



# FamilyLife Ministry Updates

*The Rossiter Family*

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## "It looks like you could use a friend"

The Weekend to Remember in Cincinnati is in the books and now begins the follow-up. Our goal was 750 and we had 766 in the ballroom. We have close to 100 follow-up calls that we and the volunteer team are making to have as many as possible attend an in-person or virtual meeting which we call "Marriage on Mission". We will share all the wonderful ways that couples can engage in helping others right in their corner of the world.

Some of the top comments are on the flip side but there were so many other stories that were shared throughout the weekend by our speakers and volunteer team. Jane's story was a tear jerker. On Saturday Jane was heading to drop off some supplies right next to the prayer room and she saw a woman sitting on the bench outside. She sat by her and said "It looks like you could use a friend". This woman wanted to enter the prayer room for prayer but was also a little scared. Jane's invitational comment and hug gave her an ease to share her sad story. Her husband just had no idea of what sacrificial love was. Jane prayed with her and encouraged her, then recommended she and her husband attend the men's and women's sessions on Sunday and then come see her. They did attend and she **and** her husband came to see her after the women's session! Jane encouraged them to be intentional and to come every year. The wife was so grateful for the love and prayer— she said her husband was even smiling after the men's session! Those sessions helped both of them to see that their mate was a gift from God. Healing has hopefully begun!

## Ministry Updates

The NE Ohio team is growing right now as a team and going through the new "Art of Marriage" study together. The Columbus team is reaching out to past guests and churches who have group names to let them know to invite for the May 31—June 2 *Weekend to Remember*. I had our mid year review with our Central team of reps. We are all doing very well in our goals so far. So far this spring (since February) we have seen over 30,000 attend an event with almost 200 first time decisions and over 5,000 who want to grow or help guide couples to see every home a godly home. On the home side, we started our "Art of Marriage" group at our new church Five Lakes. We have 13 couples joining us for the journey!

### Prayer Requests

- Prayer: Dave keeps having small health issues of graft vs. host— but the blood work is almost all normal now!
- Travel Prayer: For our follow up "Marriage on Mission" meetings in Cincinnati 3/9 and team meetings in NE Ohio 3/16 and Columbus 3/8
- Prayer: For both of us to stay healthy and rest when needed
- Prayer: for all our volunteer teams to continue to grow in helping fulfill the Great Commission to see every home a godly home.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers, support, & care!  
We couldn't do this without you!

Love, *Dave & Jane*

*The new "Art of Marriage" is reaching more homes and churches than the original version did back in 2011! It just launched and we have had over 1500 kits go out along with 4600 couple's books*





## Cincinnati Top Ten Comments 2/23/24 - 2/25/24

**Attendance Goal:** 750  
**Final Attendance:** 766  
**Professions of Faith:** 13  
**Grow In Oneness:** 183

*We have talked about massive issues in our life that we didn't even know we had. It all came out this weekend and it has been holding us back. We got to name it, and are starting a long walk as team mates toward healing.*

*Wife, 15 years married*

*Silence turned into healthy conflict*  
*Wife, 7 years married*

*Strengthened our marriage by giving us the framework we never had*  
*Husband, ? years married*

*The impact has been huge. These sessions taught us so much. It's helped us resolve conflicts already, and has shown us the areas where we are failing to bring glory to God through our marriage. I can't wait to spend forever with my wife.*  
*Husband, 9 years married*



**Over 30 pastors attended the Cincinnati event. We had 44 people in our room for pastor appreciation night**

**The Cincinnati team**



**Thousands of people worshipping our Lord on the FamilyLife cruise**

**Caught up with CEO David and Meg Robbins on the cruise**

