



FamilyLife Ministry Updates

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“This ‘Marriage on Mission’ meeting is so good!”

Our volunteer directors from Cincinnati mentioned the above phrase at their gathering. Through the “Marriage on Mission” in-person and virtual meetings we have two couples who have applied to join the Cincinnati team and several others want to be “on mission” in different ways. One couple also showed interest in joining staff!! Having these after-event meetings has been so enriching for our all of us reps. The meetings are about one hour long but couples tend to stay after for more conversation and to meet and talk with the volunteers. This gets the volunteer team couples excited & helps them remember why they came on the team to begin with! Dave also has followed up with the 30 pastors who attended the Cincinnati event and at least half of them are taking steps to make marriage ministry happen in their church using small group material and/or helping others to go to a *Weekend to Remember™* in Ohio! As we look at the cities he manages in the Central U.S. there are fourteen events this spring and attendance for each is terrific. Here are a few notes of interest my reps have accomplished. In Tulsa and K.C. 28 attended MoM meetings! In Appleton and the state of Wisconsin there is a movement of **65** couples serving locally using FamilyLife materials in so many different ways. In Minneapolis there were close to 1,000 in attendance and over **300** want to help others. In Omaha the volunteer directors are stepping down after serving **35 years!** In those 35 years, 42,000 have been touched by their tender leadership! In Chattanooga the rep and his volunteer team are having a pastor follow-up banquet for over **200** pastors in that city who have been influenced through the ministry and movement of FamilyLife.

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This month we have already been to NE Ohio for a team meeting. That team has a new couple who is excited to be a part of helping others. This team is in a team strengthening time period and our volunteer directors are having different couples lead sessions of the new *Art of Marriage™*. It's been great! Jane has been actively getting a retreat set up for this team in the summer when we will be coaching them to coach others. All of our reps across the country will be meeting in Orlando mid-August to connect and plan for the upcoming fall season. I and the other managers will be planning this. My hope is that Jane and I will lead the fun stuff :) Our Columbus WTR event is coming up starting May 31st. Attendance so far is already at 350 and their goal is 500. We missed out on going last year (dumb cancer) so we are excited for this team and event!

Prayer Requests

- **Prayer:** Dave keeps having small health issues of graft vs. host– but the blood work is climbing up toward normal now!
- **Travel Prayer:** Ministry: Columbus team meeting 4/12, checking on Dave's Indy reps at their event 4/13, Elders at the Gate ceremony for Bill Goodrich 4/18 in Cleveland, Cleveland team meeting 4/20, Cincinnati team meeting 4/26. Dave goes to manager sessions in Orlando 4/22-26, too. Personally, we will be traveling back to the NEO area for a doctor appointment, a bridal shower, and Dave has his Clinic visit in Michigan coming up on 3/27.
- **Prayer:** for all our volunteer teams to continue to grow in helping fulfill the Great Commission and our vision to see every home a godly home.

We are so very grateful for your prayers, care, support, and love! You make all we do possible and we thank you ever so much!!!

Love, *Dave & Jane*



Top Comments from some of our Central Team events so far this spring (since February 2nd)

I honestly thought I wouldn't get anything out of this weekend. My husband and I have been going through marriage counseling and individual counseling for almost 2 years after a very rocky and toxic first 10 years of marriage. So I thought, yea we got this already. But wow! It's life changing. There are topics that I've been praying on for God to help me, and this weekend, it all clicked. He has revealed Himself and answered some big prayers.

Wife, Married 11 years

We attended WTR back in 2019. This was a time when our marriage was young. I was a horrible husband and even stepped out of our marriage and had a affair with another woman. That first weekend truly helped save our marriage. Gave me tools and took away excuses for me to change for the better. I did not grow up with a father or with Godly people showing me a true example of marriage. Now in 2024. Although I am no where close to a perfect husband. I can see how amazing our marriage is. I know my wife feels my love. We are closer then ever and I fall more in love with her everyday! I recommend these type of events for any couple no matter what season of life they are in! Also side note. Our sex life is amazing because of how we pursue each other outside of the bed room.

Husband, 7 years married

Huge. I was worried he would laugh at the love letter but instead, it is one of the most heartfelt things he has ever told me. I feel like I have recentered myself in my marriage and am so excited to see where God will take us now!

Wife, 13 years married

As a couple entering this weekend not really knowing what direction we were headed, we are leaving this weekend fully committed to working on us. We feel like we've learned the best kept secrets about how to redeem a marriage, only they're not secrets at all! Wife, married 4 yrs

At the Cincinnati "Marriage on Mission" meeting, our volunteer directors shared what it's like to be on the volunteer team. They shared their passion and why they do what they do!



It's been five years since Dennis & Barbara Rainey stepped down as CEOs. David and Meg Robbins, our current CEOs, got to interview them about their early years of FamilyLife. It was so powerful that we were both in tears. We hope to share this with our volunteers in Ohio