



FamilyLife Ministry Updates

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Lord, you do your best creative work with chaos (Gen.1:2)

We were so excited when we came back from going to a *Weekend to Remember* in Charleston. After soaking in all that great information we were ready to lead our last event for Saratoga Springs and help equip the new leaders there to take our place. God had other plans. We both got Covid after being down south. It looked like we would not make it to NY. Jane tested negative finally but I still was positive, maybe because of my compromised immune system. One night Jane was upstairs sleeping while I, still Covid Dave, was sleeping downstairs. God woke us up the same time like 430 am to help us alter our talk that we were going to give. I was so excited thinking God will certainly heal us so we can journey to NY. That did not happen and, in fact, we were so down health wise it was good we didn't go. "Why Lord?" was my question. Our new reps that we were going to help had to lead a little sooner than they thought. In fact their words were "Pivoting gracefully when plans change is a valuable skill. So instead of being discouraged, we decided to trust in the Lord with all our hearts, as Proverbs 3:5 says, and tried not to rely on our own understanding". So Jane and I were quite fatigued for half of December but all is well. We did get over our extended Covid days to have Christmas together with our kids and extended family including our son's new girlfriend Nikita who blessed us with a few good books. One of them I'm reading now is "Battle Prayers" by Klassen & Freiling. Prayer 10 in that book helped me to see that I (we) can rejoice in the face of discouragement (Phil. 4:4). "Lord, You use difficult circumstances to plow up the fallow ground in my life. Today I choose to look past my circumstances to the One who reigns over them."

Ministry Updates

The Cleveland event produced two new couples on the volunteer team and Columbus also has two new couples:) The Cincinnati event is coming up next 2/23/24. We are at 713 registered for their goal of 750. There are already six events coming up this spring that are at 100% in registrations!

Last fall's events totaled 17,372 in attendance— 102% of the goal. Those wanting to grow in their marriage were 5,942 (34%) and those who wanted to guide by helping others was 4,468 (26%).

Prayer Requests

- Prayer: Dave keeps having small health issues— still the virus then Covid so blood counts are pretty low. Now he has an upper body all over rash docs are watching. Other than that, he feels really good! Pray for rash to vamoose & blood numbers to go up, up, up!
- Prayer: For our next event in Cincinnati February 23-25
- Prayer: for Dave to balance managing 6 reps covering 24 cities/events with our rep role. He's starting to regain strength & clarity of mind which is great!

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers, support, & care!

Love, *Dave & Jane*

Charleston Airport testimony

We met up with Craig and Molly Sanborn, one of our speaker couples, at the airport twice as we were leaving Charleston. Molly always wears a cheese ball dispenser to have start up conversations (<https://craigandmolly.com/cheese-ball-chick>) and was also a speaker at one of our monthly FamilyLife meetings. We had a "meal" with them while awaiting our flights to take us home. A couple with an extended family sitting with them asked questions about her cheese ball contraption. She said to them "I know it's cheesy but my joy comes from Jesus." The man asked her if she went to church this morning and Molly replied (see back page)...



...no, but we were speaking at a marriage conference". The couple looked at each other and said "Now that's something we could use right now". They had just had a tragedy occur in their lives which was affecting their marriage. Molly initiated this conversation but they had to get on their flight. Jane and I prayed with this couple, mentioned nearby events in their area, and gave them a gift card. We left them alone until we had to board and I went over one last time to encourage them. They had looked over the website and had already been talking with other people about them going. She said "we are inviting our whole family to go!" To God be the Glory!!!!



Here we are with our NE Ohio volunteer team at our first "Marriage on Mission" meeting- we had three new couples. Two of them are on the local team now and the other was interested in doing small groups. There were 44 other city meetings like this in the fall which was almost 4% of our total WTR fall event attendance.

Jane and I in the Charleston airport with Craig & Molly Sanborn right before we had the God story open up for us to help others. They were terrific speakers in Charleston- we were very blessed by them.

Jane and I are still in process of teaming up with "Marriage for Life" in the Amish part of NE Ohio. Here we are with speaker Mark Gungor of "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" conference.



Jane and I had a wonderful time together at the Charleston Weekend to Remember. Their Rep is sharing what we share at our events & their team is being appreciated.