing people seek out a relationship with Christ at our events.

Prayer Requests

- Continue to pray for Lisa's mom's & Chris' dad's health.
- Pray as we continue to establish ourselves in the community and at church.

Ethan's Escapades!

I was excited to help with the Support Team for our LEJOG challenge. Riding with mom and dad in the support vehicle, I got to see many parts of England and Scotland—we didn't have much time to stop though as we needed to arrive ahead of the riders at each stop-point on the way—and they were pretty quick! It was a lot of fun though.

